



WAUSHAKUM JOURNAL Fall 2012

Officer Nominations Open **WLS: 60 Years Young** 2013 Dues Are Due

J.B. Mentzer, Editor

At the December business meeting, Secretary Ian Fisher informed the membership he is relocating and won't be able to attend several meetings in 2013 and won't be standing for re-election.

While he's enjoyed serving as Secretary, he feels the role requires attendance at all of the meetings. Thank you Ian, for your service to the Waushakum Live Steamers as Secretary.

For 2013, the Secretary's position is open. Are you able to serve? Please contact a Club Officer to express your interest. Nominations for all Club Officer positions remain open until the vote at the January meeting

January 10, 2013 is the January Business Meeting. In addition to the regular agenda, Officers for 2013 will be elected. Attend to cast your vote.

The 2013 Meet Calendar will be announced at the January Meeting.

Club Treasurer Jim Abrams requests members remit their 2013 Dues. A payment coupon is located on Page 9.

See you at the New Year's Run!

Tuesday, January 1st, 2013!

Pat Fahey

The club's 60th anniversary is slowly coming. The Pioneer Valley Live Steamers, known as PVLS, is celebrating their 60th year in steam this year (2012). Congratulations go out from us, the younger of the clubs in Massachusetts.

It didn't seem that long ago that we celebrated our 50th and within three years, we will be 60 years young. The club has gone through a lot of changes since it got its small start in Ashland, Mass many years ago.

For those who do not know, the club started out as just a simple backyard railroad at 72 Pond Street in Ashland, Mass. The club was formed in 1954 but did not have a loop of track until 1955. The track was aside the home of Henry Stone. The track could be seen off of route 126 as you headed towards Framingham, MA. At that time, there was no groundline, ONLY Hi-Line and the track gauge was only 3-1/2" for 3/4" scale engines.

Today, as we get closer to our 60th, the club has grown in many ways. The club now has three (3) scales to offer the hobby. This was something that we could do not even do at the old Norfolk street site. The best we could do there was to offer only two scales;

3/4" & 1" both which could only be run on the Hi-line.

Once we moved from the old club site and the club' second home, the club grew in other ways. For the first time, the club finally had a piece of property it could call its own. Also, for the first time in the history of the club, we had a ground line loop.

Over the years, the club has grown in other ways. The membership has doubled, we have more people involved with the operation of the

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Photo: Chris Colby running his B&M R1-D, August, 2010.

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From the Editor

J.B. Mentzer, Editor & Designer

As I assume the role as Editor and Publisher of the *Waushakum Journal*, I would like to take a moment to recognize my predecessor.

We thank Joe Ng for his six years of service he provided as Editor and Publisher.

These newsletters don't occur spontaneously. Every character, every photo has been considered, adjusted, edited and sized to fit the page where it was published. All of this takes skill, dedication and avails itself of investment in computer hardware and professional-grade application software.

While enjoyable to design and arrange, each issue requires consistent focus and many hours to see through to completion.

On-going commitment to club projects, to which Pat Fahey refers in his column "WLS: 60 Years Young", has served the Waushakum Live Steamers for six decades gave us a well designed, quality newsletter going back many years.

Thank you, Joe Ng for your service as Editor of the *Waushakum Journal*.

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For 2013, the Journal will feature stories, columns and photos by YOU, the Waushakum membership. As the old newspaper saying goes, I'll publish all the news that's fit to print.

So, readers of the *Journal*, what would you like to see? How-to articles? Meet reports from our club? What about other area clubs? Are articles of the WLS at Norfolk St or Ashland of interest?

I look forward to producing a magazine-quality newsletter each quarter that's a highlight reel of the Club's last few months.

So, members and friends of the Waushakum Live Steamers, I'm your Editor and I would like to hear from you.

J.B. Mentzer
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December 2012

A Word About Submissions ...

The *Journal* reserves the right to edit any content received.

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To determine how to correct your issue, name your PC's operating system (OS), include the versions of the OS version and the version of Acrobat your using.

Photo 1: Joe Ng with Southern 4-6-2 4501 at Cornell Station, May 2007.



