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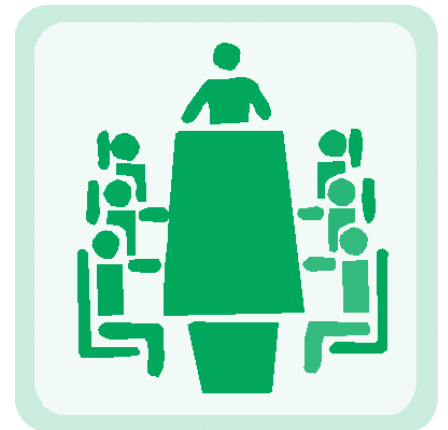
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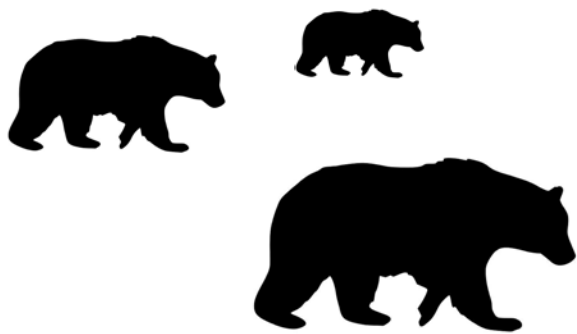


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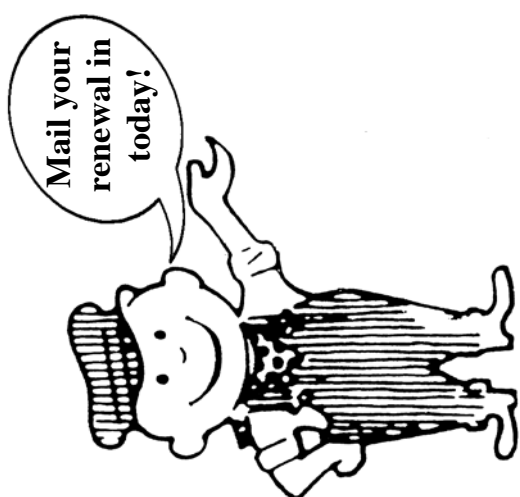


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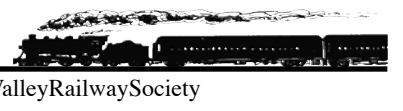
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From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

This April starts our 54th year. As We plan for Future Trips Consider volunteering for the Society. Share your special talents with your fellow members. Give others the

change to help you enjoy traveling again. Bring the memories alive for your fellow members. Come support your team in their effort to give you interesting trips and events.

From the Acting Vice President – Jeff Costello

Happy New Year 2023 to all to all our Mystic Valley Railway Society members and friends. We are gearing up for a new year and more trips and adventures. Last Christmas we had a waterfilled weekend with our seven year old granddaughters at the Cape Codder Resort. Tubing on the lazy river and skimming down water slides into more water. Too much fun! However I am now being an adult kid. My wife Marcia finally consented to letting me set up a train layout in the family room. My LGB (Lehmann -Gross- Bahn) trains

have finally come out of hiding and I am enjoying playing. My thanks to Sean Reynolds an associate who helped negotiate the deal. Of course ,I have only started and have much to do. Mystic Valley's trip team also has been busy-ucoming trips are being planned.A weekend in Maine is in the works. We have not enjoyed weekend trips in a while and it sounds like fun. Of course, if anyone has ideas for other trips,the trip team welcomes suggestions.

Understanding the Difference Between Homeowner's Association Fees (HOA) and Homeowner's Insurance – By Ms. Kimberly Calvi, Paralegal to Attorney Bradley C. Pinta of Pinta Law Group, LLC

Whether you are a young couple purchasing a townhouse as your starter home or you are a retired couple downsizing from the family home to a condominium, one question that deserves attention is a thorough understanding of the differences between the homeowner's association fees (HOA) and homeowner's insurance. The differences are critical.

There is also more than one type of homeowner's insurance policy. One provides replacement value, and the other is for guaranteed replacement. There are other types, as well, but the most comprehensive policy is the guaranteed replacement, as it covers the cost or value to replace what was lost, even if that amount extends beyond the limits in the insurance policy.

