

SHALL WE RIDE NO. 10 AGAIN NEXT WEEK?
YES, DAD. IT BEATS RIDING IN OUR BUGGY!



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DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF THE SHELburnE FALLS AND COLRAIN STREET RAILWAY



No. 10, with Joshua at the controls, breaks the ribbon on her ceremonial departure from the New Carbarn.

CARBARN CELEBRATION

As part of our 2016 Trolleyfest on July 23, we held a New Carbarn Grand Opening. Welcoming remarks were made by President Sam Bartlett, thanking all who helped by donating volunteer time and/or money. Sam described the timeline of the project, starting with the inception by David Bartlett in 2007. Bruce MacCullagh, Past President of the Amherst Railway Society, explained why ARS has

been such a consistent and generous supporter of the Carbarn project, and of SFTM in general. Many other donors and volunteers were in attendance. After a break to watch a Pam Am Southern freight train roll by, one of our youngest motormen, Joshua Redenz, brought No. 10 out of the Carbarn and through the (very stretchy) Caution tape 'ribbon' across the doorway of Stall 2. You can *Continued on Page 2*

watch this historic moment on our Facebook page ('like' us while you are there, put us over 1000!) or goto SFTM's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SFTM10>.

The Car barn work has now mostly shifted to indoors as we organize our tools (including a lathe, thanks to Jim Perry, and a metal bandsaw, thanks to Dave and Molly Dye) and work areas and storage areas.

TROLLEYFEST 2016



A young visitor tries her hand an milking the 'cow'.

Following the Car barn ceremony, we held our annual Trolleyfest. We had caboose rides on the House Track and motorcar rides on the South Track. In the new Car barn we had displays relating to industries and producers from the local trolley era (1896-1927). Hands-on activities included weaving, metal-working, buttermaking, cider-pressing, cow milking and uses of vinegar.

On the trolley rides we had re-enactors who were dressed as passengers from the trolley era and had conversations with each other and the passengers in their assigned roles as teacher, farmer, etc.



David, Polly and Nancy as re-enactors on No. 10

Many thanks to Marie Bartlett and all the other volunteers for their efforts to make Trolleyfest 2016 another fun and educational event.

FREIGHT HOUSE CELEBRATION

In our last *Transfer* we were looking for volunteers to finish the difficult job of scraping and painting the 1867 Freight House. Then we got a generous grant from the Asahel P.H. Bloomer/Caroline D. Bloomer Charitable Trust. This grant, along with money still available from our H. Albert Webb Award, meant we were able to retain our contractor Jerry Root/Upper Twenty Enterprises (who had done a great job on the slate roof and trim repair) and have them do the scraping and painting, much to the relief of our volunteers. Jerry not only painted the parts that hadn't been done, he cleaned and repainted the sides that had been painted a few years ago. The place looks as good as it did in 1867, I'm sure.

We did put a volunteer crew of Martin, Sam, Nash, Dave, Larry, Joshua and others to work leveling and redecking the Freight House dock. This included removing a corner of the dock near Turnout 7 so that we should be able to put a full-sized car into Stall Two now.

Volunteers also removed an old overhead garage door that was deemed not in keeping with the 1867 Troy and Greenfield/Fitchburg Railroad/Boston and Maine Railroad appearance. We then built a new door on the pattern of the other doors and hung it with period-appropriate hardware.

On October 29 we had a Freight House Thank You ceremony, with guest Leigh Webb, son of H. Albert Webb, speaking on why he created the Award in memory of his railfan-tripping father. It was the \$10,000 H. Albert Webb Award that helped us finally be able to finish the Freight House exterior restoration, a project we had started in 2004. Picture on Page 3.

COLRAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year the Colrain Historical Society featured talks about transportation as it related to Colrain and the surrounding towns. In September Carl Byron gave an interesting talk on the effects of having the railroad come to nearby Shelburne Falls. In October, Shirley Pelletier (one of our trolley crew) gave a slideshow and talk in the new Car barn on the history of the SF&C St Ry. The next weekend they had a bus tour of the SF&C, stopping at points of interest to compare the present scene with old photographs.

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Sam Bartlett - Editor editor@sftm.org

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VOLUNTEERING - HOW TO DO IT

Stop by, send an email to trolley@sftm.org or call Sam at 413-624-0192. Indicate what your interests are - operating, painting, building stuff, selling tickets and gifts, grant writing, or what. We need you!!!

AMHERST RAILWAY SOCIETY RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW

Be sure to visit us, and everyone else involved in the railroad hobby, at the Railroad Hobby Show at the Eastern States Exposition Center in West Springfield MA on Jan 28 and 29, 2017. See <http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com/> for details.

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Your support is very important to us!

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Mo's Fudge Factor
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Salmon Falls Gallery

IN MEMORIAM

Several gifts were received in memory of member William Townsend of Florence MA



Exterior Restoration of the Freight House is complete!

