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CALLING ALL MEMBERS – *WE NEED YOU!*

PLEASE SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH US AS A VOLUNTEER

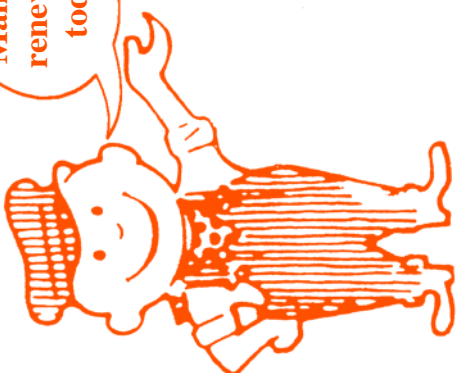


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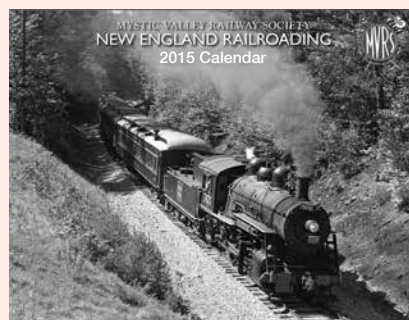
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Include your previous address with  
all address corrections



## NOTICE!

2017 N. E.  
RAILROADING  
CALENDAR



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

Colonial Christmas  
at the Colonial Inn  
& Festival of Trees



December 5, 2015

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## From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

I wish to take this time to say thank you to all of you who have helped the Society to stay strong in our endeavor to continue to have trips and activities for all. We welcome Nancy Roney who has stepped up to become the new Secretary for MVRS.

Thank you all for helping

keeping the MVRS on track by spreading the word. Please consider helping out on the various committees. Trip Team needs your help to keep the trips rolling. The Waybill needs to have your input to get the word out.

If you want to receive a small stack of Waybills to pass out in

your favorite spots, please let me know and I will mail them out to you. As you travel along, you might see an area, which others might enjoy. Feel free to send some literature to the Trip Team to review for future visits.



## From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

It's hard to believe that half a year has passed already. Mystic Valley is now looking forward to fall and holiday schedule of adventures. We had an enjoyable first half of the year despite some problems- tour guides with an unexpected accident and subsequent surgery and planned

eye surgery. I want to thank all those who assisted Mystic Valley to keep the trips on track. My thanks to the volunteers who plan the trips, run the trips and keep our organization intact. Also, a big thanks to the members who go on the trips and even occasionally provide extra entertain-

ment. The members are a great part of our organization and if you are interested - become a volunteer of Mystic Valley and keep the good times rolling.



## 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. Our membership 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.



## FALL SCHEDULE

Northshore Model RR Club, Inc.  
SHOW & OPEN HOUSE  
Saturday Oct. 10, 2015  
Americal Civic Center, 465 Main St.  
Wakefield, MA - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Adults \$5.00 Children, Seniors \$2.00,  
Under five free - Family Max. \$10.00  
Joe Green - 781-245-4742  
Email: info@nsmrc.org

Rail-Fan III Program (See page 6)

## 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

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  
☐ Check here if this is an address change



### Got a Question:

call us at 617-361-4445 (24 hours) or online at:  
www.mysticvalleysrs.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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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.



## WRIGHT'S MILL FARM Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday - November 26th, 2015

Featuring Dinner Music by "Lloyd & Adele"

Come join us as we travel by comfortable motor coach and not fighting the holiday traffic driving yourself to beautiful Canterbury, Connecticut with the ambience of a Mill Farm to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

**The Buffet Dinner** will consist of: Traditional garden salad served with assorted dressings, selection of other salads, an assortment of holiday fruit breads, crusty rolls, baguettes and cornbread, soup, buttered bisque, slow roasted Tom Turkey with giblet pan gravy, roasted prime rib of beef with Au Jus and horse radish cream, baked stuffed sole with herb champagne cream sauce, pasta primavera, old fashioned sausage stuffing, candied sweet potatoes, homemade mashed potato, buttered niblet corn, cranberry sauce and cranberry orange relish.

