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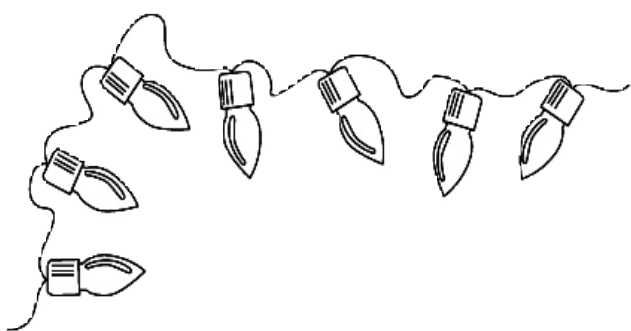


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THE NITE LIFE

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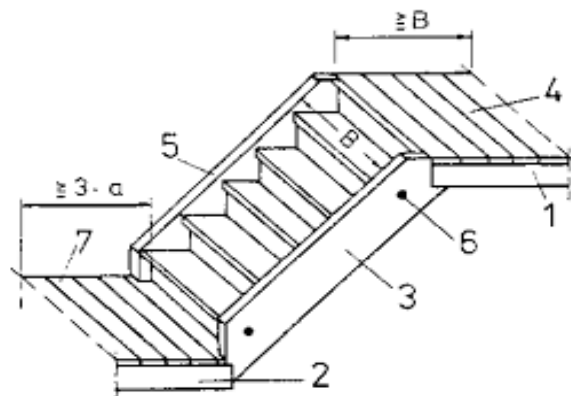


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The 39 Steps

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 23, 2020



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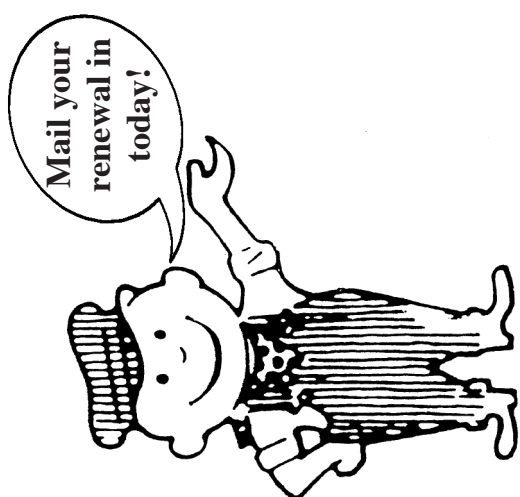
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NOTICE!

Calling all
photographers
- time to submit
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 we head into the Holiday Season, I want to say thank you to all for helping keep the MVRs and me on track. Any interesting stories or pictures of yourself on the trips you wish to share please send in care of Member-o-Gram. Remem-

ber Saturday Feb 1st, 2020 is our nominating meeting at the Pearl Street Station Restaurant in Malden MA, a new venue for this occasion. This is your chance to nominate your favorite members to run for director or officer for the

From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

Time has a way of slipping away and it certainly has. We're now looking at the Waybill with holiday trips including Christmas lights in Springfield MA and Bristol RI. The trip team has been hard at work planning trips and would appreciate any ideas of places that would interest you for future trips. Of course, if you feel more adventuresome, you too could be a member of the trip team and have some fun planning even more enjoyment.

Next year is the Mystic Valley Railway Society's 50th Anniversary and we are celebrating

this occasion Saturday September 12, 2020 with a luncheon at the Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer MA. This site is the original Palmer Union Station on Depot St. The restaurant was a train depot that originally opened in 1884. It still has the look of an old train station with the ticket window, an old passenger car, and a steam engine from the 1990s plus lots of artifacts from earlier days of train travel. Join us as we step back in time and enjoy Mystic Valley Railway Society's 50th Anniversary on September 12, 2020.

Next year is just around the corner and I will

From the Membership Chairman - Nancy Jeanne Martin

I've been involved with a number of trips especially the Turkey Train along Lake Winnepesaukee on Saturday 9/28. It was a beautiful day, and everyone enjoyed their meal and the train trip.

Recently I went on the trip Exploring Central MA and learned more about the Quabbin. I had no idea there was a large park, run by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, around the reservoir that supplies my drinking water.

From the MVRs Legal Counsel - Brad Pinta

The holiday shopping season is here again! As consumers, there are certain rules and regulations to keep in mind that will help you make more informed decisions about your purchases and have a good holiday shopping experience this year.

The Massachusetts Consumer Protection Law (G.L. c.93A) makes it illegal for a salesperson to make false or misleading statements about a product or service or withhold any information in an attempt to convince you to buy it, to sell merchandise "as is," to try to pass off a used product as a new one, or to try to sell an item using what is referred to as a "bait and switch" tactic. A salesperson cannot misrepresent the price of an item or claim that it is reduced or offered for a limited time only, if that is not true. Stores must honor the price of an item as advertised, even if it is wrong, until they make a written correction using the same advertising medium or by corrective signs posted in the store.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no set law about merchandise return policies in Massachu-

setts. If the item or product is not defective, a store can have any return policy it wants, so long as it is clearly posted somewhere in the store or online and you have a chance to read it before buying. Defective merchandise must be accepted for return, regardless of any store policy, and you must be given the option of a repair, replacement item, or refund of the price for any defective merchandise. A salesperson cannot misrepresent the store's return policy in order to convince you to buy an item or fail to honor the return policy if you wish to return an item or merchandise within the disclosed return period. When a store issues a merchandise credit rather than a cash credit for returned goods, you have at least seven (7) years from the date of issue to use the merchandise credit.

