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DRM at GCT's 100th Birthday

Saturday and Sunday May 11th & 12th

Danbury Railway Museum is honored to have five pieces of our rolling stock chosen to be transported to New York City for this fabulous weekend of celebration. Accordingly the Tonawanda Valley Pullman Co. observation car, the PRR Class BNM-70 Baggage/Railway Post Office car, the 1171 ACMU, the NYC 2013 EMD FL-9 diesel electric locomotive, and the CDOT 605 ALCO RS-3m diesel will be displayed on tracks at Grand Central Terminal, along with numerous other pieces of equipment and private cars from other sources. The Museum also will have a booth in Vanderbilt Hall.

Easter Bunny + Crew Popular

Record attendance for the four days

The weather actually was very favorable for this annual Museum event. Our railroad and Easter Bunny fans filled many of our train rides, even to the point of prompting us to schedule an additional train ride on the last day of the event. The Museum garnered a total of \$18,000 in admissions.



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Editor's Last Newsletter Issue

By Carolyn Taylor

As announced previously, after eight and one-half years, I anticipate that this will be my last issue as editor of *The Railyard Local*. If someone is interested in becoming the next editor, please send an email to info@danburyrail.org or contact the Board of Directors. I am willing to assist someone else in learning about the QuarkXPress software and the rewarding job of editor.

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Volunteers Take & Pass Tests

As of April 27th, 38 DRM members had taken and passed the safety exam administered by Safety Officer John O'Hern, and 18 had additionally passed the Crew exam presided by Pete McLachlan. Twelve of those wishing to be Car Hosts and/or Tour Guides, after passing the safety exam, attended the program led by Steve Gould. Some of those members who could not attend the scheduled group sessions have already made alternate arrangements. If you have not yet, please contact the appropriate person above. Passing the open-book safety exam is a prerequisite for the other ones.

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DRM's Annual Meeting

Election; overview of 2012; goals for 2013



Thirty-nine people arrived at the DRM on Wednesday, March 20th to sample the light refreshments and attend the Annual Meeting. Chairman of the Board Don Konen presided. For results of the contested Director election and those recognized and presented with awards please refer to President Wade Roese's article "Words from Our President" on Page 4 in this issue. Secretary Steve Gould announced the election results. Of 350 ballots sent, 117 were returned, for a 33 1/2 % return rate. Wade emphasized "we" when referring to the efforts and accomplishments at

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New Members

We are delighted to welcome our new members this month. All members, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend the weekly meetings and free programs held Wednesdays, 7:30pm, at the Museum, 120 White Street, Danbury. We invite all members to become involved in Museum activities as soon as possible!

Have you noticed? The address label on each newsletter indicates the expiration date of your membership. (If you have very recently renewed your membership the new date may not be reflected yet on the label). The membership of Life Members does not have an expiration date.

Jeffrey Gibson	New Fairfield, CT
Mary Carroll	Brookfield, CT
Carol B. Reid	Bridgeport, CT
Ken Satate	Harrison, NY
Annette Bosley-Boyce	Beacon Falls, CT
Daren Garb	Pleasant Valley, NY

Upcoming Events at DRM

Trackwork Saturdays

Volunteers are needed for doing trackwork beginning at 9:30am on the first Saturday of each month through October.

Parking Deal on Weekends

Thanks to the generosity and cooperation of the staff at the Danbury Parking Authority, guests at the DRM will be able to get their admission ticket stamped at the Front Desk for a \$1 discount on parking at the Municipal garage across the street.

May 11th - National Train Day

Features free train rides and other special activities to mark the occasion.

May 12th - Mother's Day and

June 16th - Father's Day

Free train rides for mothers/fathers with their child's paid admission.

August 3 - Danbury Railway Day & Member Picnic

The Museum's celebration of this special day, as in prior years, will be filled with special activities. We hope members will participate in the member picnic. Usually we need to know who is planning to attend at least a week ahead in order to estimate the quantity of food and beverages needed. As in the past, after the day's other activities, members will be able to

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be an "engineer", under supervision. Hope to see you then!

Ten Years Ago

By Stan Madyda

Election results were in with Ira Pollack, Steve Gould and Patty Osmer running unopposed and elected to President, Secretary and Treasurer. Ron Freitag defeated Ed Blackman for Vice President. Sue Thomas, Dan Foley, Mike Salata, Geoff Knees and Andrew McClellan were elected to the board. Steve Mayerson and John O'Hern also ran for board seats. Wade Roeser was elected Chairman.

Plans were well underway for Spring Railfair 2003 with activities planned for inside the station, out in the yard and at the WestConn campus gym where the dealer show would be held.

A fundraising effort was underway for the Boston & Maine 1455. Andrew Neilly, an artist from Weston, had 200 limited editions prints made of a painting he had done of the locomotive in service on the B&M. These prints are still available today in the Gift Shop for \$25.00.

