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SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2019



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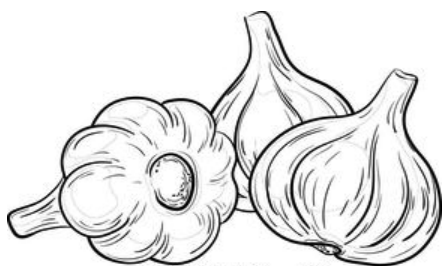


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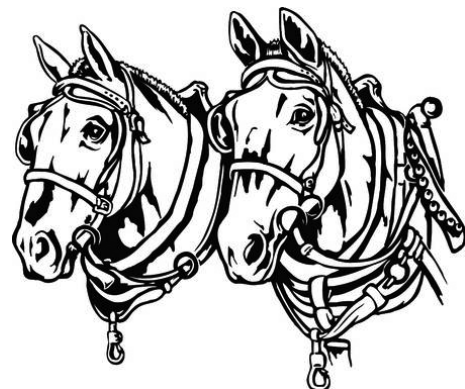
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NEW! Fall Hayride in NH

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 13, 2019



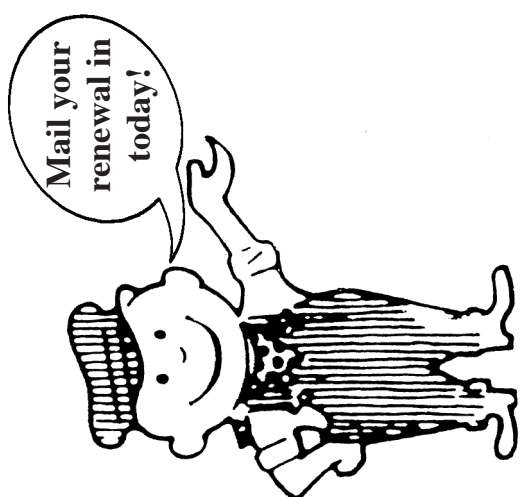
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NOTICE!

**Calling all
photographers
- start planning
your entries for
the 2021
New England
Railroading
Calendar
competition**

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
April 1, 2019 -
March 31, 2020**



**Keep the Good
Times Rolling**

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From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

As the weeks go by, I am slowly getting caught up on the piles of memberships that are still coming in. Thank you for being patient. Thank you all for helping keep the MVRS on track by spreading the word. Please consider helping out on the various committees. Trip Team needs your help to keep the trips rolling. The Waybill needs to have your input to get the word out.

From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

Best train trip ever! I promised you in the last Waybill to share our adventures through the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies and the best train – The Rocky Mountaineer! We boarded the Rocky Mountaineer in Vancouver traveling to Kamloops, located in the heart of British Columbia’s interior. On Day 2 we travelled from Kamloops to Jasper, over the Yellowhead Pass into spectacular Jasper National Park. On the Rocky Mountaineer the seating arrangements are very comfortable: heated reclining seats with plenty of legroom and a magnificent view in the domed coaches with expansive windows. We had excellent views of the majestic Cana-

If you have any comments for Member-o-Gram (maybe a favorite picture of yourself enjoying one of the trips or a couple of sentences about a favorite trip) please send them in. Keep in touch with fellow travelers. We never publish telephone numbers or addresses in this column.

If there are any suggestions of how we might improve your enjoyment of the Waybill

please let us know. This is your publication. If you want to receive a small stack of Waybills to pass out in your favorite spots, please let me know and I will mail them out to you. As you travel along you might see an area which others might enjoy. Feel free to send some literature to the Trip Team to review for future travels.

The Mystic Valley Railway Society Trip Team is hard at work planning more trips for members and would appreciate your input. The 2019 Russell Rylko Grant was awarded jointly to the Boston Street Railway Association, Boston MA and the New England Steam Corp., Conway NH. Unfortunately, the grant and further train/trade shows will be on hiatus for a year, and then their future will be reviewed. In the meantime, we appreciate your input as this is your Waybill!

From the Membership Chairman – Nancy Jeanne Martin

I decided it might be fun to know how many membership renewals the MVRS has by location so far this year that started April 1. Bear in mind this list is not completely up to date:

- New England: 204
- Other states: 18
- Rest of the world: 1

In addition, there are our many Life Members. I know for certain there is 1 in PA

as he is my grandson. Things are going well. We had 47 people on the July Cog Railway trip. It was great at the Mt. Washington Hotel for lunch as we ate on the porch overlooking the mountains. At the top it was foggy and rainy, but I belong to the Mt. Washington Observatory so went and asked to meet the newest cat “Marty”. They found him for me, so I had a chance to go in and meet him, giving him some pats

from Massachusetts. Summer so far has been hot but expect fall colors beginning with our September trips: White Mountain Wildcat, Hobo Railroad & Kellerhaus and The Festival that Stinks. Other new trips later in fall are listed in this Waybill. If you think I have been slow with mailing your membership card, I have. I will try to do better.

