



The approach of warmer weather means that we can start driving with the top down... One of our members brought their LaSalle out to the depot one fine afternoon. It looks right at home parked near our restored Erie depot! As the weather gets warmer, look for signs of increased activity at your museum. Many hands make light work as we prepare for the opening of our tourist season. Won't you lend a hand? PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF

# Spring Training

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Elections are upon us, and at the upcoming membership meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce it's slate of candidates. At that time, the floor will be open to any additional nominations. After that, the ballot will go out and be counted at the May meeting. There are many seats up for election, including all officers and several trustee positions.

On another note, please check inside this issue for an important by-laws change that will be voted on at the next member meeting. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Please mark your calendars that our Opening Day will be Sunday, May 20.

Once again, we will be depending on your volunteer help to have a safe and successful season. We need you to volunteer as gift shop helpers, depot guides, track car operators, and train crew. Simply put, without you there is no museum. To all those who have volunteered in the past, I sincerely thank you for your service. To everyone else, please consider donating a few hours of your time this summer to help us ensure a smooth operation for our visitors. After all, we only get one chance to make a good first impression. The best advertisement for us is a happy visitor!

See you at the museum!

—David Scheiderich, Museum President



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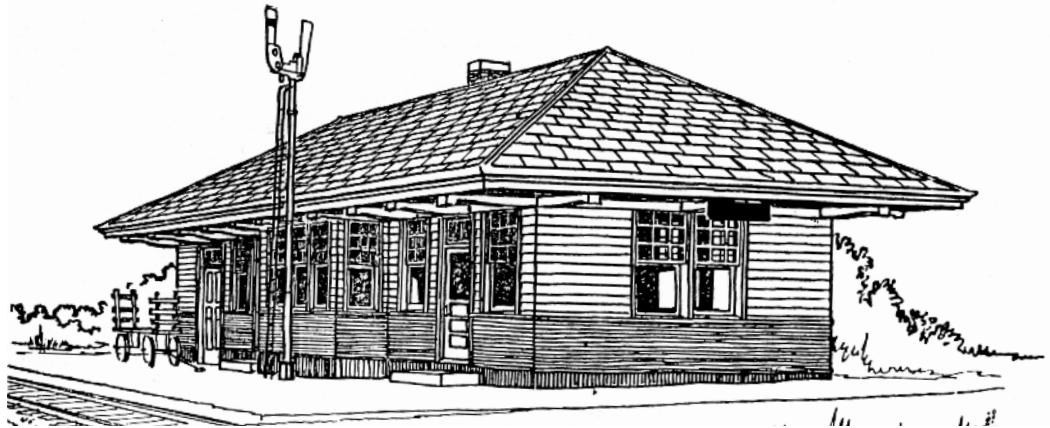
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# TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM R&GVRRM



#### 2012 RULES CLASS - APRIL 21

A second session will take place on **April 21** if you missed the first session. If you plan on participating in the operation of trains, trolleys, or track cars, then you are required to take this class. Time and place TBA, please RSVP to Dave Scheiderich at [boblenon@gmail.com](mailto:boblenon@gmail.com) if you plan on attending.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We voted in two new members, thanks to gift memberships from member **A.J. Austin** (Who works locally for CSX). Please join me in welcoming **Paul Madalena** and **Alex Heaton** of Greece, NY. Both are interested in helping with restoration projects and train operation. Welcome aboard!

#### UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

Please join us for these upcoming great programs at our monthly membership meetings (of which you don't have to be a member to attend)! Museum member John Stewart will present "Home Movies of 1960s Steam Railroading in the South" on **April 19, 2012**. His program will include footage from the Ely Thomas Lumber Co., Rocton-Rein Railroad, Cliffside Railroad, Cass Scenic, Blue Ridge

Railroad, and Graham County. Our Member's Slide Show Night and Elections is scheduled for **May 17**. For **June, July, and August**, we return to Industry Depot to enjoy rides over our demonstration railroad following the membership meeting. Bring a friend, all are welcome! As always, please check the listings on our web site for more information.

Fortunately, we have no shortage of programs coming up! The dates for 2012 and 2013 are completely filled. The next open date in January 16, 2014. If any of you have a program that you would like to present, please call me at (585) 427-9159 or email [haroldrussell@juno.com](mailto:haroldrussell@juno.com).

