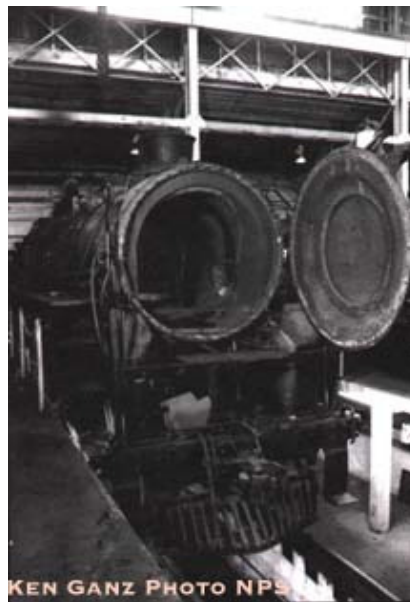




3713 Special Edition

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RESTORATION WORK ON 3713 CONTINUES



Boston & Maine No. 3713 with smokebox door opened, showing tubes, draft gear and flues removed (10/1/1999)

B&M 3713 RESTORATION WORK PROCEEDS

The work of restoring the Boston and Maine No. 3713 to operation condition continued throughout 2002 and into 2003. The project has been underway since the employees at the Steamtown National Historic Site removed and cataloged the external parts of the locomotive such as a bell, domes and lights. The next step was the removal of asbestos from the boiler walls in 1997. With this work completed a final evaluation on the condition of the boiler took place.

In June 1999, the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society hired a contractor to begin performing work on the removal of the parts from inside the boiler., including superheater tubes and flues. Work continued to evaluate the condition of the rigid and flexible staybolts, sleeves and studs. Most of the work performed in 2001 involved the removal and replacement of rigid staybolts, caps and sleeves..

In June 2000 we received a \$10,000 grant from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority. We purchased K-nuts, some flexile staybolts, some crown staybolts, sleeves, and material to make the caps for the firebox. We also purchased fabricated studs for the boiler, firebox, and smokebox. This was for purchasing parts to start to put the firebox back together. This year we also received a Grant for \$200,000 from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program.

This is a matching grant for which we need to raise \$50,000. We have some of the money to start the project. Congress has not passed a budget, so we can't start to use the money yet. This grant is for completing the work on the boiler, firebox and smokebox and purchasing parts for phase 1.

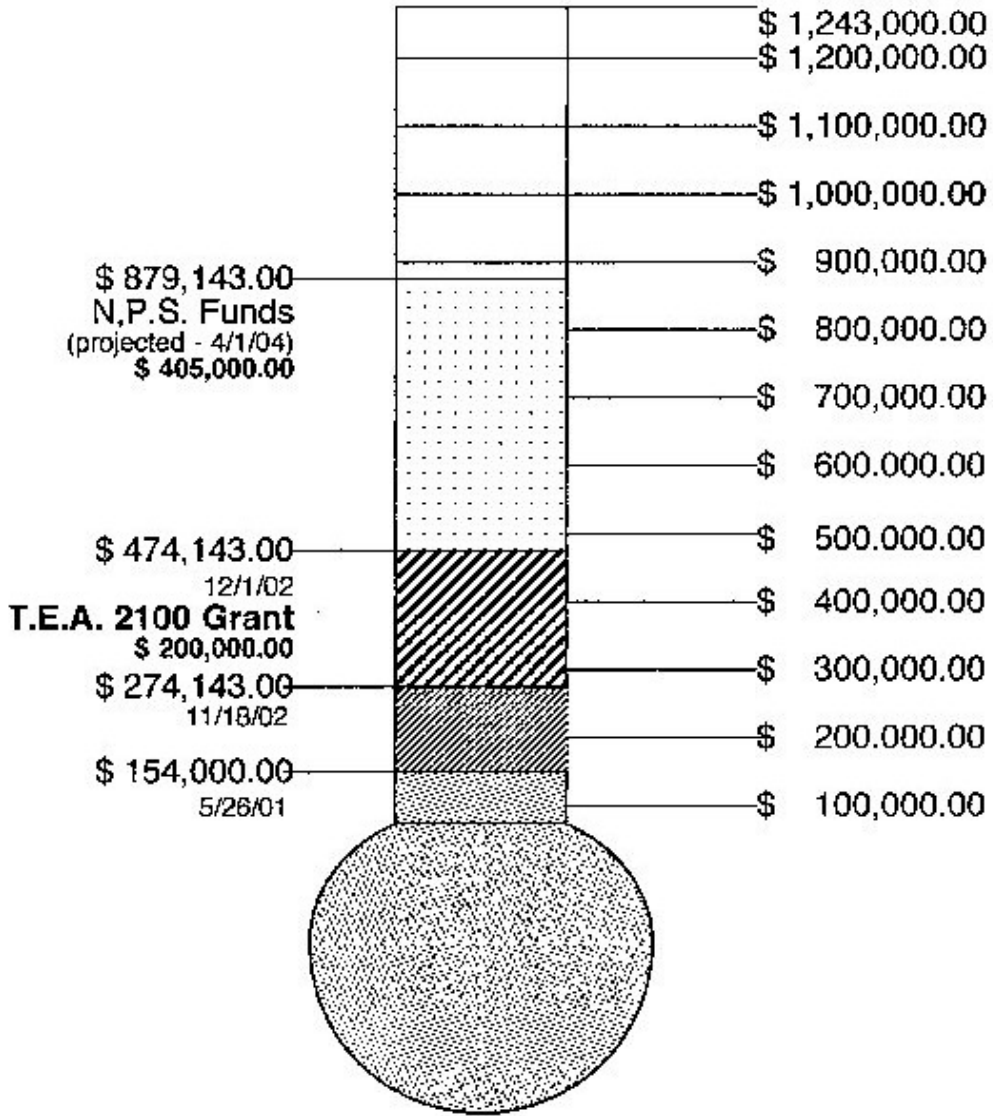
The contractor hired by the Society has performed over 3810 Hours of labor to date. Total funds expended to date are over \$247,636. All of the funds have been the result of donations form supporters of the project and from proceeds of sales of refreshments and souvenirs at the Moscow Railroad Station during the Steamtown Excursion Season. Funds have also been received at a donation box at the Steamtown site located adjacent to the B&M 3713 in the Locomotive Shops.

