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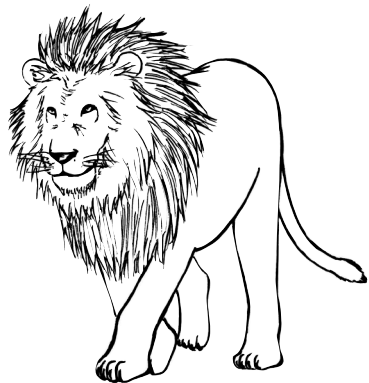
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The Heart of the Berkshires

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

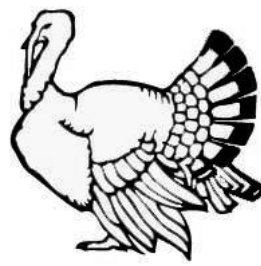


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TURKEY TRAIN AND MOULTON FARM

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VT Foliage and Apples

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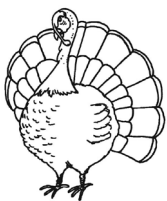


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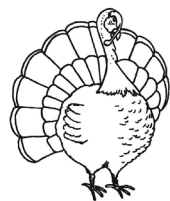
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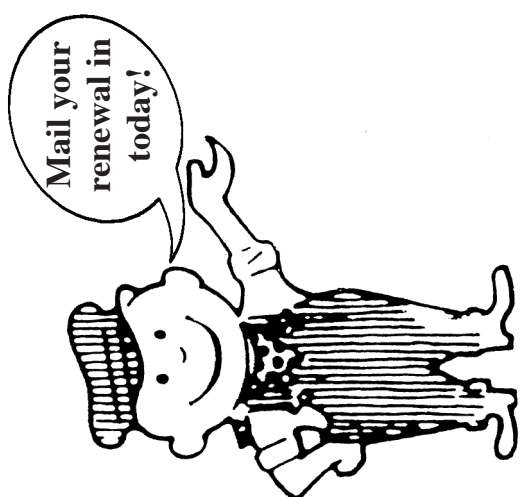


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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
April 1, 2018 -
March 31, 2019



**Keep the Good
Times Rolling**

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From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

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

If you have any contributions for Member-o-Gram (maybe a picture of yourself enjoying

one of the trips or a couple of sentences about a favorite trip) please send it in. Keep in touch with fellow travelers. We never publish telephone numbers or addresses.

If you have 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 visits.

with us. Who knows, you could see your favorite place in a future Waybill. In anticipation of the 2019 Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show, the trade-show coordinators are asking for donations of train-related items to sell during the show to railroad fans young and old. As always, we appreciate your input for future adventures. Enjoy your Summer!

We have lots of trips coming up including "A Step back in Time" where we will see many horses and carriages as they were driven in the gilded age. I am looking forward to "The Heart of the Berkshires" because I want to go back to the Norman Rockwell Museum. Come with us on the Turkey Train and celebrate Thanksgiving early as we ride along Lake Winnepesaukee.

competition agreements and/or non-solicitation agreements? Does the company regularly maintain personnel files and policies against sexual harassment in the workplace?

In regard to issues relating to the premises on which the company operates its enterprise, is there a written lease, and if so, does that lease contain an option to extend the tenure of the lease term? Does the lease have a personal guaranty and if some type of a default scenario develops, is there a curative provision such that an automatic eviction of the company can be avoided?

bring to the organization. From our regular contributors you can get a taste of the business of railroading at home and abroad. Whatever Dirk writes about appeals to his technical bent, triggered by either travels or reading. And I began this column by mentioning Tracks We Have Crossed, which is both a trip down memory lane for those who participated and a peek into a missed opportunity for those who couldn't make it this time around.

Perhaps you have a train-themed collection. Maybe you'd like to share travel experiences. Or did you work in the railroad industry? Is local history your thing? The chances are that our readership will be interested in what you have to say. If you'd like to write for the Waybill, then please send in your contribution.

From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

It doesn't seem possible: it's August and soon it will be fall. Mystic Valley Railway Society had an enjoyable summer. The trip team planned a three-day weekend trip to Shelburne VT. A pleasant and educational trip was enjoyed by the members. We visited the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory and learned how these cuddly toys are created and cared for,

even after purchase. The Shelburne Museum covers 132,000 square feet of gallery and exhibition space with many unusual collections-beyond your imagination.

If you have any interesting places or favorite restaurants that Mystic Valley Railway Society members might enjoy, we would appreciate your input - share your experiences

From the Membership Chairman - Nancy Jeanne Martin

Memberships continue to come in and Tracey puts it all on the computer and then passes the envelopes, new cards and letters on to me and I mail them out.

We had a wonderful time in Vermont. I know I enjoyed the Shelburne Museum and seeing the car the MVRS donated money to the refurbishing of in memory of Russell. I had been to the museum years ago with my

husband and son and enjoyed seeing it all again. We had an interesting tour of the Teddy Bear Museum and time to visit the gift shop. A number of people bought Teddy Bears of various sizes, or clothes for their Teddy Bears.

A sad note: a friend of mine told me that Dennis Maltzman died recently. He was on the Vermont trip with us and had a great time, and I am glad we had that with him.

From the MVRS Legal Counsel - Brad Pinta

As an owner of either a start-up or existing small company, there exists a minefield of problems and issues that are critical to avoid if you are going to not only be a viable entity, but to survive in the competitive marketplace. Obviously, you need to consult with an experienced legal counsel competent in the area of business law so that you can be appropriately represented and most importantly properly protected.

