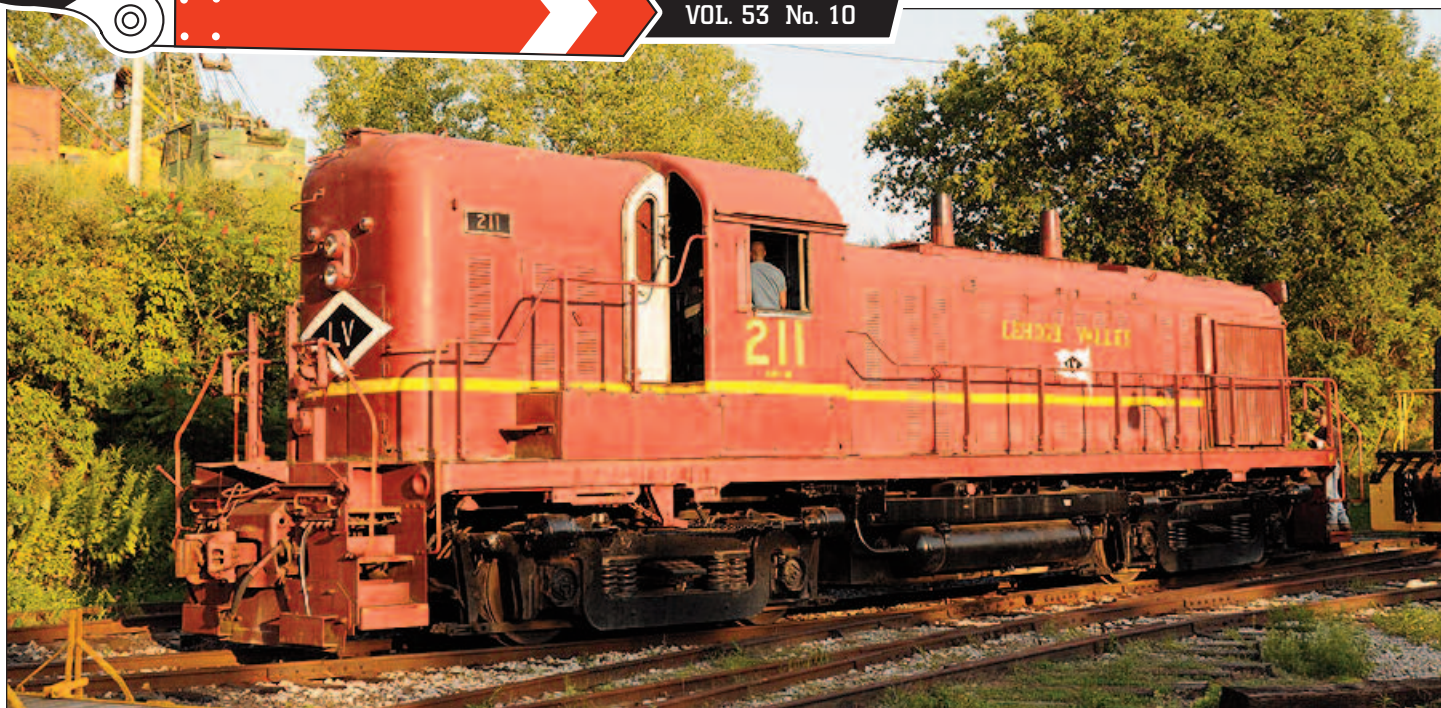


NEXT MEETING:

July 21

*Enjoy our museum
railroad! Take a train ride!
Bring a friend!*

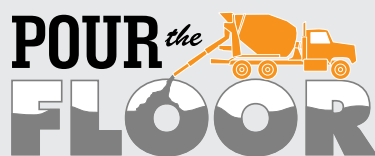


Lehigh Valley RS3m 211 was rescued and restored by museum volunteers more than 20 years ago, and remains an important part of our operating historic equipment collection. We will celebrate Diesel Day on August 21 as a tribute to the machines and our volunteers who keep them running. We'll need your help to make the event a success. See page 4 for details. PHOTO BY BRIAN SCHMIDT

Keep it Moving

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Back in 1980, the four-year-old Conrail repainted an engine with the spontaneous "Keep it moving — With Conrail!" slogan. It was not only a message to shippers but also to employees as well. The same could apply to our museum. We have been making a lot of good, tangible progress in the last two years, and we need to keep moving forward.

