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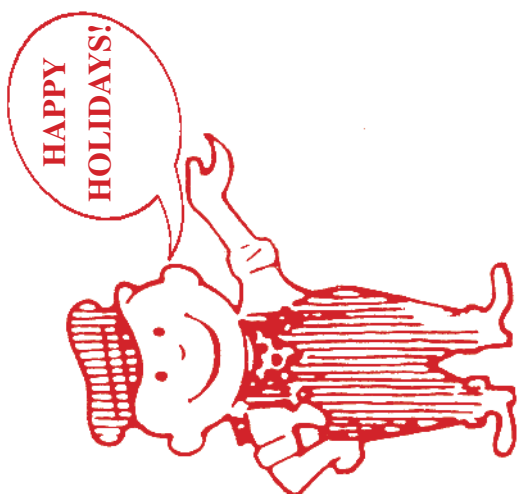
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2013
New England
Railroading
Calendar Contest

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- Nominating Meeting
- Luncheon
- Railroading Calendar Contest

Mount Vernon
Restaurant, Somerville



Saturday
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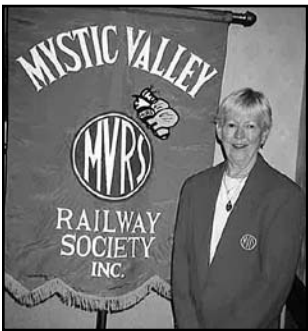




View From the Head End

We welcome SIXTH Treasurer – Ms. Sylvia B. Spinney

As President, it is my pleasure to introduce you to our new treasurer. She comes to us as a valued member with much field experience that she is willing to share for the good of the Society. We look forward to having her serve with us on the Board of Directors. Kudos to Al Avjian for providing 19 years of exemplary service.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR SOCIETY

Two positions are currently presented for your consideration.

WEB-MASTER would involve a member with a sound computer knowledge working from their home to maintain the web page www.mysticvalleys.org. In addition they route messages to various officers that would come via our e-mail address contactus@mysticvalleys.org.

TRIP TEAM MEMBER(s) is in need of an individual or a couple who has an appreciation and knowledge of group travel, destinations throughout the Northeast. This would involve researching a trip from the concept to the hard copy to appear in our WAYBILL. It requires typing or computer skills

and the ability to communicate via phone or written word, coupled with a healthy respect for deadlines. Personal transportation is nice but not essential. You meet 8 times per year in 3-4 hour sessions within Route 128 at locations and times decided by the group. If you enjoy a challenging activity that involves much armchair travel then this may be something for you to consider for all members to produce 2 or more trips per quarter.

To indicate your interest, please request a volunteer form by mail or visit our website www.mysticvalleys.org for details and respond via E-Mail contactus@mysticvalleys.org. You must include your membership number when submitting your details.

Winter Calendar

By Larry Beach

Massachusetts Shows and events

December 3, 2011 (Sat) Dollars for Scholars Train Show. Winooski High School, Rt. 89, exit 16, Winooski, VT. 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Info. John Malcovsky, 802-655-2555.

December 3 - 4, 2011 (Saturday and Sunday) - Marlborough, MA New England Model Train Expo, hosted by the Hub Division of the National Model Railroad Association - Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center Marlboro Ma. Operating Layouts - All Scales, over 220 Dealer Tables. Free Parking, Food Service, and Door Prizes. For information call 339 788-0967 or 508 528-8587 email showmanager@hubdiv.org

December 10, 2011 Boston Metro Hi-Railers Open House. 5 Waltham St., Wilmington, MA 10:00 am-4:00 pm. See our new location, O gauge layout and talk with members. Info 781-662-8494 or www.bmhrc.com

Dec 17-18, 2011 (Sat-Sun) (Sat-Sun) HUB Modular Railroad display at the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington.

January 8, 2011 Classic Shows LLC Model Railroad Show, Trumbull Marriott, Trumbull, CT. 9:00 am-2:00 pm. 180 Hawley Lane. Info. Lud Spinelli 203-926-1327. www.classicshowsllc.com

January 14, 2012 (Sat) Wenham Museum's Train Show. Buker School, Wenham, MA 10:00 am-4:00 pm (January 15, 2012 (Sun) Snow Date) The Depot Snack Bar serves lunch and snack items as well. More than 100 dealer tables. Rt. 128 to Rt. 1A north to Wenham. Info 978-468-2377.

January 28 & 29, 2012 (Sat and Sun) Eastern States Exposition 1305 Memorial Avenue West Springfield, Ma 01089. Features: more than 35 operating layouts, G.O.S.H.O.N & Z scale, Manufacturers, displays, model dealers, booksellers, railroadians, clinics, live steam, historical societies and railroad industry representatives, "hands on" model railroad clinics both days, Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 10 am - 5 pm, Daily Admission \$10.00, Children 15 and under FREE when accompanied by an adult. www.AmherstRail.org

February 12, 2011 Classic Shows LLC Model Railroad Show. Stillwood Inn, Wallingford, CT. 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Rt. 95 to Rt. 91 in New Haven, exit 13, turn right. Info. Lud Spinelli, 203-926-1327, www.classicshows.com

March 11, 2012 (Sunday) Wrentham, Massachusetts – New England Train Collectors Association Toy Train Show 10 AM to 1 PM at LAKE PEARL LUCIANO'S, 299 CREEK STREET, WRENTHAM, MA. Lionel, American Flyer, Marx and much more. Admission \$5, Children under 12, with adult, free. Contact: Dennis Ingalls, 508-285-3963, dingalls@comcast.net

Out of State Shows and Events
November 19, 2011-January 16, 2012 New York, New York Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. The holiday season is full of family traditions, and the Holiday Train Show is one of the most eagerly awaited. Wrapped in the glow of twinkling lights, model trains and trolleys zip along over bridges and on winding tracks past scaled replicas of New York landmarks made by award-winning designer Paul Busse. Orange slices, cinnamon sticks, poppy pods, pine cones, and other plant parts are used to create the more than 140 architectural reproductions in the Garden's collection.