Some other important consumer shopping tips to keep in mind:

• Gift cards purchased directly from merchants are good for seven (7) years. Gift cards (Mastercard, Visa, and American Express) issued by banks and useable at various merchants, are good

upcoming year. Also taking place that day will be the judging for the 2021 MVRs calendar photoa. Sit back and make new friends and memories.

miss my favorite part of the New Year as Mystic Valley Railway Society will not be present at the Amherst Railway Society's Train Show in West Springfield MA in January. I really enjoyed participating at the show. Times have changed! Perhaps my wife and I will take another vacation with train transport and a cruise ship to Alaska!

On a sad note, since the last Waybill we were notified of the death of past director and tour leader Fannie Chung. She will be missed.

Your membership of the Mystic Valley Railway Society ensures you get advance notification of trips such as these when you receive the Waybill every quarter.

for five (5) years. Gift cards are not redeemable for cash. Once you have used 90% of the card's value, you may spend the rest or choose to take the remaining value in cash.

• Gift certificates must be clearly marked with an issuance date and expiration date or have the dates available online or printed on the sales receipt. If no dates are provided, the gift certificate has no expiration date.

• Massachusetts limits the amount of information a merchant can require for check cashing and credit card purchases. For check purposes, merchants may record your name, address, driver's license number, and a contact telephone number. The merchant can also ask to see a credit card as further identification but cannot write down that number. For credit card purchases, merchants are not allowed to ask for your address, telephone number, or Social Security number.

is without the dining car. The moral of the story is that we have to actively support the things we value. That might mean riding a train either into Boston or a thousand miles cross-country. Buying supplies at brick-and-mortar shops. Supporting local producers. Every action you take is significant.

The banner of The Waybill proclaims that the Mystic Valley Railroad Society is a non-profit educational corporation. The hope is that articles such as these add to your knowledge about and enjoyment of New England.

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. 11-30-19 (10am-4pm) and Sun. 12-1-19 (10am-3pm): **NETCA 2 Day Train Meet**, Westford Regency Hotel, 219 Littleton Road (Route 110), Westford, MA. operating layouts, kids' club, repair clinic, \$5 good for both days, free Sun after 1pm. Info: netca.org

• Sat. 12-7-19 (10am-5pm) and Sun. 12-8-19 (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) & scouts in uniform. Info: 508-528-8587, www.hubdiv.org

• Sat. 12-7-19 (10am-3pm): **Winooski Train Show**, Champlain Valley Chapter of **National Railway Historical Society**, Winooski Educational Center, 80 Normand St, Winooski VT. \$5 adult, \$1 ages 6-12, free under 6 (with adult). Info: <https://sites.google.com/view/winooskitrainshow/home>

• Fri. 1-10-20 (6-9pm): **South Shore Model Railway Club & Museum Family Open House & Scout Night**, Bare Cove Park - Building 51, 52 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham MA. \$2 adult; free 4 & under (with adult). Info: ssmrc.org

• Sat. 1-25-19 (9am-5pm) and Sun. 1-26-19 (10am-5pm): **Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show**, Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA. 01089. \$15 adult per day, free 15 and under (with adult). Info: <http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com/attendingtheshow.php>

• Sun. 2-9-19 (9am-2pm): **Classic Shows, LLC - Train and Toy Show**, Zandri's Stillwood Inn, 1074 South Colony Rd, Wallingford CT. \$6 adult; free under 15 (with adult). Info: 203-926-1327, www.ClassicShowsLLC.com

• Sat. 3-7-20 (9am-4pm) and Sun. 3-8-20 (10am-4pm): **South Shore Model Railway Club & Museum Spring Open House & Show**, Bare Cove Park - Building 51, 52 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham MA. \$5 adult; \$3 seniors (65+) & ages 5-12 (with adult); free 4 & under (with adult). Info: ssmrc.org

• Sat. 3-28-20 and Sun. 3-29-20 (10am-4pm): **Greenberg's Train & Toy Show**, Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington MA 01887. Adult \$10 Sat. or \$9 Sun., free 11 and under (with adult). Info: <http://trainshow.com/wilmington03/>

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

Directors:
Lillian Garvey, Eleanor Manning (Ellie), William Manning (Billy), Nancy Jeanne Martin, Joseph McDonough (Joe), Marcia Pennington, Mary Verner

Positions They Fill
Boutique - Marcia Pennington & Jeff Costello
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Photography/Calendar - Dirk Hertel
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Waybill Mailing Coordinator - Tracey Rylko
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).

