

Come Join Us On A Road Trip

Be part of the fun on Saturday, June 16th, 2018, when UVRS&M members and friends go on a road trip to Franklin, New York, to visit the Franklin Railroad and Community Museum in Franklin, New York.

Walter Rich was a long-time Franklin and area railroad executive, who died in 2007. The centerpiece of the museum is a railroad car that was delivered to the site shortly after Rich died. The museum was built around it. There are tracks leading out of the building so it can be moved for community events.

First opened in December, 2013, the museum is located at 572 Main St, Franklin NY, behind the National Bank of Delaware County. Turn into the driveway between the bank and the Town Clerk's office and park in front of the museum. Donations are encouraged, but there is no specific admission charge.

We'll meet at our museum at 10 Railroad St in New Berlin and leave by carpool at noon to arrive at the Franklin Museum for a 1:00 PM arrival. Or meet us there. We'll perhaps have time to take in a couple of local antique stores in Franklin afterwards. Then we're talking about stopping at Brooks Barbeque in Oneonta on the way back for a chicken dinner.

Please let Gladys Slentz know if you're planning to go at 607-427-2853.



Up and Down the Tracks

*** We have elected new officers. At the March 1st Board Meeting, we held a special vote of officers which was held over from the December meeting. The following people were voted into office:

- President, Paul Straney
- Vice President, Sam Senn
- Recording Secretary, Nicole Crane
- Corresponding Secretary, Nicole Crane
- Treasurer, Ron Lloyd
- At Large, Sandy Kilmer
- At Large, Alan Fairbrother
- At Large, Gladly Slentz

Our sincere thanks
go out to all of
these folks for tak-
ing on these re-
sponsibilities.

*** From a Sherburne News of 1911 (via Gladly Slentz): It is reported that the manufacture of candy will soon be taken up at the Mt. Upton plant of the Borden Company. Very little fluid milk is now being shipped to New York from any of the company's three plants on the branch of the O. & W. Railroad.

*** Does anyone know the whereabouts of life member Lee Stone? The last address we have for him is in Reston VA, but mail sent there now comes back. If you have a better address, please let Tom DeForest know by email to uvrs@stny.rr.com or phone at 607-754-1536.

*** The Board has voted to change their monthly board meetings from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Thursday of the month, still at 1:00 at the First United Methodist Church, 51 Main St, New Berlin NY 13411. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

*** The Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society invites everyone to their annual Chapter Banquet to be held Saturday, April 27, 2018, at the Trackside Restaurant at the Utica Union Station. They will have a social hour at 5:00 PM with the buffet meal at 6:00 PM with Doug Ellison as the guest speaker discussing "The 2016 Rehabilitation Project of the Utica Mainline of the NYS&W RR". The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations and payment are required by April 15 to Peter Bleiberg, PO Box 455, New Hartford NY 13413. Find details on the calendar page of our web site at www.uvrs.org.

*** Be safe as you maneuver up and down the tracks this spring.

*** Quick Quiz: What railroads did the UV connect with when it was first built?

*** Last month: When was the Unadilla Valley Railway Society formed? **1995**. Who was the driving force behind it? **George Wolfangle**. For extra credit, who were the other 4 original members? **William Fliedner, Carl Carpenter, Michael Schowe and Jeff Utter**.

Please Note

If you are a regular (not Life) member, and you have not yet renewed for 2018, this will be the last Pendragon that you will receive. Renew now...

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Membership Renewal Update

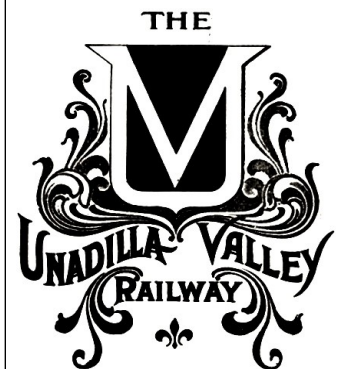
As a result of our recent Membership Renewal Campaign, we now have the following members: 35 Life (with 2 more that we don't have addresses for), 3 Conductors, 1 Engineer, 10 Firemen and 20 Brakemen for a total of 71 with 7 additional people who have not yet renewed their membership for 2018. The cost of the campaign was \$68 and over \$2,400 was raised in membership fees and donations.

At the end of 2016, the membership list contained 102 names, but a number of folks have passed away or did not renew. Other than the 2 we are looking for, all 71 current members are living, with known addresses and are either Life members or are paid up through 2018.

