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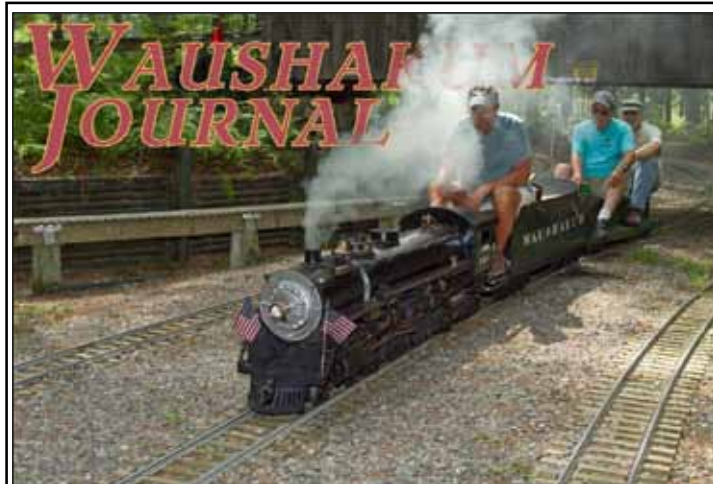
Photo 53: While taking a shortcut across the platform area at No. Conway, NH in 2008, I discovered only part of the snowbank had packed snow beneath. Dignity to the wind, I kept my DSLR and video camera dry. The snowflakes just settled when I heard, 'click, click, click' of a DSLR ...

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On the Cover



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Top. Jay Berry and the club's Hudson.

Left: A 1-in scale D&H RS-3 takes Brian Cunningham for a ride through the Wilderness Division.

Right: An SD45 in Great Northern livery along single iron.

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J.B. Mentzer

Club Business Update

Jed Weare, Secretary

July 12, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:01 PM on July 12th at the track. 22 members were present for the meeting.

The Minutes of the June meeting were read by the Secretary. It was noted that the Wednesday work crew cut brush on Arthur Drive, not grass. Acceptance of the minutes, as amended, was proposed by Walt Weber, seconded by Mark Arsenault, and carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- Mark Arsenault

Work was done on the air leaks at steaming bay 13. An attempt to resolder the copper tube was made, but there was too much corrosion. Compression fittings were used instead; air hose was inserted to give some flexibility to avoid breaks due to ground movement.

Dick Ball has had to slow down the pace of his track ballasting, and some help from others would be appreciated.

Old Business

There is no progress on disposing of the unwanted coal.

However, some new coal has been obtained. About a pickup-truck full of free coal was collected from a private house in Westboro. The coal is now in the coal bin. About eight members participated in the work, making it a quick and easy job.

The Agent for the Holliston Board of Health visited the track and he is happy with our arrangements. The Agent also identified the ice cream truck operator who is licensed in Holliston.

New Business

We received no further offers for the slug. Therefore, it was declared sold to Larry Smith for \$800.

There were only two people working the cook tent at the Van Brocklin Meet. This was not enough. About \$300 revenue was received for about \$150 in expenses. Walt Weber noted that for the visit by the Hub Division we will need 2 cooks, 2 servers and a cashier to handle the food, which has been prepaid by the visitors. Mark Arsenault suggested we consider requiring new members to work in the cook tent as part of their induction into the club.

The President said that the Saturday night ham dinner has had to be cancelled because there is no one to take on the job of preparing it.

The President is taking reservations for the Annual Dinner. Tickets are \$25 each.

Dario is ready to start working on the Club's 4-6-4 Hudson.

Former member George Young passed away two years ago. His widow is selling his three locomotives. One of them is Van Brocklin #17. She is asking \$4000. [A photo of George with the Van Brocklin-built engine appeared in Waushakum Journal, Vol 30 No 3, July 2012, pg 6. - Ed.] Number 17 has been test run by Pat Fahey and is in good shape. The three engines will be displayed for sale at the Annual Meet and club members will be assisting in selling them.

The August Member's Work Day is scheduled for the Saturday before the Annual Meet, so we can tart up the place a bit. Walt Weber said he will be making calls to fill work slots for the Meet. Last year, only about 65% of the slots were covered prior to the Meet, but he is hoping for a better showing this year. The most critical and least popular job is parking control.

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Following on from this, there was some discussion on the diminishing degree of voluntarism, and the lack of young members, with some speculation about the societal causes. John Mentzer said this problem was not confined to our hobby, the model railroad clubs have the same problem. He thought we should try harder to market ourselves and suggested again exhibiting at model railroad shows. There was some doubt that this was worth the effort.

The Hudson is still out of action. Could it not be patched up for the Annual Meet? The President said that Pat Fahey was working on temporarily blocking the leaking tube.

Mark Arsenault said he was planning on cleaning up the Hilton, where there is a lot of random stuff that could probably be disposed of. The President said there might be some important club records in that random stuff.

Walt Weber said we need to sell some Tee shirts at the monthly meets, not just at the Annual Meet.

Tom McCune asked whether we might consider starting the monthly meeting earlier. Those with long drives would benefit from this.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by John Pilling, seconded by JB Mentzer, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the President at around 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be at 8:00PM on August 9th at the WLS track.

