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### News & Notes

#### **Meeting Schedule**

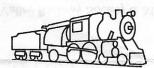
Summer meetings of the UV Railway Society are scheduled for July 10, August 7, and September 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the former O&W depot, Railroad Street, New Berlin.

#### **Membership Report**

Membership now totals 83.

#### **Items for Publication**

Articles and photos for publication in the Pendragon may be sent to The Editor, UV Railway Society and Museum, PO Box 791, New Berlin NY 13411.



The Pendragon's next scheduled stop at your station is September 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## A Job That Must Be Done

On several occasions of late, I have had the responsibility to stand in for you in representing the society. Some I enjoyed more than the others.

June 11th I managed our table at Railroad Day in Norwich. I wish that this could have been divided among three or four people. I could find no one else available. It was tiring but enjoyable.

June 8th I was given the rare opportunity to be interviewed by a reporter from the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin and have pictures taken of the half-coach, workman's shanty, and freight depot, and further to see it published June 17th, giving our museum a great plug.

June 6th and again June 10th, however, I stood in your stead before a local judge pleading for time to clean up the enginehouse site of the debris from the demolished coal barn. Fortunately, we have had two work days at

which *some* members turned out. Thanks to Bob and Sharon Simmons and Tex Travers, we were able to do a first stage clean-up of the enginehouse interior on June 3. Also thanks go again to Tex and to Bob Van Wormer, who came and helped with the dirty work of clearing rubble at the demolition site.

July 18th I again must go before the judge. Code Enforcement had told the judge that the site had been dramatically improved. But we are required by the 18th to have the cleanup "substantially complete."

We need your help. The job *must* be done. A workday is scheduled for each Saturday until it is accomplished. If you're anywhere within range of New Berlin and you are not physically incapicated, *please* come out and help out. It's not my museum and my work; it's *our* museum and *our* work. Let's get it done.

GEORGE WOLFANGLE

## U.V. Railway Veteran Clayton Linger Dead at 80

Clayton Linger Jr., a former employee of the Unadilla Valley Railway and a member of the Unadilla Valley Railway Society, died June 6, 2000 at Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich. He was 80.

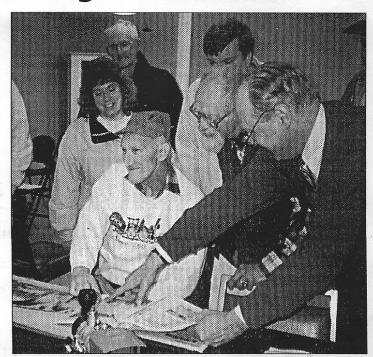
Mr. Linger was born on September 17, 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Linger in the Village of Brookfield. He was very proud of his Brookfield heritage.

"Junior," as he liked to be called, worked at various jobs during his life, including one at a steel factory in Utica, but he was happiest working on the Unadilla Valley Railway for eight years.

He had an interest in many community activities. He enjoyed his days when he worked at the CWS Shop in Norwich; later he made many friends at Broome Developmental Services Day Treatment Center in New Berlin. He also enjoyed attending church, 60-Plus Dinner Center, bingo, bowling, and attending the Unadilla Valley Railway Society meetings.

Mr. Linger is survived by several nephews and nieces: Mr. and Mrs. William Balcom of New Berlin; Henry Linger of Sylvan Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nichols of East Pharsalia; and Dwight Linger of California.

Services were held at Columbus Community Church, Columbus, with the Reverend Stephen L. Reese officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Rural Cemetery, Brookfield.



Clayton Linger (seated) with UV Railway Society friends