

Danbury Departures

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President's Message to Membership

Dear Members,

Hope all is well with you. I'd like to thank all of the people who have been involved in the different events that we've had over the last month. These events have helped us make money and, even though small, they are getting our name into the public eye. The Easter Bunny trains were very successful over the 4-day period in March. They brought many happy faces to the Museum and have turned into an almost standard packaged event where we know what has to be done, where to go, and how to make it happen.

The speeder meet, although not as successful as planned, was still enjoyed by the people who attended. We learned some things about our car that we didn't know and made some new friends in the process. We hope they will be back again. I must thank all of our members for their hours and time spent running these shows and events.

Our operating season has begun in earnest and I'm looking forward to a long and prosperous season in operations. Our new locomotive SW8 #1 started our season and although it does have some problems now I'm sure our Mechanical Department will soon straighten them out. We've reached a point where we have spare equipment for rail operations and some of the pressure is taken off having to use the same piece all the time.

Now that the warm weather is upon us, I'm looking for work crews on Saturdays or at any time during the week that these crews might be available to pursue these projects. As I have stated before, I want to at least get the boxcar painted this year and hopefully get some paint on the 1402.

We had an early painting session in the 1547 that was very successful and we were able to pool our resources and more or less finish off the project in a day. I'm hoping that we can continue this project and finish the exterior and the roof of the car in the next few weeks.

There are many projects in our Museum, so many that it's difficult to list them all. I'll be setting up a bulletin board in the station stating which projects will be going on and a sign up sheet as to who wants to work on them and when they are available. I think this is the best way of letting you, the membership, know what the Museum's needs are and how you can help.

On May 18th, we'll be putting on our annual spring show with some different exhibitors this year. We are looking at a variety of displays, from an antique truck club to hit-or-miss engines, to augment our own railroad-related events at the Museum. I need you to come out and help us with this show. This is our big money maker for the year and I need your help in all the different jobs that need staffing.

Please respond to this because it is up to you, the members, to keep this Museum running. It may surprise you to know that out of our 550 members there are only 50 or so members who volunteer on a regular basis. Without these people, we would not have any shows or activities or railroad locals, or front desk, or library, or Museum for that matter! So, the more volunteers who participate, the more projects and events that can be planned and the more we can develop our museum.

Mission....

The purpose of the Danbury Railway Museum is to organize and manage a railway museum in Danbury, Connecticut and to engage in any and all activities convenient to said purposes. The goal of said museum shall be to educate the public to the history of railroading and the role of the railroads, both as part of a natural heritage and as an institution in contemporary society. The corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes.

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The Yard Inside - May 2002

By Wade W. Roese

Hopefully this month's "Yard Inside" is accompanied with some photographs. If not, it's because we had difficulty scanning them into the computer and will try again.

I wish to thank the many people whom have stepped up to donate equipment to the various layouts in the museum. A lot of N gauge, HO gauge, and O gauge equipment has been received. Thanks to Dr. Frank Podrasky, Steve Meyerson, Mr. V D'eyoung, Tom McCullough, a new member we only know as Gerry(my apologies), and an anonymous donor who sent two boxes of N gauge by mail. Thanks again. We are, however, still looking for some S gauge and welcome any other pieces that need a home.

HO gauge: A reminder that Jeff Van Wagenen has started the H.O. program rolling with the introduction of the DRM Society of Model Engineers: Danbury Railroad Museum's own H.O. Club. Jeff is looking for people that are interested so please give him a call at; (203)-263-3627 or jjvanwagenen@yahoo.com. Meetings of the club are set for Wednesdays at the DRM at 7:30p.m.

N gauge: Following is list of building we wish to model for the N gauge layout:

Victorian houses
Expansion type gas ank
J.W.Green plant and coke ovens
Gas and Electric Co.
Hat Factory
Paint Shop
Store House
Omaha Beef
White Street houses and stores
Barnum Feed
Switch Tower
Leahey
The Victorian House and Barn which sat on the Hill
George A Mac Laughlin Hat Factory

Although we need people to build the models and welcome members artistry, we are also in need of photographs, plans or diagrams that will enable the modelers to replicate in miniature the buildings encompassed on our layout. Please take a look through your collection when you get a chance.

S gauge: As stated in the previous 'Departures', we continue to look for anyone out there with a spare locomotive that needs a home. Please contact Bill Britt at the museum. Thanks.

