

SHALL WE RIDE NO. 10 AGAIN NEXT WEEK?

YES, DAD. IT BEATS RIDING IN OUR BUGGY!



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RIDERSHIP RECORD TOTALLY SHATTERED

On the evening of November 24 the village of Shelburne Falls was lit up like, well, a Christmas tree. It was the annual Moonlight Madness event, with lights and luminaries everywhere and all the shops open late. Snow was missing from the scene this year, but nobody minded, so the entire world as we know it descended on the scene.

Equally well-lit was trolley No. 10. Whenever it arrived at Salmon Falls station it was highly visible to anyone anywhere near the river, and in no time crowds of people were queued up at the makeshift ticket office (a card table with a light over it and no shelter for Betsy), buying tickets and being loaded onto No. 10 for a ride past the colorfully lighted steam engine No. 10 to the Visitor Center and return.

CV caboose No. 4015 had been moved up earlier to the Salmon Falls end of track. It too was brightly strung with lights, and a cheery fire burned in its stove - the only truly warm place on the system. Customers could enjoy cider and cookies while waiting their turn to ride.

At the Visitor Center more passengers got tickets for a round trip in the opposite direction, or bought items at the TrolleyShop. From around 5pm until 8pm there was no letup in crowds coming and crowds going. Salmon Falls continually called for batches of tickets or more cash for making change. It was delightful pandemonium at both ends of the line.

No. 10 ran like a real streetcar, back and forth for hours, stopping at each end only long enough to change ends and customers. There was enough crew so that some could be relieved to eat or thaw out.

It was close to 9pm when the frozen Salmon Falls agent stumbled into the ticket office, groaning under the load of currency she was carrying. Tickets were counted, money was collected, books were cooked, and the night's ticket count was announced.

Until then, the record for a single day had been set in one of the first years at 235 tickets. Rarely in 2006 did we ever approach 100 tickets in a day.

Finally everything was totalled up, and the total was announced: 379 tickets issued! Outstanding!!



On a sunny summer day No.10 is about ready to head east from Salmon Falls station.

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THANKS

A very special thanks to all of you who helped at Moonlight Madness - too many to list here. Conductors, motormen, cider servers and cookie makers, guides, messengers, salespeople, miscellaneous helpers for all sorts of jobs. It wouldn't have happened without you!!

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS - 2006

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SHELburne FALLS TROLLEY MUSEUM IS AN
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MEMBERS' CORNER

GUEST BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

Individual and Junior levels (IN(\$15) and JR(\$10)) - card is valid only for named member. No additional guests.

Family (FA) level (\$25) is as follows: your card covers rides for up to two adults, and all related children under age 18. There are **no** additional guest privileges for the Family membership.

Beginning at the **Friend (FR)** level, additional guests may accompany you whenever you ride the trolley.

Friend (\$35) - 2 guests, plus family.

Contributing (CO) (\$60) - 4 guests, plus family.

Patron (PA,BP,SP,GP,LM, HL) (\$100 and higher) - no set limit to number of guests you may bring with you.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of this writing, SFTM has 154 current active memberships. Of those, 8 are first-time time for 2007. Most membership levels cover two or more members, so our total membership is probably more than twice the number above. We now have 4 Life Members.

Welcome to New Members

Janet Bissell - Northampton MA
Juli Levine - Shelburne Falls MA
Margaret Sanford- Somerville MA
Paul Burnett - New Ipswich NH
Ann Blechstein - Dennisport MA
Jayne O'Bryan - Greenfield MA
Deborah Burnham - Fitzwilliam NH
Charles Kaiser - Villa Rica GA
Kristin Kellom Damen - Leyden MA

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That's all there is to it. Your address will be entered on a mailing list, and the future issues will come to you by computer instead of snail mail.

VOLUNTEERING - HOW TO DO IT

Simply contact the Museum (see **Contact US** on this page). Indicate what your interests are - operating, painting, building stuff, selling, or what. We will get back to you and get you plugged into the loop. We need you!