#### MUSEUM LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

##### YOUR LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Museum 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 is open the first and third Mondays of each month and also before our monthly meetings. Looking to get involved? Any volunteer help is appreciated. Please contact Bob Fleck by email at [rcfleck@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcfleck@rochester.rr.com) or call (585) 338-7205.

*Museum Opening Day*  
**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

#### JOIN THE MUSEUM TODAY

**Annual Dues: \$25.00**

Rochester & Genesee Valley RR Museum

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#### PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:

**May 17**

**40&8 Club - Rochester, NY**





## ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

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### LEHIGH VALLEY CABOOSE 95100

Dale Hartnet and Tony Mittiga have focused their efforts on the interior of the caboose. They are in the process of removing layers of old paint from the walls and ceilings. Meanwhile, Joe Nugent has been carefully removing fixtures and appliances. All items are photo documented, labeled, and set aside. Otto Vondrak and Mark Wilczek continue to work on fundraising goals and acquire donations so that work may continue on the interior.

—Joe Nugent

### TC-3 AND TRAILER

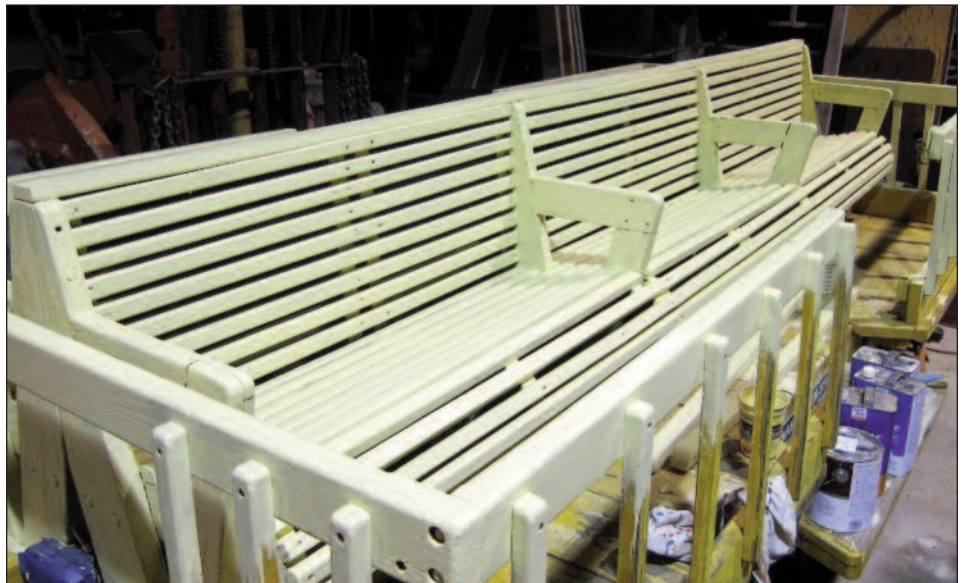
With season opening just a few weeks away, our museum-built track car passenger trailer is in the shop getting attention from our volunteers. From wood replacement to paint prep and painting to the install of new wheels, there is lots to do to get it and the track car behind it ready. But we are up for the challenge and look forward to seeing this duo out again for another season very soon.

Track Car #3 is getting new windows to replace the originals were beginning to rot. Built by volunteer Bob Mader, they were being installed by Bob and Norm Shaddick during our March 24, 2012 work session.

Brand new wheels for the trailer arrived at the museum on March 30. Thanks to volunteer Jeremy Tuke for handling ordering and delivery. And in case you are wondering, a new track car wheel is just over \$200 for a total of \$800+ dollars for the 4 new wheels to keep the trailer in top notch condition. Contributions to offset the cost are very much appreciated.



**ABOVE:** After building and replacing the wood framed windows from one end of TC-3, volunteer Bob Mader begins the process of removing the old, rotted window from the other end on March 27. Bob plans to build and install new frames here as well giving our operators a great new view with windows that will last for many years to come. **BELOW:** Taking advantage of the warmer weather, the priming of the museum's passenger trailer was started during our Tuesday evening work session. With late day temps on March 30 hovering around the upper 60s, it was a perfect time to get a jump on the painting. PHOTOS BY CHRIS HAUF



### RG&E NO. 8

Mike Walsh and Joe Nugent have fabricated two new hangers for RG&E 8's new air reservoirs. The air reservoirs will be rehung after the underside of the locomotive is thoroughly cleaned. Mike Walsh is also working on some sheet metal repairs in the area of the battery box.