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE

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

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Name: _____

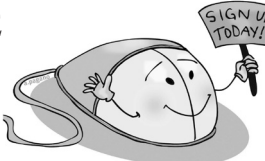
Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please include telephone number (with area code) _____

Email: _____

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



Got a Question:

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

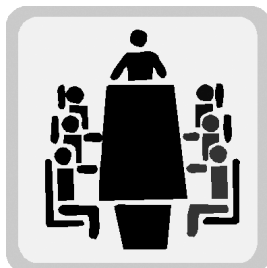
NEW RENEWAL
Regular Membership \$ _____
at \$10 per person
at \$4 per additional person \$ _____
to the price of the regular Membership
Life Membership \$ _____
at \$125 per person (U.S.A. only)

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.

Special Events

NOMINATING/ PHOTO JUDGING CONTEST



Saturday February 1, 2020
– NEW LOCATION –
Pearl Street Station Restaurant
53 Summer Street
Malden MA 02148-3937
781-322-6410

10am Nominating Meeting (members only)
12pm Buffet Lunch \$25 per person
1pm Calendar Photo Judging for 2021 Calendar with Dirk Hertel

Directions to Pearl Street Station

- **Public transportation:**
 - 2-minute walk from the Orange Line Malden Center T station
- **Driving:**
 - One block south of Malden District Court
 - Restaurant has a parking lot



MVRS Buffet Luncheon - \$25 per person
Saturday February 1, 2020



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 _____

Phone number (with area code) _____

MEMBERS ONLY – MEMBERS ONLY



VOTE - VOTE - VOTE



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MVRS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 2020-2021
SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020

Come and join us at the **Mt. Vernon Restaurant**, 14 Broadway, Somerville MA 02145 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 7, 2020** 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 Saturday February 1, 2020 to Nancy Roney, Recording Secretary, MVRS, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136-0009.

Directions to the Mount Vernon,
14 Broadway Somerville MA 02145:

- Public transportation: **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 29 toward MA28S/MA38S Somerville/Medford. Merge onto MA38N/Mystic Ave. Stay on Mystic Ave. Take Mystic Ave/Broadway exit, right lane. Right onto Lombardi St (signed Broadway/Somerville). Left at first cross street 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 Lombardi St. Take 1st left onto Broadway.

Steam - Diesel - Electric - Modern - Vintage Photo Contest for the 2021 New England Railroading Calendar



42nd Edition - Cash Prizes!

Deadline for photo submission is Saturday December 14, 2019
Contest to be held on Saturday February 1, 2020

CONTEST RULES:

- 1 Participant must be a member in good standing.
- 2 Each photo must be taken within the six states of New England: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT.
- 3 Maximum 10 photos per participant.
- 4 Photos printed in past MVRS calendars must not be resubmitted.
- 5 All photos **MUST** be in landscape (horizontal) orientation.
- 6 Written consent must be included from that person if any face is recognizable in the photo.
- 7 Submit photos as 35mm slides or digital images.
- 8 Not acceptable: copies of 35mm slides, prints on paper, or digital reproductions of either 35mm slides or prints.
- 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 the camera) in JPEG, TIFF, or RAW formats (if supported by the camera) on a recordable compact disc (CD-R, DVD-R) or USB flash drive.
- 11 A signed MVRS entry form must be accompanied entries. See OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM" printed below (photocopy acceptable) or else can be downloaded from <http://www.mysticvalleys.org/calcontest.html>
- 12 Supply a caption for each photo. If possible, submit captions electronically (Word, PDF, or any other text file format).
- 13 Number digital photo files (1-10) so that photos and captions can be matched.
- 14 Entries must be postmarked by the Saturday December 14, 2019 deadline.
- 15 A prize of \$150 will be awarded for each front and back cover; \$100 for each calendar month.
- 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 packing materials with correct postage was supplied at the time of submission.
- 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 click on CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST
Paper form - see OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM below

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



MYSTIC VALLEY RAILWAY SOCIETY, INC.
2021 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline: entry must be postmarked by Saturday December 14, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Membership # _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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 <http://www.mysticvalleys.org/calcontest.html>
See CONTEST RULES above

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



MEMBER-O-GRAM

Director **Judy Berson-Hoyt** wears many hats. Not only Treasurer, she is also an integral part of Trip Team and reports that a lot of trips are being planned for the society's 50th anniversary year. She adds there'll be a mix of new and exciting ones along with some old favorites, so stay tuned to read all about them in upcoming Waybills.

Photojournalist **Bob LaMay** has already started recording railway happenings in Florida after his recent move south (see Riding the Rails on this page). I don't suppose pictures from his new home will feature much snow.

We are grateful that columnist **Bill McCaffrey** managed to write his Roundhouse column even while moving to new accommodation.



Marty, the cat who lives at Mount Washington Observatory, was photographed by director **Nancy Jeanne Martin** during the July trip to the Cog Railway.



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



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

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

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@mysticvalleyns.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!

Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



Amtrak arrives at Springfield MA



Inside Union Station at Springfield MA



Crew Change of the Florida East Coast



CTrail at Wallingford CT



Florida East Coast Train 101 crosses San Sebastian River at St. Augustine

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
Saturday February 1, 2020**

Railroad Boutique



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

_____ 2020 N.E. Railroading Calendar, 41st edition: 14 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: 86____, 87____, 94____, 00____, 13____, 14____, 15____, 16____, 17____, 18____, 19____

_____ 12 full-color frameable calendar prints of N.E. Railroading (our choice)\$3.00

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_____ Gold-colored 1" train locomotive pin\$5.00

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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

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In Memoriam



of Dorothy Dear of Dedham, Nellie Chin of VA, Rae Hong of CT, and the late Donald Wong of NY. She was the proud grandmother of Rachel and Alicia Cassidy, Colleen and Amy Chung, and Erin and Daniel Mahoney.

A funeral mass was held in St Gerard Majella Church in Canton, followed by interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Donations may be made in Fannie's memory to the American Heart Association.

Fannie Chung, 89, of Concord, formerly of Hyde Park, died August 30, 2019, in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family

Fannie was a retired administrative assistant who worked for many years at Curry College. She was an avid photographer, taking thousands of pictures of her family and her travels around the world. As an active member of the Mystic Valley Railway Society, she loved to travel around the country.

She was the devoted wife of the late George Chung, and the loving mother of Patricia Tecu (m. William Tecu) of Milton, Marie Chung of Concord, Peter Chung of Canton, Andrew Chung of Milford, and Jane Chung (m. James Mahoney) of MD. She was the loving sister

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Editor's note: Fannie was very active as a Tour Director and on Trip Team when I joined the society in the late 1990s. Because of both planning and running trips, she was skilled at producing balanced offerings that would appeal to a wide range of prospective passengers. In later years we became friends outside the MVRS, enjoying trips to the theatre together. I last saw her in July and, even though she knew she was wearing out, her good humor shone through and it was a most pleasant evening.

Vice President Jeff Costello recalls enjoying many long-distance train tours with Fannie and her sister Dottie Dear. Director Nancy Jeanne Martin reminisced that she and Fannie were often roommates on longer trips.

**Hold the Date –
it'll be a special occasion!**

MVRS 50th Anniversary

Saturday September 12, 2020



Special train-themed luncheon buffet

Special railroad station location

Special train displays and exhibits

Special souvenir surprise

Special anniversary price

Special for you – and everyone – all welcome

Full details coming soon

News from Britain – August to October 2019

New London Overground ticket machines make it easier to support Railroad Children charity

Railway Children is an international charity working to help vulnerable children sheltering in and around railroad stations and fights for children at risk of abuse and exploitation on the streets in the UK as well as in Africa and India. Customers at London Overground stations are now able to make donations to help support the Railway Children international charity after a new feature was added to ticket machines across the network.

People using ticket machines at 81 stations now have the option to add a donation when topping up Oyster cards, with 100% of the donation paid directly to the charity. The feature has been developed in partnership with Railway Children, Arriva Rail London (operators of the London Overground network) and ticket machine manufacturer Worldline.

London Overground's West Hampstead station becomes step-free

From October 11th new passenger elevators from street to platform began providing step-free access. For the first time customers using the London Overground station at West Hampstead will now benefit from easier and

more accessible journeys as Transport for London (TfL) opened new passenger elevators providing step-free access from street to platform. Both platforms are now served by the two new passenger elevators helping ensure the station is accessible to all customers, including disabled or older customers, parents or carers with strollers, and people with heavy luggage. West Hampstead joins the growing number of accessible TfL stations and supports the Lord Mayor of London's Transport Strategy of making the transport network more accessible and inclusive.

Transport for London works with Ordnance Survey to reduce disruption from vehicles striking bridge

From October 9th verified, free-to-use, data on height restrictions of tunnels and bridges became available in Greater London to enhance safety and help vehicles avoid unnecessary collisions that impact drivers and rail passengers. 'I encourage all freight operators to use this data to ensure their systems are consistently accurate, helping drivers and their vehicles avoid unnecessary collisions, which can impact both drivers and rail passengers' urged Emily Herreras-Griffiths, Travel Demand Management Interim Programme Di-

rector, at Transport for London.

Freight and fleet operators can now access better information about height restrictions for tunnels and bridges across London, thanks to the Ordnance Survey permitting TfL to release a new free-to-use dataset. Available via <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/open-data-users/our-open-data>, this provides freight and delivery operators, as well as developers and academics, with more detailed information about height restrictions on low bridges, tunnels and barriers across London roads. The data covers all bridge structures within the Greater London boundary/M25 with structures grouped into five specific groups. These bridges can suffer from strikes by oversized vehicles, such as HGVs or cranes, despite signage on the approaches.

Releasing the data will allow fleet operators to ensure that vehicles of certain heights are not diverted under the structures incorrectly, potentially causing significant structural damage and delays. Analysis by TfL suggests that, on average, there are at least two bridge strikes a month across London. Bridge strikes can be dangerous and not only cause delays to road users, but also to people traveling on Tube or rail services which often run across them.



