



# The Semaphore

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## Program for Mar. 20:

### Highlights of the Nevada Northern

by Duncan Richards

Highlights of three winter specials on the Nevada Northern, with a little of Heber Valley ... so it's steam and diesel.

Duncan's presentations are interesting and his style entertaining.

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Meeting at 7:30

Program follows meeting at ca. 8:15

Store open before meeting and during intermission.

## Library will be Open!

The Chapter's Library will be open at the next meeting (Mar. 20) starting at 6:30. It is located on the second floor of the 40&8 Club. Turn right at top of stairs, then left down the corridor.

## Snow now... Track very soon...



This spring one of the priorities for the R&GVRRM is the installation of tracks #6 & #7 south of the restoration building out on to the fill. With the delivery of the Empire State Express cars, more track is needed to comfortably store all of the museum's equipment. Stay tuned for ways you can help us achieve this museum goal and priority. [Caption and photo by Chris Hauf]

## A Look Back at the Rochester Chapter 2007

Jeremy Tuke

Part of my responsibilities as Chapter President is to provide an annual recap of the Chapter's activities to the membership via The Semaphore. Bob Achilles, our Vice President, has prepared a recap for the upcoming "Activities Annual" edition of the National's Bulletin, and I will offer a brief recap of our accomplishments in 2007.

As I look back on 2007 and review 2007 editions of The Semaphore for memory joggers, I am amazed at the amount and variety of accomplishments and activities our talented volunteers have undertaken. There are really too many things to completely capture all of them, but there are some very notable highlights, including:

Relocation of Chapter archives from Webster facility to climate-controlled storage and move of lending library materials to the 40&8. Development and implementation of online commerce through our website, eBay and Amazon, and tremendous contributions to the Chapter through mail order and train show sales.

Successful (and fun) dinner train excursion on the Tioga Central in June.

Another safe and successful Diesel Days event in August.

Final construction (with major help from contractors) of upper yard area and installation of switches 7 and 8.

Reconstruction of switch 4 in Industry yard and other track improvements in lower yard.

Extensive mainline track improvement and maintenance.

Track 8 extended into the Restoration Building allowing for more effective work on motive power and other equipment

Ongoing motive power rehabilitation and rebuilding, including major work on 1941. Also needed work on Army 1654, FM 1843, EK9, NKP79 and finally EK6.

Amazing progress on the Plymouth BL "critter."

Major upgrade and repairs to critical pieces of construction equipment.

Major scrap drive and continued cleanup and reorganization of our property.

Tremendous effort to prepare ESE passenger car set for move, and finally

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## Track Car Training Session

by Harold Russell

All training will be held at the New York Museum of Transportation. Class Room Session will be in the Gallery; Hand-on at the Trolley Barn

ALL operators MUST attend a 1) Classroom Session; 2) Pass written Examination and 3) successfully operate track cars before being given an Operators's 2008 License!

Sat. Mar 29	Classroom #1	9:00 to 10:00 AM for all operators
Sat. Mar. 29	Classroom #2	10:30 to 11:30 AM for all operators
Sat. April 5	Classroom #3	9:00 to 10:00 AM for all operators
Sat. April 12	Classroom #4	9:00 to 10:00 AM for all operators
Sat. April 19	Classroom #5	9:00 to 10:00 AM for all operators
Sat. Apr. 19	Hands-on #1	9:00 to 12:00 AM For experienced operators whose last name begins with A to H.
Sat. Apr. 19	Hands-on #2	1:00 to 4:00 PM For experienced operators whose last name begins with I to M.
Sat. Apr. 26	Hands-on #3	9:00 to 12:00 AM For experience operator whose last names begins with N to S.
Sat. Apr. 26	Hands-on #4	1:00 to 4:00 PM for experienced operators whose last names being with T to Z.
Sat May 3	Hands-on #5	By Appointment*; for New Operators
Sun. May 4	Classroom #6	8:00 to 10:00 Make-up for Experienced Operators
Sun. May 4	Hands-on #6	9:00 to 12:00 Make-up for Experienced Operators
Sun. May 11	Hands-on #7	By Appointment*; for New Operators
Sun. May 18	Hand-on #8	By Appointment*; for New Operators

\* New Operators can make appointment by calling Harold Russell at 427-9159, or e-mail: haroldrussell@juno.com.

