

NEXT MEETING:
September 19
Join us at Industry Depot for a
ride on your museum railroad



Volunteer Chris Playford helps our visitors cross safely and make their transfer from trolley to diesel train at BOCES Crossing during Diesel Day 2013. This year's attendance showed a marked increase from last year, thanks to hard work by many volunteers. PHOTO BY OTTO M. VONDRAK

Time to get busy

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to another great Diesel Day event! We had 505 visitors come through the door, an increase from last year's 437. It's nice to see . The Saturday before Diesel Day was our annual summer picnic, a fun cookout party that was well-attended. We offered train rides hauled by RG&E 1941 up to BOCES Crossing as a preview for Diesel Day. Everyone had a great time, and it was good to see some old familiar faces in the crowd. 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. "Fall Foliage by Trolley and Train" is the busiest time of the year for both

museums. **We need your help!** We especially need people to help at the NYMT with ticket desk operations and at Industry as depot guides. This is also a good time to get experience if you want to become a part of the trolley and train crews. Contact our Museum Manager Dave Scheiderich at boblenon@gmail.com or (585) 301-1019 for more details about how you can help. If everyone in our group gave just one Sunday a month, we'd have all our days covered. **Please consider helping your museum this season.**

See **page 6** for a special announcement concerning the future of your museum. We need your input in order to move forward and solidify our plans. Have questions or comments? Call me at (716) 474-2833 or by email at mdow@rochester.rr.com.

—Mike Dow,



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TRAIN BULLETIN

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

R&GV MUSEUM PRIORITY PROJECTS

REV. SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Joel R. Shaw: 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

JOIN THE MUSEUM TODAY

Annual Dues: \$25.00

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PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:

October 17

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 7:00 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.

September 19: We will be hosting our final monthly meeting at Industry Depot, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Museum member meetings return to the 40&8 Club in downtown Rochester starting **October 17**, when NYMT's **Charlie Lowe** will be presenting a detailed program on the old **Rochester Subway**. **November 21** is our annual **Members' Slide Night and Elections**. Please bring a tray of up to 40 slides or a show of 40 digital images to present. On **December 19**, member **Peter Gores** will present his show covering a **Canadian Steam Fan Trip**. On **January 16, 2014**, member **Dale Hartnett** will present **Railroads from a Century Ago**.

—Harold Russell, Program Co-Chair

MOTIVE POWER DEPT.

RGV 1654: This unit received an oil and filter change in August just prior to our Diesel Day event.

LV 211: Limited work continues to repair the faulty water pump in this unit.

All other locomotives are stored out of



Restoration of our 1939 International REA delivery truck is taking shape, thanks to volunteer Lynn Heintz. In this photo, the fenders and hood have been attached and given a quick coat of black. Addition of the grille, headlights, and chrome hubcaps help us get an impression of what this truck will look like when complete. JOE NUGENT PHOTO

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.

TROLLEYS AT TWILIGHT

Check out the August 2013 issue of *Railfan & Railroad* to see a few photos from NYMT's "Trolleys at Twilight" event from July 20. If you can't find it at your local dealer, order direct from their web site at www.railfan.com.

LEHIGH VALLEY CABOOSE

We completed the riveting and welding of new exterior sheet metal onto the sides of LV 95100 at the end of August. Volunteers are now concentrating on the remaining small repairs so that the exterior can be prepped for primer. This is an exciting milestone, as it means we can begin to turn our attention back to restoring the wooden interior of this historic car. We will be seeking additional donations for the next phase of work. Thank you to everyone

who has contributed to this project and kept our momentum moving forward.

—Joe Nugent

CONVENTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

The Erie Lackawanna Historical Society will be holding their annual convention in Buffalo on September 20-22. Visit www.erielackhs.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 on Saturday, September 28 as part of their convention activities. Please visit www.pcrrhs.org for details.