G Gauge: A number of people have expressed a desire to start a G gauge "Garden" layout some place in the yard. I hope to have the contact persons name and number for the next departures.

"The Worlds Greatest Hobby" program continues to expand. We recently received a sixteen minute video on the hobby which will be available in the museum and I am trying to get a copy of a one hour video on building a layout. Figured we should learn how now that we are almost finished! Not!

"There's a place for everyone in he Yard Inside"; Stop in!

Thanks, Wade.

RAILFAIR 2002

**Saturday May 18, 2002
10AM 'til 5PM**

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

(Subject to change without notice)
* some attractions additional charge

**Admission:
Adult \$6 Child(5-15) \$3**

Demonstrations - Hot Riveting Operations, Track Gang, and others
Engine Cab Rides*, Inspection Car Rides, Turntable operation and ride

● U.S. Army (1205th T.R.O.B.) Demonstrations

Antique Trucks / Engines

● Photo Setups - Photo Freight

● Operating Displays, Ample Parking Nearby, Easy on/off I-84

NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP

We had a very successful Easter Bunny event, and new items are arriving in the Gift Shop daily! So many new books have arrived, that we've set up a special section for them! Some of the new items we now have, are DRM Pint Glasses, a selection of mouse pads with railroad photos, NYNH&H neckties in blue and maroon, and a DRM 'exclusive', scented glycerin soaps in the shape of a steam engine! Perfect for use after working in the yard all day!

New books in stock include "24 Great Rail Trails of New Jersey", by Craig Della Penna - highly recommended for anyone who likes to hike or bike old railroad lines. Craig's first book, Great Rail Trains of New England, is currently out of print and is being revised, but will be stocked as soon as it is available. We just obtained the revised "Two Feet to Tidewater", by Robert Jones & David Register. This book details the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Narrow Gauge Railroad. And finally, we have a new selection of the TRAINS publications of Historical Guides to North American Railroads.

Please stop in and see us. If there is an item you think we should carry, mention it to Kathie Fay or Patty Osmer, and we will see if we can find it!

If you haven't checked out our web page lately (www.danbury.org/drm) please take some time to do so. You will find that we have expanded the Gift Shop information, and will be featuring new items on a regular basis. And, if you look around, you might even find a coupon to use at your next visit!

BOOK REVIEW

By DAN FOLEY

PHOTO HISTORY of the PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY

ALLAN GRAHAM 2000 \$25 US Postpaid P.O. Box 335, Albertson PEI Canada COELBO

The PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY constituted some 278 miles of "Colonial" gauge, 31-611, which was "standard" for much of the British Empire. It was under construction several years before P.E.I. actually became a Province of Canada in 1873, and was opened for service in 1875. Its connection with the mainland of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was by ferry.

Motive power was an eclectic mixture of Hunslet 4-4-0t and Black, Hawthorne & Co. 4-4-0s, followed by four Baldwin 4-4-0s and a pair of used Mason bogie 0-4-4t locos. After that, Can. Loco. Co. 4-4-0s became the backbone of the roster until the arrival of 4-6-0s in 1907 through 1918.

The CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RY. took over the P.E.I. Ry. in 1919 and this then became CANADIAN NATIONAL RY. and was standard gauged in 1930. Motive power then was primarily CNR 4-6-0s. As this was an island railway, and all coal for the steamers had to be brought over from the mainland, Diesels were first considered in 1947 with a pair of GE 44 tonners, followed by some unacceptable Whitcombs. In 1950, eighteen GE 70 tonners took over. F-Ms were added for the mainline passenger trains, and then were replaced by the unique RSC-13s and AIA RS-18s. A lone RDC was tried but was unsuccessful.

Over the strong objection of the Province, CNR was allowed to abandon the entire railway in 1989 and a toll causeway was built across the Straits of Canso.

Mr. Graham has done a yeoman's job of creating a 250 page soft-cover book on the P.E.I.Ry. Most of the 19th and early 20th century steam locos show up in decent pictures, as do most of the many picturesque stations along the line. Snow was a common problem and shows up often. The beautiful scenery of the island results in many great pix. Much of the early information comes from local newspaper accounts, and maps from several eras of construction help the reader understand the locations cited in the text and captions. There are plans for several stations.

The diesel era is covered nicely by excellent pix of the mixed trains and the boat trains from the cameras of photographers well known to most of us.

If you have any interest in narrow gauge, 4-4-0s, mixed trains, unique diesels or the problems of running a railway on an island, this book should be in your library.

