

NEXT MEETING:
July 20
 Enjoy rides on
 your museum railroad!



Building on a dream our organization has shared for many years, Viscose Co. No. 6 is coming to the museum for two weekends in August! This will be the first steam locomotive to operate in the Rochester area since 1954! We need your help to make this event a success. JEFF TERRY PHOTO

All Steamed Up

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Next month your museum will be hosting not only the first working steam engine in our museum’s history, but also the first in Rochester since 1954! This is quite an accomplishment, something our organization has been building up to for some time. While it won’t be one of our own engines running, the sights and sounds of working steam will be an amazing experience for our museum visitors and members.

Rob Burz and Joe Nugent began exploring the possibility of bringing working steam to our museum more than four years ago. Aside from the logistics of operating steam, we realized quickly we would need to increase capacity. This led to the acquisition of a 40-foot flatcar and the design and construction of our open-air rider car. Many other improvements have taken place all around the museum. The result is an exciting steam event we should

all be excited about. We will require your help to make it a success. Everyone will need to pitch in and make a contribution to not only ensure the safety of our visitors, but to create an enjoyable experience for everyone.

This is just one example of exploring new ideas to advance our mission and to draw new visitors to the museum. Speaking of new ideas, I also want to ask for your thoughts on events we could add to our calendar this year and next. As we move into our next stages of development and expansion, your support will be most important. Would you like to help make your museum better, but you’re not sure where to start? Please contact me at (716) 474-2833 or mdow@rochester.rr.com. I’d like to hear from you!

—Mike Dow
 Museum President

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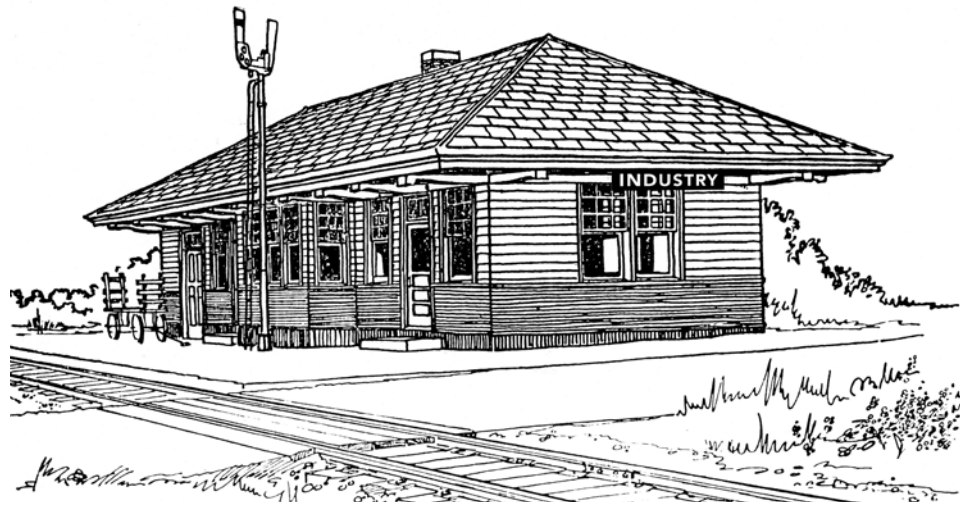
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2017 SCHEDULE

Please note some dates and activities are subject to change. Please visit our www.rgvrrm.org and www.RochesterTrainRides.com for details.

July 15-16 – Craft Show and Train Rides
July 29-30 – Steam, Diesel, Electric Tour of Scranton

August 19-20 – Viscose 6 Steam Engine Train Rides
August 26-27 – Viscose 6 Steam Engine Train Rides

September 16-17 – Diesel Days Train Rides

October 7 - Fall Foliage Express
October 14-15 – Pumpkin Patch Trains
October 21-22 – Pumpkin Patch Trains
October 28-29 – Pumpkin Patch Trains

December 8 – Holiday Open House
December 9 – Santa Trains
December 16 – Santa Trains

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<https://tinyurl.com/2017-RGV-Train-Crew-Schedule>

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MONTHLY PROGRAM

Starting a half-hour earlier at 7:00 p.m., following a brief business meeting we will enjoy rides on our museum railroad and a tour of current projects in the Restoration Shop. Warm-weather meetings continue at the depot on **July 20**, and **August 17**. These events are **FREE** to attend, so bring a friend!

—Adam Lloyd, Program Chair

MOTIVE POWER DEPT.

Your Motive Power Dept. is hard at work keeping our fleet in top condition for the operating season.

RGV 54 - Currently in service as our primary unit. Our General Electric 80-ton switcher will be taken out of service for traction motor replacement after RG&E 8 is returned to operation.

LAL 20 - Thanks to a generous donation by the LA&L, we now have a used set of starting batteries for the locomotive. We will service the batteries and install them over the next few weeks. We also have a replacement water pump and fuel pump motor to install. The goal remains to have this historic Alco RS-1 operable for Diesel Day weekend in September.