## Rules Class Session

by Mike Roque & Mike Dow

The Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum will be holding Book of Rules and Air Brake/Train Handling classes on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am and Sunday, April 20 at 1pm (Additional classes will be held as needed) in the Student Alumni Union (Building 4; This is the same building where the RIT Model Railroad Club room is located) on the campus of RIT. The best option for parking is in U Lot, located on the south side of the campus next to the SAU. Directions can be found at <http://ritmrc.org/findus/>.

All volunteers who plan to participate in train operations at the RGVRRM this year must pass the book of rules class. Engineers, Fireman, and Conductors must also pass the Air Brake/Train Handling classes held the same day following the rules class.

Please bring a pen, paper, and a three ring binder with rings no smaller than 1" to hold the rule books and bulletins that will be handed out. If you have the current rule book No. 6 please bring your copy, but rule books will be available if you don't.

Class sizes will be limited to about 20 people, so please RSVP to Mike Dow at [mdow@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mdow@rochester.rr.com) or 716-474-2833.

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### Chapter & National dues

Chapter & National: \$53.00  
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## We are looking for candidates for both

**Recording secretary and Corresponding secretary.**

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### Contributors to this issue

Dale Harnett, Chris Hauf, Lynn Heintz, Charles Robinson, Harold Russell, Joel Shaw, Jessica Stallone, John Stewart, Jeremy Tuke, Rand Warner and various publications as

### Returnable cans can help Steam Fund

You can help turn returnable cans into cash for our steam fund by donating them to the Chapter **any time**. There is a receptacle in the Baggage Room at the Museum.

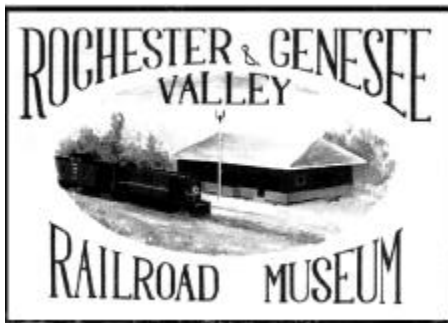
## Four Chapter Members receive 25-year pins

by Dave Peet

Four members joined the NRHS in 1983 and have achieved 25 years. They are:

Fred Jenks (resides in Utah)  
 George Shaw  
 Rev. Roy Kiggins (resides in Geneva, NY)

Donovan Shilling  
 Donovan received his pin recently at a Chapter meeting.



## EXCURSION WINDOW PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

by Dale Hartnett

The cold winter months have proven a good time for the excursion window crew to make progress on replacing the glazing in windows from the Chapter's *Empire State Express* train set.

The Stillwell car now spots three heated workstations, storage areas and room for a possible fourth work station. We now have a drill press at our disposal, courtesy of Lynn Heintz.

While the cold weather resulted in several weekday work sessions being canceled and outside work being cut short, we over-achieved our goal of finished windows during February.

Four window modules were completed in February (one more than our goal of three units). We enter March with three additional units being worked on. To date, we have completed four large modules (compared to a year-to-date goal of six units).

The crew of Dave Peet, Bob Achilles, Joel Shaw, Tony Mittiga, Bill Blasei, Bob Mader, Lynn Heintz and Dale Hartnett continues to experiment with ways to make the job easier and more effective.

Dave Peet's purchase of a cordless electric impact driver has helped immensely in removing old corroded screws from window frames.

Thanks also go to Kevin Klees for coordinating the purchase of screws to support the project. Jeremy Tuke has continued to secure replacement glazing, along with the drops which we intend to cut for the smaller windows from the excursion set. Bob Mader has played a key role in saving the Chapter substantial money by building a jig for cutting the rounded corners in the glazing.

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**Volunteer, Bill Blasei,** is working on the glazing replacement for the museum's 'Empire State Express' coaches. Here Bill is re-tapping the holes that hold the window module together after installing new glazing. This is one of the final steps in rebuilding a window module. [Caption and photo by Chris Hauf]

As we move toward the warmer weather and longer days, we will need more people to help remount windows to the cars. The spring and fall months also provide an ideal time to replace the corroded screws on the cars' exteriors. This process helps make window removal a much quicker process.

Thank you to all who have helped!

Now that we have several people who understand the process, we can use more help. Contact:

Dale Hartnett (dhartnet@brockport.edu) if you can help on Saturdays, or

Bob Achilles Bobachilles@aol.com) if you can help on Tuesdays.