Marilyn Chenard

July 8, 1944 - November 28, 2012

North Andover – Marilyn "Nene" Chenard, 68, a 30 year resident of North Andover formerly of Lawrence died Wednesday November 28, 2012 at her residence. She was born July 8, 1944 in Lawrence, daughter of the late Thomas and Charlotte (Lynch) McDermott. Raised and educated in Lawrence she was a graduate of St. Mary's High School and continued her education graduating from McIntosh Business School.



She was employed by several local Glass Companies over the years as a Bookkeeper before finishing her career as a Customer Service Representative for Elder Services. A position perfect for her because helping people with their problems was what Marilyn loved to do, until her retirement in 2011. She was an exceptional Sailor Captaining their sailboat off the coast of Newburyport with her husband Ken navigating their course. She was also involved with many Steam Engine Clubs and participated in many of their Events over the years. Marilyn will always be remembered as a wonderful Wife, Mother, Step-Mother, Grandmother and friend.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Kenneth Chenard of North Andover; daughter, Cyndi Flynn and her husband Brian of Dover, NH; step-son Bruce Chenard and his wife Annmarie of Kingston, NH; step-daughter, Christine Chenard of North Andover; grandchildren, Marc, Alyssa, and Andrew Chenard, Conor and Emma Flynn; brother Robert McDermott and his wife Teri of San Antonio, TX. She was predeceased by her brother Thomas McDermott.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her Funeral was December 3, 2012 at St. Michaels Church in North Andover. Burial followed at Ridgewood Cemetery also in North Andover.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Marilyn's name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

To offer online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

The obituary by Conte Funeral Homes - Ed.

Club Business Update

Ian Fisher, Secretary

Wauhakum Live Steamers Monthly Meeting Minutes September 13, 2012

The September meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Jim O'Brien. The meeting was held at the Hilton and there were 25 members present.

Ian Fisher read the minutes from the August meeting.

A motion was made by Marc Arsenault to accept the minutes as read.

Ken Gates seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted

Superintendent's Report

Marc Arsenault wanted to mention that Arthur Butler trimmed back all the brush at the entrance way before the annual meet. Marc Arsenault put a plate on the donated sign from Arthur Butler on it's history. The wash out sink at the entrance shed has been replaced with a stainless steel sink. Ballast has been dumped near the loading turntable and needs to be spread out, it is there for anyone who wants something to do. Railroad ties were replaced at the loading turntable. The roof on Howard's container has begun.

Old Business

The Annual Meet went great. The weather was fantastic compared to last year. Claudette Goselin's quilt brought in \$214.00. MaryEllen Abraham gave a \$300 donation. Mary and Ken Nichols gave a \$150.00 donation. The coal bin ran dry during the annual meet. Bob Newcombe, Joe Cardelle and Ian Fisher went to Mystic and retrieved two truck loads of coal. The America in Bloom organization has not yet contacted Jim O'Brien for the award.

New Business

Peter Spinney applied for full membership. He is from Gloucester and is sponsored by Larry Simoneau. His grandson Hayden applied for an affiliate. Dave Barker from Bow, NH, applied for full membership, sponsored by Larry Simoneau. Tom McCune from Winchendon, MA applied for an associate, sponsored by Jim Abrams. Dave House from Merrimack applied for an affiliate, his sponsor is Jim O'Brien.

Bob Delisle put a price together from Home Depot and Lowes - material for a 10'x12' shed would cost \$3220.00. Don Cornell and Jim O'Brien went to Home Town sheds and a 10'x12' shed built, painted and delivered would cost \$3380.00. Mark Arsenault made a motion to buy the Home Town one. The motion was seconded, all were in favor.

The New England Train Collectors Association came to the club and were overwhelmed. There were 30 plus people and they are planning on coming back for the blow-down meet. The neighborhood appreciation meet is Sunday the 23rd, it is a nice way to give back to the neighborhood. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be served. The 15th and 16th September is Clarke's Trading Post Railroad fan weekend. The dumpster has been emptied. A load of Ballast will be ordered. Larry Urbanski is having a private meet at his property in Boxford on November 11th. Everyone is welcome. It is a steam only meet.

