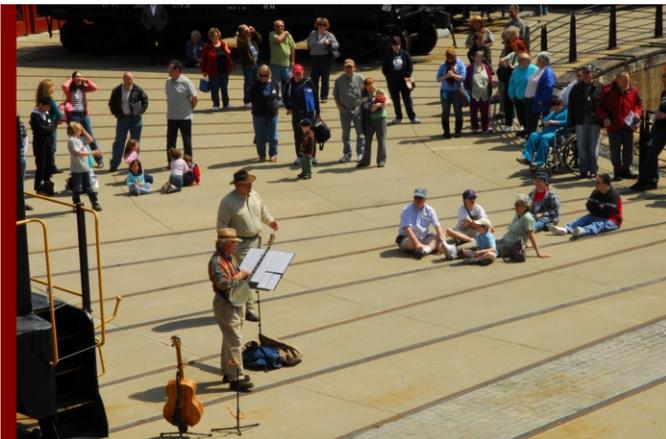
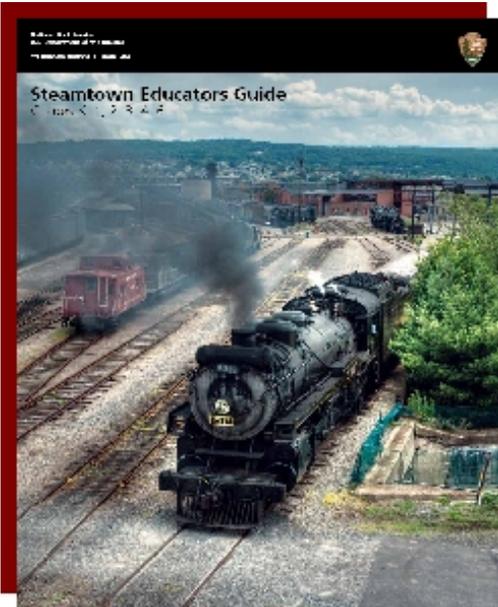




The Steamtown Timetable



Clockwise from upper left:
New Education Program in print;
Earth Day Clean-up Crew;
Superintendent Hagen “out of the office;” NP Week, “Imagination Station;” Visitor Center carpet installation; NP Week “All About Hobos.”



Park News

2009 Excursions Announced!



The 2009 Rail Operations season at Steamtown NHS begins on April 19 with the popular *Scranton Limited* short train rides Wednesdays – Sundays! This year, the *Scranton Limited* will also run daily during July and August.

Our 2009 excursion season will begin on Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m. with a diesel-powered excursion to the East Stroudsburg “Armed Forces Day” event! This trip will also stop at Cresco Station to pick up passengers wishing to ride an abbreviated section on this train. We will run to East Stroudsburg again on October 17. Additionally, seasonal excursions are planned as follows:

- ✚ *Delaware Water Gap’s “Founders Day” event, 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 27.*
- ✚ *Moscow departures, all at 1 p.m.: July 4, 5, 18 and 25, August 1, 8, 22 and 29, September 5 and 6, and October 3 and 24. On October 10, we will feature a children’s “Pumpkin Express” excursion departing at 11 a.m., and a “Fall Foliage” excursion at 2 p.m.*
- ✚ *Tobyhanna departures, all at 11 a.m.: July 11, August 15, and October 4, 11, 18 and 25. Additionally, the July 11 and October 11 excursions will include a brief stop at the Gouldsboro Station.*
- ✚ **JUST CONFIRMED!** *Tunkhannock Viaduct Excursion, departing at 1 pm, Saturday, September 12! Ticket sales open July 20!*

EMPLOYEE’S ASSOCIATION NEWS

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.

Recent events included:

- ❖ March 17 – Bake Sale
- ❖ March 25 – Chili Cook-off
- ❖ April 15 – Park Clean-up Day
- ❖ May 6 – Tex-Mex Lunch

A warm-weather, after-work gathering is being discussed. Watch your area bulletin boards for up-to-date postings! To make reservations, or share ideas, speak with any member of the SEA!

