

# The Steamtown Timetable

## **100 Years: The DL&W Scranton Passenger Station**



**"100 Years: The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad's Scranton Station" exhibit entrance at the Changing Exhibits Gallery, on the mezzanine level of the Visitor Center.**

November 11, 2008 marks the centennial anniversary of the opening of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad's passenger station in downtown Scranton. In partnership with the Lackawanna County Library System – Albright Memorial Branch, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Radisson at Lackawanna Station Hotel and The Scranton Times-Tribune, a team from the Interpretation Staff has designed a new exhibit to commemorate this event. Displayed in the halls at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station Hotel, collected photographs and newspaper articles chronicle the lavish station's debut as well as reveal the civic importance of railroad stations in and to the community.

A larger and expanded version of the exhibit is on display through December 31 at the Changing Exhibits Gallery, mezzanine level of the Visitor Center.

## **Canadian Pacific 2008 Holiday Train**



*Suzanne Rozdilski, Park Ranger*

Canadian Pacific Railway's splendidly decorated Holiday Train will light up the evening when it begins its U.S. tour at the Park, in downtown Scranton PA, for its annual "free to the public" appearance on Friday, November 28, from 5:30 – 6:00 pm! The audience will enjoy energizing performances by award-winning singer-song writers and musicians. Marking its tenth year of operation, its eighth in Scranton, the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is on a mission: hunger awareness. As the trains visit one hundred communities in seven states and six provinces, the message shared emphasizes the critical need to stock local food banks, not just at this festive time, but all year through. At each stop, donations of non-perishable food items and cash will be gladly accepted, benefiting the local food collection agencies.

With the knowledge that our Park Service family is extremely generous, we will participate by collecting non-perishable food items – look for a specially-marked donation box in your work area soon!



*Canadian Pacific Railway's 2006 Holiday Train at Steamtown NHS. Scott Snell photo.*

# Park News

## 2008 Holiday Events Announced!



Lindsay McGowan, Visitor Use Assistant-Fee, helps young "Holiday Express" guests create ornaments at the Moscow Station during the 2007 event.

Hard to believe, but the holiday season is just around the corner! For 2008, the Park has announced several holiday events, beginning with Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. All veterans, members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families will be treated as guests of the Park, with Entrance Fees waived for the day. It's another way to express our nation's sincere appreciation to the men and women who've given their all to protect our country.

- Wednesdays through Sundays until, and including, December 6: "Scranton Limited" short train rides at 10:30 and 11:30 am, and 1:30 and 2:15 pm
- November 27: Thanksgiving Day – Park Closed
- November 28, 5:30 – 6:00 pm: Canadian Pacific's 2008 Holiday Train event
- November 28, 29 and December 6, 11:00 am: "Holiday Express" excursions to Moscow
- December 25: Christmas Day – Park Closed
- January 1: New Years Day – Park Closed
- January 17, 10:00 am: Ice Harvest excursion to Tobyhanna

## 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.

- **October 22** – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm - "Fiscal Fiesta Pot Luck" at the Locomotive Shop lunchroom
- **October 30** – 9 am - Bake Sale at the OSB Conference Room
- **November 19**, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm - "Soup Lunch" at the MOW lunchroom
- **December 5**, 4 pm til ? – Holiday get-together at Molly Brannigan's

A "Steamtown Brunch" (breakfast for lunch) is being planned for January.

## A Day at the Races!



Enjoying raceday activities at Pocono Raceway during the Sunoco Red Cross Pennsylvania 500 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series are, from left, Lori and Rob Staely, Austin Schiller, Tawnya Stiner, Finny Moyer, Pete Stiner and Roger Clevon

Employees and family members enjoyed great weather for viewing the two big NASCAR events at Pocono Raceway: the Pocono 500 in June, and the Sunoco Red Cross Pennsylvania 500 in August.

Complimentary tickets were supplied by Pocono Raceway through our partnership with the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau.

POCONO MOUNTAINS



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## Locomotive Shops

George Canavan



Preservation Specialists Dave Kulesa (l) and John Bibalo (r) rivet with VIP Walter Elvidge (c) on the mud ring of Baldwin #26 in the Shops.

This has been a productive year in the locomotive shop and in railroad operations. Roger Samuels is now Trainmaster, Willie Sturdevant is leading the Railroad Operations Division, Barbara Klobucar is leading the Car Department, and Chris Ahrens is keeping Federal Railroad Administration compliance for the locomotives. Kevin Bose has been selected to participate in the pilot Future Leaders Program sponsored by the Northeast Region. Dave Kulesa and Bruce Mowbray have been hired as permanent seasonal employees. Walter Elvidge and Paul Radcliff have joined Tom Walenta, Tom Yeager, and Doug Lotten as shop volunteers.