**Desserts** An assortment of our Chef's Specialties – Coffee, Tea & Decaf

Deadline For Reservations must be in by November 6, 2015.

Please note menu is subject to change depending on product availability

### Features:

Round Trip Motor Coach  
Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner



### TIMETABLE

8:30 a.m.	Wellington MBTA (Rte 16 Medford)	5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Riverside MBTA (Exit 22 off 128/95)	4:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Braintree MBTA (Exit 17 off of Rte 3)	4:00 p.m.

(Subject to change)

Fare: \$73 P/P

## WRIGHT'S MILL FARM - Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday November 26th 2015 • Cost: \$73.00 P/P

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



### MYSTIC VALLEY RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC., 2017 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Description(s) must be supplied for each entry.

NO MORE THAN 10 entries may be submitted per person.

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Mail entry to:  
MVRs Calendar Contest  
P.O. Box 365486  
Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009

ENTRY DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15, 2015. See rules.

Steam - Diesel - Electric - Modern – Vintage

## 2017 New England Railroading Calendar Contest 38th Edition - Cash Prizes!



### CONTEST RULES:

1. Each participant must be a member in good standing.
2. All photos must be taken within the six states of New England.
3. No more than 10 photos may be submitted.
4. Photos printed in past MVRs calendars must not be resubmitted.
5. All photos MUST be in landscape (horizontal) orientation.
6. If a person's face is recognizable in the photo, written consent of that person must be included.
7. Photos can be submitted as 35mm slides or as digital photos.
8. Copies of 35mm slides, prints on paper, and digital reproductions of 35mm slides or prints will not be accepted.
9. Digital cameras shall have at least 6 megapixels (3000 x 2000), and should be set to the highest resolution and lowest compression (highest quality).
10. Digital photos should be submitted unaltered (as downloaded from your camera) in JPEG, TIFF, or RAW formats (if supported by your camera) on a recordable compact disc (CD-R, DVD-R) or USB flash drive.
11. Entries must be accompanied by a signed MVRs entry form. Entry forms can be found in the Waybill (copy accepted) or downloaded from <http://www.mysticvalleys.org>
12. Descriptions (captions) must be supplied for all photos entered into the contest. Submit a computer file containing the list of photo captions (Word, PDF, or any other text file).
13. Digital photo file names must be clearly numbered (1-10) so that photos and captions can be easily matched.
14. Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight December 15, 2015.
15. A prize of \$150 will be awarded for the front and back cover; \$100 for any of the months (January -December).
16. The final selection of photos for the Calendar is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The decisions of the Board shall be final and non-appealable. The Board will be under no obligation to provide any reasons for its decisions.
17. Winning entries become the property of the MVRs, Inc.
18. Non-winning entries will only be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope or package with correct postage has been supplied.
19. The MVRs is not responsible for any loss or damage to items sent through the mail.

### ENTRY FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

[www.mysticvalleys.org](http://www.mysticvalleys.org) click on calendar contest box.  
Fill out the form then print.



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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.

## RESERVATIONS

When making your MVRs reservations please have each individual trip sent at one time in a SASE. This way if a trip did have to cancel your check could be returned immediately. You will now find a separate coupon for each trip. If you want to come as a group please list your group together in one reservation and sent to one address.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE  
NOVEMBER 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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**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



Hat Ladies – (l) Virginia Ward and Mary Verner on right.



Gerard Sevigny enjoyed the ride to the top of Mt. Washington



(l) Mary Rancati & Sheila Burke loved the Inn



Charles & Carol Treciokas taking in Olde Cape Cod.



Look alike twins (l) Douglas & Duncan Maitland always have us seeing double.



(l) Lisa Northey and Linda Stewart taking in the sunshine.



Robert & Regina Johnston in the Green Mountain State.



Mary Cavanaugh smiling as it is a wonderful day.







# WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

## THE HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES 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. We will go to **THE HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES** for a guided tour and visit Nathaniel Hawthorne Birthplace, Kid's Cove at the Counting House, the Colonial Revival Gardens, Gift shop and the Waterfront. Then off to **PICKERING WHARF** for free time on your own.

**NOTE: This trip replaces the Peabody Museum with Salem, MA**

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Lunch
- The House of Seven Gables
- Pickering Wharf

### MEAL CHOICES:

- Boston Scrod
- Stuffed Breast of Chicken

### TIMETABLE

8:30 AM	Wellington T (RTE 16)	7:30 PM
9:00 AM	Braintree T (Exit 17, RTE 3)	7:00 PM
9:30 AM	Riverside t (Exit 22))	6:30 PM

All times are approximate and subject to change

Price \$80 P/P

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## THE OLD MILL & MORE

**Saturday – September 26, 2015**

When we say More, we mean more on this trip. Our travels take us to the **BRIAR ROSE ALPACA FARM** in Westminster, MA. A visit with the alpacas and their owners telling us how their fur turns to fleece for clothes and different items they make with it and available in their gift shop. A luncheon follows at **THE OLD MILL RESTAURANT**, take pictures at the duck pond and shop at their huge gift shop. Our motor coach will then travel to Shelburne Falls, MA to the **SHELBURNE FALLS TROLLEY MUSEUM** for trolley and pump car rides. Climb into the red Caboose. Trolley car is not yet fully handicapped accessible, however, low mobility visitors have ridden the trolley which requires negotiation of four regular steps. Restrooms and Visitor Center are handicapped accessible. Within walking distance to **Bridge of Flowers, glacial rocks, artisan shops, galleries and gift shops** in downtown Shelburne Falls, MA.

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Briar Rose Alpaca Farm, Westminster, MA
- The Old Mill Restaurant Buffet, Westminster, MA
- Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum
- Shelburne Falls Bridge of Flowers & Glacial Rocks, etc.

### TIMETABLE

8:00 a.m.	Wellington T (Medford Rte. 16)	8:00 p.m.
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Enjoy the scenic ride through the **MOHAWK TRAIL** and around the **HAIRPIN TURN**. We will top it off with a delicious brunch at the **WILLIAMS INN** in Williamstown MA. This is a special buffet that is being prepared for MVRS only. We will then travel south to **IOKA VALLEY FARM** in Hancock MA. The owners, Bob & Dot Leab are longtime members of MVRS. Enjoy free hay rides, hay tunnels and a mini corn maze. You will be able to pick your own Indian corn, select a pumpkin, pet the animals and purchase Maple Syrup products, along with fresh made Cider donuts, pies, cookies and more.

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Williams Inn – Buffet Brunch
- Ioka Valley Farm

### TIMETABLE

10:00 a.m.	Wellington T (Medford, Rte 16)	6:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.	Braintree T (Ext 17, Rte. 3)	5:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	Riverside T (Exit 22, 128/95)	5:00 p.m.

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## White Mountain Resort Brunch & Conway Scenic Railway

**Sunday - October 25, 2015**

Please join us as we travel to North Conway, New Hampshire for some foliage viewing and spectacular Sunday Brunch at the **WHITE MOUNTAIN HOTEL AND RESORT** nestled in Hale's Location. Then we will board the **PUMPKIN PATCH EXPRESS** to Glen NH where we will stop for a visit to a cider mill for delicious cider donuts and other treats. There is a platform for boarding and departing the train at this stop.

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- White Mountain Hotel Sunday Brunch
- Conway Scenic Railroad ride

### TIMETABLE

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# Railroad Boutique



All prices U. S. Funds, includes shipping and taxes

2016 N. E. Railroading Calendars - 37th edition \$8.00 each

This column will no longer list Boutique items. If you are interested in any of the items that were listed previously please look at the MVRs web site. [www.mysticvalley.org](http://www.mysticvalley.org)

## PLEASE RESPOND

Are you interested in being able to swap, barter or buy/sell railroad items at our Annual Business and Appreciation Banquet May 7, 2016? Please let us know so it can be planned. If we don't hear from you, we are unable to make plans not knowing how many will participate.