Seeing the Red Line in a Different Light

By Dirk Hertel

Tuesday June 11, 2019, a few minutes after 6am, I boarded the northbound Red Line subway train at Quincy Center. On a normal workday, this takes me to Alewife to catch the 7:05am work shuttle bus to Billerica. Crossing the Neponset River, I looked up from reading – my commute allows ample time for that – and noticed that the tide was high enough to cover most of the marshes. After reaching the Dorchester shore and passing beneath the I93 Southeast Expressway, we screeched to a halt. Short stops are not unusual, but this one stretched to 5 then 10 minutes. An unintelligible announcement came over the intercom. I worried about missing my shuttle. People checked their phones but didn't learn anything either. Half an hour later the train slowly moved towards the next station, JFK/UMass. Knowing I'd missed the shuttle even if the train carried on to Alewife, I wondered how to reach Billerica.



Cars No 01511, 01602, and 01600, 6/11/19, 6:45am.



The front of the derailed 01602.

We all had to leave the train at JFK and it was obvious we would not be going north any time soon. On the southbound Braintree line, just before the platform and underneath the Columbia Road bridge, was a Red Line train with its third carriage off the rails and leaning over precariously. The front truck was so deep in ballast that only the wheel tops were visible. And why were there pieces of wood scattered around? Later I learned that these were the remains of the wooden cabinets housing electronic signaling equipment that had been shredded by the derailing train. The station was filled with stranded commuters.

Fortunately, the stricken train's passengers had been safely evacuated and there were no reports of serious injuries. I walked over to the Old Colony Commuter Rail platform to snap some photos then rode back to Quincy Center on southbound Greenbush Commuter Rail train 71 which made unscheduled stops at JFK and all stations to Braintree to help move stranded Red Line passengers.

It took until September 25, 2019 before the control equipment for switches and block signals at JFK/UMass was fully back in service, when the Red Line Braintree branch was able to resume its regular speed and frequency. In the intervening period I had to commute by car (while listening to audio books) so it was a relief to return to using both Red Line and the shuttle from Alewife. The derailment investigation concluded that electrical corrosion had weakened the third carriage's front axle. Current from the electric motors should ground through the axles, wheels and rails. However a poor electric connection between axle and wheel caused sparking that, over time, made the axle's steel increasingly brittle. That morning it finally became too brittle to withstand the strain of crossing the curved entrance switch at JFK/UMass station.

Like most commuters, I didn't pay attention to the equipment until something went wrong and my schedule fell apart. Then questions started occurring to me. Why does the Red Line split at JFK/UMass into an Ashmont and a Braintree branch, necessitating complex switching and signaling equipment? All the trains, including the distressed one, look old. How long have they been in service? I consulted Bradley H. Clarke's booklet "South Shore Quincy-Boston" published 1972 by the Boston Street Railway Association to learn more. It begins with a headline from the *Quincy Patriot Ledger* on Wednesday, September 1, 1971 "At Last: MBTA Opens South Shore Line" as passenger rail service resumed after a 12-year hiatus since Old Colony passenger service terminated on July 1st, 1959.

Soon the capacity of the new I93 Southeast Expressway was overwhelmed by the growing South Shore population, making the commute into Boston by car a daily nightmare. The only remaining public transportation option was a bus between Quincy and Fields Corner then the Mattapan-Cambridge subway line into Boston. Rapid transit trolley tracks along this route had been ripped out 10 years earlier by the bus line operator, the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (EMSR). New proposals to re-establish rapid transit between Boston and South Braintree failed to become reality. Electric commuter rail on the Old Colony trackage was impossible because the Neponset River rail bridge burned in 1960. The Wegematic Corporation did offer to build their ALWEG monorail (similar to that then under construction in Seattle WA) but it was deemed unsuitable for the larger scale and number of South Shore passengers and there were also concerns it would not survive New England winters. The EMSR proposed either a paved busway over the Old Colony railroad bed (similar to today's Silver Line between South Station and the Seaport District), or express buses on the Southeast Expressway. However, buses were seen as having insufficient rush hour capacity, and adding traffic to the already congested Expressway was a nonstarter.

The 1963 Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) annual report acknowledged "a severe transportation crisis in the outer suburbs which it did not serve." A 1964 Mass Transportation Commission study on mass transit in and around Boston concluded that "if public transportation facilities could be improved, more people would use public transportation," and "a comprehensive solution to the transportation crisis was needed." This sounds familiar to 2019 ears. What differed in 1964 was swift concerted action to solve the crisis: on June 17, 1964 a bill passed both houses to create the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). This included 78 communities, had the right to issue \$200 million in bonds to raise capital, and gave early construction priority to a South Shore rapid transit extension. By helpful coincidence, in the same year the US Congress enacted the Urban Mass Transportation Act with capital grants and loan programs

that helped financing the South Shore Line extension. On July 28, 1965 the MBTA purchased from the New Haven Railroad the Old Colony Branch right-of-way between the Fort Point Channel near South Station and South Braintree. Quincy would have three stops: North Quincy, replacing the old Atlantic and Norfolk Down stations, plus two more at the old depots in Wollaston and Quincy Center. The plans recommended central platforms long enough for eight 70ft-cars. "Rolling stock was intended to be competitive in comfort to the private automobile and would have transverse seating and air conditioning." The trains were to be powered by 600V DC provided by a third rail. On August 26, 1965 the MBTA adopted the Blue-Green-Orange-Red Line system for its rapid transit lines. The Cambridge-Mattapan line and the planned South Shore extension would be part of the Red Line.

