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FSR President introduction

Dear Friends:

Please allow me to introduce myself, for those of you who don't already know me. My name is Mike Ruane, and I was elected President of the Friends of the Stewartstown Railroad at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

I've been volunteering at the railroad since 2013, and a member of the Friends since then. I volunteer on most of the work weekends, am on the board of the Stewartstown Railroad, and own a few pieces of equipment on the railroad. I'm a big fan of the Stewartstown Railroad.

I'm excited to be more involved with the Friends, and look forward to helping where I'm able to. This is what I hope to be the first of many updates about what's going on with the Friends, and what's going on at the Railroad. I'm able to attend most of the work weekends on the railroad, and you can find me doing everything from sweeping at the station, to running crews out on the line.

I'm still feeling my way along here, but I think one thing that we'd like to achieve is to get more visitors and volunteers at the railroad. Visitors are attracted by what they can do on the trains, but volunteers are attracted by what they can do with and for the Railroad. I think there's a misconception that in order to volunteer at the Stewartstown Railroad, that one must possess some special skills. I'd like to make it abundantly clear that anyone in good health, who can use a broom or a shovel or a paintbrush, or who can talk to passengers as they ride the train, or can give out tickets at the station can be a much needed volunteer!

Obviously, we do have volunteers with special skill sets: carpenters, mechanics, machinists, engineers – and we can always use more of them and their skills. But, every single person who volunteers, even if for one train ride on one day ever, is a great help. So, if you can come out and help us, and can bring someone with you, or can suggest us to someone, we'd really appreciate it!

Also, if you get a chance to come down to the railroad when trains are running, please stop in the headquarters building. You can see our operating Lionel Train layout, visit the gift shop, and check out the displays, including a recently restored 1909 Velocipede, once used on the New Park and Fawn Grove Railroad.

Thanks for reading – Hope to see you at the Railroad!

Mike Ruane

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SRR President Williamson report

We continue to improve our shop with additional equipment to improve our capabilities for repair, restoration and maintenance.
New this year is :

- Miller welding machine 250 AMP.
- Rockwell- Delta 20 inch drill press (#3 MT spindle, will drill 1 1/2 inches in steel)
- Baldor 12 inch pedestal grinder with dust collection and lighted eye shields.

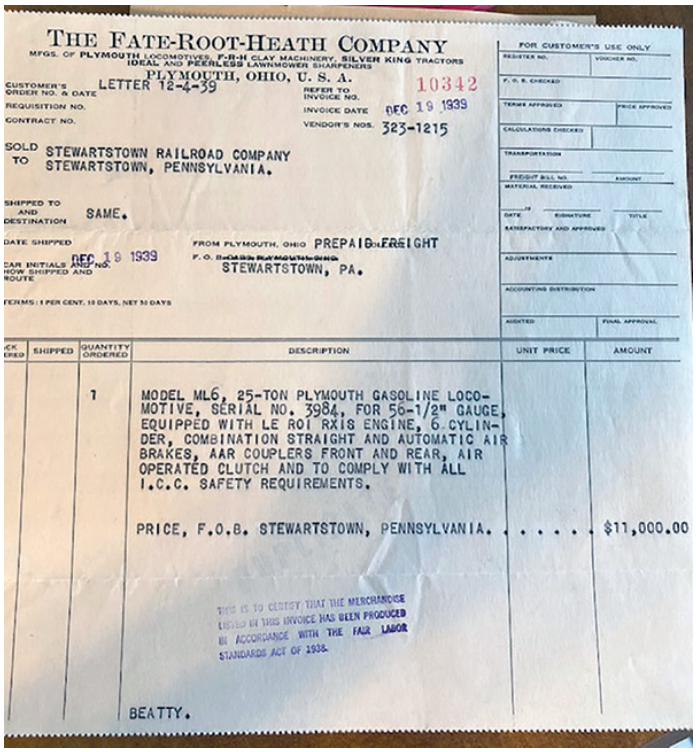
- Two sets of Harris cutting torches and rosebud heating torches, with gouging tips and circle cutter.
- Arc- Air carbon electrode arc gouging rig.
- Gang size took box for consolidating all of our welding tools, supplies and equipment.
- Pexto stake plate with stakes (this is a sheet metal working tool for bending and forming light gauge sheet.