From the MVRS Legal Counsel – Brad Pinta

The importance of having in existence written documentation on virtually any type of a life-related relationship cannot be underestimated. Do you have a Will or a Durable Power of Attorney? Obviously, these types of instruments are intended to address your legal affairs at the time of your death or disability. And in terms of your estate plan, who is the person you have assigned to handle and see through to completion and execution your affairs, and who have you named to be your beneficiaries? Going a bit further in terms of your daily work activities, do you have an employment agreement or some type of a written contract concerning your employer, employees, partners, and/or co-stockholders? These types of documents serve to address your work-related activities and business interests. Additionally, what about your living arrangement and, more specifically, what happens to your residence when you pass? How is the title to your real estate held and/or do you have a lease for your home or business such that upon your death substantial

balances would not be owed for the remaining tenure of the lease term? In my professional experience as a civil litigation attorney in the Massachusetts court system for more than 38 years, it still astonishes me how many times existing and potential clients seek my services far too late. One of the very first questions I raise when called upon in these situations is whether or not any written supporting documents or materials exist that would serve to confirm the client’s legal posture in the dispute. In reality, I am unable to respond to the client’s question of, “Do I have a case,” unless and until I have had an opportunity to review any such written documentation. I realized many years ago that the true barometer as to whether or not a client can be successfully represented in a dispute is, for the most part, based upon the written materials that may exist in his or her favor. If you hand me a case that has in existence a clear and unambiguous contract, substantiated by that client’s supporting conduct, I am usually quite confident that a successful result

can be achieved. However, without this type of documentation, the client’s legal posture is weak, and it becomes difficult to achieve a swift and successful end result to a particular dispute. My point here is very simple. In today’s complex society, it is imperative to have written documents to address your relationships and your intentions upon your death. A wonderful lesson from the famous Pablo Picasso is worth sharing, in that he is credited with the comment: “Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.” Incredibly, Picasso died in 1973 at the age of 91 intestate, meaning he had no will. He left a large tax bill owed to France and, among his other heirs, a child born out-of-wedlock who had to fight to be legally recognized as an heir. Ultimately, it took years and a reported 19 lawyers to settle his estate. I suggest that you take a hard look at your own legal affairs to assess if you are properly prepared for the future.

TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

By popular demand! To publicize an event please mail details to Mystic Valley Railway Society – Attn: Train Show Column, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136 or else email contactus@mysticvalleys.org. Publication deadline: see page 4.

• **Sat. 9-14-19 and Sun. 9-15-19** (10am-3pm each day): Pioneer Valley Live Steamers, 108 Hillside Road, Southwick MA. Parking donation: \$5 per person or \$15 maximum. Train rides are free. Ask about “Your Hand on the Throttle”. Info: www.pvls.org

• **Sun. 9-22-19** (10.00am-3.30pm): Old Colony Model Railroad Club, 19th Annual Model Train Show, Taunton Holiday Inn, Myles Standish Blvd, Route 495 (Exit 9), Taunton MA. \$5 adult; free under 12 (with adult) and scouts in uniform. Info: 508-285-3963

• **Sat. 9-28-19** (10am-3pm): **Phillips Rail Fest 2019**, 21 Depot Street, Phillips ME. Info: 207-639-2630, therussiangrunt@hotmail.com, <https://phillipsrailfest.weebly.com/>

• **Sun. 9-29-19** (9am-2pm): **NETCA Division Train Show**, Westford Regency Hotel, 219 Littleton Road (Route 110), Westford MA. \$5 adult, children free (with adult). Info: <http://netca.org>

• **Sat. 10-5-19** (9:30am-3:00pm): **Southern New England Model RR Club O Scale Model Train Show**, Chestnut St Methodist Church, 161 Chestnut St, Route 2 (Exit 22-23), Gardner MA. \$6 adults; \$8 family. Info 508-713-1814, www.snemrr.org

