

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**August 18**  
 Enjoy our museum  
 railroad! Take a train ride!  
 Bring a friend!

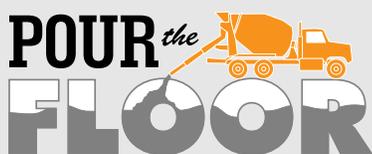


Each year the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum showcases our fleet of vintage operating diesel locomotives for the public. Visitors are allowed supervised access to the locomotives, or can simply enjoy a ride in one of our restored cabooses. Here we find two generations of train enthusiasts enjoying the arrival of LV 211 as it approaches Industry as volunteer Dave Peet looks on during Diesel Days 2010. This year's event will be held on Sunday, August 21, and we'll need everyone's help to make it a success! See details on page 3. PHOTO BY CHRIS PLAYFORD

# Showtime Again

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July has been a busy month at the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum! Work has continued on Coach 1 of our *Expire State Express* excursion set, thanks to our dedicated volunteers working on the interior finishing and painting. Work on the new West Siding alongside the LAL mainline has progressed nicely. More stone has been laid, ties have been dropped, and rail placed, helping to extend the siding.

July also saw the return of NYMT's popular "Trolleys by Twilight" event. Both museums were open to the public with train and trolley rides offered to our visitors. The New York Museum of Transportation had their classic calliope playing nostalgic tunes throughout the evening, and visitors enjoyed a traditional

"ice cream social" harkening back to the days of the turn of the century "trolley parks" where such activities were common.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's Diesel Days event! Many people have been working hard behind the scenes to make sure this event is the best we can possibly produce. Remember that our Museum Picnic is Saturday, August 20, and you need to RSVP with Joe Nugent if you are planning on attending (see page 3 for details). If you have not yet already, please contact Otto Vondrak to sign up for volunteer time for Diesel Day on Sunday, August 21 (also page 3). Don't be shy!

See you trackside!

—Otto M. Vondrak, Editor

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# TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM R&GVRRM



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please join me in welcoming our new members, who were voted in at July's meeting. **Mark Wilczek** of Rochester, New York, is interested in getting involved with rolling stock restoration, construction equipment, our museum railroad operations, and carpentry and mechanical jobs. **Phil Kaiser** of Rochester, New York is interested in getting involved with our construction equipment operation and maintenance, as well as our museum railroad operations. Welcome aboard!

— Sam Rosenberg, Membership Chairman

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

In August and September our third Thursday meetings will be held at the depot at Industry. Dave Scheiderich and his crew promise some train activity in which you can ride. Invite your friends also. It is a great way to acquaint them with our facility. Make sure to bring your friends down to the depot on **August 18** and **September 15**. The featured program is presented by member, **Ted Miller**, who will tell us all about Digital Photo Restoration.

In October we resume our meetings at the Forty and Eight Club. On October 20, **Irene Szabo** will present in her inimitable fashion her slides of the Cass Railroad in West Virginia. The November 17 meeting will be a special treat when **Mike Root** tells us all about High Speed Rail, the things we wondered about but were afraid to ask. On December 15 we bring **Craig Woodworth** in from Tonawanda to present *Coast to Coast by Rail*.

Fortunately, we have no shortage of programs coming up! The dates for 2012 are completely filled. Before some cancellations were received, September 2013 was our first open date. Things have changed and I would like to fill the February and April dates in 2013. We will be featuring two separate Lehigh Valley nights in late 2012 and

January 2013 where members will be invited to share any Lehigh Valley Railroad memorabilia.

If any of you have a program that you would like to present, please contact me. Call (585) 427-9159 or email [haroldrussell@juno.com](mailto:haroldrussell@juno.com).

**AUGUST MUSEUM PICNIC**

Please join us at Industry Depot on Saturday, August 20 for a special Museum Picnic! Everyone is invited to this special event. Food will be catered by Corby's Pig Roast and includes pulled pork, chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, and a garden salad. Soda pop, water, and beer will be available. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass, and some extra chairs and tables might help, too! To cover the costs we are asking only \$12.00 per person. Please RSVP to Joe Nugent at (585) 944-1047 or email [joe.r.nugent@gmail.com](mailto:joe.r.nugent@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL NEW YORK CITY ESCORTED PRE-CHRISTMAS TOURS:**

Book early! December 1-3, 2011 (3 Days, 2 Nights) \$660-690.00 per person double occupancy. Includes round trip fare on Amtrak from Rochester-New York City, 3 nights in Hotel Metro (located in midtown Manhattan), orchestra seat for the Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show starring the Rockettes, an optional tour, 1 dinner, 2 breakfasts, all transfers, luggage handling and taxes. For more information contact Jim East at (585) 377-5389.

**CHAPTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

The Chapter Library has moved to a much bigger room at the 40 & 8 Club, located at 933 University Avenue, in Rochester, the same location where we have our monthly membership meetings. The library hours will remain the same this summer with it being open the first and third Mondays at 6:30 pm at the 40&8 Club. We have a outstanding collection of various railroad magazines such as *Baldwin Locomotive Magazine*, *Railroad Magazine*, *Vintage Rails* and *Classic Trains*. Looking to get involved? Any volunteer help is appreciated. Please contact Bob Fleck by email at [rcfleck@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcfleck@rochester.rr.com) or call (585) 338-7205.

Visit us at [www.rgvrrm.org](http://www.rgvrrm.org)

**JOIN R&GVRRM CHAPTER NRHS**

**Annual Dues: \$57.00**

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**PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:**

**August 18**

**R&GVRRM - Industry, NY**



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**MOTIVE POWER**

**RG&E 1941:** Work this month has focused on RG&E 1941. Chris Hauf has been hard at work painting all the parts and pieces of the locomotive, including its body and frame. All paint work should be done by the August membership meeting! Attached are photos of Rob Burz masking windows and Chris Hauf mixing paint with hardener.

A reminder that the Motive Power Department meets every first Saturday inside Industry Depot at 9:30am. Anyone is welcome to join us if you have questions about our work or want to get involved!

—Joe Nugent

*Motive Power Superintendent*

**TRANSITION TO MUSEUM**

Our most recent ballot included a proposition asking the members whether or not they wished the museum to continue its affiliation with the National Railway Historical Society. The proposition passed by a vote of 31 for and 22 against the change. The board will now undertake actions to carry out this mandate.

You may have recently received in the mail a letter from the NRHS expressing dismay at our decision to withdraw from the national organization. **Members who wish to continue to be active members of the NRHS should feel free to continue that affiliation.** It is our hope that these people will also continue their memberships in the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

Those who have paid their NRHS dues for 2011 will continue to be members of the NRHS for the remainder of the year. Beyond the end of the year, those who want to continue their membership in the NRHS may do so as “at large” members or



**Volunteer Chris Hauf has been spearheading our efforts to complete the final finish painting on RG&E 1941 over the last few weeks. (TOP) It's not as simple as opening the can and applying a coat of paint, the proper amount of hardeners and thinners must be mixed together when working with professional finishes. Volunteer Rob Burz (ABOVE) helps carefully mask off parts of the locomotive that are not to be coated with Brewster Green. PHOTOS BY JOE NUGENT**

affiliate with another existing chapter. The museum will no longer collect NRHS dues. The museum will continue to operate as usual and our monthly meetings and museum operations will continue without change. We will advise the membership of any further changes as we go forward.

—Ron Amberger,

*Elections Committee Chairman*

**MUSEUM PICNIC - AUG. 20**

The Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum will be hosting a **special picnic** for all museum volunteers (including NYMT) and their families at Industry Depot on **Saturday, August 20** (the day before Diesel Day). *(continued on page 6)*

**DIESEL DAY IS AUG. 21**



## Changes to Museum By-Laws

As we take steps to transition from a Chapter of the NRMS to an independent Museum operation, we must make several important changes to our by-laws that govern our operations. Please read and familiarize yourself with the following passages. The membership will vote on these changes at the August meeting.

### **CURRENT: Article I.- Name and Objective**

1. The Corporation (hereinafter referred as Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, or R&GVRRM) to as is a non-profit, legal Chapter of the Corporation known as the NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (a foreign Corporation), hereinafter referred to as the National or N.R.H.S. It is constituted for educational, scientific and historical purposes relative to all phases of railroading. These purposes shall be furthered by the study and publication of scientific and historical reviews about railroading. In addition, the Corporation shall preserve and/or operate items of railroading that have a historical, scientific or educational nature. Examples (not limiting) of such items include stations, rolling stock, locomotives, engines, passenger cars, books and equipment of every description relating to railroading. The purpose also includes the promoting and conducting of railroad scenic and inspection trips, encouraging the use of railroad facilities and the promotion of educational advancement among its members and those of the public who are interested in the field of railway history and operation.