The short answer is that HOA fees are reserved for the maintenance of townhouse or condominium communities and cover the costs of preserving the exterior of your dwelling or other common or shared areas, such as the landscaping, the walkways, routine upkeep of the clubhouse, all outdoor lighting, any exterior painting, snow removal, and so on. Homeowner's insurance only covers the inside of your unit, including your personal property.

So, to what degree of insurance coverage does a policy include, as paid for by HOA proceeds? Generally, an HOA master policy includes liability for guests who are injured on the common areas, covering legal and medical expenses. Property damage is usually part of the policy within the confines of repair costs for common fixtures damaged as a result of a covered peril.

However, there are several other differences that an informed consumer must be aware of. While HOA dues are paid by unit owners to the governing townhouse or condominium association to cover large capital improvement projects, in addition to the aforementioned list, a homeowner of a free-standing domicile pays for—and manages—all of these expenses out of his or her own pocket.

For townhouse and condominium communities, where the units are attached, there is more specific insurance available, ranging in coverage from walls and appliances to structural provisions. Responsible unit owners do well to familiarize themselves with the points covered in their community's master policy, and make a determination if they need additional insurance, which would be in the form of a more comprehensive homeowner's insurance policy.

Second, homeowner's insurance provides protection against property damage and loss of personal property, as a result of accident or peril. Examples include theft, extreme weather damage, fire and smoke damage, frozen plumbing or water damage from faulty plumbing, HVAC systems, or appliances. It should be noted that a homeowner's insurance policy does not typically cover flooding, so a separate policy is needed for that particular risk.

As with either policy, location of a particular loss plays an essential role in determining what is covered, too. For example, policies written for homeowners in the northeast are not susceptible to tornadoes, as is more common in the Midwest. Conversely, southern states likely do not factor in damage from heavy snowfall, as in the northern states.

Third, homeowner's insurance provides protection against liability in the form of a claim filed against the homeowner for bodily injury or property damage sustained by a third party. Specifically, such a policy offers coverage for lawsuits and damages. HOA fees do not offer any liability coverage for incidents or accidents which occur in one's unit.

Insurance is a daunting and complicated thing. The devil is in the details, but any good insurance broker will inform a policyholder of the exact provisions in all applicable policy coverage, and will also recommend additional insurance to bridge any gaps between a master HOA insurance policy and a unit owner's homeowner's insurance policy.

Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



P&W at Groton, CT.



Amtrak stops at Kingston, RI.



Acela battle blizzard at Old Saybrook, CT.



Shore Line East waits at Old Saybrook, CT.



Santa Train steams north at Chester, CT.



P&W clear ice from tracks at Willimantic, CT.

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Lines from Ireland

November 2022 to January 2023 *By James Scannell*

On January 1st 2023 the Republic Of Ireland celebrated its 50th anniversary of being a member of the European Union [EU], known in 1972 as the European Economic Community [EEC], joining on the same that Britain joined though in 2016 Britain opted to leave EU with the final arrangements still under discussion through Northern Ireland has a special status under 'The Northern Ireland Protocol' which means that there is no hard border or border checks between Northern Ireland and the Republic with people and goods able to move freely between both jurisdictions without customs or immigration checks.

One of the ways that Dublin benefited from the Republic's EU membership was that the European Investment Bank provided US\$70M in loan facilities to construct the Luas Green Sandyford to St. Stephen's Green, Dublin; the development of the Luas Red Line from Dublin Connolly to Tallaght facilitated by US\$90M of funding under the European Development Fund and the extension of the Luas Green Line from Sandyford to Cherrywood Industrial Park with US\$170M from the European Investment Bank.