In Massachusetts, there exists a variety of types of corporate structures within which a business should be organized and operated. By way of example, there are the standard

"C" type entities along with so-called Limited Liability Companies (referred to as "LLC" organizations). And in either of these types of entities, the stockholder or the member can elect to be taxed as a Sub-chapter "S" entity.

In terms of the daily operations of any particular company, certain matters such as the tracking of cash flow, financing of operations, billing protocols and the general marketing of the business on the social media are critical to its ultimate success. Moreover, are those persons who performed the services for the company considered employees or subcontractors and have those workers signed non-

From the Waybill Editor - Roma Hertel

I'm happy to be including this Tracks We Have Crossed (page 3) about the June weekend trip to Shelburne VT. Reading an actual report from someone who was there puts flesh on the bones of the spiel written by each trip's planner. I always urge Trip Team members to put as much detail as possible into these 70-80 words. Their job is to convince readers to invest good money and precious time taking a trip with the MVRS.

Compiling an attractive trip requires a fine balance: perhaps a familiar place but at a different time of year, maybe a new attraction to cause a buzz. It could be a perennially popular holiday event such as Thanksgiving Dinner, or an erstwhile seasonal favorite like the Festival of Trees making a repeat appearance after a hiatus of a couple of years. Very often passengers are drawn by different

aspects of the trip. The trick is to keep most people happy most of the time: a chance to browse the shops should have the counterpoint of an educational or technical opportunity, be it a museum visit or a train ride. While the meal is always a major attraction, there are other considerations. It's reasonable to have a later return home on a light summer evening, winter weather can be downright nasty and darkness falls early so it makes sense to plan trips that don't venture too far. Offering a mix of Saturday and Sunday trips makes sure we accommodate passengers' real-life obligations and commitments.

Similarly, I aim to include an interesting mix of articles in the Waybill. Member-o-Gram helps readers keep up on the latest news from friends and acquaintances. The columns from our elected officials showcase what they

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).

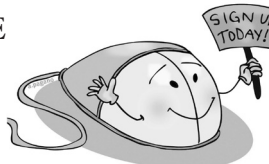
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TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

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@mysticvalleyns.org. Publication deadline: see page 4.

• **Sat. 9-15-18 and Sun. 9-16-18** (10am-3pm): **Pioneer Valley Live Steamers**, 108 Hillside Rd, Southwick MA. Donation for parking. \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 max. per carload. Info: www.pvls.org

• **Sun. 9-23-18** (10.00am-3.30pm): **Old Colony Model Railroad Club**, 18th 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. 9-29-18** (10am-5pm) and **Sun. 9-30-18** (10am-4pm): **Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club**, Model Train Show, Varnum Brook Elementary School, 10 Hollis St, Pepperell MA. Admission: \$5 adult; \$4 senior; \$2 ages 6-12; \$12 family (2 adults and children). Info: www.psmrc.org

• **Sat. 10-6-18** (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. 10-13-18 and Sun. 10-14-18** (10am-4pm both days): **54th Annual Railfair 2018, Nashua Valley Model RR Assn**, Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 242 Adams Place, Route 495 (Exit 28) and Route 111, Boxboro, MA. \$7 per person; free under 12 (with adult) and scouts in uniform. Info: 978-225-0650, nvrra.com/railfair-18/

• **Sat. 10-27-18** (9am-4pm) and **Sun. 10-28-18** (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. 11-3-18** (10am-3pm): **Great Northern New England Train Show**, Dover Lodge of Elks #184, 282 Durham Rd, Dover NH. \$5 per family. Info: 603-362-4300, efmenter@aol.com

• **Sat. 11-17-18 and Sun. 11-18-18** (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. 12-1-18** (10am-5pm) and **Sun. 12-2-18** (10am-4pm): **New England Model Train EXPO**, NMRA Hub Division, Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Rd, Marlborough MA. \$10 adults; free under 12 (with adult) and scouts in uniform. Info: 508-528-8587, www.hubdiv.org

• **Sats & Suns 12-8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23: North Pole Express at Boothbay Railway Village**, 586 Wiscasset Rd (Route 27), Boothbay ME. \$18 standard; \$23 first class for ages 3 and older. Advance purchase recommended. Info: 207-633-4727, railwayvillage.org/event/north-pole-express/

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



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President - Theresa E. Rylko (Tracey)
Vice President - Jeffrey Costello (Jeff)
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Lillian Garvey, Eleanor Manning, William Manning, Nancy Jeanne Martin
Joseph McDonough, Marcia Pennington, Mary Verner

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Roma Hertel - Waybill Editor, Button Maker
Dirk Hertel - Photography/Calendar
Billy Manning - Mailing Chairperson
Nancy Jeanne Martin - Membership Chairman
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Tracey Rylko - Waybill Mailing Coordinator
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Sally M. Avjian - Recording Secretary, Emeritus



Back row: Lillian Garvey, Nancy Jeanne Martin, Ellie Manning, Billy Manning, Marcia Pennington, Sally Avjian, Al Avjian. Front row: Nancy Roney, Jeff Costello, Tracey Rylko, Judy Berson-Hoyt, Joseph McDonough.

Tracks We Have Crossed

SHELBURNE VERMONT WEEKEND: Friday 22 - Sunday 24 June 2018

by Nancy Roney

MVRS ran a weekend trip to the Shelburne VT area including the Shelburne Museum, recipient of the 2017 W. Russell Rylko Memorial Grant. They used the grant money to repair their 1890 Private Rail Car "Grand Isle". At last year's MVRS Annual Meeting the Shelburne Museum representative gave an open invitation to MVRS directors and members to come and explore the museum grounds with its many items of 19th and 20th century Americana. Several directors joined MVRS members on this trip, not only to view the train car being restored with the grant money but also to explore the beautiful area around Lake Champlain. Throughout the weekend we managed to dodge downpours. The heavens opened several times but only when we were ready to re-board the bus. The bright smiles of our passengers more than made up for any rain we encountered. Among our passengers was a couple taking a pre-wedding trip before their marriage in Las Vegas on the following Monday.