August 9, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:04 PM on August 9th at the track. 26 members were present for the meeting.

The Minutes of the August meeting were read by the Secretary. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by John Pilling, and carried unanimously.

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48th Annual Meet 2018

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August 24 ~ 26, 2018





ANNUAL MEET 2018

Photo 1: Fr. Jay on the main line. **Photo 2:** Diesel freights lay over in the yard. **Photo 3:** Magic Hour light paints Cornell on the High Line as Joe Monte's 4-4-2 rolls by on the main line. **Photo 4:** Brian Cunningham guides his 1-in scale Alco RS-1 down the Highline Turntable Lead. **Photo 5:** [Thank you Diner crew](#), who kept members and guests fed all weekend. **Photo 6:** Claudette Gosselin and Kathy Arsenaault staff WLS T-Shirt table. **Photo 7:** WLS 350 with Engineer Berry. **Photo 8:** Art Downer heads out with a full train. **Photo 9:** Chris Colby running a blue RS-3 for a change. **Photos 10-11:** Guest engineers head for the Wilderness Division.



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Photo 12: Bob Randall departs the station track. **Photo 13:** Onto the Wilderness Division. **Photo 14:** Larry Smith with this scratch-built boxcab electric locomotive. **Photo 15:** Second Generation Electro-Motive road power looks right at home in the WLS Wilderness Division. **Photo 16:** An Atlantic-powered cab hop enters the Narrows on the Highline.

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Photo 17: Over and under at Dimond. An EMD switcher with engineer Paolo Roffo leads a full train between the bents as 3/4 steam engine passes over Dimond Trestle. **Photo 18:** Bob Randall beneath Dimond Trestle on a sunny afternoon. **Photo 19:** An open throttle to meet the grade ahead, Jay Berry and the club's 4-6-4 has a good roll on 'em. **Photo 20:** Art Downer with Conductor Mark Hirtle. **Photo 21:** WLS 350 exits Steeves Tunnel.





Photo 22: Bob Randall passes the Wilderness Jct. switch. **Photo 23:** Close up of Bob Randall's caboose. **Photo 24:** Jim Davidson with his NS GE. **Photo 25:** Bob Mitchell with the club's RS-3 **Photo 26:** Hank Walther and Lilly Mello give rides with Hank's speeder. **Photo 27:** Jimmy Connor blows down his B&O 0-4-0.



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Superintendent's Report

– Mark Arsenault

The Wednesday work crew has been hampered by the heat and vacations, but nevertheless made progress.

The driveway suffered damage from the heavy rains and has been patched up with stone gravel.

A new sink has been installed behind the entry shed; the bubbler there has been removed as a possible health risk.

Signs were bought to mark low headroom areas and installed at the tunnel, trestle and covered bridge.

Dick Ball has continued to lay down ballast.

The camping area has a lot of brush and dead wood. Some of it has been cleared, but it won't be completed for the meet.

Work has started on rebuilding the 2x4 retaining wall near Dimond trestle. It is leaning badly because of rotten braces.

Next Saturday is a scheduled work day; for the annual meet we need to cut grass, mark the parking area and wack weeds.

Old Business

The NMRA Hub Division meet was successful; a good time was had by all. There was a minor accident when a man leaned back and tipped over the train, upsetting a woman passenger in the process. He agreed that it was his fault.

Walt Weber is out of town, but will be actively recruiting workers for the Annual Meet.

Tom McCune proposed that the time of the monthly meeting be changed to 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by John Pilling. The grounds for the motion were that it would enable distant members to get home at a



Photo: Daris Nevil (R) enjoying the Annual Meet with Pat Fahey (M) and Arthur Butler (L).

more reasonable hour; in opposition, it was observed that some other members would have to leave home inconveniently early. Although the time of the meeting is not established in the bylaws, the meeting time has been 8:00 PM throughout the life of the club. The motion was withdrawn by Tom McCune before a vote.

Tom McCune proposed that the time of the monthly meeting be changed to 7:30 PM from October until April. The motion was seconded by Colt Stuart. This motion was also withdrawn by Tom McCune before a vote.

The unwanted coal does not appear to have a buyer. If not sold it will be used as ballast.

Elaine Young's locos are in the engine house. They are for sale at \$4,000 for the GWR Hall and \$3,000 for the LMS 4F.

The Annual Meet Saturday night dinner is back on. Member Paul Lopes and his wife have volunteered to cater it.

The leaking tube in the Hudson will be repaired by Pat Fahey before the meet, so the Hudson should be in steam at the meet.

There is no progress on an estimate for the engine house roof.

New Business

Tickets for the Annual Dinner are still available.

Dario has moved his shop to Sterling, but is not completely set up yet to handle the Hudson boiler repair.

For the Annual Dinner Pat Fahey has arranged two speakers:

Daris Nevil from Texas, who will be talking about the International Brotherhood of Live Steamers;

Bill Yoder who lives in Russia will be talking about his registry of 3-1/2" gauge steam locomotives in the US.

The next meeting will be on September 13th in the Hilton.

