



**SUCCESS:** On Saturday, August 18, newly restored RG&E 1941 and Penn Central caboose 18526 made a successful run up to the New York Museum of Transportation. Thanks to its smaller wheel base, the 1941 is able to negotiate the museum trackage end-to-end. All smiles are Jim Dierks and Charlie Lowe from NYMT and Museum Manager Dave Scheiderich and Motive Power Supt. Joe Nugent from R&GVRRM. PHOTO BY OTTO M. VONDRAK

# A Strong Season

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Thank you to everyone for another great Diesel Day event! We had 437 visitors come through the door, although not a record year it was five more than last year. That may not seem like much, but it's a good thing that we're holding steady. The Saturday before Diesel Day was our annual summer picnic, a fun event with catering by Colby's BBQ. We also officially debuted the newly restored RG&E 1941 along with guests from RG&E. As we go forward I would like to do more fun events for our membership and the NYMT.

That brings us to our next set of events during the Fall season at the museums. Starting shortly we will be running trolleys and trains every Sunday for the rest of the season. This is also our both museums busiest time of year. We need your help! We need people to help at the NYMT with

ticket desk operations and at Industry as depot guides. Contact me by email at [mdow@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mdow@rochester.rr.com) or call (716) 474-2833 or our Museum Manager Dave Scheiderich at [boblenon@gmail.com](mailto:boblenon@gmail.com) or (585) 301-1019.

Over the summer the board passed a motion to start taking 10% of money we bring in and put it in our Museum Endowment Fund. An endowment fund is money raised for the purpose of sustaining the museum through continued investment. This policy will be applied to fund raising drives and other sources of income. However, at press time, your board had voted not to fund the endowment at this time. I hope that the board will strongly reconsider this position and decide to make sacrifices now so we have a museum in the future. — Michael E. Dow, President



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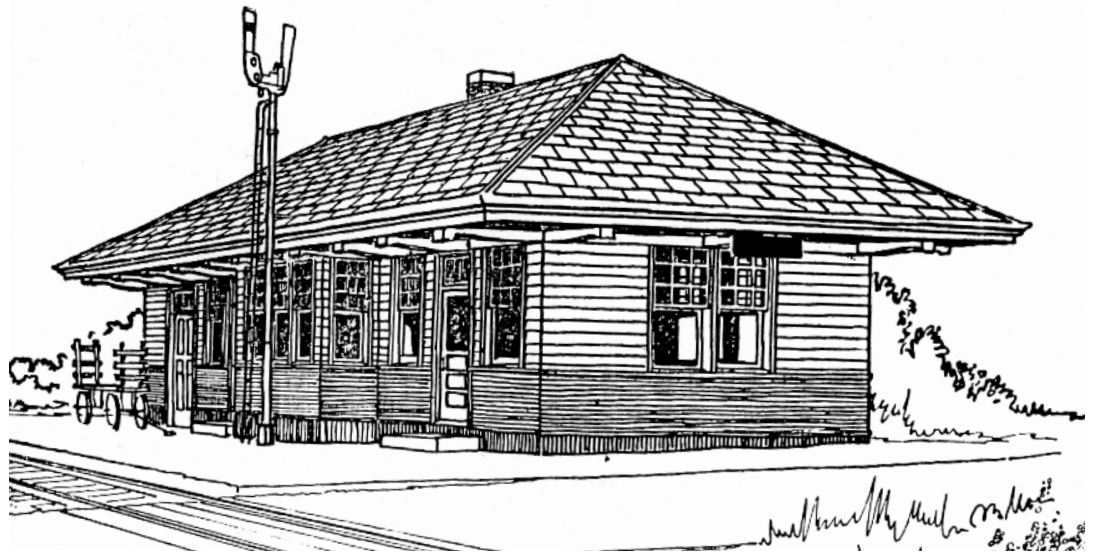
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# TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM R&GVRRM



#### IN OUR THOUGHTS

Janice Jackson let us know that her father, long-time member and author Ted Jackson, had recently suffered a major stroke. Our thoughts are prayers are with the Jackson family at this time.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new member **Sam Nester** of Fairport. Sam is interested in restoration and operations, and is particularly interested in air brakes.