### Steam Team Meets

This team meets the first Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in 'steamers' is invited to attend. For information, contact John Redden at jredden@frontiernet.net.

### Give Me HOT Water!

By Rand Warner

After many years of faithful service, and many survivals of basement flooding, our trusty old floor mounted electric water heater has finally succumbed.

Jim Johnson has procured a new, small water heater which he is locating high and dry, under the basement ceiling, out of reach flood water. He is currently wiring and plumbing it in, and we should be enjoying hot water again by the time your read this.

Regarding water in general, we have employed a sanitary engineering consultant to work with us and with Mrs. Weaver, our neighbor, to design and supervise installation of a new water connection to the Monroe County Water Authority. NYS Office of Children Family Services will be shutting off our water supply and we need a safe,



## On-Line Sales

by John Stewart

There are a few developments our continuing effort to generate revenue. We have set up Amazon and eBay Affiliate accounts.

These accounts will provide income when people use our links and search boxes to make eBay and Amazon purchases. As of now the accounts are active and ready for use on a test site. You may use these links to make a purchase, in doing so you will help us shake down the system and generate income for the Chapter.

The test pages are located at:

<http://www.s363.com/nrhs>

The page will have two links, one to eBay and one to Amazon.

### Instructions for the eBay page.

1. If you click on the banner ad at the top of the page and follow the link to eBay can generate money in two different ways: a) if you sign up for a new eBay account we earn \$25.00, remember, an eBay account costs you nothing. b) if you purchase something after following the link we will receive a percentage of the final sale commission.

2. The box at the center of the page are items available in our Chapter eBay

Store. This box gives us more revenue the the one we currently have on the Chapter web site. It won't be of use to or members.

3. Last on the eBay page for a text link the will take you directly to the railroaders category. Following this link will also give us a portion of the final value fees. I know many of you shop that part of eBay regularly.

### On the Amazon side there are two sections.

1) small amazon search box. Start your search here and we will get at least 4% of your sale. It does not cost you anything.

2) the second part is a an Amazon AStore. This is being tuned, but it will allow us to offer more books on our website.

*Please feel free to try these out.*

Drop me an email if you use it so I can track it. Give me date and amount.

Also, if you have a personal web site, these links can be added.

Thank you for your support!

John Stewart

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## From local papers:

submitted by Rand Warner

1. Train Stuck in California. Resumes trip; shades of yesteryear in Donner pass. [D&C, Sun. Feb. 8]

2. CSX has paid nearly 350,000 in fines.[Fairport-ER Post, Feb. 6]

FRA looking into East Rochester and Canastota derailments

3. CSX to spend \$485 Million on repairs in New York State. \$12.4 million for work in Rochester area. D&C, Fri. Feb. 15]

4 On Track for Growth

Freight traffic, income increasing for our region's short haul lines. [D&C, Mon. Feb. 25; G&W stock on the rise]

## Lakeshores Division NMRA Meet: April 5

by Mike Roque'

The Lakeshores Division of the National Model Railroad Association is planning on hosting its Spring meet at the Rochester Model Railroad Club facilities in the basement of First Universalist Church on Court Street at South Clinton, on Saturday morning, April 5. The meet will include clinics, layouts, and more.

## Give Me Air!

By Rand Warner

RGVRRM has three self-powered air compressors and they are all very useful and very much needed:

1. The smallest is a gasoline powered Schram unit which is currently operational and is saving our bacon!

2. We have a medium size, 125cfm gasoline unit on rubber which is currently disassembled. Bob Mader, Rand Warner and Dick Bean think we have all the needed parts now, and hope to reassemble this unit so we can get it back into service.

3. Our large, diesel powered 160cfm unit on rubber is down for repairs to the air vane compressor unit. Jeremy Tuke, Kevin Klees, Art Mummery & Co. are working on bringing this critical unit back to life to support our many projects.

## More info on PRR's Elmira Branch

by Joel Shaw

[Based on article from June 1931 *Railroad Man's Magazine*. The article goes on, but this was so near and dear to my heart, I thought that it was worth sharing with the group.]

"In 1879 E.H. Harriman married Mary Williamson Averell, the daughter of William J. Averell, a banker of Ogdensburg, New York, who was president of the Ogdensburg & Lake Champlain Railroad Company. The relationship aroused his interest in up-state transportation and two years later his career as a rebuilder of bankrupt railroads began with a small broken-down railroad called the Lake Ontario Southern which he renamed the Sodus Bay & Southern, reorganized, and sold with considerable profit to the Pennsylvania.