We are headed towards erecting a new workshop building next year. 30′ x 40′ or maybe even 40′ x 50′. My plan is to have a machine shop on one side, welding and fabricating on the other, with a spacious work bay in the center. And room for an air brake bench and test equipment.
Then maybe the station freight room would be fixed up as a wood working and upholstery shop.

We now have replaced almost all the ties on either side of bridge 8. It takes about 120 ties per mile per year just to maintain the track we are running on. More if you want to improve the condition.
We have been putting NEW ties in switches and on bridges. And as many new ones as we can get and afford for the class I track.
We will be asking the Friends for a fund raiser to buy a truckload of ties this year. A truckload is 240. Ties have been $20 for good used relays, up to $65 or $70 for new Industrial grade 7″x 9″x 8′ 6″ ones. We have put in 132 ties so far this year. Better than last years 71, but still not as good as the 448 we did in 2020!!

"It's so nice to see you again old friend!"
by Dee Bush

Locomotive # 6 (Little Mo) has returned to Stewartstown today, July 5, 2022. Mark Koppenhaver Jr., our chief mechanical officer, found the locomotive in Silver Lake, NH. After a few years of on and off negotiations, he was able to acquire the locomotive and have it shipped to his location in Stewartstown.



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PLYMOUTH, OHIO, U. S. A.

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		1	MODEL ML6, 25-TON PLYMOUTH GASOLINE LOCOMOTIVE, SERIAL NO. 3984, FOR 56-1/2" GAUGE, EQUIPPED WITH LE ROI RXIS ENGINE, 6 CYLINDER, COMBINATION STRAIGHT AND AUTOMATIC AIR BRAKES, AAR COUPLERS FRONT AND REAR, AIR OPERATED CLUTCH AND TO COMPLY WITH ALL I.C.C. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.		
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Stewartstown Railroad Company ordered the locomotive from The Fate-Root-Heath Company, Plymouth Locomotive Works in Plymouth, Ohio on December 1, 1939. It was shipped by rail to Stewartstown Railroad on December 19, 1939 and it arrived a week later. Little Mo served Stewartstown well, until the company sold the locomotive and it left Stewartstown on August 1, 1972.

Mark plans to restore the locomotive off site and it will eventually run on the Stewartstown Railroad tracks again at some point in the future. Mark promises to keep us informed on his progress in restoring the locomotive.

Welcome Home Little Mo!

FORM No. 4-A

Specification for Locomotive Unit No. 6

Operated by The Stewartstown Railroad Company

Built by Fate-Root-Heath Co. at Plymouth Ohio Date December 19th, 1939
Builder's number 3984 Propelled by Gasoline Engine
Gauge of wheels 56½"
Kind and number of current collectors None
Trolley wire or third rail voltage None
Number, make, and type of motors None Voltage None
Make and type of control equipment Fate-Root-Heath Co. Control circuit voltage None
Make and type of internal combustion engine Le Roi RXIS 6 cyl. Gasoline engine
Kind of air brakes Westinghouse Straight & Automatic A.M.F.
(Give make, type, and schedule number)
Number, make, and type of air compressors One LeRoi built in single cyl. direct driven
Main air reservoir pressure 110# Train line pressure 70#
Make and type of lightning arrester None
Does unit carry steam boiler? No
Total weight, working order 50,000 pounds, weight on driving wheels 50,000 pounds, weight on trucks None pounds.
Maximum tractive effort 20,192# @ 2.6 M.P.H.

10'-6" High 33" dia. Wheels
9'-7" Wide 56½" ga.
83½" W.B. 34½" rail to ℄ of coupler
19'-0" length over bumpers
21'-0" coupled length

Approved [signature]
Title Asst. Chief Engr.