Frank K. Thompson, Jr. wrote a two-part article for the newsletter on "Danbury Railroaders in the Great War." When the United States entered World War I, there was an immediate need for experienced railroad men to help build and operate railroads in France. Five men, including Mr. Thompson's father, answered the call. The article follows them from their as being some of the first Americans involved in the war until their discharge in May 1919.

The Reference & Research Library hosted groups of visitors to the Museum. One was an excursion sponsored by the New York Transit Museum. Also two American Perspective classes from WestConn visited. The Library hosted a meeting of the Housatonic Valley Region of Connecticut League of History Organizations. At the end of 2002, the Library had catalogued 1352 books, 199 employee timetables, 2011 public timetables, 185 railroad manuals and 61 videos, numbers that have increased over the last 10 years.

In the yard, equipment was moved around for the Easter Bunny trains and work was being planned for the coming season.

DRM Hrs. Change for Season

After Memorial Day, the Danbury Railway Museum will be open seven days a week **until Labor Day**. The Museum will be open **Monday-Saturday from 10 to 5pm, Sunday from 12-5pm. Hours may vary on days of special events.** This schedule of hours was instituted a couple of years ago, and has worked well in terms of staffing the Museum and accommodating our guests.

DRM Annual Financial Report

By Patty Osmer, DRM Treasurer

GENERAL OPERATING FUND RESULTS AS OF 12/31/12

The General Operating Fund is what is used to pay the Museum's day-to-day bills. Each January, a balanced budget is approved by the Board of Directors. Income above and beyond normal operating expenses is budgeted to be put into Asset Restoration/Maintenance, and Improvements.

INCOME:	2012	(2011)	% of 2012 income
Events	44,310	(42,153)	31.3%
General Admission	55,289	(52,911)	39.0%
Sales (less cost of goods)	20,351	(28,917)	14.4%
Membership	12,385	(13,150)	8.7%
General Contributions	4,912	(4,732)	3.5%
Interest Income	1,777	(2,316)	1.3%
Other	2,740	(3,312)	1.9%
GROSS PROFIT:	141,764	(147,491)	

EXPENSES:	2012	(2011)	% of 2012 Expenses
Accounting/Legal	5,025	(4,213)	4.26%
Advertising	12,584	(14,880)	10.68%
Asset Restoration/Preserv.	5,199	(1,258)	4.41%
Credit Card Fees	3,100	(3,008)	2.63%
Equipment Rental	2,636	(2,687)	2.24%
Exhibits	2,437	(978)	2.07%
Event Expense	4,259	(4,116)	3.61%
General Maint. & Supplies	12,210	(12,976)	10.36%
Insurance	14,640	(13,631)	12.42%
Locomotive Operations	5,739	(7,424)	4.87%
Misc (Misc, Refuse, Fees, etc)	5,736	(8,585)	4.87%
Printing/Publications/Postage	5,083	(6,517)	4.31%
Telephone	3,075	(2,966)	2.61%
Utilities (gas, electric)	25,798	(26,764)	21.89%
Yard & Maintenance Equip	10,318	(547)	8.76%

TOTAL EXPENSES: 117,839

NET ORDINARY INCOME 23,925

NOTE 1:

The Yard & Maintenance Equipment 2012 expense includes new radios and movement of the yard fence.

TEMPORARY RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/12

Temporary Restricted Funds are accounts where monies have been earmarked for a specific purpose. The majority of money in these funds comes from donations or grants.

INCOME 2012	
Donations & Grants	9,148
TOTAL INCOME	9,148
EXPENSES 2012:	8,492
NET TEMP RESTRICTED FUND 2012	656

FUND BALANCES AS OF 12/31/12:

1402 RS-11 locomotive	13,175
1455 Boston & Maine steam locomotive	9,258
Coach repair - Grant	2,000
HO layout	1,427
Library	13,317
Meserve - N gauge	379
NH box cars	803
NH caboose paint	250
NH caboose roofwalk	1,000
NYCHRR wooden caboose	2,450
RDC	11,052
RPO	334
Rutland	1,016
Shop	10,420
Tamper	2,475
Tonawanda Valley	9,170
Track	1,180
Turntable	612
Ed Blackman/Bill Britt	475

BALANCE: 80,793

NOTE 2:

Highlighted expenses accounted for 55% of our expenses.

Words from Our President

Our election for 2013 (a true election) took place on March 20, 2013. Results were announced that evening by Steve Gould, our outgoing and incoming Secretary, at our 2013 Annual Meeting. Approximately 40 members enjoyed finger sandwiches, punch and cookies. The four officers: President, Wade Roesse; Vice-President, Stan Madyda; Secretary, Steve Gould; and Treasurer, Patty Osmer were re-elected. Incumbents Justin Chapin and Peter McLachlan also were re-elected along with new Directors Ian Jenner and Bob Boothe. Former Directors Carolyn Taylor, who voluntarily stepped down, and Dan Foley, who had served on the Board for many years, were recognized for their many years of service.