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CHANGES ON THE BOARD

- SFTM member Alden Dreyer was appointed at the last Directors' meeting to an open position on the Board. He is on the ballot for election at the Annual Meeting in February 2007.

Alden has been SFTM's hard-working Operating Crew Dispatcher, making sure that the trolley is properly manned (peopled?) when needed. He is a retired B&M train dispatcher, with a vast knowledge of railroad history and lore.

- Director Margaret Eggert, our Special Events Coordinator, has tendered her resignation, which has been accepted with regret. She hopes to continue to help SFTM in that capacity in the future. Thanks, Margaret.



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No. 10 heading home.



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Motorman John Boyd turning Car No. 10 at the Salmon Falls end of the line.



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Clear the Line!

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PUMPCAR GOES 200 MILES IN UNDER THIRTY HOURS!

Well, sort of. SFTM members Carl Carlson and Kari Winfield, from Gardner, kindly drove to SFTM on September 8, picked up our pumpcar, and hijacked it to Vermont, returning it on the 9th, together with \$127 in cash that they had liberated from innocent bystanders!

Carl's report of this slippery deal follows:

The sky was mostly sunny as people of all ages partook of all-things-railroad at the *Glory Days of the Railroad* Festival at White River Jct, Vermont, On September 9th, 2006. The Central Vermont Railway pumpcar No. 21, located at the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum (SFTM) in Shelburne Falls MA was in attendance with help from SFTM members Carl Carlson and Kari Winfield. The pumpcar, the oldest operating piece of railroad equipment at the festival, provided a great turn-of-the-century hands-on experience for all. Smiles abounded on the faces of all those who dared to exert the effort to pump the handle of the car for a short ride down the isolated segment of track in the center of the wye trackage. The location worked out well, for, as many visitors boarded the Vermont Rail System excursion train they could see the SFTM display, and upon return, a stream of people lined up to take a ride. Adult visitors were very interested in the history of the car, many saying "I always wanted to do that. I've seen it in the old westerns," while the young were more interested in making the car go as fast as possible! Many attendees gave donations to the museum and took the new informational SFTM rack card available on the SFTM display board.

Complementing the pumpcar at the festival was its successor in the historical progression of railroad track inspection—a motorized track car. A Fairmont MT19 of Canadian National Railway heritage, brought by the Cotton Valley Rail Trail Club, provided rides to festival attendees on an adjacent track. Static displays of New England Central, Claremont Concord, and Vermont Rail System diesel locomotives and Rutland passenger cars, as well as vendors of model trains and railroad-related items were present. A great day was had by all, and a few more people were informed about the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum—hopefully we'll see some of these new fans soon at SFTM!

Our sincere thanks to Carl and Kari for their efforts and their trailering of the pump car on this epic journey!

MEMBERS DAY - 2006

Yes. It was a washout. Rain pelted down all day long. Customers stayed home in droves during the day. Does that sound like a success? It turned out to be just that.

At 5:00 pm, a large crowd gathered in the just-barely-completed-in-time Children's Art Museum room in the warehouse section of our Visitor Center. Rows of tables had been set up and tastefully decorated, for a new dining experience, by Margaret Freeman and numerous helpers. Nearly 60 members, guests, and visitors assembled while Chef Dane frantically put together a delightful meal of items from old railroad dining-car cookbooks.

Before the feast began, however, the group was treated to a play reading by the Shelburne Falls Street Railway Acting Company, under the flawless direction of SFTM's Nancy Parland.

An original drama written by former SFTM member Jonathan Briggs, entitled "Trolley's Triumph", was presented, with Peter Johnson as the narrator, Shirley Pelletier in the role of Trolley Trueheart, Dan Post as the good guy, and Rob Campbell as the villain. Everyone was in suspense until the very end - possibly due in part to wondering when dinner would be served.

