



**Post Office Box 4077
Concord, NH 03302**

February 18, 2013

BonTon Coupon Book Sales

Many of you received an email and there is a flyer in this newsletter about the BonTon Coupon book sale. Please help us by buying or selling some books. This needs to be wrapped up by February 26th. It is a major source of our funding and we all need to participate to make it a success. If everyone only bought a book or two, we would meet our goal. Please help!!

Meetings

There were no meetings scheduled for either January or February because we anticipated the possibility of bad weather and driving conditions. The next meeting is planned for March 10th at 2:00 at the Hopkinton Library on Houston Drive in Contoocook. The meeting is scheduled to end by 4:00 so people can be home before it gets dark. Please plan to attend. Among the items to be dealt with are the appointment of a nominating committee and the events planned for the summer season.

Concord Coach weekend

A big event that we have scheduled is "Concord Coach Weekend" in conjunction with the New London Historical Society. This will be a two day affair and we plan to take our two coaches and hope that the Andover Lions club can bring their coach, number 36 & XXXVI. This will be a public display of four Concord Coaches in one location, a truly unique gathering. In addition to the coaches, we plan on having a display featuring Maria Putnam and also photographs and posters with information on the Abbot-Downing Company. Each day there will be a presentation on "Abbot & Downing and the Concord Coach". We will be needing help from our members to act as docents and be available to greet the public and to help answer questions. For those of you unsure of all the facts and details, we will have "cheat sheets" available so that you can all be "experts". Talking with the public is fun and we hope that lots of you will come to help on this project.

Spring Clean up

Spring is coming! It is just a month or so until the first day of spring and warmer weather will be close behind. Last year we started some major projects in the barn and we need to do a little more to finish them up. We want to try to get started on this early this year. Maybe a Saturday or Sunday could be scheduled for a work day or two? This is a topic for discussion at the March meeting.

Summer Raffle?

Do we want to have another raffle this summer? If we do, we need to come up with some raffle items. The horse shoe wreaths are popular and another one can be made, but 10 horse shoes the same size are needed. If you have horses and can donate the shoes, the wreath can be made. Other items and ideas are welcome and needed. We have several events this summer where we will have the chance to sell tickets and this is a good fund raiser.

Some photographs to remind us that summer is coming and we can again display our Abbot & Downing vehicles

