



**YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS:** Yes, that's a Lehigh Valley locomotive leading a freight across Ohio. Yes, it's 2012. No, it's not Photoshopped. Locomotive 8104 is the latest in Norfolk Southern's series of "Heritage Locomotives" being painted in honor of the 30th anniversary of the NS merger. The Lehigh Valley heritage unit stretches her legs leading Train 776 down the Scioto Valley for Portsmouth. PHOTO BY WHIT WARDELL/RAILPICTURES.NET

# Pass the Baton

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At least, it seems Spring is here, maybe to stay this time. In a few weeks, we will open to the public on May 20th. As I've said before, we rely on the help of our volunteers and members to keep the doors open to the public. As it is May, it is also time for elections. I have decided not to seek another term as President, but will stick around as a Trustee; and continue on as the Museum Manager. Keep an eye on your mailbox for your official ballot.

As I end my term, I reflect back on the past couple of years. There have been some big "projects" such as the name change and construction of the West Siding for our *Empire State Express* cars. It has not been easy, though with the help of my fellow volunteers; we have enjoyed much success together. To you I give my thanks!

I have been giving a lot of thought lately to our organization's continued existence; and how important it is for us to be able to adapt and change; lest we want to rank up there with countless corporate giants that have faced similar situations and have failed to act. Now granted, we are no Fortune 500 company; but that doesn't mean we can't learn lessons from their mistakes. No doubt, to go forward, we will need to set a clearer path to follow. And we will all need to pitch in to reach our goals. At times our new path may seem to carry us in odd directions; and it may challenge our "old truths" but I truly believe that we need to grow as individuals and as a group to truly succeed. **You can help be a part of our continued success!**

—David Scheiderich, Museum President



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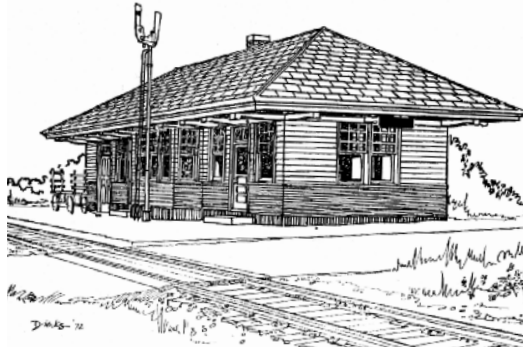
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# TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM R&GVRRM



#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Over the last year, we have added 19 new members and some inactive members have re-joined. However, we are losing more members than we are gaining. We had 4 members pass away and 21 members did not renew. In the past few years, we had approximately 15 members not renew each year. The last year we had a significant number of members that did not renew was in 2006 in which 31 did not renew. This year we had 21, although that number may drop a little bit as we often get renewals trickling in until June or so of each year. We sent out "second notices" about a month ago.

We will continue to reach out to some past members and also try to solicit some additional new memberships, especially family memberships, by more actively reaching out to our visitors on Sundays, special events, and summer meetings.

Last year we had approximately 183 primary/household members and 233 total members with the family members included. This year we have 174 primary/household members and 220 total members with the family members included.

I look forward to any suggestions on how we can grow our membership for the future.

—Sam Rosenberg, Membership Chair

#### 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)! Our Member's Slide Show Night and Elections is scheduled for **May 17**.

For **June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20**, 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.

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

#### JOIN THE MUSEUM TODAY

**Annual Dues: \$25.00**

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#### PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:

**June 21**  
at Industry Depot





## ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

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#### RG&E NO. 8

This locomotive has been moved outside so it can be power washed prior to the installation of new air tanks. New brackets have been constructed, and are awaiting installation.

#### LV 211

Once the overnight temperatures rise above freezing, we will reactive LV 211 for the season.

#### RG&E 1941

We fully expect to have this locomotive in service for special events starting in June.

—Joe Nugent, Motive Power Supt.

#### TC-3 AND TRAILER

The work on TC-3 is nearly complete, and this piece will soon be getting a fresh coat of paint. The repairs to the wooden trailer have also been completed, and new wheels installed as well. The trailer is now on live rail so it can be moved outside for painting.

