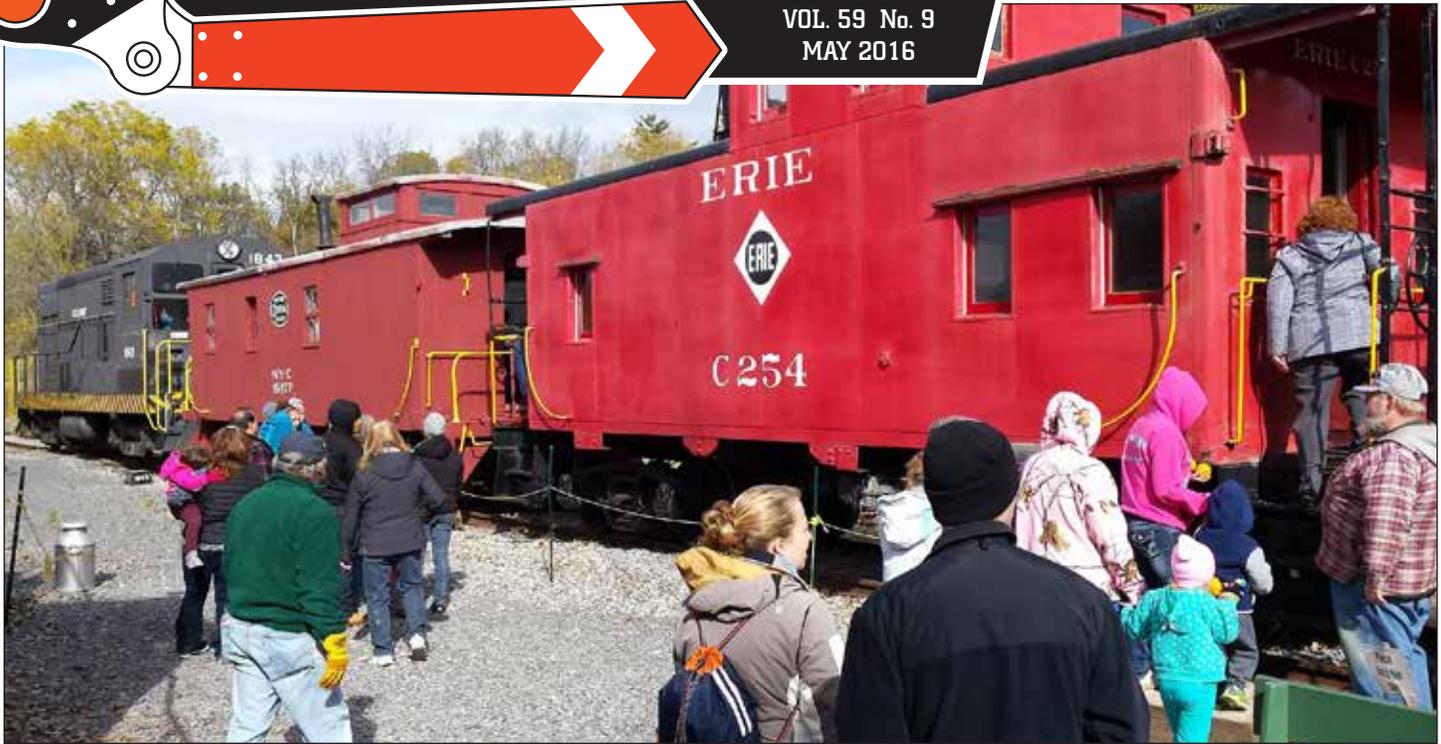


**NEXT MEETING:**  
**May 19**  
**INDUSTRY DEPOT:**  
*Enjoy a train ride  
on your museum railroad*



Visitors board cabooses in the Upper Yard, preparing for the return trip to Industry. Three cabooses are now available for regular service, including New York Central 19877, Erie C254, and Penn Central 18526. Our opening weekend is June 18-19. See page 2 for full 2016 schedule of events.

# Best Foot Forward

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In just a few short weeks, we will be opening our doors to the public to start our 2016 season. Once again, we will put our best foot forward as we showcase Rochester's rich railroading heritage. With three cabooses now in service and a special open-air rider flatcar on the way, we have our capacity issues well in hand. Now it's up to all of us to come together once again to help work towards another successful season!

