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## CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016



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## Amherst Railroad Hobby Show

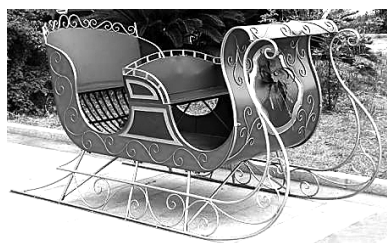
SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2017



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## Dashing Through the Snow

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2017



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## Space and Science

SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2017



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CALLING ALL MEMBERS – WE NEED YOU!

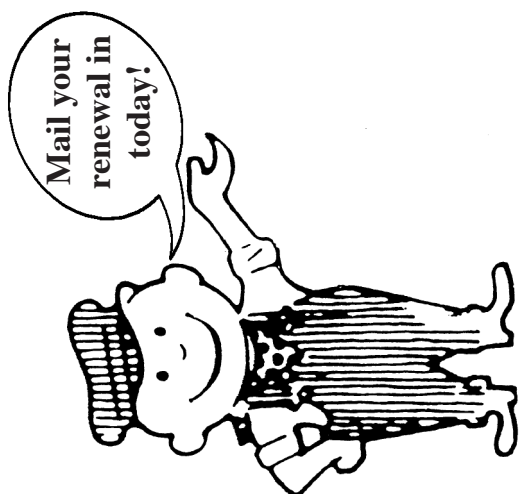
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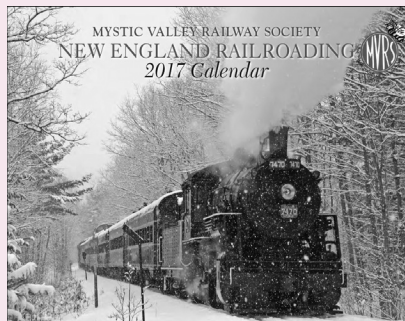
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## NOTICE!

2017 N. E.  
RAILROADING  
CALENDAR



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MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL  
April 1, 2016 –  
March 31, 2017



Keep the Good  
Times Rolling

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## From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

As we head into the Holiday Season I want to say thank you to all for helping keeping the MVRS on track. Any interesting stories or pictures of yourself on the trips you wish to share please send in care

of Member-o-Gram. Remember on Saturday February 4, 2017 is our nominating-meeting at Mt Vernon Restaurant in Somerville MA. This is your chance to nominate your favorite member to run for director or

officer for the upcoming year. This is also the meeting to judge the calendar photos for the 2018 calendar and to sit back and make new friends and memories.

## From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

Happy holidays! MVRS has had a good year. The trip team has offered new trips along with many old favorites and we have gained new passengers. If you have a

favorite place that others may enjoy, please share it with us. We are looking forward to another year – more trips, the Russell Rylko Memorial Grant, and our train shows. Most

of all we are looking forward to providing fun and educational trips. If you would like to join us as a volunteer, we welcome you. We look forward to traveling with you.

## From the Membership Chairperson - Ellie Manning

It's time to renew your membership. On the front of the Waybill – on the address label – to the right of your name there is a code. To receive your 2017 New England RR Calendar, the code next to your name must read either LIFE or M17.

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

**M16** – means that you were a member for the year to April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. It is time to renew.

**M17** – means that you are a member for the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

**MAIL** – means that you have not paid your current membership dues and will be taken off the rolls unless you join again.

**The Membership Year runs from April 1st to March 31st.** Anyone who joins after January 1st will automatically be assigned to the coming membership year. If you join or renew in the month of December, it will depend on the supply of calendars whether you will receive the current edition of the calendar. The calendars are mailed by the volunteers of the Society and take approximately 4-6 weeks

to go through the postal system as bulk rate mail. If you move, please notify us of your address change. Otherwise you will have to purchase the calendar using our boutique form (see page 4). The United States Post Service does not forward bulk rate mail.

The membership fees for the year **April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017** are Regular Membership \$10, Family Membership \$4 per additional person, and Life Membership \$125. We look forward to your continued support.

## How the MVRS Helped Me Discover the New World Roma Hertel – Waybill Editor



In November 1997, while on a short visit preparing for our imminent move to the US, I found a flyer at South Station advertising MVRS trips and a train show. Back in Germany I said to my husband Dirk “Look! There are people there interested in trains!” So, on a snowy Sunday February 8, 1998 we went up to Andover MA by commuter rail for the MVRS Rail-a-Rama, taking the free shuttle service from the station. There we were welcomed by enthusiasts and learned that the group covered many aspects of trains and travel. This was a brilliant opportunity to get out of Boston on weekends and find out where New Englanders go for the day, so we joined the MVRS on the spot.

Our first trip was Springtime in the Berkshires. We saw a sugar house where 4

generations were boiling the sap in a wood-fired sugar house. At that time, you could still scramble down to the glacial potholes at Shelburne Falls, and the rocks were filled with sunbathers enjoying the amazing low 80s temperatures. Soon the MVRS took us to Lancaster County PA, Block Island RI, the Maine coast, Lake Champlain NY, and Mount Washington NH. We learned that MVRS trips were much more than just sightseeing, they were about having a good time in the company of likeminded people.

