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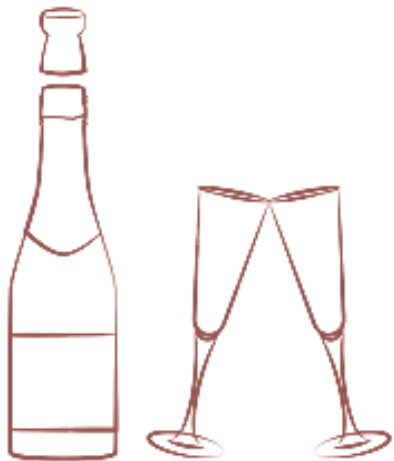
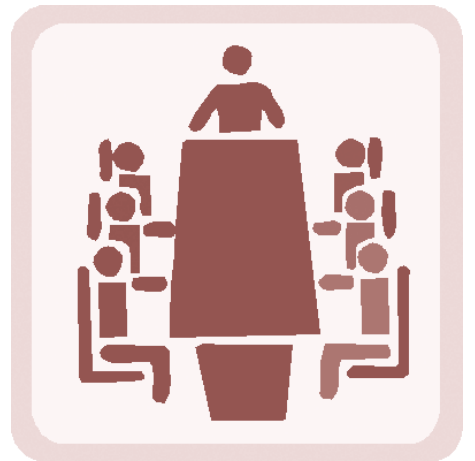
September - November 2022

Special Events



Annual Meeting
Saturday – September 24, 2022
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

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CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

Sunday October 2, 2022

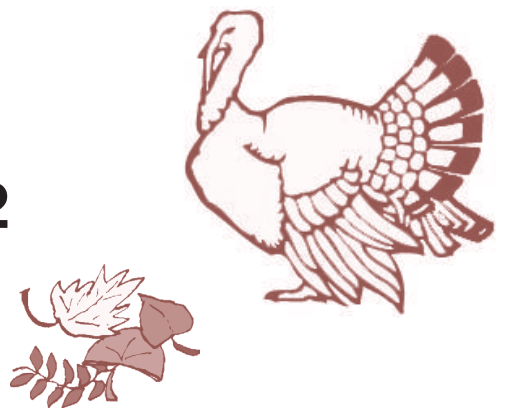
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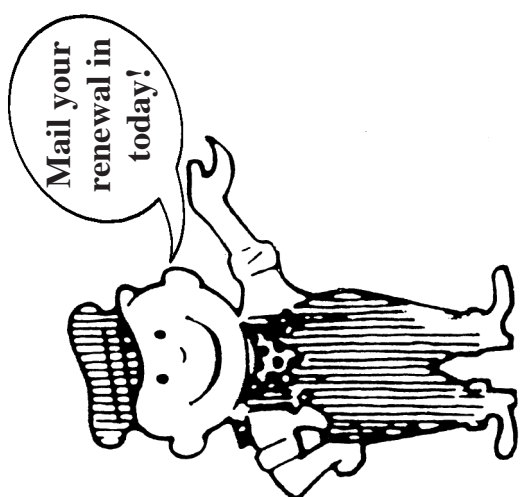
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From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

A we start the summer we have planned several activities for your pleasure. Our Annual Meeting on Sept 24 at the Pearl St. Station in Malden, Thanksgiving trip to the Log Cabin on November 24 and a trip to ride the Brunch Cruise around Lake Winnepesaukee on Sunday Oct. 2 As we venture out we recommend to always have a mask with you as well as your vaccination card as the rules and regulations may change at anytime. Thank you for your patience and support during the past few years.

From the Acting Vice President – Jeff Costello

Can't believe I'm writing about September and fall events being planned by Mystic Valley Railroad Society. Time passes quickly. We attended a choral concert and dance recital and a day at the beach with the granddaughters, lots of fun! They are on vacation now with lots of summer activities to keep them busy including two hamsters their new pets. Mystic Valley is also getting busy again. We will have our Annual Meeting in September and trip team has been looking into and planning a brunch cruise on the Mount Washington and a Thanksgiving feast. It will feel good to be returning to our trips and seeing

A Train Trip Through Beautiful Switzerland – By Kimberly Calvi

This past May, Mystic Valley Railroad Society member, Mr. Richard B. Webber of Stephen's City, Virginia, visited Switzerland with his wife, Linda. As an avowed train and travel enthusiast, he had traveled there in 1969 and again in 1971. Wanting to return and knowing that his wife would enjoy it, he arranged their trip online through Railbookers UK Trading Ltd. The trip, called the 'Grand Swiss Mountain Peaks,' included a First Class Swiss Rail Pass with a daily hotel breakfast. The trip was entirely on train, beginning in Zurich, and stopping in Lucerne for two nights, Wengen for three nights, Zermatt and Zurich for one night each. Richard commented that everyone was always friendly, willing to help, and that English was understood everywhere. Dining in restaurants was very expensive. Instead, he and his wife availed themselves of the provisions at the small, but fully-stocked grocery stores.