Highlights:
Stars of the show: Steam engines and streetcars, whimsical ladybugs and modern freight trains traverse under waterfalls, around mountains, and through tunnels.

Annual favorites: Empire State Building, Little Red Lighthouse, Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, and more return to thrill visitors of all ages.

This year visitors will get an insider's look at how the replicas are constructed. Models in different stages of completion will show how a structure destined for the Holiday Train Show is framed and begins taking shape through the addition of plant material. Photos, interpretive panels, tools, and supplies help tell the story of how the magic comes together.

Trains in the Tonawanda's December 4, 2011 Knights Of Columbus 755 Erie Ave N. Tonawanda, NY 14120 Public Hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Chairman John Gracon 716-649-4390 E-Mail JTrainmaster@aol.com

32nd Annual Utica Show Sunday, January 15, 2012 Union Station, Main Street, Utica, New York Public Hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Chairman Adam Brunet 315-725-2889 E-Mail CNYTTCS@YAHOO.COM

Buffalo Snowball Train Show Sunday, Feb 05, 2012 Hearstone Manor 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY Public Hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Chairman Conrad May 716-681-3369 E-Mail MAYZO925@yahoo.com

From the Vice President/ Membership Chairperson

As we roll into the Winter Season, I thank you all for your support and interest in the trips and activities of your society. This has helped to make this a very good year.

Don't forget the Calendar judging and Nominating on Jan 21, 2012 at Mount Vernon. (SEE page 4).

On the front of the Waybill - on the address label - to the right of your name there is a code. : Many members have expressed concern over the meaning of these codes. The beginning year of the membership is what is used for this code.

In order to receive your 2012 New England RR Calendar the code next to your name must read either of the two codes listed below:

LIFE - means that you are a member for your natural life.

M11 - means that you have joined for the April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012 and will be sent the 2012 New England Railroad Calendar between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

The membership year runs from April 1 – March 31. Any memberships processed after January 1, 2012 will automatically get put into the new membership year coded as M12 and will be eligible for the 2013 calendar. After the first of our fiscal year (April 1st) those members who have not renewed automatically get coded as mail. (This is to remind you that you must renew in order to get membership privileges for the new fiscal year.)

The Calendars are mailed out between Thanksgiving and New Year's by the volunteers of the Society and take approx. 4 – 6 weeks to go through the postal system. The USPS does not forward bulk rate mail.

Calling all shutter bugs – For rules and list of prizes – please see the calendar contest on page 6. This is your chance to see your favorite picture with your name in print. Remember the deadline for the calendar contest is December 15, 2011

Thank you,
Vice President and Membership Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Mystic Valley year runs from April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012



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). \$6.00

2. Family Membership

Price of regular membership for 1 member plus \$2.00 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)... \$100.00

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 memberships as stated above and not necessarily presented at time of joining (while supplies last).

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



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please include telephone number (with area code) _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Got a Question:

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

_____ NEW	_____ RENEWAL
_____ Regular Membership	\$ _____
_____ at \$6.00 per person	
_____ at \$2.00 per additional person	\$ _____
_____ to the price of the regular	
_____ Membership	
_____ Life Membership	\$ _____
_____ at \$100 per person	

Tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

If you join more than once in the membership year, it will be considered a donation. Thank you for including a self-addressed stamped envelope. Cards will be mailed to you in 5-6 weeks. There will be a \$20 service charge for returned checks.



All Aboard!

NEW ORLEANS EXPRESS



February 25, 2012-
March 4, 2012

Over 3,200 miles via Amtrak

ALL ABOARD for a Southern experience as we depart from South Station, Boston, MA with convenient boarding stations en route. We will travel Amtrak's "CRESCENT", train #19, to the "BIG EASY", where everything is slower, simpler and easy-going! There's no other city in the world like New Orleans! Join us on this wonderful adventure and be captured by this great city's mystique! This trip is what memories are made of! Stroll to the **River Walk, French Market** and walk along the banks of the "Mighty Mississippi"! The "Quarter" is at your door step, right outside your fabulous hotel!

FEATURES:

- Take a class at the "New Orleans School of Cooking"
- Visit the "Aquarium of the Americas"
- "Mardi Gras World"
- Ride on the steam boat "Natchez"
- Visit a Plantation
- Have lunch at the famous "Court of Two Sisters"
- Take the ferry boat to Algiers
- Ride the famous street cars of New Orleans
- ...and MUCH MORE



Most Meals, Lodging, Rail Transportation and transfers are included.
(subject to change)

FARES:
Start at \$1600 per person
double occupancy, COMPLETE

For a complete day-to-day itinerary & order form, please send a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to **NEW ORLEANS EXPRESS, C/O MVRS, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009.**

Cherry Blossom Special to Washington D.C.



Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15, 2012

ALL ABOARD for our 38th edition of this annual visit to our Nation's Capitol with the unique opportunity to view the Japanese Cherry Blossoms on the banks of the Potomac River. Enjoy a comprehensive tour of our Nation's Capitol.

FEATURES:

Comfortable reclining seat coach accommodations aboard Amtrak's Regional Rail Service. Convenient mid-morning departures with evening arrivals scheduled for either end of this popular adventure.