• **Sat. 10-5-19 and Sun. 10-6-19** (10am-4pm each day): **55th Annual Railfair 2019, Nashua Valley Model RR Assn**, Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 242 Adams Place, Route 495 (Exit 28) and Route 111, Boxboro MA. \$8 per person; free under 12 (with adult) and scouts in uniform. Info: 978-225-0650, nvrra.com/railfair-19/

• **Sat. 10-26-19** (9am-4pm) and **Sun. 10-27-19** (10am-4pm): **South Shore Model Railway Club & Museum Fall Open House & Show**, Bare Cove Park - Building 51, 52 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham MA. \$5 adult; \$3 seniors & ages 5-12 (with adult); free 4 & under (with adult). Info: ssmrc.org

• **Sat. 11-23-18 and Sun. 11-24-18** (10am-4pm): **Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show**, Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington MA. Adult \$10 Sat and \$9 Sun; free under 11 with adult. Info: trainshow.com/wilmington11/

• **Sat. 12-7-18** (10am-5pm) and **Sun. 12-8-18** (10am-4pm): **New England Model Train EXPO**, NMRA Hub Division, Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Rd, Marlborough MA. \$12 adults; free under 12 (with adult) and scouts in uniform. Info: 508-528-8587, www.hubdiv.org

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

Board of Directors 2019 - 2020

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

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Boutique - Marcia Pennington
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Waybill Editor/Button Maker - Roma Hertel

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.

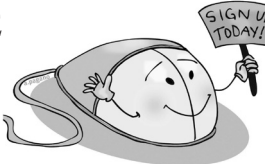
Membership Fees & Classes

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

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

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Regular Membership at \$10 per person	\$ _____
at \$4 per additional person to the price of the regular Membership	\$ _____
Life Membership at \$125 per person (U.S.A. only)	\$ _____

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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.

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



FAREWELL TO 2019

Sunday – December 29, 2019 FARE: \$99 PP

Bid goodbye to 2019 in friendly company at the Newport Playhouse. Enjoy a wonderful buffet before seeing the contemporary play A Christmas Cactus that merges comedy, mystery and romance. To round out the afternoon, enjoy a cabaret show. Where else are you guaranteed a great time? Where else would you want to be on a winter's afternoon?



FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Newport Playhouse, Newport RI



TIMETABLE

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

All times are approximate and subject to change

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MVRs, P.O. BOX 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009. Thank you.
Information for handicapped accessibility will be provided upon request. Your tickets and itineraries will be mailed about 5 days prior to departure.
Note: A service charge of \$20 will be assessed for returned checks.

News from Britain – May to July 2019

by James Scannell

New London Overground electric trains enter service

Two new four-car Class 710 electric trains entered passenger service on London Overground's Gospel Oak to Barking line on Thursday May 23rd and was the first step in returning the service on this busy north London line, operated by Arriva Rail London (ARL), to four trains per hour, boosting capacity and delivering greater reliability. The new electric trains, built by Bombardier in Derby, can carry nearly 700 people. This is double the capacity of the old diesel trains that had been operating on the line. The new trains will be much better for air quality and the environment.

More trains will be put into service over time and it is expected the regular 15 minute – four trains per hour frequency will be restored later in the summer. A month of free travel will be given to customers on the line from September 2019.

Eight of the 54 state-of-the-art trains on order from Bombardier will be put into use on the London Overground Gospel Oak to Barking line. The remaining will be used on the Watford Junction to Euston route and on London Overground services out of Liverpool Street to Cheshunt, Chingford and Enfield Town later this year. They will also be used on the extension to Barking Riverside when it is completed in 2021.

Features of the new Class 710 trains include the latest intelligent lighting and temperature control for more comfortable journeys, as well as Wi-Fi, USB charging points and digital infor-

mation screens giving customers higher quality real time travel information while on board.

Operated by Arriva Rail London (ARL), on behalf of Transport for London (TfL), the new trains will debut a new color scheme and unique seat moquette. The trains are constructed from strong but lightweight material, making them much more energy efficient to operate, and feature walk-through carriages for greater capacity.

Contract awarded to replace oldest DLR trains

Customers using London's Docklands Light Railway (DLR) will benefit from more frequent and reliable journeys from 2023, after Transport for London (TfL) announced in June that it had awarded a contract to replace the oldest trains currently serving the railway to Construcciones y Auxiliars de Ferrocarriles, S.A (CAF). The order will replace the oldest rolling stock on the DLR. Being nearly thirty years old, these have come to the end of their design life and are in vital need of replacement to ensure a reliable service is maintained for customers.

