



**VOL. 27 - NO. 3 SHELburnE FALLS Trolley Museum Newsletter  
FALL 2018**

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



*Our B&M Box Car has been decorated by street artist Caleb Neelon again.*

**NEW \$45,500 MATCHING GRANT!**

The Twentieth Century Electric Railway Foundation has awarded us a \$45,500 matching grant toward extending our New Car Barn an additional forty feet. To access this money we need YOU to make donations, because this is a one-to-one match. You can include your donation with your membership renewal, or donate online at <http://www.sftm.org/grantmatch.shtml>.

We are ready to extend the Car Barn because we are outgrowing our 2-stall 40x60 ft Car Barn. We need more room to protect at least one of the MBTA PCC cars that we have on the property, as well as room for two more trolley arrivals that are in the works. The extension will allow us to keep four cars under cover. We plan to include a pit for working on the PCC cars.

We don't have an Annual Appeal. We hope you'll continue to be a Member of The Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum and make your usual generous donations, and make an extra donation to help us extend our Car Barn. More information (and a DONATE! Button) at

at <http://www.sftm.org/grantmatch.shtml>.

**RIDERSHIP 2018**

We had a pretty average year as far as ridership goes. We carried 1997 adults, 457 youths (6-12), 456 free children (5 and under), 159 free members, 53 promotional and 127 charter and party riders, for a total of 3249 passengers. This is a little below average, and down 15% from last year's very good year. I think much of the drop in ridership is due to the very wet summer we had.

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## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS - 2018

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Sam Bartlett - Editor [editor@sftm.org](mailto:editor@sftm.org)

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## SIGNING UP FOR eTRANSFER

As a convenience to our members, and as an attempt to control costs, the TRANSFER is available online as a pdf file. This will give you the option of filing your copies of the TRANSFER on your computer, in case you want to refer back to them at some later time. eTRANSFER comes out in full color!

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## VOLUNTEERING - HOW TO DO IT

Stop by, send an email to [trolley@sftm.org](mailto: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!!!

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## BIG RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW 2019

Once again we will be at the Big Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield on January 26 and 27, 2019. Three buildings full of model railroads, and displays from vendors, railroad companies, tourist railroads and museums. Great for railfans of all ages.

See [www.railroadhobbyshow.com](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com)

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At this writing, SFTM has 123 current Memberships. If your printed TRANSFER does not have **2019** on the address label, please renew your membership, see the **Membership, Donation and Volunteer Form**.

See the Form for more information on Member benefits and giving levels.

Or, renew online at <http://www.sftm.org/join.shtml>

If you get the *eTransfer*, please check the message in the email that was sent with this issue.

Your support is very important to us!

Please send changes of address for mail or email to [membership@sftm.org](mailto:membership@sftm.org)

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## OPERATING SCHEDULE

We are closed until May 25, 2019. After that we will be open for trolley rides and pump car adventures on Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays from 11am to 5pm through the end of October. In July and August we are also open Mondays 1pm to 5pm. See you there! All Aboard!

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## CORPORATE SPONSORS

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Pondside Pizza and Shelburne Falls Bowling Alley	
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The Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar	

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## NEW MEMBERS

Gregory & Samantha Corcoran	Sawyer O'Neil
Andrea & Carsten Redenz	Philip Dominguez
Emily Gwynn	

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*Marie helps Trolleyfest re-enactors get into their roles.*

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## MEMBERSHIP, DONATION AND VOLUNTEER FORM

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Or fill out and mail this form with your check.

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

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if Renewal  Check here if Change of Address

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SFTM memberships and donations are tax-deductible!

See the next page for benefits that come with ascending Membership levels. Please consider a higher level!

All Memberships (except for Life Memberships) are on a calendar-year basis, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Life Membership is good for the life of the Life Member and spouse.

### PLEASE CHOOSE A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

___ Junior (under 18) \$12	___ Contributing \$60	___ Silver Patron \$350
___ Individual \$20	___ Patron \$100	___ Gold Patron \$500
___ Family \$32	___ Bronze Patron \$200	___ Life Member \$1000+
___ Friend \$40		___ Corporate Sponsor \$95

### 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**  
**PO Box 272**  
**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.

