



The Semaphore

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Program for August 19:

Fun time at the Depot!

Riding Our Own Railroad!!

Session #3

You are invited to come out on **Thursday, August 19, anytime after 6 PM**, to the **Industry Depot on NYS Route 251** to enjoy the "fun"(work?) that our Chapter volunteers have perfected over the years!

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. They may enjoy the occasion and become interested in joining the Chapter! We discourage the presence of small children; if present, small children must be *constantly* supervised.

This is the Last Meeting of the 2004 Summer Meetings at the Depot. In September, we will return to the 40&8 Club on University Avenue.

Time to Celebrate Our Summer!

by Dale

Hartnett

Picnic at the Depot: Sept. 11!

Our traditional "End of Summer Picnic" returns Saturday, September 11 at the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

All Chapter members, volunteers and their guests are invited! (For safety reasons, we ask that you not bring small children).

The event starts at 1 PM with food, followed by train rides.

We'll provide the meat, sweet corn and drinks. Cost is only \$5 per person. We ask that each family/person bring a snack or dish to pass.

Please contact Dale Hartnett (585/243-0139 or dhartnet@foxrochester.com) by Saturday, September 4 if you plan to attend so that we can have a rough head count.

Also, please contact Dale if you'd like to help organize the picnic.

Chapter Library

11 May Street, Webster (by OMID Tracks)

Hours: 7:00 to 9:30 PM

Monday, Aug. 23, 2004

Library Phone: 872-4641

Diesel Days August 21-22

Diesel Days Help Needed

by Dale Hartnett

Our biggest event of the year is just a few weeks away. Here's your chance to get on board for two days of working fun with other Museum Volunteers.

We will need folks both days, Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22. The joint museum operation will be open from 10 AM to 6 PM both days.

Please contact Dale Hartnett (243-0139 or www.dhartnett@rochnrhs.org) with questions or to sign up.

Here are answers to frequently asked questions:

1. You don't have to have any specific skill. We will try to schedule volunteers so that everybody gets some breaks and gets a chance to ride.

2. There will be a mandatory safety/orientation meeting each morning at 8:15. We'll assign crew positions, review our operational plan and brief on safety issues at these

meetings. If you will be working both days, you should plan on attending the briefing on Saturday and again on Sunday because we may adjust our operation based on our experience. Please be prompt so that we do not have to repeat ourselves for latecomers.

3. While we have listed an official closing time of 6 PM, we may run later, depending on demand. Please plan accordingly.

4. If you've worked Diesel Days in the past, please wear your yellow Diesel Days T-shirt. We plan to offer new shirts for first-timers or those who would like to buy additional shirt.

5. It would be helpful if you bring your lunch. This makes it much easier to keep our operation running smoothly. Remember, railroaders seldom have an opportunity to order a pizza delivered or go to a restaurant in the middle of their run.



MDT Reefer Display Now Open

Chris Hauf has put together a great display in the MDT reefer, featuring typical cargo, and an extensive photo display of the East Rochester MDT car shops. Tom Rohatsch built the steps to the car. (Gale Smith photo)

TRACK CAR OPERATIONS

by Harold Russell

The schedule for track car operators has filled fast with only a few dates in September and October remaining. To those of you who have not yet taken a turn, I would like to remind you that Autumn is one of the best times to operate. The scenery is resplendent with fall colors and cool temperatures predominate. To join in the fun, please call Harold Russell at 427-9159 before it is too late.

Beginning on Diesel Days, August 21 and 22 and for the rest of the season, operators will no longer be assigned to a specific track car. The first to arrive will have his or her choice of which track car to operate. For reasons of wear equalization, primary and secondary track cars will still be designated. We expect the operators on duty to rotate the

operator duties and share the operating time.