What the visitor may not see when they experience the yard shuttle, the excursion, and the Locomotive Shop Tour is the strenuous work and advanced planning that goes into making it all come together. The team in Administration provides services necessary to keep the operation running smoothly, including obtaining project funds, soliciting outsourced work contracts, purchasing and receiving material for the operation, tracking costs and manpower, and balancing our budget. Additionally, the Building and Utilities and Roads and Trails crews do an outstanding “behind-the-scenes” job of providing working utilities, operating track, and machinery upkeep. There is a staggering amount of work and cost involved to maintain a complex like ours.

### Baldwin #26

#### Tender

Installation of steel sheets in the cistern floor and coal bunker is complete. The frame will be sandblasted and awaits welding repairs. Truck units will be rebuilt including new wheel sets, journal brass, springs, and rigging.

#### Boiler

The boiler check-valve modification and riveting on the mud ring are complete, rigid and flexible stay bolts have been installed, and the installation of crown stays is in progress.

We will be installing the front tube sheet and tubes. The Federal Railroad Administration Form 4 is 95% complete and will be filed soon.

#### Running gear

Work is complete on the slide valves and steam chest. Work is continuing on the crossheads and the slide valve yoke. New binders, brake shoes and wedges have also been fabricated. Plans call for completing the journal boxes within the next few months.

#### Frame

Weld repairs are complete, and new waist sheets have been fabricated. The ash pan awaits installation. Upcoming work will include fabricating new pins and bushings for the spring-rigging and brake-rigging.

#### Cab repairs

The cab will remain in a primer paint coat until just prior to mounting on the engine, when it will receive a final coat before meeting the public.

#### Auxiliary systems

The Admin Team acquired funding through the Regional Office to purchase a new #6 dynamo and an 11” single-stage air pump. The existing pump has been rebuilt and upgraded for use as a reserve. We purchased two new air reservoirs, rebuilt both injectors and safety valves.

### Canadian Pacific #2317

The locomotive’s five-year inspection was completed in the spring. During the upcoming winter months, we will complete the annual inspection and make minor repairs. The locomotive will come out of service for its 1,472 day inspection in late summer 2009.

### Canadian National #3254

We replaced several superheater units and rebuilt the smoke box internals this season. Major work was completed on the stoker system, including rebuilding the trough and universal joints. We repaired the leak in the cistern behind the trough, and repacked the stoker motor. We are having two motors rebuilt, and one will be placed on this engine this winter. The annual inspection will begin after the 2009 Ice Harvest excursion in January.

### Boston & Maine #3713

Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley NRHS Chapter Project Manager Carl Packer has been resourceful in obtaining funding and materials to keep the job flowing. L&WV employees Mike Tillger and Charlie Rice are working full-time, and progress is becoming more visible. Mike, along with Steamtown Facility Management Specialist Chris Ahrens

and an L&WV contract mechanical engineer, are organizing FRA Form 4 components. Charlie is moving forward with the mud ring, with the throat and backhead sections complete and installed. He is making the side sections on the planer. When the mud ring is complete, they will work to replace the outside wrapper sheet. They are also making furnace bearers for the front of the fire box.

### Car Department

We are testing composite brake shoes on some of the coaches. If successful, we will convert the brake shoes on all coaches in an effort to reduce operating costs. The old stem-winder handbrakes will be converted to a modern ratchet-type handbrake system. Central of New Jersey combine #303 returned to service this season with new toilets and fresh paint inside and out. Plans call for painting another coach, DL&W #346, in the near future.

### Rail Operations

“Hands-on” training continues for shop staff and volunteers to assist in train service. Several new VIPs will begin training for train crew work later this year. And, at the Roundhouse, we are trialing a newer, “green” boiler treatment plan on Canadian National #3254. In FY08, we operated 800 excursions for a total of 4,000 miles.

### Project Management Information System (PMIS)

PMIS funding is acquired by Parks for a variety of projects funded beyond base operating funds (ONPS), including repair and rehabilitation work and cyclic maintenance. The following projects are in progress in the Locomotive Shop:

#### Weld Shop Rehabilitation

This project will provide shop employees a safer, state-of-the-art weld shop. Upgrades include electric, pneumatic, and ventilation systems, two wall-mounted smoke eaters mounted on 18-foot booms to enable total access inside the weld shop, and two down-draft welding tables which will eliminate welding fumes from rising into the welder’s breathing zone. The crane will also be upgraded with remote controls. New garage and entrance doors have been installed, and new windows are on the way. Two roof-mount ventilators have also been added by the Buildings and Utilities crew.