Submitted by Tom DeForest, membership coordinator

Leaders & *Board Members

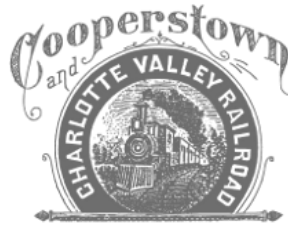
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*At Large.....Alan Fairbrother
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Parade Director/Engineer..Alan Fairbrother
Executive Advisor.....George Wolfangle
Public Relations.....(open)
Membership.....Tom DeForest
Website & Publications.....Tom DeForest
Website.....www.uvrs.org



Take A Train Ride This Summer

Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad—

They run Easter Bunny Express trains during March, Blues Express trains every Saturday night through the warmer months and regular excursions on Thursdays from Milford NY to The Cooperstown Dreams Park and Cooperstown. Round trip tickets start at \$17. Note that the C&CV RR also has a Guest Engineer Program where you can learn how to and actually drive a locomotive, for a fee. The railroad is based in Milford, about 30 miles (45 minutes) from New Berlin. Address: 136 E Main St, Milford, NY 13807. Phone: 607-432-2429. Web site: www.lrhs.com/.



Adirondack Scenic Railroad—They have Easter Bunny trains, Fall Foliage trains, Beer & Wine trains, trains from Utica to Thendara (near Old Forge) with a layover or with an extension to Big Moose. The Big Moose and Thendara trips are all-day affairs leaving at 9:30 AM and returning at 7:00 PM starting at \$39.50. The railroad is based at Utica's Union Station, 321 Main St, Utica, about 40 miles (50 minutes) from New Berlin. Phone: 800-819-2291. Web site: <http://www.adirondackrr.com/adkrr/>



Delaware & Ulster Railroad—Round trips are 24 miles from Arkville to Roxbury and take about 2 hours. Much of the route parallels the East Branch of the Delaware River with the Catskill mountains in the background. Their full schedule for 2018 is not yet available, but they offer twilight music trains, light-hearted train robbery trains, lunch or dinner dining in the dome dining car and regular excursion trains. Round trip ticket prices start at \$18. The railroad is based in Arkville NY, about 75 miles from New Berlin (an hour and a half) via NY-23 and NY-28. Address: 43510 State Highway 28, Arkville, NY 12406. Phone: 800-225-4132 or 845-586-3877. Web site: <http://durr.org/>.



Catskill Mountain Railroad—They run an Easter Bunny Express, Fall Foliage, Pumpkin Patch and Polar Express trains as well as the Catskill Mountain Flyer scheduled during the summer months. Round trips take about an hour. Round trip tickets start at \$14. The railroad is based at Westbrook Lane Station locat-



ed at the Kingston Plaza shopping center, about 110 miles (2 and 1/2 hours) from New Berlin. Address: 149 Aaron Court, Kingston, NY 12401. Phone: 845-332-4854. Web site: <http://cmrrevents.com/wordpress/>.

Saratoga & North Creek Railroad—They run snow trains and Polar Express trains, as well as regularly scheduled excursion trains during the summer months in regular passenger cars or dome observation cars. The railroad is based in Saratoga Springs, about 110 miles (2 and 1/4 hours) from New Berlin. It's about 50 miles to North Creek. Their full schedule for 2018 is not yet available. Address: 26 Station Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Phone: 877-726-7245. Web site: <https://www.sncrr.com/>



Arcade & Attica Railroad—They run a large number of special trains pulled by a real steam engine from Arcade NY to Currier's Station, about 7 miles away. A regular trip takes two and a half hours with a layover at Currier's station to look through their museum. Ticket start at \$19. The railroad is based in Arcade NY, about 220 miles (3 and 3/4 hours) from New Berlin. Address: 278 Main St, Arcade, NY 14009. Phone: 585-492-3100. Web site: <https://www.aarailroad.com/>



Steamtown—This is a National Historic Site run by the National Park Service. They have a large museum with LOTS of steam locomotives plus excursion trains to four different destinations and a locomotive shop tour (which is highly recommended) a gift shop and book store and programs that change monthly.. Excursion tickets start at \$5 and go up to \$54. There is no entrance fee to the museum and grounds. Plan to stay all day, there are lots of things to see and do. Many of the exhibits are outdoors, so watch the weather. Steamtown is located about 115 miles (2 and 1/4 hours) from New Berlin. Address: 150 South Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503-2018, Phone: 570-340-5200. Web site: <https://www.nps.gov/stea/index.htm>.