This season seems to be a never-ending amount of 'surprises' along the line for the track car operators. On August first a man and a boy chose to walk up the rail line to NYMT. Earlier, Bob Achilles encountered a man walking up the center of the track who apparently could not hear the approaching track car and its horn. Thrown turnouts and obstacles laid across the rails have also occurred. The moral of the story is - be on the lookout for the unexpected each trip you make with the track car.

Now that TC-2 has been repaired and rejuvenated, it is stored as a reserve unit in the barn on the track with the other track cars. As a result the siding is crowded. Please take extra care when entering the barn. On sunny days you may find it difficult to see into the barn and judge your stop.

Membership Report

Janet Dittmer, Chairperson

Welcome to these new members:

Michael Roque and Jessica Stallone

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Interests: Rolling stock restoration; Museum tour guide; Library; Historical construction equipment; Museum operations. Both are qualified track car operators.

Gwen Williams

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Interest: Trips

Michael E. Costello

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Interests: Rolling stock restoration; Trips; Museum tour guide; Library; Publications; Historical research. Michael is joining as a local member.

E-mail changes:

Roy J. Wullich has a new e-mail address:
Rjulich2@aol.com

Ron and Jing Amberger will be in China from July 23 to Sept. 1. "Use the following e-mail address to contact us; we will be checking often from internet cafe's or friend's PCs."

Track Car Operator's Schedule (thorough Sept. 19)

(All Sunday dates, except where noted)

| Date | TC-3 | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| TC-1 | Third Operator | | |
| Aug. 8 | Bob Mader* | Ryan Kane | Bill Blaesi |
| Aug. 14 | Joe Letwin | Joe Werner* | |
| | | First Operator | Second Operator |
| Aug. 21 (Sat.) | Harold Russell* | Phil McCabe | Tom |
| Webster/Bob Achilles | | | |
| Aug. 22 | Harold Russell | Greg Harris* | Tom |
| Dunham/Bob Achilles | | | |
| Aug. 29 | Ed VanHorn* | Bill Blaesi | Bob Achilles |

Operators

Depot Tour Guides

Aug. 15: Tony Mittiga, Rich Wagner

Aug. 21: Dave Peet

Aug. 22: Gale Smith

Aug. 29: _____* * Put your

Sept. 5: _____* name here!

Sept. 12: _____*

Dave Peet would like volunteers rather than "recruit/draft" to fill a position. Call Dave at 586-8964, or <davepeet97@frontiernet.net>.

Being a Depot Guide can be an invigorating experience. You will tell (or learn more) about our collection, and will most likely meet a current, or ex, within a group. With each tour, you will find yourself 'polishing' your presentation, and finish the day feeling enlighten!

Wawrzyniak appointed to Board

Don Wawrzyniak was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. This vacancy was created when Dale Hartnett won his current position as Vice President.

For several years now, Don has been in charge of our Store, making sure it is supplied with a good assortment of books and videos.

He also takes representative samples from our Store to nearby railroad train shows, such as Batavia, etc.

Young Railfan dates:

Saturday, August 14

Saturday, August 28

Saturday, September 11 (EOS Picnic)

Saturday, September 25

Membership Contact:

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Membership Rates:

National + Chapter membership: . \$40

Above as Family membership \$52

Local* \$20

Local as Family*..... \$29

(* Holds National membership elsewhere)

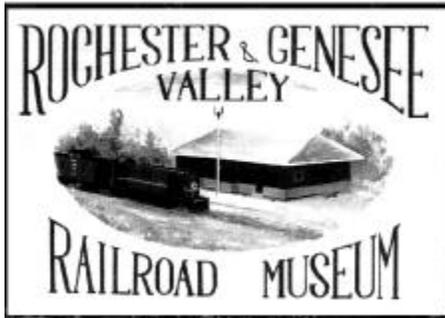
National only \$20

National as Family only \$23

Subscriptions only: \$8

Contributors to this issue

Janet Dittmer, Dale Hartnett, Chris Hauf, Kevin Klees, Dave Luca, Dave Peet, John Redden, Harold Russell, Joe Scanlon, Jeremy Tuke, Rand Warner.