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### **CURRENT: Article 2.- Membership**

1. Any person who is eligible for membership in the National may become a member of the R&GVRRM upon submission of an application for National membership accompanied by the proper dues. All R&GVRRM Memberships are dependent upon the acceptance of the membership application for national membership.  
2. Acceptance of a membership application shall be by motion at

a R&GVRRM meeting.

3. Any candidate who falls to obtain the majority vote required may not be reconsidered until six (6) months have elapsed.  
4. Members of the immediate family of a R&GVRRM member in good standing who are domiciled with that R&GVRRM member and have obtained a family membership will be considered members of the R&GVRRM.  
5. Members of other local Chapters who are members of the National may apply for transfer to the R&GVRRM without reapplying for National membership or repaying National dues. Associate members of the National may apply for R&GVRRM membership in the same manner.  
6. The R&GVRRM may, at its discretion, terminate the R&GVRRM membership of any member whose presence may be detrimental to the R&GVRRM. After termination of R&GVRRM membership, the R&GVRRM may at its discretion, recommend to the officers of the National the termination of the National membership of the Individual Involved. Such action shall be on the recommendation of three-quarters (3/4) vote by the Board of Trustees, and must be ratified by a vote of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting. Such a vote must take place at a regular meeting. The members must be notified in writing in advance of the termination to be voted upon, in addition, of the time and place of the meeting.

### **CHANGE TO: Article II- Membership**

1. *Any person who is eligible for membership may become a member of the RGVRRM upon submission of an application accompanied by the proper dues. All RGVRRM Memberships are dependent upon the acceptance of the membership application for membership.*  
2. *Acceptance of a membership application shall be by motion at a RGVRRM meeting.*  
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4. *Members of the immediate family of a RGVRRM member in good standing who are domiciled with that RGVRRM member and have obtained a family membership will be considered members of the RGVRRM.*  
5. *The RGVRRM may, at its discretion, terminate the RGVRRM membership of any member whose presence may be detrimental to the RGVRRM. Such action shall be on the recommendation of three-quarters (3/4) vote by the Board of Trustees, and must be ratified by a vote of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members present and voting. Such a vote must take place at a regular meet-*

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Note: Remainder of section will be renumbered, but has been left out for brevity.

### **CURRENT: Article III.- Board of Trustees**

1. The governing body of the R&GVRRM shall be the Board of Trustees. It shall consist of the five (5) R&GVRRM officers, National Director and six (6) additional trustees. No officer elected under provisions of this Article shall be under eighteen (18) years of age. They shall be elected by the membership of the R&GVRRM as provided in this Article and Article IV.

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### **CURRENT: Article VI.- Duties of Officers**

6. The national Director's duties are to;
- 6.1. Represent the R&GVRRM at the regular and special meetings of the National Board of Directors.
  - 6.2. Report in writing to the R&GVRRM, the business and events taking place at National meetings and related events.

### **CHANGE TO: Article VI.- Duties of Officers**

*Strike completely Section 6 – Duties of National Director*

### **CURRENT: Article VII - Committees**

- 4.7. Program Committee
- 4.7.1. Arrange for programs for all regular R&GVRRM meetings.
  - 4.7.2. Arrange for the R&GVRRM's annual banquet and picnic.
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### **CURRENT: Article XII- Dues and Assessment**

1. R&GVRRM Dues, membership classifications, late payment penalties and any assessments shall be recommended by the Board of Trustees to the membership at the April regular meeting. Following publication in the May Semaphore, the membership shall ratify the recommendations at the May meeting.
2. For a member to remain in good standing, his (or her) annual dues, both National and R&GVRRM, must be paid to the R&GVRRM Treasurer no later than January 1 each year. Any member shall be automatically suspended when he (she) becomes one month in arrears in either The National or R&GVRRM dues or assessments. Members suspended alternatively, not in good standing will be reinstated upon full payment of their dues and assessments plus a penalty.

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### **CURRENT: Article XXI - Legal Documents**

1. All contracts, complaints or other legal documents entered into by the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum shall include the following language: "The Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum is a separate and distinct corporation/organization from the National Railway Historical Society, Inc., a Maryland not-for-profit Corporation (hereinafter NRHS). This contract is entered into solely by the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum and not the NRHS."