What really made the trip spectacularly memorable, he emphasized, were the mountainous views! Taking a short bus ride to a cable car up to a mountain peak allowed for some incredible vistas, now immortalized on Richard's digital camera. "We were fortunate. We had perfect blue-sky weather for the entire week," he said. May was the off-season, ahead of most of the tour groups. The first day's excursion was to Jungfrauoch, at an impressive elevation of 11,300 feet! The second day included a short train and bus ride to the cable car, going to Schilthorn, at just under ten thousand feet. Some of the wonderful attractions, Richard said, were the Piz Gloria revolving restaurant with the spectacular views of the glaciers, snow-capped mountains, and green valleys. Interestingly, the Schilthorn was featured in the James Bond movie, 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service,' and that there's a small theatre featuring exhibits telling of the making of the movie. "We

We are sad to report the death of Nancy Martin a director for many years as well as Our Membership chairperson for the last few years. She Will be greatly missed



our fellow friends and passengers. If you have any favorite trips or ideas for new places to visit pass those ideas on to the trip team. On another sad note Mystic Valley Railway Society lost another director and tour guide with the passing of Nancy J. Martin. Nancy also was our membership coordinator. Trivia question. The song- "See you in September" How any of you our members-remember that song. Hopefully we will see you in September at our Annual Meeting and more events later. Enjoy the end of summer and share ideas for coming events.

ordered strudel and 007 coffee, while enjoying the clear, changing views in the restaurant," he reminisces.

Reinforcing the stereotype that the Swiss manage a precisely-timed culture, Richard admired their ability to run "beautiful, comfortable, and quality trains." Train transportation included a 20-minute ride in first class on a German ICE train. "As the train accelerated there was no sound, no vibration, not even the sense that the train was moving. Our itinerary included vouchers for the cog wheel train from Zermatt to the Gornergrat Top Station at 10,270 feet." By way of comparison, Richard points out, "In New Hampshire, the Mount Washington Cog Railway is, as their website describes 'One of the World's Great Rail Adventures.' There is a lot of sound, vibration, and a sense the train is moving, however slowly. The cog railway trains on our excursions were electrified, smooth, relatively fast, quiet, and comfortable."

While waiting for the last train to Zurich, there was a cacophony of bells. Prompting curiosity, instead of raising alarm, Richard and Linda were surprised to see a 'traffic jam' of sorts. "A hundred or so sheep all with bells were being herded through Zermatt, past the train station and on to another pasture. Linda captured an entertaining video of the sheep that almost got away. I knelt down in the street taking videos, while the sheep went around me," Richard illustrates. How's that for local culture?!

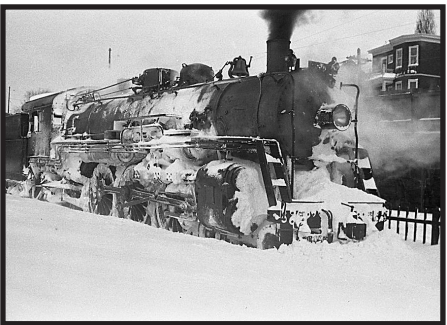
Overall, seeing a good representation of a beautiful country on a first-rate train, with pleasant weather, friendly people, and plenty of local adventures made for a wonderful trip! - As told by MVRs Member Richard B. Webber to Ms. Kimberly Calvi, Paralegal to Attorney Bradley C. Pinta of Pinta Law Group, LLC

