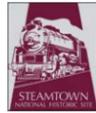




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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

Website Redesign

Bill Clark



On Founder's Day, August 25, the National Park Service rolled out an entirely new web site. The address – www.nps.gov/stea – hasn't changed, but the content and layout is entirely new!

The previous web system evolved from the early 1990s through 2003 and had become difficult to use. There were two different sites – the basic information pages and the *InDepth* pages. The information on the *InDepth* pages

was dependent upon having someone at each Park that could create web pages, write html code, and keep up with the content and layout.

First, it means that information about train rides, excursions and tours is easier for the visiting public to locate. Second, it will be easier to keep information updated and current. Third, Steamtown NHS will continue to be a strong presence within the National Park Service system.

Bill Nalevanko and I attended classes in February to learn the new Content Management System (CMS). Since then, in addition to our regular duties, we have adapted existing pages to the new format and continue to create new pages to help visitors. We met the July 31st target date

for the NPS “soft launch” with room to breath and time to spare.

Also noteworthy: WASO singled out the new Steamtown website as an “example of excellence” in the new CMS. Our Park's site was one of only ten nationwide awarded this honor! According to WASO, “[our] site can serve as a model for what can be accomplished in the new design.”

Check us out and let us know how *you* think we're doing!

The Steamtown Timetable is a semi-annual publication of Steamtown National Historic Site.

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The Steamtown Timetable

TRUNKS OPENED AT STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE!

Park Ranger Suzanne Rozdilski



Suzanne Rozdilski and Bill Nalevanko attended the NER Assessment Tool Project Workshop at the New York Harbor Education Center March 21-23, 2006, prior to the introduction of Steamtown's new PA Curriculum-based 4th Grade Education Programs.

Approaching five steamer trunks, what did the fourth grade students imagine would be inside? Students slowly opened the trunks to reveal...clothing, schedules, rule books, maps, lanterns and other objects which would have been used by steam-era locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors, porters and news butchers!

These activities are part of our new, four module, curriculum-based education program, “Railroads in the Local Community”. A curriculum-based program includes planned learning activities which must connect Park goals with state and local education standards. Before visiting Steamtown, students review railroad vocabulary and complete an original DL&W Railroad application for “jobs” they will be assuming as part of the history trunk activity. Student activity books and a teachers' guide were developed to use with the pre-site, on-site and post-site program activities. A variety of learning styles was used in the development of this program along with Dr. Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences.

In May, students from the Dr. David Kistler Elementary School, Wilkes-Barre, the Moscow Elementary Center and the Newton-Ransom Elementary School participated in three other modules: solving a railroad challenge on the passenger train experience; operating a steam-era handcar as a track worker; and joining a program about the roundhouse and turntable.

Back in their school classrooms, students designed postcards depicting their favorite “Railroads in the Local Community” experience. Postcards were reviewed by the Park's Education Development Team, and then mailed to the children's families and friends.

ON THE HORIZON

Soon after Steamtown's 1995 grand opening, committees met to discuss an on-site 'discovery center' for children. Eager parents with children, excited about trains, have asked for age-appropriate activities. A railroad 'discovery center' would be an ideal place for youngsters to continue their quest for railroad knowledge and to instill in them an appreciation for the only place in the National Park System that tells the story of steam railroading and the people who made it possible.

We've received a grant through our continuing partnership with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority to initiate a Discovery Center. The former classroom beneath the theater is under renovation at this time.

Stay tuned . . . we've only just begun!



International Guest Visits Steamtown NHS

Mr. Rajesh Agrawal, Heritage Director of the Ministry of Railways, State Railways of India, visited the Park on Monday, July 24. In partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, Mr. Agrawal began his month-long tour of several prominent east coast railroad museums in Scranton. His trip was sponsored by the American Association of Museums “International Partnerships Among Museums” program, with the purpose of establishing a long-term partnership between the National Museum of American History and museums managed by the Railways of India.

Pictured with Mr. Agrawal is Mark Brennan, Steamtown NHS Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs, and William Withuhn, Curator, Division of Work and Industry, National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.



Coming Soon...Fall Foliage Excursions!

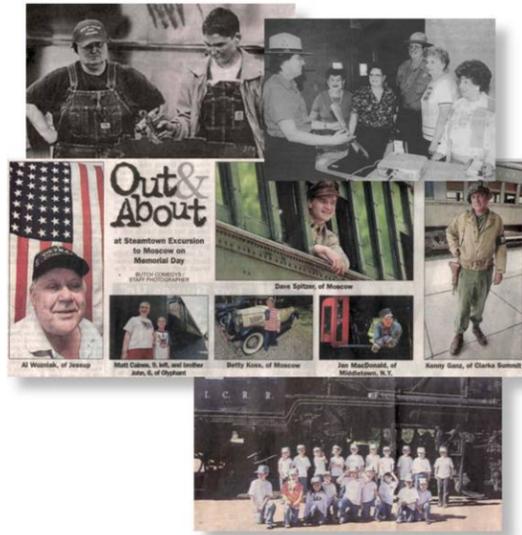
Perhaps the busiest season in Northeastern Pennsylvania is the fall foliage season. As nature prepares to display her most colorful outfit for the year, the Park is planning to transport visitors through some of the most beautiful fall scenery in the nearby Pocono Mountains. Nine steam-powered train rides will depart the downtown railroad yard headed for two destinations. Reservations are strongly recommended; phone (570) 340-5204, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Excursions to Moscow depart at 1:00 p.m. and are scheduled for October 7, 9 (*Columbus Day*), 14, 15, 21 and 29.

