

# This Month In Andover History

Excerpts from John Eastman's *History of Andover 1751-1908* and from Ralph Chaffee's *History of Andover 1900-1965*

**“August 26-28, 1826** – A heavy rain caused an unprecedented freshet [sudden rise in the level of streams and rivers]. A clothing mill near Bonney's Mill at West Andover was carried away at night and Moses Frazier and another man started down the valley to alarm citizens.”

- selected by Ralph Doe

Copies of the Andover histories are available in our libraries.



Tom Miller welds a piece of track in place at the Potter Place Railroad Station, replacing a section of rail that's been missing for several years.

Photo by Charlie Darling

## Andover Fish & Game Beef Barbeque

The Andover Fish And Game Club's annual Beef Barbeque with all the fixings – and strawberries and ice cream for dessert – will be held on Saturday, August 20 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Chef Buzz Call will be doing the cooking. A Chinese Auction will follow. We are also raffling off a Ruger 10/22 semiautomatic .22 caliber rifle that same evening.

The barbeque is an important fund-raising event for the Club. Most of the funds are used for things like sending

kids to the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin; for the two kids' fishing derbys we hold each year; for guest speakers; for upkeep to the clubhouse; for shooting range privileges at the Elkins Fish and Game Club; and for donations to various charities, organizations, and people in need.

The cost of the barbeque is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. There is always plenty to eat and drink, and the auction is always fun. So come on down and enjoy a fine meal and a good time.

## Sign Up For Hunter Education

### By New Hampshire Fish & Game

With fall hunting seasons not far off, this is prime time to get in a hunter education class if you need one. If you're looking to purchase your first hunting license in New Hampshire, you are required to complete a hunter education course before you hunt.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers hunter and bow hunter education classes around the state. Trapper education is also offered. To find a class near you, visit [wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter\\_ed\\_schedule.htm](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_schedule.htm) or call 271-3214.

“Most of our hunter education classes are scheduled in the summer through early fall, so this is your chance to sign up and complete a course,” said Thomas Flynn, a Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game. “Don’t put it off. People who wait until fall may end up being disappointed if they can't get into a class and then miss the fall hunting seasons.”

Each year, New Hampshire Fish and Game holds about 130 classes for basic hunter, bow hunter, and trapper education at fish and game clubs, camps, and other facilities around the state, taught by more than 550 trained volunteer instructors. More than 3,000 people participate in these courses each year.

The basic Hunter Education course averages about 16 hours, consisting of class-

room instruction and field experiences, often including firing on a shooting range. Each course is taught by trained, certified volunteer instructors according to national guidelines and state standards.

The course covers safe firearms handling; wildlife identification; game trailing, recovery and care; hunter ethics and responsibility; outdoor safety and survival skills; and map and compass skills. Laws and regulations are covered by a local Conservation Officer.

Hunter Education instruction and course materials are provided free of charge. Some classes may charge a nominal fee, up to a \$2 maximum, to cover the use of facilities. To receive a certificate of completion in basic hunter education or bow hunter education, participants must be at least 12 years old by the end of the course.

“Over the years, New Hampshire’s Hunter Education Program – coupled with the voluntary use of blaze-orange clothing – has dramatically reduced the number of hunting-related firearms incidents in the field,” said Flynn.

Fish and Game also offers a home-study option for completing the hunter education requirement, which takes about the same amount of time as a classroom course. Class work and preparation are done at home, then participants attend a required field day involving a written

## Volunteers Begin Work On Trail

By Myra Mayman

### Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail have been digging in to their work – literally.

Since the last *Beacon*, which showed a first test of equipment donated by Proctor Academy, there was a second test of heavier equipment, run by Garry George with the enthusiastic support of Bob Ward, Alex Bernhard, George Burdick, and Phyllis Taylor. They concluded that the heavier towed blade would be best for grading the ballast to the side of the rail bed.

We are working to apply our first grant, \$20,000 from the Department of Resources and Economic Development’s Recreational Trails Program, to turn the rail bed from Potter Place east toward the Blackwater Park into a 10-foot unpaved four-season recreational trail.

The result of our tests is a 4-step construction plan: grade the bed, compact it with a vibrating roller, lay down hard pack, and compact again, with water. FNRT-MC is currently comparing bids from local companies and expects to have this work done by September.

On June 25 Bob Ward, Alex Bernhard, Myra Mayman, and Jim Lerner of Meredith attended the opening of the new Winnie rail trail in Franklin. It connects downtown Franklin with Northfield. This beautiful unpaved trail runs alongside the Winnepesaukee River through shady woods and open farm land. It’s easy to forget that it parallels the busily trafficked Route 11.

On July 4 an FNRT-MC booth on the village green was manned serially by Phyllis Taylor, Sarah Macdonald, Alex Bernhard, Myra Mayman, and Tom Frantz. A steady stream of visitors viewed a project map and compared sample boxes of the three-inch ballast

exam and field skills testing.

There are specific registration deadlines for the home study option, and space is limited. Home study option availability and location of field testing are noted at [wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter\\_ed\\_homestudy.htm](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_homestudy.htm).

If you’ve previously held a hunting

license in 2000 or later, you can purchase New Hampshire hunting licenses and permits online at [nhfishandgame.com](http://nhfishandgame.com). Licenses are also sold by Fish and Game agents throughout the state.

For more information on hunter education in New Hampshire, visit [wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter\\_ed.htm](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm), or call 271-3214.



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