Russ Rylko, ever on the lookout for new workers, drew both Dirk and myself in. Soon I was making the trip buttons and, at the Rail-a-Rama 2000 at White's of Westport MA, Dirk staged his first model train layout. Shortly afterwards I joined Trip Team, and then we both became directors, undergoing training to become competent tour leaders. What I enjoyed most was planning trips, starting with day trips around New England, then graduating to Amtrak-based two-week trips across to the West Coast. My own experiences of travel-

ling by train helped greatly – in 1999 I had explored Arizona, Colorado and California by means of the train and Thruway buses.

When my professional career picked up with a move into the exciting field of biotechnology, unfortunately that no longer left time for Trip Team so I had to resign. However, when Sally Avjian asked if I would take over as Waybill editor, I jumped to the opportunity, not least because I enjoy working with words. However, The Waybill is not “mine”: it belongs to all MVRS members. Your input is crucial: photos; Member-o-Gram items; reports on MVRS or independent trips; stories and news about railroads big and small; details of railroad-related activities in your community; and whatever you would like to see in The Waybill. So please, let me know what you like (or don't like) about The Waybill, and continue to send in your contributions.

Thank you!

## TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

By popular demand! To publicize a show please mail details to Mystic Valley Railway Society – Attn: Train Show Column, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136 or else email [contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org](mailto:contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org). Publication deadlines: see page 4.

• **Fri. 11-11-16 – Mon. 2-27-17** 10am – 4pm; **Wenham Museum**, 132 Main Street, Wenham MA 01984. Admission: \$10 adult; \$8 child and senior; museum members free. Info: [www.wenhammuseum.org](http://www.wenhammuseum.org)

• **Sat. 12-10-16**, 10am-4pm: **Boston Metro Hi-Railers**, 5 Waltham Street, Wilmington MA 01887. Info: [Robth@comcast.net](mailto:Robth@comcast.net)

• **Sun. 12-11-16**, 9am-1pm: **New England Train Collectors Association Toy Train Show**, Holiday Inn, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough MA. Admission: \$5 adult; free 12 and under (with adult). Info: [DennisIngalls508-285-3963](mailto:DennisIngalls508-285-3963), [dingalls@comcast.net](mailto:dingalls@comcast.net)

• **Sun. 1-8-17**, 9am-2pm: **Classic Shows Train and Toy Show**, Marriott-Trumbull, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull CT. Admission: \$6 adult; free 12 and under (with adult). Info: 203-926-1327, [www.classicshowslc.com](http://www.classicshowslc.com)

• **Sun. 1-15-17** (snow date 1-22-17), 9am-2pm: **Manchester Army & Navy Club Train Show**, 1090 Main St, Manchester CT 06040. Donation: \$5 adult. Info: [http://netca.org/pdf/Army-Navy Show Jan 15 2017.pdf](http://netca.org/pdf/Army-Navy%20Show%20Jan%2015%202017.pdf)

• **Sat. 1-28-17** 9am – 5pm and **Sun. 1-29-17** 10am – 5pm; **Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show**: Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield MA 01089. Daily admission: \$14 adult; free for accompanied children 15 and under. Info: [www.railroadhobbyshow.com](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com)

• **Sun. 2-12-17**, 9am-2pm: **Classic Shows Train and Toy Show**, Zandri's Stillwood Inn, 1074 S Colony Rd (Rte. 5), Wallingford CT. Admission: \$6 adult; free 12 and under (with adult). Info: 203-926-1327, [www.classicshowslc.com](http://www.classicshowslc.com)

## Board of Directors, Positions They Fill April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

**President** - Theresa E. Rylko (Tracey)  
**Vice President** - Jeffrey Costello (Jeff)  
**Treasurer** - Judy Berson-Hoyt  
**Recording Secretary** - Nancy Roney

### Directors:

Lillian Garvey  
Eleanor Manning  
William Manning  
Nancy Martin  
Joseph McDonough  
Marcia Pennington

### Positions They Fill

Roma Hertel - Waybill Editor,  
Button Maker

Dr. Dirk Hertel - Photography/Calendar

Billy Manning - Mailing Chairperson

Ellie Manning -

Membership Chairperson

Sally Avjian & Ellie Manning-

Trip Team (Planning Trips and Social

Event Co-Chairs)

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**

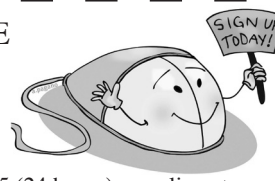
Price of regular membership for one member plus \$4.00 per additional person living in the same house with regular member. All are full members with only one copy of every mailing mailed to the family address.

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 to all current members 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



### Got a Question:

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

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

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

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

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

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

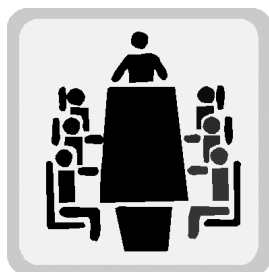
Please include telephone number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# Special Events

## NOMINATING/ PHOTO JUDGING CONTEST



**Saturday February 4, 2017**

**MOUNT VERNON RESTAURANT**

**14 Broadway, Somerville MA 02145 Tel: 617-666-3830**

**10am Nominating Meeting (members only)**

**12pm Buffet Lunch \$25.00 per person**

**1pm Calendar Photo Judging for 2018**

**MVRS Calendar with Dr. Dirk Hertel**

**Travel Directions will be included on your itinerary.**

**May be reached by Sullivan Sq. stop on the Orange Line via Subway.**

**Coupon below:**



**MVRS Buffet Luncheon - \$25 per person**

**Saturday February 4, 2017**



Please make all checks payable to Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc.  
Mail to MVRS, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009  
Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you! Sorry – NO REFUNDS

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please include your telephone Number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERS ONLY – MEMBERS ONLY



**VOTE – VOTE – VOTE**



**in the**

**MVRS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 2017-2018**

**SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2017**

Come and join us at the **Mt. Vernon Restaurant**, 14 Broadway, Somerville MA 02145 (phone 617-666-3830) to support your choices for the MVRS Board of Directors. Your participation helps ensure the society's future growth. Voting will take place from **10am – 12pm** on Saturday March 4, 2017 and is for Members Only – please bring and show your membership card.

