

NEXT MEETING:
November 18
*Sheldon King presents
 the Lehigh Valley's
 Auburn Branch*



FALL FOLIAGE FUN: Looking like a typical Northeastern branchline, R&GV 1654 heads north from Switch 6 with Erie C254 and PC 18526 in tow, carrying visitors back to Midway station to transfer to the trolley for their ride back to New York Museum of Transportation. Our fall foliage trips were popular with visitors, resulting in record-high attendance levels for late September and early October! PHOTO BY DAVID SCHEIDERICH

No Hibernating

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Another successful operating season has concluded, and we owe it all to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. Despite economic woes, thousands of visitors decided that we were worthy of their entertainment dollar.

It has certainly been a year of ups and downs and many changes. Attendance for our annual Diesel Days event was disappointing, but it seems that more folks are discovering our train and trolley fall foliage rides.

Joe Nugent's crew continues work on reassembling our 45-tonner RG&E 1941, and expects to have her out of the shop this

spring. Chris Hauf and his crew continue the finish work on NYC coach 2567. New paint and permanently installed windows really make this car shine. The Marks family continues restoration work on NYC 19877, our 1921-vintage wooden caboose. Many people are assisting with earth-moving and track-building projects as time and weather permit, preparing for an extension of our West Siding.

"Don't Stand Me Still" was an old Pennsy slogan from the 1950s that could very well apply to our group as we approach the winter months!

—Otto M. Vondrak, Editor



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TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ROCHESTER CHAPTER NRHS

HOLLY TROLLEYS AT NYMT

Weekends from November 27 through December 19, come enjoy a ride on NYMT's "Holly Trolley" from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Special event fares apply. For a complete listing and details, visit www.rgvrrm.org.

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

The Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum will have a table at some upcoming train shows to sell merchandise and advertise some of our activities to the general public. It's a great way to reach out to some of our biggest fans, and make new ones! If you're available to help out, please let us know! We'll be at the **Batavia Train Show** on **November 14**, and the **RIT Tiger Tracks Train Show** on **December 4 and 5**.

CHAPTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The library staff had a very productive month. All of the Chapter's materials were moved out of the Webster storage area to the new library room at the 40 & 8 Club. Starting next month we move the materials out of the chapters present room into the new room next door. For the first time, our members will have access to all of the chapters book, magazines, time tables etc. We are currently seeking

donations of strong, sturdy book cases to support our ever-growing collection of materials. Any volunteer help is appreciated. Contact Bob Fleck at rcfleck@rochester.rr.com or (585) 338-7205.

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.

November 18, 2010: Lehigh Valley Railroad's Auburn Branch by Sheldon King, noted railroad author and historian.

December 16, 2010: Flying Scotsman's Visit to America in 1971, presented by Peter Gores. This famous British steam engine was brought to America by preservationist Alan Pegler, where a series of promotional trips were run until the engine was returned in 1973.

January 20, 2011: Railroads of Livingston County, presented by Douglas Morgan.

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WOODIE WORK: The Marks family has been hard at work on our NYC wooden caboose (1987, built 1921 in NYC's car shop at Oswego). A coat of paint was applied to seal in the new siding, also one king post was replaced. Peter Gores and Chad Timothy worked on the bearing shims to level the car. NYC 1987 poses for its portrait around the end of October, 2010. PHOTO BY JOE NUGENT

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Former New York Central coach 2567 is sporting new paint, including the window openings and four permanently installed windows! PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF

NYC #2567 PROGRESS UPDATE

The team working on the restoration of Empire State Express coach #2567 has been working hard over the last month on the car. On the interior restoration front... All of the wall panels between and under the windows have been painted with two finish coats of paint.

The cover for the toilet tank has been given two coats of black paint on the inside and one coat of finish paint on the outside. Some other details at the north end of the car like the electric locker door have also seen some finish paint. The entire ceiling has been sanded with only a little bit of body filler work yet to done for it to be ready to paint.

The prep work on the baggage racks has been started with nearly one side of the car completed. This is very tedious work as the racks are comprised of many small round rods that all need to be sanded. Additional work has included the sealing of many of the interior seams in the car, the removal of all of the baggage rack light switches, and the removal of the northeast and southeast cove lighting for rebuilding or replacement. Much of the interior hardware has also been removed and is being cleaned and polished.

Our window team has also been busy on the car as well. They have removed a total of eight windows, three small and five large. They have prepped and painted all of the interior window openings, cleaned

the inner gaskets and have permanently installed four (one large and three small) of the windows in the car.

New hands are always welcome to help us complete the coach. Window work happens Tues afternoons and Saturdays. Interior work takes place Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you would like to help, but do not know how to start, please contact Chris Hauf to get more information. Thanks to everyone that has helped out on the car and thanks to those who have contributed funds to help this project come to fruition.

—Chris Hauf
Project Foreman

Saturday work session, or please contact Chris Hauf (crhauf@frontiernet.net) if you want to purchase a hat.

FALL FOLIAGE VISITORS

Our museums enjoyed a fantastic visitor response during the last weekends of September and the first weekends of October. Clearly, we have an attraction that the public is recognizing! Our thorough training program ensured safe operation throughout the season. **A hearty thank you to all of the volunteers who made this past season so successful!**

—Otto M. Vondrak

ESE FUNDRAISER

The R&GVRRM has a new hat available for sale. The black hats with a red trimmed brim have the Empire State Express script logo over NEW YORK CENTRAL on the front and the museum's name on the back. The hats are \$15.00 each. Hats can be mailed to anyone for an additional charge. All of the proceeds from the sale of the hats goes to help support the ongoing restoration of the museum's Empire State Express train set. They are one size fits all. The hats will be available at the next museum membership meeting, during any





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