RGVRRM BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Thursday, October 4. 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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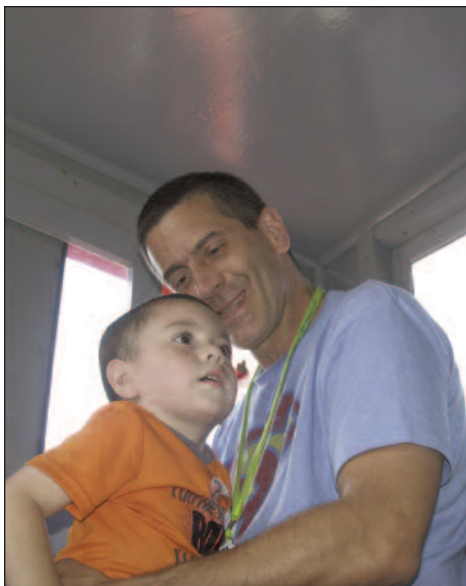


DIESEL DAY 2013

Everyone looks forward to Diesel Day, where we get to showcase our fleet of vintage diesel locomotives. This year was no different! TOP: Alco RS3m LV 211 is hauled back to the shop by USA 1843 at the end of Diesel Day. The 211 is currently sidelined with a water pump issue, but was put on display on Track 5 for the event. TOP RIGHT: Laurie Otto, Nick Otto (not pictured), and Bob Lipman helped sell snacks and soda throughout the day at Industry Depot. RIGHT: Rand Warner explains to visitors about how freight cars were built in East Rochester at Despatch Shops inside our MDT reefer. BOTTOM LEFT: Recently restored GE 45-tonner RG&E 1941 made a rare appearance, put on display on Track 5. BOTTOM RIGHT: We depend on volunteers like Steve Huse to keep our trains running throughout the day. OTTO VONDRAK PHOTOS

