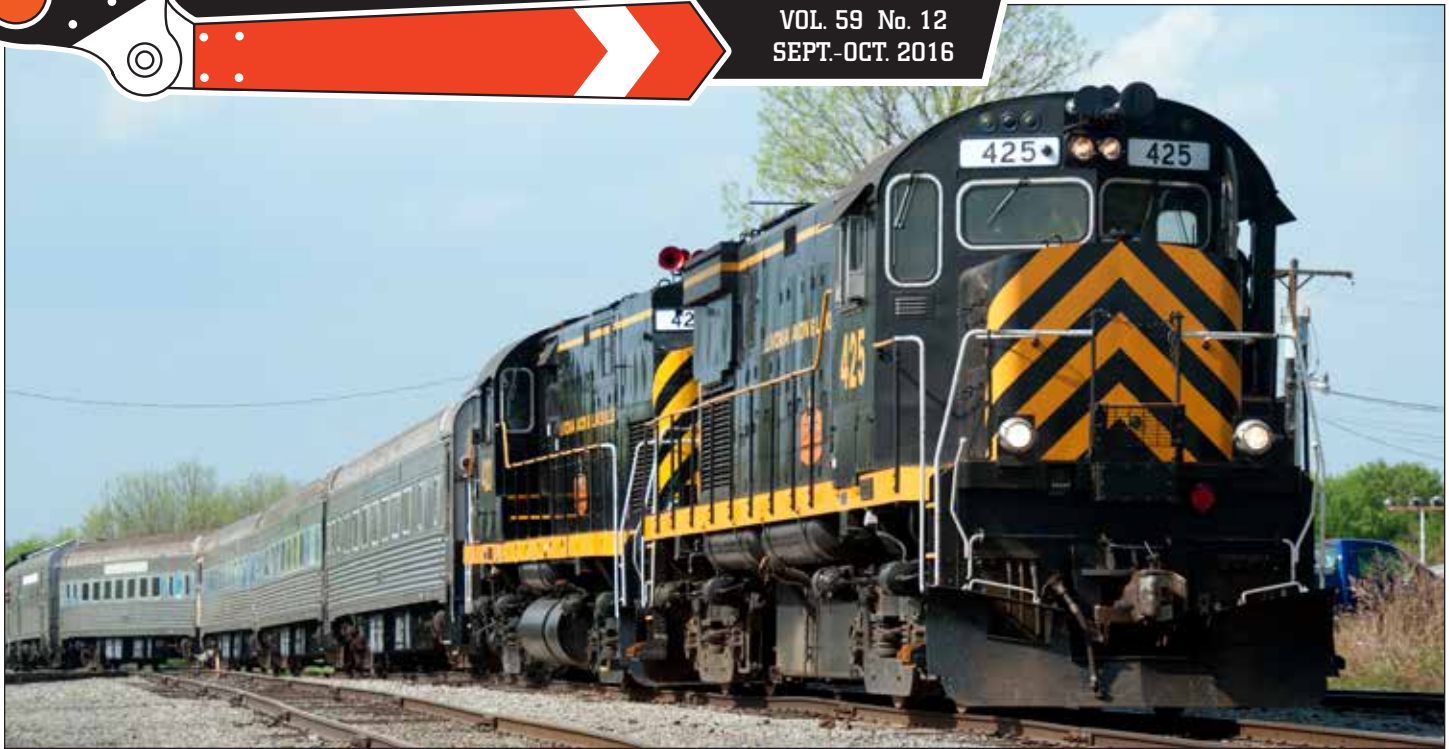


NEXT MEETING:
October 20
David Monte Verde
 presents
"Lackawanna Pushers"



ALL ABOARD THE FALL FOLIAGE EXPRESS: All four departures for the October 8 Fall Foliage Express are sold out! Thank you to the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad for making this trip possible. The Fall Foliage Express is a significant source of income for your museum. DAVID SCHEIDERICH PHOTO

A Banner Year

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The leaves are changing color and the temperatures are cooling off, meaning we are nearly at the end of our season. In our second year of independent operation, I am pleased to report that your museum is not only surviving, but growing, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. I am told that after our first weekend of Pumpkin Patch Train Rides, we have broken 2015's attendance record! Two more weekends of sold-out trains will wrap up a very successful 2016 museum operating season.

Diesel Days 2016 was a great success with multiple trains running throughout the weekend, though rainy weather hurt attendance. Our September event honoring Kodak and RG&E employees was also affected by wet weather. These are the risks of only being open once a month, something we will examine for next year.

We are not about to rest on our laurels, however. Reviewing our long-term goals at the last board meeting, we were pleased to discover that we had met many short-term goals including parking lot expansion, storage track expansion, and completing several display projects. **Please send me your ideas for new long-term goals!**

After working through yet another year of administrative red tape, I am pleased to announce our construction plans to reconnect the depot to the sanitary sewer has been approved! The next step involves securing bids, permits, and funding for this major capital project.

Every contribution helps. 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.

