



ELECTION NIGHT: The May membership meeting will be host to Chapter elections and a Members' Slide Night. Soon the spotlight will be on us once again as we prepare to open to the public on May 16. Will you be a part of our exciting summer operations at Industry? PHOTO BY RON AMBERGER

Election Special

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You may notice that this issue of the Semaphore is a bit thin. Don't think that means nothing is going on, quite the opposite is true! Volunteers are busily working on a variety of high priority projects. Last month, some of you may have noticed the note regarding the Board settings deadlines for the passenger set. Plans are in the work for operating the cars this Fall. That means that the coaches have to get prepared and moved to the siding... **All before August!** And don't forget, that the Museum is opening to the public on May 16. Are you ready?

In terms of the excursion set, volunteers continue to rehab the interior of Coach 1 (NYC 2567). Most of the lower paneling

has been replaced, along with new sills and trim. It certainly looks sharp. Once that is completed, it will be time for a fresh coat of paint, followed by the re-installation of the seating. The other coaches are in mostly good order, needing cleaning, COTSing and a final install of the windows. The sewing shop is still open, and now more than two coaches have new upholstery installed. While this is going on, others have been working to clear additional area to the west of the LA&L to further extend the siding for the coaches. The extension from last year has been spiked down and more stone is soon to arrive.

If that doesn't sound busy enough, a few other projects (*Continued on page 3*)



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TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ROCHESTER CHAPTER NRHS

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Elections will be held May 20! Your Official Ballot is included in this special edition of The Semaphore. Please mail your ballot by May 10, or bring it to the May membership meeting on May 20.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS

We have many interesting and varied programs scheduled throughout the year as part of our monthly membership meetings. If you are interested in giving a presentation on any railroad subject at an upcoming chapter meeting, please contact Harold Russell at haroldrussell@juno.com.

May 20, 2010 - Members' Slide Night & Elections

June 17, 2010; July 15, 2010; and August 19, 2010: Meeting at the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, at Industry Depot. Come on out and enjoy a ride on our museum railroad! Visitors are always welcome.

UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

There's an exciting calendar of events planned for the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum's joint operations this season. Tell your friends! For a complete listing and details, visit www.rgvrrm.org.

May 16, 2010: Trolley and Train Rides: The combined ride links the New York Museum of Transportation with the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum's country depot and railroad equipment collection.

June 20, 2010: Railroad Day: Caboose rides will be offered on this special day centering around railroad operations.

July 17, 2010: Trolleys at Twilight: The New York Museum of Transportation recreates an evening at an old-time "trolley park," complete with refreshing ice cream and the happy sound of the calliope.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2010: We will be having a joint Board Meeting with the NYMT, 7:00pm at NYMT.



2010 BOOK OF RULES CLASSES

New for this year, we will have joint Rule Classes for Train, Trolley and Track Cars. If you plan on participating in the operation of trains, trolleys, or track cars in 2010, you are required take this class. We are have one more session on May 9. The session will be held in room A-400 (basement) of the RIT Wallace Library (Building 5). Best parking is in nearby U Lot. Class runs from 9:00AM to 12:30PM. The Air Brake and Train Handling class will follow from 12:30PM to 5:00PM, and is required for anyone whom wants to be a Conductor, Fireman or Engineer.

THE SEMAPHORE

If you're wondering why this issue is so thin, a number of factors were involved. Most importantly, we wanted to make sure the Official Ballot got into your hands with enough time to make it through the mail and back to us by May 20. Second, your Editor is heavily involved in a major event for the Westchester-Putnam Council Boy Scouts of America that unfortunately conflicts with our production schedule for the newsletter. We are celebrating Scouting's centennial anniversary, so fortunately, events like this only come about once every 100 years (we may have this problem again for the May 2110 issue). The good news is we have expanded issues planned for June, July, August and September with more photos and more reports regarding our exciting summer operations!

Opening Day at the R&GVRR Museum is May 16. If you have a few hours to spare, come on down and lend a hand to help us get ready. Here's looking forward to a safe and exciting operating season!

