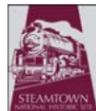




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## Park's Hollywood Connection

R. Patrick McKnight, Park Historian



The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey boxcar No. 18049 is a non-descript outside braced boxcar, built by the American Car & Foundry Company at Berwick in 1922. It is similar in design to the common USRA Standard 50-ton boxcar. While this boxcar may be one of thousands built, it has a unique history.

This boxcar starred with Doris Day in the 1959 movie, "It Happened to Jane." The car was part of a consist that appeared throughout the movie, and played an important role in the opening scene. Painted in the livery of the fictitious Eastern & Portland Railroad, these markings can still be seen today.

The movie is an interesting mix of Hollywood stars and an interesting plot involving railroads. A copy is available at the Park library for checkout, or if you would like a copy of your own, it is also available at various Internet shopping sites.

## "America the Beautiful" Interagency Pass Program

Bill McCarthy, Park Ranger



The National Park Service, along with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, has instituted a new site pass program. The new passes will work in a similar fashion to those they replace, and were developed to foster customer service by allowing a single pass to be used at sites administered by multiple agencies. The new passes are on sale at our Ticket & Fee Booth, as well as online <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/>

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# The Steamtown Timetable

## CANADIAN PACIFIC 2006 HOLIDAY TRAIN



Scott Snell Photo, for Canadian Pacific Railway

The Canadian Pacific Railway's 2006 Holiday Train proved to be another strong success at the Park as the 5:30 p.m. show on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> opened its annual tour through the northeastern U.S. and Canada! A strong storm system, with plenty of strong winds, lightning and thunder, provided a spectacular introduction to the Holiday Train festivities, but most visitors stayed to enjoy first-rate entertainment, along with a visit and gift from Santa!

The photo, courtesy of Scott Snell for the Canadian Pacific Railway, displays the brilliant light and color that Mother Nature used to help send the train on its 17-day journey. At Scranton, nearly 2,100 adults and children brought food items and made monetary donations. The 2006 Holiday Train visited 40 communities and collected 76,000 pounds of food and approximately \$190,000 for donations to local food banks. More information and photos are available [www.cpr.ca](http://www.cpr.ca).

## IN AND AROUND THE PARK...

While there is NEVER enough room to list all of our events and activities in this forum, here are some recent highlights!

- September – Served as the host destination for the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners (AAPRCO) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.
- November – Proudly opened the Park to all U.S. Armed Forces service members, Veterans and their families to honor them on Veteran's Day.
- December – Partnered with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad and several Upvalley communities to present the annual "Santa Train" to about 1,700.
- January-March – Partnered with A&E Networks/The History Channel and WVIA Productions to present acclaimed railroad-oriented films at the Steamtown Theater.

## Steamtown's 2006 Holiday Express

By Bill Clark, Park Ranger

Steamtown NHS has offered two train events to the fictional North Pole on selected pre-holiday nights since 1999 – first with "The Polar Express" by Chris van Allsburg, then with "Slocum Hollow's Christmas Magic" story by Steamtown's Ron Stiltencop. By 2005, though, hosting an event was becoming more challenging. After a thorough review with the Park management team, it was decided to embark upon a new plan.

That new plan became The Holiday Express in 2006. Trains were scheduled on November 25 and December 2 and 9. Working in partnership with the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society, activities for passengers at Moscow Station were planned, including light refreshments, holiday ornament crafts, photos near the steam locomotive, and of course, good old Santa Claus. Tickets went on sale in November and quickly sold out!

The day of the first train ride arrived and – being a new event – there was some minor confusion which was quickly addressed. The rangers and VIPs on-board read stories (Dr. Suess's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was a popular selection), talked with the children and led the passengers in holiday songs (kudos to Tim O'Malley and Bill Nalevanko for updating the song book; I did the layout). There were plenty of activities to keep both the young and young-at-heart entertained at Moscow Station, the weather cooperated, and the trip was fun for staff and 1,320 happy patrons!

The trips proved a good alternative to the night time events. Though they ran during daylight hours, the combination of cold weather, a little bit of snow, the holiday spirit and a steam locomotive proved irresistible and a success.



## Rail Operations Begin April 18!



The 2007 Rail Operations Season at Steamtown NHS begins on April 18 with the popular *Scranton Limited* short train rides Wednesdays – Sundays! This year, the *Scranton Limited* will also run daily during July and August (times vary).

Our 2007 steam excursion season will begin on Saturday, May 19 at 9 a.m. with a special trip to Cresco and **East Stroudsburg**, and another on June 30 to the **Delaware Water Gap's** "Founder's Day" event! Additionally, seasonal excursions through September 2 are planned as follows:

- ✚ *Lackawanna Heritage Valley excursion to Carbondale on Saturday, August 18.*
- ✚ *Moscow departures, all at 1 p.m.: May 27, June 16, July 1, 7, 14, 21 and 28, August 4, 11 and 18, and September 1.*
- ✚ *Tobyhanna departures, all at 11 a.m.: May 26, June 23, July 15, August 25 and September 2.*

2007 Fall Foliage excursions will be announced later in the season.

## EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION RETURNS!

The Steamtown Employee's Association (SEA) was reactivated in October 2006, with a renewed effort to "foster employee morale and recognition" by, and for, all Steamtown NHS staff members! The group has already held a December 14 holiday gathering and 50/50 raffle at Scranton's newest downtown eatery, Molly Brannigans, a "Chili Cook-Off" on January 17, a "Hot Dog" and bake sale on February 20, and a "Build-Your-Own Sandwich" event on March 20.