—Mike Dow, Museum President

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MONTHLY PROGRAM

SPECIAL NOTICE: *Our old meeting location at the 40&8 Club remains under construction. Our October 20 meeting will move to the Hyatt Regency, 125 East Main St., Rochester, at 7:30 p.m.* Long-time member **David Monte Verde** will present "Lackawanna Pushers at Groveland," explaining how the Lackawanna moved heavy freight over the steep grade between Mt. Morris, Groveland, and Dansville.

We expect to return to the 40&8 on **November 17**, where member **Florence Wright** will present a program on her collection of railroad postage stamps. If you have a program to present, please contact me. Thank you!

—Adam Lloyd, Program Chair

TRAIN CREW PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our newest qualified conductor **Adam Johnson**! We look forward to promoting more trainees this season. If you want to get involved in train crew, please contact me.

—Jim Otto, Operations Supt.

TRACK 6 EXTENSION PROJECT

The Track 6 extension project began on Saturday, September 24. Several



Volunteers Norm Schaddick, Dave Shields, and Dave Peet were cleaning windows inside the New York Central coaches at the end of September to get them ready for the Fall Foliage Express on October 8.

volunteers laid out ties for the 225-foot extension on Saturday under the direction of volunteer Mike Guglielmo. The next day volunteers returned to stage all the pieces of rail needed. The rail is now ready to be spiked and assembled into track.

Thanks to Mike and John Guglielmo, Dave Buckner, Rand Warner, Adam Lloyd, Adam Johnson, Mark Wilczek, and David Kehrer. Completion of this project will give us additional storage capacity and more flexibility with our public displays.

—Mike Guglielmo

PRR RAILWAY POST OFFICE PRIMER PROJECT

A coat of primer is nearly completed on the west side of the Pennsylvania Railroad railway post office car that is parked on Track 6 next to the shop. This quick clean up not only covers the faded pastel paint applied by Rochester Refrigeration Corp. so many years ago, but also addresses areas of exposed metal that had turned into rust patches. This is the first step towards assessing the body for repairs and paint. The RPO houses a display of signal technology under construction by volunteer Mike Dow. We are looking forward to opening the display (in part) in 2017. Repairs and repainting of the exterior will continue as funds and volunteer time allows.

—Otto Vondrak

BLUE FLAGS

A few of our "blue flag" safety signs in the Upper Yard received fresh coats of

blue paint at the end of September. These signs are used to indicate when tracks are closed and equipment is not to be moved or coupled to. If you discover a blue flag device that is damaged or needs new paint, please report it to the Museum Manager.

—Otto Vondrak

FALL FOLIAGE EXPRESS PREP WORK

Dave Shields, Dave Peet, and Norm Shaddick cleaned windows in the New York Central coaches on September 24. Dave Shields has been leading a team of volunteers to prepare our coaches for the Fall Foliage Express next weekend. Dale Hartnett has been quietly removing the blue paint from the outside of the cars that was applied by the MTA more than 30 years ago.

INDUSTRY PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT

Mike Dow has been leading a band of volunteers in an after-hours construction party to expand our parking lot at Industry Depot. The Town of Rush brought us truckloads of fresh road millings at the end of September, which have been spread along the west side of the NYC coaches and throughout our construction yard. The goal is temporarily relocate our construction equipment to expand public parking for special event days like Pumpkin Patch Trains. Thanks to Tim Gifford, Dan Waterstraat, Scott Gleason, Ted, Adam Lloyd, Mike Bianchi, and others.



ABOVE: Volunteers placed ties for the extension of Track 6 behind the Restoration Shop on September 24. **ABOVE RIGHT:** By early afternoon, all ties had been placed on the 300' extension. **RIGHT:** Volunteers returned the next day to place rail, with the assistance of our ex-Army Skytrak Telehandler forklift. **BELOW RIGHT:** A coat of rusty metal primer was applied to the west side of Pennsylvania Railroad Railway Post Office No. 61950 in September.



LV 211 REPAIRS

Joe Nugent and Dave Scheiderich have been working on repairs to LV 211's water cooling system after a rusted and rotted pipe coupling was discovered last week. Once the repair is made, we hope to place 211 into service for the last two weekends of Pumpkin Patch Train Rides.

Lehigh Valley Alco RS-3 No. 211 was originally built in 1953 for the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was traded to Lehigh Valley in 1970, and entered the Conrail roster in 1976. It was rebuilt with EMD components in 1979, and retired in 1981. Our museum acquired the locomotive in 1985, and restored it to LV colors in 1990.

—Joe Nugent, Motive Power Supt.

ARMY FLATCAR PROJECT

Rob Burz continues to make progress on the Army flatcar conversion project. He is currently assembling a new stand for the hand brake. Posts have been ordered for the construction of the sides that will support the roof. Your museum is currently raising \$3000.00 to cover these construction costs. **Any donation over \$200 will be matched.**





Please help us reach our fundraising goal so that we can use our new open-air passenger car during our 2017 season.

