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A repeat of the big thank you to all who helped to make our BonTon fund raising effort a success. Cynthia Maimone and her crew sold 89 books and Bonton added \$322.13 for a total of \$767.13 to help fund our summer activities. Again, thank you to all who helped or bought coupon books. This is our largest single source of earned funding.

Meeting Reminder

The April meeting will be this coming Sunday, April 14th, at 2:00 in the Hopkinton library history room on Houston Drive in Contoocook. The meeting will begin with a short Board of Directors meeting followed by the regular meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming annual meeting, a report of the nominating committee for the election of officers, and summer activities.

Stage Coach Weekend

Planning is continuing for a weekend of activities at the New London Historical Society grounds in July. The dates are July 20 and 21. We hope to have 4 Concord Coaches and an Abbot & Downing mountain wagon on display. Other activities will include presentations and displays of photographs, other items related to Abbot & Downing and the Concord Coaches. We hope to have live music. Help will be needed to serve as docents. There will be "cheat sheets" available to help everyone look like "experts". It is fun to talk to the public about a subject that we are passionate about. Please plan on joining us in this effort.

Open Barn Museum Day

When we took delivery of the new coach in the fall, there was a lot of outside interest in seeing it and learning about it. Unfortunately, it was late in the fall and COLD. At the March meeting, it was decided to have the open barn day June 9th. This will give us time to get the barn and the coaches cleaned up ready for the public's viewing..

New Model for Display

John Bentley of Salisbury has donated a partially completed model of a Western style stage coach that Peter James will be completing. It will be put on display in the museum and also is suitable in size to take to presentations. It is done in "folk art" manner, but is pretty much technically correct.

The New Coach Model

