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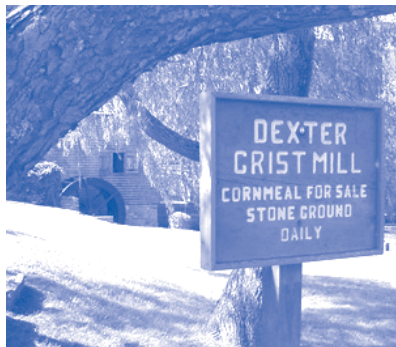
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## SPRINGTIME ON CAPE COD

**SUNDAY – June 7, 2015**



*Details on page 5*



## HILDENE LINCOLN HOUSE SULLIVAN STATION RESTAURANT

**SATURDAY - June 27, 2015**



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## NORWICH, VT

**SUNDAY – July 12, 2015**

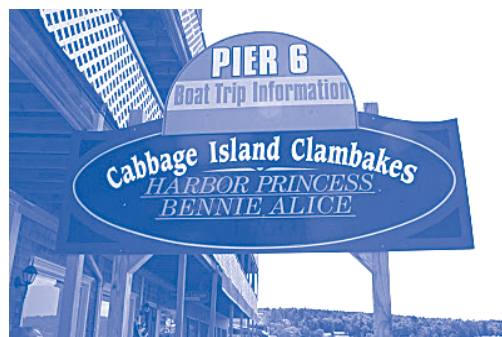


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## CABBAGE ISLAND

**SATURDAY – JULY 25, 2015**



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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS – *WE NEED YOU!*

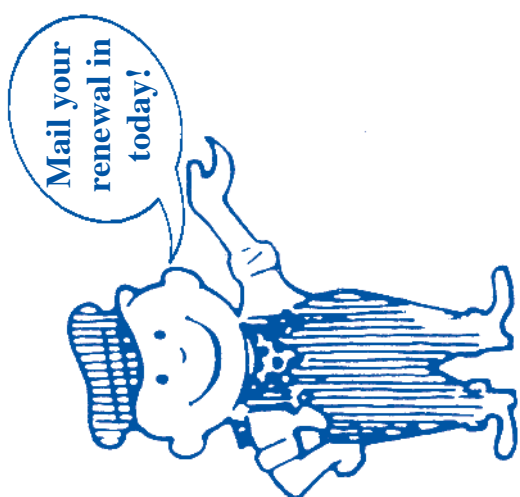
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*Include your previous address with  
all address corrections*



## NOTICE!

### 2016 N. E. RAILROADING CALENDAR



**AVAILABLE JULY 1st**  
Order from the Society.  
Please allow 3-4 weeks  
For delivery

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016



### Keep the Good Times Rolling

*Details on Page 2*



# From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

As we start our 45th year there have been a lot of changes, but one thing stays steady, that is your love for traveling. Thank you for your help in passing the Waybills out in your area. We are currently looking for a Treasurer, and have Directors slots open. If you have any experiences in these areas and wish to help your Society

grow, please send your resume to the club or call the club number to let us know. Also, feel free to talk to your tour leaders. As you know, due to mom's illness I have not been able to devote my full attention to my duties and thank everyone for understanding and helping me. Since Mom's death this past month I am still getting

use to thinking of myself and my duties. I do look forward to working with the Board and hopefully I will be able to go on a few trips this year to meet you all.



# From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

The past few months have been busy and eventful. I wish to thank all the volunteers for their hard work. We have had some changes in our organization but our volunteers are still working diligently to provide interesting

and enjoyable trips. If you have any favorite places you would like to share-please do. We are following through with the W. Russell Rylko Memorial Grant and have a trip planned to see the trolley where our money is being

used. Come join us on that trip and consider joining MVRS as a volunteer.



# From the Membership Chairperson - Ellie Manning

It's time to renew your membership, our membership year runs from April 1st – March 31st.

**LIFE** – means that you are a member for your natural life. **M15** means you are a member for the current membership year From April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 and will receive the 2016 calendar which will be mailed out in the holiday season.

**MAIL** – means that you have not been a member for several years and you will be taken off the rolls unless you wish to join again.

**The Membership Year runs from April 1st to March 31st.** Anyone who joins after January 1st automatically gets put into the new membership year. Calendar supply is limited, so for those joining or renewing in the month of December, it will depend on the supply of the calendars as to whether or not you will receive the current edition of the calendar. The calendars are mailed out between Thanksgiving and New Years by the volunteers of the Society and takes approximately 4-6 weeks to go through the postal system. If you move, please give

us your address change, otherwise you will have to purchase the calendar from our boutique form. The United States Post Office does not forward bulk rate mail.