—Sam Rosenberg, Membership Chair

#### UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

Join us for a train ride! For **September 20**, we return to Industry Depot to enjoy rides over our demonstration railroad following the general membership meeting.

The following meetings take place at the 40&8 Club located at 933 University Ave., Rochester. The museum store opens at 7:00pm, with the general business meeting starting at 7:30pm. Programs usually start around 8:15 following the business meeting. Bring a friend, all are welcome! As always, please visit our web site for more information at [www.rgvrrm.org](http://www.rgvrrm.org).

**October 18** - Canadian Steam with Peter Gores

**November 15** - Frostbite Ferroequinology: The Sequel with Duncan Richards

**December 20** - Lehigh Valley Memories with Douglas Parmelee

#### SPECIAL EVENTS 2012

Aside from our regular Sunday museum operations, we have several special events scheduled in cooperation with NYMT. Please add these special events on your calendar and consider spending a few hours to volunteer with us. Every little bit helps.

**Fall Foliage by Trolley and Train - Sep. 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4:** Enjoy the beauty of the fall season in western New York State from the window of an authentic 80-year-old electric trolley car. A train consisting of a diesel locomotive and cabooses will meet the trolley each day for the continuation to the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. Trolleys depart every half-hour starting at 11:30, and no reservations are required.

#### VISIT US ON-LINE:

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#### JOIN THE MUSEUM TODAY

**Annual Dues: \$25.00**

Rochester & Genesee Valley RR Museum  
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Rochester, NY 14692-3326

**PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:**

**October 18**  
at 40&8 Club, Rochester NY





## ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: [WWW.RGVRRM.ORG](http://WWW.RGVRRM.ORG)

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### MOTIVE POWER DEPT.

**RG&E 1941:** Rochester Gas & Electric 45-tonner 1941 made its official debut on August 18, 2012 at Industry depot during our museum picnic. In attendance were several RG&E employees, past and present. After the official unveiling, RG&E 1941 set out on a trip from Industry depot to the loading platform at the NYMT. With our Penn Central caboose in tow, a successful trip was made from end to end. On the following day, RG&E 1941 ran for over 8 hours during our Diesel Day event. Many visitors were delighted to watch this locomotive run up and down the line. Many thanks to all those who made the restoration of this locomotive possible. There are far too many of you to mention!

**LV 211:** A water leak was discovered at one of LV 211's two water pumps. This locomotive will be out of service until the issue can be addressed. The water pump will be removed and inspected over the next couple months. Stayed tuned!

**R&GV 1654:** Our trusty steed will be back in action every Sunday throughout the Fall. Check our schedule of events for further details!

—Joe Nugent, Motive Power Supt.

### EXCURSION COACHES

Brake work continues on our former New York Central *Empire State Express* Budd stainless steel excursion set. New packing cups were installed last month by several volunteers. Efforts are also being made to locate and seal any leaks in the air systems.



**TOP:** Volunteers Bob Achillies and Carlos Mercado kept NYMT's Car 161 humming all day during our busy Diesel Day event. All Diesel Day tours started at NYMT, where the trolley brought visitors down to BOCES Crossing for the transfer to diesels and the ride down to Industry. OTTO VONDRAK PHOTO  
**ABOVE:** Lead by Dale Hartnett (left) a group of volunteers from SUNY Brockport began polishing the stainless steel sheet metal on one of our Empire State Express passenger cars. JOE NUGENT PHOTO

We are working hard to prepare two coaches for excursion service later this season. Please contact Joe Nugent if you'd like to help out! Lead by Dale Hartnett, a group of volunteers from SUNY Brockport began polishing the stainless steel sheet metal on one of our coaches. Many thanks!