## TREASURER NEEDED

Sylvia Spinney is resigning as Treasurer after six faithful years of service. Sylvia wants to spend more time with her grandchildren while their parents work. We are looking for an MVRs member in good standing who has an accounting background. Please help us out by inquiring to Tracey Rylko, President at MVRs, Tel: 617-361-4445, or email: [contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org](mailto:contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org). Your volunteer work will be a very rewarding experience.

## Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



MNR trains meet at Beacon, NY



Train 13T departs Binghamton, NY with CP power



NS Train HO-1 arrives Binghamton, NY



Amtrak VETS units crosses river - Niantic, CT



Connecticut Southern Train CSO4 - Springfield, MA



New power for P&W at Willimantic, CT

## Calling all Members!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACTIVITY??



NEW FRIENDS

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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.mysticvalleyrs.org](http://www.mysticvalleyrs.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!**

## RAIL-FAN III PROGRAM

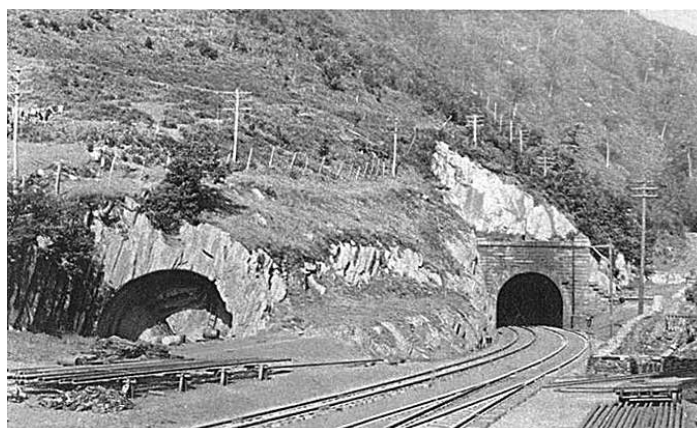
“The Hoosac Tunnel – Birthplace of Modern Tunneling” is the focus of **Rail-Fan III**, A program about railroad history on **Sunday, October 4th** from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Rowe Historical Society, 282 Zoar Road in Rowe, MA. The keynote speaker, Civil Engineer and author Cliff Schexnayder, will explain how the Hoosac Tunnel was constructed and share the fascinating stories of those who worked on this legendary project. His new book, “Builders of the Hoosac Tunnel” will be introduced at this event. Other speakers include Jerry Kelley (“Around the East Portal”) and videographer Tim Lawrence (“The Haupt Tunnel”).

There will be exhibits on the Hoosac Tunnel and railroad history, models of toy trains, and representatives of leading railroad organizations.

Good food at reasonable prices.

Suggested donations: **\$5.00.**

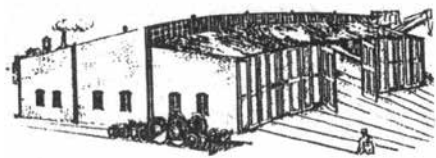
Update and more information at [www.rowehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.rowehistoricalsociety.org)





# The Roundhouse

By Bill McCaffrey



**Correction:** There was a small typing error in the last issue. Norfolk Southern steam engine is a 4-8-4, not a 4-8-4.

The Washington Post reports that the architectural firm credited with the design work for the restoration of New York's Grand Central Terminal has been chosen for a major project at Washington Union Station. Beyer Blinder Belle, with offices in New York and Washington, oversaw design, master planning, and the revitalization of New York's Grand Central Terminal, turning the 1913 Beaux Style railroad station into a more modern, accessible and efficient rail hub. The firm has done similar work rehabilitating historic buildings in Washington including work for the Smithsonian. At Union Station, the company will team with Grimshaw Architects to plan a massive expansion of rail and passenger capacity at Union Station that will allow the project to qualify for federal funds in future years. Grimshaw is a specialist in railroad station design, having worked on the Fulton Center in New York, Amsterdam's Bijlmer Station and London's Waterloo rail station. Amtrak issued a statement from Bob LaCroix, deputy chief of infrastructure and investment in the Northeast, saying that "with growing demand for passenger rail service, it is imperative that we continue to advance our vision for the future of Washington Union Station."