Welcome New Members

Aaron Asiedu	Danbury, CT	Maasz Family	Pawling, NY
Geoff & Elaine Alson	Stafford, CT	Matthew Parsons	Danbury, CT
Lissa Bogtaty	Ardsley, NY	Maureen Raftery	Danbury, CT
Gregory D. Chafee	Redding, CT	William Rodriquez	Ansonia, CT
Bill & Marge Davidson	Brookfield, CT	Regis & Michelle Sanson	New York, NY
Randall Fleischer	Mahopac, NY	Lisa Smith	Ridgefield, CT
Richard Fontana	E.Norwalk, CT	Carol Stottle	Newtown, CT
Dan Gallo	New Rochelle, NY (Life)	Jim Towey	Katonah, NY
Carl J. Liba	Westport, CT	Jenifer Vaughan	Newtown, CT
Robert Hormick	Danbury, CT		

FOR SALE: Hobby Bench

The Museum recently received a butcher block hobby bench. The Carpenter Shop has no use for it so it is being placed on sale. It measures approximately 2 feet wide by 5 feet long. The cost is \$200 and proceeds will go towards the 1455 Fund. See Gerry Herrmann or Stan Madyda for more details.

LIBRARY NEWS by Stan Madyda

The Reference & Research Library has re-opened after we spent several months re-arranging the room and adding additional shelving. The new computer is in and we are in the process of getting the remaining donations into the accession register as quickly as possible. We also took an inventory of books and found many duplicates. Because of space restrictions we only keep one copy of the book with any duplicates becoming part of the Library Book Sale (see separate article).

We are getting caught up on acknowledging donations received over the past years. Here are some more from 1999:

- David Barr - 3 photos
- Maureen and Dennis McCarthy - 1916 map of the Southern Express Company lines.
- Richard A. Young - a Pullman step box and date nails
- Lennie Hansen - various railroad postcards, an oil can, stock certificate and cash fare book.
- Thomas J. Hourican - an independent brake handle.
- Harry Joseph - various engine part blueprints from the Pennsylvania Railroad.
- Arthur B. Rickerby - union and railroad newsletters.
- Jeremiah K. Ross - books and Railpace magazines
- Susan Latronica - large collection of books and photos
- Bob Boothe - 2 books along with a Shopsmate Mark VII that went to the Carpentry Shop.
- John Nagel - magazines, books and catalogs
- Dan Foley - Books, slides and manuals
- Ray Keough - Amtrak Express magazines
- David Murphy - 2 replica Union Pacific spittoons
- Ron Freitag - Penn Central Despatch Shops lot list.
- John Braker - 3 railroad lanterns and 1 barn lantern
- Frank Thompson - an Official Railway Guide and a book on the 1955 flood.
- John Scott - lantern, pay books, time book and photos
- Ira Steinberg - New Haven luggage tags
- Scot Barrett - books
- Anne McDaniel - books and photos
- Harry Reaser - photograph, adding machine, ashtray, lantern, wrench and an Official Railway Equipment Register.
- Leon Dunevein - 8 railroad manuals.
- Stephen Troster - Official railway Equipment Guide, timetables, NORAC rule book, FRA safety book, phone book.
- Patricia Wohlfahrt - Metro North conductor uniform.
- Andrew Neilly - C&NW flagman case.
- John Stamatov - pot belly stove from the Amawalk, NY station.
- Richard Kessler - a large collection of ledgers from Maybrook Yard
- Howard Peatfield - books and newspaper articles
- Debbie and Walt Bodin - books and railroad manuals
- Joe Sacca - 1961 Car Builders Cyclopedia
- Ron Kaderli - an engine torch and 2 lanterns

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

On Wednesday, May 15th, the Library will hold a Member Appreciation Book Sale . The sale will begin after that night's meeting. All books listed here will be available for 1/2 the price noted. If you can not attend, contact Stan Madyda or Gerry Herrmann at the Museum and we will see what we can do to get the books to you.