Coffee and muffins will be available, along with MVRS Waybill.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT:

If you are unable to attend, please request an Absentee Ballot. Send your name, address, telephone number and membership number no later than Wednesday February 15, 2017 to Nancy Roney, Recording Secretary, MVRS, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136-0009.

### Directions to the Mount Vernon,

• Public transportation: **take Orange Line to Sullivan Square stop.**

• Driving (parking in rear of restaurant and on both sides of the street):

• **From the South** take I-93N to exit 28 toward MA99 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** take I-93S to Exit 28 Sullivan Sq/Charlestown. Go straight then take exit toward Mystic Ave/Broadway. Turn slight right toward Alfred A Lombardi Way. Take 1st left onto Broadway.

## Steam - Diesel - Electric - Modern – Vintage 2018 New England Railroading Calendar Contest

**39th 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, see page 6 of this Waybill (copy accepted) or downloaded from <http://www.mysticvalleys.org>
12. Descriptions (captions) must be supplied for each photo, and, if possible, submitted electronically (Word, PDF, or any other text file format).
13. Digital photo file names must be numbered (1-10) so that photos and captions can be matched.
14. Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight December 15, 2016.
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 PHOTO CONTEST

Electronic form available at [www.mysticvalleys.org](http://www.mysticvalleys.org) (see CONTEST RULES above)

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



### MYSTIC VALLEY RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC., 2018 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

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

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Description(s) must be supplied for each entry.**

**NO MORE THAN 10 entries may be submitted per person.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic form available at [www.mysticvalleys.org](http://www.mysticvalleys.org) (see CONTEST RULES above)

**Mail entry to:**

**MVRS Calendar Contest, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT, Dec. 15, 2016. See rules.**





# MEMBER-O-GRAM



Mary Lynch having fun with the player piano in Bennington VT. All had a wonderful day. The Apple Barn apple pie was worth the trip. The tour of the apple orchard with a step-on guide was just breathtaking.



Nancy Roney just got back from Lourdes, France, where she took and snapped this adorable train ride which went around to all the tourist spots.

Our best wishes to **Marjorie Colwell** on her recent surgery. Her husband **Peter Colwell** who entertains us on trips with his songs and jokes will take good care of Marjorie while she is recuperating.

## In Memoriam



Milt Schwartzberg died in his sleep on Saturday November 5, 2016. Though unknown to most members, he helped form the solid foundation on which the MVRS stands. His first link with the MVRS was purely professional, when he began acting as the society's attorney in 1983. However, something must have rubbed off. He joined as a Regular member in 2001, then four years later became a Life Member. Our condolences go to his widow, Sharan, and to his entire family.

## 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."

## 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

Please send a separate check and SASE for each trip. 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.

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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  
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!**

## Tracks We Have Crossed

### Lucky in Right Time in The Towers at Narragansett

By Kathleen Malloy of Brookline

Early morning on May 30, 2015, I joined a Mystic Valley Railway Society group. I saw a large brick "Narragansett" welcome sign. We arrived in Rhode Island for The Towers at Narragansett. This building has old gray stones and around two-foot thick walls. It had a little tunnel. Some ivy leaves covered it. I saw a steel or iron "Rhode Island" anchor with 1885 on a stone wall. This building had a small dome on the roof and shingles made of wood. It was constructed between 1883 and 1886.

In the old times, this area had boating, billiards, bowling, cards, shooting, tennis, and other sports. Further diversions included restaurants, stores, reading rooms, theater, a bandstand, and a ballroom. They had many different hotels.

We toured inside the building which had a fireplace and a lot of old pictures on the walls. I saw a beautiful picture of the steam locomotive that pulled many passengers to Narragansett. Also, I saw train timetables on the wall. I was surprised to see pictures on the wall of Mount Hope Hotel, and some other hotels and cottages. Other pictures were of the old beach.

Also, I climbed up three floors. The third floor had high ceiling. We went to an exterior balcony. There was a beautiful view from the south to the north. The shore had a lot of huge and small stones.

We had a good dinner at the Coast Guard

House Restaurant across the street from The Towers at Narragansett. I ate garden salad, potato hash, and a large piece of salmon – very filling. The building was beautiful stone and wood. I saw an anchor stone on the exterior wall. I sat in the dining room with large windows and looked a beautiful view of sails and boats. I noticed something like a lighthouse and asked waiters about it. They said it was not a lighthouse but equipment that is going to Block Island to build a solar turbine plant. In another area of the ocean I saw a cargo ship and they told me merchandise from the port in Galilee goes all over the world. Also, I saw a Narragansett Summer Trolley with rubber tires touring around, linking lots of condo buildings, the red brick post office building, and hotels. I saw a seabird statue on the ground and a lot of flowers around it. The courtyard located in the center has a beautiful fountain with running water.