The membership fee starting April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016 for Regular Membership, \$10.00, Family Membership \$4.00 and Life Membership \$125.00. We look forward to your continued support.



# Board of Directors

April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

President

Theresa E. Rylko (Tracey)

Vice President

Jeffrey Costello (Jeff)

Treasurer

Sylvia B. Spinney (Resigned) \*

Recording Secretary

Nancy Roney

Directors:

Eleanor Manning

William Manning

Joseph McDonough

Marcia Pennington

Jay Verner

Mary Verner

Positions They Fill

Roma Hertel – Button Maker

Dr. Dirk Hertel – Photography/Calendar

Billy Manning – Mailing Chairperson

Ellie Manning – Membership Chairperson

Sally Avjian & Ellie Manning- Trip Team (Planning Trips)

Sally Avjian – Waybill Editor

Dan Ouellette – Web Master/Computer

Joe McDonough & Jeff Costello – Trade Show Coordinators

Jeff Costello – Communications Radios/ Defibrillators

Marcia Pennington & Jeff Costello – Boutique

Mary & Jay Verner – Waybill Mailing Coordinators

Albert W. Avjian, Treasurer, Emeritus

Sally M. Avjian, Recording Secretary, Emeritus

\*Resignation of Treasurer – Office open

You will see many of these volunteers as tour leaders on your trips.

It takes a team effort to have a successful volunteer organization. Please share your talents as a volunteer with MVRS and be rewarded by seeing your work in action. Call 617-361-4445 and a volunteer form will be sent to you.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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) \$10.00
2. **Family Membership**  
Price of regular membership for one member plus \$4.00 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) \$125.00
4. For membership outside the U.S.A., please double the above fares (remit in U.S. currency only).

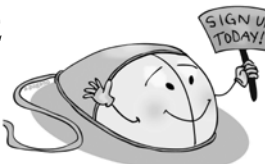
Calendars will be mailed during holiday season to all current members as stated above and not necessarily presented at time of joining (while supplies last).



Discover New England By Train!

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE

Mail to:  
MYSTIC VALLEY RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC.  
c/o Membership Committee  
P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009  
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## Got a Question:

call us at 617-361-4445 (24 hours) or online at: [www.mysticvalleyrs.org](http://www.mysticvalleyrs.org)

NEW RENEWAL  
Regular Membership \$  
at \$10.00 per person  
at \$4.00 per additional person \$  
to the price of the regular  
Membership \$  
Life Membership \$  
at \$125 per person (U.S.A. only)  
Tax deductible donations to a 501(c)(3) \$  
organization are gratefully accepted.  
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

If you join more than once in the membership year, it will be considered a donation. Please send a SASE, a #10 business size envelope. Cards will be mailed to you in 5-6 weeks. There will be a \$20 service charge for returned checks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include telephone number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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





## HOBO RAILROAD TURKEY TRAIN AND MOULTON FARMS

Sunday - September 27, 2015



Please join us as we travel to Lake Winnepesaukee for a beautiful train ride around the lake while eating a delicious full turkey dinner, just like Grandma used to make for Thanksgiving. After that delicious meal, we will visit Moulton Farms for the freshest cooking ingredients, beautiful plants and tasty breads and pies. The farm house was built in 1811. After Austin Moulton purchased it, the first 50 years it was a cattle ranch. It now includes a fully licensed commercial kitchen and bakery, as well as offering fresh seafood and products from New England farms with free tractor rides, farm animals to visit and pet, Cider Bellies' famous warm cider doughnuts and treats along with special events and demonstrations.

### FEATURES:

- Comfortable Motor Coach
- Hobo Railroad w/Turkey Dinner
- Moulton Farms – Meredith, NH

### TIMETABLE

8:30 a.m.	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	7:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Riverside T (Exit 22, 128/95)	7:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Wellington T (Medford, Rte 16)	6:30 p.m.

All times are approximate and subject to change

Price \$78 P/P

Reserve in advance – capacity limited. Please read carefully and complete all details when requesting passage. Please include FULL NAMES OF ALL IN YOUR PARTY when completing this form. Tours run rain or shine. Timetable is subject to change. NO REFUNDS.

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Sunday - September 27, 2015



Price \$78 P/P

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Boarding Station \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to: Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc. and mail to: MVRs, P.O. BOX 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009. Thank you. Information for handicapped Accessibility will be provided upon request. Your tickets and itineraries will be mailed about 5 days prior to departure. Note: A service charge of \$20 will be assessed for returned checks.

## MVRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015 - 2016



L-R - Seated - Marcia Pennington, Ellie Manning, Nancy Roney, Mary Verner.

L-R - Standing - Jeff Costello, Joe McDonough, Billy Manning, Jay Verner

At the Annual Business Meeting and Appreciation Banquet held on May 2nd at The Beverly Depot, a Nomination was made to elect Nancy Roney as Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors. The nomination was seconded and voted to accept. Nancy accepted the office of Recording Secretary. We thank her very much for filling this important office. Tracey Rylko, President was unable to attend due to the illness of Maryann Rylko. We encourage you to share your talents and become a volunteer and help us out with the various jobs that are open.

## PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS FOR 2016 MVRS CALENDAR



Stuart Lovell - January

Dirk Hertel - February

Thomas J. Nanos - March

Louis H. Beaudoin - April

Mark Florio, Sr. - May

Dirk Hertel - June

Thomas Wooton - July

Stuart Lovell - August

Doug Boudrow - September

John Kloczkowski - October

Robert A. LaMay - November

Thomas J. Nanos - December

Doug Boudrow - Front Cover

Louis H. Beaudoin - Back Cover



Ellie Manning, Membership Chairperson presenting Kathleen & Jon with flowers and a cash gift at the March monthly Board of Directors meeting.

## A Fond Farewell

Kathleen and Jon Wolf have moved to Scotland. Kathleen came here from Scotland and met and married Jon ten years ago. Many things have changed for them in the past year and it was to their advantage to move back to Scotland. We are going to miss both of them as Kathleen was our Web Master, Editor of the Waybill, Trip Planning and Tour Leader. Jon also handled computer work needed with the Board of Directors and he also was a tour escort on trips.

We wish them well and they can be found on Facebook to stay in touch with them. They will be sorely missed.



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TRIP  
IDEAS!

*Have you visited somewhere around New England that you think the Mystic Valley Railway Society's members and friends would enjoy as much as you did?*

## PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Our Trip Team is always looking for new ideas, places to eat, things to see and do, train rides, museums, boat rides, etc.

With your help we can offer trips at a reasonable cost, that otherwise might have been overlooked.

Please contact us by e-mail at [contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org](mailto:contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org) or via regular mail at MVRs, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009.

Please provide your phone number or e-mail address, so that we may contact you, should we need more information.

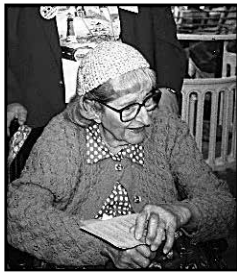
**THE MVRs TRIP TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU!  
BE THERE FOR THEM!**

## Handicapped Information

The Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc., endeavors to provide its passengers with information regarding the accessibility of and facilities available for the benefit of our handicapped ridership. In doing so, we make inquiries of the facilities visited and equipment used on each of our trips. Accordingly, since we merely convey this information, we cannot be held responsible for its accuracy.

If you are not self-sufficient and have special needs, you must travel with a companion who can provide assistance to you. By making a reservation for a trip, you are certifying that you do not have any mental, physical or other medical/disability condition that could compromise your safety or that of other trip participants. If you are uncertain about the demands or difficulties of a particular trip or event, please call us for details.

## In Memoriam



**Mary Ann Priscilla Rylko** of Hyde Park, died April 27, 2015 in the comfort of her home after a brief illness. She was 93 years old. Mary was a retired telephone operator for New England Telephone & Telegraph and Western Union. Beloved wife of the late Chief Petty Officer Walter A. Rylko, USCG (Ret.). Loving mother of the late W. Russell Rylko and his devoted wife Theresa E. Rylko of Hyde Park. Loving sister of Louise LaFontaine of Canton. Mary was a member of the Board of Directors of Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc. which her late son W. Russell Rylko founded.

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

**August 1, 2015**

Booking  
Conditions

"We expect people to act respectful in a cordial manner. We also expect our passengers to follow instruction from supervised personnel on all transportation vehicles, i.e., trains, buses, boats, etc. It is important instructions be followed to maintain safety of all participants.

If any passenger is disruptive or refuses to follow direction they are subject to be prohibited from taking part in future trips. To be clear we consider non-compliance with safety directive to be a serious matter as well as use of foul language and disruptive conduct. Any of these behaviors will be grounds for prohibition of participation in future trips and events."



