

SHALL WE RIDE NO. 10 AGAIN NEXT WEEK?

YES, DAD. IT BEATS RIDING IN OUR BUGGY!



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SFTM DOINGS

As we enter the second half of the 2006 season - our seventh full operating season already, we seem to be holding our own and then some. Passenger traffic is just a whisker below last year's, probably due to a long rainy spell followed by a long heat wave. There seem to be many happy faces leaving SFTM, and they share their experiences with others, who in turn come to try it all themselves. Increased media coverage has helped as well.

Our new color rack cards are a big hit, compared with our old B&W brochures. A somewhat whimsical story released to the press about our plan to operate to Colrain was good for an uptick in interest. People know that we are here and that we are serious about what we are trying to do.

In spite of frantic efforts of President Sam Bartlett and VP Dave Dye, the restroom opening is still on hold because the technical school plumbers didn't get their part done before school let out. This should be remedied soon, we hope. There is nothing more painful than watching a long line of elderly ladies fresh off a tour bus desperately waiting use our current one-holer.

Track has been getting mended. More paint is hitting the freight house. John Greene and his team are keeping the yard mowed. Plans for future trackwork are advancing. New membership is up. The operating crew list has grown. It seems we are on the right track to success.

One real challenge is, that by intent, our mortgage payments double effective August 15, 2006. We feel, that with our rental effort (see Page 4) we can handle this. On July 15, 2018, our last payment is due. Then we truly "own the yard".

Keep tuned for a bigger and better SFTM!



WHAT'S NEXT? FLYING BOXCARS?

Guilford Rail Systems, our abutter and owner of the big railroad in town, has officially changed its name to "Pan Am Railways". To add to the weirdness, they now call their airline arm "Boston-Maine Airways".

History has now been officially inverted.

IT WAS A HOT AND MUGGY DAY.....



Temperature 95 deg. Humidity ditto. Nevertheless, volunteers toiled away with scrapers and paint brushes.

Top: Polly Bartlett repaints "her" pumpcar. Above: Nan Fischlein gives the loading platform a fine refinishing job. Note the sail rigged on the boom truck for shade. Not shown: Peter Lusrudo adding to the new paint on the freight house. It was a furnace out there!

RGB photos