The SEA also had a spring gathering at Molly Brannigans on Thursday, March 29 and a "Soup Cook-off Day" at the MOW Lunch Room on April 11. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, a Bake Sale at the Interpretation Office area begins at 9:30 a.m., with "Burgers & Dogs" at the MOW Lunch Room, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Funds raised through SEA activities will help defray costs involved in helping to celebrate employee's life events, and, if enough funds are raised – for either a summer or holiday party – or BOTH!

The SEA informally lists Mark Birtel as President, and includes the following member representatives: Brenda Belotti, Chris Bilski, Tina Golden, Donna Hagen, Kip Hagen, Michele Mrocza, Gregg Sandercock, Patty Stiner, Norm Stinger and Mike Theriault. Another SEA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 at the Office & Storage Building conference room. If you'd like to become an active participant in the SEA, or if you have suggestions for upcoming activities, please see Mr. Birtel.

## Commemorative Pin Exhibit



Tim O'Malley, Park Ranger

The twentieth anniversary of Steamtown's enacting legislation is commemorated in a special exhibit in the Visitor Center. The idea is to show how Steamtown NHS fits in the overall family of the National Park Service. Park Rangers Ken Ganz and Tim O'Malley contacted the Interpretation departments of all the units in the NPS for their help. Over 100 parks participated by sending one of their commemorative pins for our anniversary. A few parks where hiking is the main recreational draw sent cane-toppers. Along with the pins came comments from the parks wishing us luck, and telling us what a great idea it is.

The pins are mounted on a foam core arrowhead, with descriptive text in the glass case. The nearly constant cleaning of the case since its debut shows that the visitors are intrigued also. Chief of Interpretation Mark Brennan says this should be a permanent exhibit in the museum, even when our 21<sup>st</sup> year begins.

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## Locomotive Shop News

Mark Birtel, Supervisory Exhibit Specialist



Recent Shop activities have shown some impressive strides. Baldwin #26 steam locomotive has several projects ongoing with the installation of 491 rigid and 157 flexible stay bolts, installation of cylinder engineer's side with boring of both, rebuilt ash pan, repaired tender buffer & wedge, new castings for steam delivery pipes, manufactured waist sheets, rebuilt boiler checks, and boring inside diameter of 6 driving wheel tires with truing of wheel centers for installation of new tires.

In the last several months, the CP 2317 has received some "tender" loving care with rebuilding of both tender trucks including new wheel sets, removal of asbestos, repairs to coupler carrier and replaced coupler. Additionally, the Roundhouse crew has bored the engineer's-side cylinder and prepped the fireman's-side, inspecting dismantled equipment, modified brake heads and installed new shoes.

The number of in-progress maintenance projects allows for a slower pace with restoration of Boston & Maine #3713, but we are making progress. The crew recently riveted the smoke box liner and door ring, mounted front hinges and a handrail bracket, worked with the NRHS to acquire blueprints, and have contacted a manufacturer for stay bolts.

Our drop wheel pit will be quite busy this year with the following work scheduled:

- CP 2317 tender
- CP 2317 #3 driver
- NKP 514 traction motors

Also, we have received a set of rebuilt traction motor units for the NKP 514, and have another set out for inspection and rebuild.

Both staff and volunteers working with passenger cars have had their plates full, including step repairs, vestibule fabrication and installation, a truck rebuild for DLW 346, fabrication of a center plate for DLW 580, replacing wheel sets on DLW 613, contracting for asbestos abatement on CNJ 1152, and repairing the disabled-access hydraulic lift for CNJ 303.

One of the areas we especially look forward to is welcoming new volunteers aboard! If you run into some of these folks, you can bet they have had a hand in the above mentioned repairs. Welcome aboard Bob Kyle, Pete Rozelle, Bob Wood and Doug Lotten.

Congratulations to staff members Bruce Mowbray on his promotion to Yard Fireman, and Barbara Klobucar for completing the NPS Fundamentals course.

The amount of work listed is quite a challenge for a small group to accomplish, and I proudly commend our employees for a job well done! Like the U.S. Marine Corps, our Volunteers-in-Park program is also looking for a few good people – if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Glenn Smith, Park VIP Coordinator, or complete an online application at [www.volunteer.gov/gov](http://www.volunteer.gov/gov). There is always room for a little more help!

## Sand Tower Restoration

Billy Farrell, Exhibit Specialist

The Sand Tower project is about 70% complete. Work that has been completed includes: Sand removal from the wood tower; exterior siding and trim repair; roof repairs; areaway enclosure reconstruction; electrical installation; storm water drainage work; masonry repairs and basement chute cap.

There is quite a bit of work remaining on the project, including: windows and doors for the tower and areaway enclosure, staining of the tower and areaway enclosure, minor interior framing work, basement opening cap installation and miscellaneous paint of existing, exterior metal components.

This project should be completed by early summer. Sand remaining in the concrete silo is not scheduled for removal at this time due to a lack of funding. However, we are planning to "build" this project into the Project Management Information System (PMIS) in the near future.



Steamtown National Historic Site was established October 30th, 1986 to further public understanding and appreciation of the role steam railroading played in the development of the United States. It is the only place in the National Park System where the story of Steam Railroading, and the people who made it possible, is told. Here, locomotives and other rolling stock, artifacts, and historic buildings and structures, as well as the skills of that era, are all preserved and protected for the enjoyment and education of our visitors.

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

