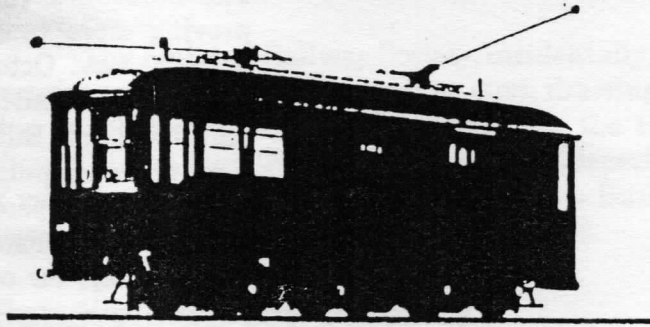


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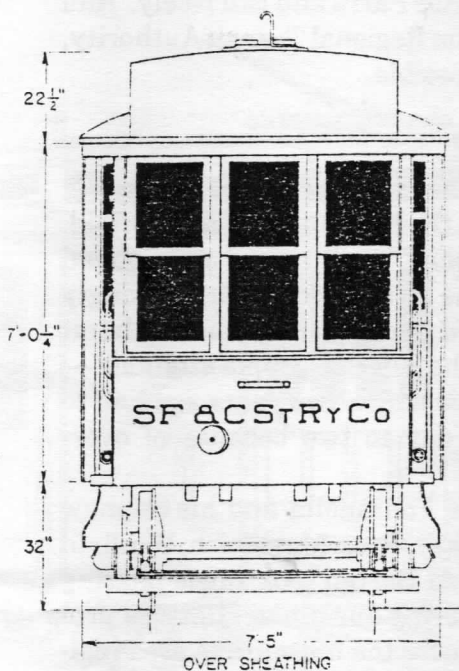
1 — SPECIAL

Restoration Plans Move Forward

Plans are underway to begin restoration of former Shelburne Falls & Colrain Street Railway combine number ten. Even as papers were being drawn up in March and signed — papers which would formally transfer ownership of the trolley from Marshall Johnson to the museum — Stan Stillwell of Holyoke was agreeing to head up the restoration work. Stan, a woodworker by profession, has worked for over five years at the California State Railway Museum in Sacramento and at the Nevada State Railway Museum in Carson City restoring wooden passenger cars, a caboose, and a locomotive cab.

Helping Stan will be Brian Carr, formerly of the B&M Railroad, Mike Fontanella, formerly of the Burlington Northern Railroad, and others who have expressed an interest in joining the effort. Kinsley Goodrich of Dalton has agreed to be a consultant. Kinsley, just retired as principal owner of C.M. Goodrich & Son, a Pittsfield architectural woodworking firm, has been active with real and model trolleys for over forty years. He combines a genuine historical knowledge of New England trolleys with a practical understanding of their construction.

Number ten will be restored at the Johnson farm. Immediate plans call for moving the car closer to the barn and constructing a temporary lean-to shelter with the barn forming one side. Before it is moved, the car's structural members will be examined carefully by Stillwell and Goodrich.



Treks — Past and Future

The museum's value to the community is already proving more tangible than many might have expected. Last October SFTM operated "trolley" bus tours on three Fall foliage weekends through Shelburne and Buckland. Billed as Trolleysaurus Treks, the free rides proved popular with tourists and residents alike. More than 800 people rode the sometimes packed bus to stops at sponsoring stores along the route. The feature stop, for our money, was the Johnson farm where number ten resides (as do the Johnsons).

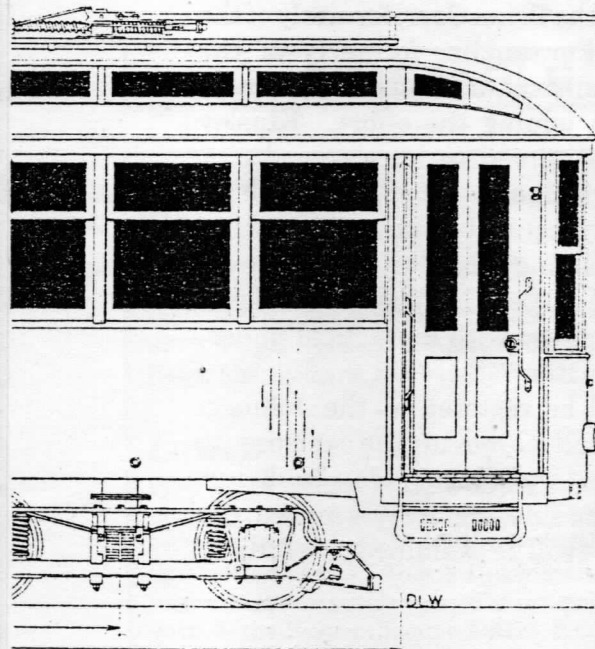
In December the tours — this time Santatrolley Treks — ran the weekend before Christmas. Approximately 200 people (mostly children) rode the "trolley" and got a chance to meet Santa. Next August the Trolleysaurus is expected to reappear in the form of a shuttle between Shelburne Center and Shelburne Falls for the Grange Fair. SFTM is also planning to operate a parking lot pool van for the event.

