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A message from Ed Ellis, Dartmoor Railway's president...

Before anything else, I want to thank Dartmoor Railway's volunteers and supporters on behalf of everyone at British American Railway Services. We have had a good year, and it was only possible with all of the hours that you invested in the railway, including maintaining rolling stock, painting *Thumper*, landscaping the station, and staffing the café and the ticket office.

As a direct result of your efforts, we were able to:

- Operate heritage steam trains in August;
- Run *Thumper* in heritage service between Sampford Courtenay and Meldon from Easter through November;
- Continue First Great Western's summer *Sunday Rover* service;
- Operate very successful Santa's Specials (and the Grotto!) in December; and
- Have a very successful year with the café.

Our goals for 2011 are ambitious.

- Repeat and expand steam heritage operations.
- Have a "*Polar Express*" event (themed trains based on the *Polar Express* book and movie), which our affiliates in the U.S. have operated with great success.
- Continue to explore options for implementing community service to Exeter.

In addition, we will be investigating the potential for operating freight service on the Dartmoor Railway. Adding freight service to our service mix will help provide a firm financial basis for the railway.

Thanks again for all of your efforts in 2010.