



In 2009 we used EK 6 to shuffle some items around in the upper yard and the Restoration Building to make room for things, while we shifted some newer things forward, and older things backward. PHOTO BY JOE NUGENT

Shifting Priorities

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Your Board of Trustees met recently to review our list of Priority Projects that we published earlier this year. Some projects we took off the list, others were added. You can see this list on page 2, plus we have posted copies in the North Waiting Room and inside the Restoration Building.

We removed the landscaping project because it has been completed. We removed the ESE Coach 1 project because of the recent vandalism and our need to review the work to be done. We removed the sewer project because while it remains a priority, our hands are tied until the facility is signed over from the state to local control. We have also removed RG&E 8 from the list and will reschedule the rebuilding for a later date.

That leaves six projects that we would like to complete or see significant progress

on before the end of this year. Notable is the addition of the Lehigh Valley caboose to this list. It is our goal to complete this project and place this car in revenue service as soon as possible. The depot painting project is moving along, and we look forward to wrapping up this project soon. The fill south of the Restoration Building needs to be surveyed and graded so we can increase our storage track capacity. Refinishing of the Lackawanna baggage car roof will begin this fall. Most importantly, we must put a third track car and trailer into service for the 2014 season, as per our agreement with NYMT.

Have questions or comments? Is something missing? Call me at (716) 474-2833 or by email at mdow@rochester.rr.com.

—Mike Dow,
 Museum President



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TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

R&GV MUSEUM PRIORITY PROJECTS

REV. AUGUST 2, 2013

1. Lehigh Valley Caboose Exterior and Interior Restoration

Manager: Joe Nugent/Mark Wilczek: Complete the exterior metal and interior wood repair and finishing so that the car can leave the shop and be put on display, and operated in revenue service.

2. Lackawanna Baggage Car Roof Restoration

Manager: Otto Vondrak: Needle scale surface, seal, prime, and apply epoxy coating to preserve roof.

3. Construction of Inspection Pit for Restoration Building

Manager: Joe Nugent: Design and build inspection pit inside the Restoration Building so we can properly inspect and repair our rolling stock and locomotives.

4. Survey and Grade Fill South of Restoration Building

Manager: Dave Scheiderich: Complete survey and grading of fill south of the Restoration Building so we can extend our storage track capacity.

5. Complete Repainting of Industry Depot

Manager: Dave Peet: Complete exterior scraping, priming, and painting of the depot before end of 2013.

6. Put a Third Track Car and Trailer into Revenue Service

Manager: _____: Acquire/rebuild a third track car and passenger trailer for revenue service for 2014.

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR PROJECT LISTED HERE OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MUSEUM MGR. DAVE SCHEIDERICH (585) 301-1019

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PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:

Sept. 19
at Industry Depot



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UPCOMING MUSEUM PROGRAMS MONTHLY MEETINGS

For the warm summer months, our monthly meetings have moved to Industry Depot, on Route 251 in Rush. After a brief business meeting at 7:30 p.m., stick around to enjoy a ride on the museum you help build and maintain! Also, bring a friend, our meetings are open to everyone. Please visit our web site at www.rgvrrm.org.

August 15, and September 19: We will be hosting our monthly meetings at Industry Depot, starting at 7:30 p.m.

—Harold Russell, Program Co-Chair

MOTIVE POWER DEPT.

RGV 1654: New batteries were ordered and delivered to the museum during the first week of August. They were installed and tested to our satisfaction. The next project is to replace filters and complete an oil change on our primary unit.

RG&E 8: Throughout July, Jim Johnson and Dave Scheiderich helped clean coal dust from inside the engine. No further work is planned at this time.

All other locomotives are stored out of service until further notice. Would you like to get involved helping to keep our historic fleet of diesel locomotives in good working order? Please contact me at joe.r.nugent@gmail.com.

—Joe Nugent, Motive Power Supt.



TOP: Volunteers Joel Shaw and Dave Peet applied primer to the northwest corner of Industry depot as we continue our repainting project. JEREMY TUKE PHOTO **ABOVE:** More pieces of our Railway Express Agency delivery truck are taking shape in the shop. OTTO VONDRAK PHOTO

INSPECTION PIT PROGRESS

Construction drawings for our new inspection pit are now being circulated to final review before we send the job out to bid. The project will benefit both RGV and NYMT, as it will allow us to better restore and maintain our fleets of historic equipment. Completion of the inspection pit will bring our Restoration Building one step closer to fulfilling its purpose.

—Joe Nugent

MUSEUM REVENUE LOST

Unfortunately, our museum was closed twice in July because we could not find volunteers to open Industry depot for our visitors. We lost two days of revenue because of this. Please consider helping out in August and September. To schedule your day to volunteer as a Depot Guide, or for more details, please contact Otto Vondrak at ovondrak@yahoo.com.