One of my winter time pursuits is catching up on my reading, or just re-reading some of the books and magazines in my collection. One title caught my eye: "P.R.R. Collects Relics for Museum". Quoting now -

"Relics of early days of railroading are being collected by the Pennsylvania Railroad for use in a museum to be established in Philadelphia. Employees from all over the line are sending contributions. From Elmira, N.Y. came the desk, chair, and clock used by the late E.H. Harriman when he began his railroad career on what is now the Pennsy's Elmira Division."

## More information REA Truck

by Joel Shaw

The REA truck has to be a 1939. A 1930 should have mechanical brakes. I have a 1931 pickup truck, so I know.

## 2007 In Review *(From Pg 1)*

Safe and successful move of ESE cars to our facility in December.

We may also tend to overlook the many, many hours our volunteers contribute towards the operation of our Museum in conjunction with NYMT. This involves people serving as Depot Guides, Track Car operators, ticket desk and gift shop duties at the NYMT, training and .

There is also the time devoted to some of the behind the scenes activities such as buildings and grounds maintenance, housekeeping and upkeep, and the other small things that keep our Museum and Chapter functioning so smoothly throughout the year.

I think perhaps we sometimes take what we have with our organization for granted, but this kind of "look back" on the years' events and activities reminds us of what an exceptional, unique and outstanding group of people we have that makes all of this happen.

I will be concluding a third term as President of our Chapter in June of this year, and have served on the Board since 1996. I am honored to have been able to serve with all of our dedicated members and volunteers during this time, and am still amazed at what the Chapter has accomplished since my original involvement in 1973. I look forward to another 35 plus years of continued great things from our organization and annual recaps highlighting this level of accomplishment! We have much to look forward to, and many opportunities to

## Ore Docks at Sodus Point

*by Lynn Heintz*

We know of the coal docks at Sodus Point. Lynn is looking for information on the separate ore dock before 1940. Also he noted that there was a third dock with rail in 1904.

Information about these docks, movements of material on this branch would be appreciated.

Contact Lynn at <lheintz2@rochester.rr.com>.

## Electric Department

*Supt. Jim Johnson by Rand Warner*

Jim Johnson and Rand Warner have been reviewing and discussing power loads and voltage options for our new three-phase service request to National Grid.

This new service will support our excursion trainset, on the new siding west of the LA&L RR, the several trailers located there now, and any future buildings on the west side of the LA&L main.

We are asking National Grid to quote us this service two ways:

- a) 480v/277v 400amp, three-phase
- b) 208v/120v, 400amp, three-phase

We had originally requested a three-phase 240v, 400amp service, but that option is no longer available from National Grid.

## Opportunities to Serve

*by Jeremy Tuke*

With elections coming up at the May Chapter meeting, there are several opportunities for you to become more involved and serve your Chapter.

Due to term limits, the positions of President and Corresponding Secretary are open, and depending on the candidates and interest, one or two trustees will be elected. Please contact John Stewart 704-8885 if you have questions or are interested in running.

In addition, your Chapter is in need of someone willing to lead the Membership Committee, as Jessica Stallone will be stepping down from this position.

Another very important opportunity is Depot Guide "crew caller." This person has the important role of contacting members to volunteer as Depot Guides at our Museum between May and October. Please contact Dave Peet 586-8964 if you would like to help with this position.

It takes many dedicated people to help make our Chapter the great organization that it is today. Please consider taking a turn and becoming more involved in this rewarding experience!

## Anniversaries

*by Rand Warner*

### 2006

- 25 years of using EKC-#6 on premises.
- 25 years of using new switch into Museum.
- 50 years after closing of Rochester Subway.

### 2007

- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of connecting R&GV RM and NYMT by rail!

### 2008

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of construction of Depot.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Erie electrification
- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of official "Golden Spike".

*More Anniversaries on Page 6.*

## Syracuse Chapter to host Spring meeting

On April 11-13 (Friday-Sunday), the Central New York Chapter will be hosting the Spring Meeting of the National Directors at the Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway, Liverpool. Extras include rail/photo train excursion on the Finger Lakes Scenic Railways, museum and rail station trips, photo contest.