After everyone was "fed up" with the banquet, SFTM presented its annual Volunteer of the Year award. There are numerous Byzantine rules regarding eligibility for the award, and one of those was slightly bent. The Directors were unable to pick one candidate because there were two who seemed equally deserving. And so it went. Motormen Jim Wholey and Tom Watson, both ever ready to jump in whenever crews were short, were presented the award. Well done, Jim and Tom!

And a special thanks to the many folks who provided food, planned and set up, served, cleared, and handled hungry customers with aplomb!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

SFTM Memberships are issued on a calendar year basis. As 2006 nears expiration, so do all 2006 memberships.

Your memberships are a vital part of our income stream. If SFTM is to reach its goal of somewhat bigger and a whole lot better, we continue to count on our members to give us the leg up toward this goal.

If SFTM has any meaning for you, please renew at the earliest opportunity.

And please also consider increasing your membership level. More guest privileges for you, and an added lift for SFTM.

Thanks in advance.

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Trains Leave Shelburne Falls for the West.

A. M.—4:20 9:14 11:13
P. M.—1:12 3:58 4:23 8:18 9:58
Sunday P. M.—1:39 4:23 8:18

Trains Leave Shelburne Falls for the East.

A. M.—2:15 5:50 8:21 10:35
P. M.—12:11 1:44 4:09 6:06
Sunday A. M.—5:50 P. M.—2:53 5:39

Shelburne Falls Fire Alarm System.

- Box 55 Lamson and Goodnow Mfg. Co.
 - " 76 Steamer House
 - " 78 Cor. Ashfield and School Sts.
 - " 83 Cor. Bridge and Main Sts.
 - " 85 Severance St. Centre
 - " 87 Cor. Main and Church Sts.
 - " 91 Cor. Main and Hope Sts.
- 2 strokes all out signal.

Closing of Mails.

Going East—A. M. 10:20 P. M. 5:50
Going West—A. M. 10:55 P. M. 8:00
Going South—A. M. 8:15 P. M. 4:20

Arrival of Mails.

From the East—A. M. 11:28 P. M. 8:25
From the West—A. M. 10:45 P. M. 5:42
From the South—A. M. 11:10 P. M. 7:20

Closed Pouch Service.

S. F. & C. St. R. R. Co., for Colrain, etc.
A. M. 9:30 11:50 P. M. 8:30

Stage for Ashfield and Buckland.

Leave Shelburne Falls P. O.
A. M. 11:30 P. M. 5:00
Arrive from Ashfield
A. M. 10:00 P. M. 4:30

Stage for E. Charlemont and Heath.

P. M. 1:00



PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Since the last TRANSFER came out there is much progress to report in SFTM's rental space and restroom improvement project

Led by President Sam and VP Dave Dye, the all-purpose duo, work has been essentially completed on the two new accessible restrooms, which are now in service. Hot water comes out of the appropriate faucets, doors lock, ventilation fans and lights come on automatically. Electric heat and lots of insulation make for a very comfortable visit to these rooms, which are by far the most popular sites at the Visitor Center.

On the other side of the new firewall, the space rented by the Children's Art Museum has been completed by contractors. Classes in art and in music are already attracting a toddler clientele. A gas heating system has been installed and large sink put in. Numerous new windows let in lots of daylight. The contractors built an emergency exit on the side nearest the railroad. Its landing has been dubbed the "Pan Am Porch".

The accessible ramp has been finished except for handrails. It has already been tested to her satisfaction by an SFTM member who uses a wheelchair.

A few odds and ends of work need to be done before Sam and Dave can declare victory and go back to working elsewhere at the museum.

These projects, plus the steel roof put on the building a year ago, have left the ex-Agway building in good shape for its immediate needs. Rental income from this building should become a significant part of our revenue stream. Although there was some grant money for all this, SFTM has had to invest heavily here. Because of cost overruns, our capital reserve has been more depleted than we planned it to be, but as an investment in the long term the potential payback looks encouraging. On the other hand it will be necessary to defer any future capital projects (bigger/better museum in freight house, track extensions, that badly-needed fireproof car barn, etc.) until such time as more capital can be found.

