

# Streamliner

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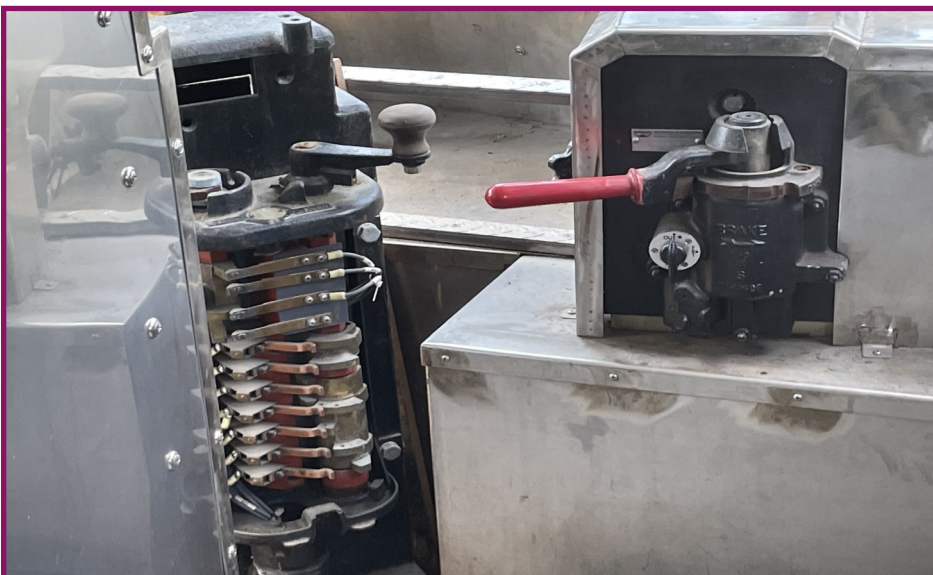
The Flying Yankee in a rail yard in Lincoln NH

## *Mission Statement*

To protect the Flying Yankee as an important piece of New England's railroad history.

To restore the Flying Yankee to an operational condition with as much of the original configuration intact as feasible.

To make the Flying Yankee accessible to the public through display and operation in a way that does not compromise preservation or public safety.



The power and brake controls of the Flying Yankee, waiting for action again.

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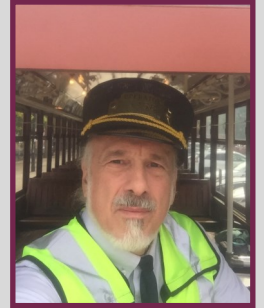
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## **Flying Yankee Association is happy to present its new board of directors**



Chairman - Brian LaPlant

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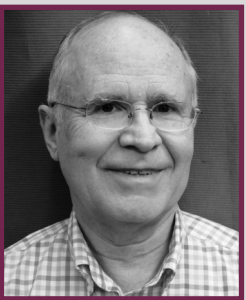
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*Official Press Release September 12, 2022*

## **“Flying Yankee” Train Is Back On the Right Track**

NASHUA, NH – Supporters of the original 1935 Flying Yankee streamlined train have announced the resurrection of the inactive Flying Yankee Restoration Group (FYRG), renamed as the Flying Yankee Association (FYA).

The Flying Yankee is a complete passenger train built in February of 1935 for the Boston & Maine Railroad. It was just the third streamliner train ever built in North America, using a car body developed by the Budd Company of Philadelphia and diesel-electric propulsion from the Electro-Motive Corporation near Chicago. After entering service in April 1935, the Flying Yankee served for 22 years on various routes throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine before its retirement on May 7, 1957. After 40 years of private ownership, the train was acquired by the State of New Hampshire in 1997, with ongoing fundraising and promotion being managed by the nonprofit FYRG.

Starting in the spring of 2021, volunteers updated and filed all required state and federal documents to bring FYRG back into good standing and establish the new FYA name. Along with the new name came an all-new Board of Directors, including several members with significant business and management experience and a number that are active in preservation at other New England non-profits. The past sixteen months have been spent researching the restoration status of the Flying Yankee trainset and the history of the FYRG. Research shows that many of the initial decisions that guided the project created a financial barrier that could not be overcome. The original FYRG plan that relied solely upon the use of contractors (rather than a mix of contractors and volunteer labor) to restore the Flying Yankee required significant and continuous influx of capital that the organization was unable to raise.

The Flying Yankee is currently in a partially restored state and is still owned by the State of New Hampshire. FYA will not call in pledges, sell memberships, or solicit other donations until an agreement for the train is in place with the State of New Hampshire. With the organization’s commitment of funds, FYA is pursuing a different business model from those that have been tried before by FYRG, and the group is working towards a transfer of the Flying Yankee’s ownership from the State to the organization.

FYA’s goal is to reunite the train and its components at a location within New Hampshire where both previous and future restoration work is protected. FYA has identified several state-owned properties within the Mt. Washington Valley that may be suitable as restoration sites, and the organization is currently seeking to utilize one of these properties. In addition to the \$19,000 on hand from the previous board's fundraising efforts, FYA has obtained substantial pledges of \$470,000 (with another \$265,000 available in matching funds) for the relocation of the trainset and the construction of a building to house the Flying Yankee. FYA hopes to break ground for the new building in 2023.