The B&M 3712 can be seen in the Steamtown Locomotive Shops in Scranton, Pennsylvania during one of the regularly scheduled shop tours. If you have contributed to the restoration project, you can see what your donation has helped make possible. This year the goal is to purchase parts and complete the work on phase 1 for the boiler, firebox and smokebox. We are working on phase 2 funding for the drive and associate parts. We have received blue prints for the Locomotive from the B&M Railroad Historical Society. Many thanks to all that helped us with our project.

We are in need of classification lights and the original whistle for the B&M locomotive 3713. Any help in acquiring these items would also be appreciated. Also pictures or movies or slides of this locomotive in action would also help. Please contact Carl Packer, RR2#2 Box 362, Dalton, PA 18414 or (570) 378-2420

**BOSTON AND MAINE NO. 3713
LOCOMOTIVE RESTORATION FUND**

JULY 1, 2003



SOCIETY RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society received word earlier this year that we had qualified to receive a Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$200,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to help restore Boston and Maine No. 3713. The

money is actually part of a matching funds program. In order to draw down the entire \$200,000, we must spend \$50,000 of our own funds. We have some of the money needed to provide our share, but we will need additional funds to complete this phase of the project. We intend to use the money to complete the restoration of the locomotive boiler. This will include purchase and installation of remaining staybolts, as well as flues and tubes for the boiler. Once this portion of the work is completed, we will begin work on the driving gear and brakes and the tender.

As the chart elsewhere in the newsletter shows, we have made significant progress on the locomotive, so much so that the National Park Service has sought funds to continue the restoration project until we can raise the remainder needed. This NPS money is tentative, and given the budget situation in Washington, it could be a few years before it is actually available for use.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO SUPPORT 3713 RESTORATION

The Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society announces a special way to support the restoration of Boston & Maine 3713 and to recognize members of your family or close friends who have an interest in railroading . You can make a donation of \$150.00 to the restoration and have a special plaque erected on the wall of the Visitors Center at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania. This plaque can honor the memory of a deceased relative who worked for a railroad anywhere in the United States, or possibly a living relative who has retired from active railroading. Visitors from across the United States and from around the world will be able to see this plaque with the name of someone you wish to honor for service to railroading. Plaques are also available for the railroad enthusiasts, or for others who would like this special recognition for making a donation to restore the 3713.

**For more information about memorial plaques, contact the Society at :
Memorial Plaques, P.O. 3452, Scranton, PA 18505-0452.**

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