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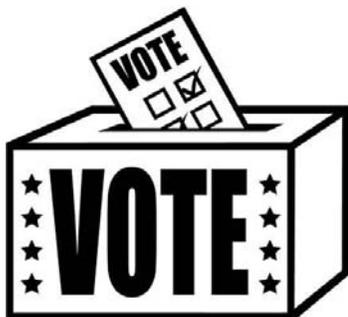
Special Election Issue!



Election time is here for the Danbury Railway Museum! This issue of The Railway Dispatch is devoted to that membership privilege: Voting for candidates for the four officer and four director positions whose terms expire this year. You will see candidate resumes start on Page 3 and extend to Page 6. Please look them over carefully as you will see what the future plans are for the DRM. On Page 7, you will find the Official Ballot for 2015. Vote for your selections and tear off the portion of the page along the dotted line and use the enclosed envelope to return your ballot to the Museum. If you do not want to mutilate your newsletter copy, you can print off the last page from our website or just photocopy Page 7 and send in the ballot.

On Page 2, you will find a donation sheet showing four major projects that need more funding. Please consider making a donation to one or all of them using the lower portion of the form. Just fill in the information requested and include the lower section with your check. If you wish, you can include it with your ballot. And, same goes for this form; you can also print it out from the website, or just make a photocopy of it for sending in.

Thank you for your support with your vote and, we hope, with a donation!



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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 (recent renewals may not have new date on label). Life Members do not have an expiration date.

Jackson Shaw	Hopewell Junction, NY
Malcolm Dickinson	Stamford, CT

Upcoming Events at the DRM February 14th - Sweetheart Train

Winter train ride for lovebirds through our railyard, weather permitting of course!

March 28th & 29th and April 3rd & 4th 2015 Easter Bunny Express Trains!

Come see the Easter Bunny! Ride a vintage train through our ten-acre railyard and visit the Easter Bunny in a specially decorated coach! Every child will receive a small gift from the Bunny!

Reservations are strongly recommended! You can reserve online at our website or you can call 1-203-778-8337. The \$10 admission for visitors ages 2 and up (under 2 years free) includes train ride, exhibits and displays in our beautifully decorated 1903 Station. There will also be a coloring station, play area, operating model layouts, temporary tattoos and more!

Trains will be running every **half-hour from 12:30pm - 3:30pm**. The Museum will be open Friday & Saturday 10am - 4:30pm and Sunday 12noon - 4:30pm.

If you are a member and would like to help out with this event, which would be very much appreciated, please contact Sue Teer at 203-778-8337.

DONATE TO THE DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM!

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM: WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR HELP!

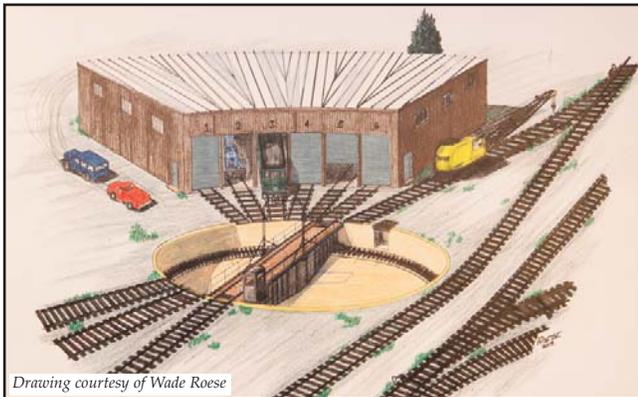
We rely on four sources for funding: Direct admission and event ticket sales; merchandise sales in the Gift Shop; grants; and donations. It is in the last area where we need your help. Below are four projects that are underway at your Museum that need additional funding, and we can always use additional funds to help us with track work (tie replacement, ballast tamping, etc.).



1947 ex-NYC Burro crane full restoration for yard maintenance and display



1916 operating turntable needs timber replacement and other restoration work



6-stall Roundhouse to be built on existing foundation needs to be fully funded



Rescue and restoration of two ex-NYC electric locomotives (1904 S1 (above, left) and 1926 T3a (above, right) motors)

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PLEASE HELP! Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate the amount you wish to donate besides the selected project. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Burro Crane \$ _____ Turntable \$ _____ Roundhouse \$ _____ NYC Electrics \$ _____

Trackwork \$ _____ NYC Wooden Caboose \$ _____ Other (specify) _____ \$ _____

Donated by: _____ Full Address: _____

Mail to: Treasurer, Danbury Railway Museum, P.O. Box 90, Danbury, CT 06813-0090, or send with your **2** ballot! Thank you for your generosity!