With over 400,000 journeys made each weekday, the DLR is currently the busiest light railway in the UK. The new trains will provide more frequent direct services to the growing employment centre and cultural hub at Stratford, allowing people from across south-east London to reach new jobs in east London without the need to travel through Zone 1. It also serves Canary Wharf, a vitally important centre for the financial and professional service industries.

Tracks We Have Crossed

MVRS COG RAILWAY

July 14, 2019

by Nancy Roney

MVRS members headed north on Sunday July 14th to celebrate a special 150th anniversary by traveling to the summit of Mt. Washington via the legendary Mt. Washington Cog Railway. During its almost 50 years the Society has travelled many times up the Cog in different seasons. Each trip to the summit of this unpredictable mountain is memorable and different. I recall Sally Avjian saying that on one of her trips the group experienced a snowstorm on the way down.

Our lunch was at another legend, the Mt. Washington Hotel. It is like a jewel in a perfect setting of lush green forest surrounded by the impressive Presidential Mountain Range. We dined al-fresco on the South Veranda overlooking the entire Presidential Range. The view definitely added to the fine dining experience.

Then we were off to the Base Camp for the Cog Railway to board our train for the ascent to the 6,288-foot summit. The Cog Railway was the inspiration of Sylvester Marsh. His engineering skill was challenged by the mountain and the result was this unique way to reach the top. Nowadays, though mostly biodiesel engines take visitors to the top, the railroad still has two coal-powered steamers. On our descent we passed Engine #2, a steam engine, chugging to the peak.

Despite human ingenuity, the mountain still is unpredictable. It is noted for its quickly changing weather conditions. Though base camp was around

72 degrees, at the summit temperatures hovered around 45 degrees. Last year I visited the top with my son and conditions at the top were 74 degrees and perfect viewing conditions. This year we were greeted with a refreshing polar wind which quickly turned into strong chilly blasts. A dense fog enveloped the peak and weather observatory and we gave up hopes of viewing anything more than 10 feet away. Still, I found the weather very intriguing and it was an interesting experience even though we didn't see the hoped-for views. Mother Nature is in charge. I'm sure the builders of the Cog Railway understood this 150 years ago and respected the mountain. Inside the visitor center we visited the Mt. Washington museum and some ventured outside to the observatory desiring to experience the weather conditions for themselves.

Nancy Martin, the tour leader made the most of our hour-long stay at the top by using her connections with the Science Museum to visit the weather observatory and meet the observatory weather mascot, a cat named Marty. Coincidentally, Marty was the name of Nancy's late husband and MVRS director Marty Martin. Marty the cat was reserved but allowed Nancy to give it a friendly pat.

Back at the base camp we removed our cold weather gear and posed for a group shot. I hope MVRS keeps returning to the Cog for many more years.



The DLR operates across six Opportunity Areas in London, which have the potential to provide more than 124,000 homes and 200,000 jobs. There are around 45,000 of these homes already under construction, or with planning permission, within walking distance of the DLR. The additional capacity the trains will deliver is essential to support further growth beyond that already permitted, particularly in parts of the Royal Docks and the Isle of Dogs where the DLR is the main transport option.

Metrolink is one of the best light rail systems in the World

According to experts who carried out an international study of light rail systems, the Greater Manchester system, known as Metrolink, was rated the as fifth best in the large cities category, scoring 66/100 based on ten separate criteria. Metrolink was praised for its

off-peak frequency, pricing and ticketing, use of resources, economic balance and tram ridership dynamic. The comparative study, which looked at 32 tram systems from across the world, was published by Eurogroup Consulting in July.

Contactless Payments introduced by Metrolink

From Monday July 15th Metrolink passengers in the Greater Manchester area were able to use their contactless device to simply touch-in and touch-out at tram stops, with the system working out their fare, up to a daily cap. Metrolink customers can already use their contactless bank card to buy a ticket at a ticket machine, and this will remain an option. What the new 'intelligent' contactless system will do is cut out the need to buy a ticket or download the app.

MEMBER-O-GRAM

Director **Nancy Roney** recently drew our attention to how Florida plans to expand its transportation options by linking up with Virgin Trains USA. In the UK Virgin operates many trains. For example, on the 200-mile West Coast Main Line route between Manchester and London their trains take just over 2 hours with several trains each hour. Far better than many a bus service. **Bill McCaffrey** also mentions this topic in his column, The Roundhouse, on page 7.

Riding the Rails photojournalist **Bob LaMay** reports he is on his way to St. Augustine FL having sold his house up north. He promises to keep sending photos taken before the move for The Waybill and wishes everyone well. And columnist **Bill McCaffrey** will also be on the move in the next couple of months. That each submitted their Waybill column punctually while so busy is much appreciated.