Additional upcoming projects include:

- *Rehabilitate 23 Machine Shop pieces of equipment*
- *Rehabilitate mechanical and steam systems on 2 steam locomotives*
- *Rehabilitate steam heat and electrical systems on 4 passenger cars*
- *Rebuild 4 passenger car truck units*
- *Repaint exterior Core Complex locomotives and rolling stock*

# Park News

## Maintenance of Way

Ron Stiltenspole

As the fiscal year ends, I thought it would be a good time to reflect and share some behind-the-scenes information. More often than not, we get caught up in what's happening at our end of the Park. At times it's hard to get a good sense of accomplishment, unless someone takes the time to document and share.

This year has been challenging to say the least. More than once I was asked "Why are you taking so many pictures?" The simple truth is a photo serves my memory better than I do these days. And with some of the stuff that we dug up this year, I'm sure these pictures will come in handy for future generations.



Bob Aten, Engineering Equipment Operator, and Norm Stinger, Maintenance Mechanic, operate tampers after repairing a water main break near the Visitor Center entrance.

The other side of our work looks the same, only it wasn't anything we dug up. It was work in places that people don't normally go. I can tell you without any hesitation that visitation in the basement of the Office and Storage Building was nil this year. We spent a lot of time down there, and no one came to visit. Here, workers remove fiberglass pipe insulation from the main chill water lines. The fiberglass insulation was replaced with new Rubatex® insulation. It is easier to work with and insulates better than its predecessor.



Who **are** these masked men?!?



Bob Thornton, Maintenance Mechanic, and Bob Hubshman, Maintenance Worker, work to install a new burner into a Gas House boiler.

The same holds true for the Gas House. While the Gas House is, of course, hot and noisy, it is also the place that provides us heat in winter and cooling in summer (depending on your point of view!) We enjoy it but sometimes take for granted what it takes to keep it humming.



Bob Aten operates a backhoe in preparation for correcting storm water runoff into the OSB basement (above).



Norm Stinger, Maintenance Mechanic, completes installation of a new air conditioning unit at the Fee Booth in July (below).



Supervisory Audiovisual Production Specialist Eric Epstein, Harpers Ferry Center, worked with Steamtown Electrician Nick Lorenzetti, assisted by VIP Bob Kulow, to replace the amplifiers, laserdisc players and Superbox controllers at most of our Core Complex video and audio exhibits. The tiny SR4 box pictured below replaces an armful of equipment. While the replaced equipment was "state-of-the-art" when installed, the units began to fail after years of daily use. The units have been replaced with today's MP3 technology, all data now stored on microchips – no moving parts! Future plans include upgrades to the Theater and the Scranton Yards 1937 exhibit in the Technology Museum.

Each new MP3 unit (right) replaces a laserdisc player, an amplifier and a SuperBox II controller (below)



Last, but certainly not least, we installed a new water main in the Locomotive Shop. The new main (below) feeds through the backflow prevention device to provide better service and reduce maintenance costs.



I am proud and privileged to work with our Park's Maintenance team. These snippets are but a sampling of what we have accomplished this past year.

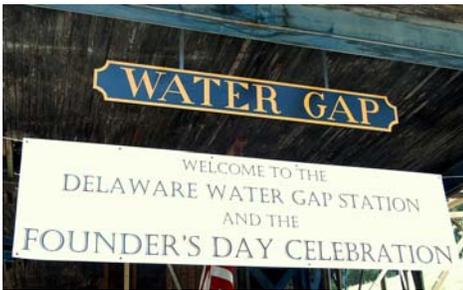
### OUR GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES

- Lighting replacement project
- Global Electric Motorcars (recycled from ROVA!)
- Industrial tricycles for on-site transportation
- Additional recycling bins



## 2008 Special Events

Suzanne Rozdilski, Park Ranger



On June 28, Canadian National #3254 brought 520 excursionists into the borough of Delaware Water Gap, Monroe County, for their annual "Founder's Day" event. Antoine Dutot, a French plantation owner in Haiti, founded the village in 1793, naming it for himself – "Dutotsburg."

The day's 104 mile roundtrip stopped at Cresco for additional passengers. Guests were treated to a Fine Art and Crafts show, a classic/custom car show, live music, and a "Rubber Ducky" race for children – as well as the natural splendor of the Delaware Water Gap. Later in the afternoon, passengers boarded the train for the return trip to Cresco and Scranton. As in the steam-era, the engineer blew the whistle, the locomotive picked up speed and the rocking rhythm of the coaches lulled some passengers to sleep.



Partners Norfolk Southern Corp and CSX Corp displayed some of their most modern locomotives at Railfest 2008. The engines flank partner Canadian Pacific Railway's "D&H Heritage" GP38-2.

