In 2010, RailAmerica subsidiary New England Central Railroad was awarded an America Recovery & Reinvestment Act grant that would essentially rebuild the former Central Vermont Railway from St. Albans to Vernon, Vermont. The 191-mile ground up rebuilding was to be a monumental task that would be undertaken on a less than two-year schedule and have several timeline impositions to meet for maintaining various funding. The first rail train arrived on Halloween 2010 and crews went to work immediately with the first mile installed by a November 6 ceremony in St. Albans that would launch the ARRA project. During the course of the next two years, dozens of contractors, and oversight from RailAmerica subsidiary leaders, the project concluded ‘On Time and On Budget’.

At the onset of the project RailAmerica contracted Transportation Photojournalist Kevin Burkholder to document all components of the project, including the making of the rail from scrap metal at Steel Dynamics, Inc. mill in Columbia City. This program is a compilation of images documenting the landmark rebuilding that will lead to higher speeds for both passenger and freight service and is the backbone of the Amtrak Vermonter time reduction.

Photojournalist Kevin Burkholder got his start in railroad photography when at the age of 6 with a little 110 instamatic camera he exposed his first images of the Reading Railroad, having walked a block from his grandmother’s house to see the passing yellow and green locomotives. Growing up on Railroad Street in Myerstown, Pennsylvania and along the Reading’s Lebanon Valley Line and later Conrail and Norfolk Southern’s Harrisburg Line, Kevin spent many waking hours photographing trains all over the US and Canada.

Kevin was the Keystoner creator and news columnist for RailPace Magazine in the early 1990s, before going on to freelance with stories and photos published in every major US railroad publication and several International publications. Kevin currently is working with TRAINS Magazine to produce news and feature material as well as provide photographic material.
From the Treasurer

All donations to the Amherst Railway Society may be tax deductible. As Amherst Railway Society Inc. is a 501 C(3) tax exempt organization, your donations (of either cash and/or property) may be deducted on your Schedule A, Form 1040 of your Federal income tax. Consider the Amherst Railway Society in your estate planning. Your gifts can be restricted or non-restricted (you can pre-determine how you want your donation used). Upon request, and proper documentation of course, the Treasurer will issue you a letter to be used as justification for your tax deductions.

Attendance the past two years has averaged 80 people per meeting

- November 2011 (78) “Hurricane Irene vs. NECR - Disaster and Recovery” by Charles Hunter
- January 2012 (77) “Museum Trains in Germany & Denmark” by Joshua Redenz
- March 2012 “American Locomotive Heritage Museum” by Richard Steinbrenner
- April 2012 (78) "Boston & Maine Operations---Sept. 1950" by George & Kathy Melvin
- May 2012 (58) “A Decade of Railroading in New England.. the 1990's" by Buddy Winniarz
- June 2012 (107) “A Slice of the Cheshire " by Jim Dufour
- September 2012(64) “Folkston, Georgia, before the Holiday Hiatus " by Matthew Betzner
- October 2012 (76) “Traveling with my Cameras” by Tom Nanos

Upcoming presentations include:

- January 15 “Video of Central Vermont, Boston & Maine and Boston & Albany” by Gary Guerske
- March 19 “Vermont Rail Action Network” by Chris Parker
- April 16 “Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum Then and Now" by Sam Bartlett

Message from the Clerk:

Check your mailing label, or membership card to see if the year says “2012” If it does, your membership has expired. Memberships expire on June 30 of the year listed. Student memberships require an update of year and expected graduation. Regular adult memberships are $20 for one year, $50 for three years, or $80 for five years. The five year membership renewal is equal to one free year.

In order to receive a pass to the show this January, renewals and new memberships must be received by December 18.

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Message from the President:

November is upon us. Next up is Thanksgiving. Then Christmas. And finally on January 5th the Mass Bay RRE "Steam in the Snow" trip.

But it is not too early to start planning how you will help out at the Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show on the last weekend of January. See the volunteer form in this issue.

We have received many Founders Award proposals and a lot of Heritage Grant proposals. The board will be considering these in the coming days and the awards will be announced at the Show in January. We thank the applicants for taking the time to prepare these proposals.
Message from Phil Johnson

Two trips to note:

Saturday, January 5, 2013:
MassBay RRE has their 6th ‘Steam in the Snow’ on the Conway Scenic Railroad. North Conway, NH to Notchland. Our annual steam-powered photographers’ special, with multiple photo stops featuring 0-6-0 steam locomotive 7470. Tickets on sale October 2012.

And Tour de Chooch has 27 layouts open this year Nov 24 and 25, see flyer. Carpool with a friend to save fuel.

Also, passing on this message to the membership.

From: Peter Storer
Subject: H-O Model Trains for Sale

We have been clearing out all of my dad’s possessions over the last several months and one of the biggest and coolest of these is his large train set. I have put together a website with a video that explains what it is and there are links to a SharePoint site with the actual inventory detail listed. If you are interested, or you know someone with H-O trains or belong to a club or know a club, please pass the link along so we can get this in front of as many people as possible. The price for the entire inventory is very reasonable and negotiable, but we aren’t interested in selling this piecemeal. Everything is in Wyoming, so it will likely involve a road trip to pick up as shipping isn’t really an option. Thank you again for passing this along.

www.storerestatesale.com

From the AMHERST BELT LINES...