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Superintendent's Report

Marc Arsenault

Yard Limit Sign Donated

Arthur Butler donated a Yard Limit sign August 2012, which has been installed along the Station Track, near Mary's Rest.

The sign once marked the entrance of Marshall Pass Yard on the Former Denver & Rio Grand Railroad (1881-1955), located between Denver and Salt Lake City, UT, Marshall Pass Yard was 237.57 miles west of Denver high up in the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 10,856 feet.

High Line Improvements

In October, Jim McGrath and Dave Remington worked on placing ballast on the high-line track where the bottom part of the concrete uprights was exposed and in sections where the landscape fabric was exposed.

They also sprayed wood preservative on side boards and ties in selected areas of the high-line. Additionally, they worked on realigning (horizontally and vertically as needed) switches on the high-line.

More work is needed in each of the three activities mentioned above.

Maintenance Shed Delivered

Our new ground maintenance shed arrived in mid October and was placed on the previously prepared bed of ballast framed with railroad ties.

Painted in our Waushakum railroad colors and strategically located at the entrance to the club grounds, the new building will house our lawn



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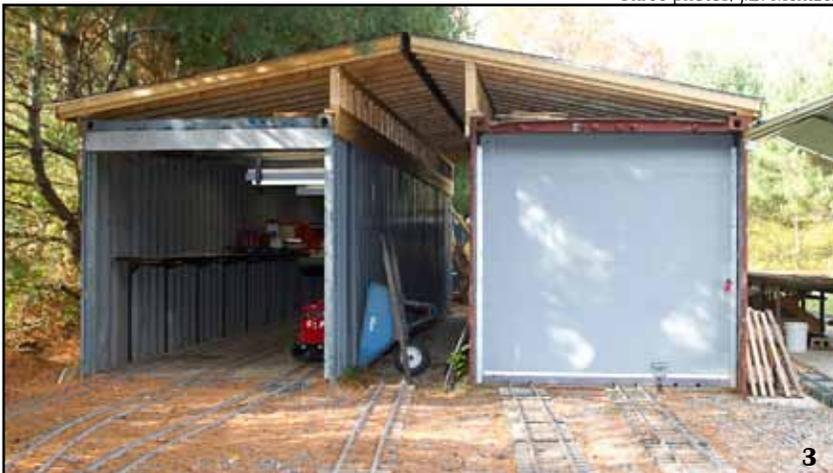
Marc Arsenault



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Photo 1: Arthur Butler with ex-D&RGW Yard Limit Sign he donated to the Club. **Photo 2:** Jimmy Connor and Colt Stewart clearing pine needles near the new Yard Limit Sign with Bob Mitchell running the Charlton RS-3. **Photo 3:** The partially completed roof over the Train Storage containers. **Photo 4:** Bob Mitchell clears deep pine needles from the cut between Dry Tank and Dimond Trestle.

Three photos, J.B. Mentzer



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Five Photos: Marc Arsenault

tractors, snow blower along with assorted rakes and shovels.

The additional space gain in the maintenance container from the relocation of the lawn tractors will now be used to locate our additional donated machine shop equipment.

Fall Work Weekend

Saturday, October 27, 2012 was the scheduled fall work day at Waushakum. The following club members assisted in the breakdown of the tent covers, winterizing the water system and general site clean up for the winter.

WLS members listed below assisted in shut down procedures at the track:

Ken & Janice Gates	Bob Newcombe
Colt Stewart	Aaron Rice
Dan & Jim Connor	Dave Barker
Tom McCune	Al Fletcher
Nancy Lundy	George Young
Marc Arsenault	Qylan Berry
Dick Ball	Chris Bourgeois
Bob Mitchell	Mark Hirtle



Photo 5: Don Cornell and Peaches move ties for Arthur Downer and Bob Delisle to place for the shed's foundation. **Photo 6:** Roger Austin joins Arthur and Bob to spread ballast within the site. **Photo 7:** ROCK STARS: Roger Austin, Arthur Downer, Don Cornell, Bob Delisle and Marc Arsenault (not pictured) with the completed foundation.



