



Amherst Railway Society
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The next meeting of the Amherst Railway Society is Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at the Amherst Regional Middle School Auditorium

Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show – West Springfield, MA January 29-30, 2011

Oct Topic: "Steel Wheels and Submarines: -

Railroading Along the Thames River in Conn." by Tom Nanos

Photography is something that has been a passion of mine since Christmas in the mid-1980s when my parents gave me a basic darkroom kit as my gift. This, along with my father lending me his Minolta XE-5 SLR, sparked my interest in photography. In the decades since then, my dedication to the art had ebbed and flowed until late 2001 when I began photographing railroad operations. Mixing my passion for photography with my childhood love of railroads has proved to be the right formula to sustain my interest in the photographic arts – after nearly 20 years I finally put the peanut butter and chocolate together, so to speak.



I primarily photograph railroading in and around southern New England, in particular focusing on southeastern Connecticut. While shooting, I usually try to intertwine some of the sights around this end of the state into my photos, giving things a sense of place. Those elements can include simply a station sign where one once stood, or a state-of-the-art US Navy attack submarine, or even literally the elements – the varying New England weather. As that last part alluded to, I shoot in all conditions – day, night, sun, rain or snow. Basically, if the trains are running, so are my cameras.

And this is what my show will feature – railroading around the Thames River in southeastern Connecticut. I've titled the presentation "Steel Wheels and Submarines" – which describes the area around the river very nicely. The Thames hosts not only four railroads, but also the US Navy's Submarine Base, the Electric Boat shipyard, and the US Coast Guard Academy. I'll be intertwining all of the rail and nautical subjects together into a virtual tour around the river, covering each town. Those towns are Norwich, Preston, Ledyard, Groton, New London, Waterford, Montville and Uncasville.

In "real life" I'm a husband and father of two daughters and live in eastern Connecticut, and am a senior systems analyst/software developer at a major pharmaceutical company in the southeastern area of the state. Those two facts should explain my focus on railroading in this end of the Nutmeg State.

-Tom Nanos

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 you tax deductions

From the Clerk

If your mailing label says "EXPIRED" your membership has expired. Now is the time to renew.

The rates are: Free for Full Time students, 1 year for \$20, 3 years for \$50 and 5 years for \$80

Student memberships require the name of the school, and the class/year in addition to the student contact information

Upcoming Amherst Railway Society Programs (subject to change)

November 16, "Building a Railroad Museum" by Bob Lamay

January 18, "Holyoke Railroads" by Ira Laby

Message from the Show Director:



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Help Wanted Ad

Immediate openings for part-time positions on various shifts in a busy 4-Building Train Show. Able to work effectively as a team member as well as on own once given a task (such as setting up tables and chairs, taping numbers to poles, etc). Previous Train Show experience a plus but not required. Ability to read blue prints can possibly make you an immediate supervisor. Download and complete a volunteer application on-line or apply in person at The Amherst Railway Society monthly Meeting and job fair for your position in January. Benefits include early entrance to Show (great preview and purchasing opportunities) as well as networking with friends.

John Sacerdote, Show Director



to Volunteer for the

Amherst Railway Society

2011 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)

NAME	STREET
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	list jobs that you are interested in and TIMES that you are available
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_____ Saturday	list jobs that you are interested in and TIMES that you are available
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_____ Sunday	list jobs that you are interested in and TIMES that you are available
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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

All Volunteers are eligible for FREE PARKING!!
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)

FRIDAY JOBS AVAILABLE (Vendors Arrive)

- door monitor/traffic control (all day long, but in shifts)
- tables set-up and placement (Friday am only)
- barrier providers/set-up (all day long, but in shifts)
- hands on volunteers
 - kids layout setup and breakdown
 - kids layout operation
 - test tracks
 - time savers
- reception center set up
- Floor Manager (monitor vendors and assist and supervise with set up)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY (SHOW TIME) JOBS AVAILABLE

- reception centers (greetings)
- post office (Stroh bldg)
- hands on layout operation and supervision
- door monitor/traffic control (extras on doors 3,5,7 in BLC)
- treasury (special volunteers requiring approval)
- Floor Manager (monitor vendors and assist public during show)

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:

John Sacerdote, Show Director at showdirector@amherstrail.org

or call the show office at 413-267-4555

or send your form to: Amherst Railway Society

P.O. Box 247

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or just bring your completed form to the Next Meeting!!!

From the Trip Committee, Upcoming dates of interest

Date	Event	Location	Contact
10/10/10	special move	Lakeshore Ltd, WB private car move	
10/16/10	Open house	North Shore MRR Club, Wakefield, MA	North Shore MRC is in the basement of Brother's Restaurant, 404 Main St, in Wakefield, MA 01880
10/16/10	Excursion	P&W Triangle Trip, MBRRE	Dave Brown @ MassBay Information Line 617-489-5277 or 978-470-2066
10/16/10	Excursion	Conway Scenic RR, Crawford Notch	Conway Scenic Website
11/7/10	Train Show	Bedford Boomers, NH	McKelvie Intermediate School, Bedford, NH
11/13/10	Train Show	NHRHTA, North Haven, CT	9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Holiday Inn adjacent to exit 12 off I-91
11/17/10	Lecture	Coming of the Train 2, GCC	Greenfield Community College website
12/4/10	Train Show	NMRA, Marlboro MA	Saturday and Sunday at Best Western Trade Center, Route 20, Marlboro, MA
1/2/11	Excursion	Conway Scenic RR, Steam in Snow	Dave Brown @ MassBay Information Line 617-489-5277 or 978-470-2066
1/29/11	Train Show	Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield	
1/30/11	Train Show	Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield	

Message from the Amherst Belt Lines:

Show Schedule Update

The Belt Lines attends about six shows per year from September through April. So far we have invitations to three of the shows, including our own, through January of next year. If you would like to mark your calendars for shows we will be attending, here are the dates for the rest of the 2010:



- November 7, 2010: Bedford Boomers Railroad Exhibition – Bedford, MA
- December 4-5, 2010: New England Model Train Expo – Marlborough, MA
- January 29-30, 2011: Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show – Springfield, MA

Can you help me to find the year when the first generation diesels appeared in the Readville Car shops in Boston? My father, the late Bud Demers, worked there all of his life, starting out as an apprentice. I can recall the steam locomotives going by the house when I was growing up in the 40s-50s.

I would also like to know if there were any steam locomotives in the late '50s, early '60s - along the Northeast Corridor or on any small feeder lines.

Most of the men in my family worked for the railroad. I believe my grandfather helped to organize in the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen's union. My grandfather worked in the paint shop and died of throat cancer very young. I always wondered if it were work related.

My dad actively tried to save the pensions of widows after the demise of the NYNHH railroad. They named a post after him in Dedham.

Thanks so much for your help. [If you have information regarding this inquiry, please notify Clerk@amherstrail.org]