—Joe Nugent

### CLEAN-UP AND ORGANIZATION

Lynn Heintz has been leading a team of volunteers to organize some of our old paints and supplies. Dried up or damaged paint will be discarded. All other useable paints will be organized into a labeled storage cabinet. Also being sorted are misc. additives and cleaners.





# DIESEL DAY 2012



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The R&GVRRM celebrated its annual Diesel Day on August 19, 2012. Many volunteers helped out during Diesel Day 2012, pictured here are just a few scenes from the event. **TOP:** Dave Luca helped out as a tour guide at Industry Depot. **TOP RIGHT:** Dave Shields punched an excited young visitor's ticket during his tour of Industry. **ABOVE LEFT:** Dave Coon explained some of our many displays inside the Lackawanna baggage car to our guests. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Mark Wilczek helped out on train crews throughout the day. **RIGHT:** All visitors began their tour at the New York Museum of Transportation. Car 161 brought visitors down to BOCES Crossing where they disembarked and transferred to our diesel trains for the continuation of their ride down to Industry depot. **PHOTOS BY OTTO VONDRAK**





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**TOP LEFT:** Visitors board our diesel trains at the temporary transfer point at BOCES Crossing. Visitors had the option of riding in the caboose or in the cabs of our locomotives (with supervision). **TOP RIGHT:** Volunteer Jeremy Tuke was one of two engineers who helped run trains throughout the special event day. **ABOVE LEFT:** Volunteer Harold Russell helped out as a conductor for most of the day, and brought along the grandkids to help out as needed (and they were a big help)! **ABOVE RIGHT:** New volunteers Jeff Otto and Kayla Smith help passengers safely board our Penn Central caboose. **LEFT:** Down at Industry, visitors examine the details of our Lehigh Valley RS3m diesel on display. The 211 sat out this dance due to a leaking water pump. **PHOTOS BY OTTO VONDRAK**



# Fall Foliage

## BY TROLLEY AND TRAIN

Sundays only starting September 16 through November 4, enjoy the beauty of Autumn in western New York State from the window of an authentic 80-year-old electric trolley car (the only electric trolley ride in the state)! A diesel locomotive with two cabooses will meet the trolley each day for the continuation to the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. Trolleys depart every half-hour starting at 11:30, and no reservations are required. Special Event Fares: \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children (3-15). All tours begin at New York Museum of Transportation, 6393 East River Road, Rush, NY.

We'll be looking for volunteers to help with train operations, car hosting, depot guides, as well as assisting NYMT in the gift shop. If you are available to help on any of these special event days, please contact Dave Scheiderich at [boblenon@gmail.com](mailto:boblenon@gmail.com) or (585) 301-1019.



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[www.nymtmuseum.org](http://www.nymtmuseum.org)

# 2012 Track Car Operations

With the start of September brings us to the close of our Sunday Schedule. It has been a very good year and many people enjoying the ride through the countryside. Most of all it's been a year that has been misshape free so thanks for being so careful. Notes have been sent out to the operators thanking them for their service and also asking if their service will continue into the 2013 operating season. So far the replies have been favorable in coming back. Sadly though one operator will not return for next year and that would be our backbone **Harold Russell**. Harold has been a good friend and has giving me many tips on handling the crowds of people. Most importantly his tips on **safe operation** has really helped the program. I am hoping that Harold will continue giving me advice as seasons come and go. The Track Car Operator program could use help and if you or you know someone that would like to be an operator please steer them my way. I like to start early and be prepared for 2013. I would entertain an idea of a year-end get together just to discuss the past season. We could go over safety, what we need to improve, and ideas about handing the public. So if interested let me know. I know in being a volunteer our pay stinks, we sometimes get very little recognition, but when I say "THANK YOU" I truly mean it.