MUSEUM MUSINGS

by Dale Hartnett

Let's say a woman brings our Museum a track tool that her dad had stored in his garage since he worked on the railroad.

Is this tool something that we can use to fix our railroad - or is it an antique? Is it both?

Some might ask, "Does the answer makes a difference?"

I can't answer the first questions, but I can answer the last one. Yes, it does make a difference.

We need to separate the operations side of our railroad from the museum side of our organization.

To that end, our Board has undertaken the job of developing a revised Collections Policy. Ultimately, the Collections Policy gives us consistent guidance about how we acquire, preserve, store and display many of the priceless items that come our way.

Is an item truly historic, or is it a replica?

Do we know the story behind the items that we have?

Are we treating the rare items in such a way that we won't "use them up" by improper use, storage or display?

How do we decide what to acquire and what to decline when offered to us?

What are the standards we will use when restoring a historic piece of equipment?

Our revised Collections Policy will guide us to be better stewards of the items people have entrusted to us. Many of the artifacts we own are no longer being made. We have a responsibility to future generations to preserve them and their stories.

You'll receive more information as the revision process continues. Thanks to all who have helped build the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum to what it is today!

EOS Picnic: Sept. 11

Call in your reservation; see Page 1

Managers

Railroad: (Motive, Rolling stock, MOW, ROW)

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Dale Hartnett: 243-0139; dhartnet@foxrochester.com

Excursion Car Fleet Work —

Just about a MONTH left to work in Webster!

To date, there has not been many volunteers showing up in Webster to work on the Excursion Cars. In the later part of September, these cars will be moved to Sodus, which **greatly** extends the commute time.

Dave Luca has spent many hours working alone. Bob Miner regularly assists, and Dale Hartnett shows up on Wednesdays. Although these persons will continue to work from their check lists, there are other jobs that should be done to have the cars in good, if not excellent, condition to accept, and present a good 'look' to our paying riders this fall.

Although Wednesdays from noon until 9:00 PM and most Saturdays from 9:00 am till ? are the scheduled work days, anyone wishing to become more involved with the restoration and maintenance of the cars and find that other days and/or times would be better, should contact Dave Luca at 288-0318 to set things up.

This year we would like to finish the work we started on: diaphragms, installation of emergency windows, replace several, if not all, of the cloudy plastic windows on the cars., replace several rusted out interior panels, and do some interior painting. Other tasks will have to be postponed.

If this sounds to you like a lot of work, you would be correct. **It means that the three or four members that show up regularly need your help!**



In Memoriam

Larry Fennessy

We will all miss a great friend and great member in Larry Fennessy.

Larry was a highly respected and responsible policeman with the Rochester Police Department. He had developed and presented many safety courses.

Larry had great musical talent, and could sing, dance and play several instruments. He was an entertainer.

For our Chapter, Larry showed great vision, enthusiasm, and willingness to support many efforts. He was wonderful people person and could see us as others saw us.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Larry's wife, Nora, and to his family.

Gone but never forgotten!

RW

Paul Klees

Kevin Klees' father Paul passed away on July 9. Paul was employed in engine service by the New York Central and its successors, from 1941 through 1990 on the Syracuse division. He visited the R&GV Railroad Museum on several occasions, and had a continuing interest in our work. About ten years ago, Paul arranged for the donation of several pieces of railroad signal equipment from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

In addition to his railroad experience, Paul was a veteran of World War II, who flew P-51s and earned two victories in aerial combat over Europe.

Our condolences to Kevin and his family.