A Note of Thanks to our Steamtown Family

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers over the past few months. We are so grateful for all the wonderful things you did for us and our family. First by the offers of “whatever you need, just ask”, then the generous proceeds from the Employee’s Association luncheon, followed by the Christmas cookies, pumpkin roll, gifts, food, gas cards, grocery gift cards, DVDs, the driveway plowing, firewood delivery, hay bales delivery, the phone calls, the emails, the visits, the get well cards, the prayers, the flood of love and generosity just made our hearts swell and made our burden lighter. The leave donations saved us from worrying about our bills and let us focus on the fight. Thank you so much for all of your support through this – we appreciate it more than you will ever know!

Sincerely,

*Pete, Patti,
Tawnya and Leah Stiner*

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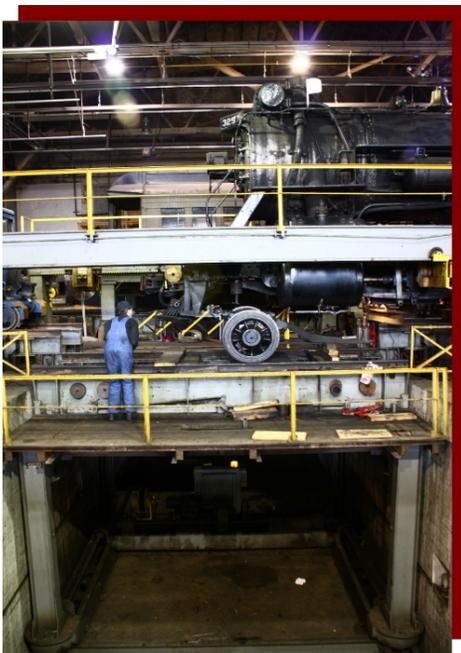
Locomotive Shops

George Canavan

As our winter maintenance season winds down, it's good to look back at all the work accomplished by our talented Shop forces.

Canadian National #3254

- Re-profiled lead truck and main driving wheels
- Made repairs on Bissell post
- Installed new springs on the trailing truck
- Preparing to install rebuilt stoker motor
- Planning for sandblast, repair and epoxy of interior of tender cistern
- Planning for complete paint job of the exterior



Preservation Specialist John Melland spots Canadian Pacific #2317 on the drop table in the Locomotive Shops.

Canadian Pacific #2317

When this season ends, CP 2317 will be due for its Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) 1472-day inspection. We are working on preliminary administrative work for this huge project.

Baldwin #26

- Stay bolts are installed
- Firebox welding is complete
- Slide valve rebuild is complete
- Preparing to install front tube sheet and approximately 300, 2" flues
- Cab repairs are complete
- Tender tank repairs are complete
- Epoxy will be applied to the inside of the tender cistern
- Tender trucks are being rebuilt



- Work progresses on driving wheel boxes (When this is completed, the crew will begin re-assembling the locomotive,)

Boston & Maine #3713

- Firebox door sheet is built
- Firebox rear flue sheet is built
- Firebox crown sheet is built
- Waist sheets are built
- Thermic siphons are being repaired

Car Department

- Central Railroad of New Jersey 303 baggage doors are painted
- Delaware, Lackawanna & Western coach 550 is back in service; major repairs were made to truck units, piping and coupler
- Steam heating system is being installed on DL&W coaches 330, 334, 335 and 346; they should be ready for fall
- DL&W coaches 330 and 334 are having their trucks rebuilt this summer

Other projects

- Ten static displays will be painted this year including all parking lot area displays
- Rahway Valley 15 will also undergo remediation and stabilization
- Weld shop project is near completion: a new overhead crane, two down draft welding tables, two air filtration units, doors, windows and paint have been purchased; air, water and electrical utilities have been upgraded
- Machine shop rehabilitation continues: Both the King 96" boring mill and the Southwark wheel press are expected to become operational, and major repairs will be completed for the other machinery
- The Morton draw cut shaper is now in full operation, just in time for work on the Baldwin #26 driving boxes

Mike Theriault has been promoted to Student Engineer. Congratulations!

I would like to thank all staff involved, including VIPs and contractors for a job well done. I appreciate all the hard work and overtime worked to be able to list so many accomplishments in such a short timeframe.

Maintenance of Way

Ron Stiltenspole

As we turned the corner on the month of April, it felt good to find warmer weather return! During the winter, we began the Air Line (compressed air) Replacement Project in the Locomotive Shops. A 3-inch main line will encompass the entire shop, with 100 multiport manifold stations in the shops. The main objective of the project is to supply a sufficient volume of compressed air to the shops to meet the demands required to rebuild locomotive and railroad equipment.