Your museum always welcomes new volunteers to help. Our Tuesday and Saturday work sessions are in full swing. We will need kind folks to be train crews, tour guides, and work our ticket desk. Friendly and fun training is available for all of these jobs that will contribute to our 2016 operations. Please contact me and I'll get you in touch with the right person.

Don't forget our opening weekend is **June 18 and 19**. It's hard work being unique. As the only operating railroad museum in New York State, it takes a lot of volunteer effort to not only maintain our equipment and displays, but to open and operate for the public. Please look over our schedule on page 2 and consider coming out to help for the day. Every contribution counts!

I also want to ask for your ideas on new 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 out and not sure where to start? Please contact me at (716)474-2833 or [mdow@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mdow@rochester.rr.com). I'd like to hear from you!

—Mike Dow, Museum President



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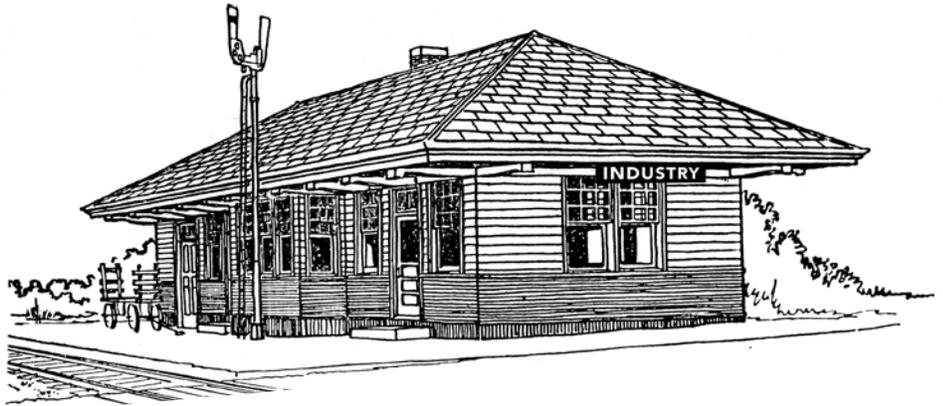
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2016 Museum Schedule

Train rides resume in June 2016! Enjoy a mile-and-a-half round trip train ride behind vintage diesels, while you tour the largest collection of historic trains in New York State! Industry Depot is located at 282 Rush Scottsville Road, Rush NY 14543. We're just 20 minutes from downtown Rochester, easy to find from Exit 11 off I-390 in the Town of Rush off Route 251 West. Your ticket is good for museum admission and unlimited round-trip train rides (space permitting). Visit www.RochesterTrainRides.com for details.

June 18-19 - Opening Weekend

July 16-17 - Caboose Train Rides

August 20-21 - Diesel Days Weekend

September 17-18 - RG&E/Kodak Weekend

October 1-2 - Pumpkin Patch Trains

October 15-16 - Pumpkin Patch Trains

October 29-30 - Pumpkin Patch Trains

TICKETS: Adults: \$10.00, Youth/Seniors/Military: \$8.00

Trains depart Industry Depot every half-hour.

All seating is first-come, first-served.

Free parking located off Route 251. Refreshments available.

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**MONTHLY PROGRAM**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Because of ongoing renovation work at the 40&8 Club, our **May 19** meeting will take place at Industry Depot at 7:00 p.m. Our monthly museum meetings move to **Industry Depot** on **June 16, July 21, and August 18**. Following our brief business meeting at 7:00 p.m., enjoy free rides on our museum demonstration railroad. Bring your friends!

—Adam Lloyd, Program Chair

**DAVID BOSWELL (1949-2016)**

Long-time member and museum trustee David Boswell passed away on May 4, 2016. Over the last couple of years, Dave had returned to the museum to help out with all things mechanical, notably the rebuilding of LV 211's water pump, reactivating our Gradall, and helping with repairs to the Ford Forklift. *See page 6.*

**MAY 21 and JUNE 4  
VOLUNTEER HANDS-ON TRAINING**

Two hands-on training sessions will be held for all museum volunteers on **May 21** and **June 4**, starting at 11:00 a.m. These sessions are open to all museum members and volunteers and those members of the public interested in joining us.