Wade W. Roese, for the Office of President

Past Accomplishments:

For the past two years I have had the honor and opportunity to serve as President of the Danbury Railway Museum. In addition, I have continued to be the Director of Exhibits, a position I have held for approximately 12 years. The success of a president and that of the organization he leads is only a reflection of the hard work and commitment of the officers and directors, staff, and members of the organization. The president of our Museum has the responsibility to follow its missions, assist in setting and accomplishing its goals, enhance its relationship with the city and guests, assist with its financial position and growth, and to ensure that the volunteers have the training, facilities, equipment and support to enable them to enjoy and be satisfied with their commitment to our Museum. I believe that in the past two years, I have had some success in meeting these responsibilities.

We have seen great progress on the NYC caboose and *Tonawanda Valley* observation car as well as new work on the 1455, Burro crane, SW-8, and 44-Tonner. In addition, after many years of much commitment and perseverance, we are seeing progress on our roundhouse construction project and the relocation of our electric locomotives from Albany. We have just celebrated our 20th anniversary. We have held some record-setting events. We recently identified and highlighted over 70 projects to implement or continue working on. Although this president has enjoyed working directly on some of these projects, their success culminates in the total commitment and efforts of our volunteers.

Future Goals:

I am greatly pleased to see the Museum, of which I have been a small part, grow, accomplish and receive the accolades and recognition it deserves. I hope you will continue to support me as your President and allow me the opportunity to continue to serve and work toward achieving our mutual goals and mission. I extend my sincerest appreciation for the productivity, contribution, encouragement and past participation and support. Thank you.

Stan Madyda, for the Office of Vice President

Past Accomplishments:

A member since 1994, I am seeking re-election as Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors. I continue to co-chair the Library Committee with Gerry Herrmann. During the past two years, we have gotten students from WestConn involved with helping sort and catalog our archive. Two students have done independent studies with us and over the summer, two students worked on getting us to the point where we can soon have our holdings on a website used by researchers. I am also heading up the DRM's effort to move the former New York Central S and T motors located in upstate New York to Danbury. There are several other acquisition projects I have worked on or am pursuing, from individuals' personal collections to rolling stock. I serve on the Restoration Committee and am involved with the New York Central Wooden Caboose project. This has led me to visit two other NYC caboose restorations in the past year to gather information and share ideas. I represent the DRM with the Housatonic Valley Area of the Connecticut League of History Organizations, the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce and the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut.

Future Plans:

Promised, but not completed from two years ago, is a comprehensive collection policy for rolling stock, archives and small objects. This will be completed in the next several months. I would like to continue down the road we are on with WestConn, not only with history students helping us, but possibly in other areas. Already started in January and continuing for the next 24 months, is a museum training program offered by the CT League of History Organizations and Connecticut Humanities. I will be attending as many of these workshops as possible. I will do my best to attend at least one national conference of the Association of Tourist Trains and Railway Museums, of which the DRM is a member. I'll continue interacting with local and national organizations. All of these opportunities will give the DRM greater recognition. I'd like to see the DRM get involved with some serious fundraising in the next couple of years as we have some goals we would like to reach as a Museum. One more area that we need to be concerned about is member recruitment. We have a great bunch of people already involved with the DRM but we need more, especially when it comes to restoration projects.

Stephen D. Gould, for the Office of Secretary

Past Accomplishments:

I have been Secretary since 2002. I currently volunteer as a tour guide during the week and for various job functions at our events throughout the year. I serve on the Events Advisory Committee and I'm chairman of the Grants Committee, Nominating Committee and Restoration Committee. I served as Event Project Manager for National Train Day and Danbury Railway Day for both 2013 and 2014. I write grants for the Museum throughout the year. I also do talks at other local organizations. In 2013, I was a docent on the RPO while it was in Grand Central Terminal for Metro-North's Parade of Trains event. I also administer the Museum's Boy Scout Merit Badge Program and am the chief contact for motion picture and fashion shoots.

Future Plans:

If elected, I will continue to provide the level of service that the Board of Directors demands and expects from this office. I will continue to serve on the committees listed above. I will do more research with the Providence & Worcester Railroad to determine the feasibility of an excursion on their railroad as a fundraiser for the Museum. I will once again head up the National Train Day and Danbury Railway Day events.