Finally, we had mostly dry month to get some work done! We've been busy working on the railroad. The new West Siding is progressing; ties have been placed, and rail is being bolted together. After several months of work in the shop; our hi-rail dump truck was back out on the railroad helping to spread ballast. The 1941 is being painted (thanks to the diligent efforts of Chris Hauf). It is impressive all the projects going on that are finally nearing com-

pletion. It just goes to show what can be done when you have the people and the resources you need!

It's been another busy operating season, too. On August 20 we'll be having a picnic out at the depot to celebrate our progress and the many anniversaries being celebrated this year. It should be a fun time for all, and a great chance to see the progress first hand. I'd really like to thank all the dedicated work of our volunteers; and the picnic will be a great chance for that (see page 2 for picnic details).

Don't forget Diesel Day is coming up this year on August 21. More details about that can be found on page 4. As always; we could use your help working on all these great projects. Make this the summer **you** make a difference!

—David Scheiderich, President

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TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM R&GVRRM



RICHARD LUCHTERHAND (1934-2011)

Longtime volunteer and familiar face Richard "Lucky" Luchterhand passed away on June 12 after a long bout with illness. Most often found in the Model Railroad Room up at NYMT, Lucky was also a veteran track car operator. He also helped out down at Industry from time to time, including wire-wheeling the old paint off of RG&E 1941 in preparation for its restoration so many years ago. See our tribute on page 3.

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS

In June, July and August 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 **July 21** and **August 18**.

In September we resume our meetings at the Forty and Eight Club. Featured is our member, **Ted Miller**, who will tell us all about Digital Photo Restoration. 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.

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.

**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 or call (585) 338-7205.

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MOTIVE POWER

RG&E 1941: Rochester Gas & Electric 1941 has been the main focus this month. A team of Ron Amberger, Mark Wilczek, John Stewart, Chris Hauf and Joe Nugent have been working very hard to finish the restoration of this locomotive. Here's a list of completed items:

- Mark Wilczek plumbed in the new air compressor governor. This will give the locomotive a slightly higher main reservoir pressure at 125 psi. The new governor will also be much more reliable.

- Chris Hauf and John Stewart have been sanding, priming and painting engine cowl doors. They are also applying seam sealer to all seams to prevent deterioration from the inside out. Chris will continue to prep and paint various items for this locomotive. We hope to have the entire locomotive painted for the July museum meeting!

- Joe Nugent fabricated and installed new throttle linkage components on the #2 end of the locomotive. (Pictured) The throttle control rod was dropped about four inches to clear miscellaneous air piping that was interfering with full range of throttle movement. This was the last of the repairs required to regain full throttle movement. Work will continue to balance the power between the two engines.

- PKG Equipment has fabricated four new slider windows for this locomotive. A special thanks goes out to Steve Pontarelli and his crew at PKG!

- Ron Amberger and Joe Nugent swapped out a bad battery. The weak battery was preventing the locomotive from rolling over enough to start.