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Facebook

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**HEAR YE!  
HEAR YE!**  
The Call Goes Out  
To All Groups! 10 For 10

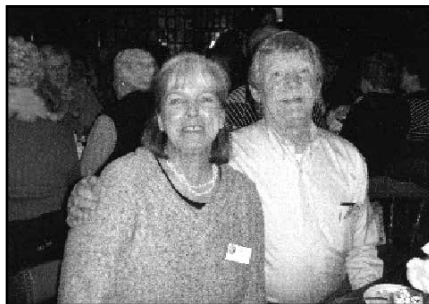


Group Sales Policy: 10 or more tickets purchased in ADVANCE by the SAME PERSON will be entitled to a 10% DISCOUNT subject to availability.

BLOCK SPACE may be arranged on any non-restricted event with Ticket Coordinator or Tour Director (when assigned) at least 50 days prior to departure. For further information, please contact the Mystic Valley Railway Society, 617-361-4445 or e-mail at [contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org](mailto:contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org).

## MEMBER-O-GRAM

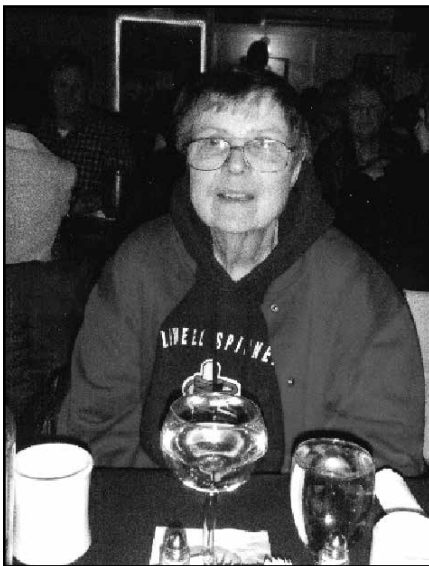
Some of our folks enjoying the  
Newport Playhouse & Cabaret



Jay & Mary Verner, Members of the Board of Directors.



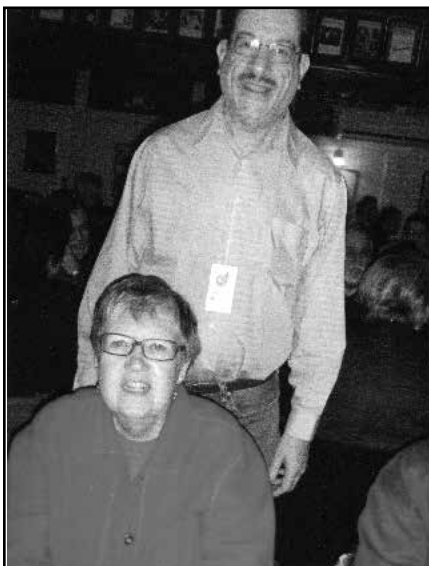
Priscilla Wood & Paul Loud. "Come to the Cabaret My Friend."



Donna Poland enjoying the friendship and laughs.



Mary Lynch & Rita Paglucia. Love the Cabaret.



Richard Vernick & Kathy Molloy Smile, the laughs are free.



Virginia White, stop and smell the Roses.



L-R, Fannie Chung, a voice from the past, Dirk Hertel who does a splendid job with the pictures on the MVRs calendars. Roma Hertel, who makes the souvenir buttons for our trips.



Jeff Costello, V.P. & Marcia Pennington are the proud grandparents of twin granddaughters born in February.





# WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

## SRINGTIME ON CAPE COD

**Sunday – June 7, 2015**

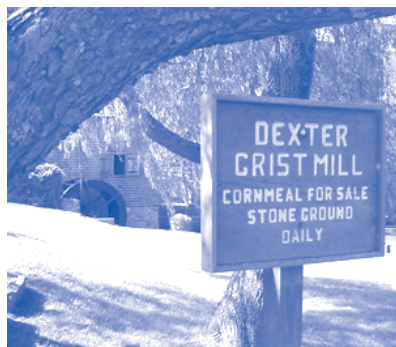
Visit the Dexter Grist Mill and see the grinding of corn with turbine power and buy a bag to bring home for “johnnycakes.” Enjoy The Grand Buffet luncheon at The Daniel Webster Inn before we travel to The Heritage Museum & Gardens all in Sandwich, MA on Cape Cod. Stroll the grounds of beautiful flowers and enjoy their many exhibits of which the Antique Car exhibit is a popular one.

### FEATURES

- Dexter Grist Mill
- Daniel Webster Inn
- The Heritage Museum & Gardens

### MEAL CHOICES:

- The Grand Buffet luncheon at The Daniel Webster Inn



### TIMETABLE

8:30 a.m.	Wellington T (Rte 16 - Medford)	6:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Riverside T (Exit 22 Rte 95/128)	6:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	5:30 p.m.