After departing Wellington our bus driver Gus took us up north to the Vermont Teddy Bear factory. A Bear Ambassador met us, and we learned what makes these bears so special. It is even possible to create your own bear. Everything is very personal at the factory and each bear is unique. All the limbs are articulated so a bear can rotate its arms and sit. The factory had many specialty bears including different occupations plus bride and groom bears, ballerina bears, etc. Bears that are damaged in some way can be sent to the on-site bear hospital to be repaired. The tour guide said some are damaged by pets or fire, and even showed us one that had had an encounter with a lawnmower. MVRS President Tracey Rylko walked away with a fine bear she named "Buddy" after a lovable pet of her acquaintance. Later in the day we checked into our hotel. Several members enjoyed the amenities, particularly

the pool and sauna.

The next day we had a full day for the Shelburne Museum. The museum came about because of the Webb family, particularly Electra Webb. Over her lifetime she collected countless examples of Americana (including the American folk art of her friend Grandma Moses) plus fine art including works by Monet and Renoir. At some point she needed a place to display her collection and had the means to make it a reality. The Shelburne Museum was born during the colonial revival period when America was recognizing and celebrating its past. It was a delight to explore. The varied collections range from a gallery devoted to arms, through the many artifacts Electra and her family collected, to full-size carriages and even a miniature circus display so large it has its own building. Other historic structures included a carousel, lighthouse and the Ticonderoga, a 220 ft. steam ferry that traveled Lake Champlain in the early 20th century. A shuttle bus provided transportation around this beautifully landscaped campus of historic buildings and galleries.

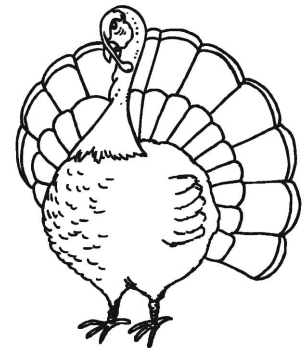
At the end of each day we reminisced over a delicious group dinner in a spacious private room at our hotel, sharing stories about the day's events.

We headed home on Sunday but broke the journey at Quechee Gorge Village. Passengers explored specialty shops and an extensive antique store. Shopping completed, our young-at-heart members took one or more train rides on the tracks encircling the shops.

Thank you to the Trip Team and tour leaders who made this trip possible. Kudos goes especially to director Jeff Costello who handled all the detailed work to make the weekend run seamlessly. We visit so many wonderful places on our day trips, it's a pleasure to go on a weekend trip and fully enjoy what a beautiful destination has to offer.

Thanksgiving Thursday - November 22, 2018

Enjoy a motor coach ride up to Plymouth NH. See the countryside and enjoy a buffet lunch instead of slaving over a hot stove!! Enjoy the day!



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TIMETABLE

9:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	5:30pm
9:30am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	5:00pm
10:00am	Wellington T (Rte 16 - Medford)	4:30pm

All times are approximate and subject to change



Thanksgiving

Thursday - November 22, 2018



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Information for handicapped Accessibility will be provided upon request. Your tickets and itineraries will be mailed about 5 days prior to departure.
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International News

by James Scannell

TfL Celebrates International Women in Engineering Day

On 22 June, to mark International Women in Engineering Day (23 June), Transport for London (TfL) profiled a number of its engineers across the London Underground network by displaying inspirational messages about why they got into the profession. Customers were able to see them at Canning Town, Cannon Street and Loughton Tube stations, as they made their journeys through Britain's capital.

The vinyl displays were part of the Year of Engineering campaign led by the Department for Transport and taking place during 2018. The displays and campaign aim to debunk some myths around the profession, including it being a 'profession for men', and to inspire the next generation of engineers. It is incredibly important that more people are brought into engineering roles as it is anticipated that there will be a shortfall of more than 55,000 people equipped to work in transport infrastructure by 2020. Moreover, research shows that having a diverse workforce is vital for any organisation as it increases levels of innovation, safety and performance.

There is a particular lack of women in the engineering sector. According to Engineering UK in their State of Engineering report, only 12 per cent of those working in core and related engineering roles are women. Research also shows that at every age boys are far more likely than girls to consider a career in engineering. The displays showcasing the range of female engineering talent at TfL allowed girls, or women looking for a change of career, to read the tips and be inspired to consider engineering as a profession.

Simpler fares system the next stop for Metrolink

A simpler, more flexible fare and ticketing system for Metrolink has been given the green light by members of the U.K.'s Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

The four-zone system - which will deliver easy-to-understand and better value fares for millions of passengers across the network - will be introduced in early 2019, alongside the pre-planned fare increase. When factored in, 78.5% of fares are lower under the zonal system than they would have been under the current system, while 10% are the same and 11.5% are higher.

Bus operators and 'mini-police' launch campaign to tackle illegal parking at bus stops in Liverpool, U.K.

From 6 July, automobile users caught parking illegally at a bus stop could be asked to explain themselves to school kids and people with disabilities, as part of a new scheme to reduce incidents at bus stops in Merseyside.