On Saturday July 2, volunteers Ron Amberger (Engineer) and Luther Brefo (Conductor) used engine LV 211 to pull the 1854 and a long string of Empire cars up



Richard "Lucky" Luchterhand (1934-2011)

Dick (or "Lucky" to many) was a trustee of the New York Museum of Transportation for the past several years. He came to us with the model railroad that had to move out of the Monroe Community Hospital due to need for space there. Dick spent most of his time in the Model Railroad Room at NYMT keeping the trains running and entertaining the kids. He gave instructions on modeling (and was heavily involved in the NMRA and the Rochester Model Railroad Club), and specialized in making miniature trees. Dick also played Santa Claus for our holiday operations over the years. We relied on Dick to arrive early and open the museum on Sundays and group tour days, which got the heat and lights running and let the track car operators in so they could check out their equipment. Lucky was also a veteran track car operator for our joint railroad operation. We are all saddened to lose Dick and will miss him, as will many of our regular visitors. —*Jim Dierks, NYMT*

the mainline to BOCES Crossing. This train was probably the longest train ever operated on our railway. This was done to clear Track 8 and the main line for engine 1941 to be test run for the first time. Both diesel engines were tested along with brakes, running gear, lights and many other things. The tests went well and no major problems were encountered. There remains some adjustments in the throttle linkage and to synchronize the operation of the two engines. We are very close to having this locomotive back in service again!

EK 6: Eastman Kodak 6 is back up and

running! As we said in the previous edition of THE SEMAPHORE, this locomotive will celebrate it's 30th anniversary at the museum in August. Look for this old girl to be out and running.

R&GV 1654: Ron Amberger and Joe Nugent finished the sander installation on the #1 end of this locomotive. A source for sand is currently being investigated.

USA 1843: Our unique Fairbanks-Morse locomotive is back up and running for the season! Look for her to make special appearances as it will serve as a back-up to Lehigh Valley 211 this summer.



MUSEUM NEWS

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!

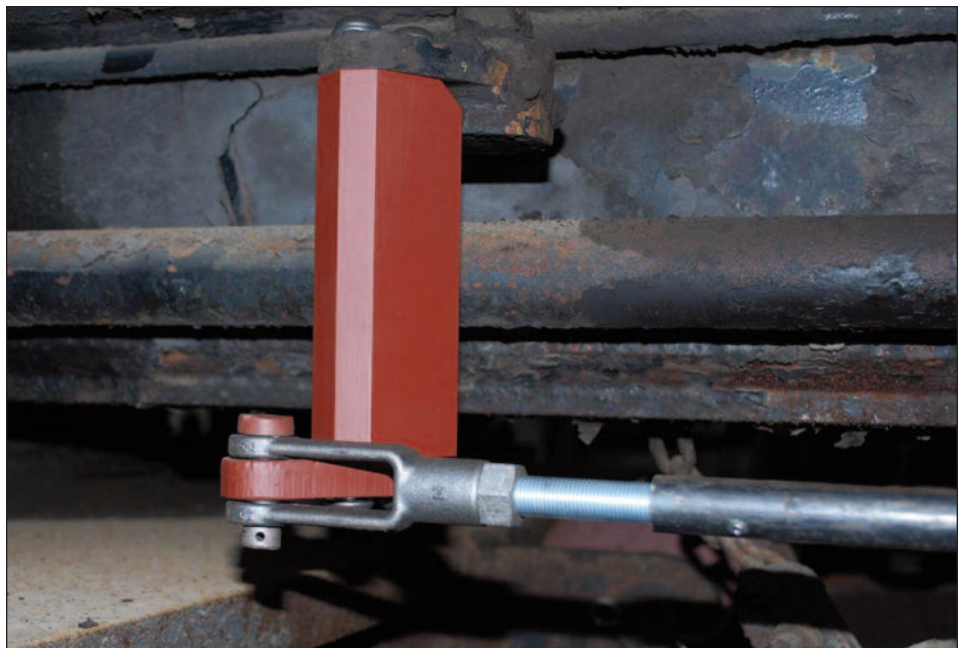
—Joe Nugent
Motive Power Superintendent

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). 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 at (585) 944-1047 or by email at joe.r.nugent@gmail.com. See 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. Please include your name, your phone number, and where you'd like to help out. Thanks for making Diesel Day a success!