— Otto M. Vondrak, Editor

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PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:
June 17
Industry Depot



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The Chapter purchased a pre-constructed building from Wood Tex in Himrod, NY. The building was delivered on 3/30 and volunteers moved the building onto the foundation on Saturday 4/3. Chad Timothy used the Chapter's Army wrecker crane to position the building onto the foundation designed by member Bob Mader. We expect our contractor to make all connections and soon have water flowing. PHOTO BY JEREMY TUKE



Our new West Siding (ABOVE) was extended by a few hundred feet by our dedicated track department volunteers. As of this writing, the rails have been spiked down and we expect another order of stone to arrive soon. We must move our excursion coaches to this new siding by August. PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF RG&E 1941 continues to get attention inside the shop (BELOW), preparing for a return to regular service. The unit was successfully started and moved out of the shop in late March and April. PHOTO BY RON AMBERGER



have been ongoing as well. Speaking of which, the water treatment building is almost done, and our contractor should soon be here installing the treatment equipment. Finally water at the restoration building... I'll drink to that! But that's not all that is happening around the shop. RG&E 1941 has been progressing nicely, having been started and moved under its own power. Currently, it is undergoing mechanical tweaking including the governors, but should be completed in a month or two. LV 211 has also been brought to life for the season, and some work to free up pedestal liners are under way.

Oh, I almost forgot... May 16! Its only two weeks away as I write this. We'll be kicking the year off again with diesel trains. Special events include the third Sunday of June and July, Diesel Days on August 21-22; and we will round out the season with at about seven weeks of regular diesel operations. We had a second well-attended rules class on April 18, with one more to come May 9 at RIT. Contact Bob Achilles (bobachilles@aol.com) if you'd like to attend. It's the first step to learning about safe train operation on our railroad!

Yes, this issue may be a little thin, but we've been busy as ever at the museum. I'd also note that part of the reason this is a "light" edition was to get the ballot out early so everyone can get their vote in on time. I'd like to thank everyone working on the projects I outlined above, as I'm writing this in a hurry, I can't possibly recall everyone who has been able to lend a hand. Know that your hard work is appreciated! As we draw close to the operating season, I ask that we all lend a hand in keeping the museum looking clean and orderly and hope to see you at Industry enjoying the spring!

—David Scheiderich,
Assistant Museum Manager

OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED

Please take the time to fill out and send back your ballot. Your vote is important.

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Chapter Meeting:

May 20

7:30 PM at The 40&8 Club
933 University Ave., Rochester

Next Chapter Meeting:

June 17

7:30 PM at Industry Depot
Route 251, Industry (Rush)



Our museum volunteers have been hard at work this season. Volunteer Scott Gleason (LEFT) takes a turn operating the Chapter's Case 580 Super K backhoe on March 20, preparing the well site for the structure that will house our water treatment plant. RG&E 1941 stepped out of the shop for the first time in a few years (ABOVE) on March 27, its multi-year rebuilding nearly complete. The interior restoration of ex-New York Central coach 2567 is progressing well (RIGHT). Additional wall panels were installed in April, with the goal to return these cars to service in the fall. PHOTOS BY JEREMY TUKE, RON AMBERGER, AND CHRIS HAUF



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ROCHESTER CHAPTER N.R.H.S

In accordance with Articles III and IV of the Chapter By-Laws, the Nominating Committee has nominated candidates for election to fill the expiring terms of the Officers of the Rochester Chapter. The names of those selected by the committee are listed below. Space is provided for write-in candidates who must be current members of the Rochester Chapter. Vote for ONE candidate for each office position by placing an "X" in the appropriate box [].

Candidates for OFFICERS (Two year term 2010-2012)

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Candidates for Office of TRUSTEE (Three year term 2010-2013)

Vote for TWO candidates by placing an "X" in the appropriate boxes [].

[] **Bob Achilles** [] **James Johnson**

[] (Write-In Candidate) _____

*The elections will take place during the May 20 Chapter meeting.
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NRHS ballot, P.O. Box 23326, Rochester, NY 14692.*