Patty Osmer, for the Office of Treasurer

1. Accomplishments over the last two years:

- Continued to prepare a yearly balanced budget and quarterly budget reviews; presented financials on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis; worked with accountant on tax preparation and audit
- Continued to serve as Gift Shop Manager
- Continued to serve as Chair of Events Advisory Committee
- Continued to prepare web and printed advertising for events
- Continued to maintain computers and network for the building
- Maintained the crew schedule online

2. Plans for the next two years:

- If elected, this will be my 6th term as Treasurer, and I will continue to:
 1. Do budgeting and financial planning
 2. Work with web master to enhance Internet online order capabilities, such as donations and memberships
 3. Put in volunteer hours for: Advertising, Gift Shop purchasing, selling and inventory control, website improvements, events planning, budgeting, financial planning, computer hardware/software upgrades and wherever else I can be of use.
- It is always good to bring in new people to get new ideas and talent. I am hopeful that someone will come forward to take on the Treasurer position either for this term, or for the next election in 2017. It will be a goal to talk to people and see if someone can be found.

Jose' Alves, for the position of Director

Past Accomplishments:

Over the past two calendar years, I have accomplished a variety of things, Museum related and not, most notably my graduation from Henry Abbott Technical High School. For the past two years in December, I would design, assemble and operate a large scale model layout in the school's lobby. In addition to this, I organized a visit to the Museum by Henry Abbott's Electrical Department to discuss energizing the Fairground's pump-house exhibit. Recently, I was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill a vacant position. After turning 18 in December of 2013, I was finally eligible to be qualified as a conductor on the DRM's own Railyard Local. I was also an active "Tuesday nighter," coming in on Tuesday nights to assist in the indoor Museum exhibits.

Future Goals:

As an elected Board member, I would continue to pursue the pump-house electrification, as well as other projects in the yard that could benefit from technical high school help. In addition to the yard, indoors, I plan on tackling the "Ticket Window" exhibit, as well as "A Window Through Time," an exhibit that would utilize the locked off window in the great hall.

Bob Boothe, for the position of Director

Past Accomplishments:

I have been serving on the Board of Directors of the DRM for the last two years. This past year, I was asked by the Board to form and be chairman of an "Investment Advisory Committee" for the Museum to assist the Board in choosing appropriate financial options for the significant amount of money the Museum has earned and received in donations/grants over the years. With co-committee members Steve Gould and Jeff VanWagenen, we developed an investment policy which the Board is in the process of implementing.

At the DRM over the last four years, I have continued as manager of the Boston and Maine 1455 steam locomotive project. This 107-year-old marvel of technology (in its time) needs a lot of loving care as we move forward to preserve her for our own enlightenment, enjoyment and for generations to follow. It's builders (the Manchester locomotive works) didn't leave an "instruction manual" on how to maintain/fix/or repair it, so we've put together a great team of experts both local and out of state who've been incredibly helpful in finding and generating the information we need.

Among our membership at the DRM are some very talented craftsmen who have generously donated their time and skills to the 1455 project. My role has often been to set priorities, research solutions, and in general, help them out as needed. Thanks to Bill Nicholson, we have a new custom set of windows waiting to be installed once some cab metalwork is completed.

During the 16 years that I've been a member of the DRM, I've also helped out as car host, yard tour guide and on several occasions, given detailed "tours" of the 1455. I've used the material I gave in a Wednesday night talk at the DRM on the "evolution of the steam locomotive - and the 1455," as the basis of several articles in our DRM newsletter.

Future Plans:

If re-elected to the DRM Board, I would like to continue running the B&M 1455 project. I hope to expand our "sub-projects" by adding more items to make it easier to explain and/or "interpret," including in-cab lighting, possibly adding a sound system, creating more signage, etc. Also, much of the information we've collected might be added to our DRM website for the rest of the world to enjoy.

I would like to continue on the Investment Advisory Committee as well as the Restoration Committee and look forward to preparing another "theme based program" on the 1455 for the membership.

Justin Chapin, for the position of Director

Past Accomplishments:

I joined the Museum in 2002 and became a life member in 2003. Since then, I have worked in operations and mechanical. I qualified as conductor in 2003 and qualified as engineer in 2004, running nearly every weekend those years. I am currently qualified on all of our operating locomotives. For the first few years, I split my time between operations and mechanical, but now mostly do mechanical work which comprises maintenance and restoration. Currently, I am the Chief Mechanical Officer. I headed-up the restoration of the MEC 661 caboose and did a lot of the work to make the CN 660 our new event car when the old car was no longer useable. I have been responsible for returning several locomotives to service including the SW-8 at the end of this past season. I have spent time off site to inspect potential acquisitions and help prep them for movement. For the past ten years, I have cleared the yard of snow in the winter. I have served as a Board member for the last four years.