There were four applications for membership, all members of Finger Lakes Live Steamers and all applying for Affiliate membership:

Steve and Janet Pontarelli;

Ken and Mary Nichols.

All four were voted in as members.

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Neighborhood Appreciation Meet

Photos by J.B. Mentzer

September 16, 2018

Photo 1: Ready to advance the throttle. Jay Berry looks for the highball from the semaphore signal protecting the main line. **Photo 2:** Kent Larson rings up Teddi Weber as Dick Ball looks on. **Photo 3:** Raised spatulas and bright smiles salute the last day of the Cook Tent in 2018. **Photo 4:** Brian Cunningham's 1-in RS-1 at speed near Page Station. **Photo 5:** Thank you Dick Ball for the beautiful flowers behind Page Station. **Photo 6:** A colorful 4-4-0 run by Bob Randall. **Photo 7:** Engineer Berry inspects his charge at the Page Station siding switch. **Photo 8:** Larry Smith guides his boxcab electric through the Narrows. **Photo 9:** The club Hudson easily leads its train into Steeves Tunnel.





Fred Jaggi Memorial Blow Down Meet

Photos by J.B. Mentzer

October 21, 2018



Photo 1: Joe Ng guides his impressive 4-6-0 into the siding at Page. **Photo 2:** The grade toward Page station is little challenge for John Pilling and the RS-3. **Photo 3:** Matt Betzner and Joe Ng pass below Butler Bridge behind Joe's CB&Q EMD SW-1500. **Photo 4:** Amelia Jamieson and Hank Walther exchange greetings in the Narrows. **Photo 5:** Larry Smith enters the Narrows.



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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by Tom McCune, seconded by Bob Mitchell, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:00 PM.

September 13, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:58 PM on September 13th at the track. 19 members were present for the meeting.

The Minutes of the August meeting were read by the Secretary. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Walt Weber, seconded by Bob Mitchell, and carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

– Mark Arsenault

The Wednesday work crew has again been hampered by the heat, but also by rain.

The retaining wall near Dimond Trestle has been fixed.

Progress is being made in fixing the air leaks. The Superintendent exhibited a faulty solder joint from Steaming Bay #14. The fault was repaired using compression fittings. Bay #11 also had a bad leak which was fixed. Several big leaks still remain.

There was some discussion about running an air supply to Cornell Station, to allow engineers to revive their locos. This will not be done, as it will increase congestion in the Station.

The dead oak near the entrance shed will be taken down, as will several small trees near the container yard.

Old Business

The Annual Meet went well. The weather was great and there were no incidents or mishaps. A lot of T-shirts were sold, but Claudette

has decided she can no longer operate the shirt table, so we are in need of a volunteer for this job. Many thanks are due to Claudette for a fine job over many years.

Bob Newcombe and Bob Mitchell will also not be cooking next year, so we will need yet more volunteers. Many thanks also go to Bob and Bob for their fine service to the club.

There were two speakers at the Annual Dinner, Daris Nevil and Bill Yoder. Daris talked about the International Brotherhood of Live Steamers, and Bill talked about his registry of 3-1/2" gauge locos in the US, and also gave an interesting slide show of preserved steam locos in Russia, where he resides. Both speakers also spent time at the track during the Meet and seemed to have a good time.

The President expressed thanks to Walt Weber for the enormous amount of work he put into running the Annual Meet. Walt said he had a good crew to help him.

The Saturday night ham dinner was catered by Paul Lopes and family at short notice, and was a huge success. Paul would not accept reimbursement for the food. The President is going to offer to donate to a church of Paul's choice.

The Tutwilers will not attend next year's meet, as there is a big show in Montana.

No news on the unwanted coal disposal. A suggestion to offer it to Sturbridge Village's blacksmith shop was made. Bob Mitchell will pursue this.

George Young's locomotives have all been sold.

Steve Gallagher, who has done construction work for us in the past, came to look at the engine house roof. We will need to remove several trees for 20 ft around the engine house to allow access to the roof. Methods of accomplishing this were discussed.

Changing the time of the monthly business meeting was discussed at length. Tom McCune proposed that

the starting time of the monthly business meeting be changed to 7:30PM during the months of November through April, beginning November 2018 for a trial period of one year. The motion was seconded by John Pilling, and carried unanimously.

New Business

Christopher Basak was voted to Full membership; Mark Hirtle is his sponsor. Christopher is an ex-member of Long Island Live Steamers, and is a pilot for Jet Blue.

The Neighborhood Appreciation Day meet is this Sunday. Engineers and cook tent helpers are needed. Invitation flyers have been distributed through the neighborhood.

The President asked whether we should use the Crystal Room again for next year's dinner. The general opinion was that we should, as this year's dinner went well. A longer Happy Hour was suggested.

There was no news on the status of Dario's shop.

The dumpster needs emptying. The dumpster service mistakenly picked up on the wrong day. The Treasurer will talk with them.

The next meeting will be on October 11th at 8:00PM at the track.

Amelia Jamieson brought up the idea of a Halloween event, in aid of the Holliston Food Bank. There were some safety concerns about the public being allowed into the woods in the dark. Amelia will generate a proposal for an event.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Mark Arsenault, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jed Weare (Secretary)

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