JR

<<< Don Wawrzyniak enjoys his cab ride in #1843 on July 15. Don was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of our chapter. (Photo and caption by Harold Russell)

Motive Power Update

by John Redden

Steam Locomotives

Heisler Steam Storage Locomotive:

New graphite seals for the turbogenerator turbine shaft were machined from raw stock. One cylinder cock has been cleaned and had its valve seat lapped. The Engineer's side valve bobbin and rings have been cleaned and new anti-rotation pins have been fabricated and installed. The ends of the valve rings (much like a regular gasoline engine cylinder ring, just bigger) are notched so that the rings can't spin in the groove. Cylinder head and Valve head gaskets are being fabricated to our specs by an outside vendor. These are a simple flat copper rings with waves embossed into them. Our plan is to have the pistons and valves re-installed and have this portion of the engine sealed up before winter. Thanks to Kevin Klees for keeping the progress on this engine marching steadily forward.

Brooklyn Navy Yard number 12:

Our young railfans continued work stripping the paint from the engineer's side cab wall. This is a rather tedious job, done with a heat gun and putty knife. Thanks in particular, to Kyle Norek, as well as Clayton Killenbeck for continuing this work.

Diesel Locomotives

EK-9 has re-joined the active fleet for 2004. Thanks to considerable effort by Chris Hauf and James Johnson, the engine was watered, lubricated, and checked out for an initial startup in mid-July. Also, thanks to an application submitted by Chris, the Chapter has received a Dollars for Doers grant from Eastman Kodak, to do restoration work on the EK-9 cab. Congratulations, and thanks to Chris for this award.

Art Mummery has been busy locating parts for the number one prime mover on the **1941**. We expect to be purchasing these parts soon, in order to start the re-assembly of this engine.

EK-6, our vintage 1946 80-ton GE centercab has had its handbrake mechanism disassembled, lubricated and adjusted. Thanks to Dave Luca, Norm Shaddick, John Redden, and Mike Roque'. Later in the month, EK-6 got a much-needed cleaning of its windows, frame, pilots and trucks thanks to Young Railfans Kevin Miller, Clayton Killenbeck, Kevin's dad, and John Redden.

1654, the vintage 1951 80-tonner has had a brake problem diagnosed and corrected by Jeremy Tuke and John Redden. It seems that sometime prior to the Chapter's acquisition of this unit, its dead-engine feature check

valve had been installed backwards! This rendered its brakes inoperative during any time that it was towed "dead". This problem was straightened out and tested during July, and we are happy to report that its brakes will now function as intended whenever we need to move this unit without running its prime movers.

Locomotives 1843, 1654, and EK-9 were used to do various switching, and work-train movements this month.

Thanks to Kevin Klees for input to this article.

Thanks to ...

Ron Amberger for the donation of a working lawnmower and gardening tools and supplies.

Nathan Dunn for the donation of anitfreeze.

Eastman Kodak Co. for "Dollars for Doers" grant.

The Steam Team meets at 9 AM at the Industry Depot on the first Saturday of each month. Contact John Redden at: www.ejredden@frontiernet.net



This is one of the crosshead assemblies, as describe in the June issue of *The Semaphore*. The crosshead (on the right) was separated from the piston rod (on the left), in order to allow further disassembly of the engine portions of the steam locomotive. Over a period of months, several different tools were fabricated by the Steam Team, in unsuccessful attempts to separate these parts. In June, we succeeded! (Photos by Norm Shaddick; Captions by John Redden)

Happy steam team members next to the Heisler Fireless locomotive. From left, Randy Bogucki, John Redden and Kevin Klees pose next to the successful separation of the right-side crosshead from its piston rod. Also participating were Ron Amberger, and the photographer, Norm Shaddick, on this eventful day in June.



Dale's Doings

by Rand Warner

Dale Harnett is on a painting binge: Paint, Paint, Paint!

First it was the NYC RR Crossing Shanty.

Then it was Motor cars and crew cars.

Then it was track bumpers, and loading steps

Most recently it was picnic tables and benches.

Where and when will this man stop?

Seriously—

A little paint goes a long way. You can already notice an improvement in our appearance to our visitors. Let's all get something painted every week.

Dick done it again

by Rand Warner

Dick Bean is really on a roll!

First he supervised rehab of the Burro Crane.

