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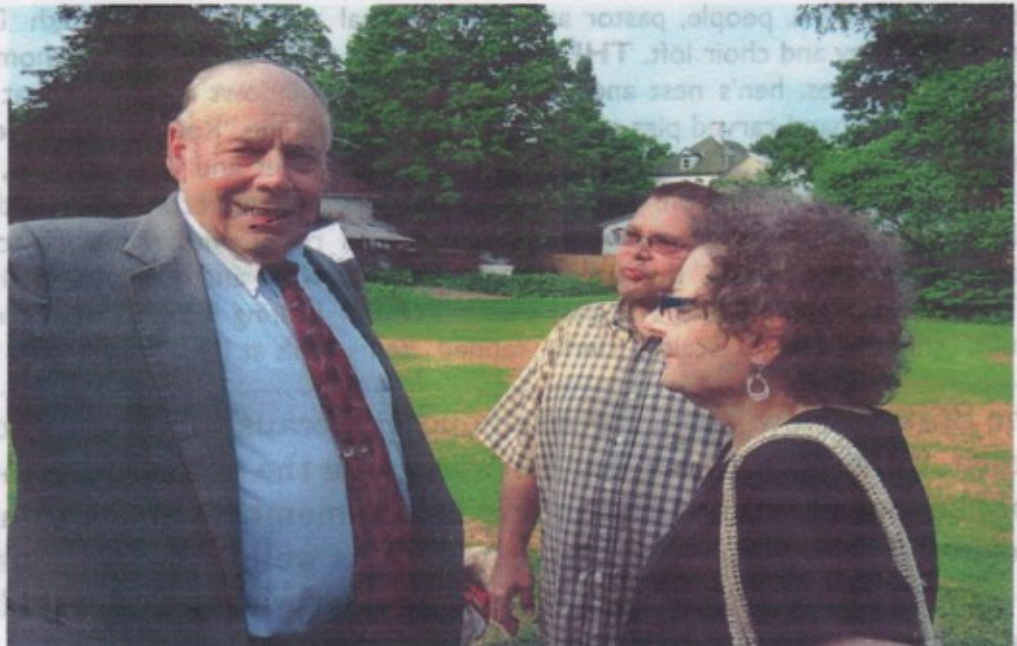
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Recently SAM SENN was congratulated by Unadilla Valley Railway President, Ralph Scopo and his wife, Madelein during a banquet for his dedication, loyalty and long devotion to the labors of the Phoebe Lodge, New Berlin. Sam received an award and letter from the officers and brothers of the Grand Lodge of

July 14th New Berlin Days

The Unadilla Valley Railway Society and Museum will be celebrating the New Berlin Days and Quilt Show. The Museum will be open from 10 on Saturday the 14th of July until 5 pm. Our big celebration of the day is honoring **Pastor Ernest Clemens** for his donation of the Vintage Victorian Village. See story on page 2. There will be free tours, door prizes and refreshments. This event is a yearly event with over one thousand visitors expected. We have invited several book authors to come and bring their books and be prepared to speak, sign books and enjoy the day

of fun. All members of the Society are asked to attend this event.. Continued page 2.

A Note to Contributors

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Come and **HELP** as we plan to be involved in the sale of items at the Masonic Temple as well as at our Museum. This annual event this year is featuring the unveiling of our Vintage Houses donated by Pastor Ernest Clemens. **THE CHURCH** with its pews, pump organ, people, pastor and organist...real reduced money and choir loft. **THE BARN** hay loft, horses, harnesses, hen's nest and eggs, work bench and tools, the hand carved pigs and horse...tiny squirrels and more...**THE TENNENT House** not yet finished but being worked on. **THE BLACKSMITH SHOP** includes the forge, the wagon, the scattered horse shoes and wheels, the tine tools and more. **THE GROCERY STORE;** The glass case with food-stuffs, checker board, scales, clerk, canned items, bolts of cloth. and much more. **THE HARDWARE STORE:** Wow! Everything ..toys, tools, barrels, boxes, over one hundred items, far to many to tell, come sit and look in...you might miss something. **THE FAMILY VICTORIAN HOME** is still being repaired from a sudden rain storm that came during the New Berlin Youth Days Parade a few years ago. The Large detailed home has 5,000 cedar shingles, windows and doors that all work, a fire place as well as the "Round Oak Stove" have a flashing fire, the old toilet and Sears catalog, little mice, "up-dated" bath on the second floor with a hanging water tank, play room with miniature toys, Revere Copper kitchen ware and an ice box with real looking ice and pick, lighting looks like the old Kerosene lamps. See details at Museum we have special pamphlets.

the State of New York. He was honored because of his generous philanthropic spirit. diligent untiring work in spreading the abundant cement of brotherly love for the betterment of all mankind. The members of the Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum were in attendance as well as Sam's cousin, all the way from Vermont. Many attended along with fellow Masons. This celebration was made for him as this year's Distinguished Service Award.