Excursions to Tobyhanna depart at 11:00 a.m. on October 8, 22 and 28.



Steamtown "In the News"



Several Park activities received media attention in recent months, including (clockwise from top left): Preservation Specialist Barb Klobucar monitors a RailCamp student at the Restoration Shop's Paint Booth; former Curator Ella Rayburn and Park Ranger Bill Clark presented a program at the AARP's Scranton Chapter 3731; the Memorial Day excursion train to Moscow featured Interpretive Park Ranger Kenny Ganz dressed in authentic WWII clothing, and Marisa Byron's 1st grade class at Scranton's Neil Armstrong Elementary Center visited the Park in conjunction with their LHVA Education Mini-Grant, "The Railroad: From Great Grandpa to Me".



Interpretive Training Continues via TEL Broadcast

Interpretive Supervisory Ranger John Mucha, and Park Rangers Bill Clark, Bill McCarthy and Bill Nalevanko, completed Interpretive Media Development training (IDP Module 311) via the Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Broadcast at the Park on June 23.

**BOSTON & MAINE
#3713
1 DOWN, 10,999 TO GO!**

Riveting began on the smoke box of our Boston & Maine #3713 locomotive on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. Park Ranger and photographer Kenny Ganz caught Preservation Specialists John Bibalo (left, pitching) and Willie Sturdevant (catching) "hot ones".



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Volunteers-in-Park: Railroad Operations

Dick Roden



As we are well into our operating season, it has been busy in Rail Operations. In addition to putting crews together for our Shuttles and Excursions, we'd like to offer hearty congratulations to Volunteers who achieved promotions this year. Doug Holbrook and Lucia Petrosky were promoted to Yardmaster, and Don Young was promoted to Student Yard Engineer.

Our crews also kept their qualifications up-to-date by high-railing to Carbondale on the former D&H Railroad mainline. Crew members included: Seth Corwin, Bernie O'Brien and Dick Roden, Engineers, and Leo Czereck, Bob Tomaine, Bill Johnson, and Ron Comunale, Conductors.

We also welcome aboard a student trainman with us this year, Bob Held of Warwick, NY.



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.

The Scranton "Subway"!

VIPs Richmond Bates and Brad Shaffer



In addition to the busy railroad tracks on the Steamtown property, the National Historic Site also contains the remains of a rarely-seen narrow-gauge, underground railroad.

The origin of this underground railroad dates to the turn of the 20th century when the management of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad decided to make its railroad one of the most modern and successful in the nation. To achieve this, management planned new shops for Scranton. To quote the 1906 Annual Report, "The management is entirely convinced that nothing is more vital to the successful operation of a large railroad property than ample repair shop facilities, equipped with the most modern tools and labor saving appliances for keeping in good repair locomotives and other equipment required for efficient and economical operation."

Construction of the new Scranton Shops began in 1907 with an official completion date of 1910 and a cost of \$2 million. Part of the new Scranton Shops included a subway system that connected the Office and Storage Building with the Scrap Platform, the Machine Shop, the Blacksmith Shop, the Material Bins, the Casting Platform and the Foundry. Parts and scrap were carried between buildings in the subway on a three-foot gauge electric

railway. At the time, this was a novel idea, although the technology was similar to that used in mine railways. A visual inspection of the railway seems to confirm that the power was via overhead trolley. According to historian Thomas Taber III, the Lackawanna stopped using the narrow-gauge railroad in the early 1920s when it acquired battery-powered hand trucks.



Locomotive Shop Personnel Advance

Mark Birtel, Supervisory Exhibit Specialist

Congratulations! Mike Oprisko and Bruce Mowbray have received their Student Engineer's license.

Congratulations! Mike Oprisko, Kevin Bose, Bruce Mowbray, and George Canavan have completed the NPS Fundamentals course.

Congratulations! Bruce Mowbray has been promoted to Yard Conductor.

Congratulations! Willie Sturdevant has been promoted to Yardmaster.

I would like to thank the VIP members who support our Repair Shop and Car Departments. Tom Yeager, Charlie Johns, Rob Held, John Gabriel, Amy Sturdevant, Eric Graff and Joe "Radar" Radnor. We definitely appreciate your contribution.