A stone building had a sign that hung in front of the shop. Everyone knew what that meant – gift shop! I bought a luxury postcard. I saw a beautiful red brick building of a different design. In conclusion, we finished our tour, had dinner and visited the gift shop then we got rain. The weather became foggy. We went home at the right time from The Towers at Narragansett. It was a wonderful day.

## Railroad Boutique



A selection of gifts and unique items with a RAILROAD FLAIR  
All prices US\$, including shipping & tax

\_\_\_\_\_ 2017 N.E. Railroading Calendar, 38th edition: 13 full color views \$8.00

### CATCH ALL THE TRAINS YOU EVER MISSED

\_\_\_\_\_ Vintage New England Railroading Calendars ..... \$4.00 each OR 3 for \$10.00

Available: 82\_\_\_\_, 86\_\_\_\_, 87\_\_\_\_, 94\_\_\_\_, 00\_\_\_\_, 03\_\_\_\_, 06\_\_\_\_, 10\_\_\_\_, 14\_\_\_\_, 15\_\_\_\_, 16\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 full-color frame-able calendar prints of N.E. Railroading (our choice) \$3.00

\_\_\_\_\_ EXCLUSIVE Mystic Valley Railway Society 2" diameter sew-on cloth patch: \$1.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Metal pin with clasp: dual flashing red LEDs with RED Locomotive .....\$3.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Flashing RR-crossing LED pin.....\$3.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold-colored 1" train locomotive pin .....\$5.00

### Small train books for children from Dover Publications

Choose from 2 sets, each with 3 different titles: .....3 books for\$6.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Set 1: Famous Train Stickers, Little Train Stickers & Trains Activity Book

\_\_\_\_\_ Set 2: Little Train Sticker Activity Book, Train Stickers & Train Station Activity Book

All orders require payment by money order, cashier's check, or personal check  
Quantities limited

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please allow 2-4 weeks delivery. Make checks payable to Mystic Valley Railway Society  
Send orders to: M.V.R.S. – MAIL ORDER, P.O. BOX 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136-0009  
(\$20 service charge applies to checks returned by the bank)

## Announcement of the W. Russell Rylko 2017 Memorial Grant

The Board of Directors of Mystic Valley Railway Society (MVRS) is pleased to announce the 2017 Memorial Grant to recognize the accomplishments of W. Russell Rylko, the Society's founding president and his direct impact on its success over a forty three (43) year period until his untimely passing in May 2013. The Grant will be awarded to a nonprofit, tax exempt organization within New England that either preserves and/or restores historical railroad or traction equipment or structures, or else provides information for the enjoyment and education of the general public. Additional information, application instructions and the application form will be available at [www.mysticvalleyrs.org](http://www.mysticvalleyrs.org) soon and in upcoming Waybills.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE**  
**February 1, 2017**



# WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

## CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII

Sunday December 11, 2016

Take a trip west to revel in the warmth of Hawaii! We'll travel along the MA Pike to Chicopee's famous Hu Ke Lau dinner theater for a memorable 75-minute seasonal show with aloha greetings, enchanting music, vivid costumes with grass skirts, and of course graceful Hawaiian Hula dancing.

### FEATURES:

Round-trip comfortable motor coach  
Hu Ke Lau Dinner Theater, Chicopee MA

### MENU CHOICE:

Stuffed boneless chicken  
Prime rib

### TIMETABLE

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

6:30pm  
6:00pm  
5:30pm



Price \$80 P/P

All times are approximate and subject to change

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## CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII

Sunday December 11, 2016 Price \$80 P/P

### MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Stuffed boneless chicken  
☐ Prime rib

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## Amherst Railroad Hobby Show

Saturday January 28, 2017

Every January the Amherst Railway Society holds its Railroad Hobby Show at the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield MA. In the over 7 acres of halls there are operating model train layouts in every scale. You'll see new and used model trains, hobby supplies, books and memorabilia from dealers and manufacturers. Visit with historical societies, tourist railroads, travel agencies and model railroad clubs. This is the place to learn and enjoy in the company of like-minded people.

### FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach  
Show admission included  
Lunch on your own from on-site vendors



Price \$65 P/P,  
\$45 (15 and under)

### TIMETABLE

8:00am Wellington T (Rte 6)  
8:30am Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)  
9:00am Riverside (Exit 22 off 128)

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## Dashing Through the Snow

Saturday February 25, 2017

After a warming Mediterranean lunch buffet at Papagallos Restaurant in Keene NH we will move on to Jaffrey NH. At the family-run Silver Ranch Stables enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a gentle-paced 2½ mile ride through the woods, either in a sleigh or hay-filled wagon (depending on the weather).

### FEATURES:

Lunch buffet at Papagallos, Keene NH  
Horse-pulled ride at Silver Ranch Stables, Jaffrey NH

### TIMETABLE

8:00am Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)  
8:30am Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)  
9:00am Wellington T (Rte 16 – Medford)

8:30pm  
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## Space and Science

Sunday March 19, 2017

After a delicious meal at the 99 Restaurant in Hooksett NH, we head to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in the state capital Concord. This museum pays tribute to NASA astronauts Christa McAuliffe and Alan Shepard. There will be a 40-minute planetarium show and telescope observations (weather permitting), plus a chance to visit the Science Store. On the way home our rest stop at Hooksett NH has a diner, country store and many gift shops.