- Six Complete Meals
- 2-Nights Arlington Court Suites Hotel
- Comfortable Motor Coach Travel in DC Area
- Cherry Blossom Stroll - nature permitting
- Visit Jefferson Memorial & Potomac Basin
- Newseum - "Where News Comes To Life"
- Smithsonian National Postal Museum
- Lincoln, Korea & Viet Nam War Memorials
- Sunday Brunch at Phillips on the Harbor
- Shop & explore the halls of Union Station
- Whitehouse Visitor's Center
- U. S. Air Force Memorial
- Plus many fascinating points of interest
Subject to change

FARES:

\$525 Adult - double occupancy
\$275 Child under 12 - sharing room with 2 adults
\$150 Single Occupancy Supplement



TIMETABLE

Friday	South Station Back Bay Rte 128 RR (exit 13) Providence, RI New London, CT New Haven, CT New Carrollton, MD Washington, DC (subject to change)	Sunday 9:15 p.m. 9:09 p.m. 8:57 p.m. 8:22 p.m. 7:26 p.m. 6:33 p.m. *:* 1:05 p.m.
9:35 a.m.		
9:40 a.m.		
9:50 a.m.		
10:15 a.m.		
11:17 a.m.		
12:03 p.m.		
5:11 p.m.		
*:** p.m.		



RESERVE EARLY

Send your letter of request indicating full names of all members in your party along with boarding station and your non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person to reserve your space(s) for this memorable adventure. Sponsored by the Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc. P.O. BOX 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009. Balance due no later than 2/25/2012

Long Island Rich and Famous

Sunday, April 22 - Wednesday, April 25, 2012
(4 days, 3 nights)



4/22		4/25
8:00 a.m.	Braintree T (ex. 17, Rte. 3)	9:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m.	Wellington T (Rte. 16)	8:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.	Riverside T (ex. 22)	8:00 p.m.

(Times subject to change)

Come explore beautiful Long Island, rich in history and culture... famous for magnificent mansions by the water and resident celebrities. Visit central Long Island, Montauk at Land's End as well as the North and South Forks with its wineries and famous sites. Travel by motor coach, ferry and the Long Island Railroad. Enjoy fine dining and enjoy the company as well as ocean views and much more.

FEATURES:

- Round trip, comfortable motor coach
- Cross Sound Ferry
- Hyatt Place East End, Riverside
- Long Island Railroad ride
- Hamptons, Southampton, Sag Harbor
- Montauk Lighthouse
- Vanderbilt Mansion & Museum
- Dolan DNA Learning Center
- Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
- Guide to the Hamptons
- Atlantis Marine World Aquarium
- Winery visit
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

Fares: \$535 per person
\$165 single supplement

RESERVE EARLY!



To reserve your space(s), send your letter of request indicating full names of everyone in your party, along with boarding station and non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person, payable to MVRS Long Island, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009. Balance due March 31, 2012. Thank you.

Syracuse and the Erie Canal

Friday June 1 to
Monday June 4, 2012



Syracuse: a city worth its salt! Hiawatha chose the site as capital of the Iroquois Confederacy in 1570 because of its brine springs. A mid-17th century French Jesuit fort lasted only two years. After the founding of modern Syracuse in 1805, the city supplied the bulk of the nation's salt for many years. The canal system was fundamental to the city's growth, then as diversified manufacturing gradually replaced salt production the city became the "Crossroads of New York State."

FEATURES:

- 700 miles on Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Syracuse NY
- Comfortable motor coach travel in upstate New York
- Dinner cruise on the Erie Canal
- Sim's historic Canal Store
- The restored 1844 Nine Mile Creek aqueduct
- Steam engine from the L.C. Smith Typewriter Co. of Syracuse
- The Salt Museum
- Sainte Marie of the Iroquois
- ... plus lots more

Fare: \$550 per person double occupancy, \$100 single supplement.

A complete day-to-day itinerary for Syracuse and the Erie Canal, including fare details, will be available January 1, 2012. To receive a copy, please send a #10 self-addressed envelope to MVRS Syracuse, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136-0009. Sponsored by the Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc.





Book Review

In Between the Rails, Charles F. Mori, iUniverse, 1663 Liberty Drive Bloomington, Indiana 47403. www.iuniverse.com 800-288-4677. 6" x 9" soft cover with 356 pages; \$20.95

Given the complexities of our current economy, this work should be a required read for those at the crossroads of life. The student contemplating a college-based career vs. a life in the trades and services or those confronted with a mid-life career change, desiring to follow their calling for a life on the "High Iron".

This closely follows three men through their life-altering challenges in the railroad industry. The novice is exposed to the language of the trade for the pages are peppered with railroad jargon that serves to add a dash of reality to the written word.

The reader is confronted with the personal stresses that are placed on individuals as they attempt to stay on track to seek a storied existence on the rails of America. The effects of these emotions balanced with the demands of daily routine present to the reader three well-developed characters with whom they could easily identify.

As you follow these individuals through their routines, the message is quite clear that it takes an emotionally sound individual to keep the demands of everyday life in check with a demanding career in the field of transportation. This is one of those books that some would enjoy reading more than once to see how and when a character's life was first confronted head-on by the demands of a most demanding career.

Special Events

By Sally Avjian

Nominating Meeting, Buffet Lunch & Calendar Judging

Saturday, January 21, 2012

MOUNT VERNON RESTAURANT

14 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145 Phone 617-666-4805



10:00 am Nominating Meeting (members only)
12:00 pm Buffet Lunch - \$25.00/per person
1:00 pm Calendar Judging for 2013 MVRS Calendar

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

From the South:

Take I93 North – To Exit 28 toward MA 99 – Sullivan Sq./Somerville
Turn Left at Cambridge St./MA38N
Take Right at Myrtle St.
Take 1st Left onto Pearl St.
Take 1st Right onto Franklin St.
Turn Right onto Broadway

From the North:

I93 South to Exit 28 Sullivan Sq./Charlestown
Go straight
Take Exit toward Mystic Ave/Broadway
Turn Right at A. Alfred Lombardie St.
Take 1st Left onto Broadway

Parking in Rear of Restaurant on both sides of street.