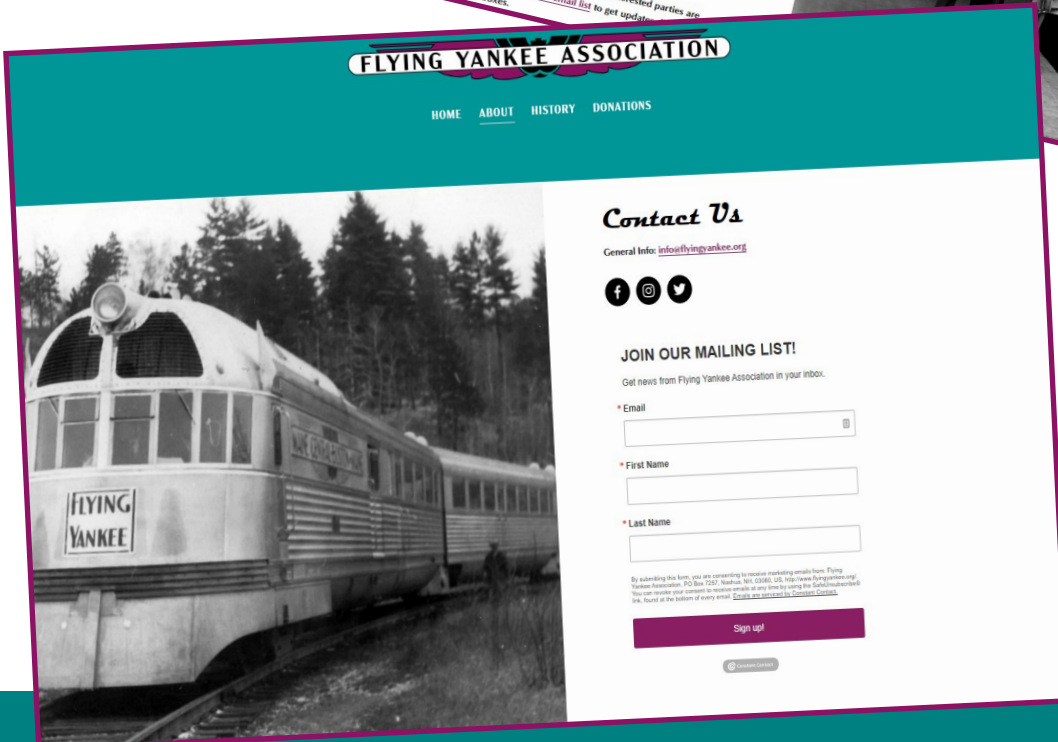
FYA has also been in discussion with the Conway Scenic Railroad of Conway, New Hampshire, whose partnership and expertise will be beneficial during the restoration of the Flying Yankee. Operation of the restored Flying Yankee at Conway Scenic has been discussed.

Updates will continue to be posted to FYA’s website ([www.flyingyankee.org](http://www.flyingyankee.org)), Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. While memberships are not yet available, interested parties are encouraged to visit the FYA website and join the email list to get updates directly to their inboxes.

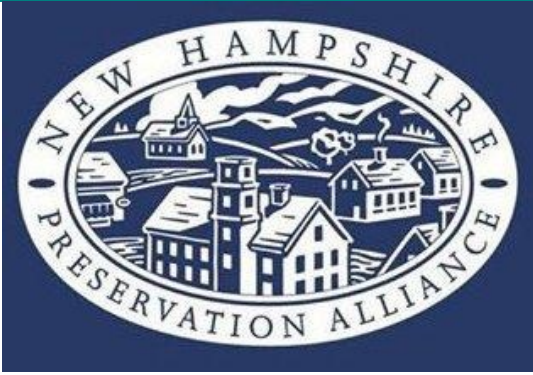
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*Our new website  
has been released.*

- ◆ Latest News
- ◆ About FYA
- ◆ Management Team
- ◆ News
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ Contact Us
- ◆ History of the Flying Yankee
- ◆ Membership Possibilities
- ◆ Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Donation Page
- ◆ Additional pages to include further information about the FYA.



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## SEVEN *to* SAVE 2022

We are proud to announce that the historic Flying Yankee has been included in the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's (NHPA) 2022 "Seven to Save" list!

The NHPA is led by dedicated professionals throughout the State of New Hampshire who are interested in preserving the state's historic landmarks. They work with partners to collaboratively preserve, revitalize, and protect historic landmarks through the State of New Hampshire. Many landmarks have been saved because of their organization.

The Flying Yankee is a complete passenger train built in February 1935 for the Boston & Maine Railroad, thanks to a loan from the Public Works Administration. The futuristic, stainless steel train was unlike anything else on the rails of New England and its passengers could enjoy air conditioning, an observation lounge, shatter proof glass, no smoking sections, concealed lighting, a numbered, reserved seating system, speeds of up to 100 mph, and ice cream. The Flying Yankee served for twenty-two years on various routes throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine before its retirement on May 7, 1957.

After 40 years of private ownership, the train was acquired by the State of New Hampshire in 1997, with ongoing fundraising and promotion being managed by a friends group. Restoration work had its highs and lows. Completed projects included repairs to its structure and components and a partial interior restoration, including upholstery.

Today, the re-energized and re-organized nonprofit group is working towards a transfer of the Flying Yankee's ownership from NH DOT and another move from the current lot in Lincoln. They have obtained pledges of \$470,000 (with another \$265,000 available in matching funds) for the relocation of the trainset and the construction of a building to house the Flying Yankee for its final phase of restoration. Operation of the restored Flying Yankee at Conway Scenic has been discussed, potentially returning the train to a route it knows well.

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