Autumn Adventure of Herby Whipple and Sandy Kilmer

by Sandy Kilmer as told to Bonnie Jean Bauer

Last October 21, 2017, two New Berlin train enthusiasts ventured out amid the glowing fall foliage that highlighted a daylong excursion beginning with a 6:50 a.m. departure, three and half hour bus ride originating in Norwich taking them and their 35 – 40 companions for the day stopping just short of Attica due to flooding.

Following a wonderful lunch at Chanderson's Steak & Seafood Restaurant the bus was reboarded for the 100th anniversary of the Arcade & Attica Railroad with a three hour ride on a 1940 vintage steam engine train a bit further north than peak foliage.

The whole trip was fantastic. The conductor and crew were friendly and informative. They allowed the crowd to examine the engine and cab up close and willingly answered questions politely and with interest. The train is well maintained and fun to experience what travel was like 50 to 100 years ago. The passenger cars were made 100 years ago.

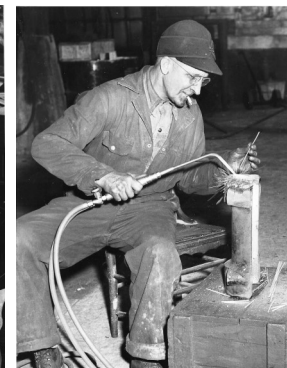
A stop at the Curriers Station Ticket office where snacks and souvenirs were available and by 3:00 p.m. the adventure continued on the bus ride home while following a stop at McDonald's on Rte 81 for supper they needed to wait for an ambulance to aide a gentleman with diabetes who was in distress. However, another traveler and his wife provided accordion music and many enjoyed the singing of old time songs.

Our travelers are planning a spring trip out of Milford and would welcome others to join in the fun. Also thinking ahead to an August 22, 2018, ride in vintage coaches built as early as 1917 pulled by diesel engines with narrated round-trip along the Lehigh River over bridges, through Glen Onoko, and into the Lehigh Gorge State Park where you will see high-rising cliffs, mountain scenery, and wildlife along the forested route to Old Penn Haven.

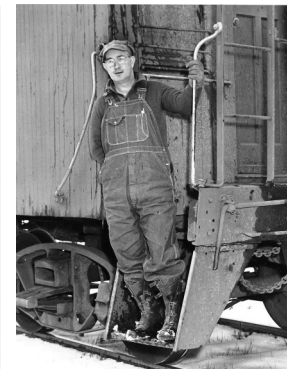
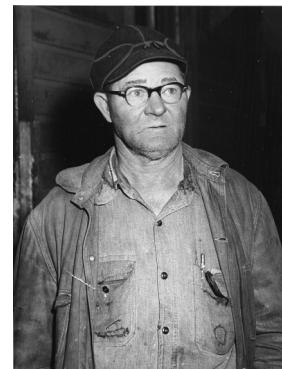
Please call Sandy at 607-548-7007 if you are interested in being part of the next group event.



Some UV People



Roy Reidenbach, Superintendent.
Mrs. Ralph Gustin, Leonardsville Station Agent (only female agent).
Joe Graham, Shop Foreman.



Paul Stillman, Dispatcher at New Berlin.
George Moore, Section Foreman.
Howard Cadwell, Conductor.