Via Subway:

This will be Sullivan Sq. stop on the Orange Line via Subway

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MVRS Buffet Luncheon

Saturday, January 21, 2012 Cost: \$25.00 P/P

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 self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you! Sorry...NO REFUNDS!



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Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please include your telephone Number (with area code) _____

MEMBER-O-GRAM

By Fannie Chung



Oops! Tempus fugit! Holidays are coming. And so is Winter. An early nor'easter surprised us New Englanders a couple of days before Halloween.

We have lots of news and gossip (the spice of life). Thank you all who wrote.

From **Alice C. Bray to President Russ Rylko**, "On behalf of Troop #1 West Roxbury Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, their families, and the Troop Committee, I thank you, Tracey, and Maryann very much for your time and effort in exhibiting your trains at our 34th Annual Pancake Breakfast on May 15, 2011. Your display, along with John and Joanne Sweeney's made the breakfast time an enjoyable experience for all – children as well as the adults!" You're very welcome, Alice.

John T. Bartlett of CT writes, "I have enjoyed being a member of your organization for many years. I have especially enjoyed your calendars. You have answered many questions that I have sent to Ask the Bee in past years.....I am sorry to see Ask the Bee discontinued." Please note that Ask the Bee column will be returning to the Waybill in the near future.

From **Franny and Carol Emmett** of East Boston, MA, "Frannie and I really enjoyed the Cape Cod Jazz Cruise. The Jazz band was excellent. We had the greatest meal at Bailey's Surf 'n Turf. Everything was perfect." Thanks for the photos you sent me, Carol. You are indeed a good friend.

Audrey Chaney of Dorchester, MA addresses the Staff and Members of Mystic Valley, "I want to thank you for an enjoyable time of the July 9, MV Mt. Sunapee II Tour. It was educational and the food was delicious. We expect to join you again."

Former Directors **Jack and Carolyn Lull** of Waltham, MA were pleasantly surprised in October when entering a restaurant for what they thought was a lunch with a few friends found 50 people present including the Mayor of Waltham who presented them with a Proclamation from the City for their volunteering countless hours for the seniors. "We were overwhelmed. It was a very touching moment." says Carolyn.

Former Director **Arthur Dear** - wife **Dottie Dear** is MVR's Corresponding Secretary and Editor of the Waybill – is home after a lengthy stay in the Hospital and Rehab. He was heard to say, "I'm free!"

Former Director **Papa Joe Caroto** took a Humpty-Dumpty fall and is recuperating and building 6' model planes. Joe sent us a newspaper article from the local Norwood newspaper about a simulated train crash near the Norwood Depot, conducted in collaboration by the town and the MBTA with local police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services officials (EMS), all working together to save the day. Previous mock crash sites included Bowdoin and Alewife Stations. They hope that these actions will never be necessary but they are ready.

As you see, our retired directors don't fade away. They keep in touch.

Congratulations are in order for MVR's Director Jerry J. Gerjets on his return to work at Home Depot in Rockland, MA on September 6, 2011. He was welcomed back by all his associates and friends at the store. Mr. Home Depot got right into the swing of things and never missed a beat! **WAY TO GO, JERRY!**

Thank you, **Paul Wajdakowski** of Hyde Park, MA for sending three Scenes from Yesterday postcards of the Quincy, MA area from the Collection of City Historian Tom Galvin.

THANKS to Bruce Harrington of Newfane, VT for train photos of New England Railroad at Brattleboro, VT; to **Audrey Berardino** of Everett, MA for her photos of the October Foliage on the Andirondacks weekend trip; to **William Atwater** of Providence, RI for his photos of the MVR's Annual Business Meeting in May.

WELCOME HOME JOHN TOBIN OF ARLINGTON, MA from your year long sojourn at Rehab. Hope to see you on a trip soon!

GET WELL DAVE! Special get well wishes are in order for Dave Smith, "The Aged Gouda" at Smith's Country Cheese, Winchendon, MA, from your friends at the Mystic Valley Railway Society, Hyde Park, MA! Sorry to hear about your recent accident, we missed seeing you and how you always step on our bus to greet us and give your little talk. Hope to see you soon!

Wishing you all wonderful Holidays from MVR's!

IN MEMORIAM:

Good member **Robert A. Buck** at 82. Proprietor of Tucker's Hobbies in Warren, MA, located close to his beloved former Boston & Albany Railroad. He was also the cornerstone of the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show.

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.

WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION

Saturday, December 10, 2011

A short jaunt to Central Massachusetts. Work up an appetite while browsing the Christmas Barn's wide selection of ornaments, then enjoy lunch at historic Sturbridge's Publick House. A guided tour of the 1826 Asa Waters Mansion will reveal its elegance and highlight beautiful seasonal decorations. Complete the day with a talk about sweet treats at the Hebert Candy Mansion



FEATURES

- Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn, Spencer, MA
- Lunch at the Public House Historic Inn, Sturbridge, MA
Lunch Choices: Pot Roast, Broiled Scrod
- Asa Waters Mansion, Millbury, MA
- Hebert's Candy Mansion, Shrewsbury, MA

TIMETABLE

8:30 a.m. Wellington T (Rte. 16) 5:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Braintree T (ex. 17 Rte. 3) 5:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. Riverside T (ex. 22) 4:30 p.m.
(subject to change)

Fare: \$61 P/P

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Sunday, December 11, 2011



Here we go a caroling with lads and lasses to enjoy the thrill of Holiday Music performed live by the renowned Parkway Concert Orchestra. Come with your seasonal attire to partake in the sights and sounds of a most enjoyable afternoon, for that's the way the old year passes.



