



BRING BACK THE BRUISER

A generous Rhode Island railroad owner has offered to donate a full-sized locomotive and caboose to the Friends of the Kingston Station. He hopes that we will restore them, and place them on display at the head of the South Kingstown Bike Path, near the new Railroad Museum in Kingston Station. There's a catch, though-. We have to truck them from their present location in Davisville to their new home in Kingston. And moving 130,000 pounds of pure pulling power is not a job for amateurs. We're going to need help.

The locomotive is a 65-ton Vulcan switch engine, and is the blood brother of the last locomotive of the beloved Narragansett Pier Railroad. He was built for the Navy during World War II, and after he was released from government service, moved to the Warwick Railroad in Rhode Island. Train crews named him "The Bruiser", because even though tiny by Amtrak standards, he was much bigger than anything else the Warwick had. He was then bought by the Seaview Railroad in North Kingstown, but the Seaview soon needed bigger, newer power, and poor old Bruiser was retired to a siding, his engines still, his bell silent.



Poor Bruiser Today



Little Caboose Today

The caboose was built for the Pennsylvania Railroad during World War II, and looks just like a kid's toy caboose. Cute as a bug's ear. A railroad enthusiast bought her, hoping for a restoration, but things didn't work out, and the little caboose joined Bruiser in quiet retirement.

When the State of Rhode Island decided on road improvements in Davisville, the new road was planned to go right through the place where Bruiser and his caboose friend were resting. His owner was faced with a cruel choice-Bruiser's and the caboose's useful life was long over and there were only two possible fates for them. Either find someone willing and able to carry them to a new place, where children could see the real-life version of the toys kids have played with for generations, or-*they could be cut up for scrap metal!*

That won't happen if the Friends of the Kingston Station get help. We'll need donations, we'll need painters, we'll need people with strong backs. Like to help? We'd love to hear from you.



What Little Caboose Could Be



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