

The Black Diamond

Official Newsletter of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The October 2015 edition of "The Black Diamond" features full details about all Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society events during the year. Our organization will be sponsoring a Holiday Open House at the station museum on November 28. 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

ROGER HALDERMAN PASSES

Roger Halderman of Manchester, N.Y., passed away at the age of 91, on July 27, 2015, at the M. M. Ewing Continuing Care Center in Canandaigua, NY. Roger was born on May 15, 1924, in Canandaigua, N.Y., the son of the late Walter and Cora Halderman. He was retired as an electrical draftsman for the Gleason Works in Rochester, N.Y. Roger was a founding member of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society and served as president for many years. He is survived by one son, Dave (Linda) Halderman; three daughters, Bernice (James) Norsen, Beverly Halderman and Deborah Halderman; four grandchildren, Jason Halderman, Kristen Halderman, Jeffery (Joey) Norsen and Samantha (David) Pritchard; four great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of over 60 years, Emma, in 2014. Our sincere condolences to his family.

2015 STATION MUSEUM OPEN HOUSES

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society Station Museum in Shortsville, New York, was open to the public one Sunday afternoon a month from May to October this year. Open house dates were May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18. Attendance at all of the open houses was good. Thanks to the LVRRHS members who volunteered at the station museum open houses.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 28

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society will hold a Holiday Open House at the station museum at 8 East High Street in Shortsville, New York, on Saturday, November 28, 2015. Hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be on hand to visit with children. The station museum will be decorated for the holidays and will have operating model train displays. Operation Lifesaver will have an exhibit. Snacks and beverages will be available. The gift shop will be open as well. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

STATION REPAINTED BY BOY SCOUTS

A group of Boy Scouts from the local troop power washed and painted the exterior of the station during September. The group was led by Chayton Baxter as his Eagle Scout project. Following are three pictures of the station taken by Dave Halderman on October 1 which include the deck, sign, and brand new paint job. The Society contributed \$1,000 towards the needed paint and supplies. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and their leaders for their outstanding volunteer work! Those who helped with the project are Chayton Baxter (leader), Jared Baxter, Bill Lawrence, Robert Tolpa, James Yacono, Zackery Lawrence, Garrett Lawrence, Chenoa Baxter, Heather Baxter, Anthony Yacono, John Wesche, James Baxter, Carl Persson, and Erik Persson.





FINGER LAKES TOURISM GROUP VISITS MUSEUM

By Dave Halderman, LVRRHS President

On September 10, I met with a group of six people from the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, including David Lee, Karen Miltner, Sue Schmidt, Carol Hicks, Jake Banas, and Valerie Knoblauch. They were at the museum for about an hour and seemed extremely interested in our group and its purpose. I answered a ton of questions, gave them a brief history of the LVRR in Manchester, and the history of the LVRRHS. They took notes and quite a few photos. I also explained our predicament regarding fund raising, since our main source of income (passenger train excursions) has stopped, and the reasons why.

They all seemed very supportive of our efforts and the problems we face, and provided a lot of positive comments on what we've accomplished to date given the very small core group we have. You all deserve a ton of credit for everything we've done to date. It should be interesting to see what publicity and support we get from them in the future. (Editor's note: Visit <http://visitfingerlakes.com/insider-diaries/2015/9/you-are-never-too-old-field-trip/> for an article about their visit.)

Keep an eye on their website at <http://visitfingerlakes.com> for anything they might add regarding our group. They have offered to publicize any events we have upcoming, and provide support and possibly leverage for re-starting train excursions with the Finger Lakes Railway. (Editor's note: The Finger Lakes Visitors Connection has posted our events on their events calendar in the past and has a listing about the LVRRHS on their website.)

DONATIONS

Thanks to Dick Coffey for mowing the station museum lawn during 2015.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2015, we hope that you will consider renewing for 2016. Memberships received after September 30 will be considered good through 2016. We thank all of our members for their continued support of the Society.

LVERRHS MEETINGS

Society meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the LVERRHS 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.lverrhs.org for the latest information about Society activities.

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