Sam is very special at the UVR&S Museum having served in most all of the offices during his fourteen years as an active member. He was President, shortly after joining in 1998, at that time he was a senior Deacon of the Masonic Lodge. He was active in the Tri County Coin Club, past member and officer of the Burlington Rod and Gun Club, He is actively involved as a Trustee and Deacon of the Columbus Quarter Church, a Member & Director of the South Edmeston Cemetery Association and the Columbus Cemetery as well. He has served as Dog Warden of Columbus and is well known for having served the United States Army 18th Engineer Battalion. We are sure proud of having Sam Senn active as our current Activities Director.

Calendar for 2012

<u>January -March</u>	<u>Chit-chat & Chew St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Main Street New Berlin, N Y</u>
<u>April-21, Business Meeting at 2</u>	<u>Guest Speaker at 3 St. Andrew's Church side entrance</u>
<u>May 19th Business Meeting at 2</u>	<u>Guest Speaker at 3 UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street</u>
<u>June 16th with rain date 23rd at 10 AM to 1 PM at</u>	<u>UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street</u>
<u>July 14th New Berlin Days Celebration</u>	<u>All Day at UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street</u>
<u>See detailed article New Berlin Quilt Day page 3</u>	
<u>August see Youth Days and Parade</u>	<u>New Berlin Youth Days details page 3</u>
<u>September 15th Annual Picnic at</u>	<u>Alan Fairbrother home Route 13, New Berlin-Morris Road</u>
<u>October 13th time and place Meeting</u>	<u>Saint Andrews Church details on page 3</u>
<u>November 17th</u>	<u>Nominations time and place details on page 3</u>
<u>December 15th</u>	<u>Election of Officers and Christmas Party details on page 3</u>

AUGUST NEW BERLIN YOUTH DAYS This year the youth days are from August 23 thru August 26 with the parade on the 25th. The parade will be at 6 pm sharp. We plan on having a float in the parade.. You can contact Alan Fairbrother, our Parade Director/Engineer for time of construction and where.

SEPTEMBER 15TH, OUR ANNUAL PICNIC Location on route 13 about 5 miles from New Berlin at Alan Fairbrothers' home. Look for the patriotic plow or his name on the sign at the junction of 13 and Ouleout. The party starts at 2, come with dish to pass and spend the day as people come and go and always have a great time.

OCTOBER 13TH This meeting will start our fall and winter schedule of meeting at the Saint Andrews Church. For details of speakers, regular meetings and Board meetings check the **FALL PENDRAGON**.

NOVEMBER 17th Nomination of Officers—Guest speaker—Details in Fall issue of **THE PENDRAGON**.

DECEMBER 15th, Election of Officers—Christmas Party—Details in the **FALL PENDRAGON**

U.V. RAILWAY PARTICIPATES IN NEW BERLIN DAYS AND QUILT SHOW

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 a real treat to see and made July seem like Christmas! There were door prizes, gift certificates and free tours. The speakers and turnout of railroad people was most enjoyable.

Thank You to all who showed up during the past two weeks and helped get the Museum ready for our big event on Saturday the 14th of July.

We need more help as several areas still need attention. A work time has been set up for Tuesday afternoon July 10th from 2 to 4 p m. The second work time has been scheduled for Friday, July 13 from 2 to 4pm. Please try to show up and help the Members make us all proud on Saturday!

Station calls up and down the tracks !!!

The Utica Picnic is Friday August 10th at 5:30. Meet at the track side at Union Station in 13346 or call 315-825-3537.

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Utica. Grill set up for the hamburgers and hot dogs are furnished by the Utica-Mohawk group, Please bring a dish to pass and your own chair. If you need a ride contact Hezekiah Welch at 847-9484. This event is very well attended and all the railroad enthusiasts are fun to meet and many of our guest speakers come from this group so try to attend, you will make it an annual event.

