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Elections 2012-Resumes Due

Official Notice:

Nominations now accepted

The 2011 Nominating Committee (Steve Gould, Chairman, Jerry Lawlor, John O'Hern members) is now accepting nominations and resumes for openings on the Danbury Railway Museum's Board of Directors. Five Director positions are up for election. Each will serve a two year term. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, incumbents and new candidates alike, please prepare your resume that is **no longer than one-half of an 8 ½" X 11" sheet of paper**, and include the following information:

1. Name, address, phone number, e-mail address.
2. Your DRM accomplishments over the last two years. Keep to 150 words or less.
3. Your plans and goals for DRM over your two-year term. Include a project or area where you would contribute your time. Keep to 150 words or less.

There are three ways to send your resume to the Nominating Committee:

1. By e-mail to GouldSL@aol.com.
2. By regular mail to the DRM at P.O. Box 90, Danbury, CT 06813, Attention:Nominating Committee.
3. By placing the resume in Steve Gould's mailbox at the Museum.

All resumes must be received by 4 PM, Sunday, January 15, 2011, and must be in the format described above to be considered as a candidate. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a serious commitment to the Museum and its vision and goals. Please consider running only if you feel you can commit the time and effort to move the Museum forward and help it grow. Regular attendance at Board meetings, which are held the third Thursday of each month at the Museum, is a requirement.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Committee for help; all three of the members are present at the Museum every Thursday. Also, if you know of someone who wants to be contacted, please let the Committee know for follow-up.

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Trains to the Pumpkin Patch

For the first two weekends of the Pumpkin Patch event there was glorious weather. As the accompanying photos show, many guests arrived ready to have a great time, and they did! The Patch had additional decorations, and the consist was headed by our 44-tonner for the first time. Some of the children came dressed in festive costumes. Adults were taking full advantage of the photo opportunities that this and other events afford them here. Our tattoo artists in the Museum building provided a very popular attraction.



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Guests from Danbury, UK

At the end of August Joyce and John White, who reside in Danbury, Essex, UK, visited the Danbury Railway Museum. They had a great time here and seemed particularly interested in the #1455 steam locomotive.

Danbury, UK has a population of about 6500, living in closely spaced homes, and is surrounded by lands that are owned by the National Trust and other preservation organizations.

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.

Our Membership Chairman requests that all those renewing their membership **PLEASE return the paperwork with your check.**

Karl Chepiga
Claire Thingvold

Sleepy Hollow, NY
New Milford, CT

Stop by to See Us at "Big E"!

Just a reminder that the DRM again will have a location at the tremendous Railroad Hobby Show sponsored by the Amherst Railway Society. We hope you will come by our booth sometime on Saturday and Sunday January 28th 9-5pm and 29th 10-5pm to visit and shop! In addition to new merchandise for sale by the Gift Shop, the DRM's Library has a sale of items at discounted prices, and usually there are modeling items for sale at bargain prices, too.



Ten Years Ago

By Stan Madyda

The December 2001 issue of the DRM newsletter, called *Departures* at that time, featured three pages of photographs by members. Contributors were John Ivansco, Bob Greenberg, Dave Lowry, Mike Salata, Roberta Ballard, Bill Wagner, Steve Gould, Tony White and Stan Madyda. Only a couple showed the Museum. Other subjects were the recently fire damage to the Canaan, CT station, East Broad Top, Amtrak's AutoTrain, CSX River Line, the Canadian Railway Museum, Italy and Great Britain.

Both Ira Pollack and Tony White thanked the members for their efforts in 2001 and spoke of ongoing programs: an exhibit area for photographs was in the process of being constructed, Wed. night programs were continuing, a couple of New Haven box cars were expected to arrive. Membership was growing.

Wade Roesse began his column called "The Yard Inside". He thanked members who have worked on the N-scale layout of Danbury Yard both with their modeling skills and the history provided by those that worked in the yard.



Wade has continued to be very involved with the modeling and layouts at the Museum. While doing some emergency maintenance on the O-gauge layout he was quite an attraction for the youngsters attending the Santa event.

The Library acknowledged a number of members who made donations. Deed of Gifts were being sent to donors. In the room itself, more shelving was being added to accommodate the growing collection. To further ease space problems, two Member Appreciation sales were held and were very successful.

Words from Our President

It's December and we are being threatened with snow. "Tis the season", so, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and alas, Happy New Year!

The Santa Trains are in full swing, children are leaving their letters to Santa, and holiday celebrations are abundant.

We will be reviewing what we did this year: what we accomplished, what we didn't accomplish, and what we should have accomplished. In addition, we will review member ideas and suggestions to ascertain which were successful and which still need to be implemented. With that in mind, please consider telling us what you would like to see the DRM do. As a member of the Museum we look forward to and welcome your concerns and ideas.

Lastly, happy holidays; enjoy, be safe, prosper. We hope to see and talk with you in 2012.