TIMETABLE

11:30 a.m. Braintree T (exit 17 Rte 3) 6:30 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Wellington T (Rte 16) 6:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. Riverside T (exit 22) 5:30 p.m.
(subject to change)

FEATURES

- Round-Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Buffet luncheon at Old Country Buffet
- An afternoon of Holiday favorites performed at a picturesque New England Church
- Experience the "good vibes" of live music
- Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival" & "Sleigh Ride"
- Holiday Basket Raffle to benefit orchestra

Fare: \$42 P/P

Old English Festival

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Journey with us to Springfield, MA as we bring closure to the Holiday Season with a Boar's Head Festival rooted in 13th century England. The magnificent presentation is accompanied by a costumed cast, jesters, live animals and a varied musical score presented in a manner befitting the arrival of Good King Wenceslas and the Yule Log. After the performance, attend the cast party with refreshments.



FEATURES

- Round trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Luncheon at Hometown Buffet
- Reserved seating at Boar's Head Festival
- Post performance cast party with refreshments
- Multiple photographic opportunities

TIMETABLE

9:30 a.m. Braintree T (exit 17 Rte 3) 9:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Wellington T (Rte 16) 8:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Riverside T (exit 22) 8:00 p.m.
11:15 a.m. Worcester Mass/Pike 10-A 7:15 p.m.
(subject to change)

Fare: \$65 P/P

MONADNOCK SLEIGHRIDE

Saturday, February 4, 2012

"Oh what fun it is to ride" with the jingling bells and the pounding hooves of mighty steeds moving a sleigh of happy revelers through the woods of Jaffrey, NH, at Silver Ranch. A quintessential New England winter experience can be yours accompanied by a hearty beef stew luncheon at the village church.



FEATURES

- Country sleigh ride - snow permitting
- Explore the village of Jaffrey, NH
- Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Hearty beef stew luncheon is provided
- Multiple photographic opportunities

TIMETABLE

9:00 a.m. Braintree T (exit 17 Rte 3) 5:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. Wellington T (Rte 16) 4:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Riverside T (exit 22) 4:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. Worcester Mass/Pike 10-A 3:15 p.m.
(subject to change)

Fare: \$52 P/P

In Search of Eagles

Sunday, February 19, 2012

After lunch en-route, spend 2 1/2 hours on the Valley Railroad's Eagle Flyer, learning from on-board naturalists about the bald eagles that spend their winter months in the Connecticut River Valley. The train will travel round-trip Essex - East Haddam. This trip is designed for train enthusiasts, naturalists, and everyone who wants to get out and enjoy New England's seasonal sights



FEATURES

- Round-trip comfortable motor coach
- Eagle Flyer train, Valley Railroad, Essex, CT
- HomeTown Buffet, Manchester, CT

TIMETABLE

8:00am Wellington T (Rte. 16) 8:00pm
8:30am Braintree T (exit 17, Rte. 3) 7:30pm
9:00am Riverside T (exit 22) 7:00pm
(subject to change)

Fare: \$67 p/p

Theatre & Brunch

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Sing out "If I were a Rich man?" as you enjoy a matinee performance, of **Fiddler on the Roof** at the comfortable **Theatre at the Mount** in Gardner. Prior to the performance, we will have a festive Sunday Brunch complete with sticky buns at the Old Mill in Westminster, MA with time to visit the Country Store.



FEATURES

- Round-Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Sunday Brunch at the Old Mill
- Shop the Country Store under the bridge
- Performance of Fiddler on the Roof
- Comfortable seating at Theatre at the Mount

TIMETABLE

9:00 a.m. Braintree T (exit 17 Rte 3) 7:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. Wellington T (Rte 16) 6:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Riverside T (exit 22) 6:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. Worcester Mass/Pike 10-A 5:15 p.m.
(subject to change)

Fare: \$66 P/P

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WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

Christmas at Mansion

Saturday, December 10, 2011 • Cost: \$61 pp
Choice: Pot Roast
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Sounds of the Season

Sunday, December 11, 2011 • Cost \$42 pp
Buffet Luncheon

Old English Festival

Saturday, January 14, 2012 • Cost \$65 pp
Buffet Luncheon

Monadnock Sleigh

Saturday, February 4, 2012 • Cost \$52 pp
Hearty Beef Stew Luncheon

In Search of Eagles

Sunday, February 19, 2012 • Cost: \$67 pp
Buffet Luncheon

Theatre and Brunch

Sunday, March 4, 2012 • Cost \$66 pp



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Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



New Haven Passenger Train waits at Columbia Jct. at Willimantic, CT.



Conn. Eastern RR Museum member Bob Hassett does some night repairs on Steam #10.



Norfolk Southern covered hopper train at South Fork, PA



Amtrak's Southbound exits Breakneck Ridge Tunnel near Cold Spring, NY.



Boston & Maine - Train 3106 crosses trestle Lancaster Mill Pond at Clinton, MA
William Higginbotham photo



New York Central passes beneath 183rd St. Station at New York City.
William Higginbotham photo

Calling all Members!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACTIVITY??

NEW FRIENDS • TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES • REWARDING EXPERIENCES
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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. c/o Dorothy Dear, Corresponding Secretary, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009 or visit our Website 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...