Spring through Fall 1966, the old Neponset River bridge was demolished. The MBTA published its \$369 million three-phase master plan for the South Shore Extension in August 1966. First would be the \$41 million, 9.3-mile branch from the Red Line near Columbia Station to Braintree. This included a high-speed junction station with flyovers near Columbia Road, today's JFK/UMass station and location of the June 11, 2019 derailment. The existing Ashmont and Mattapan line would become the Red Line Ashmont branch, with the new extension being the Braintree branch. The second phase would extend the line to Braintree Highlands then Holbrook or even Brockton, while the third was a branch line to Weymouth or Hingham. The official South Shore Extension groundbreaking took place on August 18, 1966. The new George L. Anderson Bridge over the Neponset River was completed in 1968. Quincy construction, including the three new stations, had already begun in 1967.

In December 1967 Pullman-Standard was awarded the \$13 million contract for 76 subway cars: 26 two-car units at \$330,143 each (numbered 01600 through 01651), and 24 single cars at \$179,164 each (numbered 01500 through 01523). Nicknamed "Silverbirds" because of their brushed aluminum-finish bodies, each had seven picture windows and three doors per side, with overall length 69½ ft and 9½ wide floors. Each car could carry 64 passengers in transverse seating, with a maximum capacity of 239 including standing passengers. Propulsion was handled by Westinghouse "Tracpak" drive units whose high-speed motor and gear units fitted inside each powered truck. Acceleration was up to 2½ mph/s with a top speed of 70mph. Control and safety systems include Automatic Train Control (ATC), Automatic Train Operation (ATO), and the cab signal system. ATC is an overspeed control system to enforce track speed limits. ATO is a speed regulation system handling acceleration, speed control and braking. The cab signal system relays information to the driver from track signals, ATC, and ATO.

The first new cars, numbers 01600 and 01601, were delivered on August 6, 1969, and on September 25 the MBTA ran a Red Line special showcasing the new cars to the public. However, it took two more years and an additional \$70 million to reach Quincy Center. On August 11, 1971 the first public train, consisting of cars 01636, 01637, 01650 and 01651 traveled between Columbia Station and Quincy Center. On the official September 1st, 1971 opening day, inaugural festivities started with a luncheon at the Statler-Hilton in downtown Boston. At 3:08pm the honored guests and accompanying press corps departed Cambridge's Harvard Square station on a bunting-draped non-stop train led by car 01605, arriving at 3:20pm in North Quincy. After speeches, ribbon cuttings, and brass band music at North Quincy and Wollaston stations it entered Quincy Center at 4:20pm where a ceremony with free refreshments, entertainment, bands, a fashion show and rides on the new line got underway.



Inaugural train led by 01605 approaching Quincy Center (Edward .A. Anderson)

The rest is history. Completion to Quincy Adams and Braintree took another 9 years. The second and third phases to Brockton, Weymouth and Hingham are yet to be built. More rolling stock was added in 1988: 58 subway cars numbered 01700 to 01757 were built by UTDC (Urban Transportation Development Corporation) in Canada. A third series of 86 cars numbered 01800-85 built by Bombardier was added in 1993-94, distinguishable from the Pullman and UTDC cars by having stainless steel bodies and four doors each side. The Red Line was in the unenviable situation of having to maintain three different series of cars from as many manufacturers. Over time, instead of being retired, the "Silverbirds" and UTDC cars were upgraded. Passengers saw a new red-white exterior paint scheme and longitudinal (center-facing) seating replacing the old transverse seating as seats were sacrificed for more standing room.

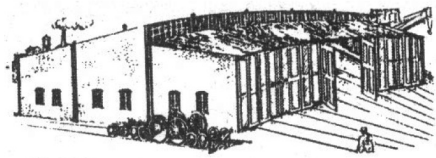
Examining photos of the June 11, 2019 derailment, I was astounded that the stricken train consisted of some of the Red Line's oldest equipment: the derailed car 01602 belonged to the second pair of Pullman cars delivered to the Red Line in 1969. It was paired with car 01600, the very first delivered on August 6, 1969. The car in front was number 01511, 12th in the 01500 series. This changed my feelings about the accident and subsequent service disruptions: instead of being angered by the inconvenience of needing to drive to work, I empathized with these old cars that after ushering in a new era of public transportation in Boston had given close to five decades of unsung service. I feel great admiration for the MBTA's employees working wonders to keep the most ancient members of their roster rolling day after day. Now I look with new understanding at the car numbers displayed on my venerable Red Line chariot.