Future Goals:

If re-elected to the Board, I intend to continue the Museum's forward movement in the construction of a permanent maintenance and restoration building. Such a building is sorely needed to enable us to grow and retain more members interested in the restoration and maintenance of our equipment. It would help us work through the cold winter months as well as the rainy days, thus more than doubling the useable time during the year while making that time much more productive. I intend to maintain my vigilance over Museum property and policies, so as to keep the Museum and its volunteers safe. I would also seek to keep the time our members spend here enjoyable as that is why we are all here, being an all-volunteer organization.

Michael Madyda, for the position of Director

Past Accomplishments:

As a member of the DRM since August 2002 and a life member since 2003, my accomplishments over the last two years at the Museum have been numerous. I became a member of the BoD in 2013 after a director resigned. Also in 2013, I became the editor of the Museum's newsletter, *The Railyard Local*, now the *The Railyard Dispatch*, and last year, published the first special supplement to the newsletter in color! Later in the summer of 2013, I became a qualified conductor on the Railyard Local train ride. This past summer, I underwent engineer training and became qualified on the RS-1 locomotive and am training to become qualified on the RDC Budd car. I created a Euro-style DRM magnet to be sold in the gift shop. Additionally, as the project manager of the Burro crane restoration, I am helping to construct a structure to house and protect the crane while work is being done on it. This structure is almost complete and will be the first such structure in the Museum's history!

Future Plans:

My plans and goals are several. First, I will help the Museum grow into the premier railroad museum in New England by ensuring fiscal responsibility as a non-profit while making sure it evolves and grows into a tourist-friendly and image-pleasing attraction. I will reflect this in my continuing work as the newsletter editor and as an active member. Second, I will be working with the Museum's web master to update and improve our web page. Third, I will continue to restore our Burro crane to operating condition and help finish the first-ever structure to house and protect a piece of rail equipment. In addition to the future roundhouse, I will push for a much needed and cheaper pole barn building to house projects undergoing restoration, which can be erected in less time using our existing funds. Finally, I'll continue to objectively listen to the public and membership about what they think the DRM can do to make it the best rail museum in the region.

DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM 2015 BALLOT

TO: DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM MEMBERS

SUBJECT: BALLOT FOR 2015 ELECTION

Below, please find a ballot for the 2015 elections. Four Officer and Four Director positions are to be filled, each with a two-year term. Resumes for each candidate are printed in this edition of *The Railyard Dispatch* newsletter. Please review them before voting. Submit your ballot using the following procedure:

1. Mark your ballot with your choices, cut off, and return it in the enclosed return envelope to the Danbury Railway Museum, Attention: Secretary, P.O. Box 90, Danbury, CT 06813-0090. **It must arrive by 7:30 PM, Wednesday, March 18 (the Annual Meeting). Ballots received after this date and time will not be counted.**

2. The return envelope **must** show your member number and/or name in the upper left hand corner. You can find your member number on your membership card.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Steve Gould, Secretary, at 203-929-4368, or GouldSL@aol.com.

Thank You! - Board of Directors

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DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM OFFICIAL 2015 BALLOT

OFFICERS

For President: Wade Roese _____

For Vice President: Stan Madyda _____

For Secretary: Steve Gould _____

For Treasurer: Patty Osmer _____

DIRECTORS (VOTE FOR AT MOST FOUR)

For Director: Bob Boothe _____

For Director: Jose' Alves _____

For Director: Justin Chapin _____

For Director: Michael Madyda _____



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MUSEUM CALENDAR

January	28(7:30pm)	To Be Announced - John Barton
February	4(7:30pm)	Union Pacific Big Boys - Carl Liba
February	11(7:30pm)	Remembering Big Blue - Ron Smith
February	18(7:30pm)	British Steam: The Great Western Railway - Bill Brett
February	19(7:00pm)	Board Meeting - Open to Members
February	25(7:30pm)	New York Central (Part I) - Pete McLachlan
March	4(7:30pm)	Chicago-L 'A' Corridor - Carl Liba
March	11(7:30pm)	To Be Announced
March	18(7:30pm)	To Be Announced - Chuck Sager
March	19(7:00pm)	Board Meeting - Open to Members
March	25(7:30pm)	Foreign Power on the NH & Others - Pete McLachlan

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

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2015 Big E coverage in next month's newsletter!

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