Steam ~ Diesel ~ Electric ~ Modern ~ Vintage



2013 Railroad Calendar Contest



34rd Edition - Cash Prizes!

CONTEST RULES:

1. All images must be taken within the six New England states
2. All entries MUST be in landscape (horizontal) format. They can be either:
 - a. 35mm color transparencies
 - b. Digital format. The minimum number of pixels for calendar printing is 3000 x 2000, which requires camera with a resolution of at least 6 Megapixels. Set your camera to the highest resolution (number of pixels) and least compression (largest file size). Submit files unaltered (as delivered by your camera) on a CD-R.
3. Reproduced (duplicate) 35mm slides are not acceptable.
4. Images should not contain recognizable people unless prior written permission is obtained.
5. Each participant must be a member of good standing.
6. Each participant may submit no more than 10 images.
7. Participants are not allowed to re-submit digital pictures that were winners in past calendar contests.
8. All entries must be on an official entry blank or copy, and include a description of each image.
9. Participants are strongly encouraged to submit photo captions in digital form, for example Microsoft Word or Text Format
10. Digital photo files must be clearly numbered so that photos and photo captions can be easily matched.
11. All entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form or copy.
12. Contest deadline: Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight December 15, 2011.
13. Final judging will be determined by the Board of Directors.
14. Winning entries become the property of the Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc.
15. Non-winning entries will be returned June, 2012, but only if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope or package.
16. Prizes: Covers (front and back): \$125 each; months: \$75 each.
17. MVRs cannot be responsible for loss or damage to items sent through the mail.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

MYSTIC VALLEY RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC, 2013 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Membership# _____

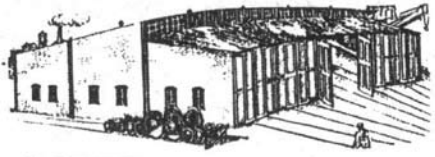
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Descriptions(s) must be supplied for each entry. More details may be attached. NO MORE THAN 10 entries may be submitted per person.

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Mail entry to: MVRs Calendar Contest, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009
ENTRY DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 15, 2011 - See Rules.

The Roundhouse



In the last 12 months or so 15 lengths of rail, a bumper, a frog, a 100 year old derail, some ties, a base for a complete signal arm and other assorted parts were stolen from the Providence & Worcester Railfan Club & Museum. (Milepost 55)

Last summer 60 faculty and staff from Hebron Academy, a 250-student prep school in Hebron, ME, journeyed to Sheepscoot Station to enjoy a day of narrow gauge railroading and an introduction to early 20th century life in the Sheepscoot Valley. Activities included train rides, handcar rides, and shop tours. (Wiscasset, Waterville, & Farmington Railway Museum)

A caboose and boxcar belonging to the Western New York Railroad Historical Society were at the Erie County Fair in Hamburg, NY. (Railway Flyer)

In July the Amtrak Downeaster collided with a trash hauling tractor trailer truck killing the truck driver and injuring 6 people. This is the first fatal accident in the 10 year history of the Downeaster. (Portland Press Herald)

In August the Williamsville Depot in Williamsville, NY hosted its first antique car show. The show featured 25 cars, several dating to before World War II. (Railway Flyer)

The Alco Historical & Technical Society has announced the establishment of the American Locomotive Company Heritage Museum located in Schenectady, NY. The museum will contain not only diesel and steam locomotives, but will also contain World War II and Korean War era tanks and other Schenectady built products. (The 470)

The Shore Line Electric Railway in Branford, CT was damaged by floodwaters during Hurricane Irene in August. The flooding washed away a large portion of track and damaged over 90 pieces of equipment. (Steel Wheels)

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) today reported mixed results for weekly rail traffic, with U.S. railroads originating 301,864 carloads for the week ending Oct. 22, 2011, down 0.5 percent compared with the same week last year. Intermodal volume for the week totaled 245,404 trailers and containers, up 4.2 percent compared with the same week last year. (AAR)

For the first time in 25 years the U.S. Army will again operate troop trains. The last troop train had operated in Berlin. (The Progress-Index)

Norfolk Southern Corporation reported on October 26 record third-quarter net income of \$554 million, 24 percent higher compared with \$445 million for the same period of 2010. (Norfolk Southern Corporation)

In August flooding associated with Tropical Storm Irene devastated 14 miles of the Port Jervis Line. Resumption of full service on the Port Jervis Line has been expedited by an entire month, with

By Leonard Henkin

through trains now set to begin on November 28. (MTA)

On October 22 the general public for the first time had the opportunity to tour Buffalo Central Terminal's icon tower. (www.BuffaloCentralTerminal.org)

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Amtrak is offering exclusive HO scale model trains in Heritage paint schemes. This first-time offering includes 15 limited-run models only available aboard the Amtrak Exhibit Train or online at the Amtrak Store. (Amtrak)

CSX Corporation announced on October 18 third quarter net earnings of \$464 million, or \$0.43 per share, versus \$414 million, or \$0.36 per share, in the same period last year. This is a 19 percent improvement in earnings per share and a record third quarter for the company. (CSX)

The renovated Amtrak, Wilmington, DE, Train Station was recently recognized for its design excellence at the 2011 Brunel Awards International Railway Design Competition. It was selected from a pool of more than 150 entries submitted from 14 countries. (Amtrak)

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood recently announced \$48.3 million for North Carolina and Virginia to advance the development of the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor, which will link Raleigh, NC, to Washington, DC via Richmond, VA. (USDOT)

NJ Transit is deploying AquaTrack, a high-pressure power-washing system, to prevent train delays associated with slippery rail conditions. (NJ Transit)

