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The BSRA has raised \$346,071 to date for the 5706 restoration. Included in this total is \$1,000 from the Mass. Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund, awarded in January 2019. In addition, in early May we were awarded the 2019 W. Russell Rylco Memorial Grant by the Mystic Valley Railway Society for \$5,000 for labor and materials toward priming and painting the car, of which we have received \$2500. Between April 1, 2018, and May 17, 2019, 263 cash donors contributed \$25,901 to the 5706 Fund, 91 of whom gave more than once. In the following list, asterisks acknowledge donors who have contributed to this fund more than once during this time period. Again, our most sincere appreciation and thanks!

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