Riding the Rails

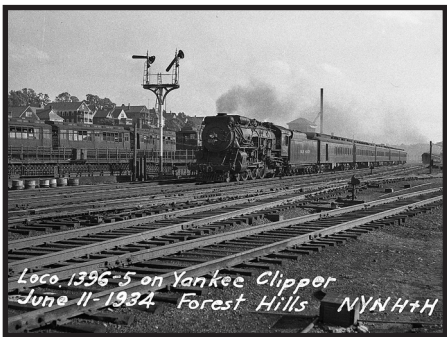
By Robert A. LaMay



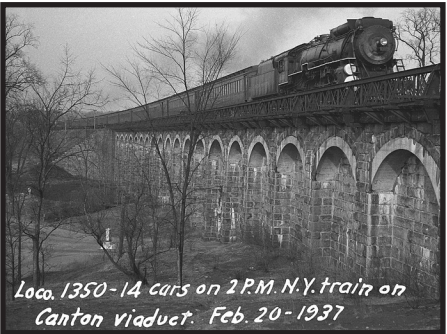
B&M Electrics at Hoosac Tunnel, MA



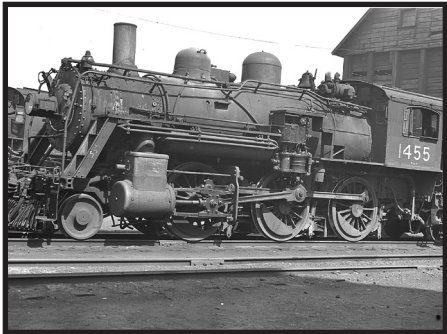
B&M Snowbound Steam



New Haven Yankee Clipper at Forest Hills, MA



New Haven crossed Canton Viaduct



B&M Steam #1455 - Boston, MA. Now at Danbury Railway Museum at Danbury, CT



New Haven I-5 at Canton Jct., MA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For Our 2022-2023 Membership year
The Mystic Valley year runs from April 1 - March 31



Here's what's included:

- Our quarterly paper, *The Waybill*, filled with pictures and schedules of RR events.
- Exclusive members-only tours to unique activities and locations.
- Color Railroad calendar with 12 frameable prints (while supplies last).
- Annual Calendar Color Slide Contest for members.
- Railroad Socials.
- Membership card, The Mystic Valley Pass.
- Railroad films and guest speakers available upon request.

Membership Fees & Classes

1. **Regular Membership** (one person) \$10
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Price of regular membership for one member plus \$4 per additional person living in the same house with regular member. All are full members with only one copy of every mailing mailed to the family address.
3. **Life Membership** (one person, U.S.A. only) \$125
4. For membership outside the U.S.A., please double the above fees (remit in U.S. currency only).

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For Our 2022-2023
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Tax deductible donations to a 501(c)(3) organization are gratefully accepted.
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Name: _____
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Please include telephone number (with area code) _____

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Family members (no separate mailings). Please list full names:



TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

By popular demand!

To publicize an event please mail details to Mystic Valley Railway Society –
Attn: Train Show Column, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136-0009,
or else email contactus@mysticvalleys.org.
Publication deadline: see page 1.

• **Sat 9-10-22** (10am-2pm): **North Shore Model Railroad Club Flea Market**, Lakeside Inn, 595 North Ave, Wakefield MA. Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Track, Accessories and Structures in HO, N and O Scales. Info: www.nsmrc.org

• **Sun 9-18-22** (10am-3.30pm): **22nd Annual Old Colony Model Railroad Club Meet and Sale**, Clarion Hotel, 700 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton MA. Info: Dennis Ingalls, dingalls@comcast.net or 508-558-9883.

• **Sat 9-24-22** (9.30am-4pm): **Southern New England Model Railroad Club Open House**, Chestnut St. United Methodist Church, 161 Chestnut St., Gardner MA. 65' by 40' scenic layout with 850' double track mainline. Info: www.snemrr.org

• **Sat 10-1** and **Sun 10-2-22** (10am-4pm each day): **Nashua Valley Railroad Association RailFair22**, Boxboro Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough MA (exit 25A off I-495). Info: nvrra.com

• **Sun 10-9-22** (10am-2pm): **NETCA Toy Train Meet**, Hudson-Concord Elks Lodge, 99 Park St., Hudson MA. Info: www.netca.org/netca-meets

• **Sat 10-29** (9am-4pm) and **Sun 10-30-22** (10am-4pm): **South Shore Model Railroad Club Fall Open House & Show**, 52 Bare Cove Park (Bldg. 51), off Fort Hill Street, Hingham MA. Info: www.ssmrc.org/events.htm

• **Sat 11-19** and **Sun 11-20-22**: **Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show**, Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington MA. Info: greenbergshows.com

**Reminder: these listings are provided as a courtesy.
Please check all details before attending.**

Calling all Members!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACTIVITY??