Photo 8: The Shed is spotted by a purpose-built delivery trailer. **Photo 9:** Pat Fahey with the Clubs Craftsman Lawn Tractor.



Annual Meet

Photos by Dan Connor

August 24~26 2012



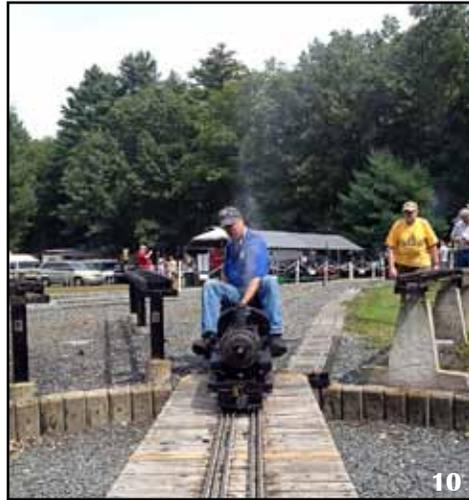
The Annual Meet, held each August, is the Waushakum's premier event.

Above, **Photo 1:** Visiting 4-8-4 from Pioneer Valley Live Steamers. **Photo 2:** Colt Stewart and Jimmy Connor at Cornell Station. **Photo 3:** Kevin Redmond departing on the Ground Line. Below, **Photo 4:** Rob Guthrie of Pioneer Valley Live Steamers backs off the Steaming Bay Turntable. **Photo 5:** Dan Temple and his box cab electric



pass the Ground Line Station. **Photo 6:** Ken Gates unloads his P&W M-420R. **Photo 7:** Dick Ball assists unloading B&M 3713. **Photo 8:** Ron Henderson and others in the Steaming Bays.





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WLS: 60 Years Young

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railroad, we are now holding more events, and our club newsletter has grown to more pages. Why did this happen? It is mainly because of the internet, word of mouth, and Thomas the Tank Engine. For families that come to our events, their children see Thomas on the public educational channel and it causes their children gain interest in the hobby.

If the old timers that built Waushakum could see it now, I think that they would be impressed with just how far the club has come along.

So, when you ride on the Hi-line, say a little thank you to Henry Stone and his wife for letting the club have its start in Ashland, Mass. While you're riding the Hi-line and you pass under the small covered bridge, say a little thank you to George Hildreth. It was because of George Hildreth and Derby Child that the Norfolk Street track site did exist, along with others who helped build the track. You can also thank the Johnson brothers, because it was because of them the 1" rail was laid at the old Norfolk Street site in 1970.

Once we got to the new track, the first ground line track was laid because

of good planning by the club. We have a lot to be thankful for at the new site. We own the property and have a lot of parking compared to the old site. We have a dedicated work crew that works mid-week and keeps the track repairs going and maintains the property.

The club is going to be 60 years old and there were a lot of people that thought we would not even get this far. I know that I mentioned a few names that nobody has heard of and have no clue about who these people are. All I can say is, without these people looking forward and taking a chance on the club, we would not be as big as we are now nor finally have a piece of property we can call our own.

As the club has grown over the years, many changes have taken place within the membership and leadership of the club. Some are for good and others bad but, for the most part, they have been for good. We now have a dependable work crew work of senior members who handle the mid-week work of the club. The club also has a small crew of members who handle the work of the Hi-line, replacing ties and sideboards, etc. There is also another crew that handles odd jobs around the club. And with all this going on, there is a small list of club members that work behind

the scenes, mainly the club officers. As I said earlier, without leadership and club members doing their part, the club would not be in as good of a shape as we are in terms of finances, membership, and owning the property.

I cannot speak for Henry Stone or the first members that built the first club track in 1955 to know if they would have thought the club would last this long. The reason why we lasted so long is because of good leadership and dedicated club members that were willing to take a chance.

As the club moves closer to its 60th anniversary, it was because of good leadership over the years that have gotten us this far.

