



Visitors enjoy the view from the new Railfan Overlook as Viscose 6 climbs the Hill Block with another excursion train. The privately-owned steam locomotive operated two weekends on August 19-20 and 26-27, carrying more than 1,700 happy visitors who enjoyed this unique experience.

# Steam and Diesel

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First off, I'd like to offer a huge thank you to all who helped make these last two weekends happen! We couldn't have done any of this without you! Those two August weekends brought a long-time dream of having steam at the museum come true. We had many sold out trains and many happy folks on those trains. We were able to offer rides on our new rider flat car, which is a wonderful addition to our fleet. Our visitors were able to view the trains going up and down the hill from our newly opened overlook platform, as well as our other additions added earlier this year. All in all it was a wonderful event which we hope we can do again in the future.

Our annual Diesel Days celebration moves to September 16-17 weekend, and we're excited to have two trains running for our visitors to enjoy.

We have a very busy fall season coming up starting with our annual Fall Foliage

Express on October 7, followed by three weekends of Pumpkin Patch Train Rides. This is our busiest time of year, and we could really use your volunteer help to make this a success. Whether you contribute a couple of hours or a couple of days, every bit helps. If you're not sure you could fit in, contact David Shields (marberth@aol.com) to help out with the Fall Foliage Express, or Otto Vondrak (ovondrak@yahoo.com) to help with Pumpkin Patch Train Rides.

So far we have enjoyed a wonderful season with record attendance. As always, I look forward to your feedback on what we can improve and add to our museum experience. Would you like to help out, 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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# 2017 SCHEDULE

Please note some dates and activities are subject to change. Please visit our [www.rgvrrm.org](http://www.rgvrrm.org) and [www.RochesterTrainRides.com](http://www.RochesterTrainRides.com) for details.

**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 2 - Santa Trains**

**December 8 – Holiday Open House**

**December 9 – Santa Trains**

**December 16 – Santa Trains**

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Viscose 6 put on quite a show each time it departed Industry with a train. The depot lawn provided an excellent viewing area to take in all the action throughout the event.

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**MONTHLY PROGRAM**

Beginning in September, meetings return to the newly renovated 40&8 Club located at 933 University Ave. in downtown Rochester, across the street from Gleason Works (parking is available in the Greek Orthodox Church next door to 40&8). Doors open at 7:00 p.m., allowing you to browse our Museum Book Store prior to the meeting which starts at 7:30. A cash bar is available for refreshments.

On **September 21**, we will host our annual **Members' Slide Night**. All members are invited to present a short show of not more than 20 images on any railroad topic. Digital and analog presentations are welcome. All digital images should be stored on a USB drive, while slides should be placed into a carousel. Please RSVP to Adam Lloyd to reserve your spot.

On **October 19**, we welcome museum member **Pete Swanson** who will present a multimedia slide show featuring a look back at steam excursions around the Northeast from the 1980s and 1990s.

On **November 16**, we welcome **Devan Lawton**, and on **December 21**, we welcome **Mike Stellpflug**. These events are FREE to attend, so bring a friend! Please contact me with your suggestions for future programs



**Viscose Co. No. 6 arrived on Monday, August 14. The engine is transported on a special trailer which allows the engine to be rolled on and off the tracks.**

so we can begin planning our meeting calendar for 2018.

—Adam Lloyd, Program Chair

**MOTIVE POWER DEPT. UPDATE**

**Lehigh Valley 211:** Mike Dow got 211 running on September 3. The repairs made to the cooling system last fall appear to be holding. We are unsure if the locomotive's battery charging system is functional at this point. The brake rigging on the No. 1 truck is binding again and needs to be addressed.

**U.S. Army 1843:** Repairs made to 1843's electrical system appear to be holding. The locomotive has functioned correctly the last few times it was used. This locomotive remains in service and will be used through the rest of the season as-needed.

**Rochester Gas & Electric 1941:** The 1941 received new starting batteries last month. The locomotive has been used a few times since then, including during our steam event to help with switching and equipment moves. This locomotive remains in service and will be used through the rest of the season as-needed.

**Rochester & Genesee Valley 54:** The battery voltmeter was removed for repair. Volunteers also repaired the cab lights. This locomotive remains in service and will be used through the rest of the season as-needed.