NEW FRIENDS

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

REWARDING EXPERIENCES

WAYS TO HELP OTHER MEMBERS

or

SHARE A CAREER SKILL??



ALL ABOARD with the Mystic Valley Volunteers – the activities are as varied as their locations. Auto transportation is essential for some events, but many are located on the MBTA routes and may gather at special locations or at members' homes. Is distance an impediment? **NO WAY**, for we have dedicated members in many states and foreign countries who complete their activity by letter or E-Mail. Remember: volunteering allows you to share your talents and interests with those who would benefit most.

TO JOIN THE FUN Please request a volunteer form by submitting your request & membership number to: **M.V.R.S. P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009** or visit our Website www.mysticvalleys.org.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? Your request is presented at our regular meeting so that you will be contacted by the appropriate chairperson. From there it is up to you how involved you wish to be, for the level of activity and variety of trips offered by the Society are solely determined by the level of participation supplied by our volunteer members. **WELCOME ABOARD!**

Lines from Ireland

During this period the status of the DART+ stood at – DART+West (Maynooth): Second Public Consultation completed incorporating all feedback received including the publication of a revised plant for Ashtown station with a new drive-under the tracks to the west of The Stables and a cycle bridge over the proposed station with an application for a Railway Order to made towards the end of this period; DART+South West (Hazelhatch): Second Public Consultation completed; DART+ North: First Public Consultation launched; DART+South (Dublin Connolly – Greystones): Emerging preferred options are being developed for public consultation in Fall 2022.

During May new digital train departure and arrival indicator boards were installed in Dublin Hueston during May, having been installed in Dublin Connolly the previous month and will now be installed in Cork station next.

On May 7th Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail held its first public open day since 1996 in its Dublin Inchicore Works, and was a delayed 175th anniversary to mark its opening. Originally built in 1846 by the Great Southern & Western Railway to service its locomotives, it later commenced building locomotives with the first one turned out in 1852 and by 1865 had built 44 of the company's 103 locomotives. During the 1916 Easter Week Rising in Dublin, the workshops produced special armored cars to patrol the streets and put down the Rising made of boiler steel. In 1925 following the amalgamation of all railroad companies operating wholly within the Irish Free State, the modern day Republic of Ireland, into the Great Southern Railways, it became the principal centre for locomotive building and repair and continues with locomotive maintenance at the present time but due to progression in the railroad industry railroad operators such as Irish Rail no longer build their own locomotives and rolling stock as was carried at Inchicore Works previously but now purchase its requirements from worldwide manufacturers.

As part of the Glounthane to Midleton Double Track Project, under the Greater Cork Area Commuter Rail program, Mott McDonald has been awarded a tender to provide multi-disciplinary consultancy services for the design and construction of double track work between Midleton and Glounthane in Co. Cork.

Irish Rail has advertised for contractors for

the development of Colbert Station, Limerick City, covering improvement works to extend the main entrance, concourse, and public facilities; new accessible rest rooms and retail units; increasing the number of bus bays from 12 to 21 and increasing the capacity of the car park from 300 to 328 spaces.

During May in the Dublin District Court three Spanish men who spray painted the exterior of four DART carriages at Dublin's Clontarf Depot in October 2021, causing damage amounting to US\$13,000 and a revenue loss to Irish Rail of US\$7,000 as part of misguided artistic endeavor, and were caught in the act by depot security and the Irish police, pleaded guilty in court and received suspended sentences and ordered to pay compensation.

In June local politicians in Bray, Co. Wicklow, expressed concern over proposals by Irish Rail to close the grade crossing at Bray Station as part of the Dart+Coastal Route in order for an increase in capacity and frequency of DART services. The plan is to divert vehicular traffic around the town but this will involve raising some of the existing rail over road bridges. There are five other grade crossings between Bray and Dublin Connolly and it is intended to closed these are well but the issue of how to deal with diverted traffic has yet to be resolved.

