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Greetings,

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, May 6th at Havenwood, 44 Christian Avenue in Concord. The meeting will be in the Great Room and begin at 2:00 PM. We will have a pot luck meal following the meeting. The most important item is the election of officers for the coming year.

Following the April meeting, the group adjourned to the Barn/Museum to look over the lighting and proposed renovations. Alice Pickett had some sample lights and the group chose one to use. Alice has since purchased the lights and we plan on getting them installed in the near future. This will make a big difference in both the appearance and in the lighting of the exhibits.

While we were at the Barn/Museum, we did notice that the efforts to prepare the building for the winter had paid off. All the vehicles are covered and a generous amount of moth ball and Decon spread about, seemed to have helped to keep the place cleaner and make for less work this summer preparing for the fair.

The summer schedule has the coach appearing at several events, including the open house for the new museum at Prescott Oil Company in Concord June 23 & 34 and the following weekend at the Amesbury Carriage Festival, in Amesbury, MA. The new trailer will make these trips much easier.

Cynthia and Pat Maimone have worked extremely hard at selling the Bon Ton coupon books and again were able to sell enough to receive the "bonus" money. This is one of our largest sources of funding and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Last year over \$1,000 was raised from this activity!

As the summer season begins, we hope that you will plan on joining us in our activities and outings. The web site has been updated to include a list of the dates and locations where we will be appearing.

The photographs on the back are by Sheila Knight. They show the new Abbot-Downing Elementary School in Concord. Notice the rebuilt cupola with beautifully handcrafted copper Concord Coach weather vane. It is exciting to see the Concord School Board really emphasizing the Abbot-Downing theme.