—Mark Wilczek, Museum Mgr.



**TOP:** Work is finally moving forward to convert the old American Legion property into new apartment housing. As part of the deal with developers, the old 40&8 Club will be completely rebuilt and restored to its original configuration without the additions. It will most likely be several months before we can return again, but meeting space will be provided for us. Watch for announcements of future meeting locations. **ABOVE:** Dave Luca (RIGHT) was awarded his Lifetime Achievement award by president Mike Dow (LEFT) at the May trustees meeting.

Otto Vondrak will coordinate training for Museum Guides. Orientation will be held to familiarize volunteers with our museum operation, from purchasing tickets, to touring our museum displays.

Jim Otto and Mark Wilczek will coordinate hands-on training for Train Crews, including switch tenders, brakemen, conductors, and engineers. You need to complete Rules Class before attending this portion of training. Please RSVP if you plan on attending either training session so we can plan accordingly.

**RULES CLASS MAKE-UP SESSION**

A make-up session was held on May 1 for anyone who missed the first Annual Rules Class. Seven new members attended the make-up session, which means a total of 49 showed up and passed this very important safety training. Thanks to all who made the time to attend, and thank you to our instructors as well. The success of our museum starts with you! Thanks for helping make sure we have a great season. I look forward to seeing you out at the museum this summer.

—James Otto, Operations Supt.



**THE GREAT PAINT PROJECT:** Two of our steel freight cars got a fresh coat of paint to help stabilize the structure and improve their appearance. MDT refrigerator car No. 12549 was built in 1953 and acquired in 1997, while PRR hopper car No. 747803 was built in 1909 and acquired in 1998. The majority of work was performed over four weekends. The cars will be returned to Track 6 by the end of the month. While this was not a restoration project, lettering may be applied to these cars in the future to further enhance their appearance. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped check this off the list!

**STEEL FREIGHT CAR  
PAINT BLITZ**

Since opening our Upper Yard to visitors last year, we have worked hard to make more of our collection available and presentable. Last year, we got primer on the MDT 12549, primer and paint on Fruit Growers Express car, and some work was started on the Pennsylvania Railroad hopper car. Of course, our work was restricted to the east side of these cars, since the west side of Track 6 drops off on a steep slope. While we could pretend the other side doesn't exist, many visitors noticed the shabby condition of our freight cars as they rode up the hill. Your board approved funds to complete the priming and painting of the two steel freight cars (MDT 12549 and PRR 747803).

The cut of freight cars had been moved to Track 9 on April 16 so volunteers would have easy access to both sides of the cars. Volunteers scraped off loose paint and rust the following week. By April 23, a coat of primer was applied to both cars. By April 30, both sides of the MDT reefer were coated in deep orange, while the west side of the PRR hopper got its first coat of block. A much lighter and more accurate orange was applied to the MDT reefer on May 7, and a second coat of gloss black was applied to the east side of the PRR hopper. The ends of the hopper will be complete by May 14, and the freight cars will be returned to Track 6 by May 21.

Thanks to all who helped including Dave Buckner, Dave Kehrer, Dave Peet, Dave Shields, Jim Moore, Mike Bianchi, Mike Vickery, Chris Playford, Rick Bohn, Adam Lloyd, Mike Gugliermo, and others! This project was paid for from existing funds, including funds raised by Lynn Heintz specifically for the painting of the hopper.

—Otto Vondrak

**STABILIZING OUR  
FRUIT GROWER'S EXPRESS CAR**

Our wood-bodied Fruit Growers Express (FGEX 50220) refrigerator car will get some attention this year, too. Your board of trustees approved a proposal from Rand Warner to bring in a contractor to replace the worst of the wooden siding on the west side of the car. This project will be funded in part by existing funds and from a generous donation by Rand. Work will start mid-May and be completed by our June opening date.