Then he got our Case "Tera-loader" up and running.

Next it was the Massey-Ferguson tractor loader.

Now it is the yellow Towmotor fork lift he is working on. This compact fork lift will be very handy once he has it operational again. Thanks for all the good work, Dick!

Hats off to Holbert

by Rand Warner

As our long standing Foreman of Communications, Dick Holbert is doing a great job for us on our two-way radios, which greatly enhances safety, efficiency, and productivity for R&GV RM and NYMT.

Dick maintains over a dozen hand-held radios used by train crews and volunteers every day we are at R&GV RM.

He also maintains base stations at the Depot, Restoration Building and NYMT.

Don't forget the transportable four radios used for our track car operation. And the seven radios permanently installed in our locomotives. And radios in some of our heavy equipment, and auger and bucket trucks.

Thanks for keeping all these balls in the air, Dick, with everything else you do for the Chapter and Museum!

Just the 4th of July Weekend

by Rand Warner

It was Saturday, 3 July 2004 and you'd think people would be away ...

Not at R&GV RM they weren't! I counted at least 14 cars parked, and may have missed one or two.

All these folks — and probably more — were out there working on our projects:

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Achilles | Johnson |
| Bean | Mittiga |
| Bogucki | Mader |
| Chapin | Charlie Marks |
| Harshbarger | Jesse Marks |
| Hartnett | Warner |
| Holbert | Waterstraat |

What a show of interest, enthusiasm, dedication and commitment!

Substation Electrification

Rand Warner, Facilitator

Our electrical crew has made substantial progress on our trolley power substation at NYMT. The large and heavy remote resettable 200 amp capacity DC circuit breaker has been relocated and mounted on specially made wall supports. Thanks to Jim Johnson, Dick Holbert, Charles Harshbarger, Bill Chapin and Ted Strang. We expect to be pulling wires very soon.

Niagara Mohawk Hookup

Rand Warner has made recent inquiries with the NiMo Customer Service/Engineering regarding hookup costs for various options, updated for 2004 pricing.

Trolleys #161 and #168

Work at NYMT continues to get both trolleys in top shape for hauling visitors.

Rail Bonding

Rand Warner is continuing to install additional bonds for our double bonding approach to enhance safety and reliability to the rail line.

Overhead

Bob Miner and Dick Luchterhand are building down guys, pull-offs and back bones in the shop area at NYMT, from specifications provided by Charlie Lowe.

Poles

We have almost as many poles installed, to be wired, as we have in service. Rand Warner is working on several NYS Railways concrete poles to be acquired and relocated to NYMT for use or display. They have been inspected and ok'd by Charlie Lowe.

Track Gang

Supt. Randy Bogucki

Progress:

Weeds on the main line trackage have been sprayed, thanks to Randy, Tony Mittiga & Co.

Dave Luca organized a switch timber sorting effort, supported by Randy, Mark Pappalardo, Duncan Richards, Rand Warner, and several others. Now we can put together a switch timber set for Switch #7.

Replacement main line ties have been installed by Randy, Tony Mittiga, Duncan Richards and Mark Pappalardo, with help from our R.I.T. gang as well.

Steel parts are staged for new switch at NYMT, and are being staged for new switch at the Restoration Building.

The bumper on Track #3 has been fully installed, and Dale Harnett has it painted.

Plans:

Continue above efforts as applicable.

Add ballast to outside of curves.

Rehab damaged gage rods for reuse.

Get quotation on additional surfacing.

RW

Wood Workers of the World Unite

We are greatly blessed at R&GV RM with a lot of wood working talent. You can see the fruits of their labors everywhere you look:

Subway Car 60 windows

WAG Plow

NYC Crossing Shanty

Steps to MDT car

Rehab of RL&B 206

Rehab of BR&P caboose

LVRN push car rehab

Replica freight boxes

Rehab of track cars

Erie Stillwell windows

Thanks to our accomplished experts:

Charlie Marks

Jesse Marks

Dave Luca

Chris Hauf

Dan Waterstraat

Bob Mader

Bernie Cubitt

Tom Rohatsch

And we have more standing in the wings:

Bob Fitch.