### FEATURES:

99 Restaurant, Hooksett NH  
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord NH



### MENU CHOICES:

Broiled Sirloin Tips  
Balsamic Grilled Chicken  
Baked Scrod

### TIMETABLE

8:30am Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)  
9:00am Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)  
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Sunday March 19, 2017 Price \$75P/P



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## A Day with the Flying Scotsman

By Dirk Hertel

On a pleasant (for England) October day, I was in a group of ten amateur railway photographers, decked out in orange fluorescent vests, gathered at the railyard of the Bury Transport Museum, 8 miles north of Manchester. Everyone peered expectantly through the short tunnel towards Bury Station. This southern terminus of the East Lancashire Railway, a 12½ mile long heritage line into the scenic hills of Lancashire, is conveniently accessible from Manchester city center and airport via the new Metro light rail.

We, and many others confined to the station platform, were all there to catch the Flying Scotsman. But why not point the cameras at the engine right there, waiting under steam on a siding in front of the tunnel, with a big nameplate “The Flying Scotsman” proudly displayed on its smokebox door? Well, we were not deceived by an ancient little Lancashire & Yorkshire 0-6-0 freight engine just because someone with a sense of humor attached a plate with the famous name to it for the day. The real Flying Scotsman basked in bright sunshine at the platform on the other side of the tunnel, heading a special train and raring to go. On the dot of 1pm a piercing whistle sounded. The photographers got busy with their cameras, making final adjustments. The light at the other end of the tunnel vanished and the darkness filled with steam and smoke while loud, slow puffing sounds emerged. Moments later steam erupted from the tunnel and surged forward, threatening to engulf both “The Flying Scotsman” and us photographers. But with mighty blows of its exhaust a powerful Pacific in shiny dark-green livery, the Flying Scotsman, set in motion then charged past us. Accompanied by the frantic clicking of camera shutters the train sped away, around a bend, and was gone. What was all the excitement about?

Flying Scotsman is the name of one of Britain’s most famous steam locomotives. It was built at Doncaster Works in 1923 for the newly formed London & North Eastern Railway (LNER). Sir Nigel Gresley (1876-1941), the LNER’s Chief Mechanical Engineer, designed a new class A1 of powerful 3-cylinder Pacific (4-6-2) passenger express locomotives. A1 No 1472 became part of the stable of five locomotives hauling the London to Edinburgh express ‘Flying Scotsman’, departing daily at 10am from both London King’s Cross and the Waverley Station, Edinburgh since its inauguration in 1862. Gresley tweaked the design of his new A1 to reduce coal consumption until it could run the entire 392 miles between London and Edinburgh on one tender. The only reason to stop was for exchanging locomotive crews halfway.

In 1924 No 1472 was selected to be shown at the British Empire Exhibition in London, for which it was painted in the LNER’s beautiful apple green, re-numbered 4472, and named Flying Scotsman after its train. In 1928 the London to Edinburgh express became the longest non-stop service in the world, made possible by Gresley’s new tender with a corridor that connected cab and train. This made a crew-change stop unnecessary. The journey was shortened to 7½ hours with an average speed of just over 50 mph. The varied geography meant that time lost on the steep grades of the hilly North had to be made up for on straight, level sections with speeds close to 100 mph.

The Flying Scotsman became the first locomotive in the UK to officially clock 100 mph during a 1934 test run. This was excellent advertising for the LNER, though not its first publicity stunt. Previously, in 1929, the engine had starred in Britain’s first sound feature film, a thriller entitled The Flying Scotsman. In 1932 the locomotive crew had spoken by telephone to the crew of the Imperial Airways airplane ‘Heracles’ as both traveled at 90 mph. In 1933 the locomotive won a simultaneous race against an airplane and a speedboat on a two-mile stretch of the River Great Ouse paralleling the line north of Ely, Cambridgeshire.

World War II put an end to the locomotive’s glamorous career. Painted in wartime black, it became a general workhorse, as the newer Pacifics designed by Gresley’s successor Edward Thomson were used for express services. In 1947 it was rebuilt with a larger boiler and reclassified A3. On the formation of the nationalized British Railways in 1948, the Flying Scotsman was repainted in Brunswick green and received yet another new number, 60103. Soon dieselization loomed, and even the most distinguished steam locomotives were seen as embarrassing relics of the past. The 1962 centenary of the London-Edinburgh line was celebrated without the Flying Scotsman, and one year later it seemed destined for the scrapyard. Rescue came in the person of wealthy railway enthusiast Alan Pegler who bought the locomotive at its scrap value of £3,000, restored it to LNER glory, and successfully ran steam enthusiasts’ specials on British Railways mainlines.

In 1969 he sent the Flying Scotsman, together with a 9-coach special train, on a promotional North American tour supported by the UK government. To comply with US railroad safety regulations, the locomotive received an American-style cowcatcher, bell and whistle, along with buckeye couplings, air brakes, and a high intensity headlamp. A second tender was added to increase the travel range. The first leg of the tour started in Boston MA and passed through Rhode Island and Connecticut to New York, before proceeding to Washington DC and Dallas TX. The next year the tour continued from Texas via Wisconsin to Montreal, and then in 1971 the train went from Toronto to San Francisco. All this added up to a total of 15,400 miles. However, the tour ended in bankruptcy partly because the UK government had withdrawn its financial support. In San Francisco, the train was impounded.