—Joe Nugent, Motive Power Supt.

### ERIE CABOOSE C254

Steve Huse, Ron Amberger, Joe Nugent, Chad Timothy, and Max Lucieer have been working on the air system of this caboose. The system was recently disassembled for inspection and cleaning. Work will start soon to clean and refinish the caboose's roof to help repair leaks and ensure its long term survival in the elements.





# MUSEUM NEWS

## SIGNAL SYSTEM

This past month, Mike Dow was able to improve the looks of our line-side signals with some needed paint touch-up.

—Dave Scheiderich

## DEPOT GUIDES NEEDED

Not interested in train operations? We are always in need of Depot Guides throughout the year. Depot Guides greet our visitors when they get off the train, and help interpret our many displays. Without them, our visitors show up to closed displays and a shuttered depot. We need your help to keep our museum open to the public. Get involved! Please contact **Mike Root** by email at [mikeroot@clearwire.net](mailto:mikeroot@clearwire.net).

## NYMT GIFT SHOP HELP WANTED

The gift shop and ticket desk at the NYMT is the front door to both of our organizations. The gift shop is the first thing our visitors see, and it's also the place where tickets for our joint trolley and train rides are purchased as well. The NYMT can use our help to staff the gift shop, which can get quite busy between incoming visitors and folks looking to purchase souvenirs. Please contact **Jim Dierks** by email at [dierks66@frontiernet.net](mailto:dierks66@frontiernet.net) if you can spare a Sunday or two to help out. Every volunteer hour counts!

**OPENING DAY IS MAY 20**



## LV 95100 UPDATE



**ABOVE:** By mid-March, the caboose was looking a lot cleaner with the exterior needle scaled and extraneous corroded materials removed. Volunteers have since concentrated their efforts to the interior of the car. **BELOW LEFT:** Volunteer Dale Hartnet is using a chemical paint stripper to remove more than 60 years of built up paint and primer layers. Removing the paint allows us to inspect the wooden panels for rot and other signs of damage. **PHOTOS BY JOE NUGENT** **BELOW RIGHT:** These interior doors were salvaged from the Lehigh Valley caboose and brought to the woodshop shop of volunteer Mark Wilczek. He plans on making repairs to these banged up doors, but he promises not to make them "too perfect." After all, we want to keep a little character in them! Mark will also be fabricating two new doors, the same as the middle sized doors, to replace ones that are currently missing. **PHOTO BY MARK WILCZEK** We are currently soliciting donations to reach our next fundraising goal of \$2000 to pay for materials used to repair the interior. Visit [www.rgvrmm.org/support](http://www.rgvrmm.org/support) to donate today!





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## BR&P 280 PROGRESS

**ABOVE:** A few people have asked to see what Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh #280 looks like today. Well, here it is in the shop as of March 29. The caboose has received all new siding on both sides and all new wood on the rear caboose roof. The caboose is just in primer and is waiting for more exterior wood work to take place before finish painting and roofing. **LEFT:** The new replica lid built by Christopher Hauf is being test fit on the new bench which Chris had previously built inside of Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh caboose #280. Ultimately, the lid will be cut in half to allow either side to be opened. The end at the bottom right corner also forms the seat for the small wood conductors desk which Chris has also replicated. The hope is to complete the fitting and permanently install the lid during the Tuesday, April 3, 2012 work session. **BELOW:** Volunteer Bob Mader created these replica wood catches on his wood lathe. The catches will need some more sanding and paint before final install, but they look and work great! **PHOTOS BY CHRIS HAUF**



**LEFT:** During the 1971 rebuild, the B&O switched the #280 cupola side windows from the two separate left and right windows (the right side is seen here on the west side of the car) to a large centered slider. We have removed the slider, reinstalled the studs needed for the separate windows and installed new siding over the center gap on the outside. We now need to install the proper interior filler panels and construct new sliding window modules for both sides. We also have to build new window frames for the front and rear windows in the cupola as the B&O blanked the center cupola window, and we are restoring it. **PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF**



# RULES CLASS

## APRIL 21

The second session of the Joint Rules class will be held on April 21 for those who missed the first session. These basic classes are required and open to anyone interested in train, trolley, or track car operations on our shared demonstration railroad. Location to be announced, please RSVP with your intention to attend to Dave Scheiderich at boblenon@gmail.com.