### **CHANGE TO: Article XXI - Legal Documents**

*Strike completely from the document. It was there to protect Nationals from any business a chapter entered.*

### **CURRENT: Blanket Change**

Currently the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum is abbreviated as "R&GVRRM".

### **CHANGE TO: Blanket Change**

*Change the abbreviation of Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum to "RGVRRM" throughout the document.*



# MUSEUM NEWS

## DIESEL DAY IS AUG. 21

The food will be catered by Corby's Pig Roast and includes pulled pork, chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, and a garden salad. Soda pop, water, and beer will be available. The cost per person is \$12.00. Please RSVP to Joe Nugent by phone at (585) 944-1047 or send him an email at [joe.r.nugent@gmail.com](mailto:joe.r.nugent@gmail.com). See complete picnic details on page 2.

### DIESEL DAY - AUG. 21

In response to previous years, we have decided to try a single day event for this year's **Diesel Day** celebration. **Sunday, August 21**, we will be hosting a day of coordinated train and trolley rides. We will need many volunteers to help make this day a pleasant experience for our many visitors. Whether you are available for the day or just for a few hours, we need you! We need car hosts, depot guides, train crews and just general "helping hands." We will be operating from 10:00am to 6:00pm, but we will need folks to come a little early to help set-up and stay a little late to help clean up. You don't need to be "stuck" in one place all day, either. We need people down at the depot, up at Midway, and on the trains to make this a smooth operation, so there is plenty of opportunity to be moved around so you don't get bored (and everyone will get a train ride)! Please RSVP by August 19 to Volunteer Coordinator Otto Vondrak at [ovondrak@yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak@yahoo.com). Please include your name, your phone number, and where you'd like to help out. Thanks for making Diesel Day a success!

### SIGNAL RELAY CASES DONATED

Through the dedicated work of my son Charlie Monte Verde and with great cooperation from the management of the Bath & Hammondsport (and parent Livonia, Avon & Lakeville), we have arranged to get two historic crossing signal relay cases complete with alternate clanging bells donated to the R&GVRRM. The units were located along B&H's former Lackawanna line in Bath, New York. GVT's Falls Road crew and truck will be made available to pick up and deliver the

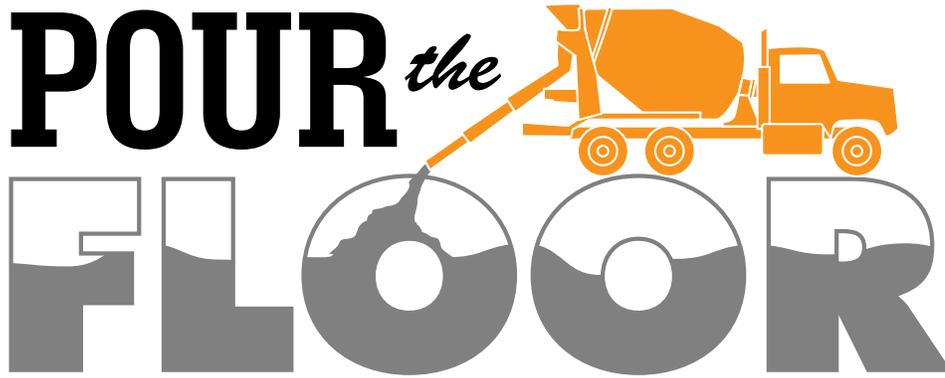


**LACKAWANNA SIGNAL CASE DONATED:** Thanks to the combined efforts of GVT and the Bath & Hammondsport, the museum will be able to save and preserve this original Lackawanna crossing signal case (TOP), complete with alternating clanging bells. PHOTO BY DAVID MONTE VERDE **WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD:** Hard at work the old fashioned way which sometimes is the best way! Our Tuesday evening track gang has been working to get the extension on the new passenger car siding gauged and spiked during this session on July 26. The Tuesday Night Gang always welcomes more hands to make the continued progress go even faster! PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF

units one to Industry and the other to Batavia. It would be great to install one of these sets along our demonstration railroad

to help add some local flavor and sounds to our operations!

—David Monte Verde



Our 2011 fundraising goal is \$75,000.00. The funds from the 2011 campaign will allow us to complete the entire flat floor and completely install our inspection pit with all of its necessary components including stairs, railings, power and lighting. A complete shop floor will help expand our restoration and maintenance abilities. Donations to the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Thank you!