Who else??

Library Report

by Charles Robinson, Chairman

The library will be open for *your* general use on **Monday evening, August 23 between the hours of 7:00 to 9:30 PM.** On a warm evening keep cool in our air-conditioned library.

The leak in the skylight has reappeared despite the chairman's efforts to fix it. So please do not leave anything on the round table in the copier room. The other leak in the periodical room does not seem to be giving trouble at the moment.

Gale Smith's work with the Dick Barrett collection, was hindered with a computer failure. Fortunately, he had backed up the data file. His attempt of replacing the video board from another computer, resulted in "zapping" that one. Bob Miner came to the rescue with a spare board from home. Thanks, Bob! Gale is back in business. This is a wonderful collection of rail books and we are most grateful to the family.

Jerry Gillette and the library chairman are approaching the end of filing away the loose timetable, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and booklets in the Barrett collection.

The chapter library has recently received a number of scrapbooks on Rochester railroads and trolley lines from the family of Dave Covell. We are grateful to Mrs. Covell for donating them to the chapter.

Our collection of video tapes is increasing in popularity. So come out to the library and look at what we have!



John Redden and Kevin Miller on the platform of EK-9 assist with its parking at the end of the operating session. Kevin has recently become an enthusiastic member of Dale Hartnett's Young Railfans. (Photo and caption by Harold Russell)

U&M and CNY Chapters visit

About 40 members of the Utica & Mohawk and the Central New York Chapters attended our joint museums on July 17. U&M was the sponsoring chapter; several from the Central New York Chapter joined the group.

They arrived about 4:30, spending a half hour at NYMT. Half the group boarded track cars to a meeting point half-way to Industry Depot, where they transferred to a diesel loco coupled to cabooses, which took them the rest of the way. The track cars returned to NYMT to repeat the process. The group's bus then went to the R&GV RM Depot to meet its riders for the trip home.



Prior to their arrival, they went to Medina to tour the museum there and ride a train on the Falls Branch. On the way to Rush, they stopped for lunch at the D&R Depot Restaurant in LeRoy.

Thanks to all of the local volunteers from NYMT and NRHS who were on hand to welcome our guests.

<<< Guests ready for their rides to Industry Depot



John Redden (on left) assist a member of the U&M steam team on acquiring parts for a headlight for their NYC switcher.. (Photos by Gale Smith)

2004 Special Events

August 21-22 (Sat. and Sun.) - "Diesel Days"

September 11 - End of Summer Picnic at the Depot; details on Page 1.

October 10 - RIT Day

Future Programs

by Harold Russell

August: Meeting will be had at the **R&GV RR Museum's Depot** in Industry. Program will be what the Motive Power Team will put together for our enjoyment.

September 18: *Pennsylvania Railroad's Elmira Branch* by author Bill Caloroso.

October 21: A speaker from Utica and Mohawk Valley NRHS.

November 21: *Oil Creek Railroad* by Dick Senges.

December 16: *Railroads of the Southern Tier* by Fred Trumbore

Russell publishes—Again!

Our Harold Russell, MMR, has his most recent article appearing in the September 2004 issue of *Model Railroader*. Entitled: "Supplying fuel since the reign of King Coal" describes the facility of John H. Murray & Son Coal Co. near Sayre, PA.

This is an impressive wood structure containing 14 bins to which various grades of coal were delivered from hopper cars unloading overhead. On each side were 14 chutes to deliver the coal to trucks. The hoppers were wenched up a 3% incline for unloading. When rail service was removed in the 1980s, the company had to improvise; read the article to learn how they did it!

