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*B+M Berkshire Flyer at Shelburne Falls. Aug. 9-1928
Loco. 3677 - 4 cars. Train 56
Courtesy Peter Miller*

Do you recognize this location? Looking west near Salmon Falls, the Ashfield Street crossing in the background. The current Salmon Falls building was the Potter Grain Company, can't tell if it also sells flour or if those are just ads. Left of the engine is the crossing shanty, the man in the street at the right of the train is the "crossing tender". The STOP sign that he is probably holding is in our collection.

TWENTY YEARS OF OPERATION

Our first full season of trolley rides was 2000, so we are beginning our twentieth year on May 25, and will be open for the three-day Memorial Day weekend from 11am until 5pm. Come ride No. 10 and the pump car, and see what's new. We will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 11am until 5pm until October. In July and August we will also be open Mondays from 1pm to 5pm.

TRAINING DAY

Saturday May 18 will be our annual Training Day. This is the day that we refresh our returning trolley and pump car crew members and introduce our

new volunteers to the operation. We would love to have more folks helping out in all aspects of running the museum. If you want to be part of our crew, go to <http://www.sftm.org/training.shtml> or call Sam Bartlett at 413-624-0192. We provide the training. Trolley Car crew members must be 15 years old or older. You don't have to be a die-hard 'railfan' to be a good trolley crew member. If you are interested in history or just like working with the public, please check out this opportunity to give back to your community. We can also use 'non-trolley' help, like yard work and ticket sales and carpentry and painting.

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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!!!

THURSDAY WORK PARTIES

We are holding work parties on Thursday afternoon/evenings this year. Some workers have a dedicated project while others work as teams on whatever is at hand that day. We have been providing pizza or sandwiches for those who work through the dinner hour. If you are interested in joining us, email sam@sftm.org.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

We reopen 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.

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Keystone Market	

NEW MEMBERS

Bill Czelusniak	Charles Kaiser	
Baked Cafe	Keystone Market	Mocha Maya's



Josh and Jeff move the DC power supply.

PROGRESS ON OUR \$45,500 MATCHING GRANT

Last Fall 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 date we have raised over \$20,000 from our generous members for our half of the match. To access this money we need YOU to make donations, because this is a one-to-one match. Twentieth Century Electric Railway Foundation requires that all donations be new and specifically for the Project, so please indicate "Car Barn Extension Fund" on your check. You can include your donation with your membership renewal, or donate online at <http://www.sftm.org/grantmatch.shtml>.

At the Amherst Railway Big Hobby Show in January we received a \$1000 grant for the extension from the MassBay Railroad Enthusiasts.

We also got a \$1000 grant for the extension from the Caroline Bloomer Foundation.

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

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

At our Annual Meeting in February we re-elected the incumbent officers and directors. See Page 2 for a listing.

YARD WORK

Nash, Jeff, Dave, Martin, Polly and Sam T have been busy checking track, inspecting and maintaining turnouts, picking up sticks and other sticky things, getting mowers ready, cleaning out flangeways and repairing plow damage to the lawns. Josh and Carsten are building a small roof to go over our entrance sign. Preliminary steps have been taken toward finishing the porch ceiling.

IN THE SHOP

Josh has setup a new blasting cabinet so we can

'media-blast' (sand is not used anymore) the small parts from the spare truck. Progress continues to be made on overhauling the first of these two trucks. Nash and Josh have performed the springtime servicing and inspection of No. 10. Sam, Margaret and Jeff have prepped the south side of No. 10 for painting. Nash is building cabinets to help control the clutter in our new work space.

THE VIRTUAL SFTM

We've added pages on our website for things to do for our visitors before or after visiting the trolley museum. Go to <https://www.sftm.org> to see how the Shelburne Falls area is truly rich with entertainment opportunities.

We've also created a YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD1BOhB1hsNH40c_uspIKuQ. Here you can see some videos that Nash converted for us from the 1990's, the early days of SFTM. The collection includes preparing No. 10 to move from the Johnson Farm via a parade, an interview with Marshall Johnson, the first Trolleyfest in 1999 when we ran restored No. 10 for the first time. More recent movies include some scenes of putting up the wire over the House Track, and the grand opening of the new Car Barn.

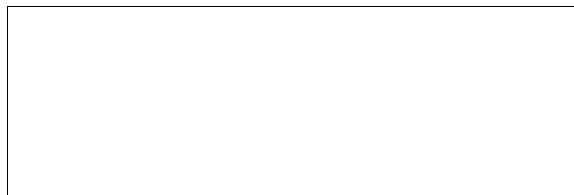
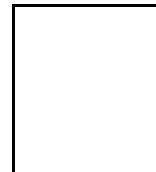
CENTRAL VERMONT 4015

This spring Tiger and Ron will be lettering our caboose to make it look like it did in 1944. We learned some interesting things while researching the appropriate data for the side of the caboose. With help from Alan Pomeroy of the Central Vermont Railway Historical Society we have a copy of the card that the Central Vermont used to keep track of the servicing of the car. We had been lead to believe (I forget how) that the car was built in 1910, but it was actually built in October 1901, in St. Albans, VT. It was originally numbered 4037 and was renumbered to 4015 on Dec 13, 1939. In October of 1925 (still as 4037) it was rebuilt with a steel underframe. So although the caboose can trace its heritage back 118 years, there is probably nothing left of the 1901 caboose at this point, not even the number. It looks like it was fixed up from a wreck in August 1944. It was typically serviced several times a year to have the journals repacked and the brakes checked. The last date for the CV was June 12, 1967 after which it was sold to the Green Mountain Railway.

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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 and see what we have for puzzles, toys, games and other new items.

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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!

TRAINING DAY

See the article inside regarding Training Day, we need more volunteers. Can you help?

Your contributions are welcome, to editor@sftm.org.