



# The Order Board

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Don't worry, the tower is not leaning. The camera was.

## Haley Tower

Haley was moved into final position January 14<sup>th</sup>. Our mason underpinned the tower with the new block foundation in Mid-February and the mover's beams were removed March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's now "standing on it's own two feet".

The long delay between positioning date and the block work was partly due to the weather and partly due to waiting for us to install a water line. Jim Rhodes and Bill Foster embarked on this "expedition" the weekend of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was supposed to be a simple 4-hour job, but took 2 ½ days to install roughly 50 ft of water line.

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## Springhill Tower

We are currently in negotiations with Canadian Pacific to acquire Springhill. They have agreed to give us the building, but we still need to hammer out a time frame for removal and various other details.

The contractor that moved Haley is working on a revised quote for the job and says it should not be too difficult to move. The actual cost of the move will be less than Haley. Springhill is only 14 feet wide, so moving it down the road won't be a problem. However, it's 33+-foot height is and the only way to get it to our museum is to move it in sections.

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Why so long? Well, let's just say it was a rough ride on a backhoe, digging through frozen clay, road pack and concrete/brickbat rubble from a previous building buried in the ground. Oh, we ran into a brick kiln that threw us a curve too. We ended up digging up a large portion of our parking lot to get the job done.

We are now waiting for the mason to complete his work. This includes finishing the block work and brick veneering the outside of the blocks. Then he will come back and acid wash the entire building. This will do a number of things. It will etch the old brick and remove 75+ years of dirt. The wash will also help blend the old and new brick (which looks real close to the original) together better. The purists may not like this, but the idea is to restore the building.

After the mason is done, our general contractor will be back with a bulldozer to clean up the property and shape our viewing mound. From here we will proceed with projects such as step repair, stoop installation and basic tower clean up. We also need to work on installing a fence around the museum and running utilities to the tower; plus we need to plug in some various pieces of casting in the lower level floor, so we can actually pour a floor.

## **Work sessions**

Several members have asked for set workdays at the tower. So, we have set the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month as a definite prescheduled workday. This does not mean we will not work other weekends, but we will definitely be there the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

Feel free to come out and lend a hand. You might even see some trains.

## **Annual membership dues**

Don't forget to pay your annual membership dues. Our membership dues structure is based on a calendar year not an annual year. Even though you may have joined in July your membership will renew in January. Dues are 25 dollars.

## **Haley Tower Farewell**

Big "E" Productions of Greenland, NH has released a new video titled "Haley Tower Farewell". It is a "24 hours of" tape with footage shot on October 1 & 2. It is available to our members through the society for \$30 including postage. Non-member price is \$33.95 plus \$3.50 postage. If you would like a copy, include that amount with your dues and make a note on your membership form as to how many copies you would like.

## **Annual Picnic change**

At our March board meeting the directors agreed to move our annual picnic from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September to the last Saturday in August. There are several reasons for this change.

Sunday conflicts with church services for many people who would otherwise attend the picnic. Also, by moving the date up before Labor Day, we hope to help some folks fit the outing in with end of summer vacation plans.

Mark your calendars. ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Safety Rules/Policy**

In the process of trying to set up work sessions, some people have questioned what our safety policy is. These basic rules apply while working on society projects and were mentioned in an earlier addition of the Order Board. While we may not be running trains, we are working around/with railroad equipment and it's not lightweight stuff. I will not compromise safety for convenience.

Rule 1: Safety comes first. Period!

Rule 2: Workers shall wear appropriate attire while working on construction or maintenance related projects. This includes, but is not limited to steel toe work boots (preferred) with a heel and ankle support; safety glasses; hardhat. This is also a minimum requirement when visiting or working on railroad property.

Rule 3: Be alert. Pay attention to what's going on around you and use common sense.

Rule 4: See rule #1

If anybody has any questions or concerns about these rules, feel free to contact me. Bill Foster

## New Fundraiser

We are testing a new fundraising idea involving the Kroger grocery store chain that will allow anybody who wishes to contribute to the society to do so without spending extra \$\$\$. It's called the EASY program and some of you may already be familiar with it.

Here's how it works: You purchase "EASY" certificates from the society and Kroger gives us a percentage. The certificates are good for anything in a Kroger or Kroger affiliate store just like cash. Kroger can send them to your local store via their distribution network and you send us a check, not Kroger.

If you would like to participate in this non-ending fundraising campaign, send me an e-mail with your name; the name and location of the store you want the certificates sent to and how many you want. They are in \$10 and \$20 denominations. I will have Kroger send the certificates to your store for pick up at the store office. You will need a driver's license to pick them up. DO NOT PAY THE STORE. I will send you a bill.

OR I can send them to you from T. Haute via snail mail. Your choice.

Jim Rhodes, Charlie Powell and Michele (the boss) and I have been using them for a couple of weeks and they are pretty handy.

Kroger has stores all over the country under various names. Here is the list they gave me:

Kroger -east division:

All Kroger stores

Payless Supermarkets-IN

Kroger central states stores under a different name:

Dillon- Kansas

King Soopers-Denver CO

City Markets-Grand Junction CO

Kroger west division stores under a different name:

Fred Meyer

Ralph's

Smith's

Fry's

QFC

Convenient stores:

Tom Thumb Food Stores--FL, AL

Kwik Stop Inc--KS, IA, NE, IL

Quik Stop markets-CA

Loaf N Jug ---CO, NM, OK

Turkey Hill Minit Markets--PA

Mini Mart Inc--CO, MT, ND, DS, WY, NE