On behalf of the DRM,
Wade W. Roesse, President

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De Bary, FL	London, UK
Zimdorf, Germany	Brighton, UK
Worchestershire, UK	West Chester, PA
Bonner Springs, KS	Fort Wayne, IN
Gettysburg, PA	Gilbert, IA
Honesdale, PA	Statesville, NC
Elkhart, IN	Lansdale, PA
Rockville, MD	Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
Poland	Columbus, OH
Leetsdale, PA	Monroe Township, NJ
Chesterton, MD	Chesterfield, Derbyshire, UK
Lakehurst, NJ	Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada
Etters, PA	Goffstown, NH
Cockeysville, MD	Potomac, MD
Mahwah, NJ	Bloomsburg, PA
Nancy, KY	Wanaque, NJ
Gregory, MI	Coventry, England
Herman, ME	McKinney, TX
Hatfield, MA	Lake Forest, CA
Selinsgrove, PA	Negunee, MI
Ashboro, NC	Strasburg, VA
Jacksonville, FL	Dunmore, PA
Framingham, MA	Montclair, NJ
Morgan, UT	Palm Coast FL
Stillwater, MN	Mill Hall, PA
Taylor, SC	Stockport, Cheshire, England
	St. Claude, Manitoba, Canada

Gift Shop News

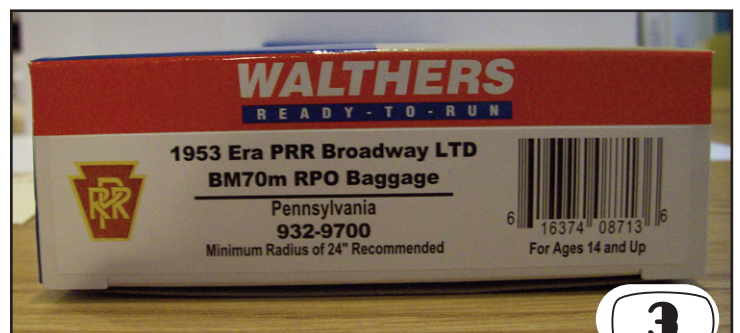
By Patty Osmer

GIFT SHOP

Just arrived at the DRM Gift Shop, we have the new, **limited edition**, ready-to-run HO-scale model of the BM70m Railway Post Office baggage car used on the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Broadway Limited"! It is a close cousin of the DRM's BNM70 which was also used on the "Broadway Limited". Although this model retails for \$70, our price is \$60, and only \$54 for members. There are **only 12 in stock**. Shipping adds \$6 to the cost.

The Gift Shop has a new supply of auto-graphed books by Joe Schiavone: *More of the Old Put* and *Last of the Old Put*. The books are nearly out of print, so don't wait!

The New Year 2012 is almost here so if you haven't purchased your railroad-themed calendar yet, now is the perfect time to find one at our Gift Shop.



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As always, children flocked to the play tables and operating layouts. Event attendees were thankful for the seating and shelter available beneath the pavilion this year alongside Track 18 where they could rest and watch the G-gauge operating cars in orange and black livery. THEN . . . on the third weekend, as everyone in the Northeast knows, there was more than frost on the pumpkins! We extend thanks to all the volunteers who worked to make this event a delightful and memorable occasion for our guests.



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DRM Guests Left Their Mark

Many of our Museum guests take the time to make entries in our Guest Book. We appreciate their feedback about the DRM and find it helpful and interesting to know how they learned about the Museum and where they reside. Our mission is to share the history and importance of railroading. We also endeavor to be entertaining as well as informative in our approach. Those who are more specific in their comments often show appreciation of the personal attention our guests receive from our volunteers, especially the tour guides.

Below are listed the hometown locations outside of CT and NY of those who signed the Guest Book in 2011. All DRM guests are equally important and welcome, but it is thought that seeing the locations of those who traveled from farther afield would be more interesting to newsletter readers. In looking at the entries from 2011 it appears that for most of this past year our guests were coming from places closer to the Museum than in past years. Most of the train enthusiasts welcomed from distant locations visited the DRM during the summer months. According to our Guest Book visitors from 11 countries and 34 states toured Danbury Railway Museum during 2011.