Duplicate Books

AUTHOR	TITLE	PRICE
Abdill	A Locomotive Engine Album	\$ 7.00
Alexander	American Locomotives 1900 - 1950	\$ 20.00
Alexander	Iron Horses	\$ 20.00
Alexander	Iron Horses	\$ 7.00
Alexander	Iron Horses	\$ 7.00
Alexander	Iron Horses (reprint)	\$ 10.00
Alexander	Iron Horses (reprint)	\$ 10.00
Alexander	Iron Horses 1st edition, no dust jacket	\$ 20.00
Alexander	Pennsylvania Railroad 1st edition, no DJ	\$ 12.00
Angier	Bangor & Aroostook	\$ 20.00
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Ball	America's Colorful Railroad	\$ 25.00
Ball	America's Colorful Railroad	\$ 25.00
Ball	Portrait of the Rails	\$ 20.00
Beebe	Hear the Train Blow	\$ 20.00
Beebe	Hear the Train Blow (1st edition)	\$ 25.00
Beebe	High Iron	\$ 10.00
Beebe	Highball	\$ 15.00
Beebe	Highball	\$ 15.00
Beebe	Highball (A Pageant of Trains)	\$ 15.00
Beebe	Highball (reprint)	\$ 15.00
Beebe	Highliners	\$ 15.00
Beebe	Trains in Transition	\$ 15.00
Botkin	Treasury of Railroad Folklore	\$ 5.00
Breton	Impossible Railway	\$ 5.00
Carper	American Railroads in Transition	\$ 10.00
Central Electric	Westinghouse Electric Railway Transport	\$ 40.00
Chandler Press	Locomotive Advertising in America	\$ 5.00
Chandler Press	Locomotive Advertising in America	\$ 5.00
Chandler Press	Locomotive Advertising in America	\$ 5.00
Combs	Westward to Promontory	\$ 5.00
Cook	Twentieth Century 1938-1967	\$ 15.00
Crump	Ride the Big Red Cars	\$ 15.00
Cummings	Historic Cars of the Seashore Trolley Museum	\$ 2.00
Des Cars	Orient Express	\$ 15.00
Dorin	Young Railroaders Books of Steam	\$ 5.00
Drury	Guide to Tourist Railroads	\$ 5.00
Drury	Train Watchers Guide to North American RR	\$ 5.00
Dunbar	Busses, Trolleys & Trains	\$ 15.00
Dunbar	Busses, Trolleys & Trains	\$ 15.00
Ellis	Lore of the Train (1973)	\$ 20.00
Ellis	Lore of the Train (1987)	\$ 20.00
Ellis	Lore of the Train (1987)	\$ 20.00
Ellis	Lore of the Train (1995)	\$ 20.00
Ellis	The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Railways	\$ 10.00
EMD	Operating Manual Switching Locomotives	\$ 10.00

Duplicate Books

AUTHOR	TITLE	PRICE
Farnham	The Quickest Route	\$ 5.00
Farrington	Railroading (The Modern Way)	\$ 10.00
Farrington	Railroading (The Modern Way)	\$ 10.00
Fisher	Steam Locomotives of the New Haven Railroad	\$ 10.00
Frew	Locomotives from Steam to Bullett	\$ 15.00
Frye	Minuteman Steam	\$ 25.00
Fuller	New England Railroads Past, Present & Future	\$ 5.00
Garratt	Steam Trains	\$ 10.00
Hamlyn	Railways	\$ 10.00
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Hand & Edmonson	The Love of Trains	\$ 7.00
Henwood	Short Haul to the Bay	\$ 7.00
Hill	Riding the Limited's Locomotives	\$ 15.00
Holland	Historic Railroads	\$ 15.00
Holland	Historic Railroads	\$ 5.00
Hollingsworth	Model Railroads	\$ 15.00
Hollingsworth	North American Locomotives	\$ 20.00
Hutchins	Blueberry Express	\$ 10.00
Jacobs	The History of the Baltimore & Ohio	\$ 20.00
Jacobson	An American Journey by Rail	\$ 40.00
Jensen	American Heritage Railroads in America	\$ 25.00
Jensen	American Heritage Railroads in America	\$ 25.00
Jensen	American Heritage Railroads in America	\$ 25.00
Jensen	The American Heritage History of RR in America	\$ 15.00
Johnson	Maine Central RR Mountain Division	\$ 75.00
Johnson	The Best of Maine Railroads	\$ 30.00
Jones	Boston and Maine	\$ 20.00
Jordon	Rails Beyond the Rutland	\$ 6.00
Karr	Lost Railroads of New England	\$ 3.00
Karr	Rail Lines of Southern New England	\$ 10.00
Klein	History of the New York Central	\$ 20.00
Klein	History of the New York Central	\$ 20.00
Kyper	The RR that Came out at Night	\$ 5.00
Lancaster	Waiting for the 5:05	\$ 5.00
Lewis	American Shortline Railway Guide 3rd edition	\$ 5.00
Lewis	Blackstone Valley Line	\$ 1.00
Lewis	Vermont's Covered Bridges	\$ 20.00
Lewis & Douglass	American Shortline Railway Guide	\$ 5.00
Lord	Downeast Depots	\$ 60.00
Lynch	Railroads of Kansas City	\$ 10.00
Martin	Railroads Triumphant	\$ 10.00
Mayer	Makin Tracks	\$ 25.00
Mayer	Makin Tracks	\$ 30.00
Mayer & Vose	Makin Tracks	\$ 30.00
McNally	Railroad Atlas	\$ 1.00
McNally	Railroad Atlas	\$ 1.00
Mead	Busted and Still Running	\$ 15.00
Mead	Over the Hill to Woodstock	\$ 15.00
Mead	The Up-Country Line	\$ 1.00
Mead	Through Covered Bridges to Concord	\$ 2.00
Miller	Fares Please	\$ 5.00
Model Craftsman	Railroad Atlas of the U.S.	\$ 1.00
Moedinger	Road to Paradise	\$ 1.00
Moedinger	The Road to Paradise	\$ 1.00