British businessman Sir William McAlpine came to the financial rescue, taking the locomotive back to the UK where, after necessary repairs and boiler replacement, he put it back to work in the steam excursion business. During its 1988/89 Australian tour the Flying Scotsman set two more records: the longest-ever non-stop run of a steam locomotive: over 422 miles while on the way to Alice Springs, and its own haulage previous record while heading a 735-ton train for 490 miles. However, such heavy use had consequences. By 2004 the Flying Scotsman had become so worn out that no private individual would bear the costs necessary for restoration.

When it was offered for sale, funds from the National Lottery together with private donations secured the historic locomotive for the National Railway Museum in York which started a complete overhaul in 2005. In February 2016, the locomotive emerged in British Rail green again with the number 60103. The restoration had taken 10 years and cost £4.2m.

From October 13-16, 2016 this much-storied locomotive made a guest appearance at the East Lancashire Railway, and I was lucky enough to be there. My wife, Roma, had bought me a ticket for the special access “Photography Experience Course”. Apparently I reappeared with a big smile on my face, covered in smuts of soot, and with cinders in my hair. By all definitions, a good day out!



Flying Scotsman No 60103 running around its train in Bury Station.



The “real” Flying Scotsman emerging from Bury Station tunnel next to the “made-up” one.

It would be interesting to see any photographs or slides that readers took in 1969 while the Flying Scotsman toured through New England. If you can find any, please consider sharing them via The Waybill, or else submit them to the upcoming MVRs New England Railroad Calendar competition!

## Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



AMT at GCT NY - M. Florio Photo



MNR & CDOT Power at New Haven CT - M. Florio Photo



AMT Vets Unit - New Haven CT - M. Florio Photo



AMT Acela at New London CT - LaMay Photo



AMT Train 173 - New London CT  
LaMay Photo

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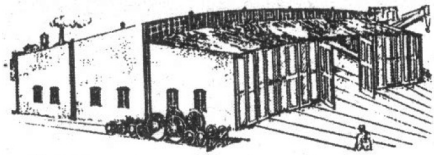


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# The Roundhouse

By Bill McCaffrey



From the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP): “**Surface Transportation Board (STB)** withdrew a proposed policy statement that would have undercut passenger trains legal right to priority dispatching ahead of freight trains. The proposal would have changed a law that gives Amtrak preference while traveling on freight railroads, and could have resulted in significant delays for passenger trains.” We know that this policy is not universally followed but at least the official policy remains pro passenger trains.

Rhode Island got a \$13.1 million grant from the federal TIGER program for a new rail station to serve Pawtucket and Central Falls.

Well known rail photographer Kevin Burkholder of Steel Wheels Productions and Photography designed the new paint scheme for locomotives of the Central Maine and Quebec Railway.

A flashing sign at the Haverhill Commuter Rail station said “Board all trains on the outbound platform accept trains 220 and 222.” Across the Merrimack River, Bradford station had a flashing sign with the same message but the person who set up the Bradford sign knows the difference between the words “accept” and “except”.

From a Genesee & Wyoming press release: G&W announced that it has agreed to acquire Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (P&W) (NASDAQ: PWX) for \$25.00 per share, or approximately \$126 million. Subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions, the acquisition is expected to close following the receipt of P&W shareholder approval in the fourth quarter of 2016. Headquartered in Worcester MA, and operating in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, P&W is contiguous with G&W’s New England Central Railroad (NECR) and Connecticut Southern Railroad (CSO). Rail service is provided by approximately 140 P&W employees with 32 locomotives across 163 miles of owned track and over approximately 350 miles under track access agreements, including exclusive freight access over Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor between New Haven CT, and Providence RI, and trackage rights over Metro-North Commuter Railroad,

Amtrak and CSX Corp. between New Haven CT, and Queens NY. Genesee & Wyoming owns or leases 121 freight railroads worldwide that are organized in 10 operating regions with approximately 7,200 employees and more than 2,800 customers.

The P&W will be missed on the New England rail scene. It dates back to 1847. In 1892 the New Haven RR leased the P&W for 99 years and it wound up in Penn Central after the demise of the New Haven. Since 1973 the P&W has been an independent shortline. It has a reputation as an innovator and railfans know the P&W for its excursion trains.

From an Amtrak press release: WASHINGTON DC – Amtrak announced that it has named Charles W. “Wick” Moorman as its next president and chief executive officer. Moorman, retired chairman, CEO, and president of Norfolk Southern Corp. (NS), will lead the company, effective September 1, 2016, in the next fiscal year. Mr. Moorman started his long rail career working on a Southern Railway track gang.

The Sarah Long Bridge between Portsmouth NH and Kittery ME is closed for at least a year. This is a combined highway and rail bridge. A replacement bridge is being built. The trains operate on the bottom level. This was once part of the Boston and Maine RR Eastern Division and carried passenger trains from Boston to Portland. In recent years, its sole rail use was to serve the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery.