## NOTES ON AN OLD

# Timetable

CORRECTED TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1941

## New York Central Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Pennsylvania Divisions

### Time Tables

Niagara Falls  
Buffalo  
Batavia  
Rochester  
New York

Newark  
Lyons  
Syracuse  
Albany



"The Water Level Route"

FORM 130

Corrected to September 28, 1941

## WESTBOUND

Miles	STATIONS	19 Daily	29 Daily	35 Daily	59 Daily	63 Daily	43 Daily	399 Sun. Only	49 Sun.	51 Daily	5 Daily	39 Daily	41 Daily	15 Daily	67 Daily	309 Ex. Sun.	27 Daily	17 Daily
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New York Central timetable Form 130 was a very interesting document to be sure! Inside, it featured passenger schedules for the "main line" between Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo (the westbound schedules are shown ABOVE). It also contained a listing for service on the Auburn Road between Syracuse and Rochester via Geneva and Canandaigua (which would last until 1958); as well as service on the Falls Road between Rochester and Niagara Falls (which would last until 1957). By 1941, the timetables still carried a listing for Mixed Train service between Dresden and Penn Yan on the Pennsylvania Division. A listing of all stations between Lyons and Lawrenceville is shown, with the notation "FREIGHT SERVICE ONLY." A separate table showed frequent service on the Niagara Falls Branch between Central Terminal and Suspension Bridge. Earlier editions of this timetable did not include the Pennsylvania Division, but instead contained schedules for the "Peanut" line to Batavia, and the former RW&O "Hojack" line. OTTO M. VONDRACK COLLECTION

# Proposed By-Laws Change

*As is now...*

## ARTICLE III - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The governing body of the RGVRRM shall be the Board of Trustees. It shall consist of the five (5) RGVRRM officers and six (6) additional trustees. No officer elected under provisions of this Article shall be under eighteen (18) years of age. They shall be elected by the membership of the RGVRRM as provided in this Article and Article IV.

4. The terms of the RGVRRM officers shall be two (2) years, all elected bi-annually, no RGVRRM officer shall be elected to more than three (3) successive terms. The terms of the non-officer trustees shall be three (3) years, with two (2) elected each year.

9. The President will be the chairman of the meeting. In his absence, the meeting will be chaired by the Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer, in that order of those present.

*Changes highlighted...*

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## Rehab to begin on GVT lines in Batavia

The Depew, Lancaster & Western will begin the State-funded \$1.3 million rehabilitation of the five-mile Batavia Division, encompassing the four-mile Lowertown section (the former NYC main line and Peanut Branch running through Batavia), and the former Lehigh Valley main on the south side of the City. The rehab will see the installation of 6,000 ties, 7 sets of switch timbers, installation of 1 mile of 127-lb. Dudley rail, installation of three new road crossings, ditching ballasting and tamping of the entire division.

Included in the work will be the construction of a 700 foot tail track for use by

steel scrap transloaders. When completed the line will be in full FRA Class III condition, and look like the main line that it once was. Most of the line retains its original 127# Dudley that was the old Track 4 the eastbound freight track in NYC's hey-day of four-track main line operations.

Business has been brisk on the Division that sees daily (M-F) operation, using DL&W ALCO S6 1044, and MLW RS-18 1801. The line serves 10 customers in and around the Batavia-Genesee County area.

—From GVT Press Release  
Photo by Nick Wilson



## YAHOO! GROUPS New email list took effect in February

In an effort to streamline our communications, we are moving our old email distribution lists to new Yahoo! Groups! Joining the new groups is easy, plus it gives you more control over how you communicate with others. **There are new email lists for Friends, Members, Active Volunteers, and Operations Dept.! Need to get signed up? Not sure where you belong?** Contact Otto Vondrak by email at [ovondrak@yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak@yahoo.com).

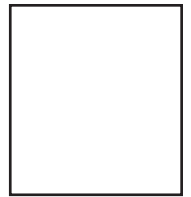
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**A DIFFERENCE OF DECADES:** A Conrail local freight passes Industry depot sometime in the 1980s with caboose 18526 in tow. We are facing north, with the depot to the photographer's back. Notice the switch to our siding has yet to be installed, and the hillside has not yet been cleared to accommodate the grade for our demonstration railroad. Little did we know that the caboose would be donated to our museum in 1996, and restored and running on our completed demonstration railroad shared with the New York Museum of Transportation. RGVRRM COLLECTION