Year 5 pupils from Hatton Hill Primary School joined forces with Merseytravel's 'Travel Safe Partnership' to highlight the dangers of parking illegally and how it can cause problems for passengers particularly those in wheelchairs, people with pushchairs, people using walking aids and also people with hidden disabilities such as dementia or autism. Top hazards caused by illegal parking at bus stops include:

- Passengers falling as they get on or off the bus
- Bus drivers unable to lower the ramp for wheelchair users
- Pram wheels getting caught between the bus step and kerb edge and
- Collisions between buses and parked vehicles

Motorists spotted parking illegally at bus stops during the 12-month operation will be invited on-board a bus to meet with the pupils in 'court', who will explain the consequences of parking illegally.

Subway gates issue

At the end of July the Subway gate system in Glasgow, Scotland, was not reading Smartcards so paper tickets were issued to passengers to enter and exit the Subway. Strathclyde for Public Transport (SPT) began working with suppliers to rectify the problem as quickly as possible and, to avoid Smartcard holders being disadvantaged, staff at stations issued them with paper tickets for travel.

MEMBER-O-GRAM

Director **Nancy Roney** sent a picture of herself and son Joe on top of Mt Washington by the Cog Railway. It was a warm day at the top: 74 degrees. The photo even shows blue sky and shadows. Co-director **Sally Avjian** was sure that many MVRS members will recall less favorable temperatures. She recalls one MVRS trip when a blizzard at the top and rain at the bottom meant that ice had to be chopped off the cog all the way down. The Cog Railway celebrates its 150th anniversary next summer and plans to have special commemorative events.

We send our best wishes to both director **Joe McDonough** and member **Geoff Wright**. Joe, although in the hospital for a few days, still managed to send his Waybill column by the deadline. Meanwhile Geoff is dealing with some health issues so was unable to contribute his A Little Bit of Oz column this quarter.

In an email columnist **Bill McCaffrey** added some extra detail about the Talgo cars mentioned in The Roundhouse on page 7: "I am sure that the B&M and NH bought Talgos in the middle of the 1950s. However, the B&M Talgo never hauled passengers to Portland as intended. Instead it spent its life in commuter service lasting maybe into the very early 70s as a commuter train. The cars then became a restaurant in Everett MA. The only time I was ever aboard the Talgo was during its restaurant career. The New Haven Talgo ran briefly in Boston – New York service and I am not sure what became of it."

2018 W. Russell Rylko Memorial Grant Update

By the time you read this, the co-recipients of the 2018 Rylko Grant will have been awarded their disbursements at the Mystic Valley Railway Society Annual Meeting held Saturday May 5, 2018 at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant in Somerville MA. The award of \$6,100.00 was presented to the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum for the procurement of materials to assist in the bridging of the Trout Brook in their track extension of ¾ miles to their existing right of way. The award of \$3,900.00 was presented to the Boothbay Railway Village to assist in their ongoing project in the renovation of Bridgton & Saco River Railroad Coach # 11, the last surviving Baggage/Railway Post Office (RPO) car from the iconic two-foot gauge railroads of Maine. The successful completion of each project should greatly enhance the ability and enjoyment of the general public when viewing and learning the history of Maine Two-Foot Gauge Railroads.



MVRS Directors Jeff Costello, Joe McDonough and Tracey Rylko with representatives of the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Museum and the Boothbay Railway Village, recipients of the 2018 Rylko Memorial Grant"

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TRIP IDEAS!

Have you visited somewhere around New England that you think the Mystic Valley Railway Society's members and friends would enjoy as much as you did?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Our Trip Team is always looking for new ideas, places to eat, things to see and do, train rides, museums, boat rides, etc.

With your help we can offer trips at a reasonable cost, that otherwise might have been overlooked.

Please contact us by e-mail at contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org or via regular mail at MVRS, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009.

Please provide your phone number or e-mail address, so that we may contact you, should we need more information.

THE MVRS TRIP TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU! BE THERE FOR THEM!



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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.

Calling all Members!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACTIVITY??



NEW FRIENDS
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REWARDING EXPERIENCES
WAYS TO HELP OTHER MEMBERS
or SHARE A CAREER SKILL??



ALL ABOARD with the Mystic Valley Volunteers – the activities are as varied as their locations. Auto transportation is essential for some events, but many are located on the MBTA routes and may gather at special locations or at members' homes. Is distance an impediment? **NO WAY**, for we have dedicated members in many states and foreign countries who complete their activity by letter or E-Mail. Remember: volunteering allows you to share your talents and interests with those who would benefit most.

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

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!**



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



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

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

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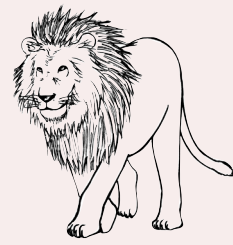


WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

The Heart of the Berkshires

Saturday – September 15, 2018 Fare: \$100 PP

Join us for a lovely early fall day as we explore Stockbridge and enjoy a delicious lunch at The Red Lion Inn. Shop the gift shop and stroll downtown Stockbridge as time allows. We will visit the Norman Rockwell Museum with his original studio on the grounds.



FEATURES:

- Round-trip Motor Coach
- Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge MA
- Norman Rockwell Museum

TIMETABLE

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

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The Heart of the Berkshires

Saturday – September 15, 2018 Fare: \$100 PP

MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Yankee Pot Roast
- ☐ Turkey Dinner with all the fixings



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TURKEY TRAIN AND MOULTON FARM

Saturday – September 22, 2018 Fare: \$89 PP

We will travel to the Lakes Region of central New Hampshire. We'll ride the train along the beautiful western shore of Lake Winipisaukee while eating a delicious full turkey dinner. After lunch, visit Moulton Farm in Meredith NH where the farm market sells fruits and vegetables plus prepared foods along with fresh tasty breads, pies, cider doughnuts, cider bellies and other sweet treats. There will be free tractor rides and special events.