Heads up: there are plans afoot for next year's Mystic Valley Railway Society 50th anniversary. Watch out for more details in the November 2019 – January 2020 Waybill.



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Riding the Rails

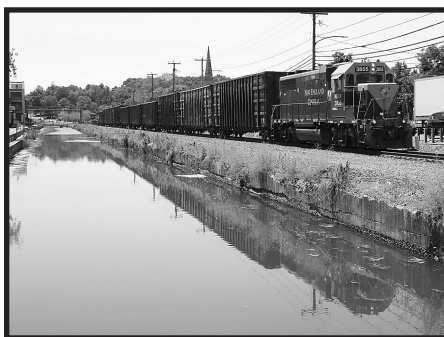
By Robert A. LaMay



Springfield MA
Union Station



CSO4 rolls south at
Windsor Locks CT



CSO3 rolls north at
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Springfield MA



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

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!**

Booking Conditions



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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."

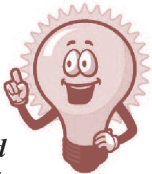
Handicapped Information

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.

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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.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Friday November 1, 2019

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.



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

WHITE MTN WILDCAT

Sunday – September 15, 2019 FARE: \$110 PP

Come with us as we enjoy a fall day in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire. Brunch at the White Mountain Hotel in North Conway will be scrumptious and plentiful. The hotel has a small gift shop and also a Pro Shop for golf-related items. Then we'll travel north to Wildcat Mountain, east of Mt Washington, for a gondola ride to see the vista.

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Brunch
Wildcat gondola ride



TIMETABLE

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

All times are approximate and subject to change



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

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HOBO RAILROAD & KELLERHAUS

Saturday – September 28, 2019 FARE: \$89 PP

Come with us as we see lovely Meredith NH where the fall colors should be turning. Enjoy a full turkey dinner on the Hobo Railroad to warm you up from a brisk fall morning. After a train ride around the lake we will board the bus and ride to the Kellerhaus for ice cream, candy and possibly some early Christmas shopping.

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Hobo Railroad
Full turkey dinner



TIMETABLE

8:30am Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3) 7:30pm
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THE FESTIVAL THAT STINKS!

Sunday – September 29, 2019 FARE: \$70 PP

Take a peek at the fall foliage as we travel to Orange in central Massachusetts. The 21st North Quabbin Garlic & Arts Festival celebrates peace, love and garlic. It has a hundred booths featuring not only farmers, garlic and cooking demos but also regional artists and healing arts exhibitors, plus community organizations encouraging recycling and energy conservation. Enjoy music and spoken-word performances on three stages. Plenty of healthy farm-fresh and savory options at the food courts for lunch on your own.

FEATURES:

Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
Six hours on your own at Garlic Festival

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Food Court and Vendors onsite



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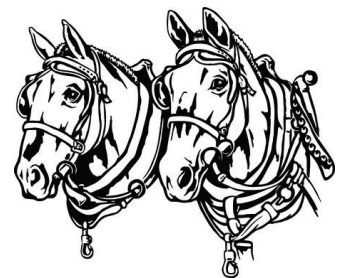
FALL HAYRIDE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sunday – October 13, 2019 FARE: \$95 PP

Join us for a fall day in southern New Hampshire. After the scrumptious brunch buffet at Papagallos we will transfer to the Silver Ranch Stables for an autumnal hayride. The changing of the seasons may offer the treat of seeing the turning foliage colors.

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Brunch at Papagallos – Keene NH
Hayride at Silver Ranch Stables – Jaffrey NH



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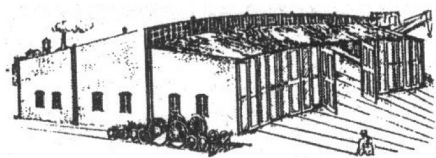
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The Roundhouse



The MBTA has awarded a contract to A.A. Will Corporation for \$32,367,200 to build a new Chelsea Commuter Rail Station with a connection to the Silver Line 3 – Chelsea service. [MBTA press release]

Railpace reports that Tower A across the Charles River from North Station closed in March of this year. The building was declared unsafe. In recent years heavy wooden beams were used to shore up the brick wall. Its functions were transferred to a leased trailer mounted on scaffold staging. Tower A was placed in service on September 27, 1931. At one time it had electropneumatic machines with 229 levers for controlling switches and signals. It was one the few buildings to have the words “Boston and Maine Railroad” still etched on its wall.