**BUY-A-PLANK FUNDRAISER  
FOR ARMY FLATCAR**

Thanks to generous support, we have raised \$400 since launching our "Buy-A-Plank" campaign last month. Our goal is to raise \$1500 to re-deck the Army flatcar as part of its conversion into an open-air passenger carrier. Rob Burz is heading up this project which will help us add critical capacity during our busiest weekends this coming fall season.

**REFRESHING OUR  
CATERPILLAR DISPLAY**

Dan Waterstraat has volunteered to help clean up our Caterpillar bulldozer display currently located in our parking lot. The Caterpillar Fifteen "crawler" was manufactured between 1929 and 1932. Dan has straightened out the cracked front housing, and has installed a new seat made from composite decking, making it easier for our visitors to climb in and "work" the controls! Dan has also offered to put a fresh coat of yellow paint on the tractor.

**LACKAWANNA BAGGAGE CAR  
DOOR REPAIR**

Charlie Marks has been hard at work repairing the large door on the west side of our Lackawanna baggage car. Not original to the car, this door was constructed by our volunteers back in 1985. Time and weather have taken their toll, but Charlie has done a great job replacing the rotted pieces. Not only will this help present a better image, but it will also protect the displays contained inside.

**CONTRACTOR SELECTED  
FOR ROCHESTER SUBWAY CAR 60**

Probably one of the most valuable pieces in our museum's collection, Rochester Subway Car 60 turns 100 this year. Built for New York State Railways Utica Division in 1916, the fleet of 12 were transferred to the Rochester Subway in 1938. At the end

# PAINT 'EM UP

**RIGHT:** Volunteer Jim Moore really gets into his work! He crawled right into the “B” end of the Pennsylvania Railroad hopper to get primer on all of the exposed structural bracing to prepare it for paint. We told him if he did a good job we would let him out. **BELOW:** The Spencerport Gang helped paint the end and east side of the PRR hopper on May 7. This is probably the first paint job this car has seen since the mid-1960s. **BELOW RIGHT:** Joe Nugent uses the power washer to remove a year’s worth of pollen, sap, and other debris from RG&E 1950. With the engine cleaned off, the painting project we started last year can now be completed. **BOTTOM:** Track season has begun, and the Tuesday Night Track Gang was out replacing ties in the hill block on May 3. Tuesday’s gang members included John Redden, Rick Bohn, Rick Iraelson, and Dave Kehrer.



of service in 1956, Car 60 was donated to our museum. Loaned to other institutions for display, the Car 60 was returned to us in 1998. Efforts to stabilize and repair the car began almost immediately, but by 2001 work had halted as many of the volunteers working on the project had passed away and the museum shifted to other priorities.

Over the last few months, Rand Warner has been identifying potential contractors and getting competitive bids to complete the roof reconstruction started almost 15 years ago. **GJV Enterprises** of Rochester was selected to fabricate and install the unique channel shape that makes up the letterboard surrounding the roofline, at a cost of \$6,298. The cost of the channel will be paid for out of available funds dedicated to the Car 60 project. *Continued...*





## DAVID C. BOSWELL (1949-2016)

David was born in Dansville, N.Y., graduated from Dansville High School and attended Alfred State for diesel mechanics. After serving in the Air Force between 1970-1974, he worked for several local shops, including International Harvester and most recently Ryder Truck Rental. Building on his love of heavy diesel trucks, his specialty was transmissions and differentials. He loved classic boats and boating, and the Thousand Islands were a favorite vacationing spot. Dave loved anything with a motor, whether it was motorcycles, cars, trucks, or trains. He also enjoyed music, having been a member of the drum and bugle corps in high school and in the Air Force, he was also a member of the choir at Alfred State. After his retirement from Ryder, he found a new home at the R&GV Railroad Museum, helping to complete repairs on several key pieces of equipment and advising on many more. His son Bryan said it best: “He was most importantly a family man, who loved his family and would do anything for them. He was always there for us and the rest of his family always. He was just an all around great man!”

Your museum will be seeking an additional \$18,000 to complete the roof panels, which attach to the letterboard. We will be seeking private donations and possible sources of grant funding to make up the deficit. Our sold-out Rochester Subway Bus Tour on June 25 is just one of the successful fundraisers planned for Car 60 in the coming months.