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DIESEL DAY 2013

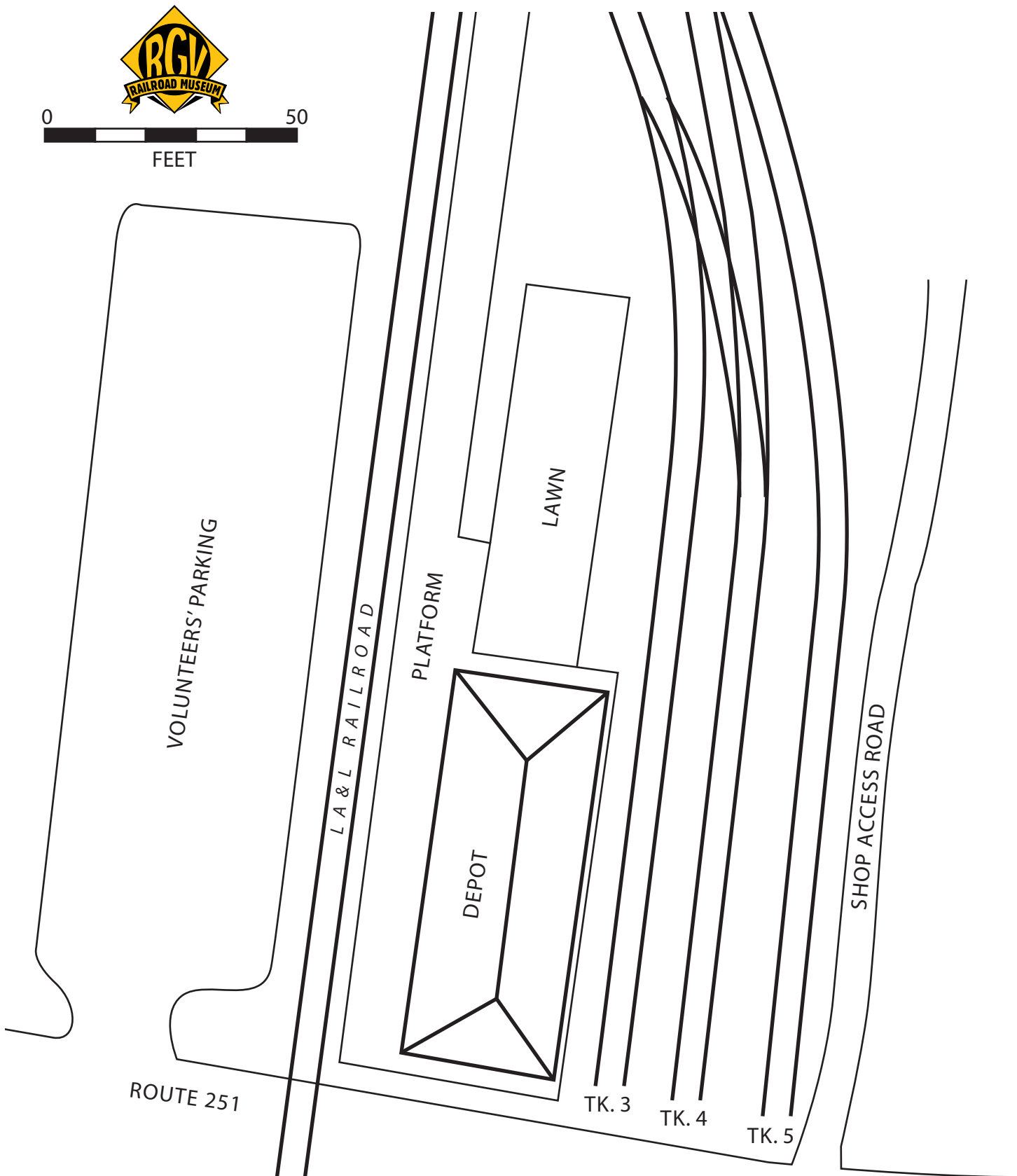
TOP LEFT: A young visitor enjoys his ride in the cupola of our restored Erie Railroad caboose during Diesel Day. **TOP RIGHT:** Volunteer Matt Glogowski helped keep our visitors safe while trains arrived and departed from Industry Depot. **LEFT:** RGV and NYMT volunteers made sure that our visitors made the transfer from trolley to train safely at the temporary Transfer Point located near BOCES crossing. **BELOW LEFT:** Dave Shields helped with Industry Depot tours throughout the day. **BELOW:** Diesels on display on Track 5 included Kodak Park Alco RS-1 9, Lehigh Valley Alco RS-3m 211, and RG&E GE 45-ton switcher 1941. OTTO VONDRAK PHOTOS

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DESIGN THE FUTURE OF YOUR MUSEUM

It's time to focus our resources to use our assets to better tell the story of Rochester's rich railroading history to the general public. We're looking for your input. What would you add or do differently? What items should we be highlighting, what should we put less emphasis on. **Bring your ideas to the October 17 membership meeting for discussion or contact museum trustee Otto Vondrak at ovondrak@yahoo.com.**



Your opinion matters.

Your board is collecting input as we focus our efforts towards 2014 and beyond. What goes on display? Where do we put it? Share your ideas at the Oct. 17 museum meeting.

Volunteer! Visit 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. Make our guests feel welcome so they come away with good memories. We need your help to keep our museum open to the public, and we'll show you everything you need to know and make it fun! Get involved! Please contact **Otto Vondrak** by email at ovondrak@yahoo.com.

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 if you can spare a Sunday or two to help out.

Giving just an hour a week helps your museum grow



OFFICIAL MUSEUM NAMETAGS

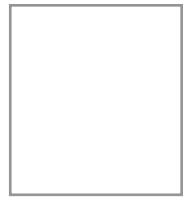
Do you have your official museum volunteer nametag yet? They are yellow with black lettering, and pin conveniently to your shirt or hat. **Name tags are \$8.00 each.** Please provide the spelling of your name **EXACTLY** as you would like it to appear on the tag (consider using only your first initial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

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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262 Rush-Scottsville Rd., Rush NY

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

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RG&E 1941 leads a special train north of Midway on August 17, 2013, as part of the activities of our annual Museum Members Picnic.