It gives me an appreciation for the work that our Locomotive and Restoration Shop forces do. Hard work is always the order of the day and if you're not a witness to it everyday you kind of lose sight of the big picture. One of the things that really impressed me was the way Lori Staley handled a Sawsall® while removing electric heating units in several passenger cars. Even more impressive is the pride that both she and husband, Rob, both Preservation Specialists, take in the work they do. They were working together when I asked them to show me what they were doing. Rob and Lori see the big picture. They were not just cutting out electric heaters in historic passenger cars; they were restoring a piece of history for future generations.

Kevin Bose, Mike Oprisko and Mike Theriault have been of phenomenal help with the Air Line Project.

I was helping out with the air line project recently. Norm Stinger asked me to cut and groove a piece of 3-inch pipe. He was in the scissor lift and there was a tape measure in the lift. It had initials "P.S." on it. I asked Norm if I could take this tape. Norm looked at the unit and said, "No, that's my lucky tape measure. It belongs to Pete [Stiner], but I've been keeping it with me on this job." It was his way of keeping a coworker close. I had a real deep respect for that and found another tape measure to use. Teamwork gets the job done, but when a team member isn't there and you feel his presence through his coworkers, well, there just aren't words to describe it.

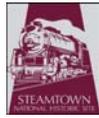
PS: We're happy to report that Pete is back to work and continues his recovery!





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NEW MUSEUM DISPLAYS

Locomotives of Steamtown

Visitors often ask about the locomotives in the NPS collection at Steamtown, and each one's location on site. Year to year, their locations can change. Park Ranger William McCarthy is planning a temporary exhibit panel to make it easier for visitors to see them all in one convenient location. He is assembling a colorful photographic collection of these engines which will be located in the Technology Museum.

"The Loss of Steam: When Craftsmen Became Repairmen"

The changeover from steam to diesel locomotives may have appeared to be seamless. Railroaders knew a different story. Park Rangers Ken Ganz and Tim O'Malley have designed an exhibit which displays the differences between the two types of locomotive technologies as well as the impact on the people whose livelihood depended on them. This exhibit is located in the Technology Museum, near the Erie models and Spang and Chalfont #8 "cutaway" exhibits.

Interpretation Sensation

Mark Brennan

Many times I am asked what the Interpretive Staff does all winter. It's a logical question. No trains are running! Visitation is slow! So what keeps everyone busy? It always amazes me to realize that, in many ways, the staff is actually busier in the winter than in the summer! Well, here are a few of the projects moving forward:

- One day each month, we hold a workshop. We critique the previous season: What worked well and what could have worked better? We discuss, evaluate and plan new programs and potential exhibits for the new season.
- We evaluate annual visitor surveys and look at potential for programs and exhibits during "special interest" months and National Park Week.
- We discuss the status of required Interpretive Competencies, the status of our VIP program and how better to utilize our Education and Discovery Center.
- We evaluate the condition of critical Division equipment.
- We discuss the upcoming excursion schedule as well as our involvement in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley "Heritage Explorer" program.
- We assess our Living History programs and provided support for our Winter Lecture Series programs.
- We conduct training for all staff on our new Curriculum-based Educational Programs.
- We are updating, with generous assistance from our partners, our Comprehensive Interpretive Plan.

- We are planning to produce Public Service Announcements that can be helpful in promoting the Park in a low-cost manner.
- We are planning DVD programs that senior and physically-challenged visitors may view without having to take walking tours.
- We developed exhibits describing the impact dieselization had on the railroad industry and the people who worked for it as well as a new program on how coal, steel and rails related to each other and the impact on immigration.

Oh, and remember, we need to staff the Fee Collection station and the Visitor Center desk, and deliver Locomotive Shop tours daily! While visitation certainly slows during the winter months, that doesn't mean there are no visitors. In January and February, for example, we hosted more than 1,200 and 1,400 visitors respectively.

So, now you know some of what we do during the winter – and I'm sure I failed to mention some routine, but very necessary, things that keep our visitors feel welcome and happy, so they can learn, explore and protect our National Park!

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