Amtrak has announced that buses will be substituting for the Boston section of the Lakeshore Limited between Boston and Albany. The bus will make all station stops EXCEPT Back Bay and Framingham. This affects travel on many but not all dates between May 20 and August 1.

From the website of US Senator Susan Collins of Maine: U.S. Senator Susan Collins, the Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, announced that the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) has been awarded \$17,468,840 for infrastructure upgrades and rail crossing safety improvements along approximately 75 miles of the Pan Am Railways freight mainline in rural parts of central and southern Maine. This funding has been awarded through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration’s (FRA) fiscal year (FY) 2018 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. Through this project, MaineDOT will address rail safety concerns by replacing equipment that, in some cases, is almost 50 years old. The project will modernize 75 miles of Pan Am Railway mainline track in Maine, including replacing 37 miles of rail, upgrading 25 switches, upgrading 47 public and 42 private at-grade rail crossings, extending and upgrading an existing siding, replacing signal systems, and replacing bridge deck timbers on eight rail bridges.

BRUNSWICK — The Coastal Connection, a proposed seasonal weekend Downeaster service to the Midcoast, has

been delayed yet again and will not be ready for summer operation, according to Patricia Quinn, executive director of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority. The line would have run two-hour weekend trips from Brunswick to Rockland with stops in Bath, Wiscasset and Newcastle.

The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority manages Maine’s contract with Amtrak, but the Maine Department of Transportation owns the 58-mile track between Brunswick and Rockland and leases with the Central Maine and Quebec Railway to carry freight on the line, Quinn said. Because of this, there are many moving pieces that need to be sorted out in order to start training crews to run the service. “It’s taking longer than anticipated for the legal operating requirements side,” she said, adding that they will “continue the dialogue”. [from The Times Record]

Here are a few items from railpassengers.org:

Amtrak introduced new Cafe Car menus on all Acela Express and Northeast Regional trains the week of June 9. Newly featured items include hot White Cheddar Mac & Cheese, a Pepperoni & Cheese snack tray and Cavot Pinot Grigio wine which is available in half bottles.

An investigative report from NBC Boston the second week of June regarding overcrowded Downeaster trains, which included an interview with a pregnant woman and her husband who are both daily riders into Boston, prompted a response from Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) Executive Director Patricia Quinn on the current capacity issues on the route. In a letter that was handed out to commuters on June 11, Quinn explained that the number of monthly pass holders puts a strain on the availability of seats because of the way the current system works: riders with monthly passes can hop on any train without going through an online reservation. Quinn also stated that adding additional capacity to combat the high demand is not “feasible on a permanent basis” and that overcrowding is likely to continue. A fare increase for monthly passes is under consideration.

Amtrak is on track to introduce new high-speed trains for revenue service on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) from Washington D.C. to Boston as early as 2021. While it’ll be marketed under the same name as the fleet it’s meant to be replacing, the next-generation Acela is far from a refresh, Amtrak and Alstom officials said during a press tour held on June 12 at the Alstom manu-

facturing facility producing the fleet in Hornell NY. The new trains are capable of 186 mph but there is no place on the Northeast Corridor that is safe for speeds in excess of 160 mph. The new trains will be tested at the Transportation Technology Center in Pueblo CO before they enter service. In the meantime, Amtrak has made an effort to refresh the interiors of its current 20-trainset Acela fleet by replacing seat cushions and covers, installing new carpet runners along the aisles and deep cleaning each of the 100 cars. [Progressive Railroadng]

LONG OVERDUE – On July 2, 2019 Governor Baker led a ceremonial first shovel ground-breaking event in Freetown for South Coast Commuter Rail. This has been proposed and promised over and over again. The Governor promised that this time it is real. Line will run via Middleboro. A News Center Five video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktiabugpsDY&feature=share>

TRAINS Magazine columnist Fred Frailey in the August 2019 issue has a fascinating article on the extreme difficulties of building new rail lines with government money. There are too many greedy people with powerful political influence such as consultants, unions, local elected officials who can demand huge amounts of non-productive spending and who make more money the longer a project is delayed. He did not mention any New England projects. He mentions both high speed rail projects and commuter projects. One has to wonder how many of the problems of big fiascos in California, North Carolina affect projects in Massachusetts and Connecticut. On the bright side he mentioned two privately funded projects: Texas Central, a high-speed line between Dallas and Houston, and Virgin Trains in Florida [new name for former Brightline] that wants to link Miami and Orlando at more ordinary speeds. The name Virgin was added to this project when Virgin Atlantic Airlines became a major investor. How often do you hear about an airline investing in a rail project?

