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ADHS Meetings

Meetings are held in the Lobby of the Audi beginning at 5:30pm.

There is also a ZOOM link available.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th 5:30pm

Summer Events w/Concord Coach

Tom Prescott's Open House

Saturday June 22, 2024

Penacook Historical Society Open Barn

TBD

National Night Out

Tuesday August 6th

Pierce Manse 50th Anniversary

August 10th (tentative)

June Events

Tom Prescott's Open House

June 22, 2024

10:00am - 3:00pm

Airport Road

Come and spend some time looking at various coaches, wagons and more.

Food will also be available

Concord Coachman Barbershop Chorus

Lots to see !

Fun Facts and Did You Know ?



In 1861 on the opening day, a Concord Coach and a team of 8 horses traveled up the **Mt Washington Auto Road**. This occurred only once more in 1899.

Wells Fargo placed the single largest order for Concord Coaches in 1868. They ordered **30 coaches** and they were shipped across the country by train.

Thoroughbraces are the leather belts that support the coach body. They helped give the Concord Coaches a smoother ride.

Coach Drivers were known as **Whips**. Charlie Pankhurst was a well known whip named "One Eyed Charlie". Charlie was a woman.

The Abbot Downing Historical Society works with many other groups to keep the history of the Concord Coach and the Abbot Downing Co alive for future generations. Invite a friend to join us.



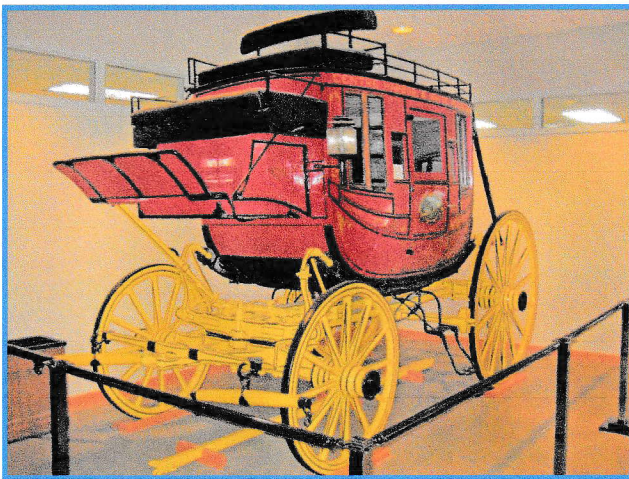
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The Concord Monitor Coach

Coach #113 - Abbot Downing & Co. – 1866



Each month we will highlight one of the coaches that you will find at the future ADHS 1905 Museum. Come take a Sneak Peek.

Coach number 113 was built by Abbot & Downing in 1866. It is a nine passenger Hotel style coach with a total capacity of thirteen passengers including one beside the driver and three on the roof behind the driver. It has glass "French style" windows instead of roll down curtains. This is an upgrade from the standard "mail coach". It was used to carry passengers, tourists, between Center Harbor and various points in the White Mountains. It was secretly placed in the lobby of the Concord Monitor building by removing the wheels and coming in from the pressroom which was not in use at the time of day. It was covered up until the day of the official unveiling. In August of 2019 a team from the Abbot-Downing Historical Society undertook the challenge of getting the coach out of the building. The door opening is five feet wide and seven feet tall. The coach is seven feet wide and eight and a half feet tall. The coach was jacked up and the wheels and axles were removed and it was lowered down and put on dollies. The door handles and lamps were removed and that gave just enough clearance to go through the doorway. It was brought back to the big garage at Prescott Oil and reassembled and then put into storage with the other coaches where it is now.

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