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

(If you pay for your Membership in person, this will act as your receipt.)

__ JR Junior (under 18) \$12	__ CO Contributing \$60	__ PS Silver Patron \$350
__ IN Individual \$20	__ PA Patron \$100	__ PG Gold Patron \$500
__ FA Family \$32	__ PB Bronze Patron \$200	__ LM Life Member \$1000+
__ FR Friend \$40		__ CS Corporate Sponsor \$95

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Benefits	Membership Levels						PA,PB,PG, LM
	JR \$12	IN \$20	FA \$32	FR \$40	CO \$60	CS \$95	
Membership Card	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Free All-Day-Passes for:	You	You	Family*	Family*	Family*	Employees	Family*
Additional Free Passes per visit	0	0	0	2	4	4	No Limit
Gift Shop Discount	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
<i>The Transfer</i> , our Newsletter	√ **	√	√	√	√	√	√
Free Instant Motorman per season	0	0	0	1	2	2	No limit
Tax Deduction	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Car Card Ad in Trolley						√	
Company Name in <i>The Transfer</i> and our website						√	
The great feeling that you are supporting something important	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

* A Family covers two adults living in the same household, and all children under age 18 related to at least one of the adults.

** Junior Members receive only the emailed version of *The Transfer*. All other Members may get it mailed or emailed. We encourage you to get it by email because you get color pictures and save us printing and mailing costs.

Your Membership Card will be mailed to you shortly after we receive your payment.

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MEMBERSHIP, DONATION AND VOLUNTEER FORM

Go to <http://www.sftm.org/join.shtml> to Renew or Join online
or fill out and mail this form with your check.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

An address label is fine. For Junior or Individual only list one name.

DATE _____ Renewal? Y/N _____ Change of address? Y/N _____

SFTM memberships and donations are tax-deductible!
See second page for benefits that come with ascending Membership levels.
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ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

General Fund	Car Barn	PCC Cars	Caboose	Coach	Freight House	Box Car
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Our newsletter *The Transfer* is published three times a year for all our members, and sent by USPS mail or emailed (except Juniors can only get it by email). To get *The Transfer* by email (you get color pictures and save us printing and mailing costs), please put your email address here:

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Make your Membership and Donation check to: *Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum, Inc.* or "SFTM".

Mail or deliver to: **Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum**
Membership Clerk
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Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

The Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.
Keep this in mind if your employer has a donation-matching program.

OPTIONAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

If you would also like to be included on the SFTM Volunteer Roster, check your interests below:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ___ Motorman/Conductor (Full training will be provided by SFTM) | |
| ___ Ticket and Sales | ___ Public Relations/Advertising |
| ___ Restoration Work - Caboose, Coach. | ___ Track Work |
| ___ Fund Raising | ___ Other Construction Work |
| ___ Museum-Displays and Acquisitions | ___ Other _____ |

Phone _____ Email _____ @ _____

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BALLOT

2017 Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum Inc. Annual Meeting
Tuesday February 7, 2017 – 6:30pm
Please [Contact Us](#) for location, Shelburne Falls MA

Ballot Information

The By-Laws of SFTM allow all Memberships in good standing to vote on Directors and certain Officers at the Annual Meeting. Only one vote is allowed per Membership. If you are not attending the Annual Meeting, and if you wish to cast your vote, please detach and mail the ballot below in time to reach Shelburne Falls by February 01, 2017 to:

Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum, Inc.

Attention Clerk

PO Box 272

Shelburne Falls MA 01370

Otherwise ensure that it is received by Clerk Lou Musante prior to the Annual Meeting. 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 paid-up (and Life or Honorary Life) Members are allowed to vote. You must hold a 2017 or Life Membership for your vote to count. Please check the expiration date on your mailing label. If it reads 2016 or older, your Membership will need to be renewed before or when you submit your ballot. If you are using eTRANSFER and are not sure of your status, contact Membership@sftm.org. Please renew at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Ballot for Elections Part 1 – Directors

Under the By-Laws the Board of Directors has been divided into three classes, with only one class to be voted on each year. The term for incumbents is for three years. New Directors will be assigned to a class by the Board of Directors.

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 FOUR** by marking an X in the corresponding box. If you wish to vote for a write-in candidate, you must obtain prior approval from your candidate. Then write his/her name below and mark X in box.

- (no more than FOUR)
- Mary "Polly" Bartlett (Class 2) - Incumbent
 - Betsy Wholey Osell (Class 2) - Incumbent
 - James "Jim" Wholey (Class 2) - Incumbent
 - Nash Bly (Class 1)
 - WRITEIN _____

Ballot for Elections Part 2 - Certain Officers

The Nominating Committee has presented the following candidates who are willing to serve as the President and Vice-President of the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum for the coming year. If you wish to vote for a write-in candidate, you must obtain prior approval from your candidate. Then write his/her name below and mark X in box.