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MUSEUM NEWS



OPPOSITE TOP: Volunteers Joe Nugent and Ron Amberger pose with 1941 after a successful test run on July 2 (AMBERGER). **OPPOSITE BOTTOM, TOP, TOP RIGHT:** Newly machined throttle linkages have been installed in RG&E 1941, helping to improve the reliability and operation of the unit. The throttle control rod was dropped about four inches to clear miscellaneous air piping that was interfering with full range of throttle movement (NUGENT). **ABOVE:** Chris Hauf has been applying finish coats of paint to RG&E 1941, most recently some yellow to the steps. Also pictured are two new wooden step boxes made by volunteer Joe Werner. **MIDDLE LEFT:** How 1941 appeared last summer... So different now! **LEFT:** Work continues on our West Siding track extension. (HAUF)

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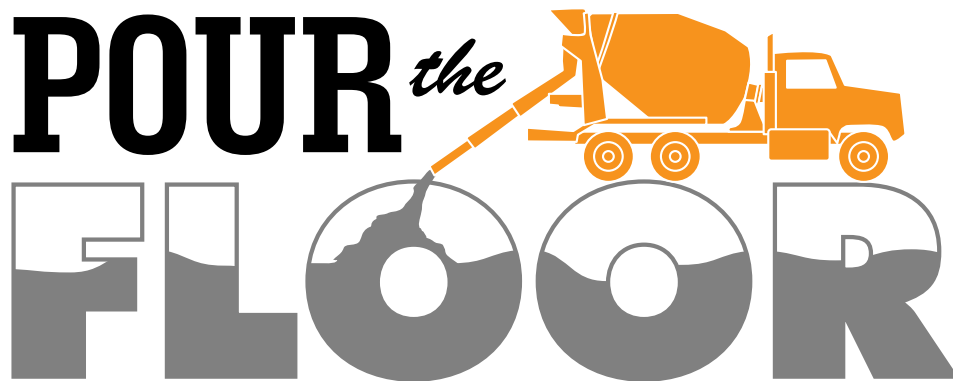


It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to keep our heavy machinery operational. Several volunteers have been working on our hi-rail dump truck, helping to bring this useful machine back to life. **ABOVE:** Peter Gores working on the rear rail wheels, with help from Bob Mader and Norm Shaddick. **PHOTO BY JOE NUGENT** **RIGHT:** All that hard work paid off! The hi-rail dump truck in action, attended to by Peter Gores (with Chad Timothy driving), dumping ballast at Switch 5 on Tuesday, July 5. Come and join our Tuesday Night Gang this summer, you can find us down at the depot each Tuesday afternoon and evening. **PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF**

DIESEL DAY IS AUG. 21



CASCADE RAILS 2011: Hosted by the Tacoma Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, almost 800 enthusiasts from around the country attended the week-long convention June 20-26. With a great variety of steam, diesel, and traction, mixed in with the area's rich maritime heritage, Cascade Rails 2011 had something for everyone. Several trips were operated with the well known former Southern Pacific 4449 in "Daylight" paint throughout the region. Local short line Tacoma Rail hosted several trips and a night photo session. The Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie greeted visitors for special trips and run-bys. Some folks opted for a transit tour of Seattle. Mount Rainier Scenic had their Willamette geared loco steamed up as well. **PHOTO BY STEVE BARRY**



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

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.

Sunday, July 17 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, August 14 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, July 24 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, August 28 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, July 31 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, September 4 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, August 7 - 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.

Saturday, July 16 - Trolleys by Twilight

Tuesday, August 9 - Tour Group 10am

Sunday, July 17 - Sunday Ops/Birthday

Thursday, August 11 - Tour Group 10am

Tuesday, Jul 19 - Tour Goup 10am

Sunday, August 14 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, July 24 - Sunday Ops/Birthday

Tuesday, August 16 - Tour Group 10am

Sunday, July 31 - Sunday Ops

Wednesday, August 17 - Tour Group 10am

Sunday, August 7 - Sunday Ops

Sunday, August 21 - DIESEL DAY

Monday, August 8 - Tour Group 10am

Sunday, August 28 - Sunday Ops

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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 or call (585) 820-2341.