**Fare: \$90 P/P**

All times are approximate and subject to change

## HILDENE LINCOLN HOUSE SULLIVAN STATION RESTAURANT

**Saturday - June 27, 2015**

Happy summer! We will travel to the western most part of Massachusetts to Lee where we will have a delicious buffet lunch at the **SULLIVAN STATION RESTAURANT**. It is a restored 19th century railroad depot and office. It was originally built as a railroad passenger depot in 1893 by New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Then off to Vermont where we will visit the famous **HILDENE HOUSE, THE LINCOLN FAMILY HOME**. Built by Robert Todd Lincoln, the only one of Lincoln's four children to live to adulthood, it remained the Lincoln Family Home until 1975.

### FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Sullivan Station Restaurant
- Hildene Lincoln Home

### MEAL CHOICES:

- Buffet
- Dessert: Chocolate Brownie Sundae



### TIMETABLE

7:30 AM	Wellington T (Rte. 16)	9:30 PM
8:00 AM	Braintree T (Ext 17, Rte. 3)	9:00 PM
8:30 AM	Riverside T (Exit 22)	8:30 PM

**Fare: \$86 P/P**

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## NORWICH, VERMONT

**Sunday - July 12, 2015**

As we travel the Green Mountain state it takes us to the **Norwich Inn**, where we will enjoy a delicious buffet. The Inn has much history to share built in 1797. The tour continues to **King Arthur Flour**, “The Baker’s Store,” with bakery, gift shop and the making of flour. **The Vermont Country Store** in Rockingham, VT awaits us for a visit with their specialty items and has Mildred’s Dairy Bar attached.

### FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- King Arthur Flour Tour
- The Vermont Country Store, Rockingham, VT

### MEAL CHOICES

- Norwich Inn, Norwich, VT buffet



### TIMETABLE

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9:00 a.m.	Riverside T (Exit 22 -Rte 128/95)	7:30 p.m.

**Fare \$75 P/P**

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## CABBAGE ISLAND

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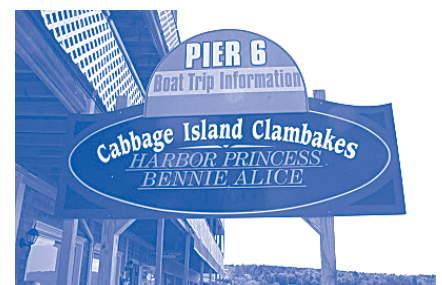
We will travel to **Boothbay Harbor, Maine** and board the Bennie Alice on Pier 6 for a scenic tour of Boothbay Harbor en-route to the 5 ½ acre Cabbage Island in Linekin Bay. A succulent feast of Maine lobsters and clams with all the traditional fixin’s awaits you by your hosts the Moore family.

### FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Maine Lobster Clambake

### MEAL CHOICES

- 2 Lobsters 1 ½ lb each
- ½ Chicken BBQ



### TIMETABLE

7:00 a.m.	Braintree T (Exit 17- Rte 3)	10:00 p.m.
7:30 a.m.	Riverside T (Exit 22 -Rte 128/95)	9:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m.	Wellington T (Medford - Rte 16)	9:00 p.m.

**Fare \$115 P/P**

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Please make all checks payable to Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc.

and mail to: MVRs, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009.

Enclose a large #10 (4"x9") self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you!

Sorry, NO refunds. Tours run rain or shine. Advance ticket sales will be mailed approximately 7 days prior to departure. Timetable subject to change. Please include ALL NAMES and MENU SELECTIONS for your party. Information relative to handicapped accessibility will be provided upon request. Please review handicapped information on Page 4. In case of a service disruption, alternate transportation will be used. A service charge of \$20 will be assessed for returned checks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Boarding Station: Trip (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Trip (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Railroad Boutique



A selection of gifts and unique items with a RAILROAD FLAIR

All prices U.S. Funds. Include shipping & tax.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2016 N.E. Railroading Calendar 37th edition.....\$8.00

\_\_\_\_\_ RARE FIND Mystic Valley detachable RR POSTCARDS – 6 views .....\$2.00

Small Train Books for children from DOVER Publications

\_\_\_\_\_ Famous Train Stickers, Little Train Stickers & Trains Activity Book 3 for \$6.00

Your choice from 2 sets of 3 different TITLES

\_\_\_\_\_ Little Train Stickers, Train Stickers & Train Station Activity Book... 3 for \$6.00

CATCH ALL THE TRAINS YOU EVER MISSED

\_\_\_\_\_ Vintage New England Railroading Calendars .....\$4.00 each or 3 for \$10

Check desired years \_\_\_\_\_ 82 \_\_\_\_\_ 86 \_\_\_\_\_ 87 \_\_\_\_\_ 94 \_\_\_\_\_ 00 \_\_\_\_\_ 05 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13

Limited number of VINTAGE RAILROAD CALENDARS going back 30 years.