Once the roof repairs are complete, the rest of the body can be assessed for cosmetic restoration. Due to the unique construction techniques used by Cincinnati Car Co., each piece of the body is integral to one another, so completing the roof is an important step towards improving the structural integrity of Car 60. Much work lies ahead. If you would like to help or get involved in any way, please contact Rand Warner at (585) 455-4840.

—Otto Vondrak

### LEHIGH VALLEY CABOOSE

With metal repairs complete, some minor body work remains before we prepare the car for its finish coat this summer. Body filler will be used to smooth and feather out some welding seams. Joe Nugent is heading up this part of the project. Meanwhile, the interior reconstruction is underway, under the supervision of Mark Wilczek.

Built in 1941 by the Lehigh Valley Railroad in their shops at Sayre, Pa., private donations were raised to purchase No. 95100 from a local scrap yard and bring it to our museum in 2011. Our goal is to restore the caboose to operation and have it ready for next season.

### SHOP FLOOR PROGRESS

By the time you read this, preparations should be completed allowing us to pour the final center section of concrete floor in the Restoration Building. Thanks to the generous support of many donors, we have been able to complete this very important project started more than a year ago.

Your museum is putting together a funding and construction plan to complete the concrete floor along the west side of the building, as well as putting together a plan to increase our storage capacity inside the shop. Both will make our shop a more efficient space for work and repairs.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17 TRAIN CREW BARBECUE

Help us kick off the 2016 museum operating season with a fun outdoor barbecue at Industry Depot on **Friday, June 17**. Volunteers are needed to help complete various last minute tasks to help us get ready. The barbecue will start at 6:00, with food served at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Otto Vondrak by email at ovondrak@yahoo.com if you plan on attending.

Don't forget our opening weekend for the museum is **June 18-19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. See you then!



Adam Lloyd compacts another layer of crusher run brought in by the Bobcat loader at right to prepare the base for the next pour of concrete inside the Restoration Shop. Not only does the concrete floor make a cleaner environment, it makes it easier to work and move materials inside the shop.

# MUSEUM T-SHIRTS



FRONT



BACK

**VOLUNTEER SHIRT**  
DARK GREEN, YELLOW PRINT  
*Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve*



FRONT



BACK

**"SAFETY FIRST" SHIRT**  
HI-VIZ, BLACK PRINT  
*Long Sleeve and Short Sleeve*

It's that time of year again! Time to order your museum volunteer t-shirts. They are available in all sizes (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL), as well as long sleeve and short sleeve. **All t-shirts are \$10.00 each.** You must pre-pay your order to ensure delivery. All orders must be received by June 6.

**Order online today: [www.rgvrrm.org/tshirt](http://www.rgvrrm.org/tshirt)**

## VOLUNTEER NAME TAGS



Have you ordered your museum volunteer name tag? Not only will our visitors be able to identify you, but it will help us keep track of all the Daves and Mikes (and the two Ottos who aren't related). Of course, we don't want to forget our Heathers, Florences, Irenes, and Danas, either.

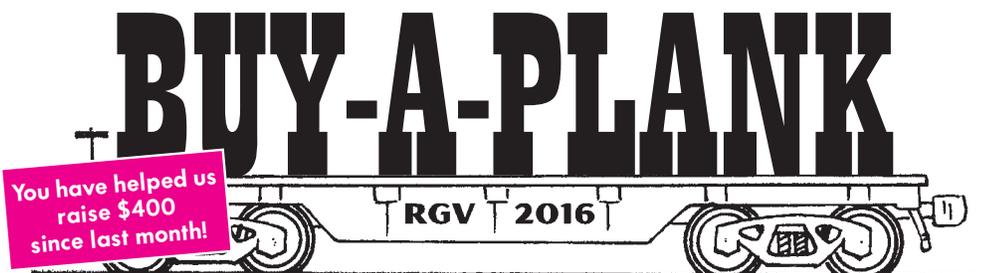
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**RAISE THE ROOF:** This is what the roof of Rochester Subway Car 60 looked like back in June 1998 when we prepared it for shipment back to Rochester. Your museum is seeking to raise \$18,000 to complete the roof replacement project with the goal of complete cosmetic restoration in mind.