The trek program required a considerable amount of effort on the part of Tony Jewell, who organized it and canvassed local merchants for support, and numerous other volunteers. We are trolley grateful to our Trolleysaurus drivers Ras Parra, Bill Neely, and Mary Malone; our guides Brian Carr, Ryan Manewich, Camory Stetson, and Ron Scott; our dispatcher/guide Mike Fontanella; and our hosts Grace and Marshall Johnson. We are equally grateful to our Santahelpers Brian Carr (Santa himself), hosts Ruth and Mike Fontanella, and drivers Ras Parra and Bill Neely. And let's not forget the Franklin Regional Transit Authority, whose bus made it all possible.

Comin' Our Way?

February 8 and 9 saw the debut of SFTM in the *Big Railroad Hobby Show* at the Big E in West Springfield. It took more than "seasonal" weather and a prolonged recession to keep the fans away from this increasingly popular event sponsored each year by the Amherst Railway Society. More than 17,000 people attended — a new record for the show which two years ago had to be expanded from one day to two because of overcrowding.

Brian Carr, Mike Fontanella and his nephew Arnold Terrill, Bob Coliskey, Ryan Manewich, Winfield Peck, Tony Jewell, and Al Barten took turns passing out literature and answering questions. Besides providing valuable exposure for the museum to area residents, five visitors to the show "came our way" as new members. We also sold several hundred dollars' worth of books, cards, and buttons. Some trading with other



dealers at the show garnered a number of Shelburne Falls and local trolley related items for the museum's future gift shop.

The Amherst Railway Society, incidentally, is a benefactor to organizations such as ours, drawing for this purpose on proceeds it receives from the train show. This is a good organization to support, especially if you like trains. For information call Bob Buck at Tucker's Hobbies in Warren at 413-436-5318.

2 — DISPATCH

Fundraising Top Priority

Having looked to Marshall Johnson for donation of the trolley, the museum is fortunate to have Marshall's son, Peter, to turn to for help in fundraising. Peter, now a Conway resident and member of the museum Board of Directors, is a grant writer for Plainfield, Ashfield, and the Ashfield Water District. He will provide expertise in a most important function of the museum.

Complementing Peter's efforts will be Tony Jewell and Al Barten. Tony will continue to make public appearances at schools and civic groups to explain the museum, the trolley era, and the relevance of both today, and Al will continue to prepare press releases, newsletters, and other promotional materials as they are needed.

Members 'R' Us

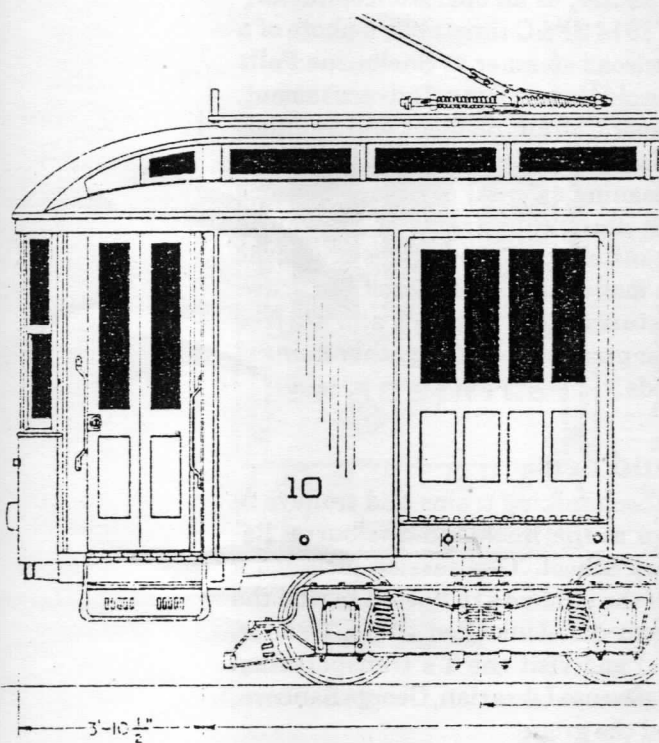
or, *We are members!* We are a member organization. We can't exist without members. If you know someone who might like to join, let us know. We will be glad to put him or her on the mailing list. Why not buy a button (still only a dollar!) and *wear* it. Spread the word!