—Rob Burz, Project Manager

NEW DWARF SIGNALS

Mike Dow, Adam Lloyd, Mike G., and Jerry Tusch helped install a new dwarf semaphore signal at Switch No. 5. Additionally, a new dwarf signal (and a bumping post to protect it from vehicles passing on the haul road) has been installed at the end of Track 6 near Switch 6. If you are interested in working on our signals, or just learning more about them, please contact Mike Dow.

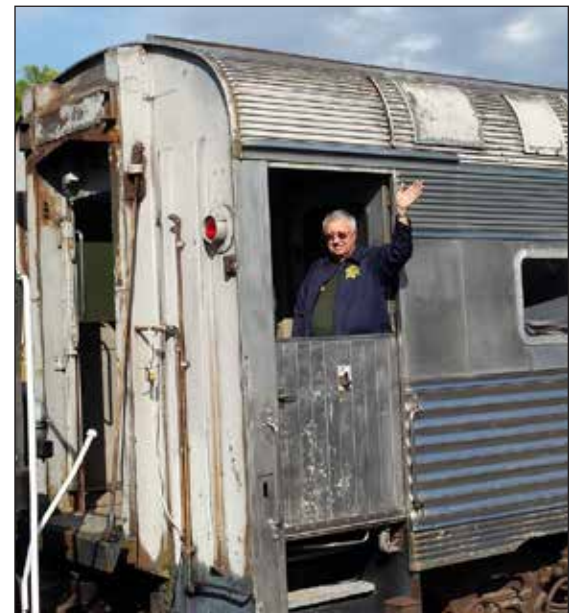
EXPANDED PUMPKIN PATCH FOR OCTOBER

Mike Guglielmo helped clear out the area alongside RG&E 1950 for our newly expanded pumpkin patch area! Charlie and Jesse Marks brought in an additional 15 straw bales to help finish off the area. During our first weekend of Pumpkin Patch Train Rides, your museum hosted 668 visitors on October 1 and 663 visitors on October 2, for a total of 1,332! We



ABOVE LEFT: Volunteers repositioned equipment in the Construction Yard so road millings could be spread in an effort to expand our paved parking surfaces. **LEFT:** Our Komatsu bulldozer was used to spread road millings donated by the Town of Rush. **BELOW LEFT:** A dwarf signal was installed at the end of Track 6 near the derail. The signal was repaired and set on its base by Dan Waterstraat. **BELOW:** Mike Dow and Adam Lloyd installed a new dwarf semaphore signal at Switch 5.





expect similar turnout for the next two weekends of operation, so please consider volunteering your time.

During the off season we will work up plans to make pumpkin patch area more usable for visitors and volunteers alike.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

It's that time of year again and we will be holding our elections at the November membership meeting, Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

This year we have the following positions up for election including: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and two Trustee positions.

If you are interested in helping lead our fine organization, now is your chance!

The Nominating Committee will putting together a slate of candidates prior to the October membership meeting, which will be on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. At the October meeting, the Nominating Committee will then announce their slate of candidates, and the President will call for additional nominations from the floor. If you are interested in running to be an officer or trustee, please contact me and we will gladly put you on the slate. Any member in good standing is eligible to become a candidate. I will also be happy to supply anyone interested with the description of duties of officers, just ask. You can reach me by email at mwilczek72@gmail.com or by phone at (585) 721-1377.

My inbox is empty and awaiting a flood

TOP LEFT: Dave Buckner and Dave Petersen served up cider and cookies to our Pumpkin Patch guests on October 1. TOP RIGHT: Kids enjoyed visiting our pumpkin patch throughout the weekend! ABOVE LEFT: The Livonia, Avon & Lakeville picked up our coaches on October 2 to get them staged for our Fall Foliage Express the following weekend. ABOVE: Volunteer Dave Shields has been instrumental in organizing volunteers and work parties to get the coaches ready for our annual Fall Foliage Express.

of candidates! We look forward to your involvement in helping the museum grow.

—Mark Wilczek,
Election Committee Chairman

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ABOVE LEFT: Your museum hosted nearly 700 visitors a day during our first weekend of Pumpkin Patch Train Rides on October 1 and 2! Our newly expanded pumpkin patch is located on the west side of RG&E 1950 and the Erie milk car. ABOVE RIGHT: The expanded pumpkin patch also gives visitors a view of trains climbing out of the Hill Block. Your museum will further develop this area into a railfan outlook for 2017. RIGHT: Volunteers John Guglielmo (left) and David Monte Verde (right) helped with train operations on October 1. John and his son Mike joined the museum a couple of years ago and can often be found on the Tuesday Night Track Gang. David's Genesee Valley Transportation owns and operates the Falls Road Railroad based in Lockport; the Depew, Lancaster & Western based in Batavia, as well as the Mohawk, Adirondack & Northern in Utica and the Delaware-Lackawanna in Scranton, Pa. It's not every day you get a railroad president to be a car host!



ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

Help us complete our open-air passenger car for 2017!

PHASE TWO

We are raising \$3,000 to complete the sides and roof of our new open-air rider car. Any donation over \$200 will be matched. Can you please help? Donate today!



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The leaves are just beginning to change at Industry as our train climbs the Hill Block on October 1, with conductor Frank Gough offering a friendly wave.