RGE 8 - We have the majority of parts



Joe Nugent cleaned and replace the piston in the air brake system under the LBR 23 open-air rider car on July 11, while Rob Burz worked to reconnect the hand brakes.

required to put RG&E 8's braking system back together, and to replace worn motor brushes. We are just waiting for time over the pit to complete the work.

NKP 79 - Our goal is to get NKP 79 running, though not operating, this year. This Alco S-4 locomotive will require either repair or replacement of the fuel tank before it can operate in regular service. We look forward to returning this familiar face to the rails.

LV 211 - Our Alco RS3m received a few minor repairs late last year, including new water couplings for its cooling system and repair to its voltage regulator. The locomotive will be tested as soon as our new supply of coolant rust inhibitor arrives.

USA 1843 - Our Fairbanks-Morse diesel has been plagued with electrical issues this year and has been in and out of service. The locomotive was repaired during the first week of July and is currently back in service.

The Motive Power Dept. is always looking for extra hands to help with a variety of tasks large and small. To get involved, contact Supt. Joe Nugent.

—Joe Nugent, Supt.

GIFT SHOP DEBUT

Our new gift shop in the North Waiting Room made its debut with a "soft open" at our June 15 members' meeting. The public debut was made during our June 17-18 Subway Heritage Weekend. Among the new items this year are LED-equipped

lanterns from Star Headlight & Lantern in Avon, special t-shirts marking our 80th anniversary and supporting fundraising on Subway Car 60, a special 12x18 full-color poster featuring a rendering of Car 60, post cards, die-cast toy trains, pins, stickers, hats, and more.

Aside from the gift shop, the room will also contain a few additional displays. Additional volunteers would always help. Cashier training only takes a few minutes, and it's fun! Please contact **Heather Dow** at psychlady08@gmail.com.

**SWITCH 5
TIE REPLACEMENT**

As part of our ongoing program of regular maintenance, the area around Switch 5 was targeted for tie replacement on July 2. **Mike Dow, Syeira Dow, Adam Lloyd,** and **Dave Scheiderich** removed several old timbers and replaced them with new ties. The Tuesday Night Track Gang (TNT Gang) completed gauging and spiking the rails the following week.

**STEAM RETURNS TO ROCHESTER:
VISCOSÉ NO. 6**

We're just a few weeks away from a special event that has been a few years in the making. "Steam Returns to Rochester" on **August 19-20 and 26-27**. Owned and operated by Scott Syman of Dunkirk, N.Y., Viscose 6 is an 0-4-0 tank engine that travels to many festivals and railroad museums around the region. Not only will this be the

SIGNALS



LEFT: On June 10, Joe Nugent uses the Ford forklift to position a new set of stairs in front of the Pennsylvania Railroad railway post office car. The stairs (built by museum president Mike Dow) lead into the new interactive exhibit featuring different methods of interlocking signal control (also built by Mike Dow). The display houses the Saxby & Farmer lever machine salvaged from the Erie Railroad tower at Niobe, N.Y., by our museum volunteers in 1988.

BELOW and LEFT: Otto Vondrak made two more sandwich board signs to help direct our visitors around the museum on July 11. One sign helps point the way into the new Signals display in the Railway Post Office car.

first live steam locomotive at our museum, it will be the first operating steam in Rochester since 1954!

This special event has been more than two years in the making. A compensation agreement was reached with New York Museum of Transportation to allow an extended ride from Industry to BOCES Crossing and return. Rob Burz has been leading the project to design and build an open-air rider car (LBR 23) that will allow our visitors to enjoy all the sights and sounds of steam railroading (as well as increase our capacity). Our new gift shop opened inside the North Waiting Room creates another revenue opportunity as well as additional display and exhibit space.

This event will require all hands on deck to be successful. Here are some of the positions we need to fill:

Engineer and Fireman: Selected from our pool of operating personnel, the engineer and fireman will be trained by the owner in the proper operation of Viscose 6 over our museum railroad. We will need several volunteers to help with the operation of the locomotive over the course of the weekend.

Car Hosts: Responsible for the safety and comfort of visitors while they board, ride, and disembark from our trains.

Conductor: Selected from our pool of operating personnel, the conductor is responsible for the safe movement of our train in accordance with the schedule.

Coal and Water Servicing: We will need volunteers to remain with the coal and water supplies and be ready to tend to the fueling needs of Viscose 6 between runs.



Fire Patrol: This crew consists of a track car operator and two volunteers inspecting the tracks for any stray embers left behind by the steam engine. The Fire Patrol will extinguish any smoldering embers before they have the chance to ignite.

Industry Depot: The depot will be our visitors' first interaction with the museum. One volunteer cashier will work the ticket window, while a second will work the gift shop sales. A third volunteer will act as a guide and will meet all trains to assist in boarding visitors.