**Nickel Plate Road 79:** Mike Dow and Joe Nugent got the 79 running for the first time in ten years at the end of August. A

temporary diesel tank is sitting on the locomotive's deck. The 79 will require a thorough underside inspection before it can be placed in regular service again.

**Livonia, Avon & Lakeville 20:** Mounting hardware and gaskets were purchased and the water pump was reinstalled on September 9. New battery cables were made by D&W Diesel. The water pump was repaired by Batavia Job Shop. The unit was fired up for the first time on Sept. 9, and operated for the first time on Sept. 10. Look for LAL 20 to power trains during our Diesel Days event.

**Kodak 9:** Thanks to the efforts of Chris Hauf, EK 9 was fired up for the first time in many years. This unit remains out of service due to repairs needed to the wheels and draft gear, and a crack in the main air reservoir.

We are always seeking help to keep our fleet of vintage diesel locomotives in top operating condition. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me by email at joe.r.nugent@gmail.com.

—Joe Nugent, Motive Power Supt.

**FIRST STEAM TRAINS RIDES AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS**

Operating real steam train rides has been a long-term goal of our museum members for some time now, and we finally made it reality with the visit of Viscose Co. No. 6 on August 19-20 and 26-27. The Dunkirk-based 0-4-0 saddle-tank engine pulled trains on an hourly schedule over an extended run

# STEAM Train Rides

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RIGHT: Viscose 6 departs Industry Depot and climbs the Hill Block for another run to BOCES Crossing. BELOW: Visitors enjoyed a longer train ride to BOCES Crossing, thanks to a rental agreement worked out with the New York Museum of Transportation for use of the tracks north of Midway. RIGHT: Rob Burz was the project manager and lead designer of the open-air rider flatcar project. While the museum will enjoy the long-term benefits of having this new passenger carrier, it was built specifically for the steam event. Our visitors were able to enjoy all the sights, sounds, and smells of steam railroading!



to BOCES Crossing and return, thanks in part to cooperation from the neighboring New York Museum of Transportation. Our brand new open-air rider flatcar performed well, helping us carry record attendance and giving our visitors the opportunity to safely experience all of the exciting sights and sounds of steam railroading.

Steve Barry from *Railfan & Railroad* magazine coordinated lighting for a special night photo session on August 19 featuring Viscose No. 6 and some of our freight cars in the Upper Yard. Local artisan Joseph Griffin performed a live demonstration of blacksmithing skills using a coal forge and basic tools to transform old railroad spikes into decorative draw knives. Local musician Mike Kornrich provided live banjo and guitar performances to entertain visi-

tors waiting for the next train departure.

We enjoyed great media support from John Kucko and WROC Channel 8, Charles Molineaux from WHEC Channel 10, the *Democrat & Chronicle*, and many more. Without H2O Joe's water delivery service there would be no steam at all. Of course, a special thanks to Viscose 6 owner Scott Symans and his crew for providing an two weekends of exciting steam operations for our visitors and members alike.

While we hosted more than 1,700 happy visitors, the real success story is the efforts of our volunteers to make this special event a success. Rob Burz was the project manager on the LBR 23 open-air flatcar, working right up through the week before the steam engine's arrival to lead a team of volunteers to complete the last few details.

Museum manager Mark Wilczek worked during the off-hours to complete our brand new Railfan Overlook deck in the Upper Yard, which was used by our enthusiastic visitors to photograph Viscose 6 as it tackled the steep grade in the Hill Block. The Fire Patrol made sure that any stray embers and sparks thrown from the steam engine along the right of way were extinguished (thanks to Chad Timothy for loaning us a Gator to use for this service). Servicing volunteers helped replenish water and coal supplies as needed. Train crews welcomed our guests and kept trains running on schedule. Cashiers checked-in visitors and helped make sales in the gift shop, while parking attendants helped keep everything safe and organized. Thank you to everyone for a job well done.

**DIESEL DAYS  
SEPTEMBER 16-17**

Powerful diesel locomotives are the backbone of the modern railroad industry. From humble yard switchers to high-horsepower road engines these locomotives have ruled the rails since their widespread introduction in the 1940s. Don't miss your opportunity to climb aboard these kings of the rails during **Diesel Days** at the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, **September 16-17**.