**IF YOU WANT TO COMPLETE YOUR COLLECTION, PLEASE CALL FIRST**

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 Full Color frameable calendar prints of N.E. Railroading (our choice) ..\$3.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Engineers Hat (made in USA) .....\$9.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Childs Engineers Hat(made in USA) .....\$7.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual flashing red LED with RED Locomotive - metal pin with clasp .....\$3.50

Orders require payment by Money Order, Cashiers or Personal check

Ship to Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Quantities limited, Offer expires July 31, 2014  
Check our Web Site - **WWW.MYSTICVALLEYRS.ORG**  
Please allow 2-4 weeks delivery. Make checks payable to Mystic Valley Railway Society  
Send orders to: M.V.R.S. – MAIL ORDER, P.O. BOX 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009  
(\$20 service charge applies to checks returned by the bank)

## Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



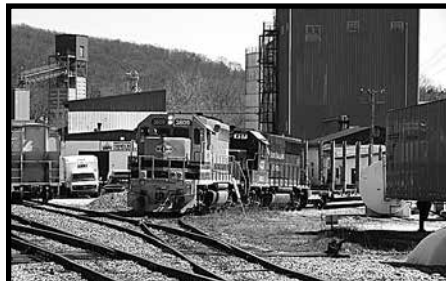
Amtrak's newest electric ASC-64 number 626 leads eastbound Train 170



One of the new Bus-Way Fastrak bus waits for passengers at New Britain, CT



Providence & Worcester's Train NR-4 interchanges cars at Willimantic, CT



G&W (NECR) Train 610 interchanges cars at North Franklin, CT



Shore Line East train passes new addition to station at Branford, CT



Various New Haven Railroad Yard Goats sit in Windsor St. Yard at Hartford, CT

## 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.

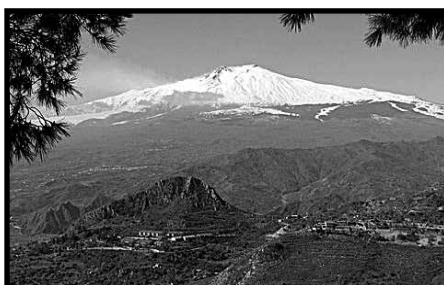
**TO JOIN THE FUN** Please request a volunteer form by submitting your request & membership number to: **M.V.R.S. P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009** or visit our Website **www.mysticvalleys.org**.

**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!**

## Tracks We Have Crossed

MVRs Director Joe McDonough and his wife Carol escaped the record snowfall and below zero temperatures of the months of February and March by spending them in Alicante, Spain and Taormina, Sicily respectively. They departed Boston on January 31st after only one (1) storm, and returned

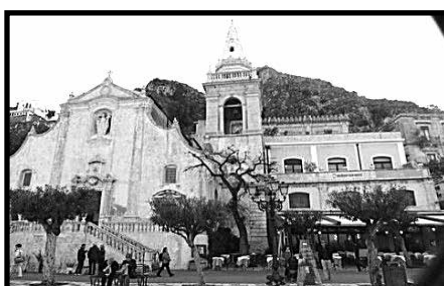
April 1st. Both locations on the Mediterranean had moderate temperatures when compared to the wrath unleashed on New England by Mother Nature. Joe was reported to have been heard to say that "it was nice to see the snow on the Globe web site from 4000 miles away." Joe shares these pictures.



Mt Etna, View from our apartment. It is the highest active volcano of Europe at 10,000 feet.



Isola Bella, Sicily



Piazza Duomo, Taormina, Sicily



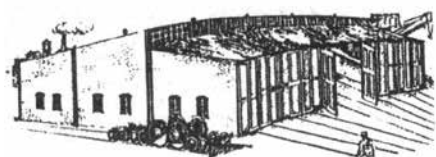
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# The Roundhouse

By Bill McCaffrey



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) called on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conduct a nationwide audit of tunnel ventilation systems and emergency procedures for fire and smoke events in subways. This was in response to a January 12th incident on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority that resulted in the death of one passenger.