More information from George Read, Registration chairman, bnsf@twcny.rr.com or 315-469-0864. [*American Rail Link*, Issue 346]

## Fatal train wrecks declined in 2007

In 2007, 486 people nationwide were killed after trespassing on rail lines, compared to 518 in 2006. An additional 339 fatalities involved trains and a car/truck, 30 fewer than in 2006. Total number of train accidents fell by almost 14% to 2,547.

In contrast the number of rail accidents that released hazardous material rose to 43 from 28 in 2006. Contributing factors: more trains carrying ethanol and new technologies used to safely release the fuel. [*USA Today* from FRA Report]

## Claims to Fame

by Rand Warner

### RGVRRM & NYMT Together

Together we believe we have the largest traction collection in New York State with a total of 16+ pieces.

We certainly have the largest interurban car collection in New York State with a total of six pieces.

The only and the longest Museum trolley ride in New York State.

The only rail ride with a rail theme museum destination at each end.

The largest center cab diesel locomotive collection in New York State with three.

The largest steam locomotive collection in New York State with three.

The only fireless steam locomotive in NYS.

The only running Fairbanks-Morse locomotive in New York State.

The only wooden snow plows in NYS: one railroad and one trolley type.

Largest cabooses collection in NYS: Seven.

Largest TrackMobile collection in NYS: Five

Largest "critter" collection in NYS: Two

## Track Department

Supt. Luther Brefo  
by Rand Warner

We hope to begin construction of trackage south of the Restoration Building as soon as weather permits, and as soon as some heavy construction equipment and trailers are relocated out of the way.

LA&L RR will be installing our new switch for the new siding for our excursion train set, possibly starting work by the time you read this—weather permitting. Then we have to build the siding to hold the trainset cars, and also to be our entrance to Northwest Quadrant trackage and displays.

The LA&L RR will be installing a replacement entrance switch to our Depot yard area. This switch will be further north to eliminate the present kink coming in. We will then have to rearrange our yard lead to align up with this switch.

## Museum Managers list 2008 Goals

Dave Luca and Chris Hauf met and made a list of the high and medium priorities of projects for 2008. They have the Board's approval. The "high" priority is listed here, along with the projected quarter, [Q]

### Infrastructure

Install Tracks #6 & #7 south of the restoration building to allow all of the R&GVRRM equipment to be stored north and south of this building. This includes all grading, drainage installation, sub-ballast install and track install. [Q1,Q2]

Install first ~375' of the LA&L siding including all equipment relocation, drainage installation, grading, sub-ballast, track install and tack leveling/ballasting. Clear property, grade & sub-ballast for next 500'. [all Qs]

Re-build Industry yard lead to mate up with new Industry yard turnout including all drainage required. [Q3,Q4]

### Equipment

RG&E 1941 mechanical & cosmetic restoration complete [Q1,Q2,Q3]

Track cars (Qty 2) prepared for 2008 operating season. [Q1,Q2]

EK#6 brake work complete. [Q1]

R & G V R R 1654 water pump replacement. [Q2]

ESE car work including window replacement, exterior cleaning/repainting/lettering, interior repairs, and running repairs. [all Qs]

### Operations

Depot guide coordinator named. Staff depot with one and preferably two depot guides each weekend [Q,Q3]

Brakeman/Conductor/Engineer training program. [All Qs]

Improve museum displays. [Q2,Q3]

Some of these projects are now underway, with some portions complete. But it is still a very ambitious list, and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### Harold Crouch in St. Ann's

Harold Crouch who frequently submits article to *The Semaphore* with his experience with locomotives, suffered a stroke. Last word, was that he was recuperating and receiving visitors.

Visit our two Websites for color!

[www.rochnrhs.org](http://www.rochnrhs.org), or  
[www.rgvrrm.org](http://www.rgvrrm.org)

## More Anniversaries

### 2008

by Rand Warner

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of arrival of first railroad car on our Museum property: B&O Caboose #2631, shipped in from former storage location on siding at South Lima, on LA&L RR. We did not yet have our switches installed to Conrail, so we slid the caboose over to our #1 siding track from LA&L (Conrail) main track, using greased rails and a bulldozer pulling it over with cables/chains. This caboose is now being back dated to its former Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg RR configuration.