***When In Doubt
Follow the
SAFE Course***

Club Business Update

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Mark Arsenault suggested to have two club meets per year. Bob Newcombe wants to put up a Lost and Found box, most likely have it stored in the Hilton. Joe Cardelle asked if we should charge for parking like PVLS, it was decided not to charge. Bob Mitchell asked if anyone has, or can get a hold of a handicap riding car. Dick Lockett lost a brass coupler, asked if anyone has found it. The Charlton Railroad remaining officers have decided to donate the Charlton engine RS-3 and seven cars to Waushakum Live Steamers. Mark Arsenault made a motion to accept the donation, Ken Gates seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Bob Newcombe made a motion to adjourn. Bob Huston seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Respectively submitted - Ian Fisher

Waushakum Live Steamers Monthly Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012

The October meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by Jim O'Brien. The meeting was held at the Hilton and there were 19 members present.

Ian Fisher read the minutes from the September meeting.

A motion was made by Ken Gates to accept the minutes as read.

Peter McMurray seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted

Superintendent's Report

Marc Arsenault reported that the roof over Howard's container is almost completed. They have started to level the area for the new shed. Jim O'Brien and Marc Arsenault worked on the transfer table, it runs a lot smoother now.

Old Business

Jim O'Brien reported that the neighborhood appreciation day was one of the best we ever had. The club had to spend extra money on food for the first time. There was a \$250 donation given.

The new shed is being delivered on Wednesday the 17th. Larry Urbanski is having a steam-only meet on his property in Boxford on November 10th. Rain date November 11th. Ken Chenard reported that his wife, Marilyn is doing much better over the last month.

New Business

Work weekend is October 27th, rain date October 28th. We want to show the new members how to take down the tarps and other closing activities. The water will be shutoff Sunday the 28th. A truckload of ballast was delivered. Wheels on the transfer table were switched and new wheels are on order. Bud Hansen memorial blow down meet is October 21st, there will not be food. November business meeting will be held at the Holliston Historical Society. Nomination for officers will be during the November meeting. Worcester Model Railroad is having an open house on the 28th. Ken Gates asked Jim

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Freight House

Got a live steam item to sell? Email the Editor to post it here

0-4-2T Engine MUMMAMAE

Live steam model built 4 inches to the foot, 1/3 full size, 7-1/4 inch track gauge, 2 inch bore 3 inch stroke, approx. 600 pounds weight. Stands 40 inches to top of stack, coal fired Briggs type boiler, custom riding car.



Great runner and fun to operate.



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Project Update

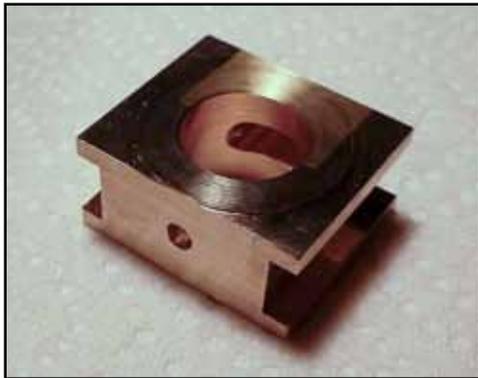
Chris Morrison • Photos by the Author

B&O P7 Pacific, 3-1/2" ga.

I've gotten back to working on my Friends models 3-1/2" ga. B&O P7 Pacific after a summer spent learning to drive at the track.

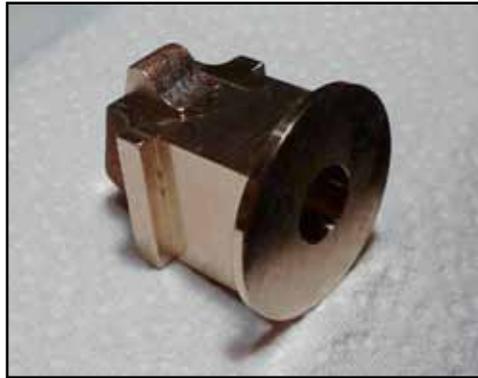


The driver axle boxes are two-piece, from castings, with cellars milled in. To do the axle holes, the two pieces were first clamped together, drilled &



tapped for two securing screws, then assembled and chucked up in the lathe. Drilled first, then bored, then reamed.