The Downeaster had a very special visitor from mid-August to mid-September. Amtrak’s only remaining dome car number 10031 operated on half of the Downeaster’s runs. It provided railfans and tourists a unique chance to see the Maine Coast, Scarborough Marsh, Rigby Yard, and other sights along the route from a new perspective. According to TRAINS Magazine, it was built by Budd for Great Northern’s Empire Builder.

The MBTA now has a new Real Estate Asset Manager. Janet Chan holds degrees from both Harvard and M.I.T.

Progressive Railroad: The New Haven Line will be getting 80 more M8 type commuter rail cars. These are self-propelled electric cars. The cost will be shared by Connecticut and New York. Ten of the cars will be configured as

bar cars. The bar cars will be standing room only, no seats.

The Washington Post ran a story with the headline “Number of U.S. RR Workers Testing Positive for Drug Use Skyrockets”. Officials from the Federal Railroad Administration, National Transportation Safety Board and the Office of National Drug Control Policy spelled out their concerns to a gathering of managers from freight and passenger railroads and asked the railroads to help them address the growing problem.

On Thursday 9/29/2016 New Jersey Transit Train Number 1614 from Spring Valley NY crashed into the Hoboken Terminal. One woman was killed, there were numerous injuries, and there was serious damage to the historic terminal building. This is the riverfront terminal of the former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad which later became the Erie Lackawanna. The train was a push-pull commuter train with the locomotive in the rear and engineer operating from a control car in the front.

Tie replacement in Maine and the Merrimack River Bridge project in Haverhill MA will have a lot of rail passengers riding buses. Starting Tuesday October 11, Downeaster passengers from Brunswick, Freeport and Portland will be bused to and from the Wells station, where they will board trains for Boston. Passengers between Saco and Wells will be taken in a van. The bus service will start five to 15 minutes earlier to make sure the train from Wells is on time. Busing is expected to last until Monday November 21, when the Downeaster will release a new schedule with three round-trips a day between Brunswick and Boston.

A midday service between Boston and Portland also is being suspended during the tie replacement. Train 683 northbound at 11:26am, and train 684 southbound at 12:40pm, and the equivalent weekend trains, 693 northbound and 694 southbound, will be taken off line.

To complicate matters, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is working on bridges over the Merrimack River over the next two months, and will be busing train passengers between Haverhill MA and Boston on some weekends in October and November.

Downeaster passengers will be compensated with reduced fares dur-

ing the construction period. One-way tickets between Boston and any of the stops north of Wells will cost \$17, the cost of the Wells-Boston trip. A one-way ticket on the Downeaster from Boston to Portland normally costs \$25, or \$34 for business class.

The Portland Press Herald reports that the new Downeaster heated layover facility in Brunswick ME is almost complete. It has 3 tracks and can service three six-car trainsets. It will be a big improvement over the current outdoor servicing arrangement in Portland.

Amtrak has closed its station at Westerly RI. Some Amtrak trains will still stop there but there will no longer be a ticket agent or waiting room.

Electro Motive Diesel Inc. will become Progress Rail Locomotive Inc. Electro Motive lead the massive change from steam to diesel which changed railroading forever. It is a historic name and will be missed.

There is a new station on the Fitchburg Line. Wachusett is west of the present Fitchburg station in West Fitchburg with easy access to Route 2. All other stations on the former Boston and Maine RR use track owned by the MBTA. Wachusett is unique in that it is located on Pan Am Southern track. The station was opened in October with only a few trains. More trains are expected in November when additional construction work is complete. A new commuter rail layover facility is being built in Westminster a little west of Wachusett.

The MBTA has started doing design work to eventually replace former Boston and Maine drawbridges at Beverly and Gloucester MA.

Commonwealth Magazine reports that freshman Congressman Seth Moulton is trying to drum up support for the long-discussed but never built rail link between South Station and North Station. It should have been built as part of the “Big Dig”. Mr. Moulton is proposing a deep tunnel dug with a tunnel boring machine to minimize disruptions on the surface.

Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway locomotives now have a new turntable in Alna ME. It was built with volunteer labor.



## Lines from Ireland

In Northern Ireland on Tuesday June 28th Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and his Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the new railroad station at Bellarena on the Coleraine-Londonderry line. A special Railway Preservation Society of Ireland trip was arranged for the royal party from Coleraine to Londonderry using V class preserved steam locomotive No. 85 in charge of five of the Society’s Mark IIs coaches.

Moving to the Republic of Ireland, in August the launch took place of Ireland’s first luxury sleeper train, The Belmond Grand Hibernian, with six-day trips costing as little as US\$8800. The train’s ten carriages comprise twenty en-suite cabins, two dining cars, and an observation car. Two-day trips cost US\$3600, four-day trips US\$5000 and six-days trips US\$8800. The inaugural journey departed from Dublin’s Heuston Station bringing forty guests on a six-night Grand Tour of Ireland. They visited Cork before traveling west to Killarney, north to Galway and

Belfast before then heading southwest to Waterford and concluded the journey back in Dublin. At each location, guests toured places of outstanding historical and cultural interest. The 2016 season concluded in October, and the 2017 season runs April 25th through October 14th.