We continue to search for grants and other funding. There is a new state program for promoting tourism, but the funding for these has already found its way under Boston harbor, never to be seen again.

We've gotten lucky before - it can happen again.

At left is a schedule of train and postal services, plus the all-important locations of all the village fire-alarm boxes. This was from a small village information booklet put out by W. C. Thompson's Drug Store at 5 Bridge St.

Missing seems to be the NYNH&H train service southward. As is Thompson's Drug Store itself today.

The businesses change through the years, but the buildings seem to live on, mostly unchanged.

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**SHELBURNE FALLS TROLLEY MUSEUM
2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

(PLEASE PRINT).

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Keep it simple - if your address is correct on this mailing, then we only need your **name** filled in.

Check here if **address change** ____

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL - check one. (Remember - SFTM memberships and donations may be tax- deductible!!!)

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|---------|
| ___ Junior (under 18) | \$10 | ___ Patron | \$100 |
| ___ Individual | \$15 | ___ Bronze Patron | \$200 |
| ___ Family | \$25 | ___ Silver Patron | \$350 |
| ___ Friend | \$35 | ___ Gold Patron | \$500+ |
| ___ Contributing | \$60 | ___ Life Member | \$1000+ |

Additional Contibution? \$ _____

Send this form with check payable to: **Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum, Inc.**

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Shelburne Falls MA 01370**

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Keep this in mind if your employer has a donation-matching program.

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**BALLOT - SFTM 2007 Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum
Annual Meeting Feb.8, 2007
Ballot for Elections Part 1 - Directors**

Under the current By-Laws the Board has been divided into three classes, with only one class to be voted on each year. The term for incumbents is for three years. Candidates may be assigned to other classes. The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates who are all willing to serve on the Board of Directors. You may vote for no more than 4. If you wish to vote for a writein candidate , write the name below and mark X in box.

*Incument

**Candidate

- Harvey Allen (Class 1)***
- Alden Dreyer (Class 1)****
- David Goff (Class 1)***
- Lawrence Werner (Class 1)***
- Write-in** _____

(See reverse side for Officer ballot, and other information)

Ballot Information

The By-Laws of SFTM allow all members in good standing to vote on Directors and certain Officers. If you wish to cast your vote, please detach and mail this ballot in time to reach Shelburne Falls by February 4th to:

David C. Bartlett - SFTM
44 Ashfield Road
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Otherwise ensure that it is received by David Bartlett prior to the Annual Meeting on February 8th. If you wish your vote to be secret, write SECRET on the postal envelope and put your ballot inside another unmarked envelope inside the postal envelope. The postal envelope must have your name and return address to allow for proper counting of votes

Only currently paid-up (and Life or Honorary Life) members are allowed to vote. One vote per family or other group membership. Please check the expiration date on your mailing label. If it does not read 12/31/2007 or later, then your membership will not be current at election time. Please renew at you earliest convenience. Your support is urgently needed. Thank you.

Notes on Directors' Terms:

- Class 1 - Up for reelection at Annual Meeting 2010, then every three years.
- Class 2 - Up for reelection at Annual Meeting 2008, then every three years.
- Class 3 - Up for reelection at Annual Meeting 2009, then every three years.

