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Annual Dinner Advertisement**

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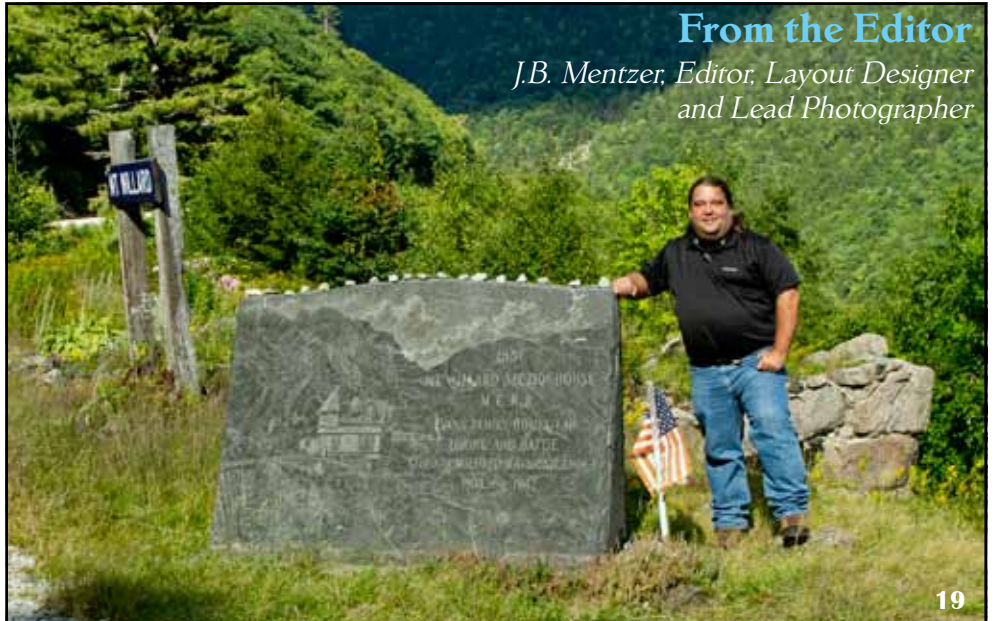
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## From the Editor

*J.B. Mentzer, Editor, Layout Designer and Lead Photographer*



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## Thank You ...

A nod to the members who helped bring this issue to you:

Walt Weber for proofreading and Dan Connor for managing distribution of the Journal via email.

## The JOURNAL Seeks Reporters

The Editor seeks a few members to volunteer to take notes at meets and

**Photo 19:** Your EDITOR at the Maine Central RR Mt. Willard section house marker, MP 84.33. on a 2014 NEREX Speeder run on the Conway Scenic RR.

the Annual Meet. Simply chat with visiting engineers and take some notes. These will help your Editor write captions in the photo galleries.

Interested in writing for the Journal? Say hello! I look forward to speaking with you via email or at a club event.

## On the Cover



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**Top:** Art Downer's train at the Spring Steam Up.

**Left:** Charlie Reynolds in 2003.

**Right** Work Train arriving at Newcombe Jct.

Three photos: JB Mentzer

## Charlie Reynolds

May 14, 1930 ~ May 14, 2019

Charles "Charlie" E. Reynolds, Jr. of Acton, formerly of Medford died peacefully on his birthday, Tuesday morning, May 14, 2019. He was 89.

Charlie was born in Medford on May 14, 1930, a son to the late Charles and Gertrude (Ordway) Reynolds. He worked as a draftsman for many years in the construction industry and was an avid collector and model railroad enthusiast.

He is survived by his sister, Lynda Fisher, niece Laurie Mongelli and nephew Scott Fisher.

The funeral service was held on Friday May 17, 2019 at the Badger Funeral Home in Littleton. Burial was private.



Charlie Reynolds approaching the station at the 2003 Neighborhood Appreciation Meet. Photo: J.B. Mentzer

## Club Business Update

Jed Weare, Secretary

### January 10, 2019

#### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:39 PM on January 10th at the Holliston Historical Society house. 12 members were present for the meeting.

The Minutes of the December 2018 meeting were read by the Secretary. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Bob Newcombe,

seconded by Tom McCune, and carried unanimously.

#### Superintendent's Report

- Mark Arsenault

As usual for mid-winter, not much is happening:

The compressor belts were sprayed with belt dressing.