FEATURES:

- Round-trip comfortable motor coach
- Winipisaukee Scenic Railroad
- Moulton Farm

TIMETABLE

8:30am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	7:30pm
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FOLIAGE & APPLES IN VERMONT

Saturday – October 13, 2018 Fare: \$85 PP

Join us on a scenic ride to Bennington VT. We will lunch at the Publyk House with its beautiful view of the mountains. After our hearty meal we will go to the Apple Barn and take a tour of the orchard with its many varieties of apples. Return to the Apple Barn for perhaps the most delicious handmade apple pie you ever had. Their wide selection of Vermont products may well tempt you into a little shopping.



FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Lunch at the Publyk House – Bennington VT
- Apple Barn – Bennington VT

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Saturday – October 13, 2018 Fare: \$85 PP

MENU CHOICES:

- ☐ Roast Turkey Dinner
- ☐ Homemade Layered Meatloaf dinner
- ☐ Baked New England Cod



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WHITE MOUNTAIN TRAIN

Sunday – October 21, 2018 Fare: \$118 PP

Please join us as we travel to North Conway NH for foliage viewing and a delicious Sunday Brunch. The White Mountain Hotel and Resort, nestled in Hale's Location, offers spectacular mountain views. We will ride the Conway Scenic Railroad to the Cider Mill where there will be cider donuts, coffee and pumpkins available in the Pumpkin Patch.



FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- White Mountain Hotel Sunday Brunch
- Conway Scenic Railroad to the Pumpkin Patch

TIMETABLE

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The Angels Flight in the City of Angels

By Dirk Hertel

This May we stayed in Downtown Los Angeles for a conference. One evening we found a tourist information office with two enthusiastic workers and left with the recommendation, accompanied by a street map, to explore the Angels Flight Railway. Passing by the Central Library, a magnificent 1926 edifice crowned by a tower with a mosaic pyramid roof, we climbed the Bunker Hill Steps then crossed W 4th St and S Grand Ave to reach California Plaza. There our eyes were caught by a small orange station building in the distinctive Beaux-Arts architectural style. From there we were rewarded with a sweeping view eastward over the city and some steeply descending railway tracks on a concrete trestle.

The Angels Flight Railway is a funicular, an incline railway, with two cars connected by a steel cable that, at the upper station, runs through an electrically powered pulley. Thus the cars are counterbalanced to minimize the force needed to move them: when one goes up, the other comes down. The upper and lower sections of track have three equidistant rails, the width between the wheels apart. One car always travels on the left, the other always on the right. The center rail is shared by both cars, but only on the upper and lower ends of the line. Remember that if one car is at the upper end then the other is at the lower end. In the middle-section, halfway between the top and the bottom, the outer rails bulge outwards and the center rail splits into two, so the tracks swing out into two separate lines with just enough clearance for the two cars to pass. From the lower station the technically inclined can inspect the wheels, cable and brakes coming into view as the cars slowly ascend and descend the trestle. With only 4 wheels on fixed axles, these make themselves heard by a fair amount of screeching, rumbling and grinding at the tight turnouts.

The Angels Flight Railway is part of LA’s public transport system and as such accepts the LA Metro Tap Card. Cardholders pay 50 cents one-way, otherwise the fare is \$1. Each of the two original cars, named Sinai and Olivet, has been restored to its 1901 splendor with a clerestory roof, beautiful wood paneling, wooden seats and brass fittings. Floors and seats are stepped like in a theater. Passengers enter and exit the cars from the ends, a clever idea that eliminates the need for platforms. The lower station is a mere arch with gates but still matches the upper in color and grand architectural style. Nearby bronze plaques commemorate the railway’s history. One, erected by the Native Daughters of the Golden West in 1952, informs that the “Angel’s Flight Railway” was “built in 1901 by Colonel J. W. Eddie (1832-1914), lawyer, engineer and friend of President Lincoln.” It took only 5 months to build what is “said to be the world’s shortest incorporated railway,” 315 feet long on a 33% grade. On its opening day, December 31, 1901, the railway carried more than 2,000 people up and down Bunker Hill. According to the text the demand did not let up: “It is estimated that the Angel’s Flight has carried more passengers per mile than any other railway in the world, over a hundred million in its first fifty years (averaging more than 5,500 per day). This incline railway is a public utility, operating under a franchise granted by the City of Los Angeles.” In 1962, after the railway had changed hands five times, the city’s Cultural Heritage Board took the precaution of declaring the railway to be Los Angeles Historic Monument No 4 because of plans for urban renewal that were to raze and redevelop the Bunker Hill area. The same year the city’s redevelopment agency forced a sale of the railway to the city which then hired a new operator who continued running it until it was shut down and dismantled in May 1969. The designation as Historic Monument turned out to be a wise move: the city had to promise restoration at an unspecified future date, and the two cars, station building, arch, machinery and other artifacts went into storage rather than to the scrap yard. It took 27 years and intense campaigning by advocacy groups for the restoration to become reality. The new site is located half a block south from the old, with a slightly shorter line of 299 feet on a 33% incline. In 2001 an accident, caused by a tragic combination of gear and emergency brake failures, shut the railway down for almost 10 years. A derailment in 2013 caused another 4-year shutdown. After extensive safety upgrades that included redesigned brakes and wheels, the Angels Flight Railway reopened on August 31, 2017. Popular not only with tourists and commuters but also movie directors, it has featured in more than 20 movies since it opened in 1901.



