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Pictured above are President Ralph Scopo, Secretary Laurie Hotaling and Dorothy Pierce. Ralph is accepting a donation of a lamp detailed like a steam locomotive and being presented to the members of the Unadilla Valley Railway Museum. This lamp will be preserved at the Depot for all to enjoy. Many thanks to Dorothy for this donation. The presentation was made at our regular meeting held after the Chit Chat and Chew meal at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in January.

Road Tour with John Taibi

The Auto Tour of the O & W's New Berlin Branch scheduled for June 16th (with a rain date of June 23rd) is a tour that your director has wanted to do for sev-

eral years. John has given this tour several times and all have really enjoyed and learned from it.

We plan on meeting at the Unadilla Valley Railway Society and Museum's ex O & W New Berlin Depot located at 3 Railroad Street in New Berlin at 10 A.M. in the morning. We will proceed southward

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A Note to Contributors

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Meeting Schedules Please NOTE as times and dates are changed January, February, March and April meetings are on the third Saturday of the month. All meetings are now changed for the new year please check page 2 for details and mark your calendar today.

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from there to visit the former railroad locations at South New Berlin station grounds and cemetery, Holmesville, Rockwells Mills, Mount Upton, Rockdale, Bridge #1 at East Guilford and New Berlin Junction. To accomplish this, tour participants will utilize their own vehicles, doubling up if possible, so that all cars will follow the tour leader. Naturally, the more vehicles we have the more troublesome and burdensome the tour becomes. In doing this type of tour many times,

it has been found that 15 cars is manageable, but too many more than that becomes a logistical problem as well as a time concern. Under ideal conditions, this tour should occupy approximately 3 hours. Because of this we are limiting our vehicle numbers and need to know if you are planning on going and driving or "car pooling".

At our May meeting we will decide on the return directions. It has been suggested to go to the Diner by the tracks in Sidney or Norwich for lunch or return to our Depot and have lunch together.

LOUIS C. LANGONE TO SPEAK THIS SATURDAY — about our speaker — HE WAS BORN IN HUBBARDSVILLE, NY AND HAS LIVED IN WATERVILLE, NY FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED INTO THE NAVY AND SERVED FOR FOUR YEARS. HE EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTERS DEGREES FROM SYRACUSE AND HAS TAUGHT SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES FOR THIRTY YEARS. HE HAS HELD VARIOUS LOCAL POLITICAL OFFICES AND JOINED THE NAVAL RESERVES IN 1974. HE WAS RECALLED TO DUTY DURING THE FIRST GULF WAR AND SERVED IN ITALY. HE RETIRED FROM THE NAVAL RESERVE IN 1991. IN ADDITION TO RAILROAD DAYS, HE HAS AUTHORED AND SELF-PUBLISHED, THE STAR IN THE WINDOW SELECT STORIES OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS. HE HAS REVISED THE EDITION IN JUNE OF 2011.

HE PRESENTLY LIVES IN WATERVILLE WITH HIS WIFE SHIRLEE. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. **DON'T MISS THIS SATURDAY — APRIL 21ST — ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH — MAIN ST. IN NEW BERLIN AT 3 PM**

THANKS TO LANCE ERIKSON:.....Lance Erickson from Gilbert, IA has continually sent articles and magazines pertaining to Railroading. We appreciate all you do for us and as a Life-time member we are anxious to meet you. The meeting almost came about a couple weeks ago when Lance was on a train trip that left him a few days north of Utica, NY. He called and said that he wanted to see our Museum and would possibly be down on the weekend. Several of us got together and

planned on treating him royally and show off our great Unadilla Valley Museum. He, unfortunately did not make it here but did have a great time being entertained at another railroad group near Utica and has promised to come again on the next tour that brings him in this area. The Booklets on Rail Services that you sent recently are interesting also so thank you Lance until next time *Happy Railing!*

Calendar for 2012

January – March

Chit-chat & Chew St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Main Street New Berlin, N Y