President ROBERT G. "Sam" BARTLETT - Incumbent
(choose one) Writein _____

Vice-President DAVID DYE - Incumbent
(choose one) Writein _____

AN ENGAGING TALE

On Moonlight Magic a few years ago, “Beth” heard the story* of Frank Johnson (saviour of No. 10) proposing to Maud Purrington while traveling on No. 10. Beth thought this was very romantic and decided that she, too, wanted to propose on No. 10.

So this summer, she chartered No. 10 on a weekday evening, and, under other pretenses, brought “Molly”, her intended, to the museum. It 'seemed' that the crew (Marie and Sam) was just getting ready to leave, but they agreed to one more trip for this couple.

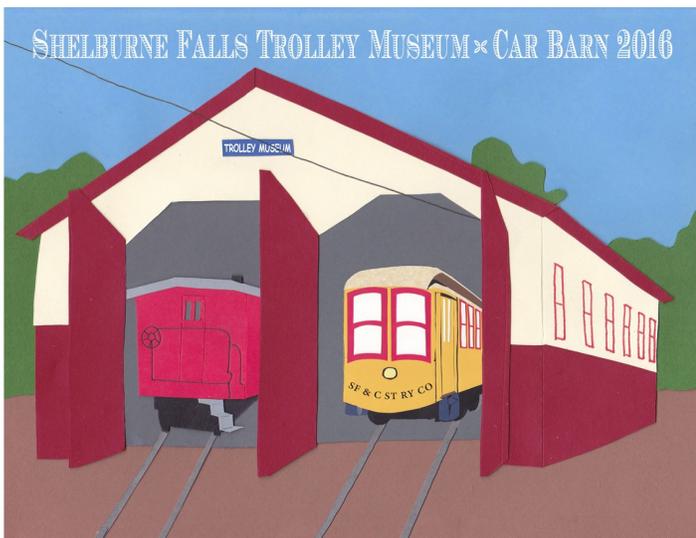
After a rather lengthy Conductor's Talk, Sam said “Are there any questions?”. This was Beth's signal to get out her ring, get down on one knee and, very touchingly, ask THE question.

Molly was surprised, delighted, and said “yes”. The happy couple then rode back to the Car barn, where Beth had arranged for the Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar to have a romantic dinner waiting for them in the caboose, with cocktails in the cupola.

**Although we know from family letters that Frank courted Maud on No. 10 (or perhaps vice versa), there is no evidence that either of them proposed marriage on No. 10. Somehow this has crept into some Conductor's Talks.*

MOONLIGHT MAGIC

The evening after Thanksgiving was a very busy time at SFTM this year. Our Moonlight Magic trolley crew carried 416 passengers in five hours, which kept the crew on their toes. With No.10 only able to carry about twenty riders, this made for a lot of very quick trips. While waiting, guests were able to have cider



2016 Holiday Ornament by Marie Betts Bartlett

and cookies, make an ornament and warm up by the newly installed coal stove in the caboose at the Salmon Falls end of the line. We've met families from out-of-state who return every year and collect these ornaments, designed by Marie Betts Bartlett.

At the other end of the line, guests could marvel at a multi-loop toy train setup created by Ellie Flint.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped get everything ready and decorated, who ran the trolley and handled the crowds, and who helped take things down when it was all over.

TRACKWORK CONTINUES

Dave G, Nash, Sam, Martin, Dick and Larry worked on repairing and replacing joints on the house Track. This track had not seen much use until the new Car barn went online. When we tried to tighten up the bolts that hold the joints together, many of them spun or were otherwise not useful. And in some spots there were bolts missing, or not even a hole in the rail for the bolts. The joints were mostly old Weber joints, with wooden inserts. In some cases we could burn off frozen bolts and replace them with new ones, in other cases we completely replaced all four bolts and the two bars with non-Weber all steel joint bars. The track is a bit smoother and quieter now when No. 10 comes along. Next up, in the spring, will be to start replacing ties.

CABOOSE CENTRAL VERMONT 4015

CV 4015 had a 'new' stove installed for Moonlight Magic. Martin disassembled, cleaned and painted our two “B&M RR Car Heater” stoves, one is on display in the Visitors Center. John brazed a crack in the other stove so it could be used in the caboose for Moonlight Magic (and winter lunch breaks!). A hearthstone for the stove has been donated by Ashfield Stone.

The caboose is now in the Car barn, in hopes of getting some window and cupola restoration completed over the winter. Let us know if you want to help!

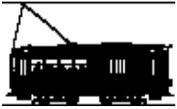
SIGNAL RESTORATION

A four-light signal from the Mechanicville NY B&M Classification Yard (the “hump”) has been restored by Rowan, with help from the Franklin County Technical School auto body shop.

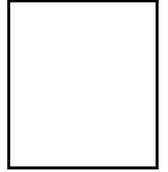
TOY TRAIN SALE

We have several collections of LGB and O-Scale toy trains for sale. Contact us if you would like more information, these would look great under your tree!

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