These were carefully located with respect to horizontal distance from the front horn face, so the axles theoretically will end up being parallel and square to the frame.



The trailing truck axle boxes were done almost entirely on the mill, including drilling & boring the axle holes. The boring head gave a really nice finish (sheer luck), so I just bored to size rather than ream.



Not Receiving WLS News Emails from Dan Connor?

Has your email address changed?
Email the Membership Coordinator.

Club Business Update

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O'Brien how Pam was doing, Jim informed everyone that she is having her hip replacement next Thursday. Tony Raiano has done such a good job plowing the field for the New Year's day meet, we are allowing him to do it one more time. I believe this to be the quickest meeting in Waushakum history, lasted 25 minutes.

Bob Newcombe made a motion to adjourn. Ken Chenard seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectively submitted - Ian Fisher

The Journal Sees Authors and Photographers

J.B. Mentzer, Editor

The Journal seeks authors for Feature Articles and Regular Columns.

For the 2013 Meets ... cover the run days as a photo journalist! Bring your digital camera and notebook ... see how many engines you can document.

Photo Tip: Search "Rule of Thirds" on the net. It's a composition trick that'll improve pictures from *any* camera.

2013

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Neighborhood Appreciation Day

and September Run Day • Photos by Dan Connor

September 23, 2012

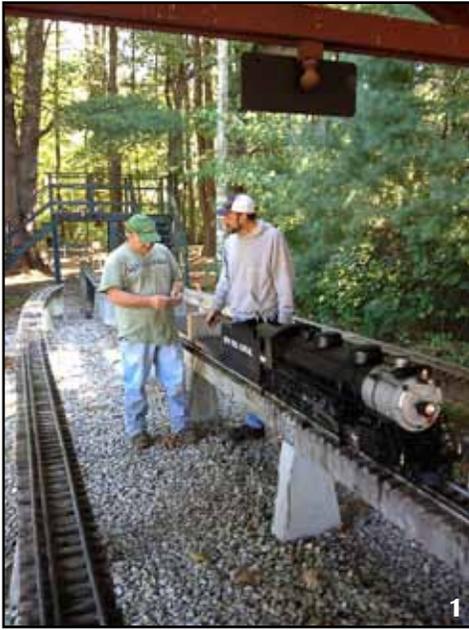


Photo 1: Tony Raiano and Joe Cardelle. **Photo 2:** Jimmy Connor. **Photo 3:** Bob Mitchell and Don Cornell running Jay Berry's CP Rail SD40-2. **Photo 4:** Joe Ng passes the Ground Line Station. **Photo 5:** Jimmy Connor running Dan Connor's B&O 0-4-0.

This private September run day is a thank you to the nearby residents. They accommodate the Club in August and keep us company year around!

Dues payment, Engine House rental and WLS member information coupon is on the reverse side. Please mail back with payment (if applicable) by January 2013 to;

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You may also give this to the Treasurer by the January Business Meeting

Walter "Bud" Hanson Memorial Blow Down Meet

Photos by J.B. Mentzer

October 21, 2012



Photo 1: Guy Jones running a 1-1/2 scale NYC Pacific. **Photo 2:** Jimmy Connor and the Charlton RS-3 with passengers. **Photo 3:** Hayden Spinney fires his Turnbull 0-4-0. **Photo 4:** Colt Stewart running a Heisler, departing Cornell. **Photo 5:** Colt Stewart running the Turnbull 0-4-0 while Mark Hirtle passes running the Charlton RS-3. **Photo 6:** Ken Gates' P&W M-420R backing towards its trailer. **Photo 7:** Dan Connor working on his B&O 0-4-0 after running.

NELS Meet at Larry Urbanski's Track

Photos by Dan Connor

November 10, 2012



Photo 1: Jimmy Connor and Colt Stewart on the ground line.
Photo 2: Ian Fisher and Jimmy Connor in the Steaming Bays.
Photo 3: Ian Fisher, Jimmy Connor and Joe Cardelle.

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