—Richard Fischpera, (585) 865-4283, [rfischpera@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rfischpera@rochester.rr.com)

# 2012 Depot Guides

Volunteer **Mike Root** will be scheduling Depot Guides this year. We need Depot Guides to greet our guests and show them around the museum. We'll show you what you need to know to be a great Depot Guide! **Please email Mike at [mikeroot@clearwire.net](mailto:mikeroot@clearwire.net) if you are available to volunteer. Without Depot Guides, there is no**

DATE	EVENT	Depot Guide 1	Depot Guide 2
Sept. 16	Regular Museum Ops	Mike Root	Bill Benzing
Sept. 23	Regular Museum Ops		
Sept. 30	Regular Museum Ops	Bill Benzing	
Oct. 3	Two School Tours	Irene Szabo	Mike Root
Oct. 7	Regular Museum Ops		
Oct. 14	Regular Museum Ops		
Oct. 21	Regular Museum Ops		



**ABOVE LEFT:** Volunteer Steve Huse was one of two engineers who helped run trains all day during our 2012 Diesel Day event. R&GV GE 60-tonner 1654 was one of two locomotives that operated flawlessly throughout the day. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Volunteers Bill Benzing and Rick Israelson compare notes at the entrance to our Lackawanna baggage car displays. We had several folks come out to help at Industry depot, from tour guides to concession stand, every bit of help made the day go smoothly. PHOTOS BY OTTO M. VONDRAK

**SATURDAY  
OCT  
27**

**LIVONIA, AVON & LAKEVILLE**

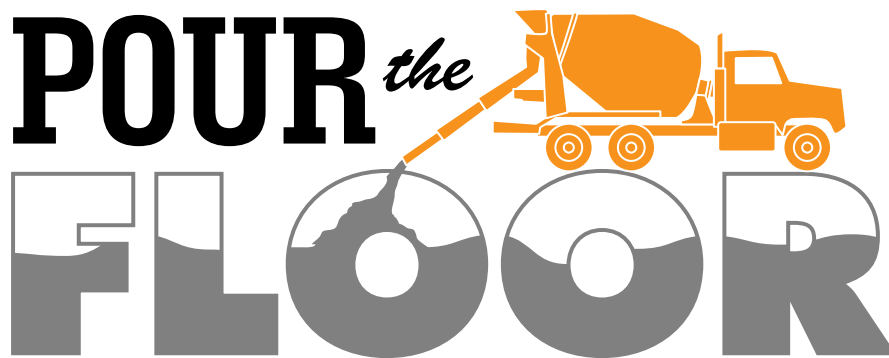
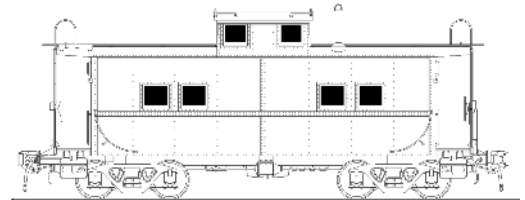
## Special Rare Mileage Fan Trip

Save the date for a special fan trip sponsored by the museum and operated by the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad! This will be one of the first public passenger excursions on the railroad in recent memory! Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the museum. Details are posted on our web site at [rgvrrm.org](http://rgvrrm.org)! **ALL ABOARD!**

Contact Otto Vondrak at [ovondrak@yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak@yahoo.com) or Dave Shields at [marberth@aol.com](mailto:marberth@aol.com) with any questions.

## 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 \$2500 to help pay for continued restoration of the body as well as preparation for painting and finishing. As of July 15 we have raised \$500. **Your donation in any amount will help!**



**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.

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

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

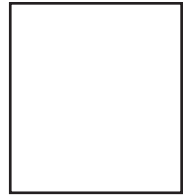
In an effort to streamline our communications, we are moving our old email distribution lists to new Yahoo! Groups! Joining the new groups is easy, plus it gives you more control over how you communicate with others. **There are new email lists for Friends, Members, Active Volunteers, and Operations 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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Route 251, Rush NY

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933 University Ave, Rochester NY



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Another view of the successful test run of RG&E 1941 and a caboose end-to-end from Industry to NYMT on August 18, 2012. The small wheelbase of the 1941 allows it to easily navigate the somewhat tighter radius curves above BOCES Crossing. OTTO VONDRAK