Tenth Anniversary of arrival of our first trolley, Rochester Subway Car #60, at our Museum, trucked in from NYS Museum at Albany. We had to tear down a building around the trolley and build a short length of track, to get it moved out to where we could load it on a special rear-steerable lowboy to bring it home. This car was essentially 100% complete when it arrived so we towed it around our Museum property tacks to give people rides. Then we moved it into the newly erected Restoration Building to begin an extensive restoration effort which is still ongoing.

### Nevada Northern Railway steam locomotives taken out of service.

As of Feb. 21, 2008, the Nevada Northern Railway Museum of East Ely, Nev. removed 4-6-0 No. 40 and 2-6-0 No. 93 from active service after finding cracks in the axles.

Even after repairs, the railroad will have to refurbish the remaining axles, such as refurbish/replace the crown brasses, the drive boxes and shoes, and the wedges in both engines.

They estimated it will cost \$200,000 to repair each engine. Being short of funds, they will work on No. 93 first with anticipation it will be back in service by July 1, 2008.

## Library Report

by Retiring Charles Robinson, Chair

[Editor: The Library's Chair Report was inadvertently left out in the February issue. My apologies, Charles]

The library will be open on the evening of the usual Chapter meeting that falls on Thursday, ~~February 21~~ March 20. The library will be open around 6:30 PM and again between the business meeting and the program that evening. Because of a power outage and the chairman's need for eye surgery, the planned work sessions to put the library in order did not take place this month. The library staffing has to be changed and a general reorganization of the library is now in progress. After that takes place, it will become clearer how future access to the library will be arranged. Hopefully the membership has found the library to be reasonably operable and accessible during this period of change.

At the moment I am still not encouraging having the library open after the meeting. I am somewhat concerned that this would make it more difficult for the employees of the 40&8 to leave the building at a time they would feel convenient.



## Editor's Corner

I have been your Editor of The Semaphore for about 13+ years. It has been a delightful endeavor to assemble and convey the accomplishments our Chapter volunteers to all of its members and others Chapters!

Unfortunately, several personal problems have arose to make the decision to step down from his position. I have asked Jeremy Tuke to find a replacement.

I have macular degeneration plus cataracts, which makes it 'eye squinting' to read the computer screens. In addition, I seem to have too many problems with these darn computers.

## Mystery Photo

Here is another mystery photo for you to contemplate. The individual flying through the air is a chapter member; do you know who it is? Also, can you figure out what is going on? The picture was taken in the Rochester area. Can you tell where it was? The answers to these and other questions will be in next month's issue of *The Semaphore*. (submitted by Bob Achilles, 585-421-0876; bobachilles@aol.com)



Usually everything seems to be going as planned at 10:00 PM, but then things go hey-wire, so at 2:00 AM, I call it quits for the night, and get up early to continue to see if I can get final copy ready for Bob Miner and I to print by noon. So far, have been successful, but it has been stressful! At reaching the 'milestone' 75 in February, I feel that these aggravations must cease.

I still plan on being involved on the production end with Bob and others; that is physical, not mental!

Otto Vandrak has volunteered to assist. He has numerous articles published in national railroad magazines. They are a joy to read. The problem at this end of not accepting his offer is logistics, as he lives north of New York City. Yes, we could use e-mail (see above!). However being one who works to the last minute, a much improved schedule would be necessary for this to work—and that is not likely on my part.

Presently, the process is to start compiling an issue after the Trustees meeting on the first Thursday of each month to get the latest news.

As you will have noted, almost everything in each issue has a by-line of its contributor. I have been most

fortunate to have such a reliable source. (Editors of other newsletters comment about how hard it is to get information from their groups. Such is not the case here. The articles come in on time, without any prodding.)

My grateful THANKS to Rand Warner, John Redden, Charles Robinson, Jeremy Tuke, Chris Hauf, Harold Russell and many others for their cooperation over the past years. Also especially to Chris who supplies many photographs to illustrate these stories, or

## E-Mail Problems—Again

The most recent is a notice from the ISP that the e-mail inbox is FULL! Since the two computers are on a router, a check with one with Outlook Express showed 130 entries. The other one, with recently installed Thunderbird, showed a whopping 5,000+, consisting of duplicates, triplicates and higher order of e-mails; this has been whittled down to 2,000, with the most recent being a Feb. 2007 e-mail! In other words, they don't agree! Attempts to call Frontiernet's help desk on the DSL line, results in "There appears to be a receiver off the hook", etc. and a disconnect—resulting in mental frustrations.!

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