Amtrak plans to lease 100 miles of CSX track between Poughkeepsie, NY and Schenectady, NY. (<http://www.railpace.com/hotnews/>)

Amtrak carried nearly 30.2 million passengers in Fiscal Year 2011 ending September 30, marking the highest ridership total since the National Railroad Passenger Corporation started operations in 1971 and the eighth ridership record during the last nine years. (Amtrak)

Enhanced passenger rail service between Chicago and Detroit will become a reality after the Michigan legislature approved \$39 million in state match money to unlock \$161 million in federal grants won by Michigan. (Environmental Law & Policy Center)

In the 1950's John Lang occupied a home-on-wheels, a self-propelled gas-electric interurban railcar on a spur owned by the B & M Railroad, located in Concord, MA. (Concord Journal)

SilverRail Technologies is building a single online shopping and booking platform for railway travel. Think of SilverRail as the Expedia of train travel. (Northeastern Magazine)

The MBTA's orange and red lines need \$100 million in upgrades just to keep operating. Replacements remain a decade or more away. (Boston Globe)

Lines from Ireland

By James Scannell

Since last September Irish police in Co. Roscommon and Co. Sligo have been looking for thieves who stole 7 sets of grade crossing steel barriers during the night of Saturday / Sunday 26 / 27 August. The gates were noticed missing early on the Sunday morning and immediately Irish Rail sent out workers to secure the unprotected openings until replacement barriers could be installed. Irish Rail believe that thieves needed a trailer to haul away the barrier gates due to their size and that it was a carefully planned operation. The company believes that the thieves either stole the gates for their own use, to sell on to others or to dispose of as scrap metal.

• Seniors permanently residing in the Republic of Ireland are entitled to free travel on the national bus and rail network when they reach 66 and are issued with an official travel pass by the Department of Social Protection. But Irish Rail estimates that it's losing up to \$1.5M annually through pass misuse and of late has launched a massive revenue protection operation to ensure that pass users are who they say they are and are entitled to use these passes. The Revenue Protection Branch of Irish Rail has detected a large number of bogus users and those detected are served with a \$150 on-the-spot fine which can go as high as \$1500 if the case goes to court, with the pass being confiscated as well. Passengers have 21 days to appeal the decision of Revenue Protection

staff. Another practice uncovered is that of paying short fares and travelling long distances, a practice that results in an on-the-spot fine or higher penalties if the case goes to court. In 2010, 9000 on-the-spot fines were issued.

• Irish Rail has indicated that it plans to have WiFi in operation on its InterCity (long distance) DART and diesel commuter trains by the middle of 2012. The company also announced that the Mark IV InterCity fleet of trains which provide the majority of services on the Dublin-to-Cork route have already been fitted out with WiFi. Some 172 of the 188 weekly departures will be WiFi. The decision to install WiFi on the Dublin-Cork fleet followed a successful trial on selected services last year which received very positive feedback from customers.

• During September it was suggested a DART spur off the main line to Dublin Airport from Clongriffin would be far cheaper than the cost of the proposed Metro North, as part of the line would be then built in green field areas which would make it cheaper to construct and cause less disruption. The debate on how to link Dublin Airport with the downtown part of Dublin still continues with various schemes being advanced. Given the limited financial resources which the Irish Government has to fund such a project, it remains to be seen if the scheme will ever get off the drawing board

ELECTION NOTICE

Election of Officers for 2012-2013

Polls open 2:00-3:30p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2012



At IHOP

115 Parking Way, Quincy, MA Tel: 617-770-9414

You may order off the menu at individual settlement.

In case of severe weather please consult the Web Site mysticvalleyrs.org or call MVRS office 617-361-4445 for further information.

Entertainment: Enjoy MVRS Power Point Presentation Program

We will also discuss our trip program.

Directions: Walking from Quincy T-Station/exit on Burgin Parkway, take left, walk 2 blocks, after 2 sets of lights - See **IHOP** on left. If using taxi from Quincy Station, exit on Hancock St.

Absentee Ballot: If you are unable to attend at this convenient location, please request an Absentee Ballot by sending your name, address, telephone number, and membership number c/o Sally M. Avjian, Recording Secretary, MVRS, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009, no later than February 8, 2012 and return postmarked no later than February 16, 2012.

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BALLOT

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Executive VP _____	Directors _____
Recording Secretary _____	

SOUTH STATION CALENDAR SALES

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Friday, December 9, 2011

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

8:00AM to 6:00PM

Mystic Valley Railway Society will be selling 2012 Railroad Calendars this year on the Main Concourse of South Station, Boston, MA. MVRS Board Member Dominic Marcellino is presently in the process of soliciting volunteers and coordinating a schedule to cover the three remaining sessions. Volunteers may contact Dominic at nic1539@comcast.net or telephone at 781-729-1539 to offer their services. Also, volunteers may contact the Mystic Valley Railway Society (24 hour) number at 617-361-4445 to volunteer.



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

Sugaring in VT

Sunday, March 25, 2012

After enjoying the Applesed Restaurant's plentiful brunch buffet cross over the Connecticut River into Vermont, where sugartime offers a welcome reminder that spring is getting ready to burst forth. The many attractions on offer at Quechee Gorge Village include the VT Toy and Train Museum, a glassblowing studio, and the Cabot cheese store, plus a winery and a distilling company.



FEATURES

- Round-trip comfortable motor coach
- Sunday Brunch at Applesed's Restaurant, Bradford, NH
- Kedron Sugar Makers, S. Woodstock, VT
- Quechee Gorge Village

TIMETABLE

8:00am Braintree T (exit 17, Rte. 3)	7:00pm
8:30am Riverside T (exit 22)	6:30pm
9:00am Wellington T (Rte. 16)	6:00pm

(subject to change).