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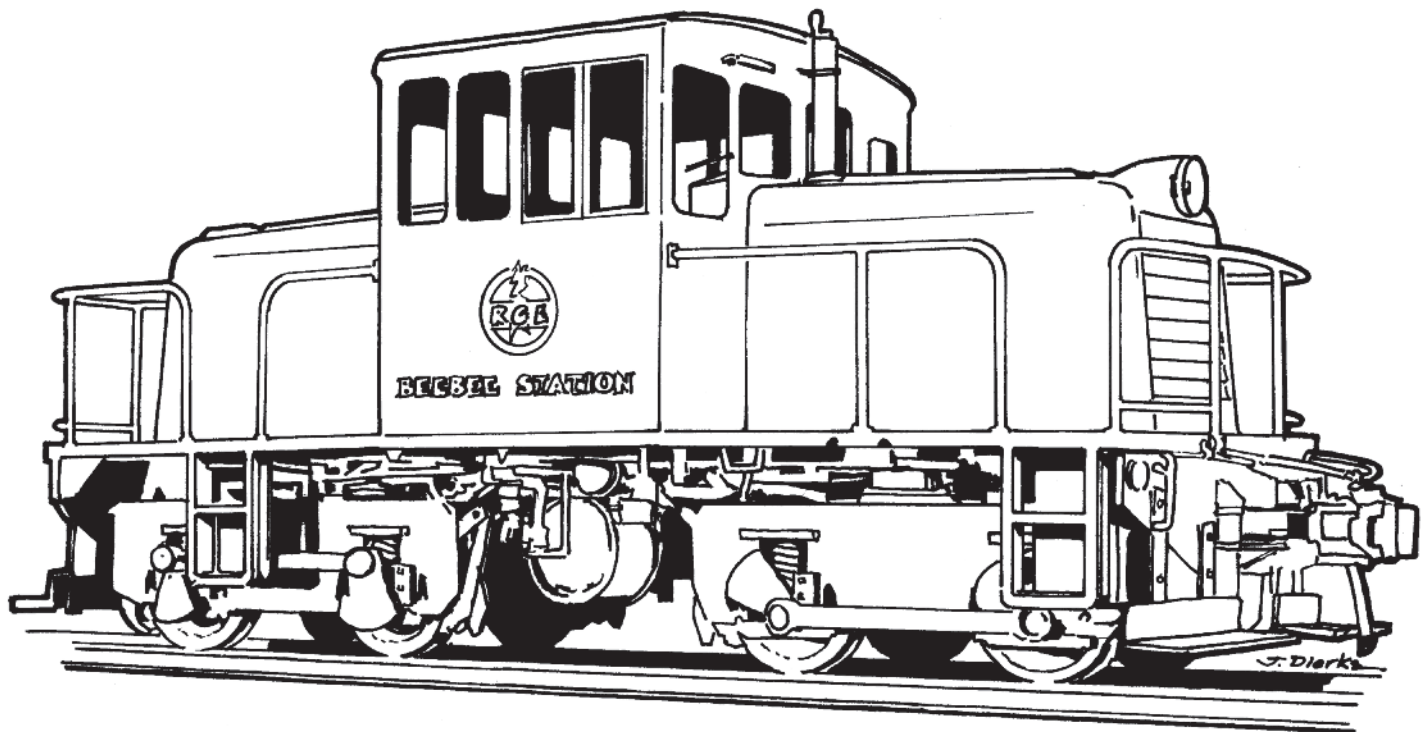
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Next Chapter Meeting:

August 18

7:30 PM at Industry Depot
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MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE SHOP... Rochester Gas & Electric center-cab switcher No. 1941 has been the subject of a multi-year rebuild and restoration by many dedicated volunteers over the years. We can finally say, we're in the home stretch! With major mechanical work complete, finish painting has begun in earnest. We hope to debut the "new" 1941 at the July membership meeting... See inside for details! ILLUSTRATION BY JIM DIERKS