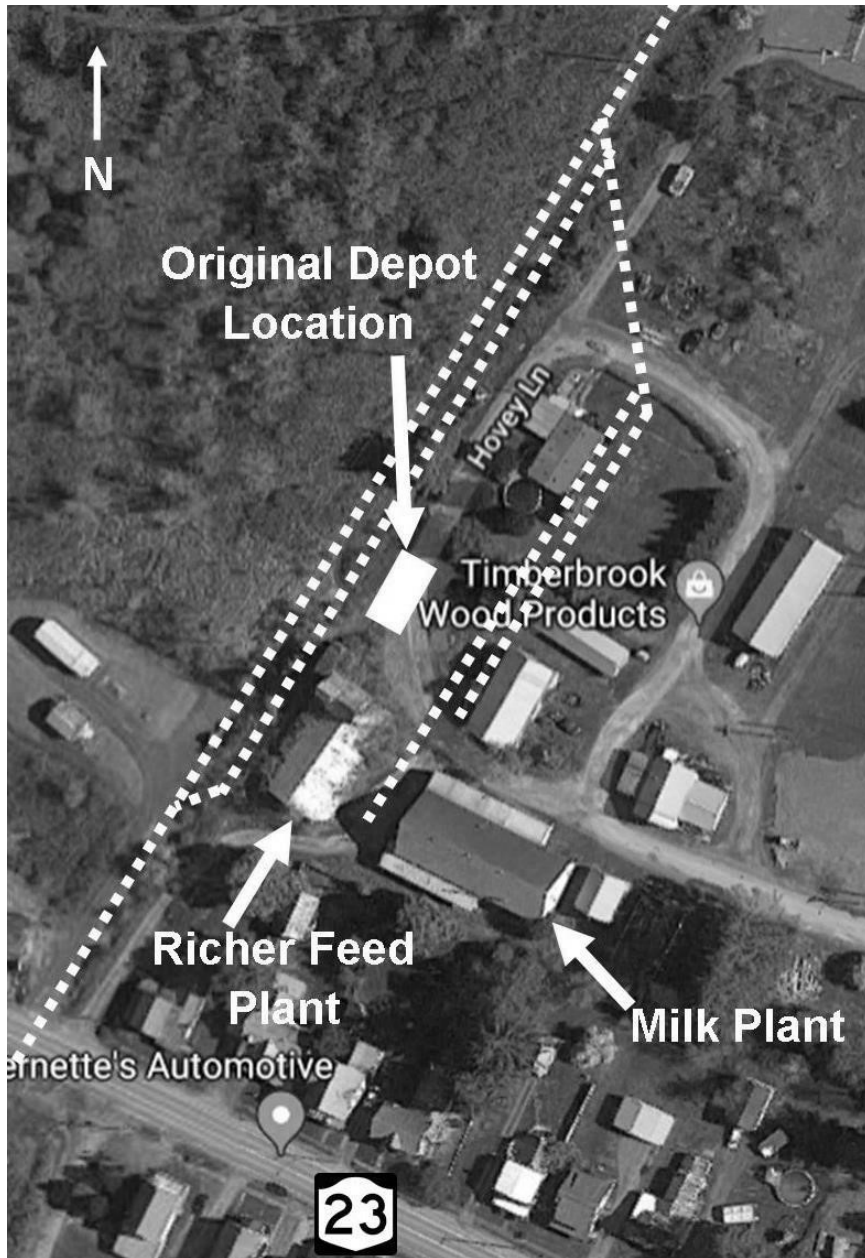
Alvin Van Fleet,
Station Agent at
Mt. Upton (left)

John Hoxie,
Brakeman (right)

(All pictures courtesy of
the CNY/NRHS via
Richard Palmer).



The Unadilla Valley Railroad in South New Berlin



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South New Berlin is located about 6 miles south of New Berlin. At one time, "South Town" was the third largest community on the New Berlin Branch (after New Berlin and Mt. Upton). It had a very active business community with feed, lumber, oil, coal and milk dealers.

The original South New Berlin depot was built by the New York & Oswego Midland Railroad in 1869. It was destroyed by fire in 1892 and then rebuilt. The New Berlin Branch and all depots on the line were bought by the Unadilla Valley Railroad in 1941. The depot was active until the UV shut down in 1960. The depot no longer exists today.

The I. L. Richer Company was formed in 1870 as a feed dealer and was a staple of many small towns up and down the Unadilla and surrounding valleys. It was a major shipper on the UV for many years. The last remaining parts of the company were sold to the Blue Seal Company of NH in 2008.

The former milk plant now houses the Timberbrook Woodworking Company, which makes a number of specialized wood products. (Submitted by Tom DeForest)



The South New Berlin depot 'back in the day' when it was very much in operation.



This former I. L. Richer feed plant appears to have been out of use for many years.



This is the former milk plant as it looks today.

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The Life and Times of a Small Railroad, by William S. Young, 2009, 120 pages. A definitive account of the UV Railway. Get yours now. \$30.

— **Out Of Stock** — **Days Along the Buckwheat & Dandelion** The Unadilla Valley Railway, by Fred Pugh, 3rd printing (1997), 142 pages plus 44-page addendum. Includes a number of color pictures, now \$35.

