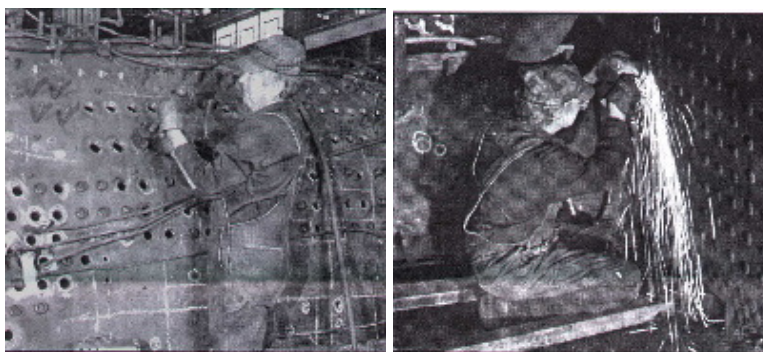




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RESTORATION WORK ON 3713 CONTINUES



Contractor Bill Fredrickson works on the exterior of the boiler of 3713 (left) and on the interior (right) to replace rigid staybolts.

The work of restoring Boston & Maine No. 3713 to operating condition continued throughout 2001 and into 2002. The project has been underway since employees at the Steamtown National Historic Site removed and cataloged the external parts of the locomotive such as bells, domes, and lights. The next step was the removal of asbestos from the boiler walls in 1997. With this work completed a final evaluation of the condition of the boiler took place. In June 1999 the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society hired a contractor to begin performing the work on removal of parts 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 rigid and flexible staybolts, caps and sleeves. Ultrasonic testing was performed to determine the condition of the firebox to establish what repairs are needed. The project has now moved to the actual restoration of the locomotive from the inside out. If funds are available, we hope to complete the restoration of the boiler with all staybolts replaced and flues and tubes replaced and reinstalled during 2002.

The contractor hired by the Society has performed 3802 hours of labor to date. Total funds expended to date are \$233,1351.00. All funds have been the result of donations from supporters of the proceeds of sales of refreshments and souvenirs at the Moscow Railroad Station during the Steam town Excursion Season. Funds have also been received at a donation box at the Steam town site located adjacent to the 3713 in the Locomotive Shops.

The 3713 can be seen in the Steam town 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 to make possible.

3713 PROJECT RECEIVES PRESERVATION AWARD

The Boston & Maine 3713 Restoration Project was awarded the first annual H. Albert Webb Memorial Award in January 2001 shortly after our last update was published. The award was created by Leigh A. Webb to honor the memory of his father H. Albert Web, a long time member of the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts - RRE - and a rail enthusiast unit the day that he died. The award is to be given annually to that organization found to be the best example of "preserving railroad history, artifacts, or equipment form the New England Area". This award is totally supported by Mr. Leigh Webb with no corporate support. The final decision on who is to receive the award is made by Mr. Webb, but he relied heavily on the recommendations of the Mass Bay RRE, especially John Reading. He hopes that in the future the award and the Mass Bay RRE will be permanently linked. It was the Mass Bay RRE that recommended the Boston & Maine 3713 project for the first recipient of the award.

The value of the award is \$10,000, which is the largest single contribution to date to the restoration project. In sending the check, Mr. Leigh Web expressed the hope that the award would send a message to others that this project is worthy of support on the scale required to see it to fruition.

The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society is grateful to Mr. Webb for choosing the Boston & Maine 3713 Restoration Project as the first recipient of the H. Albert Webb Memorial Award. We are also grateful to Mr. John Reading and the officers and directors of the Massachusetts Bay RRE for their support in helping us to receive this award.

CHAPTER CONDUCTS GREAT TRAIN RAFFLE

The Lackawanna & Wyoming Railway Historical Society conducted the Great Train Raffle during the summer of 2001 to help raise funds to restore the Boston & Maine No. 3713. Society members were asked to purchase tickets and visitors to the Moscow Station who rode the Steamtown Excursion trains and had the opportunity to take a chance on one of the seven prizes, all of which were donated from local merchants. Prizes included a Lionel Union Pacific 4-6-6-4 Challenger, a Lionel UP Consolidation, a Lionel Sante Fe Passenger Set, a G Gauge Bachman Circus train set, a Lionel Baseball Set and a Christmas Set.

Drawing of prize winners took place on Sunday, October 28, the final day of the Steamtown Excursion Season. Winners were : Dick Roden - Warrington, PA; Uriah Burhans - Westport MA; Havey and Evonne Elliot - Apalachin, NY; Dennis J. Kondash, D.O. - Clarks Summit, PA; F. Hanley - Scranton, PA; W. T. Dougher - Dallas, TX; Joeseph Boshek - Laflin, PA; and Bruce Sheets - Kingston, PA.

The raffle raised nearly \$10,00 for the project helped to increase awareness of the restoration. The Society is already working to arrange another Great Train Raffle for 2002. Keep checking the website for more information.

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 :
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