Not everyone is happy about the return of passenger service to the so called "Knowledge Corridor" in Western Massachusetts. (This line used to be called the B&M Connecticut River Main Line). The Daily

Hampshire Gazette reports numerous complaints from people who own homes or businesses near the tracks. The big complaint is piles of old ties. These ties contain creosote. There have also been complaints by the Holyoke and Northampton fire departments. Massachusetts DOT has promised a big clean up in the fall. How does this help the communities involved survive the spring and summer brush fire seasons?

The Greenville Junction Depot (Maine) Friends have signed a long-term lease of the depot building and its immediate property from the Central Maine & Quebec Railway. The nonprofit Friends are attempting to save and restore the 125-year-old former Greenville Junction Canadian Pacific depot. The building was constructed in 1889, with a rounded "witches hat" and ladies' waiting room added sometime between 1901 and 1910.

If you would like to see a detailed report on the tragic Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia, the National Transportation Safety Board has set up a special web site with detailed information. Go to [http://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/2015\\_philadelphia\\_pa.aspx](http://www.nts.gov/investigations/Pages/2015_philadelphia_pa.aspx)

TRAINS Magazine published a short piece on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority celebrating a milestone of New York City's subway. The celebration commemorates the 100th anniversary of the opening of the first complete subway. On June 22, 1915, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., or BRT, that would later become the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp., or BMT, opened its first subway with much pomp and circumstance with Manhattan to Coney Island service. Its first train crossed the East River to downtown Brooklyn via the Manhattan

Bridge and then headed out to Coney Island using the new Fourth Avenue Subway and Sea Beach Lines. The inaugural ride from Chambers Street to Coney Island took 48 minutes, according to the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. It was New York City's second subway company and, in its time, one of the most innovative transit networks in the world. New York may have a much larger system but Boston also has a rich subway heritage. The first lines were built by private enterprise, not government.

The Lower Hudson Journal News reported Thirteen (13) current and former Metropolitan Transportation Authority workers were indicted on 6/29/2015 on charges they cheated on safety tests required to become Metro-North engineers and conductors, authorities said. The employees are accused of sharing copies of the questions and answers before they took the tests, which help determine how much a candidate knows about critical information including train traffic signals, speed limits and emergency procedures. Nine (9) of the employees were suspended from their jobs on Friday, and four have been fired, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

A three-way partnership between Steamtown National Historic Site, Norfolk Southern, and the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Historical Society will operate excursions on Sept. 12th and 13th behind Nickel Plate Berkshire No. 765 from Scranton, PA to Binghamton, NY. and return. The excursions will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Tunkhannock Viaduct. The Lima-built 2-8-4 will operate round-trip excursions with a stop at Nicholson for passengers

to visit an anniversary in the town of Nicholson, at the base of the soaring concrete viaduct. Passengers who detrain at Nicholson will be picked up by the train returning from Binghamton later in the day. The trains will also feature an A-B-A lash-up of EMD F3 locomotives owned by the Tri-State Railway Historical Society and the Anthracite Railroads Historical Society.

**Proceeds from the trips will help move forward the restoration of Boston & Maine Lima 4-6-2, No. 3713 at Steamtown.** For details and ticket information go to [www.laurelinespecials.org](http://www.laurelinespecials.org)

Metro North Commuter Railroad has retired its M4 and M6 electric multiple unit cars.

Vermont Public Radio says the Vermont Agency of Transportation has a plan to expand rail passenger service throughout the state. From this wish list it looks like the most realistic is a plan to Extend Amtrak's Ethan Allen from Rutland to Burlington by 2019.