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The 2012 Great Chocolate Train Wreck Festival will be in Hamilton on Saturday September 29th. This year's festival will feature a full day of live music on the Village green and we are anticipating several thousand families to attend. We at the UVRS have missed the deadline to sign up to have a 10x10' spot where we can set up a tent, but we should all try to attend so we can make plans to participate next year in this annual event. Various chapters set up their items for sale and they have food, crafts and farmers market vendors. The day includes the train coming in and spilling pounds of chocolate. For more details contact Dominick Pangallo, Partnership for Community Development Marketing Coordination at PO Box 37, 11 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY

On Oct. 6th Columbus Community Day is being planned at Norton Park from 10AM to 4PM. They will have crafters, farmer market type vendors as well as not-for-profit groups that wish to join for the day. Free to the public any interested send an e-mail to dhanderson@frontier.net or call 607-847-6362.

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At the last business meeting it was decided that we will not participate in the Otsego County Fair this year. A week of continued coverage is hard to recruit volunteers for. Last year, under the guidance of co-chairmen Peter Iorio and Gladys Slentz, we did very well with good coverage and we made some money. With a decline in attendance this year we are concentrating on our local village events, New Berlin Days and the New Berlin Parade. We will be setting up on the corner of N. Main and Genesee Streets for a Nearly new items yard and train memorabilia sale as well as taking pictures of children on our Thomas the Train. Date is August 25th.

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Many thanks to Lance Erickson, Gilbert, IA for his continued interest in our organiza-

tion. Recently we have received many articles and booklets from him about train travel. Lance was above Utica last month and contacted Pat to see the Museum here but his connections made it impossible. He promised to come next time he is train-traveling in our area. Thank you Lance for all the very interesting post cards, books and notes. We are sharing them all with the members of the UVRS and Museum. The Wabash Railroad Historical Society calendar is currently hanging in our front office at the Museum. Very nice job Lance, thanks for sharing.

+++++ A special thanks also to Clay Morgan Consulting for helping with last month's Pendragon. Without that help we probably would not have had a Pendragon. Both John and his wife, Rainer, helped with the set up and organization of the new program. Thank you both.

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Alan Fairbrother needs to be congratulated for getting the huge amount of dirt delivered to our Engine House property on Sophie Avenue. Continued on page.5



He had it put in holes in the front near the road where it needed filling for a long time. Alan went to the area where the construction workers are clearing ground for a new store at the far end of North Main Street in New Berlin and managed to have the dirt delivered. The Village workers went down and graded off the huge piles and now we have a start on making the front area of the Old Engine House look better. We still, however, need some man-power to go and put the finishing touches on leveling it.

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The Pylinski family that live in the Meadow Lane Trailer Park have continued to keep the Engine House for the Unadilla Valley Railway under surveillance and have mowed the parts of the lawn that they can and keep it looking so nice. We thank you and feel good when we go by and see how nice it looks and appreciate all your volunteer efforts on behalf of the Society members.

Recently Warren Genung, Thank you to Gary Smith, center, was honored for his South New Berlin, for the contributions to the Museum. Pictured below is Peter Lorio, on the right, presenting the certificate with President Ralph Scopo on the left. Thank you Warren for all you do. Late Edward C. Smith, who was a Civil Engineer with the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad all his life. All railroad artifacts are appreciated.



THANK YOU FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Dear Fellow Unadilla Valley Railway Museum Members, Our Spring Pendragon told about my illness and hospitalizations. Again the following months I spent many weeks in three different hospitals. After being transported to University Hospital of Rochester from M I Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown I was very fortunate to have a successful experimental surgery with Crazy Glue no less!!!. I was told by the surgeons they were trying to help me and I signed for the experimental procedure. It seems to be working as I have not been hospitalized since June 11th. I am telling you all this to let you know that I feel that it is time for someone to take the position of Director for the coming year. I will be more than glad to help by training you, if you feel you need it, and working with you even at my home on the actual printing of the Pendragon, I need to lessen the stress that I put on myself as soon as possible. Give me a call and we can bring this to the Board of Directors and make this change. Thank you.

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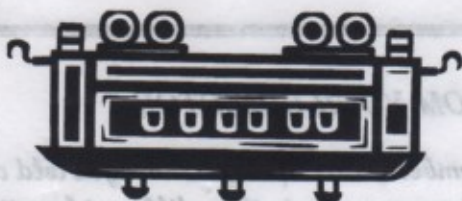


Happy Railing !

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