Diesel Days: August 21 and 22

Construction & Equipment

by Joe Scanlon

The construction gang continues to look at the cut area North of the restoration building and dream about big earthmoving days. Dream is all we can do with the continued and almost predictable rainy weather. But, we're entering the dry, hot season of summer (we hope!) so any Saturday now you should see diesel smoke plumes and the growl of bulldozers and graders up on the hill.

Equipment maintenance continues, with the team of Dave Luca and Art Mummery swinging the wrenches during the week. The Ex- R.G.&E. Trojan loader has just gotten a new wheel seal, and rebuilt starter and alternators. The Caterpillar D8 tractor pan has a rebuilt pony motor starter, and Dan Waterstraat and Scott Gleason have put a new fuel line to the pony motor carburetor. Dick Bean is now wrenching on the Towmotor forklift at the North end of the equipment yard, so it's only a matter of time before we have a nice little forklift suitable for work in the restoration building in the ready line. Rick Israelson has had the FWD service truck running again. Next we need to find a suitable flat bed body for it.

The chapter has accepted the donation of a nice Gradall ditcher from Mr. Doug Hill of Twin Hills Golf Course in Parma. Formerly owned by the Town Of Clarkson, the Gradall has a lot of new parts. Art Mummery has the lower unit running well, and has also had the upper unit running already.

Keep an eye out up on the hill, and come out and join us when the weather decides to cooperate!

More Thanks to ...

Mr. Doug Hill of the Twin Hills Golf Course in Parma, NY for donating a Gradall ditcher in nice condition to the chapter.

Mrs. Gerry Goss and her son, **Wayne Canute Goss** of Wayland for donating an automatic feed drill press, a power hacksaw, a flexible shaft grinder, and a 600 amp gasoline engine powered welder to the museum from the estate of her late husband, **Mr. Fran Goss**.

Museums

Central Square O&W Station Museum, Railroad Street, Central Square, NY. Open Sundays, 12-5PM. Restored station and equipment on display. 315-668-6727.

Martisco NYC Station Museum, 2 miles south of Camillus, NY, of NY 174. Open Sundays, 2-5PM. Restored Auburn RR station, next to Finger Lakes Railway. 315-488-8208. (*American Rail Links*, # 170)



The chapter's newly acquired Gradall truck mounted ditcher. This excavator will be ideal to digging the locomotive inspection pit in the building. (Photo & caption by Joe Scanlon)



Easily done

On Tuesday, July 15, 2004, the chapter's Bucyrus-Erie 38B crawler crane makes easy work out of loading out the Dial-A-Mix concrete mixer which has been sold to a Fort Atkinson, Iowa company. Heavy equipment superintendent, Art Mummery, gently set the unit on the flat bed trailer which was guided in to place by member Steve Huse, who performed the rigging duties. (Photo & caption by Joe Scanlon)

Dates in Railroad History:

8/6/1891: A West Shore Railroad passenger train was struck by a freight train near Montezoma, NY, killing 14 people; 13 were immigrants. A conductor and brakeman were indicted for homicide.

8/8/1829: The "Stourbridge Lion" became the first true locomotive designed to pull railroad cars in the United States or anywhere else in the Western Hemisphere. The British-built engine was put into service on the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company at Honesdale, PA, to transport anthracite coal from mines in northeastern Pennsylvania to New York City by canal or rail.

8/9/1831: The Mohawk and Hudson Railroad operated its first train, using the steam locomotive "Dewitt Clinton" between Albany, NY (where present day Western and Madison Avenues meet) and Schenectady, NY (just south of the present day Amtrak station). (from: *American Rail Links*, # 170)

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Pouring the Restoration Facility Floor!

The Restoration Building is up and running! Now we need to provide it with a concrete floor. We raised the dust to finish the space. Now we've faced with dust all over the place. One hundred dollars will buy a batch of concrete. The estimate for the floor is \$25,000; we'll need 250 batches (!). Help "cement" together a great project. Maybe we'll even let you write your name and date in a slab! [Don Shilling] (Each block indicates \$1,000)

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