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Duplicate Books

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Moody	Maine Two Footers	\$ 5.00
Nelligan	New England Shortlines	\$ 6.00
Nelligan	New England Shortlines	\$ 10.00
Nimke	CT River RR and Connections	\$ 25.00
Nock	Encyclopedia of Railroads	\$ 30.00
Nock	Railways at the Zenith of Steam	\$ 10.00
Nock	World Atlas of Railways	\$ 10.00
Octopus Books	Trains Around the World	\$ 10.00
Pangborn	The World Railway	\$ 5.00
Pavlučik	The New Haven RR a Fond Look Back	\$ 20.00
Phillips	Yonder Comes the Train	\$ 20.00
Phillips	Yonder Comes the Train	\$ 20.00
Phillips	Yonder Comes the Train	\$ 15.00
Phillips	Yonder Comes the Train (reprint)	\$ 15.00
R & LHS	35 Years	\$ 5.00
Randall	Railway Passenger Car Annual, VOL 6	\$ 10.00
Ransome-Wallis	On Railroads at Home and Abroad	\$ 5.00
Reading Company	Century of Reading Co, Motive Power	\$ 20.00
Reed	Train Wrecks	\$ 20.00
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Reed	Train Wrecks	\$ 20.00
Reinhardt	Workin on the Railroad	\$ 10.00
Sheane	The Pacific Tourists	\$ 10.00
Stevens	Steel Rails (1933)	\$ 10.00
Stillgoe	Metro Corridor	\$ 10.00
Sturm	American Railroad Radio Frequencies	\$ 5.00
Turner	Connecticut Railroads	\$ 20.00
Westing	The Locomotives that Baldwin Built	\$ 20.00
Westwood	Trains	\$ 20.00
Whitaker	All Aboard with E.M. Frimbo	\$ 15.00
White	The American RR Passenger Car (Part 1)	\$ 20.00
White	The American RR Passenger Car (Part 2)	\$ 20.00
Whitehorse	Classic Steam	\$ 12.00
Wood	Lines West	\$ 15.00
Ziel	Steam in the 60's	\$ 20.00
Ziel	Twilight of Steam Locomotives	\$ 10.00
Ziel	Twilight of Steam Locomotives	\$ 10.00
Ziel	Twilight of World Steam	\$ 10.00
	Final System Plan	\$ 5.00
	Graphic Street Guide of Muskegon	\$ 1.00
	Handy RR Atlas of the United States	\$ 3.00
	History of Mack Rail Motor Cars and Locomotives	\$ 10.00
	Preliminary Systeem Plan- Vol. 1	\$ 5.00
	Rail Serv in the MW&NE Region (#1)	\$ 5.00
	Rail Serv in the MW&NE Region Vol. 2 (#1)	\$ 5.00
	Railroad History #159	\$ 5.00
	Ride Down Memory Lane	\$ 1.00
	Ride Down Memory Lane	\$ 1.00
	Ride Down Memory Lane	\$ 1.00
	The British Railway Locomotive	\$ 2.00
	The Official Guide of the Railways	\$ 5.00

TRAINING A CAR TO SAVE GAS = AUTO TRAIN

By Steve Gould

On February 25 and 26, 2002, my wife and I took our thirteenth trip on Amtrak Auto Train and saved 900 miles of driving in the process. Since we also rode twice on Eugene Karik Garfield's private enterprise "autotrain" we have seen an evolution of this unique service between Lorton, VA and Sanford, FL: from the best-of-the-best equipment picked up by Garfield before the formation of Amtrak; the "Heritage" cars and Amfleet II coaches; right up to today's all Superliner consist.