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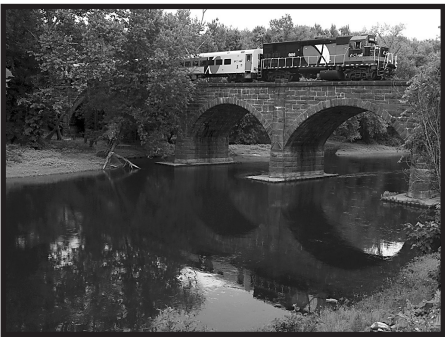
By Robert A. LaMay



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Shore Line East and CTrail meet at New Haven CT



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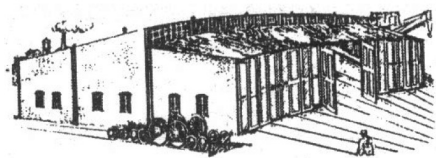
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The Roundhouse



Former Boston and Maine steam passenger engine number 3713 now has its own web site, www.project3713.com. Built in 1934 by the Lima Locomotive Works of Lima OH for service across northern New England on the Boston & Maine Railroad, the big Pacific type passenger engine was first known only as #3713. In a 1937 B&M contest for Boston-area school children to name the road's premier locomotives, #3713 became "The Constitution". The engine is famous for hauling B&M's Farewell to Steam trip from Boston to Portland. It also spent time as an outdoor display at the Boston Museum of Science. An estimated \$1.4 million is required to finish its restoration. As part of a renewed 2016 agreement with the National Park Service, Project3713 via the "America's LocomotiveTM" campaign has taken on the task of raising \$750,000 with the balance to be provided by the NPS. As of January 1, 2018, Project3713 has raised \$342,000. Use the web site to follow the restoration project and make a donation.

The Great Dome Car is coming to the Downeaster once again. Several Boston TV stations including NECN and WCVB gave it brief mention on the air. The Amtrak web site press release talks about "leaf-peeping". However, the Downeaster only has the dome August 11 to September 23. The Adirondack (Albany NY to Montreal QC) will have it September 27 to November 2, the heart of the "leaf-peeping" season. The Amtrak web site states incorrectly that this is the dome's first trip to Maine though it was here for brief visits in 2016 and 2017. If you have never ridden a dome car before, put it on your must do list! If you ride the dome and enjoy it, drop a note to your representative in Congress letting him or her know how wonderful this old car is. It almost made it on to Amtrak President Richard Anderson's list of cars to sell or scrap as a cost saving measure.

Here is a brief history of Amtrak's only remaining dome car from their web site: The only remaining dome car in Amtrak service, car number 10031, is a Great Dome car previously used on the Chicago-Seattle Empire Builder route when the train was operated by the Great Northern Railway and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad (later the Burlington Northern Railroad). It was built in 1955 by the Budd Company for the Great Northern and carried the name "Ocean View," car number 1391. It was conveyed to Amtrak in 1971, with this car first being given the number 9361. It was renovated in 1985,

renumbered 9300, and used in daily service on the Amtrak Auto Train to and from the Washington DC and Orlando FL areas through 1994. It was further refurbished in 1999, renumbered to 10031, and has been used in various Amtrak services including the Pacific Surfliners (formerly San Diegans) and other charters and excursions.

Former Boston and Maine diesel switcher number 1113 has been saved from scrapping and will go to the Berkshire Scenic Railway in North Adams MA. The engine is a model SW-1 built in 1941. She was sold to the Holyoke Water Power Company in 1959 and spent the rest of her life working at the Mount Tom power plant. That power plant, a former B&M freight customer, has now been demolished. Berkshire Scenic has purchased the engine which is in remarkably good condition for an engine of its age, although it will need some work before it is ready to haul passengers. [B&M RR Historical Society Newsletter].

The new Sarah Mildred Long Bridge in Portsmouth NH had its first rail movement on 5/17/2018 when Pan Am sent a test train across the Bridge. [NH DOT].

On May 30, 2018 Ontario Northland's Polar Bear Express derailed. The train was carrying 73 passengers and seven crew members when it left the tracks about 37 kilometers south of Moosonee on its way back to Cochrane around 5:45pm. There were 11 cars on the train, five of which derailed. Passengers were transported to Moosonee 10 at a time on a high rail truck. There were only minor injuries. The Polar Bear Express serves a remote area of northern Ontario and is sponsored by the Province of Ontario rather than VIA Rail Canada. [saultonline.com]

From Progressive Railroading: Amtrak has issued a Request for Proposals seeking to rebuild its current diesel fleet or purchase a minimum of 50 to 75 next-generation locomotives. The effort is aimed at replacing Amtrak's aging national network diesel locomotive fleet used on long-distance and some state-supported routes, Amtrak officials said in a press release. "We expect that any new, state-of-the art locomotive will offer improved reliability, a smoother ride, improved safety features and make major contributions towards lowering emissions and we'll also consider how rebuilding options of the current fleet could achieve these goals," said Amtrak President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Anderson. The rebuilt or new locomotives will primarily replace Amtrak's P40 and P42 locomotives, some of which have been in service for more than 25 years. As part of the contract, Amtrak also seeks a multiyear maintenance agreement that would include technical support, spares, supplies and services.