Monaca, PA	Arlington, VA	Cataula, GA	Venice, FL
Vienna, Austria	Ann Arbor, MI	Saxonburg, PA	Glen Ridge, NJ
South Hero, VT	Freehold, NJ	Eau Claire, WI	Shelburne Falls, MA
Patterson, NJ	Bristol, England	Greenville, NC	St. Louis, MO
Beaver, PA	Annapolis, MD	Bernau, Germany	Tacoma, WA
Claygate, Surry, UK	Pawtucket, RI	Wimette, IL	Hillsborough, NJ
Greensburg, PA	Clementon, NJ	Baltimore, MD	Beverly Hills, MI
Roslindale, MA	Stevens Point, WI	Pittsburgh, PA	Lynchburg, VA
Edison, NJ	Boston, MA	Istanbul, Turkey	Hilton Head Island, SC
Abbot, ME	Plympton, MA	Sewickley, PA	Livonia, MI
Tullahoma, TN	Waretown, NJ	Sun Lakes, AZ	Winter Garden, FL
Conifer, CO	Amherst, MA	Bogart, GA	Reedley, CA
Beverly, MA	Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	Carramar, WA	Austin, TX
Passumpsic, VT	Hollywood, FL	Westfield, MA	Havant, UK
Lancaster, PA	Hellerton, PA	France	Charlotte, NC
Lusby, MD	Oakton, VA	Monticello, AK	Newark, DE
Omaha, NE	Piscataway, NJ	Woonsocket, RI	Manchester, MD
Margate, FL	Barnesville, PA	Warwick, RI	Denmark
York, PA	Germansville, PA	Fairfax, VA	San Antonio, TX
Falls Church, VA	Morton Grove, IL	Hazelton, PA	Slidell, LA
Port St Lucie, FL	Inverness, NS, Canada	Woodville, WI	Westminster, MA
Victorville, CA	Penmore, Stourbridge, UK	Jacksonville, FL	Dubai, UAE
Ramsey, NJ	Natural Bridge, VA	Dickson City, PA	Danbury, Essex, UK
Antrim, NH	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Vineland, NJ	Venice, FL
Bloomington, NJ	Maynard, MA	Dragor, Denmark	Springfield, IL
St. Petersburg, FL	Paramus, NJ	Methuen, MA	San Leandro, CA
Teaneck, NJ	Pottstown, PA	Miami, FL	Chicago, IL
Boise, ID	Launceston, Cornwall, England	Cranston, RI	Palm Harbor, FL
Acton, MA	Oviedo, FL	Tallmadge, OH	Kissimmee, FL
Oklahoma City, OK	FT. Meyers, FL	Cincinnati, OH	Southwick, MA
Salem, VA	Dover, Kent, England	Hobe Sound, FL	Hewitt, NJ
Merritt Island, FL	Nazareth, PA	Idaho Falls, ID	Derwood, MD
Roswell, GA	Lake Placid, FL	Hopewell, VA	El Paso, TX
Seattle, WA	Eatontown, NJ	Charlton, MA	Pequannock, NJ
Quincy, MA	Marlborough, MA	Towson, MD	St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
Gardners, PA	Crestwood, KY	Bergenfield, NJ	Fort Lee, NJ
Huntingdon, PA	Taunton, Somerset, England	Bridgeton, NJ	Louisville, KY
	Cardiff, UK	Fort Collins, CO	Connersville, IN
	Clear Lake, IA		



DRM Railyard Map

This past summer volunteer Joseph Alves generated a schematic map of our railyard for use by our guests. It is available as a flyer at the Front Desk so that our visitors will have a map of our railyard and know where various pieces of our equipment are located within it. Since it was created on a computer, it can be updated as equipment is relocated. Below is what it looked like in August. Thank you, Joseph!

DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM

120 WHITE STREET, BOX 90, DANBURY, CT 06813

DANBURY RAILYARD MAP

WELCOME TO THE DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM RAILYARD. THE 8 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT LISTED HERE ARE OPEN TO GUESTS OF THE MUSEUM. WE ASK THAT YOU FOLLOW 4 RULES, NO RUNNING, AND NO CLIMBING ON EQUIPMENT, PLEASE FOLLOW ALL SIGNS, AND PLEASE STAY OFF THE TRACKS. THANK YOU

Numbers Represent Tracks in the Railyard

EQUIPMENT:

RAIL CAR	LOCATION
NEW HAVEN CABOOSE	TRACK 18
READING COACH 1547	TRACK 18
NEW HAVEN 32 BUDD RAIL DIESEL CAR	TRACK 24
BOSTON AND MAINE 1455 STEAM ENGINE	TRACK 34
SPERRY RAIL FLAW DETECTION CAR	TRACK 34
MAINE CENTRAL CABOOSE	TRACK 34
CANADIAN NATIONAL CABOOSE	TRACK 36
RAILWAY POST OFFICE CAR	WRECK TRACK
E9 DIESEL (WALK IN THROUGH COACH COUPLED IN BACK)	RIP TRACK

J. Alves 8/8/11



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MUSEUM CALENDAR

Jan	4(7:30pm)	UP Steam + Trains - Carl Liba
Jan	11(7:30pm)	So. Amer Steam - PeteMcLachlan
Jan	18(7:30pm)	Video ; Swiss Steam Plow - Dave Wilson
Jan	19(7:00pm)	Board Meeting - Open to Members
Jan	25(7:30pm)	To Be Announced
Feb	1(7:30pm)	NY NH & H Trains - Carl Liba

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

See the newsletter in color at www.danburyrail.org!



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