BALLOT - SFTM 2007

Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum

Annual Members Meeting Feb.8 2007
Ballot for Elections

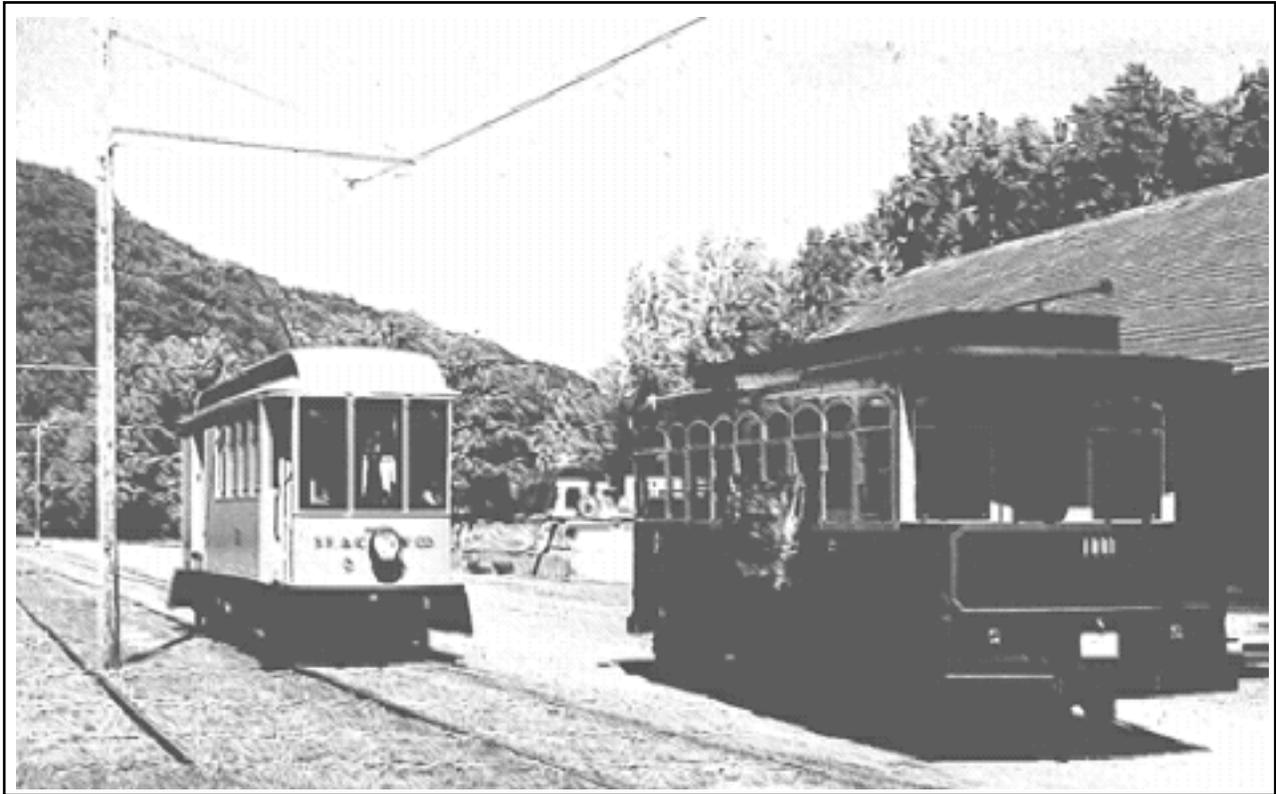
Part 2 - Certain Officers

The Nominating Committee has presented the following candidate(s) who is(are) willing to serve as the *President* of the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum. If you wish to vote for another candidate who may be nominated from the floor, write name below and mark X in box. Please vote for only one.

- Robert G. "Sam" Bartlett***
 Write in _____

The Nominating Committee has presented the following candidate(s) who is(are) willing to serve as the *Vice-President* of the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum. If you wish to vote for another candidate who was nominated from the floor, write name below and mark X in box. Please vote for only one.

- David Dye***
 Write in _____



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
OR
WILL THE *REAL* TROLLEY CAR PLEASE STAND UP?

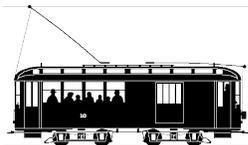
We have a new supply of Transportation Bulletin No. 75 - newly-printed bound volumes. This publication contains the most complete information available on the history of the Shelburne Falls & Colrain Street Railway. When these are gone there will be no more. Price to members is \$27.75. Includes member discount, tax, and shipping. Order while supplies last. See Page 2.

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**The Membership year is nearly over.
If the date on your address label is
12/31/2006, then it is time to renew.**