Railway Age reports Katahdin Railcar Services LLC (KRS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Central Maine & Quebec Railway (CMQ) opened the new facility May 31 in Derby ME. The opening comes after KRS rehabilitated a 24,000-square-foot building, part of CMQ's 110-acre facility at Derby. KRS will provide full tank-car cleaning including repair, replace, and qualify all tank-car valves using a fully trained and certified staff. In addition, KRS and CMQ will provide multiple options for full repairs, cleaning, end-of-lease inspections, and storage capabilities. This is located at the former Bangor and Aroostook Derby Shops complex. To clean tank cars, KRS has installed an automatic, internal cleaning system that uses a high-pressure water jet designed to use less water than previous systems. To support the process, KRS built an on-site wastewater treatment system.

Here is an interesting press release from the office of MA Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito:

SPRINGFIELD — Governor Charlie Baker today (June 12) joined Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, Congressman Richard Neal, Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, members of the MA Legislature and local leaders at Union Station in Springfield to announce a Request for Proposals for a consultant team to study the feasibility of east-west passenger rail service, the launch of a pilot for passenger rail service between Greenfield and Springfield, and one-seat service through Springfield to Hartford and New Haven CT.

"Through strong partnerships with federal, state and local officials, we are investing in our existing rail infrastructure, increasing capacity where it is needed, and strengthening the Commonwealth's transportation system," said Governor Baker. "We look forward to reviewing the results of this comprehensive study and continuing to support projects in all regions of the Commonwealth that provide improved travel options to residents and commuters."

"I'm excited by the progress announced today, and confident that today's decision to study east-west passenger rail — paired with expanded service in the Pioneer Valley — will help boost economic vitality and growth not just in Western MA, but throughout the Commonwealth," said Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA).

The Request for Proposals will enable the MA Department of Transportation to carry out an extensive study over approximately 18 months and to analyze many aspects and options for potential east-west passenger rail service. In addition to studying potential passenger service from Springfield to Boston, the study will

look at potential origins farther west such as Pittsfield and Palmer. This will include engaging with stakeholders and evaluating the potential costs, speed, infrastructure needs and ridership of potential passenger rail service throughout this corridor.

The Baker-Polito Administration also announced today that a term sheet has been finalized with the CT Department of Transportation which will enable the start of passenger rail service between Springfield and Greenfield beginning on a pilot basis in spring 2019. Under the agreement, MassDOT will fund the cost and management of the pilot service which will be operated by Amtrak and conclude in Fall 2021. The pilot will provide two round trips each day and make stops at stations in Greenfield, Northampton, Holyoke and Springfield. Southbound service will be provided in the morning hours, and northbound in the evenings. This pilot service will leverage the MassDOT-owned Knowledge Corridor, which is currently used by Amtrak's Vermonter service, and the recently renovated Springfield Union Station.

The press release is printed as it came from the state web site, but I think that most MVRS members know that Palmer is a station on the mainline of the former Boston and Albany RR located EAST of Springfield.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has issued a report on the Amtrak wreck at Dupont WA that happened on December 18, 2017. The train was exceeding the speed limit, but NTSB also called attention to the Talgo cars. Talgo is a Spanish manufacturer. They modified their standard design to meet U.S. safety standards. However, the modified cars still didn't meet crash standards adopted in 1999 by the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration. The FRA granted Amtrak approval to use the rail cars in 2009, concluding that they were safe in collisions at moderate speeds of 50 miles an hour or lower. But the agency "expressed concern" about their performance at higher speeds, the NTSB said. Talgo is the U.S. division of Spain-based Talgo. Three people died in the wreck and there were 74 injuries. Here in New England both the New Haven and the Boston and Maine experimented with Talgo trains in the 1950's but neither railroad bought more than one train. [www.seattlepi.com]

CSX routed a double-stack train onto a track in Worcester that does not have adequate clearance for double stacks. It crashed into the Cambridge Street Bridge injuring the engineer and damaging containers and rail cars on 7/21/18. [WCVB].

If you are interested in rail activity in Chicago, America's "Railroad Capital", then check out www.RailChicago.net.

Lines from Ireland – April to July 2018

By James Scannell

On 1 April Translink-Northern Ireland Railways celebrated the 50th anniversary of the formation of Northern Ireland Railways with several items of rolling stock being adorned with a special commemorative logo. During the month Translink-Northern Ireland Railways announced that Belfast Central Station would be renamed Belfast Lanyon Place as part of the overall redevelopment of this station. This will provide a better perspective on its location, since the station is actually ¾-mile from Belfast city centre. It is expected that the redevelopment work, which includes the redesigning of the station entrance and the provision of new ticket hall and retail space, will be completed by September in time for the launch of the 'Glider' bus service.

Also, in April, former Great Northern Railways (Ireland) Q-class 4-4-0 express passenger steam locomotive, preserved and operated by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland (RPSI), made its first mainline appearance for over 56 years when it operated the Society's Easter Egg-spress steam trains between Whitehead, Co. Antrim and Belfast. Major restoration of this locomotive was funded by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

On 3 May An Post, the Irish state-operated mail service, issued a particularly interesting €1.50 stamp as part of the long running Europa series of mail stamps. These are issued by members of European Postal Operators (PostEurop) and this year the theme was 'Bridges'. An Post issued two stamps – a €1 value showing Mizen Head Footbridge, and a €1.50 value showing Boyne Viaduct. This opened in 1855, spanning the River Boyne in Drogheda, Co. Louth, and carries the main Dublin-Belfast railroad line. The viaduct is listed as a heritage structure by the (Irish) National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. These stamps can be purchased on-line from An Post via www.irishstamps.ie.

