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DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF THE SHELBURNE FALLS & COLRAIN STREET RAILWAY

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Amherst Railway Society for a \$3000 grant toward the Carbarn project. Every winter ARS puts on the huge Railroad Hobby Show at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. This largely volunteer effort brings over twenty thousand visitors and generated \$49,530 this year for funding ARS's generous grant program. The Carbarn Fund now stands at nearly \$16,000. To see our plans, go to [www.sftm.org/carbarn.shtml](http://www.sftm.org/carbarn.shtml).

The carbarn track project was completed in time for Trolleyfest. Thanks to Dave Goff, Dick Moore, John Greene, Dave Bartlett and student volunteers. Dave Dye and Sam Bartlett collected over 3200 pounds of 'light iron' scrap from the yard, along with some donations from Tony Jewell and David Bartlett. When we got to the scrap yard, only Dave was allowed to take the trailer in for unloading, so he got his weight lifting in for the week in one hot 90-minute session! This generated \$300 for the museum.

Dick Moore, Sam Bartlett, Chris Martin and some other volunteers continue to work on the freight house. More of the windows are painted, and the rake board along the parking lot has been straightened and primed. The trim around the east-end overhead door has been repaired and work progresses on replacing and repairing the clapboards on that end.

Joe Albano swapped a working tall switch stand from his collection for our frozen up one. We hope to get this and the new head blocks installed on Switch 1 this fall, let us know if you'd like to help!

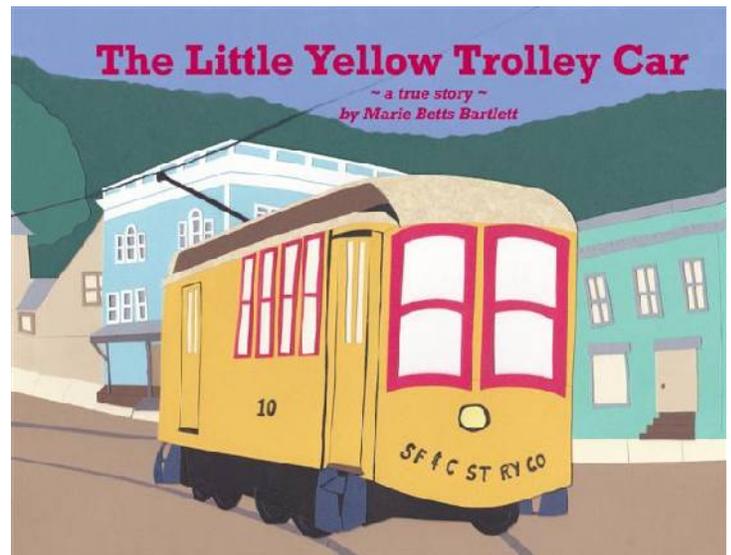
Recently the board approved spending up to \$8000 from our reserves to acquire used track materials from the MBTA. This should include some No.5 turnouts that we need for the carbarn approach tracks and that are hard to find.

Dan Stark has donated a 1.5" scale, 7.25" gauge steam locomotive 'project'. This "Live-Steam" Atlantic 4-4-2 model has a boiler and running gear, but no cab, rods, backhead, etc. Three partly completed cars are included. We are selling this and the entire proceeds will go toward track and carbarn projects at SFTM. See [www.sftm.org/livesteam.shtml](http://www.sftm.org/livesteam.shtml) for more details and pictures, or ask to see it on your next visit.

As of mid July, ridership was 13% above last year, but still trailing 2007, our best year.

Marie Betts Bartlett has written, illustrated and published *The*

*Little Yellow Trolley Car ~ a true story* featuring, you guessed it, No 10. Irmarie Jones called it a "true-life fairy tale." This delightful children's book is available at our TrolleyStop gift shop and local bookstores, and you can see some of the colorful illustrations at [www.thelittleyellowtrolley.com](http://www.thelittleyellowtrolley.com).



Brian Donelson's *The Coming of the Train Vol II* is also available at the TrolleyStop gift shop. This fascinating and comprehensive look at the years 1910 to 1922 on the Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington and related railroads, industries and hydro-electric projects.

*Sam*

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### HOT IRON!

John Boyd's ornamental ironwork, crafted using old railroad spikes and other scrap steel, is in stock now at SFTM. Hooks, hook racks, sconces, musical notes, and numerous other items are in stock.

Stop by. Add a railroad motif to your décor!

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