We used to drive down to Lorton on departure day but, over the last several years, decided to travel the day before and stay with friends in the DC area. Also, since we now have a minivan, Amtrak wants you there at 1 PM for loading instead of an hour later. We usually head over to the huge Potomac Mills Outlet Mall ten minutes South of Lorton to kill some time, and this time was no different. Having picked up deli sandwiches in the Food Court at the Mall, we arrived at the Lorton terminal at noon to check in. A new procedure has Amtrak personnel video taping your vehicle and license plate, prior to loading, so that there is no question as to condition upon acceptance. One of our friends from Newtown, CT, was also taking #53 and had checked in about an hour ahead of us. Bill had picked up 7:30 PM dinner seating reservations for us, which usually go fast.



After having lunch inside the terminal, Bill and I decided to check things out while my wife Leen read. Last year, Amtrak opened a brand new terminal building that rivals what you'd find at the newest airport. It is large, modern, and open with lots of natural light. What catches the eye is an unusual sculpture hanging from the ceiling: several railroad wheels encircled by two rails, looking like one of those toy gyroscopes. Also changed is the loading platform, now long enough to handle all the passenger cars vs. two tracks with the train split. And, several years ago, when Lorton Rd. was widened, Amtrak used the opportunity to lengthen the terminal lead so that all switching could be done without fouling the CSX (ex-RF&P) main.

We walked the entire platform so I could get the consist and watch the two P40's, #833 and #842, couple on to the head end. There was a parade of CSX freights and also Amtrak #89, the "Silver Palm" passing the terminal. Soon, at 2 PM came the boarding announcement. Bill headed for his Standard Bedroom in Superliner sleeper "Virginia" while we walked to sleeper "Palm Harbor" to find our Deluxe Bedroom. The "Palm Harbor" and three other Palm series sleepers were built especially for Auto Train and have all Deluxe Bedrooms on the upper level. An announcement was made telling us that today's train would be carrying 226 passengers, 127 autos/motorcycles, in 14 passenger cars and 18 auto carriers.

At 3:30, the train left the platform and at 3:48 PM, #53 was cleared for departure, a full twelve minutes before "the advertised". I met Bill in the lounge car and we had some drinks and met first time Auto Train-ers, Lil and Ian MacDonald. Since I knew the route, I pointed out various points of interest along the way, including the 30 mph speed restriction at Ashland, VA as we traveled down the middle of Center St. Soon it was dinner time with four choices awaiting us: beef tenderloin, chicken, salmon, or vegetarian lasagna. While dining, we slowed for Rocky Mount, NC, and still, at 8 PM, the sidewalks of this town had been pulled in.

We went to see the movie in the lounge car while Bill retired for the night. I had a major problem trying to stay awake. We returned to our Bedroom at around 10:30 and found the beds down and made. The spaciousness of the compartment was gone and it is very difficult to move around once the beds are dropped, but we managed. Taking a shower is a challenge, which is done in the compartment-enclosed bathroom. Only one complaint was that warm water was in short supply. Sleep, this night, was not a problem.

We awoke passing through Jacksonville and, during the breakfast announcement, we were told that we were running thirty minutes late due to slow orders overnight. Arrival in Sanford was at 9:10 AM, and about an hour later, we were in our car heading South for the rest of our Florida vacation.



MUSEUM CALENDAR

***Starting Sunday February 17 thru Saturday May 18 - L.Peter Cornwall Photo exhibit
"The Way It Was"***

Wed. May 15	Harold Mayer	Movin On
Sat. May 18	Spring RailFair 2002	Displays, Demonstrations, Photo-ops
Wed. May 22	Ed Blackman	Slide Show
Sat. May 25	Railyard Local	
Wed. May 29	Tom Curtin	Computer-Designed Layouts
Sat. June 1	Railyard Local	
Sat. June 8	Railyard Local and Music Goes Round & Round at the Turntable	
Sat. June 15	Railyard Local	
Sat. June 16	International "G" Gauge Day	

Spring RailFair 2002

Saturday May 18

Displays, Demonstrations, Photo-ops, and more.....