The Story of the Unadilla Valley Railroad as Told in Newspaper Articles, by Tom DeForest, 2016. 330 articles from over 50 newspapers. 105 pages, includes a 9-page index. Now \$25.

Topographic Maps of the UV, 29 pages of maps of the whole UV system in full color with a binder, \$20. (Shipping for this item is \$14).

Leatherstocking Rails (not pictured), a History of Railing along the Upper Susquehanna, by Jim Loudon, 1st Edition (2005), 258 pages. A detailed book about every railroad and trolley line that was ever built -- or planned -- in Otsego County NY. Only a few left, \$39.95.

Cat's Meow figure of the UV #200 locomotive. Wood, 7" wide, 3.5" high, brand new, \$20. (NOTE: this is not related to the Cat's Meow store in Sherburne NY).

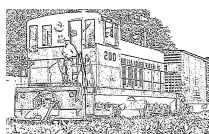
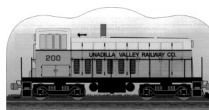
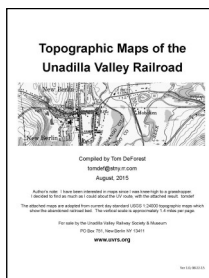
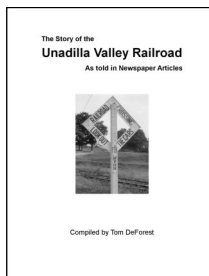
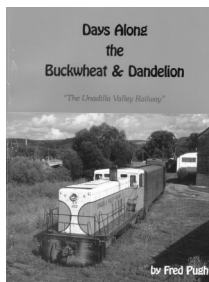
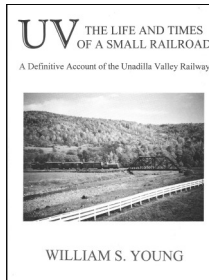
Note Cards of UV Rolling Stock and buildings. \$5 for set of 5 different images. 4 different sets available (20 different images total).

Orange **UV Hat with logo**, one size fits all, \$12.

(\$4 shipping additional for most items, see web site for details).

We have a number of articles and reprints for sale. Most are \$3 each. Check our web site: www.uvrs.org.

All of these items can be available at any meeting of the UVR Society, call Sandy Kilmer, UV Storekeeper, at 607-548-7007.



Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone () _____

e-mail address _____

Membership Categories:

- ☐ Conductor, \$250 / year ☐ Fireman, \$50 / year
☐ Engineer, \$100 / year ☐ Brakeman, \$20 / year
☐ ____ Add'l family members at same address, \$5 each / yr

A list of member names and categories will be published annually. If you would prefer **not** to be included, please check here: ☐

Dues for new members who join by July 1st cover all of the following calendar year.

Dues are payable on January 1st of each year. Keep your membership up to date to receive copies of our Pendragon newsletter and invitations to all of our meetings and special events.

Make payable to UVRS&M, PO Box 751, New Berlin NY 13411

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The Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum was founded in 1995 with headquarters in New Berlin, New York. Since 1995 the organization has held a provisional charter under the New York State Education Department. The Society is a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Contributions of funds and items, as well as volunteer mileage, may be deductible on your income tax depending on your tax situation.

The Unadilla Valley Railway Society and Museum depends on your support as members, contributors and helpers in other ways. We very much appreciate all of your contributions.

From:
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To:

Timetable — Schedule of upcoming events

Thu	Apr 5	1:00	Board Meeting	FUMC
Sat	Apr 21	1:00	Program Meeting	FUMC
			"Then & Now, A Veteran's Story"	
			by Laurie Hotaling	
Thu	May 3	1:00	Board Meeting	FUMC
Sat	May 19	1:00	Program Meeting	FUMC?
			"Tearing up the Track"	
			by Ron Lloyd	
Thu	Jun 7	1:00	Board Meeting	FUMC
Sat	Jun 16	1:00	Road trip to the Franklin Railroad	Franklin NY
			and Community Museum,	
			Dinner at Brooks' Barbeque	Oneonta NY
Thu	Jul 5	1:00	Board Meeting	FUMC

Notes:

FUMC: First United Methodist Church, 51 So Main, New Berlin NY 13411
(park in back. The FUMC is handicapped accessible)

UVRS&M: UVRS&M Museum, 10 Railroad St, New Berlin NY 13411

TBA: to be announced

(Check our web site at www.uvrs.org for meeting details and late changes).