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September Meeting

We will have a Zoom meeting in September at 7 PM on September 5 2024.

An invite will be sent attached to this Gazette.



Club Business

We are now collecting dues for next year.

NEMES Dues are now due for the year. Dues are \$25.00. Make checks payable to NEMES, and send them to our treasurer, Rob Goeller
34 Middlebury Lane
Beverly, MA 01915

[Note from the President] NEMES is now billing members, you can pay with a credit card, as I did.

From the Treasurer:

To members who have tried to e-mail me using our published treasurer's e-mail address: Our e-mail address has been the target of an exorbitant number of spam e-mails from all sorts of people and organizations marketing their products and services. The number of these e-mails is so large (hundreds in the course of only a week) that it is almost impossible for me to find e-mails from members. I apologize to those who have tried to contact me without response, I did not see your e-mail. [President's note: mine too!]

Unfortunately, our current e-mail server does not provide a function to block these unwanted e-mails. We are working to alleviate this problem. However, in the mean time, it is unlikely I will be able to respond to member's e-mails. You can write to me as needed, if I see your e-mail I will respond but the current reality is that it is unlikely that I will see said e-mail. If you need to contact me, best to use the US Postal Service at the address in the introductory column.

On another subject, many members have mailed their dues checks to the Charles River Museum, rather than directly to me. Unfortunately, these checks, many from early 2023, were only recently forwarded to me and many are too old to be deposited. Any checks that I cannot deposit, I will return to the member. If you have recently sent a

check to the Museum, please let me know via standard US Postal Service (not e-mail) and we will watch the Museum's mail for these checks.

When we have alleviated the e-mail problem, I will let you know in a future Gazette.

APPAREL: Please check out the NEMES Aprons, T-Shirts, Denim Shirts and Sweat Shirts. We are happy to ship any of this clothing directly to your home.

Orders should go to our Treasurer, Rob Goeller. His address is in the opposite column.



President's Corner

Bob Timmerman

We had some good suggestions for in-person meetings. One meeting topic we are considering is an in-person meeting for lunch in September or October, perhaps at the Chateau restaurant in Waltham. Members are invited to make suggestions for in-person meetings. Help with the meetings would always be appreciated.



From the Editor's Desk

Bob Timmerman

Your Editor received a major health diagnosis in August, and is now under treatment for it. He is a bit under the weather at this time,, and not running on all cylinders.

We sometime get complaints from members that a NEMES event conflicts with some other event. Usually, we do not even know about the other event. Please let me know of other events, and I will publish such details as I have in the Gazette.

Date of 2025 NEMES Model Engineering Show

The 2025 NEMES Model Engineering Show will be on March 15, 2025. This is later than we wanted, but the first two weekends in March were taken.

Date of 2026 NEMES Model Engineering Show

We have reserved the first weekend in March, 2026 for the NEMES Model Engineering Show. This puts the show out of the way of big snowstorms, which usually come in February.

Upcoming Events

I have been receiving notices from the Owls Head Museum up in Maine. Keep an eye on their website as well.

Any news on events in September or October?

Please send them to me, Bob Timmerman, editor of the Gazette.

Condolences for Dick Koolish

During a recent storm, a large tree fell onto Dick's garage, doing heavy damage to the garage. Fortunately, his car was not in the garage, and was not damaged. The tree also missed his house. Still, he has to deal with insurance adjusters, tree people to remove the tree, and carpenters and roofers to fix his garage. He will have a difficult several weeks.

Reports from the Sandy Hill Locomotive Works

This is Dick Boucher's original introduction, and I am reprinting it here, as I think it is still relevant.

June 7, 2020

Hello fellow live steam model hobbyist and principals of the New England Model Engineering Society,

James (grandson), Norm, Jay and John. This is my usual Sunday afternoon progress report on work here in the Sandy Hill Locomotive works. Dan, Rich, Bob and James Scheffler I am sending this along to you thinking it might be a way to get some interest back in the club if the fellows who have given up traveling to Waltham had a place to post pictures of their work and view other builder's projects. To the new fellows on the list I am working on Cole's Models 2"scale Case steam tractor. For some time now I have been sending out pictures and a short description of the progress on the project to the first three listed having added John lately. Back in the early days of the Live Steam railroad hobby there were only a couple "meets" a year some as far away as Montreal Canada and Carl Purington started the "Traveling Locomotive Books" in which a hobbyist would attach a couple pictures of his work and forward the book to the next person on the list. Fortunately these books still exist and are repositored at John K's museum in Beverly. At any rate my thought is we set up a formal place in our web site or someplace to create the "Traveling Hobby Machining Books" Your thoughts.

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Current Work

Hi All.

Short article this month. A lot has happened this past month however our esteemed editor tells me he is a little under the weather this week so I will keep it short. The photo is the work I have accomplished this past month.



Photo 1

I had my cataract surgery earlier in the month and was under a lot of restrictions so I assembled one of the 3/4 steam tractor and then when I was clear to run the machines I made a number of parts for the steam pumper fire engine.

Hope you are feeling better Bob.

Dick B.

P.S. surgery went great and vision is like when I was 20 years old. [Editor's note: I had cataract surgery about 5 years ago, and it made the same improvement for me.]