April – 21, Business Meeting at 2 Guest Speaker at 3

St. Andrew's Church side entrance

May 19th Business Meeting at 2 Guest Speaker at 3

UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street

June 16th with rain date 23rd at 10 AM to 1 PM at

UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street

See detailed article ROAD TOUR page 1

July 14th New Berlin Days Celebration

All Day at UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street

See detailed article New Berlin Quilt Day page 3

August see summer Pendragon for details of

Otsego County Fair and Youth Days

September 15th Annual Picnic at

Alan Fairbrother's home Route 13, New Berlin-Morris Road

October 13th time and place

to be announced in Summer Pendragon

November 17th

Nominations time and place to be announced in Summer Pendragon

December 15th

Election of Officers and Christmas Party to be announced in Summer Pendragon

Life Member Mike Holdridge recalls his youth near the West Edmeston tracks

This shot is taken in West Edmeston, just South of the hi-way crossing. The Ice house is in the far Background (long gone), the Milk station, (still standing but not shown), was across the tracks Left, from the Ice house. The "West Ed" Station, in the immediate background at right, (a private home now). To the right of the station, you can see the highway bridge girder, which spans the Unadilla river. The switch the train is crossing, is to the GLF feed store, (long gone). Behind and to the right, (which the road to the right of the station connects to). The train, (engine cab end), is Facing South, towards New Berlin, 12mi away. The end is near as the locomotive has been repainted and the Final run was Nov. 1960. I lived there as a young kid and fondly remember the railroad, I was 11 when it was taken up.



U.V. RAILWAY PARTICIPATES IN NEW BERLIN QUILT DAYS

On July 14th all of New Berlin will be involved in the yearly Quilt day. This event brings many to town and we participate in the events. We will have a booth at the Masonic Temple and a big day at our Depot. Free tours all day, grand unveiling of our newly installed 6 Vintage Houses, also the vast set-up of toy trains running in several directions thru scenes of farm land and villages etc.



Many come to enjoy refreshments and hear our guest speakers talk about railroading. Book authors will be on hand to sign and sell their books and we have a good line of railroad items for sale as well. Mark your calendar today and plan on participating all day (we need all members to help).

Last year we participated in the July Quilt Days and had a really good turnout and lots of fun. This year we have contacted several authors and asked them to bring their books and be prepared to speak, sign books they sell and enjoy refreshments with us.

Our theme last year was Christmas in July. We had decorated trees with winners Bonnie Jean, Laurie and Phoebe.. Their trees were areal treat to see and made July seem like Chrsitmas! There were door prizes, gift certificates and free tours. The speakers and turnout of railroad people was most enjoyable.

Coming events.....

***Columbus Town meeting to be held on May 7th at the Town Hall in Columbus. Susan LaFever, Town Council Member and involved on the Norton Park Committee, has invited members of the Unadilla Valley Railway Soci-

ety and Museum to attend and help with the ideas for the newly acquired Depot from South Edmeston, NY.

She has encouraged anyone willing to contribute any ideas or suggestions in relation to this project from the historical perspective.

For more information call Susan at 674-2705 or e-mail at lafever@frontiernet.net

***The LRHS Chapter Banquet is scheduled @ Brooks Barbeque in Oneonta at 6 pm on Saturday, May 19th 2012.

Miscellany up and down the tracks by Pat *(<O)

The following have paid for the family membership for the year.

Dana & Teresa Clark; Ralph and Madeline Scopo; Richard Sheehan family; Richard Mertins family.

The following have paid for yearly membership; Hugh Kearney; Alan Fairbrother; Peter Iorio; Dorothy Pierce; Warren Genung; Marie Dunckel; Leo Citolli; June Weinheimer; John Ginter; Donald Gibson; Sam Senn; Pat Gifford; Fredrick Lanfear; Gladys Slentz; Laurie Hotaling; James Doran Jr.; Mary Decker; Hezekiah Welch;

Thanks to all who are Life Family Members as well as Life Single Members.

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***Thank you to Bonnie Jean Bauer for donating the set of books written by Mark Simon to the museum. This collection of 6 beautifully written books are a great addition to our library.

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***Tom Trencansky, NY Railroads public-ity@newyourrailroads.com

writes for us to check out this resource of news and events with links to over 200 rail organizations of all kinds, from mainline and short line railroads to excursion lines, to model railroad clubs and hobby shops. It will continue to grow with new links and information. New York Railroads releases an email once per month with new information by the 25th of each month. Email NYR to receive this mailing or simply visit the web online at the start of each month for the latest New York Railroad news and events. New York railroads has linked to all of you and will help carry your message to others. Please take the time to help us promote our site by linking back to us. We would appreciate it very much.