Speaking of tunnels, The Economist is a highly regarded British news magazine which insists on calling itself a newspaper. In an article dated 2/13/15, the Economist took on the topic of Amtrak's historic Baltimore & Potomac tunnel just south of Baltimore's Penn Station. The tunnel, which was built in 1873, carries trains on two winding tracks for a mile and a half underneath the city. It has a 30 mph speed limit. It is a barrier to providing true high speed service between New York City and Washington. It suffers from leaks. The article chides transportation officials for not moving more quickly to repair or replace this tunnel. Do not confuse this tunnel with Baltimore's other problem tunnel, a former Baltimore and Ohio freight only tunnel now owned by CSX.

One of the most beloved of all restored steam locomotives, Norfolk Southern Number 611 is going to run again this year. Number 611 is a streamlined 4-8-4 that the Norfolk and Western RR built in its own shop. Details are at NSCORP.COM.

Kennebunk, Maine will be getting a seasonal stop on Amtrak's Downeaster this year. The new platform will be adjacent to the old B&M depot which was built in 1872. Kennebunk has not had rail passenger service since 1965 when the B&M stopped running Budd RDC's to Maine. [NNEPRA web site]

The Town of North Hampton, NH had hoped to build a bike trail on the roadbed of the abandoned Eastern Route Mainline of the Boston and Maine RR. This project is now on hold because Pan Am Railways and the State of New Hampshire cannot agree on a price for this property. If the trail does get built eventually, it will become a component of the East Coast Greenway Project, an ambitious plan to build a Florida to Maine bike trail. [Seacoast on Line].

Beginning Saturday, April 25th through Sunday, November 22nd

weekend, Fitchburg Line service will be suspended along the entire line due to the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line Improvement Project. Busing will not be provided during weekend service interruptions. Customers are advised to seek alternate modes of transportation. Weekday service levels are not affected by the ongoing improvement work.

Regular weekend service will be provided on Memorial Day weekend (May 23-24), Fourth of July weekend (July 4-5), Labor Day weekend (September 5-6), and Thanksgiving weekend (November 28-29)

The Haverhill Line will see week day delays due to tie replacement from May 4th to June 26th. During the time there will also be a small change to the Lowell Line. Trains 216 and 220 will be temporarily removed from the Lowell Line Schedule. [MBTA Web Site]

The Downeaster will be affected by both the MBTA tie replacement project and a Pan Am Railways tie replacement project between Plaistow, NH and Portland, Maine. May 4th, through June 15, 2015 during tie replacement,

weekday trains 681, 683, 684 and 686 will be canceled. Weekend Downeaster service will operate normally.

From 7/1/2015 to 1/31/2016, Amtrak will offer lower fares for sleeping car passengers on the Silver Star from New York to Miami. However, there is a catch: All food service will be provided in a Café/Lounge car instead of a dining car. Passengers can purchase a selection of hot and cold sandwiches, snacks and other items in the Café car. In recent years Amtrak has bundled sleeping car service, with dining car meals. In the years when railroads and the Pullman Company operated sleeping car service the passenger usually paid for his or her meals in the dining car, and meal service had no effect on sleeping car fares. Then VIA Rail Canada started bundling the sleeping car and dining car service and Amtrak copied them. This change on the Silver Star is an experiment. [AMTRAK.COM]



## Lines from Ireland - January to March 2015

By James Scannell

During 2014, Aecom was appointed by the National Transport Authority to identify the optimum medium long term public transport solution in the Fingal, North Dublin area. According to the 2011 Census, this part of Dublin had the third-highest population growth in Ireland at 13.9%, nearly four times the population growth of Dublin City and almost double that of Dublin County.

Twenty-five public transport schemes were identified and proposed for evaluation - 10 Heavy Rail, 8 Light Rail, 5 Buses and 2 combining different transport modes. In December the Irish Minister for Transport Paschal Donoghue with the National Transport Authority announced the short list consisting of:

### Heavy Rail Options

- A DART link from Clongriffin to Dublin Airport and to Swords, Co. Dublin.
- A DART link from the Maynooth line to Dublin Airport and Swords via a tunnel under Glasnevin.

### LUAS / Metro Options

- A LUAS line from Cabra to Dublin Airport and Swords to Dublin Airport via a tunnel under Glasnevin.
- A Metro proposal from St. Stephen's Green, in downtown Dublin to Dublin Airport and Swords.

### Bus Rapid Transit Option

- A combination of a number of proposed bus rapid transit services.

### Combination Option

- A combination of a DART link from Clongriffin to Dublin Airport and a LUAS line from Cabra to Swords.

The public were invited to submit their views and comments/observations by January 19th 2015 and it is expected that a final decision will be announced later this year.