Our museum is home to several examples of restored vintage diesel locomotives that you can see, hear, and ride. Your mile-and-a-half round trip train ride disembarks at the museum's restoration shop. Enjoy a self-guided tour of our unique exhibits as you visit New York State's largest collec-

tion of historic trains. Take a tour of the engineer's cab and discover what it takes to make these massive machines move. Upgrade your ticket to a cab pass and ride up front with the engineer!

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for youth/seniors, and children under four ride for free! Refreshments are available for purchase. Trains depart every half-hour from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. from our train station on Route 251 in the town of Rush. The Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum is celebrating its 80th anniversary with a series of special events this year. Seats are limited so purchase your advance tickets today at [RochesterTrainRides.com](http://RochesterTrainRides.com).

**HISTORIC REGISTER  
APPLICATION**

We are looking for volunteers to help complete our application to have Industry Depot added to the Historic Register. Involved is filling out an application describing the structure and its historical significance, and filing it with the state. If you are willing to complete this task, please contact Otto Vondrak at [ovondrak.yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak.yahoo.com).

[WWW.RGVRRM.ORG](http://WWW.RGVRRM.ORG)



Steve Barry from Railfan & Railroad Magazine paid us a visit on August 19 to coordinate a special night photo session for the museum. **TOP:** Viscose 6 departs Industry Depot and tackles the tough grade in the Hill Block. **STEVE BARRY PHOTO** **ABOVE:** Otto Vondrak plays the part of a freight conductor signaling for a back-up movement in a scene that could easily be mistaken for sometime in the 1950s. **NICK HOVEY PHOTO** **ABOVE RIGHT:** Steve Barry adds an RGV museum decal to the rear window of his vehicle, adding to his eclectic collection. **RIGHT:** The star of the show was Viscose 6. Owner Scott Symans returned after days to help with lighting and steam effects for the photographers. The MDT refrigerator car had lettering applied to it in time for the photo session. A dozen participants came out for the special event, which was used as an additional museum fund-raiser (see back cover for a group photo). **STEVE BARRY PHOTO**



# STEAM Train Rides

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**RIGHT:** Dave Peet welcomes visitors and provides important safety information prior to departure from Industry Depot. The capacity of the open-air flatcar is equal to two or three cabooses coupled together, greatly adding to our ability to host larger events. **BELOW LEFT:** Viscose 6 arrives in the Upper Yard with another trainload of visitors. **BELOW RIGHT:** Due to the longer schedule, additional entertainment and activities were added to the Upper Yard, including a blacksmith demonstration by Joseph Griffin and a live music performance by Mike Kornrich.



**ABOVE:** Jared Rosenberg constructed the benches for our open-air car as part of his Eagle Scout service project in 2014. Jared earned his Eagle Scout award with Pittsford Troop 336 in 2015, and enjoyed his first ride on the benches he helped build in 2017! **RIGHT:** The special steam event would not have been possible without the capacity provided by the LBR 23 open-air car. The rider flat safely seats 40 and stands 10 adults. More than 1,700 visitors rode with us over the two weekends in August.





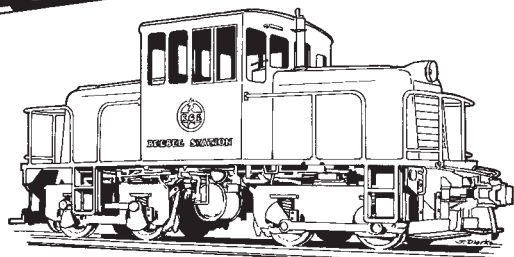
Just some of the volunteers and crew who made this event a success. ABOVE: Scott Symans (Viscose 6 owner), Steve Huse, Rob Burz, Pat Connors (Viscose 6 Crew). ABOVE RIGHT: Train crew Rick Bohn, Frank Gough, Ray Howard, and conductor Jim Otto. RIGHT: The Gough Family volunteered both on and off the train during the event. Frank and Lori pose with their twin boys inside Industry Depot. FAR RIGHT: Jeremy Tuke was one of the volunteer engineers who took a turn at the throttle during the weekend.



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# DIESEL DAYS 2017

## SEPTEMBER 16-17



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**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT:** On Saturday, August 19, your museum hosted a special night photo session using Viscose No. 6 and various freight cars posed in our upper yard, with lighting coordinated by Steve Barry of Railfan & Railroad magazine. The photographers and volunteer train crew pose with the equipment at the end of the session. We look forward to more events like this in the future. PHOTO BY NICK HOVEY, LIGHTING BY STEVE BARRY