

The Black Diamond

Official Newsletter of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The November 2014 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 29. 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

EMMA HALDERMAN PASSES

Emma M. Halderman of Manchester passed away at the age of 85, on January 24, 2014, at Clifton Springs Hospital and Nursing Home. Emma was born on November 18, 1928, in Endicott, N.Y., and was the daughter of Loyd and Alice Blaisdell. She was the Manchester Village Clerk for many years; worked at Finger Lakes Community College as the Assistant to the Dean of Finance; and later as Business Manager for the Daily Messenger newspaper in Canandaigua. Emma was a member of Manchester United Methodist Church and helped found the Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society. She served as the LVRRHS secretary for many years and was instrumental in the Society gaining non-profit status. She also prepared the documents governing the Society, including our Constitution & by-laws, Collection policy, and Education policy. Emma is survived by her husband of 64 years, Roger Halderman; son, Dave (Linda) Halderman; daughters, Bernice (James) Norsen, Beverly Halderman and Deborah Halderman; grandchildren, Jason Halderman, Kristen Halderman, Jeffrey (Joey) Norsen and Samantha (David) Pritchard; four great-grandchildren; brother, Donald (Jean) Blaisdell; sisters, Martha (Ernest) Ruehle and Carol Cothren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Loyd and Alice; and sister, Gladys (David) Lawrence. Our sincere condolences to her family.

2014 TRAIN EXCURSIONS CANCELLED

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society regrets to announce that we will not be sponsoring Fall Foliage and Santa train excursions on the Finger Lakes Railway this year because of greatly increased insurance costs. Finger Lakes Railway made the decision to not run passenger excursions this year due to the insurance issues. Thank you for your understanding.

2014 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 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19. 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 29th