The National Transport Authority annual fare determination for 2015 allowed Irish Rail, Dublin Bus, and LUAS increase their monthly and

annual fares from November 1st 2014 and cash fares from December 1st 2014.

# Work on the Dublin LUAS Cross City scheme is still progressing and on target.

# In 2014, the number of LUAS journeys exceeded 32M for the first time. The 2014 figures represented an increase of 1.9M journeys on the 2013 figure.

Figures released by Irish Rail in January 2015 for 2014 revealed that overall passengers numbers were 37.6M compared with 36.7M for 2013. InterCity (long distance) numbers were 8.4M compared to 8.1M for 2013. DART and Commuter numbers were 29.3M compared to 28.7M for 2013.

The Irish Rail Revenue Protection Unit recovered US \$7000 from a passenger who had been travelling beyond the area of validity of an annual point to point smartcard. The penalty was calculated on the single fare for each journey for which travel was taken beyond the authorized journey point and was

the largest single debt recovered in 2014.

In November 2014, the Northern Ireland Department for Regional Development indicated that its budget for 2015/2016 would be reduced by about US \$75M and are seeking views by way of public consultation how these savings can be achieved. Northern Ireland Railway increased its fares in mid-February by an average of about 4.5%.

In January, former Great Northern Railway (Ireland) 4-4-0 steam locomotive No.131 currently being restored by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, was steamed for the first time since 1962 and will now progress to series of tests before it enters service with the Society sometime in the future.





# WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

## CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

**Sunday - August 2, 2015**

Please join us as we travel to the beautiful Lake's region of New Hampshire, where we will spend a luxurious afternoon on board the M/S Mount Washington. We will enjoy a wonderful **CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH CRUISE** on glorious Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, departing Weirs Beach. You will travel the waters between Sleepers Island and the mainland. After the cruise, we will have some free time to explore Weirs Beach before we visit the famous **KELLERHAUS** for ice cream, candy, gifts and other sweet goodies.

### FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- M/S Mt Washington at Weirs Beach Champagne Brunch
- Kellerhaus Candy and Ice Cream Shop



### TIMETABLE

8:30 am	Braintree T (exit 17- Rte 3)	8:30 pm
9:00 am	Riverside T (exit 22 -Rte 128/95)	8:00 pm
9:30 am	Wellington T (Medford- Rte 16)	7:30 pm

All times are approximate and subject to change

**Fare \$84 P/P**

## FOSTER'S DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE

**Sunday - August 16, 2015**

Please join us as we travel north to York, Maine. We will stop at **Nubble Lighthouse** built in 1879 and gift shop. Then off to **Foster's Clambake** that has been serving New England for over 60 years. There will be entertainment during lunch. You may even want to get up and dance a little. Don't forget to visit the gift shop. As we head for home, we will stop at **Yummies Candy Store** where there is a large selection of candy from sugar free to a great collection of all the candy you ate as a kid. IF TIME ALLOWS, we may be able to stop for ice cream in IPSWICH on the return home.

### FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Nubble Lighthouse
- Foster's Clambake
- Yummies Candy Store

### MEAL CHOICES:

- Clambake
- Eggplant Parm
- BBQ Chicken



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**Fare \$80 P/P**

## The Shore Line Trolley Museum

**Saturday - August 29, 2015**

Branford, CT is the destination for a delicious luncheon at the **USS Chowder Pot III**. The **Shore Line Trolley Museum** will take us on a journey back in time. Exhibits and rides of trolleys over a century old will take us on a ride through pristine Connecticut salt marsh views and wildlife. Learn exciting lessons in early transportation history. In January-2015, MVRS awarded a W. Russell Rylko Memorial Grant to this museum.

### FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- USS Chowder Pot III Luncheon
- The Shore Line Trolley Museum Exhibits & Rides

### MEAL CHOICES

- Baked Stuffed Shrimp
- Baked Stuffed Chicken
- Prime Rib of Beef



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**Fare \$75 P/P**

## PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM AND ANGELICA'S

**Sunday - September 13, 2015**

Join us as we travel by motor coach to Angelica's Restaurant in Middleton for an elegant 5 course dinner. You will enjoy crackers with bean dip, ziti's with marinara sauce, salad, meal choice, vegetable, roll & butter, strawberry shortcake with tea and coffee. There is a charge for all other beverages. We will go to the Peabody Essex Museum for a guided tour, then tour on your own. The Yin Yu Tang will require an additional \$5.00.

### FEATURES

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- Angelica's
- Essex Peabody Museum

### MEAL CHOICES

- Boston Scrod
- Stuffed Breast of Chicken



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**Fare \$88 P/P**

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