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__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	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

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

\* 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*

If you want to Volunteer at SFTM, please send an email to [sam@sftm.org](mailto:sam@sftm.org) with your interests, or visit [www.sftm.org/crew.shtml](http://www.sftm.org/crew.shtml)

★ If you want to give someone the gift of ★ SFTM Membership, put their name in the Membership Form and include your check. Or go online and enter the membership under their name. We'll send you an acknowledgment and ★ we'll send them a notice of your gift. ★

## TRACKWORK

Nash, Jeff, Dave, Bruce, Dick and Sam worked on replacing switch timbers (ties) under Turnout 2 (the turnout where the Main Track and House Track come together). Some of these timbers came out in pieces, we found one date tag that indicated the timbers were about 80 years old. With some more ballasting and lifting of the track we ought to have a more safe, solid and smooth passage over this critical piece of track.

## CABOOSE CV 4015

Rowan continues to find and install missing parts for CV 4015. Our 'buggy' was very popular for trackmobile-powered caboose rides at Trolleyfest, and was a welcome place to warm up at Moonlight Magic. In the spring we plan to letter CV 4015 as she looked in the 1940's.

## TROLLEYFEST

Speaking of Trolleyfest, our Event Coordinator Marie once again wrangled dozens of volunteers to put together a very well-received event, with re-enactors, music, food, cider-pressing and other hands-on activities. Tony held the Railroad Tag Sale with many interesting items, and Lou ran the Raffle which had prizes including tickets for scenic train rides.



*Tony's Railfan Tag Sale and Lou's Raffle at Trolleyfest*



*Josh's display of track tools for Trolleyfest*

Caboose rides and speeder rides were available as well. The weather cooperated too. If you missed Trolleyfest this year, it will be back next year on September 28. Thanks to everyone who helped!

## MOONLIGHT MAGIC

Although the weather was not cooperative for Moonlight Magic (it was cold but clear and calm), we had a lot of excited holiday guests for this special event which takes place the day after Thanksgiving. Guests could have cookies, crackers and hot cider, and they could make a pump-car themed tree ornament in the caboose at Salmon Falls. This year we had not only a warm caboose at the west end, but our new heater in the Visitors Center was appreciated as well. Thanks to everyone who helped, we had enough crew to be sure no-one got frostbite.

## IN THE SHOP

Bill and Joe have gotten the lathe powered up and running. This required some electrical magic since the lathe is three-phase and we only have single-phase power.

Josh has disassembled the spare truck and will start cleaning and reassembling it when the weather improves.



*Nash and Dick replace switch timbers at TO2*



*Ted's speeder awaits the next caboose ride departure*

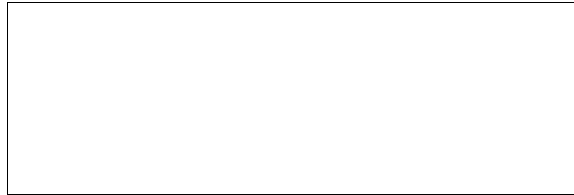
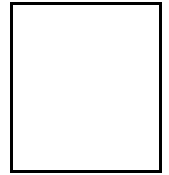
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*Did you know that you can rent out the caboose for a unique dining experience? We don't provide food but we can suggest caterers, or you can bring your own. You can even spend the night if you want to. Contact us if you'd like to try this out. The caboose does not move for this rental.*

#### NEW GIFT SHOP ITEMS

The new SFTM puzzles have been a big hit this year. Stop in next spring and see what we have for puzzles, toys, games and other new items.

★ **GIFT MEMBERSHIPS!** ★  
Did you know you can give an SFTM Membership as a gift? Just write the lucky person's name and address on the membership form, check the Gift box and include your check. ★

#### TOY TRAINS FOR SALE AT THE TROLLEY STOP

If you are looking for some Lionel toy train cars for a holiday gift, go to the Trolley Stop at 9 Bridge Street in Shelburne Falls. They are selling some of our Lionel O Scale freight cars, proceeds benefit SFTM!

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2019 Annual Meeting is 6:30pm Tuesday February 12 at the Greenfield Cooperative Bank at 33 Bridge St, Shelburne Falls, MA. Please see the included Ballot if you wish to vote for Directors and certain officers. If you plan to attend please let Alden know at [aldendreyer@gmail.com](mailto:aldendreyer@gmail.com) or 413-625-6384 in case of weather-related schedule changes.

*Thanks to Dave for contributing to this issue.  
Your contributions are welcome, to editor@sftm.org.*