Wood was collected for the New Year's Day meet bonfire, but due to high wind, there was no fire;

The heater in the Hilton seems not to be working. It is probably a defective heat pump, and will be looked at in the spring.

#### Old Business

The New Year's Day Meet went well. The weather was pretty good, though windy. There was plenty of food, and trains ran, with several steamers on the high line.

Rick of the Hub Division came and conducted a radio test for us. He brought several types of radio, but testing showed that standard FRS radios would be easily adequate. Communications were excellent all around the track, even inside the tunnel. Next season, we will have to develop a set of procedures and

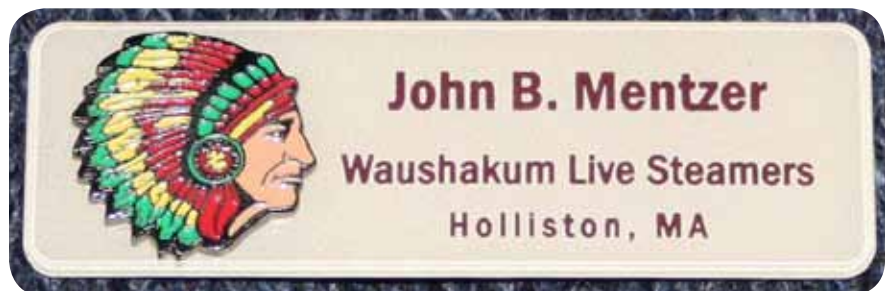
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Now collecting names for a **2019** order.

#### To Order:

Email your name as you would like it appear to WLS Editor J.B. Mentzer (creative@zekedev.com).

## Waushakum Name Tags



**\$10.00<sup>EA</sup>**

**Features:** full color cloisonné Indian head applied to 1-in x 3-in plastic name tag in the WLS colors of creme and burgundy.

**Order by June 23, 2019**  
for delivery in August.

# Superintendent's Report

Marc Arsenault • Photos by Roger Austin

The never ending wet New England Spring weather again caused a portion of our club grounds to be inaccessible.

Our Wednesday crew arrived ready to work, so we decided to turned our attention to the much overdue task of cutting back, clearing and chipping the brush and vines that had accumulated over the years along our property line on Arthur St.

In the following weeks the operation continued to the drive way culvert area, the mainline brush piles from the April 6 club work day, and behind the engine house.

I would like to thank Jim Davidson and Arthur Downer for the use of their chippers.

Marc Arsenault

WLS Superintendent



**Photo 1:** Wednesday work crew completing the brush clearing along our property line on Arthur St. **Photo 2:** Jim Davidson, Bob Delisle and Bob Newcombe feeding the chipper. **Photo 3:** John Pilling and Marc Arsenault arrive on the work train. **Photo 4:** Chipping brush at Newcombe Junction.





**Photo 5:** Arthur Downer and Larry Smith preparing to chip the brush behind the engine house. **Photo 6:** John Pilling and Arthur Downer on the work train, moving the chipper to the engine house work area.

## Club Business Update

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practices for providing useful radio communications to passenger trains. In the meantime, donations of any unwanted FRS or GMRS radios would be welcomed.

No existing drawings for the engine house have been unearthed, so it will have to be measured in order to estimate materials needed for the roof, and a side elevation produced.

### New Business

The Crystal Room has been reserved for the 2019 Annual Dinner, but the price is \$29 per plate. We have been charging members \$25 and just about breaking even. The President asked whether we should continue to charge \$25 and take a loss, or increase the charge to \$30 per plate?

The 2019 event schedule has been put on the web site. Only events open to the public have been listed there.

Walt Weber proposed that the February 2019 meeting be cancelled. The motion was seconded by Bob Newcombe and passed unanimously.

The rationale for this is that there is often bad weather in February which makes travel difficult and also means there is little of importance that needs to be discussed urgently.

The Cabin Fever show is next week, and the NEMES show is February 16th.

The election of Officers for 2019 was conducted. No nominations were received, so the current Officers are re-elected for 2019. President is Jim McGrath; Vice President is Bob Newcombe, Treasurer is Jim Abrams, and Secretary is Jed Weare.

Articles are needed for the *WAUSHAKUM JOURNAL*. One suggestion was that

we interview some of the older members for their experiences in the club.

The next meeting will be March 14th at the Holliston Historical Society house.