Upper Yard: One volunteer guide will meet all trains and assist with boarding. An additional volunteer will be the host in the new Signals display in the railway post office car.

Switch Tender: One volunteer will man the junction at Switch 6 and help expedite the movement of trains.

Exhibitors: Do you have a vintage automobile or working steam engine or tractor to display for the weekend? We are looking for interesting exhibits for our visitors to enjoy.

This will be a very high profile event for our organization as we celebrate our 80th anniversary. We will need a number



of volunteers to help us to make this event a success. If you have never volunteered before, consider coming out to help on these two weekends. To help with train crew, contact **Jim Otto** or **Mark Wilczek**. All other volunteers contact **Otto Vondrak**.

—Otto Vondrak, Event Coordinator

FUNDRAISER FOR CAR 60: SIDE BODY PANELS

Last year Rochester Subway Car 60 turned 100, and the museum authorized the fabrication and installation of a new letterboard as the first step towards reassembly and cosmetic restoration. This year we look to repair and replace the side body panels. Estimate for the fabrication of the new panels was received from Crosby-Brownlie for \$5,000. The installation cost is nearly



LEFT: Jim Johnson cleans the terminals and checks the wire leads on the locomotive batteries donated by Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad. While these batteries are a few years old, they still have plenty of life left in them for our purposes. The batteries will be used in LA&L No. 20, which will be reactivated this fall. **MIDDLE:** On July 11, Dave Luca and Charlie Marks place grab irons to mark where to drill holes for mounting hardware on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh caboose. **BELOW LEFT:** Giving “yard work” a whole new meaning Mike Dow, Syeria Dow, Adam Lloyd, and Dave Scheiderich inserted several new ties around Switch No. 5 on July 4.



five times that amount, however the contractor has arranged for the donation of labor through the local sheet metal workers union and their apprentice program.

Generous donations have been received to date totaling \$3,500, including a generous donation from **Christopher Wilmot**. You museum is working to raise \$1,500 to close the gap. Make your donation today by visiting www.rgvrrm.org/donate or by sending your check to P.O. Box 23326, Rochester, NY 14692-3326. If you are interested in working on the restoration project, please contact **Rand Warner**.

STEAM, DIESEL, AND ELECTRIC RAILROAD TOUR OF SCRANTON

Steam, diesel, and electric trains are the highlight of a special weekend excursion to Scranton, Pa., on July 29-30. Travel with the members of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum by deluxe motorcoach to ride historic trains on the **Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad, Steamtown National Historic Site, and Electric City Trolley Museum**. Visitors will enjoy a private excursion on the Delaware-Lackawanna from Scranton to Delaware Water Gap and return on Saturday. The special excursion will be powered by vintage Alco diesels with the railroad’s 1936 luxury executive observation car bringing up the markers. On Sunday, a chartered trolley will take visitors from the Electric City Trolley Museum on a five-mile run through the historic Crown Avenue Tunnel to the baseball stadium in Wilkes-Barre. Upon return to Scranton, we will tour Steamtown NHS and take a short steam train ride around the yards and museum facility.

Tickets for this trip are \$300.00 each (\$275.00 for RGVRRM members), and does not include food or lodging. The museum has chosen the Comfort Inn & Suites in Moosic, Pa. You must call





RIGHT: During our Rochester Subway Heritage Weekend, Rand Warner welcomes visitors into the Restoration Shop on June 17, where Regional Transit Service's restored 1956 GM Transit bus was on display alongside Car 60. Our goal is to make Car 60 shine just as brightly as the bus! **BELOW RIGHT:** Father and son enjoy a leisurely train ride on June 18 during our Rochester Subway Heritage Weekend.

BELOW: Adam Lloyd and Sam Rosenberg help remove the benches from inside Car 60. Jared Rosenberg built the benches as an Eagle Scout project a few years ago for our open-air rider car project. **BOTTOM:** The benches have been placed inside the open-air rider car.

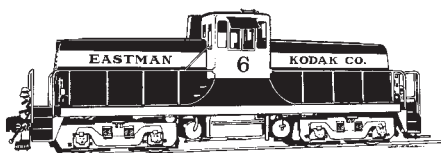


(570) 347-1551 and ask for the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum rate. Your choice of rooms will be either a room with two double beds or a room with a king size bed. Ask for a guaranteed late arrival.

Seats are filling up fast! Purchase your tickets today from our museum's web site at www.RochesterTrainRides.com.

—David Shields
Trips Chairman

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RETURNS TO ROCHESTER**



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19-20 AND 26-27**

Ride the first steam engine to operate in the Rochester area since 1954! Viscose Co. No. 6 will be pulling all trains consisting of our new open-air car and a caboose. All aboard!

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HEY! Don't forget that our monthly meetings move to Industry Depot starting May 18! Tell your friends!

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RGV 54 meets LV 211 at Industry Depot on June 17 during our Rochester Subway Heritage Weekend event. Look for LV 211 to be running in September for our annual Diesel Days.