New York Railroads- *there is always something going on in the Empire State* and hopefully, together, we can help cross-promote all of the organizations working so hard in support of our rail interest.

Any questions, please contact me via email, anytime and thanks, Tom Trencansky, Dryden, NY.

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Congratulations to Vince Bauer for his winning Play "OFF THE HOOK." Vince Bauer of New Berlin and a family life member of the UVR S & Museum, won the fourth

annual Orpheus Theatre Playwright Project Competition in Oneonta recently. During the months ahead, Bauer will begin work with the Orpheus Theater and its production staff for the staged performance. The play will debut for audiences during the 2013 Orpheus Theater Spring Playwright Festival.

Vince is currently a Member and Technical Manager with the Pixel Corps, a world wide Guild of visual affects artisans with offices in Petaluma California. His past R&D pursuits benefited companies such as AT&T, Lucent Technologies and AVAYA.

Vince and His wife, Bonnie Jean, also work at their own company, 2BDrawn, for visual effects and web technologies. They have lived in an Arts and Crafts Bungalow in the Village of New Berlin for the past nine years.

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***Thanks to the members for the work done to move the oil tank and other recently noticed changes done to our UVR Society & Museum.



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***With Sympathy to Pastor Ernest Clemens and his wife and family after the unexpected death of their son, David.

Our last Pendragon, Fall of 2011 told that Rev. Ernest Clemens and his wife Elrina have retired and moved to be with their son in Pittsburg, PA.

Sadly their stay was very short as their son David passed away just a few weeks after they arrived. David was only 61 years old. Retirement plans to be with David and his family were far too short. After spending several weeks with our Director and her son Hezekiah the Clemens are now living in Sherburne NY.

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***While putting in the picture that Mike Holdridge

from Pittsburg PA sent recently, I recall his sending literature a year ago telling us that the Bridgewater Historical Society, located in the old Refurbished railroad station in Bridgewater is having an open house on Father's Day. He went on to tell about the interesting history of the Bridgewater Depot. He taught me that this Depot was located on route 20 and kinda sliced New York State in half, East to West and was originally designed and built to connect the big cities on each side of New York state, Albany and Buffalo.

He went on to say that it was located about a forth mile East of Rte 20/ Rte 8 intersection. The Northern end of the Unadilla Valley Railway connected to the Delaware Lackawanna and Western

Railroad, sits off the road a bit and looks south across rte 20 at what is left of the old milk station. That particular area of town is pretty rich in history being located right next to the one time famous Gatesdale Dairy Bar, which has been a restaurant and just South across the street was the well known Bridgewater Auto Museum. He went on to say that in his younger life in West Edmeston he remembers standing on the station platform looking down the abandon U.V.right of way.

For more information about the Bridgewater Historical Society contact Don McDonald, Past-President at PO Box Bridgewater, NY 13313 with phone # 315-822-6652 or Laura Eaton, also from the Bridgewater postal area.

THANK YOU FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Dear Fellow Unadilla Valley Railway Museum Members,

After a month of hospitalization, I have decided that the caring and love that so many members of this organization have shown me, I need to get back on TRACK!!! and catch up with over-due railway obligations. The beautiful flowers sent to me in the hospital in Sayre PA were and still are pretty. I really have enjoyed them.

One doctor said "you sure have a lot of cards, must be you are very well loved!" If only he knew how cared for I was feeling at that moment. because of my railroad friends, Thank you all!

It was told to me that the March Railway meeting was cancelled. I sure hope you all come to hear Louis Langone speak this Saturday. Our April Guest Speaker is a good speaker and will bring his pictures to the St. Andrews Episcopal Church for us to see.

We have a great year of monthly meetings and many exciting things happening. Please come and show your support this Saturday the 21st of April at 2 for the business meeting and 3 pm for our guest speaker, Louis Langone.

Thanks again for all the acts of kindness shown me.
Pat Gifford.

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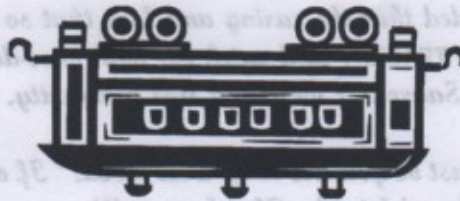
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