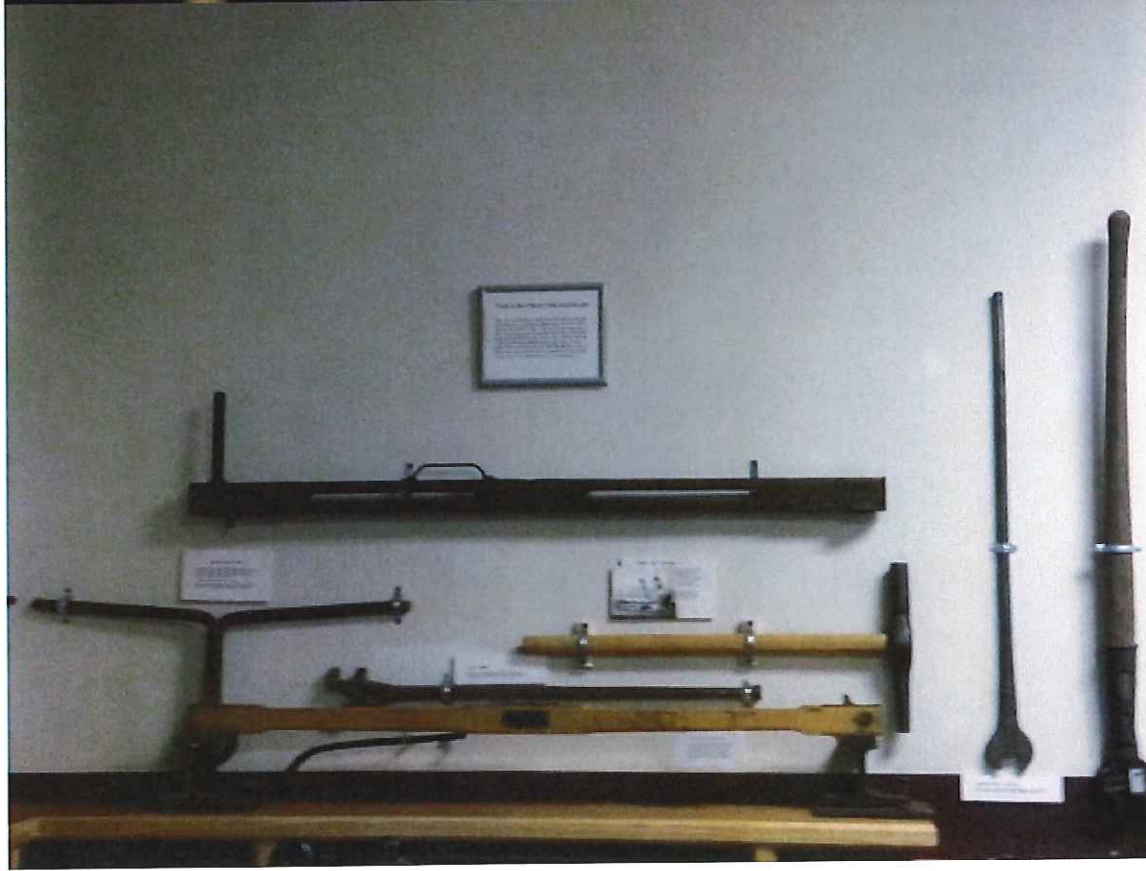
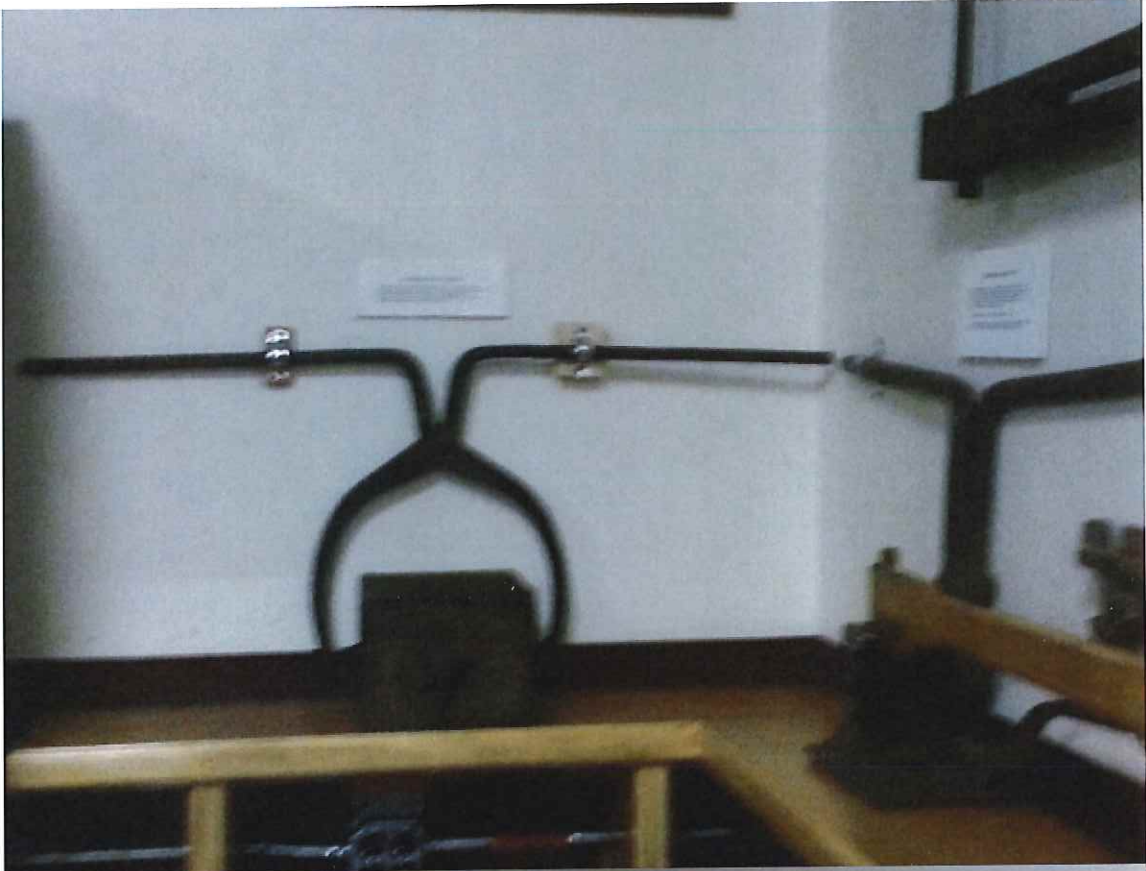
The Lehigh Valley Railroad Historical Society will hold a Holiday Open House at the station museum at 8 East High Street in Shortsville, New York, on Saturday, November 29, 2014. Hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be on hand to visit with children. Giveaways available for the children. Balloon artist will provide entertainment. The station museum will be decorated for the holidays and will have operating model train displays. Operation Lifesaver will

also have an exhibit. Snacks, beverages, and gift items will be sold at the station. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT DEBUTS

A new exhibit at the LVRHS station museum debuted this year. Trustees Jack Tuttle and Joe Dickson put together a display of various "tools of the trade" and materials used by railroad track workers to install and/or maintain trackage. Here are three pictures of the newest museum exhibit taken by Jack Tuttle. Thanks to Jack and Joe for their work on the display.





DONATIONS

Donations of railroad artifacts, photos, newsclippings, railroad paperwork, etc. are always gratefully accepted. Our museum collection is dependent on those donations. As always, financial donations to continue the museum operations are also gratefully accepted.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2014, we hope that you will consider renewing for 2015. Memberships received after September 30 will be considered good through 2015. 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.lvrhrs.org for the latest information about Society activities.

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