

The Black Diamond

Official Newsletter of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The September 2011 edition of "The Black Diamond" features full details about all upcoming Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society events during the fall. Our organization will again be sponsoring fall foliage train excursions in October and Santa train excursions in November. This will be the tenth year that the LVRRHS has sponsored train rides on the Finger Lakes Railway. Please send any Society news and/or historical articles about the Lehigh Valley Railroad to me by U. S. Mail at P. O. Box RR, Manchester, NY 14504 or by e-mail at kemay59@hotmail.com. Thank you for your contributions.

Ken May, Editor/Trustee

FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN EXCURSIONS TO RUN OVER FINGER LAKES SCENIC RAILWAY BETWEEN SHORTSVILLE AND PHELPS ON OCTOBER 8

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society, in cooperation with the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway, will sponsor fall foliage train excursions over the former New York Central Railroad "Auburn Road" branch line between Shortsville and Phelps on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Four passenger train excursions will be operated from Shortsville to Phelps and return over the Finger Lakes Railway using two diesel locomotives and four passenger coaches. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society museum in the old New York Central freight station at 8 E. High St. in Shortsville will be open to passengers during the excursions.

Each train ride will last 90 minutes and will be an 18 mile round trip. Departure times are 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. All trains will load and unload at the LVRRHS station museum. The freight station is located one block south of Main St. in downtown Shortsville via Sheldon St. to E. High St. Free parking is available at this location.

Fares are \$15.00 per person for adults and children age 3 and over. Children age 2 and under on lap are free. The ticket price includes the train ride and admission to the museum. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway web site on the Internet at www.fingerlakes scenicrailway.com/node/425 or by calling Judy Salone, Event Coordinator, at 315-374-1570. If the rides are not sold out in advance, walk-up tickets will be available at the LVRRHS station museum at the time of the scheduled trip.

Snacks, beverages, and gift items will be sold at the station and onboard the trains. The Shortsville Presbyterian Church will operate a refreshment stand at the station. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. There are restrooms at the station and in the passenger coaches. Passengers are advised to dress appropriately for the weather.

SANTA TRAIN EXCURSIONS TO RUN OVER FINGER LAKES SCENIC RAILWAY BETWEEN SHORTSVILLE AND CANANDAIGUA ON NOVEMBER 26

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society, in cooperation with the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway, will sponsor Santa train excursions over the former New York Central Railroad "Auburn Road" branch line between Shortsville and Canandaigua on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Five passenger train excursions will be operated from Shortsville to Canandaigua and return over the Finger Lakes Railway using two diesel locomotives and three passenger coaches. Santa will be

onboard the trains to visit with children. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society museum in the old New York Central freight station at 8 E. High St. in Shortsville will be open to passengers during the excursions. The station museum will be decorated for the holidays and will have operating model train displays.

Each train ride will last one hour and will be a 12 mile round trip. Departure times are 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. All trains will load and unload at the LVRHRS station museum. The freight station is located one block south of Main St. in downtown Shortsville via Sheldon St. to E. High St. Free parking is available at this location.

Fares are \$12.00 per person for adults and children age 3 and over. Children age 2 and under on lap are free. The ticket price includes the train ride and admission to the museum. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway web site on the Internet at www.fingerlakes scenicrailway.com/node/368 or by calling Judy Salone, Event Coordinator, at 315-374-1570. If the rides are not sold out in advance, walk-up tickets will be available at the LVRHRS station museum at the time of the scheduled trip.

Snacks, beverages, and gift items will be sold at the station and onboard the trains. The Shortsville Presbyterian Church will operate a refreshment stand at the station. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. There are restrooms at the station and in the passenger coaches. Passengers are advised to dress appropriately for the weather.

NEW SIGN COMING TO THE MUSEUM

The Society is currently working with Ewing Graphics in Farmington, NY, to provide and install a 36" by 60" exterior sign to be placed on the lawn near the museum deck. Our hope is that the sign will be installed prior to the Fall Foliage Excursions. The sign will have our logo and website address, as well as a smaller hanging sign to indicate when the museum is open. A photo should be available for the next newsletter.

100TH ANNIVERSARY – LVRR PASSENGER TRAIN WRECK IN MANCHESTER

August 25, 2011, marked the 100th anniversary of the second worst passenger train wreck in the history of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Train Number 4 eastbound out of Buffalo derailed on the Canandaigua Outlet bridge due to a broken rail. One passenger car overturned on its side while two other passenger cars behind it fell off the bridge into the creek bed 40 feet below. A total of 29 were killed and 62 were injured in the wreck.

Photos taken at the accident scene are on display at the LVRHRS museum.

THANK YOU TO:

P&J Lawn Kare for providing snow plowing services during the 2010 – 2011 winter.

Dick Coffey for providing lawn mowing services this summer.

LVRHRS MEETINGS

Society meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the LVRHRS Station Museum, 8 East High Street, Shortsville, New York. All members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

Visit the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society website at www.lvrhhs.org for the latest information about Society activities.

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LVRHHS fall foliage train excursion on Finger Lakes Railway at Oaks Corners in October 2006. Photograph by Mike Roque.