Lackawanna Railfest 2008 opened on Saturday, August 30, with introductory remarks from Superintendent Kip Hagen. The two-day event featured guest speakers, special tour programs and visiting railroad equipment, and presented opportunities for more than 2,500 visitors to explore advances in railroad technology by contrasting modern equipment with steam-era equipment. A standout of the weekend was CSX #909, a "green" locomotive built just a few weeks prior to the visit. Other event partners included the Amtrak, Canadian Pacific Railway, Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad, Norfolk Southern Corp., and Sperry Rail Service.

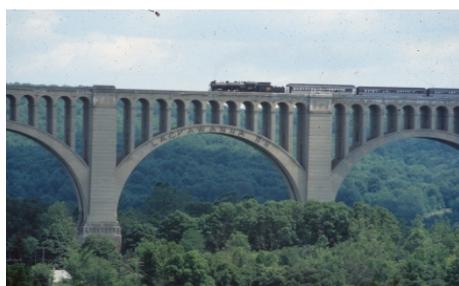
## Volunteers-in-Park

The annual Appreciation Banquet for our Volunteer-in-Park program will be held at the Radisson at Lackawanna Station Hotel on Sunday, November 9, 2008, from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

VIP Coordinator Glenn Smith notes that volunteers who contributed more than 40 hours of service between 10/01/07 and 09/30/08 will receive complimentary tickets for the event.

Superintendent Kip Hagen will host the dinner, present various recognition awards, and offer remarks about the importance of the VIP program at the Park.

Mr. Smith notes that volunteers have donated more than 284,350 service hours since Park operations began in 1988. In fiscal year 2007, eighty-six volunteers contributed 18,858 service hours, a 26% increase from the previous year.



Rainy weather did not deter 510 excited travelers from boarding the Tunkhannock Viaduct Excursion on September 6! The roundhouse crew inspected the sanders on CN 3254 prior to the trip in anticipation of slippery rails. VIP Engineer Bernie O'Brien skillfully operated the train on wet rails without any perceptible slip of the wheels.

Excursionists shared stories and remembrances as the train steamed toward the famed viaduct. A 96 year-young Binghamton, NY, resident shared her treasured memory: she and the baby carriage she rode were pushed across the viaduct during its completion ceremony in 1915! Another traveler, an Old Forge, PA, resident recalled his experiences during the steam era, riding passenger trains to California in 1944; his ultimate destination would be with the 6th Marine Division on Okinawa. New memories were made for all when the excursion train stopped atop the still-magnificent 250-foot high viaduct. Passengers became still as they waited for the engineer to blow the locomotive's whistle, creating a beautiful echo through the Endless Mountains.

## ALL-RISK INCIDENT MANAGEMENT



Preservation Specialist Mike Oprisko (foreground) is pictured with a "snagging crew" at the Gray's Creek, ID, fire, May 2007.

Steamtown National Historic Site has a number of qualified individuals who are ready to assist interdepartmental agencies at forest fires, floods, hurricanes and other emergency situations. This season, John Bruce, George Canavan, Bill Clark, Roger Cleven, George Leech, Pat McKnight, Mike Oprisko and Tim O'Malley were called to duty.

Ranger Bill Clark worked his second "Security 2" position. "One evening, about midnight, I drove downstream and stopped to chat with one of the engine crews. They were monitoring the fire, making sure it did not cross the river. As I approached in semi-darkness, I noticed part of the crew was in the grass next to their brush truck. I looked in the same direction they were looking and saw the full-moon rising above a ridgeline, blood-red through the smoke. Two trees near their tops were "crowning"; flames 200-feet in the air whipped off treetops in a miniature orange tornado. Except for the moon and the flames, the rest of the landscape was completely blacked out. The flames were too bright to allow any view of the unburned landscape."

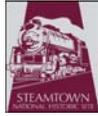


Park Ranger Bill Clark was assigned to the Lonesome Complex Incident, Prospect, OR, near Crater Lake National Park.



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## Steamtown Progress on Display

*Tim O'Malley, Park Ranger*



A short stroll on the upper level of the History Museum reveals to visitors a miniature history on Steamtown NHS itself. Rangers Kenny Ganz and Tim O'Malley spent the early spring developing an exhibit to commemorate the NPS and its partnership with the public since “the Park” opened in

1988. At that time, the park grounds were limited to a small space at the Hilton at Lackawanna Station.

“Steamtown at 20: Pride, Progress and Partnerships,” is the title of the exhibit, which covers the final days of Steamtown USA and the early days of National Park Service development through today. Artifacts of the era are viewed in the glass cases. It is hard to think of our work as worthy of the term “artifact,” but no other word comes close. Most of our partners and employees will recognize their own contributions to history in the cases. The photo montage also shows how young we once looked.

The impact of the last two decades has been personal to the visitors, but has also lit the torch for various partners to help in spreading the NPS mission. The preserved rail lines on which Steamtown trains run have opened the eyes of many of the communities to share their own piece of history with our visitors. Here’s to the next 20.

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