Museum/Gift Shop to Open

July 4th is the target date for opening our museum/gift shop. Mike Fontanella will be in charge of organizing the effort, which will include setting up displays, acquiring merchandise such as mugs, T-shirts, and photographs, and finding volunteers to help keep the shop open through October 25. Anyone interested in helping should call Mike at 625-2748.

Our Man Friday

When Mike Fontanella takes a breather from his museum/gift shop work he will only have to open a different drawer of his desk to take out another of his many hats — this one being the Man Friday we so desperately need. Even a small operation such as ours soon finds itself swamped with paper work. Mike has graciously agreed to help out in this capacity.



3 — FLAGSTOP

Youngest Member

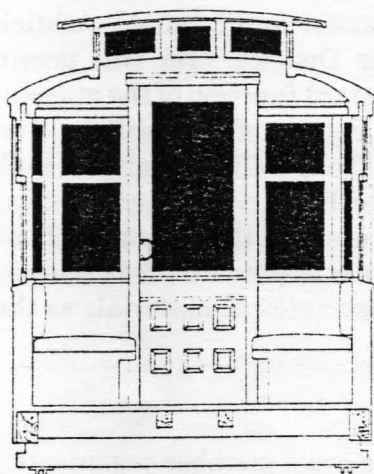
Ryan Strong was the museum's youngest (honorary) member at eleven years of age when we spotted him promoting the trolley museum at an Amherst Railway Society meeting last fall. Standing before a hundred or more adults to encourage future SFTM members to join makes Ryan the *most courageous* as well as the youngest member.

Most Distant Member

Our most distant member is Dick Harris, who resides in Tokyo, Japan. Dick is from the Boston area and grew up riding the trolleys of the Boston El.

Newest Director

Peter Johnson (see *Fundraising*, above) is our newest Director. Welcome aboard, Peter.



SECTION A-A

Drawings by David Waddington

Recent Acquisitions

A number of people have generously donated memorabilia from the area's trolley and railroad heydays. Hearty thanks are due

Thomas Davenport for donating his father's SF&C pass and business cards (the senior Davenport, Freeman L., was an original stockholder and promoter of the Shelburne line and later served as Superintendent), as well as typewritten excerpts from his father's diary, an original SF&C stock subscription notice, a New England Railroad map, and various news clippings;

Agnes Sauter for donating original SF&C trolley photographs, including one with her father-in-law, Conrad Sauter, as an operator/conductor;

John Hoyt for a 1914 SF&C timetable, a photo of a Fitchburg Railroad steamer at Shelburne Falls station, and an old Hoosac Tunnel advertisement;

Carl Byron (former Colrain resident and founder/former president of the B&M Railroad Historical Society) for loaning original drawings he once commissioned illustrating trains at Shelburne Falls station and electric locomotives at Hoosac Tunnel. (We made copy negatives of the drawings before returning the originals and are free to use them for producing cards or other items to sell/raise funds.)

Take the T and See

Tony Jewell has been talking trains and trolleys to one of the classes at the Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary School. One session included a trip for several of the students to Boston to ride the four MBTA transit divisions (Red, Blue, Orange, and Green Lines) and visit the T's transportation library. MBTA Reference Librarian, George Sanborn, graciously hosted the group.

4 — TIMETABLE

Chester

May 30, a Saturday, is the *Chester on Track* train show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for us at our table there. For information, call 413-862-3879 (5-9 p.m.) or send SSAE to 16 Birch Bluff Road, Montgomery, MA 01085-9503.

Lowell

June 12-14, Friday evening through Sunday morning, is the bi-annual trolley meet (it alternates each year between the Philadelphia and Boston areas). This is the **big trolley event** in the East this year. For information write to the Boston Chapter, NRHS, P.O. Box