The Utica, NY Observer-Dispatch newspaper reported on a bizarre accident at Utica Union Station. A New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway freight car loaded with plastic pellets was set in motion, apparently as a result of an unknown person tampering with the brakes. It rolled through Utica hitting one automobile and then crashed into an ex-New York Central steam engine on display at Union Station. The steam engine was pushed into a wall at Union Station doing considerable damage.



## Lines from Ireland - April to June 2015

By James Scannell

Dublin Airport, which is 12 miles north of downtown Dublin, is unique in that it is one of the few main European airports that does not have a direct rail to a major city. This may change in the near future, as the National Transport Authority is considering a DART service to Dublin Airport terminals 1 and 2 to bring passengers to the Dublin's downtown area making it possible to connect with the rest of the DART and InterCity (long distance) service as well as the nationwide bus service operated by Bus Eireann. At the present time, some Bus Eireann services call at terminals 1 and 2.

The proposed DART rail link would be fully integrated into the existing Dublin city rail network with direct DARTs from the airport to the downtown area with a 20 minute journey time running from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

The project would deliver the long sought Airport to city rail link at a fraction of the cost of the other projects, with costs estimated at US\$350M.

The alignment from the Airport rail link from the Airport to Clongriffin is directly under the airport's main flight path and is undeveloped making construction possible without

disruption to residential or commercial interests.

Airport services could be operated by the existing DART fleet as peak flows on an Airport rail service are generally the opposite of city commuter demand.

Its estimated that 3M air travelers per year would use the service at opening, with the service likely to appeal to many of the 15,000 employees working on the airport campus.

The project could be completed in as little as four years.

The project would also fit into the proposed expanded network; were DART Underground to proceed, with Airport DARTs operating directly to the Docklands / Irish Financial Services District; Pearse Station, St. Stephen's Green, Christchurch and Hueston stations, in such a network, all of which are key business, commercial, and tourism areas. This would also connect the national rail network at Hueston Station to a direct DART network, to the city and Dublin Airport.

Under the National Transport Authority options being studied, this project could also be delivered along with a light rail link to Swords, Co. Dublin, ensuring that all the transport

requirements in the North Dublin areas are met.

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In April the National Transport Authority announced that 1M LEAP cards (similar to the Oyster cards used on the UKs Transport for London bus, rail and tube systems) had been sold since its launch in 2012, and that these cards are used for 60% of public transport journeys in the Greater Dublin Area. LEAP fares are less than cash fares. Monthly turnover is in the region of US\$17M and these can be used on Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, DART and Bus Eireann (long distance buses). Visitors to Ireland can purchase a special 72-hour LEAP card at Irish airports which allows unlimited travel for 72 hours starting from when the card is first used.

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The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, Ireland's premier steam locomotive preservation society, has been granted a license to use the former Locomotive Shed in Dublin's Connolly Station for locomotive storage. Steam locomotive 461 was moved into the shed in May.

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Between March and June Irish Rail

began a program of line improvement work on the Dublin to Cork main line, carried out mainly at weekends, focusing this year on the section between Hazelhatch and Portlaoise. This investment this year of US\$12M in line improvements will result in higher reliability smoother running of trains, and with other works, deliver consistent speeds of 160kms / 100mph, by the end of 2016 on this section, which in the end will deliver journey time improvements to passengers. The work, which will not finish until November this year, involves improving the track substructure by the removal and replacement of degraded crushed stone ballast which supports the railroad track structure. Train drainage and track geometry will also be improved.







# WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

## SALEM CROSS INN AND CHRISTMAS BARN

**Saturday - November 7, 2015**

Please join us as we visit an authentic New England experience of an historic restaurant (1705) listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We will enjoy the **ORIGINAL FIREPLACE FEAST** at **SALEM CROSS INN** in West Brookfield, MA. See your prime rib roasting to perfection in the open hearth. Lend a helping hand in preparing your deep dish apple pie using an antique apple peeler, or just sit back, munch on cheese and crackers, sip some local cider. Relax as you enjoy the antiques in the beautifully restored 1700's colonial home on 600 acres of magnificent New England Farmland. After lunch, visit the Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn, in Spencer MA, (160 years old) an Old Fashioned Christmas Shop with dazzling selections of Christmas Trim which will put you in the spirit of the season and a gazebo filled with display cases of vintage items for you to enjoy and maybe bring back memories of Christmas Past. There will be plenty to see and purchase.

