



New Hampshire Garden Railway Society Newsletter

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Have you paid your dues for 2005?



If not, please contact Membership Chairman Peter Briggs or it may get ugly. ;-)

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13th Annual International Steam-up Diamondhead, Mississippi January 9-16, 2005

January found Larry Goodhue and I attending the International steam-up in Diamondhead Mississippi. For those who aren't into live steam this meeting is like the super bowl of live steam. This year it was attended by about 300 steam aficionados from over ten countries, with just about everyone bringing their hardware to run on three portable tracks set up in a large indoor atrium at the Ramada Inn in Diamondhead. One of the highlights, is the steam manufacturers showing up with all of their latest hardware offerings.



Dave Barker of the 'Real Train Division'

The tracks run all the time, 24/7. You see all types of equipment including the newest products and antiques this year going back to 1885+/- . Fuel is gas, alcohol or coal. The claim to fame this year was they only set the fire alarms off 4 times!! *continued page 2*

President's Message

I am writing this on the first day of March, 2005. If the old saw about March coming in like a lion is true, then we should have great weather for the East Coast Show in York, PA on April 1 - 3.

With the storm still dumping snow,

it's hard to imagine that Spring is just few weeks away. March signifies *continued page 2*



Dave Sawyer, President, ready for York!

Diamondhead continued...

Some of the new equipment on hand this year included the Aristo live steam Mikado which is unique in that it is a plastic boiler shell, with the copper boiler running inside with a lot of insulation. The engine is butane fired, included R/C, electric start, and a chuff, bell and whistle sound system (not very well received). It ran very well. It will be interesting to see the impact on the cost of live steam



Aster was there with their new Berkshire. What a beauty this was and it ran like it looked---I may have to go back to work. *D. Barker*

if the plastic holds up to the temperatures involved with boiling water.

Other activities included a shay lash-up, hooking up 19 shays. They made two laps of the track before everything fell apart. This set a record compared to the west coast summer steam-up at 13 shays.

You might be able to tell that the shay has been a pretty popular engine for *continued page 3*

President's Message continued...

the opening of our club's Spring show season with our club's annual March show in Milford, NH. This has become our signature show and is really the only time we get to display all of the NHGRS layouts simultaneously! There will be other clubs participating with us as well. I hope to see you all there.

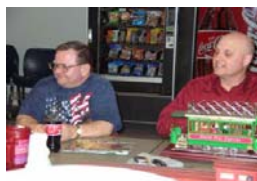
Shows are a tremendous amount of fun. We get to come together as a group to enjoy the fellowship of playing trains together as well as helping to grow the hobby. Not a few of you

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have discovered and joined the NHGRS after attending one of our shows. We also get to help raise money for worthy causes such as the Milford Lions Club. If you haven't yet participated in a show with your club, *continued page 3*

February Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM. President Dave Sawyer conducted the meeting and welcomed members and guests, Herb Boyce and Wade Dossantos. Dave also



Guests Herb Boyce & Wade Dossantos at the January meeting.

thanked the officers who have either left their position or moved to serve in other capacities.

2. Motion carried to accept the minutes as published.

3. Treasurer's Report by Dick Underdown
4. Pete Briggs gave the Membership Chairman report reminding us the dues are due by January 31st of each year. *continued page 4*

Diamondhead continued...

Accucraft. My K-27 took second to a coal burning C-21 and my 2 cylinder shay placed third in the drawbar pulling contest. This was a lot of fun and I have to learn to be a better engineer to win. The vendor hall and the flea market were



Here's a picture of Larry getting his three cylinder beast ready.

well represented with all kinds of stuff for sale. I ended up with a real steam whistle on my shay and Larry ended up with a new Accucraft Mogul. Beautiful engine!!!!

Next year's steam-up will be January 8-15 and you can contact Jerry Reshew at www.diamondhead.org for more information and a recap of what has gone on at the show

over the years. Jerry is the chief cook and bottle washer for the entire event and does a great job.