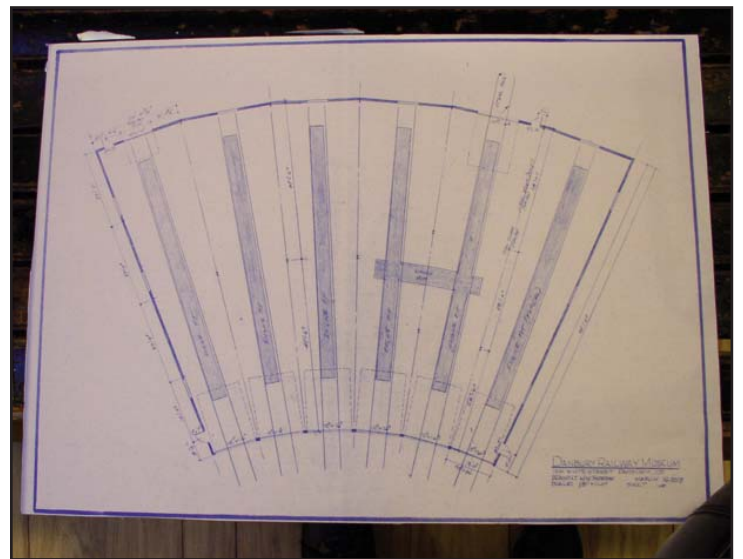
Each of the officers gave progress and status reports of the 2012 year. Awards for outstanding service and commitment to the DRM were presented to: Jim Teer, Dan Foley, John Ivansco, J.R. Mitchell and Bob Andriola. In addition, Gandy Dancer awards were presented to: Don Konen, Wade Roesse, Jeff Van Wagenen, and Joe Ward. This brings our total of Gandy Dancer award recipients over a nineteen year period up to sixteen. As a special recognition, the station office was dedicated to and named the "Edward E. Blackman Ticket Office".



Wade addressing the audience at the Annual Meeting, the signage honoring Ed Blackman, and the unveiled renderings of the plans for a roundhouse.



A two-fold special announcement was made as a meeting "surprise". Drawings were introduced showing a proposed new 6-stall roundhouse to be constructed on the existing location. Also, a fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 was introduced to fund the roundhouse, other smaller structures, and equipment restorations/acquisitions under consideration.



The roundhouse project is something talked about for a long time and hopefully now will move forward and become a reality. Many steps need to occur: permission, quotes, bids, specifications, contracts and funding are only a few of the considerations to be addressed.

Your comments, concerns, suggestions and ideas, as usual, are welcomed, appreciated and solicited.

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the Museum, showed the project boards, and acknowledged the approximately 100 volunteers who make this Museum what it is. He enumerated a list of goals reached and ones for the future. Superintendent of Operations Jeff Van Wagenen, Vice-President Stan Madyda, Secretary Steve Gould, and Treasurer Patty Osmer reviewed 2012 and presented goals for 2013. Patty's "DRM Annual Financial Report" for the year 2012 is printed on Page 3.



Top, Don addressing the crowd; center, Steve delivering the election results; below, Sue Teer holding a display of prints from a wedding photo shoot while Steve shares his delight at the numerous photo shoots taking place at the Museum.



Volunteers Take & Pass Tests,

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Top photo, members taking the open-book safety exam; above, concentrating on the Crew exam; top photo below, Steve Gould conducting the Car Host and Tour Guide training workshop; bottom, volunteers looking over the contents of a folder of helpful information specially prepared for them by Steve.



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MUSEUM CALENDAR

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| May | 1(7:30pm) | St. Louis/Cincinnati Area - Carl Liba |
| May | 8(7:30pm) | Pacific Amtrak Pass. Trains - Pete
McLachlan |
| May | 15(7:30pm) | Texas Vicinity - Dan Foley |
| May | 16(7:00pm) | Board Meeting - Open to Members |
| May | 22(7:30pm) | Maybrook Line Pushers - Bernie
Rudberg |
| May | 29(7:30pm) | To Be Announced |
| June | 5(7:30pm) | B&O - Carl Liba |
| June | 12(7:30pm) | Steam Fan Trips, post 1970 - Pete
McLachlan |
| June | 19(7:30pm) | To Be Announced |
| June | 20(7:00pm) | Board Meeting - Open to Members |
| June | 26(7:30pm) | Steam, diesel & electrics - Steve Gould |

Museum hours: Wed-Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4

After Memorial Day: Mon-Sat 10-5; Sun 12-5

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