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THE DUDINESBURG HISTORICAX SOCIETY PRESENTS

THE D & H IN DUANESBURG



Saturday September 13, 2025 10AM - 3PM

At 10:00 AM there will be an opening ceremony at Delanson Memorial Park for the unveiling of the New York Historic Roadside Marker provided through a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation, commemorating the naming of Delanson in 1892.

There will be guided tours of the Delanson Railroad Yard, and a self-guided walking tour to the Delanson Methodist Church where there will be an open house.

Printed material for both tours will be available.

There will also be an Open House at the Research and Archive Center at 450 Quaker Lane in Quaker Street from 11am - 3pm, featuring D&H artifacts, photos and slide presentation.

All are welcome.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER:

- 4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 6 GAZEBO CLEAN-UP DAY 10AM
- 8 BOARD MEETING 7PM 9PM
- 13 D & H IN DUANESBURG 10AM 3PM
- 15 DUANESBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION 7PM

OCTOBER:

- 6 BOARD MEETING 7PM 9PM
- 31 WATER RENT DUE
- 31 HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

NOVEMBER:

- 2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- 4 ELECTION DAY
- 10 BOARD MEETING 7PM 9PM
- 11 VETERAN'S DAY
- 27 -THANKSGIVING DAY
- 28 BLACK FRIDAY

DECEMBER:

- 9 BOARD MEETING 7PM 9PM
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 31 NEW YEARS EVE





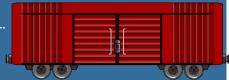
YOUR CORNER OF HISTORY: THE D&H CABOOSE

The Delaware & Hudson Railroad Caboose 35800-series was built by the D&H company in 1913. The 35800-series was the first eight wheeled, all-wood caboose placed into service on the D&H Railroad.

The cabooses had "arch bar" trucks, double hung sash windows on the sides and ends, wood sheathing without the iron straps at both ends, and were supported by a steel underframe. The "little red caboose" soon became a familiar sight at the end of a train appearing on freights from Wilkes-Barre, PA to Rouses Point, NY and beyond into Canada.

Even though, at their conception, the red cabooses were used all over the D&H rail system their early-20th Century construction could not withstand the technological advances of the second Industrial Revolution. New raw materials, chiefly iron and steel were used in the production of huge articulated steam locomotives that pushed train cars out of Binghamton, NY and Scranton, PA. The old wooden cabooses were on occasion crushed and destroyed by the constant shoving of the powerful locomotives. As a result, the 35800-series cars were later limited to service north of Albany, NY where the big steam "pushers" were seldom used.

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ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31st from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Delanson Fire Department.

Come and join us for a trunk or treat, Firehouse open house, and some ghoulish fun!

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Don't forget to "fall back".

Set your clocks back one hour, Saturday night November 1st.

Fall Leaf Pick-up

Leaves must be contained in biodegradable paper bags, no plastic.

No contaminants, leaf bags containing dog feces will be refused.

Please place leaf bags by the side of the road on November 23rd to be picked up by the Duanesburg Highway Dept. on

November 24th, 2025.

Welcome new residents of Delanson!

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Be sure to check in with the Village
Clerk to make sure your records are
updated and visit our website at
www.delanson.net for important
information about Village happenings.
You can also sign up for
emergency email notifications, like
water main breaks, etc.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS ARE BACK

Join the Delanson Fire Company on the first Sunday of the month beginning in October from

8:00 am - 11:00 am for freshly made pancakes and sausage,

Come on in and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and delicious breakfast served by Delanson's finest!



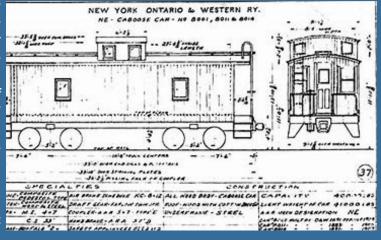
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After nearly half a century of freight service the little red caboose was retired and by the 1980's the caboose was retired from the railroad entirely. Over the years since, railroad enthusiasts have acquired the old cabooses for display, and some have even been repurposed and used for company offices. In May of 2008, a retired D&H caboose located in Oneonta, NY was in need of a new home. The owner, a past D&H employee was no longer able to store the "hack," as the red cabooses were commonly nicknamed, on D&H Property and had hoped to see the caboose exhibited along the D&H mainline. Bearing the D&H inspired name, the Village of Delanson was at the top of the list of potential homes for the caboose.

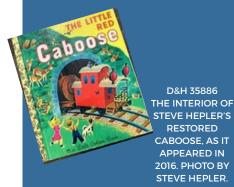


Much inquiry and interest in the caboose stimulated an ongoing correspondence between, the Caboose owner, the town of Duanesburg, the village of Delanson, and the Duanesburg Historical Society for months. Although they were unable to secure a home for the caboose in the village, perhaps in the future we will be able to obtain a display to commemorate our namesake.

Not far from Delanson, the Delaware & Hudson Caboose No. 35886 was restored to its as-built condition and is on display and open to the public. No. 35886 owned by Steve Hepler, the President of the Whippany Railway Museum, is located in Whippany, NJ among many other noteworthy railway exhibits. (see Steve Hepler photos below). For those with a love of books, the "hack" also serves as the real-life version of the 1953 Little Golden Book classic, "The Little Red Caboose."

The D&H real-life "little red caboose," stands as a reminder of the railroad's golden era and as a nostalgic artifact preserving the heritage and manifest destiny of an early 20th century America who, as American author <u>Henry Seidel Canby</u> wrote: "...had just the country they wanted...and they believed it would be the same, except for more bathtubs and faster trains, forever ... for the last time in living memory everyone knew exactly what it

meant to be an American."







D&H #35886, BUILT IN
1913, IS NOW OWNED BY
STEVE HEPLER, THE
PRESIDENT OF THE
WHIPPANY RAILWAY
MUSEUM IN WHIPPANY,
NJ. IT IS PICTURED ON
THE MUSEUM GROUNDS
ON MAY 22, 2016. (STEVE
HEPLER PHOTO)

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CALL for VOLUNTEERS

The Delanson Fire Company, the Village Planning Board, the Village Zoning Board

and the Duanesburg Ambulance all need volunteers!

To learn more about joining the Delanson Fire Company email contact@delansonfire.org or stop by the firehouse Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Juniors ages 12 and up can also volunteer.

For the Board positions, please call the Village office, 518-895-2199.

To volunteer for Duanesburg Ambulance, please contact 518-895-2200.

There is great satisfaction in volunteering.
Why don't you give it a try?



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LEASH LAW IN EFFECT

Please Pick Up After Your Pet.



Please keep in mind that if you are spotted not cleaning up behind your pet, you are in violation of your community's guidelines and could be cited and fined as such.

All dogs in the Village of Delanson must be licensed and confined to the owner's property unless properly restrained by collar and leash.

To prevent property damage and possible harm to other pets and residents, dogs running at large are prohibited by Village Law. This measure may also keep your pets from being hit by a train or vehicle or worse carried away by a wild animal. Fishers, bears and fox have all been spotted in the area. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE.

To license your dog, call Duanesburg Town Clerk, Jen Howe at 518-895-8920 x 102 or email her at jhowe@duanesburg.net.

DUANESBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION

THE D&H IN DUANESBURG AND THE WATCHMAN FOR THE DAY IN DELANSON, FRANK CAPPOLO



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
7PM
BISHOP SCULLY HALL, ALEXANDER ROAD, DELANSON
All are welcome!

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