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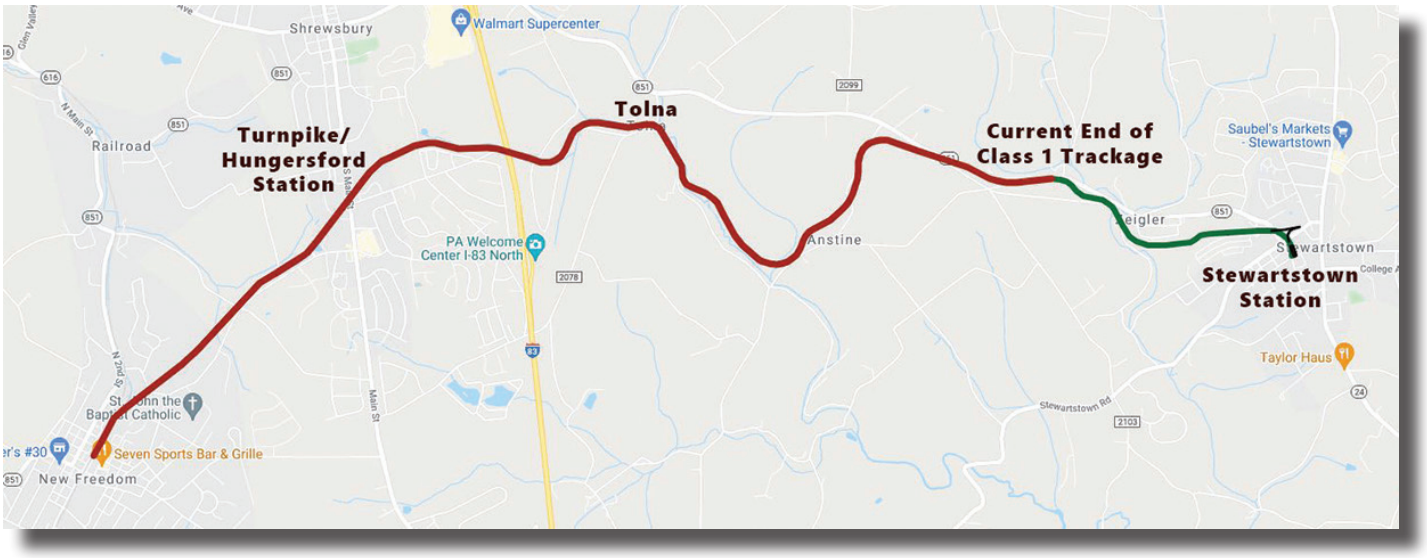
Progress towards New Freedom, as of July 2022



Thank you, Volunteers & Supporters!

The progress shown on these maps happened because of your ongoing commitment!
Not a member? Please consider completing a Membership Application or a Renewal if your membership has expired. There’s always a need for people with a variety of skills and talents.

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☐ **Individual Membership $20.00**
Show your membership card and recieve a $2.00 discount on one regular Stewartstown Railroad train ticket, courtesy of the Stewartstown Railroad Company.

☐ **Family Membership (all members at same address)..... $100.00**
Show your membership card and recieve a $2.00 discount on up to four (4) Stewartstown Railroad train tickets, courtesy of the Stewartstown Railroad Company.

☐ **Corporate Membership (business/organizational) $300.00**
Corporate members recieve five (5) complimentary Stewartstown Railroad ticket coupons from the Friends organization.

☐ **Optional: General Fund donation ..... $_____**
☐ **Optional: Endowment Fund donation..... $_____**
☐ **Optional: Equipment Fund donation ..... $_____**
☐ **Optional: Right of Way/Track Fund donation..... $_____**
☐ **Optional: Other donation, please specify..... $_____**

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(You may specify a specific project on the line above for your optional donation, if you wish.)

☐ **Optional: Check here to receive only electronic copy of "7.4" newsletter**

Total enclosed: $_____

The Friends of the Stewartstown Railroad, Inc. invites all who are interested in preserving the Stewartstown Railroad to join the Friends organization. The railroad was founded in 1884 and opened in 1885.

One of the goals of the organization is to support our members as they perform their volunteer work on the railroad upgrading and maintaining the railroad's properties. Our volunteer's efforts help the railroad continue its operations over its 7.4 miles of track between Stewartstown and New Freedom, Pa., via the Deer Creek Valley.

The Friends organization is a Pennsylvania non-stock, not-for-profit organization. The Friends organization is tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Friends organization owns a minority equity interest in the Stewartstown Railroad Company.

Please send completed form and check to:

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