Fare: \$44 P/P

PINEPOINT VIA AMTRAK'S "Downeaster"

Saturday, March 31, 2012

"Come & Join Us" as we travel to the scenic coast of Maine, via Amtrak's "Downeaster". We will sit back and ride the rails to Saco, ME. Lunch will be at the famous Clambake Restaurant, with a visit to the Nestling Duck Gift Shop, Scarborough, ME. After lunch, a quick stop to see "Lenny" the chocolate moose at Len Libby's Candy Shop, Scarborough, ME. Next, will be shopping at the Lighthouse Depot, in Wells, ME, and a photo-op at Nubble Lighthouse, York, ME.



FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach.
- Transportation via Amtrak's "Downeaster" to Saco, ME
- Lunch at the Clambake Restaurant, Scarborough, ME
- Shop till you drop at the Nestling Duck Gift Shop, Scarborough, ME
- A visit to see "Lenny" the chocolate moose at Len Libby's Candy Shops, Scarborough, ME
- Shopping spree at the Lighthouse Depot, Wells, ME
- Photo-op at Nubble Lighthouse, York, ME



TIMETABLE

7:30AM Braintree T Exit 17, Rte. 3	7:00PM
8:00AM Riverside T Exit 22	6:30PM
8:30AM Wellington T Rte. 16	6:00PM
8:45AM Anderson Trans. Ctr.-Woburn	5:45PM

(Subject to Change)



Fare: \$75 P/P

Easter in Connecticut

Sunday, April 8, 2012

Be a part of the Easter parade, as you travel with friends to feast at the Lodge on Wright's Mill Farm in Canterbury, CT. Enjoy a Brunch Buffet with a selection of Beef, Ham or Fish with a full array of seasonal delicacies to please the palate. Delightful music provided by "Adele & Co." for a memorable Holiday experience. Take the work out of your Easter Holiday & make this a family affair!



FEATURES

- Round-Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Traditional Easter Brunch Buffet
- Enjoy the ambiance of "The Lodge" on the farm
- Music pleasure provided by Adele & Co
- Visit Hart's Greenhouse in Brooklyn, CT
- Reserved seating for all participants
- Gratuities and taxes are included

TIMETABLE

9:30 a.m. Braintree T (exit 17 Rte 3)	6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Wellington T (Rte 16)	5:30 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Riverside T (exit 22)	5:00 p.m.
11:30 a.m. Worcester Mass/Pike 10-A	4:15 p.m.

(subject to change)

Fare: \$55 P/P

MILLS OF RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Travel with us to the Ocean State where we will visit the Slater Mill Museum complex in Pawtucket, RI, dedicated to bringing one of the most exciting and significant periods of American history to life. Also on tap will be a visit to Kenyon's Grist Mill, Usquepaugh, RI, where we will enjoy a cooking demonstration featuring a sampling of Rhode Island Johnny Cakes with a full narrated tour of the mill and grinding process. Topping off our day will be a visit to the Railroad Museum of Rhode Island at Kingston Station, W, Kingston, RI, where there is something for everyone to enjoy!



FEATURES

- Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Blackstone Valley Visitor's Center, Pawtucket, RI
- Slater Mill Museum Complex, Pawtucket, RI
- Buffet Lunch Hometown Buffet, W. Warwick, RI
- Kenyon's Grist Mill, Usquepaugh, RI
- Railroad Museum of Rhode Island, W. Kingston, RI

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(Subject to change)



Fare: \$64 P/P

Nantucket Daffodil Days

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Yellow daffodils are the order of the day! Celebrate by joining us on the ferry to beautiful Nantucket for its annual Daffodil Days. Arrive in time for the noon parade of antique cars in their yellow finery. Discover your own favorite restaurant for lunch.



FEATURES

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Round trip Hyannis, Steamship Authority Ferry
- Nantucket Daffodil Days
- 5+ hours to explore Nantucket

TIMETABLE

6:30a.m. Wellington T (Rte. 16)	10:00 p.m.
7:00a.m. Braintree T (ex. 17, Rte. 3)	9:30 p.m.

(times subject to change)

Fare: \$59 P/P

WHITE MOUNTAIN DINER

Sunday, May 6, 2012

Celebrate spring in New England with a trip to the Hobo Railroad, Turkey Train, Lincoln, NH. We will enjoy a fabulous train ride and luncheon as our group is served a full hot turkey dinner, like Grandma used to make at Thanksgiving. A visit to a candy and ice cream lover's dream, Kellerhaus, Laconia, NH, where you can satisfy your sweet tooth and more! A stop at the Lake Winnepesaukee Historical Society and Museum, Laconia, NH, dedicated to preserving the history of the region and the towns that circle its shores.



FEATURES

- Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Full Turkey Dinner and Train Ride Aboard the Hobo Railroad Turkey Train, Lincoln, NH
- Visit to Kellerhaus, Laconia, NH
- A Stop at the Lake Winnepesaukee Historical Society and Museum, Laconia, NH

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(Subject to Change)



Fare: \$71 P/P

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Choice:

- Lobster
- Baked Haddock
- Grilled Chicken

Easter in CT.

Sunday, April 8, 2012 • Cost \$55 pp
Brunch Buffet



MILLS OF RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, April 15, 2012 • Cost: \$64 pp
Luncheon Buffet

Nantucket Daffodil Days

Saturday, April 28, 2012 • Cost: \$59 pp

WHITE MOUNTAIN DINER

Sunday, May 6, 2012 • Cost: \$71 pp
Full Turkey Dinner