#### ERIE CABOOSE C254

Thanks to several volunteers, the roof surface has been cleaned of tar and rust, and soon the caboose will be pulled outside for primer and final coating to ensure the long term survivability. Chris Hauf has taken the lead on buffing out and polishing the finish to a showroom shine. Mark Wilczek has been restoring the wooden windowframes. Steve Huse has dismantled the stove and cleaned it thoroughly, which will allow its continued operation during the cold weather months. We fully expect the



Volunteer Rob Burz threads a new piece of pipe in the museum's restoration shop on April 28. Along with volunteer Jeremy Tuke, they have been installing new air system piping down the east side of the shop. With multiple projects being worked on in the shop, having air available down the shop is becoming more critical to feed the air tools being used on each of the projects. PHOTO BY CHRIS HAUF

Erie caboose to be ready for Opening Day on May 20. See page 5 for details.

#### LEHIGH VALLEY CABOOSE 95100

We are pleased to report that Pioneer Millworks of Farmington, NY, has agreed to donate the rough-sawn Heart Pine materials we will be using on the interior restoration! Thanks to Mark Wilczek who has been working with Jared Slusser to facilitate the donation. We are still seeking

donations to help purchase other materials related to the restoration. Volunteer Dale

### SAFETY FIRST

- Do you know where the First Aid kits are located? Are they stocked?
- Do you know where the closest fire extinguishers are? Charged?





# MUSEUM NEWS

Hartnett has resumed stripping paint on the interior of the caboose.

Rick Stevens has donated two boxes of rags towards the restoration effort of our Lehigh Valley caboose. Rick is the owner of **Rick's Rags** of Canastota, NY. He is also the lucky owner of Lehigh Valley caboose #95047. Rick plans on restoring his caboose to Lehigh Valley colors, much like ours. Please take a moment to check out his company at [www.ricksrags.com](http://www.ricksrags.com)!

## (TRACK) GANG ACTIVITY

The Tuesday Track Gang is resuming activity for the season, inspecting and replacing track bolts as needed. Soon the track gang will also be inspecting ties and making replacements throughout the season. Many hands make light work, so please come out to the museum some Tuesday evening and lend a hand!

## OPENING DAY IS MAY 20

**NEW CULVERT:** Chad Timothy buries a new culvert pipe just north of switch 6 on our museum's mainline. Chad is using equipment borrowed from Liberty Underground of Rochester. Special thanks to both Chad and Liberty Underground! **TOP RIGHT:** Jeremy Tuke cuts the new culvert pipe to size. **PHOTOS BY JOE NUGENT**



## 2012 Track Car Operations

Once again, we will be depending on our volunteers to operate Track Cars throughout the season to safely shuttle our visitors from the trolley at Midway down to Industry Depot and return. Volunteer **Richard Fischpera** will be scheduling operators this year. We need qualified Track Car Operators to volunteer for the open slots in this schedule. Please email Richard at [rfischpera@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rfischpera@rochester.rr.com) if you are available to help.

DATE	EVENT	Track Car 1	Track Car 3
May 27	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
June 3	Regular Museum Ops		
June 10	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
June 11	Group Tour 1500-1630		
June 24	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
July 1	Regular Museum Ops		
July 8	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
July 12	Group tour 1000-1200		
July 15	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
July 22	Regular Museum Ops		
July 29	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
August 5	Regular Museum Ops		
August 12	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
August 21	Group tour 1000-1130		
August 26	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens
Sept. 2	Regular Museum Ops		
Sept. 9	Regular Museum Ops		Al Emens





## NEW ROOF FOR ERIE

**ABOVE:** Our Erie caboose has been placed in the shop so that we can make repairs to the roof and apply a new durable coating that will protect it for many years to come. **LEFT:** Christopher Hauf has been polishing the paint on Erie Railroad caboose #C254. Now working on the east side of the car, you can see the difference between the shiny buffed portion around the C254 and the unbuffed portion toward the top of the car on May 1. **PHOTOS BY CHRIS HAUF**



**ABOVE:** Just like the roof, the sliding windows also need a little work. Here is one of the windows showing peeling paint on April 14. The museum installed new windows in the car in 1995, we are going to make sure we get many more years out of them. **LEFT:** Volunteer Jim Bridgen continued the progress in the needle scaling of the roof of our Erie caboose on April 21. This was just before lunch during the museum's all day Saturday work session. The roof must be cleaned before primer can be applied in preparation for a new durable coating. **PHOTOS BY CHRIS HAUF**



# Candidate Statements

Since we have two candidates seeking election for the office of President, I have asked them each to provide a statement regarding their intentions and qualifications. Your official ballot will be mailed to you shortly, watch your mailbox and please mail it **no later than May 15, 2012, or bring it to the Museum Meeting on May 17, 2012.** —*Otto Vondrak, Editor*

## Mike Dow

Our organization is in serious financial trouble, and we lack direction and long-term goals, which is preventing us from moving forward in many key areas. If we do not change the way we do business, we will not be able to continue operating as a museum. If elected as president I will improve the museum's organizational structure, long-term planning, and communication with members and volunteers. I will put the museum on a stable, sustainable financial footing so that we can accomplish our long-term goals.