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Original Historic Fireplace Feast
- Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn

### MEAL CHOICES:

- Prime Rib
- Chicken
- Fish

### TIMETABLE

8:00 AM	Wellington T (Rte. 16)	6:30 PM
8:30 AM	Braintree T (Exit 17) Rte. 3	6:00 PM
9:00 AM	Riverside T (Exit 22)	5:30 PM

All times are approximate and subject to change

Price \$90 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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**Saturday - November 7, 2015 Price \$90 P/P**

### MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Prime Rib
- ☐ Chicken
- ☐ Fish



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## KRINGLE CANDLE AND OCEAN GRILL

**Saturday - November 21, 2015**

Please join us as we travel west to enjoy a delicious buffet at the **OCEAN GRILL AND STEAKHOUSE**, in Greenfield, MA. Then to **KRINGLE CANDLE** in Bernardston where you will have time to shop in a 3 story Flagship store, visit the White Chocolate Cottage and the Christmas Barn. There is an elevator and ramps are available.

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Ocean Grill and Steakhouse
- Kringle Candle

### TIMETABLE

8:00 AM	Wellington T (Rte. 16)	7:30 PM
8:30 AM	Braintree T (Ex 117 Rte. 3)	7:00 PM
9:00 AM	Riverside T (Exit 22)	6:30 PM

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Price \$72 P/P



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## COLONIAL CHRISTMAS & FESTIVAL OF TREES

**Saturday – December 5, 2015**

A visit to two church fairs in Dedham with great shopping and items to choose from - food, jewelry, white elephant tables, and used books. Come for the great bargains and handcrafted gifts. A delicious lunch will await us at **The Colonial Inn** in Concord, MA with the ambience of another era past during the Christmas season. Then it gets topped off with a visit to **The Festival of Trees** in Methuen, MA. Hundreds of trees to view and you could win one if you get one of those raffle tickets.

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Two church fairs, Dedham, MA
- The Colonial Inn, Concord, MA
- Festival of Trees, Methuen, MA

### MEAL CHOICES:

- Chicken Piccata
- Yankee Pot Roast

### TIMETABLE

8:30 a.m.	Wellington T (Medford - Rte 16)	5:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Riverside T (Exit 22 –Rte 128/95)	4:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Braintree T (Exit 17- Rte 3)	5:00 p.m.

All times are approximate and subject to change

Return Trip will be Riverside first stop –  
 Braintree second – Wellington last stop

Price \$86 P/P



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## COLONIAL CHRISTMAS & FESTIVAL OF TREES

**Saturday – December 5, 2015 Price \$86 P/P**

### MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Chicken Piccata
- ☐ Yankee Pot Roast



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## CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**Sunday - December 13, 2015**

Please join us as we travel by motor coach to see a wonderful Christmas Time play at the **Regale Theater** in Waltham featuring several dozen yuletide tunes, more than 150 talented performers backed by a full orchestra, a visit to Santa's Workshop, a Victorian Christmas, The Living Nativity, The Teddy Bears' Nutcracker and the Parade of the Wooden Soldiers! After the play, we will go to the Chateau Restaurant for a delicious meal that you selected in advance

### FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Chateau Restaurant
- Regale Music Theater

### MEAL CHOICES:

- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana w/Penne
- Penne Pasta w/Meatball & Sausage

### TIMETABLE

10:00 AM	Wellington T (Rte. 16)	6:00 PM
10:30 AM	Braintree T (Ext 17, Rte. 3)	5:30 PM
11:00 AM	Riverside T (Exit 22)	5:00 PM

All times are approximate and subject to change

Price \$94 P/P



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## CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**Sunday - December 13, 2015 Price \$94 P/P**

### MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana w/Penne
- ☐ Penne Pasta w/Meatball & Sausage



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