In Northern Ireland Farrans Construction was awarded the US\$85M contract by Translink to carry out works associated with the development of the new Belfast Transport Hub located in Victoria Street, Belfast, on the site of the former Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Grosvenor Road Goods Depot. The work involves the construction of a new integrated concourse, 23 bus/coach stands, the realignment of all rail tracks and the construction of four island platforms, give a total of eight useable platforms and is an increase over the current four platforms is use in Great Victoria Street.

The attention of those interested in railroad accidents in drawn to 'Britain's Railway Disasters – Fatal Accidents from the 1830s to the Present Day' by Michael Foley, published by Pen and Sword Transport. ISBN 8781781593790

News from Britain

Network Rail ordered to improve train services in Wales

The Office of Rail and Road has told Network Rail to improve the reliability of trains in Wales after fewer than 70% of services were on time as in view Network Rail's services in Wales have "declined considerably with the number of cancellations between April 2021 to March 2022 almost double compared to the previous 12 months. Network Rail admitted that its performance was not what passengers wanted it to be. The Office of Rail and Road also said the company's performance in the Wales and west of England region had deteriorated far quicker than other regions, with particularly poor performance in Wales. Delays were blamed on staff shortages due to the Covid pandemic as well as damage caused to the network by last autumn and winter's five named storms Arwen, Barra, Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, and by increased track faults, such as on the south Wales main line.

Network Rail is the public sector company which owns and repairs the railway infrastructure such as track, bridges and tunnels in Wales, as well as in England and Scotland. Just 69.6% of trains were on time compared to 80.2% the previous year. The ORR said Network Rail Wales and Western will face action if there is "insufficient progress".

River Clyde train rescue

On Thursday July 14th 60-year-old Hugh McGowan and a colleague swam a mile in freezing temperatures after his boat capsized in the River Clyde in Glasgow, Scotland. Following an exhausting swim, Mr McGowan flagged down a passenger train, whose driver stopped and got out to help. Meanwhile, a passer-by guided a rescue helicopter to the remote location of the second casualty. The dramatic events took place in the River Clyde, near Cardross, Argyll and Bute when Mr McGowan and his friend, who is 75, were fishing in his 15ft vessel when the boat capsized after being struck by a large piece of timber being carried along by the river. The men were thrown into the water and wearing their lifejackets began swimming from the shore and when they reached it McGowan climbed up to the railway tracks and was spotted by a train engineer who saw the man at the side of the track and called out the emergency services.

Controlled explosion on suspicious item at Blackpool North station

On July 10th train services between Preston and Blackpool North Station, Lancashire were cancelled for several hours after a suspicious package was found in the Blackpool station which led to its evacuation and the closure of adjacent streets until a controlled explosion on it as a precautionary measure was carried which revealed nothing suspicious, after which the station reopened and train services resumed.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II shown how to use Oyster card at Paddington Station

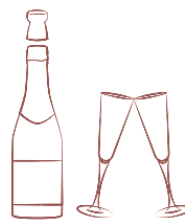
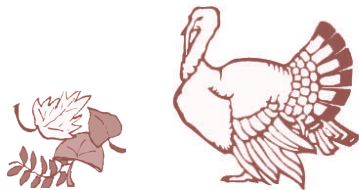
On May 17th Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II paid a surprise visit to Paddington Station to see the completed Elizabeth line (formerly called Crossrail), a week before its official opening to the public and was given an Oyster card and shown by staff how to use it on the ticket machine. The British monarch was accompanied by Prince Edward, her youngest son.

Services on the transformational Elizabeth Line in London commence

The transformational Elizabeth line opened on Tuesday May 24th with thousands of commuters able to make fast and seamless journeys through the heart of London. The new railway, which is supporting faster journeys across London, and new jobs and economic growth throughout the country, is the most significant addition to the capital's transport network for a generation. Thousands of excited commuters were welcomed by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, London's Transport Commissioner, Andy Byford, Elizabeth line Director, Howard Smith, Transport for London Chief Operating Officer, Andy Lord, and Crossrail CEO, Mark Wild, on the first trains from Paddington and Abbey Wood. Nine brand new stations in central London opened providing Elizabeth line services every five minutes from 6.30 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday with the railway's route now appearing on the iconic London Tube map.

The Class 345 trains running on the Elizabeth line were built in Derby, roundels and signage for the line supplied by a family-run business on the Isle of Wight, while a company based in Leeds strengthened and protected London's Victorian sewer networks during construction.

May to July 2022 By James Scannell





CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

Sunday October 2, 2022

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