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## Mohowski Speaks

At the May meeting we were privileged to have railroad author Bob Mohowski give a slide presentation on the subject of railroads and the dairy industry. Also, Darryl Loker, president of the Maywood Historical Route of Sidney Center, Inc., brought several copies of Bob's book *New York Ontario & Western Railway: Mixed Trains, Milk Cans, and Motor Cars* for sale. Bob autographed copies for those who purchased them. Several first-time visitors were among the nearly 40 who attended the meeting, and two joined afterwards.

## Meeting Schedule Changes

Our meeting place and schedule have been changed. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings at the New Berlin Village Library, downstairs, at 7 p.m. Meeting dates are: June 16 with Bob Padgett; July 7 with Jim Loudon; August 25 with John Taibai; September 8 (Annual Meeting and elections); October 6; and November 3.

## New Members

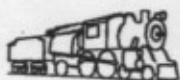
During the months of March, April, and May, the following became new members of the Unadilla Valley Railway Society:

William Wellman of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; David W. and Lois J. Dennis of Trenton, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas Sargent of New Berlin, N.Y.; Robert Schwarz of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Simmons of Edmeston, N.Y.; Timothy and Theresa Clarke of New Berlin, N.Y.; and Penny Finnegan and family of New Berlin, N.Y. Welcome aboard!

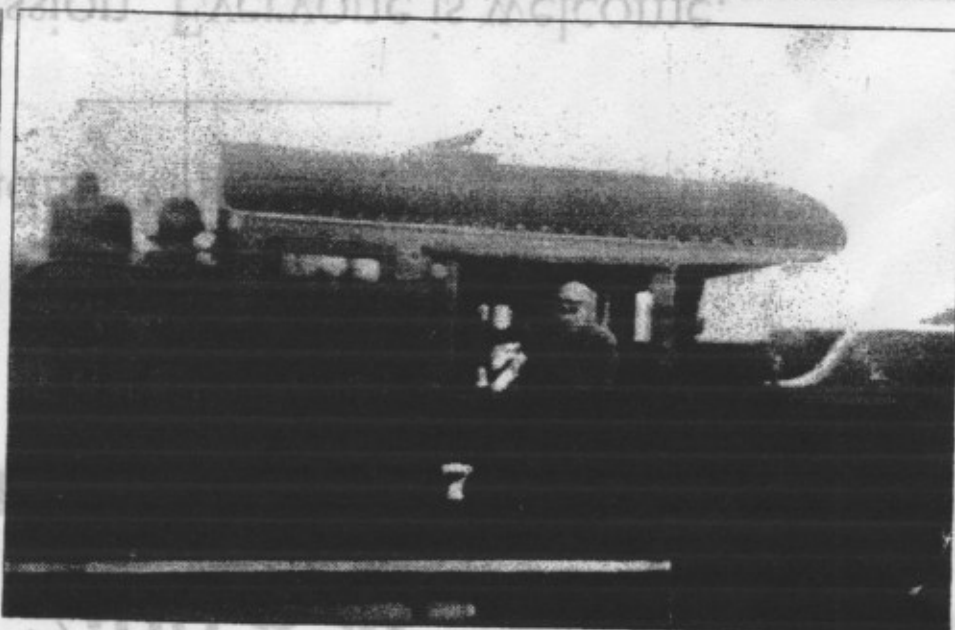
We're sorry to report that eight people have decided not to renew their membership. Total membership now stands at 55.

## Buy-A-Tie

We have the opportunity to obtain railroad ties in excellent condition for just \$6.00 each. This is well below what such ties would normally cost. \$17.00 has already been designated for this project. Will you help us buy some ties. Each \$6.00 received equals one tie.



Our next scheduled stop at your station is September 1997.



FROM THE COLLECTION OF ROBERT E. PADGETT

Bob Padgett in the cab of UV No. 7 at New Berlin Junction (East Guilford) around 1946.

## Robert Padgett to Speak June 16

Bob Padgett, a native of South New Berlin and a former employee of the Unadilla Valley Railway, will be the guest speaker at the June 16 meeting of the Unadilla Valley Railway Society. Mr. Padgett will also show a portion of his personal collection of railroad items.

Mr. Padgett began his railroading career working on a section gang while still in high

school. After graduating in 1945, he worked as a fireman and brakeman. When there were no road jobs, he worked on one of the section crews. After leaving the UV he continued to have a keen interest in the railway.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the New Berlin Village Library. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## A Letter from the President

Did you ever stop to think about what you have done? You have created something in time and space that had not been there before! Think about it. If it were not for you and what you have done, the Unadilla Valley Railway Society would not have been born. And again, because of you and what you are doing, its sister, the Unadilla Valley Railway Museum, is about to be born. Think about it and then pat yourself on the back, for you will very shortly be parent to two growing children.

Don't forget, as you contemplate this idea, that as parents not only do you have bragging rights upon these children, but you have the responsibility to feed and nourish them as well.

As these "children" develop, just think of them as a part of you and treat them accordingly. When you do so they will grow and they will mature, and others in the community will say quietly, "Who gave them life, who turned them into this? They sure did a good job!"

—George R. Wolfangle

# THE ONEONTA ROUNDHOUSE

A Talk by Jim Loudon

and

Railroad Songs by  
Real Country

Monday, July 7

7:00 p.m.

New Berlin Village Library

Hosted by

The Unadilla Valley Railway Society

Free admission. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served.