Starting on page 20 of the same issue is a detailed three page pull out map of the current rail situation in the Greater New York area. The map covers portions of three states NY, CT, and NJ. The beloved names from the past like PRR, NYNH&H, NYC, DL&W, etc. have all disappeared to be replaced by names like Amtrak, NJ Transit, Metro North etc. A few old names survive in modified form. For example, the Long Island Railroad is now the MTA Long Island

Railroad. The former Staten Island Rapid Transit once owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is now the MTA Staten Island Railway. In addition to railroads, the map also shows the New York City subway owed by the New York City Transit Authority and a few ferry lines.

It was not my intention to make TRAINS Magazine August 2019 issue the center of attention in this column but there two more items that demand mention. Scott Hartley wrote a six-page article on the Central Maine and Quebec Railway which serves northern Maine and Eastern Quebec. Jim Wrinn wrote an article about Union Pacific steam locomotive number 4014 nicknamed “Big Boy” which includes a three-page picture pullout. Big Boy is a 4-8-8-4 locomotive weighing 381 tons and has thirty-two 68-inch driving wheels. It is the world’s biggest steam locomotive and was restored to operating condition by the Union Pacific and christened on May 4 in Cheyenne WY by Union Pacific Chairman Lance Fritz and his wife Julie. It dominated railfan web sites in the month of May and lured many American and foreign railfans to Wyoming and Utah.

There is a YouTube video called “Amtrak’s Dying Long Distance Trains” from the Wall Street Journal. It features a reporter riding the Crescent from Washington to New Orleans and gives brief look at the political battles on this subject.

PORTLAND, MAINE –Greater Portland Metro and the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) have announced a partnership to improve the promotion of public transportation options between the towns of Portland, Freeport, and Brunswick, locations that are currently served by both METRO BREEZ and the Amtrak Downeaster. In an effort to maximize flexibility for passengers, an integrated rail/bus schedule has been developed to provide passengers with all bus and train service options on weekdays and weekends. In addition, both METRO BREEZ and Amtrak Downeaster have coordinated pricing to offer passengers a seamless fare structure with \$3 one-way, \$27 Ten-Ride, and \$90 Monthly passes for regular service. Reduced fare options are also available. “This schedule and fare structure make it easy for passengers to travel on the mode or schedule that best meets their needs. Take the train one-way and the bus the other.” said Natalie Bogart, Marketing Director at NNEPRA. [NNEPRA Press Release]

Lines from Ireland

In May the process to order the largest and greenest fleet in Irish public transport history commenced as Iarnród Éireann [Irish Rail], supported by the National Transport Authority (NTA), sought expressions of interest from global train manufacturers for up to 600 electric/battery-electric powered carriages over a 10-year timescale.

DART Expansion, a US\$ 2.2 billion investment under Project Ireland 2040, will see the capacity of the rail network transformed through investment in up to 300 new carriages, the electrification of lines from Dublin to Maynooth, M3 Parkway, Hazelhatch and Drogheda, and key infrastructure works to allow more trains to operate in the Greater Dublin Area.

The ambitious tender for new carriages allows for the planned fleet expansion, replacement of the original DART fleet (the 76-carriage fleet will be almost 45-years old at the end of the current National Development Plan in 2027) and other carriages, and ensures that the framework is in place for more carriages to be ordered if further growth in demand occurs.

While electricity-powered trains are expected to make up the overwhelming majority of train orders, the tender process is also

providing for a possible first tranche of battery-electric hybrid trains. This is to ensure that should funding or planning processes see the electrification of the first of the lines completed beyond 2024, new trains will be available to operate from that date to meet the surging demand from commuters.

As well as this major order, Iarnród Éireann and the NTA are progressing shorter-term options to meet record demand on Ireland’s railways with 47.9 million journeys in 2018, and capacity requirements becoming acute at peak times. Included are negotiations between Iarnród Éireann and its supplier seeking to agree an order for at least 41 extra Intercity railcar carriages, adding to an existing fleet of 234 vehicles, to enter service from late 2021, and the tender process underway by the NTA for the possible purchase or lease of pre-owned trains. This latter option would also involve modifications to fleet, particularly as Ireland’s track gauge differs from that of other railways – the gauge throughout Ireland is 5 feet 3 inches. This arose from an inter-company dispute in 1843 when the Board of Trade ruled that the gauge in Ireland should be that. At that time there were only three railway companies in Ireland, one of which with just six miles of

track. In 1846 the passage of the ‘Gauge of Railways Act’ fixed the gauge of track in Britain at 4 foot 8½ inch, allowed no more construction of 7 feet 0¼ inch gauge other than those already authorized by parliament, and left unchanged the gauge previously determined for Ireland.