In September, Irish Rail appealed to truckers to know the height of their vehicles. The number of bridge strikes has begun to rise again after several years in decline, despite improved signage and a publicly-available downloadable bridge height HYPERLINK “http://www.irishrail.ie/timetables/live-map” map. Large vehicles hitting bridges is one of the greatest safety risks that Irish Rail faces. In the whole of 2015 there were eighty-five bridge strikes across the national network, but by the end of August 2016 there had already been sixty-six. The highest increase was recorded in the Dublin Area Rapid Transit (DART) area. DART alone has had twenty-five collisions so far this year, up from twelve in the same pe-

riod of last year. On Thursday September 1st two separate bridges in Dublin’s Grand Canal Station area were hit by two different vehicles within the space of two hours delaying trains and causing traffic mayhem. From a low of seventy-two bridge strikes nationally in 2012, the increase in bridge strikes is worrying. The increase may be due to more construction traffic, but it is unacceptable that truck drivers in many instances do not know the height of their vehicle. Not even the added deterrent of penalty points and hefty fines has prevented repeated strikes on bridges, particularly in the southern part of Dublin City. Bridge strikes can cause significant delays to both rail and road services: Irish Rail must structurally assess every bridge following a hit before trains may pass over it again, and road traffic may thus back up. Irish Rail works closely with the Irish Road Haulage Association and local authorities to educate and inform, but one bridge strike is one too many. Additionally, Irish Rail regards bridge

strikes as the single most likely cause of a serious rail safety incident on the network.

In Dublin City Centre (downtown) work on the Luas Cross City Link routes progresses rapidly and it is expected that service connecting the Green Line (southside) and Red Line (northside) will commence on schedule next year. Some traffic diversions, put in place to facilitate track laying, have now been removed.

The former Great Northern Railway (Ireland) power house building in Howth, Co. Dublin, has been restored and converted into residential apartments. It supplied electricity to the Hill of Howth tram system until 1934, and then was occupied by a paint factory which was destroyed by fire in 2009. The Hill of Howth tram system was closed in 1959, and the tracks lifted.







# WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

## HARLOW'S SUGAR HOUSE

**Saturday MARCH 25, 2017**

After a delicious lunch at the 99 Restaurant in Brattleboro we will move on to Harlow's Sugar House in Putney VT. This fourth-generation family business boils sap down into maple syrup, and their gift shop is well-stocked with Vermont Maple Syrup products. Our next stop at Basketville has not only three floors of baskets and hand-crafted items (for yourself, or as gifts), but is also home to the Putney Mountain Winery tasting room.

### FEATURES:

99 Restaurant, Brattleboro VT  
Harlow's Sugarhouse, Putney VT  
Basketville, Putney V

### MENU CHOICE::

Chicken Parmigiana  
Broiled Beef Tips  
Baked Haddock

### TIMETABLE

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## Seacoast Home & Garden Show

**Saturday April 1, 2017**

Come Celebrate Spring as we travel to the seventh-oldest settlement in the United States: Dover, New Hampshire. At the Woodman Museum, you'll learn how life was in 1675. Then onto Seacoast Home and Garden Show to find inspiration. See the latest products and services, and maybe catch the shuttle bus to visit the Macfarlane Greenhouse Open House to discover how the new growing season is shaping up as the earth awakes after winter.

### FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach  
Woodman Museum in Dover NH  
Weathervane Restaurant in Dover NH  
Seacoast Home & Garden Show, Durham NH  
Shuttle bus between Show and Macfarlane Greenhouse

### MENU CHOICE::

Fish & Chips  
Seafarer Fried Native Shrimp  
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad  
Cheeseburger Dinner

### TIMETABLE

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## Nantucket Daffodil Days

**Saturday April 29, 2017**

Visit one of America's most famous little islands. Make the most of spring and the cheerful yellow daffodils, as we travel by coach then ferry to Nantucket. We should arrive just in time to watch the noon-time parade through the town: antique cars adorned with daffodils are followed by an amazing array of pets. Be sure to enjoy this grand event. Explore the town and surrounding area at your leisure. Discover some special place for lunch on your own.

### FEATURES:

Comfortable motor coach  
Round-trip Hyannis Steamship Authority Ferry  
Nantucket Daffodil Days  
Over 5 hours on Nantucket

### TIMETABLE

6:30am	Wellington T (Rte 16 – Medford)	10:00pm
7:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	9:30pm

**All times are approximate and subject to change**



**Price \$99 P/P**

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## EARTH DAY

**Saturday April 22, 2017**

Celebrate **EARTH DAY** at beautiful Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, viewing the grounds and greenhouse filled with spring flowers. You can purchase plants to take home. Following lunch at Clintons Bar & Grille Restaurant walk around the corner (200 yards) to the Museum of Russian Icons. After a docent tour, enjoy the gift shop and visit the tea room with its selection of Russian tea and coffee drinks for individual purchase.

### FEATURES:

Round Trip Motor Coach  
Tower Hill Botanic Gardens  
Clintons Bar & Grille  
Museum of Russian Icons

### MENU CHOICE:

Classic Chicken Parmesan  
Breaded Eggplant Parmesan  
Potato Chip Encrusted Haddock

### TIMETABLE

8:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	7:30pm
8:30am	Wellington T (Rte 16 – Medford)	7:00pm
9:00am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	6:30pm

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## EARTH DAY

**Saturday April 22, 2017 Price \$91 P/P**

### MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Classic Chicken Parmesan  
☐ Breaded Eggplant Parmesan  
☐ Potato Chip Encrusted Haddock

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