Please visit us at [www.rgvrrm.org/support](http://www.rgvrrm.org/support)

## We need Track Car Ops for 2011

We need your help to keep our museum open to the public. Please contact Harold Russell at [haroldrussell@juno.com](mailto:haroldrussell@juno.com).

Sunday, August 14 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, September 4 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, August 28 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, September 11 - Sunday Ops

## We need Depot Guides for 2011

We need your help to keep our museum open to the public. Please contact Mike Root at [mikeroot@clearwire.net](mailto:mikeroot@clearwire.net).

Wednesday, August 17 - Tour Group 10am

Sunday, September 25 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

Sunday, August 21 - DIESEL DAY

Sunday, October 2 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

Sunday, August 28 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, October 9 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

Thursday, September 1 - Tour Group 10am

Sunday, October 16 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

Sunday, September 4 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, October 23 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

Sunday, September 11 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, October 30 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

Sunday, September 18 - Fall Foliage Train/Trolley

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**Have you signed up yet?**

**MATERIALS SUBMISSIONS:** We welcome your contributions to The Semaphore! Any materials related to the activities of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, as well as the history of Rochester's railroads are welcome for publication in the *Semaphore*. All written materials should be submitted as Microsoft Word or plain text documents, and all photographs as high-resolution JPEG files. Materials and inquiries should be emailed to the Editor at [ovondrak@yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak@yahoo.com) or call (585) 820-2341.



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*HEY! Tell your friends that  
 the September meeting will  
 be at Industry Depot!*

**IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES**

This August we mark some very important anniversaries and milestones in the history of our museum. A “cast of thousands” helped reinstall our switch to the mainline, with the full permission of Conrail, during the weekend of August 7-9, 1981. Activities on Friday evening included getting permission from the Conrail Buffalo dispatcher and Rochester trainmaster to take the track out of service. Track was disassembled (no turning back now), and the crew slept over and continued work Saturday morning. Ties and ballast were removed from the main, switch panels were then jockeyed into place. Rails were then cut to fit our new panels. The crew once again slept over and continued work on Sunday morning. Rail joints were made, tracks and ballast were levelled, and the installation was made complete. The call was made to the Rochester trainmaster returning control of the railroad to Conrail on Monday, August 10, 1981 at 7:00 am. The dedicated volunteer crew included **George Bauerschmidt, Jeff Baxter, Rand Warner, Dan Wilson, Dick Tickner, Cal Bulman, El Oakley, Curt**

**Boyer, Ted Miller, Doug Hooper, Bill Mitchell, Gary Golembiewski, Rick Holahan, Paul Monte, Bill Reid, Bob Hoffman, Ted Strang, Gary Johnson, Jim Dierks, Rick Fischpera, and Norm Shaddick.** Meals were provided to the volunteers by **Rick Holahan, Ted Strang, Rose and Tammy Bauersmidt, Curt and Dorothy Boyer, Marge Warner, Doug Hooper, Al King, and Bob and Becky Hoffman.** We also received assistance from the **Conrail Engineering Dept., General Crushed Stone Co., Monroe Tractor, and the Ontario Midland Railroad.**

Progress did not stop there, of course. On Saturday, August 15, 1981, we connected our reinstalled switch to our refurbished display track (the recently removed “Track 1” that housed our ex-B&O baggage car/tool car for many years). Volunteers who helped included **Jeff Baxter, Rand Warner, Doug Hooper, Norm Shaddick, Bob Hoffman, Gary Golembiewski, Rick Holahan, and Ted Strang.**

Good thing that track was ready, because on August 16, the donated Kodak Park

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Railroad No. 6 was moved under her own power from Kodak Park to Industry! “Using a three-man Conrail crew,” the engine was run down to Genesee Junction, and then to Mortimer to access the old Erie line down to Industry. The crew was convinced to make an extra move at Henrietta to pick up our stored B&O baggage car and bring it to our museum. “The locomotive and baggage car were in place on our new display track by 11:00 a.m.” Volunteers included **Jim Deane, Norm Shaddick, Carl Dash, Doug Hooper, Ted Strang, Rick Holahan, Bob Hoffman, Jeff Baxter, and Rand Warner.**

We have come a long way since those days 30 years ago. We have seen a lot of great volunteers come and go who have helped build up our museum to what it is today. Do not be fooled into thinking that our best days are behind us. **As we transition into a full-time museum operation, we will be looking to everyone to help continue building on our success! We can’t do it alone...**

—*Otto M. Vondrak, excerpts from September 1981 issue of The Semaphore*