The recent Oireachtas [Irish Parliament] Climate Action Committee report recommended that the public transport elements of Project Ireland 2040 be prioritized, calling for the speedy delivery of public transport investment to encourage more people to choose sustainable modes and leave the automobile behind.

Iarnród Éireann has invited members of the public and interested organisations to participate in a public consultation as part of a financial and economic appraisal of proposals to extend the Western Rail Corridor on the west coast. Working to terms of reference specified by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Iarnród Éireann has appointed consultants EY-DKM Economic Advisory to undertake the independent appraisal and public and stakeholder consultation to establish if the proposed extension from Athenry, Co. Galway to Tuam, Co. Galway (phase 2) and from Tuam to Cla-

remorris, Co. Mayo, (phase 3) represents value for money to the Irish public.

Due to engineering works in Northern Ireland between Portadown (County Armagh) and Lisburn (County Down), service alterations commenced on the Dublin and Belfast route from July 27th until August 23rd with train services to Belfast operating as a train only between Dublin Connolly and Portadown. Passengers traveling to and from Belfast changed at Newry for a connecting bus transfer. Departure times from Dublin Connolly, Drogheda, and Dundalk remained the same while bus departure times from Lanyon Place in Belfast, were advanced by up to 15 minutes ahead of scheduled train departure times.

On Saturday July 27th and Sunday July 28th additional DART services were provided by Iarnród Éireann from Dublin to Bray, Co. Wicklow, for the 100,000+ people who wished to attend the free 10th Bray Air Show. The air show was held over two afternoons off the mile-long Bray sea front in excellent weather and attracted exceptionally large crowds.

May to July 2019 *By James Scannell*



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

EXPLORING CENTRAL MA

Saturday – October 26, 2019 FARE: \$99 PP

Go west! Our step-on tour guide will discuss the Quabbin Reservoir and its creation. The source of drinking water for much of eastern Massachusetts, the surrounding protected lands are home to many wildlife species. After lunch at the Salem Cross Inn, on to Breezlands Orchard in Warren. Either pick your own apples or purchase them from the farmstand and giftshop that also offers pies and baked goods, jam and cheese.

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Quabbin Reservoir
Salem Cross Inn
Breezlands Orchards



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EXPLORING CENTRAL MA

Saturday – October 26, 2019 FARE: \$99 PP

MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Roast Stuffed Chicken Breast
☐ Yankee Pot Roast



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SANTA'S HELPER

Saturday – November 23, 2019. FARE: \$60 PP

Enjoy a day of shopping in Freeport ME and help out your Santa. You'll have about five hours on your own at the outlet shops, including the LL Bean flagship store. Lunch on your own.



FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Five hours at the outlet shops
Lunch on your own

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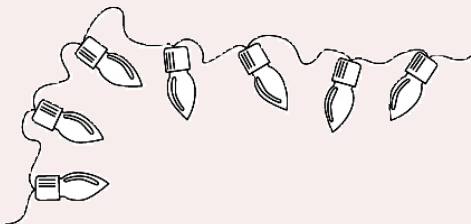
THE NITE LIFE

Saturday – November 30, 2019 FARE: \$105 PP

Our first stop in western Massachusetts will be Yankee Candle in Deerfield, with shopping for candles, fudge and other delights. Then south to Holyoke for a buffet meal at The Delaney House. As it gets dark, we'll drive through Bright Nights in Forest Park, organized by the Spirit of Springfield in their 100th year, for "Three Miles of Smiles".

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Hobo Railroad
Full turkey dinner



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ENCHANTMENT

Saturday – December 7, 2019 FARE: \$120 PP

Visit Jordan's Furniture in Avon to see their Enchanted Village and maybe buy some Jordan Marsh famous blueberry muffins. Then lunch on savory and sweet treats, freshly baked scones and tea at Blithewold Mansion, Bristol RI, and tour the decorated house culminating with their wonderful Christmas tree. At the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro MA you can view the Christmas Festival of Lights and get supper on your own.

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
Jordan's Enchanted Village
Blithewold Mansion, Bristol RI
La Salette Christmas Festival of Lights



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