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August Activities

There are a lot of activities planned for this coming month. We have the monthly meeting, presentations and exhibitions of the coaches and of course, the Hopkinton Fair.

August Meeting

The August meeting will be held on August 12th at the Barn/Museum on the Hopkinton Fairgrounds. We will be making final preparations for the Hillsborough Living History Event and planning for the Hopkinton Fair. The meeting will start at 6:30 with a brief business meeting. We hope to see many of you there.

The Concord Coach Weekend at the New London Historical Society in July

The event went well and we had lots of members taking part. Thank you to all who helped in any way. You made it a success!! People came from near and far, and I do mean quite far. We had visitors from New York, Vermont, extreme northern and southern New Hampshire and way up in Maine. Those that came were truly interested in Concord Coaches and seeing the four on display in one location was very dramatic.

Presentations

Peter James will be doing a presentation for the Warner Mason's Lodge and also two more at the Hillsborough Living history Event.

Hillsborough Living History Event

We plan to take the brown (Dartmouth) coach to this event. It is scheduled for August 17th & 18th and we will be set up in Hillsborough Center (The Upper Village) as we have been for the past few years. We will have the pop up tent and set up a gift shop table and have the raffle items. If you can help with this, please contact Peter & Verna James at 603 863-7330 or by email at: cpjvkj@gmail.com. This is a fun event and we have a nice shady location to set up at and watch the goings on. Please plan on joining us here.

The Hopkinton Fair

This is our biggest event of the year and lots of help is needed both getting ready and manning the Barn/Museum during the fair. There are lots of benefits to helping. You get to meet and talk with people about Abbot & Downing and the Concord Coaches, you may find out an interesting tid bit about the coaches from some of the visitors, and you get a free pass to the fair for each day of the fair that you work in the barn. The shifts are four hours each and then you get to go to the fair for the rest of the day. There are always at least two people on duty so you are not alone. It is a great chance to study the vehicles and displays in our collection in detail.

The fair opens on Thursday, August 29th and runs through Labor Day, September 2nd. The times are from 9:00 in the morning until 9:00 in the evening, except Labor day, when the fair closes at 5:00. The shifts for the barn/museum are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 5:00 pm to closing at 9:00. Please sign up for several shifts as many hands make it more fun.

In addition to our barn/museum we also have a display in the Grange/Community Group building. This is a judged display and we have done very well here in the past so be thinking of ideas for this and come and help. We also do a floral display in front of the barn that is judged and ideas are needed for this, too.

Set up is planned to begin on Sunday, August 25th and continue each day until the fair opens on Thursday. Help is needed each day for various tasks including cleaning the barn, setting up the gift shop, and doing the displays. Plan to come and be a part of this vital activity.

This year we got a write up in the fair brochure. It is hoped that this will increase the number of people who visit the Barn/Museum. We have heard in the past when we are out doing presentations and exhibiting the coaches that people were not aware of our museum.

See you at the Fair!!