I will do this by forming functional committees, revising the museum manger position, reforming the museum's department structure, and publishing job descriptions of key positions. Clear organization and communication coupled with financial responsibility are the keys to our continued success. We will then be in a better position to raise money and to spend the money we have more wisely while improving the organization to the benefit of the members and the public we serve. This means operating more efficiently, and completing more restoration projects, as well as maintaining the current collection.

I have been a volunteer here for 24 years, in that time I have worked on projects in all areas. Most recently I was heavily involved some of our large track projects such as the upper yard and the West Siding, as well as leading the team that rebuilt Scanlon's Curve. I have nearly completed the restoration of our Saxby & Farmer interlocking machine that was salvaged from Niobe many years ago. I organized and lead our Operations Dept., and have formerly served as a Trustee. My full time job is as a locomotive engineer with 16 years on CSX.

## John Stewart

I have been a museum member for about fifteen years. Since then, I have been involved in various volunteer positions, including: Fall Foliage trips, track car operations, depot guide, ticket desk, library, track maintenance and equipment restoration. I have served on the board for several terms, and have been involved in major fund raising efforts for our museum.

My future goals for the organization will be to insure financial stability, and to develop longer-term strategic goals and objectives. I also believe we need to develop functional committees that operate within a framework established by the board, not micro managed by the board.

My current outside railroad activities include collecting and restoring railroad and utility lanterns. I also maintain the [www.wnyrails.org](http://www.wnyrails.org) web site.

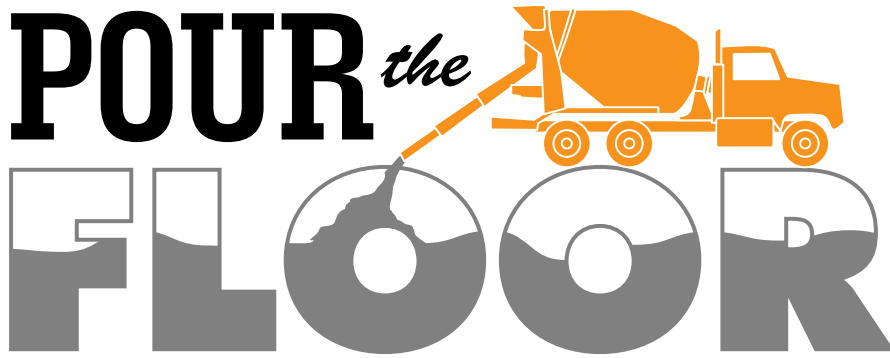
## NOTES ON AN OLD Timetable

New York Central timetable Form 121 was a single card, printed on both sides containing a schedule for Falls Road train service between Rochester and Niagara Falls. At one time, the Falls Road was considered part of the Rochester Division. The Buffalo Division began at GD interlocking just outside of Suspension Bridge. This card is also showing schedules for connecting service between Mapleton and Wurlitzer and North Tonawanda and Buffalo. The last passenger trains were 42 and 49, and they came off in November 1957. The line passed to Penn Central and eventually Conrail, who ceased operating through freight to Canada and Detroit by 1978. In 1994, Conrail removed twelve miles between the Rochester city line and Brockport, citing a lack of customers. In 1996, the line was sold to Genesee Valley Transportation, who continues to operate it to this day as the Falls Road Railroad. OTTO M. VONDRACK COLLECTION, THANKS TO JOHN STEWART

NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES		FALLS ROAD									
		Revised March 22, 1914									
		WEST BOUND									
Leave		33 35 133	37 139 137	41 47 141	49 51 149	53 55 153					
		PM	PM	PM	AM	AM					
New York.....	*6 00	11*35	11*38	8 30	*8 45						
Albany.....	9 45	2 56	6 30	11 35	12 10						
Utica.....	12 55	5 15	8 40	1 22	2 21						
Syracuse.....	2 40	6 30	9 55	2 34	3 40						
Rochester.....	5*25	8*28	12*20	4 15	6*15						
Center Park...	5 27	8 30	12 22	4 17	6 17						
Elmgrove.....	5 41	8 42	12 37	4 31	6 31						
Spencerport...	5 48	8 47	12 45	4 38	6 37						
Adams Basin...	5 54	8 51	12 52	4 43	6 42						
Brockport.....	6 03	9 00	1 02	4 53	6 51						
Holley.....	6 12	9 09	1 12	5 02	7 00						
Fancher.....	6 19	9 17	1 19	5 10	7 07						
Albion.....	6 32	9 27	1 32	5 22	7 18						
Eagle Harbor..	6 37	9 33	1 38	5 29	7 24						
Knowlesville..	6 43	9 38	1 44	5 35	7 29						
Medina.....	6 55	9 48	1 56	5 47	7 40						
Middleport...	7 04	9 58	2 06	5 57	7 50						
Gasport.....	7 14	10 10	2 17	6 10	8 02						
Lockport.....	7 25	10 25	2 35	6 30	8 20						
West Lockport	7 27	10 27	2 38	6 35	8 24						
Lockport Jet	7 33	10 35	2 45	6 41	8 31						
Mapleton.....	7 39	10 41	2 50	6 47	8 37						
Beach Ridge...	7 45	10 47	2 55	6 54	8 43						
Wurlitzer.....	7 49	10 51	2 59	6 58	8 47						
N. Tonawanda..	7 59	11 00	3 07	7 05	8 55						
Tonawanda....	8 02	11 03	3 11	7 08	8 58						
Black Rock....	8 15	11 15	3 25	7 20	9 10						
Ferry.....	8 18	11 18	3 28	7 23	9 13						
Terrace.....	8 26	11 26	3 36	7 30	9 21						
Buffalo.....	8 30	11 30	3 40	7 35	9 25						
Cambria.....	7 50	10 58	5 27								
Sanborn.....	7 55	11 03	5 33								
Walmore.....	8 00	11 09	5 38								
Susp. Bridge..	8 10	11 25	5 50								
Niagara Falls..	8 18	11 40	5 58								
Arrive		AM	AM	PM	PM	PM					

\*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. §Sunday only.  
◆ Does not carry baggage.

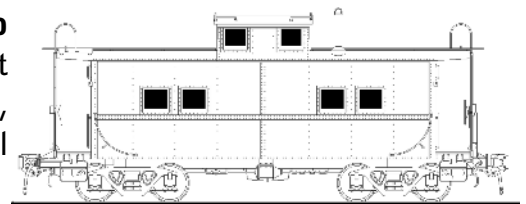
**You can help! Visit [www.rgvrrm.org/support](http://www.rgvrrm.org/support)**



**Pour The Floor!** Our fundraising goal is \$75,000.00. These funds 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 and enhance our restoration and maintenance abilities.

## Help us complete our LV caboose!

**You can help us return a historic Lehigh Valley Railroad caboose to the rails!** We are trying to raise \$2000 to help pay for materials that will allow us to make repairs and replace damaged interior woodwork, as well as make external sheet metal repairs where needed. As of April 15 we have raised \$500. **Your donation in any amount will help!**



**Volunteer! Visit [www.rgvrrm.org/volunteer](http://www.rgvrrm.org/volunteer)**

### 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 is 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 email **Jim Dierks** at [dierks66@frontiernet.net](mailto:dierks66@frontiernet.net) if you can spare a Sunday or two to help out.

## **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).

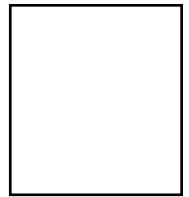
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## THE SEMAPHORE

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This Month's Meeting:

**May 17**

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

Next Month's Meeting:

**June 21**

7:30 PM at Industry Depot  
Route 251, Rush, NY

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

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**CORNELL RED RIDES AGAIN:** Norfolk Southern ES44 No. 8104, basks in some nice afternoon light at West Brownsville, Pennsylvania, on May 4, 2012. Painted in tribute to the Lehigh Valley, this is one of twenty planned "Heritage Units" to be released by the railroad to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Norfolk Southern merger. PHOTO BY BEN SUTTON/RAILPICTURES.NET