Bob Newcombe said that New Jersey Live Streamer's had advertised for new members on the Discover Live Steam website

Jim Abrams said the **Amherst Railway Society** has been donated a diesel. He would like to invite them to bring it to our track to run. [In 2016 and beyond, your EDITOR invited ARS to the WLS numerous times, to no avail. In 2019, ARS is building their own 7.25-in track

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Amherst Railway's 7.25" gauge switcher and caboose at the ARS-sponsored 2017 Railroad Hobby Show.

on the grounds of their clubhouse in Palmer, MA. -ED.]

## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by Tom McCune, seconded by Bob Newcombe, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:55 PM.

## February 14, 2019

### Meeting Cancelled

The meeting was cancelled due to anticipated inclement weather.

## March 14, 2019

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:36 PM on March 14th at the Holliston Historical Society house. 22 members were present.

The Minutes of the January 2019 meeting were read by the Secretary. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Walt Weber, seconded by Jim Davidson, and carried unanimously.

## Superintendent's Report

- Mark Arsenault

Due to poor state of the access road, it is not yet possible to get into the track. Marc estimates two weeks until the road will be passable.

On the topic of the road, the problem of blocked culverts needs to be addressed this season.

## Old Business

Following up from last month, the members present voted by a show of hands to raise the price for the Annual dinner from \$25 to \$30 a plate.

A print for the engine house has been obtained from Jim O'Brien. However, we still need a few more dimensions. The low pitch of the roof will not be an issue for a metal roof.

## New Business

Several members went to the Cabin Fever event. It was much the same as in prior years.

## Wauhakum R.R. Freight House

The Freight House is a place for WLS Members list items for sale to the *WAUSHAKUM JOURNAL* audience.

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# 2019 Waushakum Calendar of Events

President, WLS Inc. James McGrath

Live Steam meets for May ~ October 2019 are listed below by date. Not listed: New Year's Day Meet on January 1st, 2020.

Unless noted, the Cook Tent is **closed**. Soft drinks are available at the soda machine all season.

## Saturday May 4th, 2019

### Spring Work Day:

## Sunday May 5, 2019

### 8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Members Meet

Members Only

**Cook Tent:** Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

## Sunday May 19th, 2019

Spring Steam-up Meet

## Sunday June 23, 2019

### 18<sup>TH</sup> Annual Van Brocklin Meet

**Cook Tent:** Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

Note: Fourth Sunday

## Sunday July 14, 2019

### 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual

### NMRA HUB Division Meet

**Cook Tent:** Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

## Saturday August, 17, 2019

### Summer Work Day

## Annual Meet 2019 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Thursday August 22, 2019 6:00 pm

### Annual Diner

August 23, 24, & 25, 2019

### 49<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meet

Full Cook Tent • Saturday Night Dinner

## Sunday September 15, 2019

### 18<sup>TH</sup> Annual

### Neighborhood Appreciation Day

Members & Invited Guests Only

**Cook Tent:** Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

## Sunday, October 20, 2019

Fall Blow-down Meet

## Sunday, October 26, 2019

### Fall Work Day

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Happy Holidays

Articles are still needed for the WAUSHAKUM JOURNAL.

The club is going to ask members for donations of FRS and GMRS radios for use by engineers. Mechanisms for doing this were discussed.

The President is going to talk with Paul Saulnier to get an informed view on whether a septic tank is feasible for the track.

Marc Arsenault asked members to attend a special work party at the track sometime in early April, to collect downed wood in preparation for chipping by the Wednesday work crew. There is a lot of downed wood, so help is needed. The President will set it up and announce the date via email.

The next meeting will be April 11th at 7:30PM at the Holliston Historical Society house. Subsequent meetings will be at the track at 8:00PM.

The Treasurer said he had set us up to receive donations via Amazon Smiles. In this scheme, a small percentage of your purchases made on the Amazon Smiles website will be sent to WLS. Further details of how to sign up for the scheme will be included in the newsletter. If all members participate, we could receive a significant amount over time.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by Tom McCune, seconded by Bob Newcombe, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jed Weare

Secretary

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## 2019 ANNUAL DINNER

**Thursday, August 22, 2019 • Happy Hour 6:00pm • Dinner 7:00pm**

### Buffet Style Dinner

Roast Beef

Chicken Marsala

Vegetable Lasagna

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