During May a survey carried out by Dublin City Council and the National Transport Authority revealed that the number of people travelling into the centre of Dublin using bus, rail, or Luas every morning has risen to record levels. The survey was carried out over a number of days during November 2017. Known as the annual Cordon Count it commenced in 1980 and is held annually. It reported that the number of people using private automobiles has fallen to 29.2% compared to 40% in 2010.

Translink-Northern Ireland Railways

released the last operational "80" class railcar vehicles for preservation by the Downpatrick & County Down Railway. These were delivered to the Railway over the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 12/13 May.

On Monday 21 May, a fire in a signal control cabin in Bray, Co. Wicklow led to the suspension of train services between Bray and Dublin for several days until a replacement signal control cabin was installed. During this period DART services operated as normal between Dalkey, 4 miles north of Bray, and Dublin, with a single DART unit providing a 30-minute interval service between Bray and Dalkey. This took 30-minutes to complete the 4-mile journey due to Health & Safety requirements.

Continuing to June, to mark International Level Crossing Day, Iarnród Éireann announced that so far this year there had been 27 incidents involving users striking or damaging barriers, a trend that is on the increase. In the Dublin area, the level crossing barrier gates at Merrion, Serpentine, Sydney Parade and Sutton station have each been struck on three times this year. A worrying concern is the rise of misuse by pedestrians and cyclists with 8 incidents recorded so far this year.

Calls have also been made again for the

creation of a dedicated Irish transport police similar to the British Transport Police in Great Britain. The Republic of Ireland, unlike Great Britain where there are 40+ police forces subject to the Home Office, has a unitary police force, An Garda Síochána (Guardians of the Peace), which is required to attend and deal with incidents on public transport when required. While security personnel travel in trains, they have limited powers so are dependent on the attendance of garda (police) officers to deal with incidents. The creation of an Irish transport police service would require legislation.

The Irish Railway Record Society (IRRS), which records and documents Irish railway history, has appointed Mr. Richard (Dick) Fearn as the Society's first President. He will hold office for a period of five years.

The National Transport Authority proposes to introduce 16 new 'high speed' bus corridors across Dublin City and County. As part of the overall scheme there will be a simplified fare structure, a new ticketing system, and the ability for customers to pay by credit card or cell phone. Most of the work will be completed by 2027 and the whole scheme will be put out to public consultation in the Fall.



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

“Chicago” Tribute Band at The Log Cabin

Sunday – September 28, 2018 Fare: \$107 PP

Tribute band Connecticut Transit Authority will play the music of Chicago, bringing back memories of the early 70s!! That rock group with horns had hits including Saturday in the Park, Just You ‘n’ Me, 25 or 6 to 4, Old Days, Feeling Stronger Every Day, Questions 67 and 68, and Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is? Enjoy a plated dinner of baked scrod and Yankee pot roast, with dessert and coffee or tea plus fabulous views of Mt. Tom.



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SPENCER & NORTH BROOKFIELD

Saturday – November 3, 2018 Fare: \$85 PP

We will travel west to Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn, which offers everything you can imagine for the season. Then on to a delicious luncheon at The Spencer Inn. Standing on 130 acres of quiet rolling fields, it was originally built in 1740 and purchased in 1982 by the Ekleberry family. The tour continues to The Brookfield Orchards in North Brookfield MA where apple pies, cider donuts and apple dumplings along with many varieties of apples are available for purchase.



FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
 Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn – Spencer MA
 The Spencer Inn – Spencer MA
 Brookfield Orchards, North Brookfield MA

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Salem Cross Inn Christmas Memories

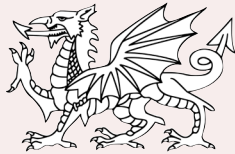
Saturday, December 1, 2018 Fare: \$110 PP

Partake in an authentic New England experience at an historic restaurant (1705) listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We will enjoy a play based on Dylan Thomas’ “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”. Listen to performers dressed in 18th century costumes sing over 20 carols. Better yet, sing along and rekindle memories of Christmases past while making memories of the Christmas present. Dine on a traditional New England turkey dinner. Don’t forget to wear your Christmas attire.

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday November 20, 2018

FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
 Traditional New England Turkey Dinner
 Christmas Memories Play



TIMETABLE

10:00am	Wellington T (Rte. 16 – Medford)	7:30pm
10:30am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	7:00pm
11:00am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	6:30pm

All times are approximate and subject to change



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Salem Cross Inn Christmas Memories

Saturday, December 1, 2018 Fare: \$110 PP



PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name(s): _____ Phone# _____
 Address _____ Boarding Station _____
 City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____
 Emergency Contact Name & Phone # _____

Please make all checks payable to: Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc. and mail to:
 MVR, 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.

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Festival of Trees

Saturday – December 8, 2018 Fare: \$92 PP

Follow the Boston Post Road to the Wayside Country Store. They have many delights including candy in Christmas gift packages and even an old-fashioned pickle barrel. A delicious lunch awaits us at The Chateau Restaurant in Andover MA. The day is topped off with a visit to The Festival of Trees in Methuen MA, now in its 25th silver anniversary year. There are hundreds of trees to view and, if you buy their raffle tickets, you could get lucky and win one.



FEATURES:

Round trip comfortable motor coach
 Wayside General Store, Sudbury MA
 The Chateau Restaurant, Andover MA
 Festival of Trees, Methuen MA

TIMETABLE

8:30am	Wellington T (Rte 16 – Medford)	5:30pm
9:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	5:00pm
9:30am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	4:30pm

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MEAL CHOICES:

- ☐ Chicken Parmigiana with Penne
☐ Haddock St. Germaine (cream & swiss cheese)
☐ Broiled Sirloin Tips & Chicken

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