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The Roundhouse



From a Facebook post by noted rail photographer, Kevin Burkholder: The Conway Scenic Railroad honored its founder Dwight Smith [now 94 years young] by naming Conway Scenic steam engine 0-6-0 #7470 after him. There was a naming ceremony on August 4th.

The Portland Press Herald reports that The Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad has changed plans to move from Portland to Gray. They will be staying on the Portland waterfront, but they will need to build a new station.

SAD NEWS: The Albany Times Union reports the retirement of Amtrak's last remaining dome car. Amtrak spokesman Jason Abrams told the Times Union that, "due to the age and expense of maintaining this vintage car, the Great Dome Car will no longer operate as part of Amtrak's fleet." The car is believed to be in storage at Amtrak's Beech Grove repair shops in Indiana. For the last few years the Great Dome ran on some Downeaster runs as well as the Adirondack between Albany and Montreal. It was very popular with passengers.

Students at King's College School of Journalism in Halifax NS have produced a video on the pathetic on-time performance of VIA RAIL CANADA'S two flagship long distance trains, the Canadian and the Ocean. It has more detail than can be quoted here but for the comprehensive report go to Signalhfx.CA/standingstill/

The story focuses on the hardships of native people who live in remote areas of the Ontario wilderness that has no roads. These people used to be able

to rely on train service to get to medical care.

Amtrak, in partnership with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, Maine Department of Transportation and the Central Maine & Quebec Railroad, conducted an inspection trip of the Rockland branch [former Maine Central] Aug. 14, said Patricia Quinn, executive director of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

The 56-mile Rockland branch is owned by Maine DOT and currently supports freight service provided by the Central Maine and Quebec. The rail authority has proposed a pilot program to offer seasonal weekend passenger service on the Rockland branch by expanding the operation of the Amtrak Downeaster to connect the communities of Bath, Wiscasset, Newcastle and Rockland with the 12 communities currently served between Brunswick and Boston.

"The trip was conducted to evaluate the condition of track and to help determine scheduled travel times, as well as any improvements which may be needed to support the operation of passenger trains," Quinn said. "In addition to visual inspections, a specially equipped Geometry Car operated over the line to collect detailed data about track conditions." [Waldo County Village Soup News]

The MBTA re-opened Wollaston Station on the Red Line on Fri 8/16/19.

MONTREAL, Aug. 29, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CN (TSX: CNR) (NYSE: CNI) is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement that will see CN acquire the Massena rail line from CSX, which represents more than 220 miles of track between

Valleyfield (Quebec), in Canada, and Woodard (New York), in the U.S. The ex-New York Central Massena rail line also serves many cities in the province of Quebec, including Beauharnois and Huntingdon, and in the state of New York, including Massena, Norwood, Potsdam, and Gouverneur.

"CN is excited to be expanding its reach in New York. With this acquisition from CSX, we are opening up new opportunities for our existing customers and local businesses who will be able to access new markets through CN's unique three coasts network," said JJ Ruest, president and chief executive officer at CN. "By acquiring the Massena rail line, CN continues to expand our network and foster additional supply chain solutions. CN is pleased to welcome communities along the Massena rail line to its family and we look forward to meeting our new neighbors."

Separately, on August 8, 2019, CN and CSX announced a new intermodal service offering between CN's greater Montreal & Southern Ontario network, and the CSX-served ports of Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and the New York City metropolitan area. This agreement will come into effect on October 7, 2019 and will help move freight from trucks to rail, reducing congestion in New York in a sustainable manner.

The terms of the deal were not disclosed, and the acquisition is subject to regulatory review. [Boston is not the only city with a newspaper called the Globe, Montreal has one too.]

Amtrak announced a 2 hour 35 minute non-stop Acela service New York to Washington. Service started Sept. 23rd and only one round trip is offered weekdays only. In the early days of the Metroliners there were a few scheduled

runs of less than 3 hours.

On 12/14/19 Yahoo [now owned by Verizon] will be shutting down the photo feature of Yahoo Groups. There are a number of rail pictures that will no longer be available to the public after this date. One example is <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/AmtrakNorthEast>.

The Amtrak Northeast group in spite of the name includes non-Amtrak photos from the Northeast including commuter trains, a little transit, VIA Rail Canada, and a little freight railroading. One interesting album in this group is "LEW';S AMTRAK". Yes, the apostrophe and semi colon are part of the name. This group features early Amtrak in NJ and PA, including GG1's, Metroliners, and first-generation diesels. It also has a marginal quality picture of a Metroliner and a steam locomotive running side by side.

I was able to get into these photo groups with my old Yahoo password. Prior to December 14, you can still download most of the photos with a right click. Navigation can be difficult and there is little caption information.

SPRINGFIELD, MA – Amtrak, in conjunction with MassDOT, is launching a new state-supported seven-day-a-week passenger train on Friday, August 30, called the Valley Flyer. The train will travel along the Connecticut River, a region referred to as the Knowledge Corridor, with trains making station stops in Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton and Greenfield. The trains will also connect with Amtrak's Northeast Corridor at New Haven and serve stations between New Haven and Springfield. Tickets are now available and can be found on Amtrak.com [Amtrak Press Release].