Key points in the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy, which cover Dublin City and County and the adjacent counties of Meath, Kildare, and Wicklow, which was approved Irish Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan, include the following elements which have been proposed and will be further progressed and delivered during the life of this Strategy -

All elements of BusConnects Dublin Increased bus prioritisation on regional bus corridors

Revised and enhanced Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan

Provision of high-quality pedestrian facilities and pedestrianised routes

Next Generation Passenger Ticketing

Luas extensions to the Dublin locations of Finglas, Lucan, Poolbeg, and to Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Installation of 100kms of electrified rail under the DART+ programme

Metrolink from north of Swords, Co. Dublin, to Charlemont in the City Centre

Newly proposed plans in the Strategy include -

Assessing the requirements for new Metro lines when updating the Strategy in six

years time, including previously considered options on the southside of Dublin.

The planning and design of a further 8 Luas extensions/new Luas lines to be ready for construction post 2042 -

- Luas to Clongriffin
- Luas to Balgriffin
- Luas extension to Tyrellstown
- Luas to Blanchardstown
- Luas extension to Clondalkin
- Luas to Tallaght/Kimmage
- Luas to Tallaght/Knocklyon
- Luas to University College Dublin, Belfield/Sandyford

One of the long term aims of the Irish Government is to encourage people to use public transport where possible and to deliver substantial greenhouse gas emissions reductions during the lifetime of the Strategy. Already the Government has indicated that from 2030 it will be not be possible register new diesel or petrol motor vehicles as part of a scheme to encourage vehicles users to switch to electric ones.

The National Transport Authority has indicated that work on the construction of the Bray, Co. Wicklow, DART Interchange, which involves the renovation and upgrading of the taxi/bus and set down at the station forecourt, should commence later this year once a contractor has been appointed by Wicklow County Council and should 12/18 months to complete with a finish date by the end of next year.

Portuguese company Efacec has been awarded the contract to supply replacement technology for the Luas Central Control Room and will cover the majority of the telecommunication systems in use, including servers, software, and back-up systems. All the equipment is located in the Red Cow Depot.

Cork to Cobh and Cork to Midleton services have increased from hourly off-peak (9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.) to half-hourly on both lines Monday to Friday.

News from Britain

Levelling up: Projects across Wales share Stg£208m in funding

Eleven projects in Wales will share Stg £208m from round two of the UK government's Levelling Up Fund, though not all bids were successful. The fund aims to make rich and poor areas more equal. The Levelling Up Fund focuses on upgrading town centres, transport and improving cultural and heritage assets. But the Welsh govern-

ment said Wales remained over £1.1bn worse off than under previous European Union schemes to reduce inequality while Plaid Cymru called the way levelling up money had been distributed "arbitrary and ad-hoc".

The announcement includes Stg£50m for a new rail line between Cardiff Bay and Cardiff Central Station, which is part of a wider scheme to upgrade south Wales' commuter railway. There is also Stg£9m for a new engineering campus for 600 young people in Blaenau Gwent and Stg£18.6m to create a cycle route between Llandudno Junction and Betws y Coed in Conwy county.

The other eight projects are - Stg£18m to refurbish the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl, Stg£20m to build a leisure centre in Caerphilly, including a gym and swimming pool, Stg£20m to restore and regenerate three industry heritage sites in the lower Swansea Valley including Morfa Copperworks and Swansea Museum, Stg£18.8m to upgrade walking and cycling routes for the National Slate Museum and the Neuadd Ogwen arts centre in Gwynedd, Stg£17m for new walkways and cycle paths in Holyhead to help people explore St Cybi's Church and the Roman Fort, £11m to restore historic monuments in Ruthin, including St Peter's Church and the town square, £17.8m to restore the historic estate in the Vale of Neath and build new walkways and cycle paths, £7.6m for the Pontypool Cultural Hub project to "transform derelict buildings into a thriving cultural centre" including a new restaurant.

Bat thought extinct in UK found in West Sussex rail tunnel

In 1992, the greater mouse-eared was declared extinct in the UK, but in 2002 a single male was found in a network of tunnels in West Sussex, where it has been known to hibernate for the last 20 years. A second bat was found in those same tunnels earlier in January. The discovery was made during this year's National Bat Monitoring Programme, which Ms Wright said was vital to mammal conservation efforts, required due to the threat from anthropological pressures such as roost loss, habitat loss and fragmentation. It is believed that the newly found greater mouse-eared bat was a vagrant that had crossed the channel from France, where there is an established population, and took up residence in Britain.