—Otto Vondrak



ABOVE: Rob Burz cleans a piece of metal before it is welded on to the body of our Lehigh Valley caboose, currently under restoration in the shop. **LEFT:** Joe Nugent disconnects the old batteries from RGV 1654 in preparation for installing new ones during the first week of August. **BELOW:** The Tuesday Night Track Gang wrestles with a tie in the Hill Block. OTTO VONDRAK PHOTOS

TROLLEYS AT TWILIGHT: JULY 20
OPPOSITE TOP LEFT: NYMT Motorman Rich Fischpera talks with visitors during a break in operating trolleys. **TOP RIGHT:** The crossing guard stops traffic while the trolley rolls through Giles Crossing. A special night photo session was coordinated by Railfan & Railroad editor Steve Barry, and our own Otto Vondrak was the "guard." **RIGHT:** Father and son watch Car 161 approach the NYMT boarding area. **FAR RIGHT:** Car 161 rounds the bend near the car-barn lead outbound towards Midway. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A rare treat, both 161 and 168 were out. OTTO VONDRAK AND JOE NUGENT PHOTOS

MUSEUM PICNIC PARTY AUG. 17

Your museum will be hosting a special clean-up day and evening picnic party on Saturday, August 17, 2:00 p.m. at Industry Depot. Not only will we be preparing for our annual Diesel Day event, but we will also celebrate all of our accomplishments from the past year. We will be offering standard cookout fare (hamburgs, hots, cold pop), you are welcome to bring a dish to pass. Train rides to follow, with a special surprise. Don't miss it! Please RSVP to Otto Vondrak at ovondrak@yahoo.com.

CONVENTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society will be holding their annual convention in Buffalo on September 20-22. Visit www.erialackhs.org for details.





The Penn Central Railroad Historical Society is coming to Rochester for their annual convention September 26-28. The PCRRHS will be visiting our museum as part of their convention activities. Visit www.pcrrhs.org for details.

RGVRRM BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Thursday, September 5. To get an item added onto the agenda, please contact Mike Dow at (716) 474-2833 or mdow@rochester.rr.com.

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Rendering shows proposed Phase 2 bus terminal built on to the new Amtrak station. Construction has been scheduled for spring 2014. nysdot

Another step forward for new Rochester Amtrak station

WHEC-TV, Posted Aug. 8, 2013

The plan to build a new train station in Rochester has taken another step forward. The project to build the Rochester Intermodal Transportation Center has received \$15-million in federal funding. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and Rochester Mayor Tom Richards applaud the announcement made by U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

Congresswoman Slaughter said, "Today marks an important milestone in the construction of Rochester's new train station. When I fought for the \$15 million in federal funds, I did

so knowing that NYSDOT, Amtrak and Mayor Richards would work hard to meet the project's aggressive deadlines. I am proud of the progress made so far and look forward to seeing workers on the ground this year."

Mayor Richards said, "Today's announcement is a big step forward towards a landmark transportation center for Rochester. Now that we have reached the next step with this project, we look forward to the jobs that will be created when this new gateway to Rochester and Downtown is being constructed. I thank Congresswoman Slaughter for her

tireless efforts in securing funding for this transformative project."

The project previously received \$7.5-million in funding from the New York State Department of Transportation and an additional \$500,000 from the City of Rochester. The total cost of the project is \$23-million. The current train station was built 35 years ago and was only supposed to be temporary. The new station will be at the current Amtrak station on Central Avenue. Amtrak will own and operate the new station when it is completed. Construction expected to begin in spring 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUGUST 17
MUSEUM PICNIC**

**AUGUST 18
DIESEL DAY 2013**

**SEPTEMBER 15
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BEGINS**

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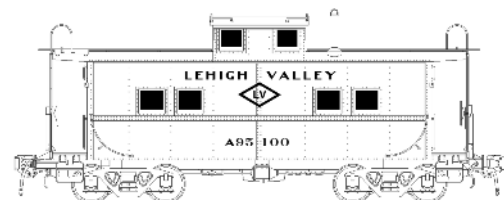


OFFICIAL MUSEUM NAMETAGS

Do you have your official museum volunteer nametag yet? They are yellow with black lettering, and pin conveniently to your shirt or hat. **Name tags are \$8.00 each.** Please provide the spelling of your name EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on the tag (consider using only your first initial if you have a very long last name). Please contact Otto Vondrak by email at ovondrak@yahoo.com to order.

Buy a rivet for our Lehigh Valley caboose

You can help us return a historic Lehigh Valley Railroad caboose to the rails! We have made great progress since rescuing this car from a local scrap yard in October 2011. We are trying to raise funds to help pay for continued restoration of the exterior bodywork as well as preparation for painting and finishing. **Your donation in any amount will help!**



DONATE TODAY! Visit www.rgvrrm.org/support



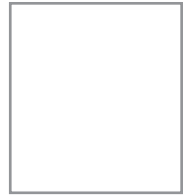
Former Penn Central diesels lead a Conrail coal drag across the old Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg bridge spanning the Genesee River towards the small yard at State Street for RG&E's Bee Bee Station, sometime in 1980. The route and bridge were abandoned in 1996. ED STOREY/BRIDGEHUNTER.COM

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CSX 5323 leads a westbound freight over the High Falls in downtown Rochester on a warm summer evening in 2012. LESTER ZMUDZINSKI