Lines from Ireland

Unlike in Britain, where policing on trains and in railroad stations is undertaken by the British Transport Police, no corresponding police force exists in either the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Instead, security contractors undertake this role but do not have the powers of arrest so that in the case of an incident, the Garda Síochána, the national police service in the Republic of Ireland, or the Police Service of Northern Ireland in Northern Ireland, have to attend. In the face of rising anti-social activity on some DART trains, during August Iarnród Éireann/ Irish Rail launched a next text alert service whereby DART users can report anti-social activity in stations and on trains by texting the word TRAIN to a designated number - 51444 - followed by the location, carriage number if possible (these are displayed at both ends of the carriage interior), and details of the incident. After receipt by the DART security centre, the sender will receive a message acknowledgement. The security centre will also contact the police or security personnel depending on the nature of the incident. Other steps taken to deal with anti-social behavior include significant increases in the number of security patrols on trains and in stations,

new CCTV on board DART carriages with the installation of in-cab screens for train engineers, strengthened co-operation and planning with the police covering specific events and responses to incidents, joint operations with the police, and the recruitment of a senior security specialist. It is intended to extend the text alert system to Commuter and Inter-City (long distance) services shortly.

Many Irish Rail stations are fitted with passenger elevators to assist those in wheelchairs, mothers with strollers, or people with mobility impairments to transit to below ground level platforms but concern was expressed by an Irish member of parliament over the number of station elevators out of service at regular intervals. However Irish Rail in reply stated that in many instances, elevators were out of order due to vandalism/ anti-social activities. Citing the case of Donaghmede station on Dublin's north-side, the cost of repairs of US\$55,000 in 2017 fell to US\$2000 in 2018 due to installation of the elevator passenger control system to help reduce vandalism and anti-social behavior. The system works by locking off the elevator and securing it until it is called into service.

During September an attempt by a

criminal gang to steal electricity from the mains supply to the signal cabin at Castleknock on the outskirts of Dublin City forced an early morning train to stop outside the station and it was unable to proceed until essential repairs had been carried out. Police suspect that a criminal gang known to them, which had previously been involved in the theft of cables to sell their copper content on the black market, were responsible for this incident.

At the end of October work was completed on the extension to the car park at Maynooth, Co. Kildare, station. On the north side of the station 38 new spaces were added to the car park, with 34 places being added to the car park on the south side of the station. These extensions mean that there is now a total of 257 vehicle spaces at Maynooth station.

A proposal by Irish Rail to introduce 'pre-book only' services during peak times was criticized as 'absolutely unacceptable' by the chairman of the Irish parliament's transport committee. Irish Rail has argued that due to overcrowding the company is considering having passengers make advance bookings for certain services as it currently the case when major sporting and entertainment events take place. While the company

plans to order 41 new carriages to cope with growing passenger numbers, these will not be available until 2021. In the meantime the company believes that the situation may get worse before it gets better so is trying to come with a system that will reduce overcrowding at peak times.

Measures to reduce overcrowding on the Luas Green Line commenced on Monday October 20th with the introduction of the first of the new extended trams which are 55 meters long compared to the existing 44 meter ones and will boost passenger capacity by 30% from 319 passengers to 408. Over the next 14 months 25 more of the extended trams will enter service.

On Saturday October 26th and Sunday 27th no train services operated between Dublin Pearse and Dun Laoghaire stations to facilitate the on-going repairs to the canopy of Dublin Pearse station in addition to track renewal between Dublin Pearse and Dun Laoghaire. Services were also suspended between Bray, Co. Wicklow, and Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to facilitate track renewal and related infrastructural works.

August to October 2019

By James Scannell



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

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
Yankee Candle
The Delaney House buffet lunch
Bright Nights at Forest Park



TIMETABLE

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| 8:00am | Wellington T (Rte 16 – Medford) | 10:00pm |
| 8:30am | Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3) | 9:30pm |
| 9:00am | Riverside T (Exit 22, 95/128) | 9:00pm |

All times are approximate and subject to change



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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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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



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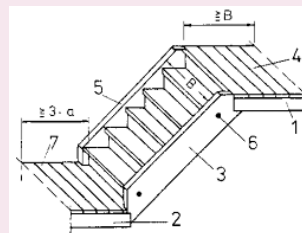
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THE 39 STEPS

Sunday – February 23, 2020 FARE: \$99 PP

Enjoy a comfortable ride and no worries about the weather. Join us for one of the first 50th anniversary MVRS specials as we travel to Newport Playhouse. Following a sumptuous buffet, stroll into the theatre to see The 39 Steps, a parody adaptation of Hitchcock's 1935 film. A cast of four will enact 100+ roles so expect quick comic changes plus references to other Hitchcock films. After the play, return to the now-transformed dining room for a cabaret show.



FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
All attractions under one roof

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