All in all this is a great show, you learn a lot, meet a lot of good people and have a lot of fun. Start planning now to be there next year. It would be great to have more NHGRS members there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dave Barker -
REAL TRAIN DIVISION

President's Message continued...

please make this Milford Show your first. I promise you it won't be your last! Don't forget to bring a favorite train to run.

Thanks to a suggestion from Wade Dossantos at the February meeting, and the efforts of Mike and Sue Hillhouse, the NHGRS is no longer homeless. Our March meeting will be held at the Red Cross facilities in

Manchester, just a stone's throw off Route 93. Look for directions elsewhere in this newsletter and on the club's website.

And finally, yet another plug for this newsletter. It is what we make of it. Without articles and photos there will be no newsletter. Please think of this newsletter as an electronic version of Show and Tell and let the rest of

your club know what you're up to. If you have a question, email it to Ask Stumpy c/o Mike Hillhouse. Share some photos of your latest acquisition or modeling project, you'll be glad you did and so will your fellow club members.

Hope to see you all at the March meeting!
Dave

Ken Sez....

I have received several emails asking where dues should be sent. The Club has a new Membership Chairman: Pete Briggs, 8 Wedgewood Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053-2905. Tel: 603-437-8639. e-mail:

cpbriggs@earthlink.net



Ken Hawes

The dues are: Active Members are \$25.00; Associate Members are \$2.00. The dues are for a calendar year and are payable by January 31 of each

year. Life and Honorary Members are exempt from dues.

I am sending this out for the Membership Chairman.

Ken Hawes

(Editor's note: see page one for more details)

New Hampshire Garden Railway Society

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We're on the web!

WWW.NHGRS.COM

Jack Mullen sent this to me:

“Inner City has 3 consecutive weekends of shows coming right up, so here they are: (*editor's note: this didn't go to press until after two of the dates went by so they have been omitted—my apologies.*)

March 5 & 6 The New England Home & Backyard Living Show at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington Exit 39 off Route 93 (same place the Greenberg Train Show is held). The show hours are 10 - 6 on Saturday the 5th and 10 - 5 on Sunday the 6th. We will setup on Friday night the 4th sometime after 5:30 that evening whenever John gets out of work and gets the trailer to the Shriners. Please check with John as to approximate arrival time and your availability to help with setup.”

Sounds like the Inner City Garden Railroad Club has a very busy schedule as they also participate in several shows as members of the NHGRS displaying their modular layout as part of Big Green—including the upcoming Milford Show March 10 & 11 and the ECLSTS in York, Pa. April 1-3. Thanks for the update, Jack!

February Meeting Minutes continued...

5. Milford Show— Show Chairman, Ken Hawes gave an extensive report on the upcoming show. Volunteers to man Little Green and Mini Green were lined up.
6. Dave Barker discussed his trip to the 13th Annual International Steam-up held in Diamondhead, Mississippi. There were 300 people, 800 engines and 48 states and 22 countries represented. (See his article in this newsletter for more info—Thanks Dave for the submission!)
7. Shows—John Foley discussed



John Foley's Show & Tell

- the Lebanon Show and its importance to the club as the first show we ever participated in. Four members volunteered to participate. Lee would bring the trailer with the layout. Dave Sawyer talked about the ECLSTS held in York, Pa. (see details in related emails.) Ernie Bay asked if anyone would like to attend an Amish dinner while there. He's making the arrangements as he has in the past. Contact Ernie.
8. A new home for the club—several ideas were discussed including the Oddfellow's Hall in Goffstown. This was a bit off the beaten

path for most. Guest, Wade Dossantos mentioned the Red Cross in Manchester. The rest, as they say, is history.

9. Springfield Big E show— 16,000 people attended—half stepped on Dave Sawyer's toes! New GG-1 by USA Trains and LGB was there. The E8-E9 from Aristo was also there.
10. Show and Tell included a birthday cake for Dave Sawyer that nearly set off the building's fire suppression system! Milford Fire's Deputy Chief, Ken Hawes managed to keep it under control.
11. Motion to adjourn.