London Euston Station Mural celebrates pioneering female train engineer

In January a mural, commissioned by Avanti West Coast celebrating one of the UK's first female train engineers, Karen Harrison, was unveiled in London Euston Station. Her sister said she hoped Ms Harrison, who was born in Glasgow and grew up in Finchley, north London, would continue to "inspire women to consider train driving". The mural is part of the operator's campaign for a fifth of new recruits to be women. Ms. Harrison applied to British Rail to become a train driver in 1977 under the name K. Harrison and received an interview in the belief she was a man. She became fully qualified in 1979 but suffered discrimination, with staff refusing to work with her, and her locker being defaced. Ms Harrison went on to campaign to improve life for women on and off the tracks, and took on various roles within Aslef, the train drivers' union.

She died in 2011 while a mature student at the University of Oxford, and was working towards becoming a barrister specialising in labour law. Her family gave Avanti West Coast their blessing to commission the mural by street artist Akse.

Chancellor Jeremy Hunt says HS2 will run through to London Euston,

At the end of January British Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt said that the HS2 rail line will go all the way to London Euston, dismissing reports in The Sun newspaper that rising inflation and construction costs mean trains may terminate in west London instead. The paper said bosses were considering pushing back its Euston terminus to 2038, or scrapping it completely. Jeremy Hunt said he did not "see any conceivable circumstances" why it would "not end up at Euston". HS2, or High Speed 2, was originally intended to connect London with Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds but the leg to Leeds has since been scrapped. The Sun had reported that the move would mean trains would run from a new hub at Old Oak Common, about five miles (8km) away, and commuters would have to use the Elizabeth Line or Tube to travel to

TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

To publicize an event please mail details to Mystic Valley Railway Society -

Attn: Train Show Column, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136 or else email contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org. Publication deadline: see page 1.

• **Sat 03-11 and Sun 03-12 (9am-4pm): 2023 Spring Open House and Model Railroad Show** sponsored by the South Shore Model Railroad Club and Museum, 52 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham MA. Info: www.ssmrc.org/events.htm

• **Sat 03-25 and Sun 03-26: Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show**, Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington MA. Info: www.trainshow.com/

• **Sat 03-11 (10am-4pm): 2023 Northwestern Vermont Model Railroad Association "Vermont Rails" Show**, Collins Perley Sports & Fitness Center, 890 Fairfax Road, St. Albans VT 05478. Admission under 6 free, 6-12 \$2, over 12 \$6, family with active military ID \$6. Info: www.nwvrrailroad.org.

• **Sun 3-19 (10am-2pm): NETCA Spring Toy Train Meet**, Hudson-Concord Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, MA 01749. Admission \$5 with under 12 free. Info: www.netca.org/meets

• **Sat 04-01 (10am-3pm): Spring Great Northern New England Chapter (NoNEC) Train Show**, Dover Lodge of Elks #184, 282 Durham Rd., Dover NH 03820. Info: efminter@aol.com or 603-362-4300.

• **Sat 04-22 (9am-2pm): Southern Maine Model Railroad Club 3rd Annual Train Show**, Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge St., Westbrook ME 04092. Info: southernmainemrc.wordpress.com/

• **Sat 04-29 (10am-3pm): Great Falls Model Railroad Club Show**, Mt. Ararat High School, 68 Eagles Way, Topsham ME 04086. Admission \$5 with under 12 free. Info: www.greatfallsmodelrrclub.org/events/event/2023-spring-train-show/

• **Sun 05-07 (9am-2pm): Model Train and Toy Show** sponsored by Classic Shows LLC, Warsaw Park, 119 Pulaski Highway Route 243, Ansonia CT. Admission \$6, kids 15 & under free w/adult. Info: www.classicshowsllc.com/

• **Sat 06-24 to Sun 07-02: 69th TCA National Convention** to be held in Burlington, Vermont. Info: tcaconvention.org/

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Annual Meeting
Saturday May 6, 2023
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

At Pearl Street Station Restaurant
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FEATURES:
Round trip motor coach
A fun filled day
Lunch



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