Email address: amherstbeltlines@amherstrail.org

Show Schedule Update for 2012-2013

The Belt Lines attends about six shows per year from September through April. Our schedule for 2012-2013 as we know it today is below. Not all of these dates are confirmed, but as we get additional details we will be sure to adjust appropriately.

- December 1st & 2nd, 2012 Marlboro, MA – NMRA HUB Division
  - Model Railroad Expo http://www.hubdiv.org
- January 26th & 27th, 2013 West Springfield, MA – Amherst Railway Society, Inc.
  - Railroad Hobby Show http://railroadhobbyshow.com
- February 24th, 2013 Auburn, MA – Worcester Model Railroad Club
  - Model Railroad Show & Open House http://www.wmrr.org
- April 7th, 2013 Shirley, MA – Nashua Valley Model Railroad Association
  - RailFair ’13 Model Railroad Show and Open House http://www.nvrra.com

We will publish additional details as the show times draw closer.
Message from the Show Director:

State of the Union…ah, Show!

Here’s the latest: We are in full swing. All 490 contracts are out the door and have been for 3 months. We have just past the first deadline of having contracts back to us and already have 75% of our invitations accepted. The next step is to assign space to those who have responded early.

In conjunction with this process, we are already re-designing the layout of the two of the four buildings based upon new ideas, and improvements over last year. Once again, I can say with excitement, that the new changes will be amazing. The clinic area will be once again in the back of the Mallary Complex. The reception area will be growing slightly and a stage will be erected against the east wall of the Mallary North Building. This year, for the first time in our history, we will be distributing all of our grants from the stage, most likely on Sunday. There much more and you’ll hear about them as the Show continues to take shape for the 2013 season!

Once again, I appeal to you to volunteer. The one constant that we have is the fact that our Show is only as good as the number of volunteers that we have to run it. With this year’s new configuration, we need more volunteers than ever. Even if you can only put in 2 hours, please let us know! If you can help, fill out this year’s volunteer form. Duties include simple tasks like door man, unfolding tables, to hanging number signs on posts, to checking badges to distributing flyers to escorting exhibitors to their area. If you are not sure, just come on down and we will get you an assignment. Please contact Doug Moore if you are interested. Doug’s contact information is on the volunteer form.

Finally, our biggest news in the “Friday Clinics Day”…..all day long, in two rooms, 9 clinics brought to you by our exhibitors and manufacturers…Please go to the railroadhobbyshow.com web site to learn more! The clinics have grown to the point that it will be an all-day affair at the Sheraton in downtown Springfield, break and lunch included as well as a 2-day pass to the Show! BTW, the Sheraton has a killer rate of $89.00 a night and that includes free parking and breakfast in the morning! And, top that off with the fact that they have just renovated the entire hotel – to the tune of millions of dollars….I was just there and it is beautiful! Remember to watch for more details…coming soon!

John Sacerdote, Show Director
to Volunteer for the

Amherst Railway Society

2013 Railroad Hobby Show

We need volunteers who are serious about helping with the Largest Show in North America! Please sign up using the form below:
Please complete this form and return to us ASAP (see reverse for contact info)

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NAME        STREET
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EMAIL ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)    CITY, STATE, ZIP
_________________________________________  __________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER      ALTERNATE PHONE

Check and list all that you are interested in: READ THE BACK OF THIS FORM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOBS AVAILABLE!!!

_______ Thursday ________________________________________________________________
list jobs that you are interested in and TIMES that you are available
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_______ Friday _________________________________________________________________
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_______ Sunday ________________________________________________________________
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THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSIGN YOU TO TASKS REQUESTED; YOU MAY BE ASKED TO FILL IN WHERE NEEDED

FOR A TYPE-IN VERSION OF THIS FORM, PLEASE GO TO http://www.AmherstRail.org/VolunteerForm2013.pdf
Available Jobs Include:

THURSDAY JOBS AVAILABLE (Show Set-up)
- Signs, including table numbers (mostly in the am)
- Tables and chair set-up and placement (all day long; coordinate with Boy Scouts in evening)
- door monitor/traffic control (all day long, but in shifts)
- Stanchions in Parking lot for bus and ARS Parking only; add appropriate signs to stanchions

FRIDAY JOBS AVAILABLE (Vendors Arrive)
- door monitor/traffic control (all day long, but in shifts)
- barrier providers/set-up (all day long, but in shifts)
- hands on volunteers
  - test tracks (if applicable)
  - time savers (if applicable)
- reception center set up

SATURDAY/SUNDAY (SHOW TIME) JOBS AVAILABLE
- reception center (greetings)
- reception center raffle ticket sales
- door monitor/traffic control (extras on doors 3, 5, 7 in BLC)
- treasury (special volunteers requiring approval)

CLOSE JOBS AVAILABLE (Sunday afternoon)
- door monitor/traffic control/door guard (no vehicles until notice; in shifts)
- break down of reception center (late afternoon)
- collection of signs, numbers, easels, homasote boards, AV equipment (late afternoon)
- Boy Scouts assistance and coordination of table and chair breakdown (late afternoon)

For more information or to return this form, contact:

Doug Moore, Volunteer Coordinator at ARS@rrmail.com
or call the show office at 413-267-4555
or send your form to: Amherst Railway Society
P.O. Box 247
Monson, MA 01057-0247
or just bring your completed form to the Next Meeting!!!
# Tour de Chooch

A free, self-guided model railroad Open House

**Saturday, November 24, 2012 9:00am – 4:00pm**

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<td>Rich Fifield</td>
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