



Our diesel-powered train makes its way through the colorful forests surrounding our museum grounds on October 27, 2013. Our joint operation season with New York Museum of Transportation ends November 3. PHOTO BY JOE NUGENT

# Election Season

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Just as we go to the polls in our communities in the month of November, our museum will be holding its annual elections at this month's membership meeting. You'll find your official ballot on Page 5. **Detach it from this newsletter, cast your vote, and mail it in before November 18. Or, you can bring your ballot in person to the monthly meeting on November 21.** We currently have three candidates campaigning for two trustee positions, so your vote does indeed count.

I'd also like to remind you that your Board of Trustees is here to serve you. As president, my contact information is published in every issue. If you have a matter that you would like addressed by the board, please me so I can add your item to the agenda. Your Board of Trustees are also members at large, active in the growth

and development of your museum. If you're not comfortable talking to me, please reach out to one of them.

We are winding down another successful joint operations season with the NYMT. Both attendance and revenue are on track to beat last year's totals. Thank you to everyone who made this season a success, we look forward to increased growth next year with your help.

Coming up, don't miss our Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 7, and look for info on our new "Evergreen Express" special event train ride on Saturday, December 21.

Have questions or comments? Call me at (716) 474-2833 or by email at [mdow@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mdow@rochester.rr.com).

—Mike Dow,  
 Museum President



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# TRAIN BULLETIN

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum Membership Meeting Minutes October 17, 2013**

The September Museum Membership Meeting was called to order at the 40 & 8 Club on University at 7:32 PM by trustee Otto Vondrak in the absence of president Mike Dow. This was a special joint meeting of the R&GVRRM and the revived Rochester Chapter NRHS.

Dave Luca, president of Rochester Chapter NRHS, gave out two 50-year pins, one to Pete Gores, and the other to Greg Sullivan. It was noted that Rand Warner had received his four years ago.

**Announcements/Correspondence:** Otto Vondrak announced the introduction of the new Lehigh Valley Diesel Pictorial from Carstens Publications. This new book includes a brief article with photos featuring the history of LV high-hood RS-3 #211, an important part of our museum collection.

It was noted that October 17 was the 50th Anniversary of the Erie-Lackawanna merger, which combined the old Erie Railroad with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. The EL was absorbed into Conrail in 1976.

Rand Warner announced that members Cal and Rose Bulman had recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary, a real milestone!

**Guests:** Welcome Mark Rossiter, Bev Polisni, and Ann Kaufmann.

**Historian:** To coincide with Charlie Lowe's slide program on the Rochester Subway, Otto Vondrak passed out copies of the abandonment notice from Rochester Transit Corp. announcing the final day of Subway operation on June 30, 1956.

**Museum Library Report:** Bob Fleck announced the standard first Monday and third Thursday times of Library operation at the 40 & 8 Club.

**Museum Stores Report:** Don Wawrzyniak noted the Batavia Train Show on October 23 was not well attended, but we did manage to sell a few items. Thank to Lynn Heintz and John Redden for helping

Don man the table at the train show. The next show we will be attending will be the RIT Tiger Tracks Train Show on December 14-15.

**Operations/Preservation:** Dave Scheiderich announced that we had 438 people through the door on October 23, which was the second busiest day after Diesel Day. Joe Nugent reported that we are nearly done with the steel work on our Lehigh Valley Caboose, and that there were three locomotives currently in service.

**Newsletter:** Otto announced that he would like feedback on the future direction of the Museum as was requested in the September issue.

**Publications:** None

**Program:** Charlie Lowe will be presenting his slide program of color images from the old Rochester Subway. The program will consist of slides he has collected over the years to aid in his research as a trustee of the New York Museum of Transportation.

**New/Other Topics:** Dave Shields discussed the survey results for potential museum sponsored railfan trips and adventures. He will be pursuing this and providing more details at future meetings.

**Election:** Election Committee chairman Otto Vondrak announced the slate of candidates for the coming election. Campaigning to fill two three year terms as trustee are Bob Achilles, Jim Johnson, and Rich Fischpera. Mark Wilczek is campaigning to complete the two-year remainder of his term as trustee (filling the vacancy left by Bob Maeder). Dave Coon made a MOTION to close the candidate selection, seconded by Dale Hartnett. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Byrne made a MOTION to adjourn, and this was seconded by Don Wawrzyniak. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

—Joel R. Shaw, Trustee and Recording Secretary

### **JOIN THE MUSEUM TODAY**

**Annual Dues: \$25.00**

Rochester & Genesee Valley RR Museum

P.O. Box 23326

Rochester, NY 14692-3326

### **PLAN AHEAD: Next Meeting:**

# December 19

at 40 & 8 Club, Rochester





## ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

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### UPCOMING MUSEUM PROGRAMS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly museum meetings return to the 40&8 Club located at 933 University Avenue in downtown Rochester. **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. The museum store opens at 7:00pm, a brief business meeting takes place at 7:30pm, and the program begins around 8:15pm. Our meetings are free to attend and open to everyone, so please bring a friend and join the fun!

—Harold Russell, Program Co-Chair

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Your museum will be hosting a Holiday Open House at Industry Depot on Saturday, December 7, from 6:30-9:30 pm. Enjoy some holiday cheer in the warm festive atmosphere of our restored country depot. Bring a dish or other refreshments to pass. Open to all friends and family! Please RSVP to Otto Vondrak by email at [ovondrak@yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak@yahoo.com).

### ALL ABOARD THE EVERGREEN EXPRESS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Trying something new this year, your museum is launching the all-new "Evergreen Express" this December 21. With trains departing at 5:30 and 7:30 pm, boys and girls of all ages will enjoy a mag-



Hard to believe we almost lost this caboose forever. The Lehigh Valley caboose project enters its second year as steel repairs are completed to the roofline. Work can now shift to the wooden interior, and prepping the exterior for primer and paint. Your donations in any amount will help speed our progress: [www.rgvrrm.org/support](http://www.rgvrrm.org/support) JOE NUGENT PHOTO

ical train ride from Industry Depot to the "North Pole" (which looks similar in many ways to Midway Station). Children will be greeted by Santa before boarding the train for the return trip to Industry. Tickets will be available by pre-sale only, and limited to 30 per trip. This could pave the way to other special event train rides originating from Industry in the future. Please help us spread the word! To purchase tickets and for more details, please visit our web site at [rgvrrm.org/evergreenexpress](http://rgvrrm.org/evergreenexpress).

### DID YOU MISS US?

Is this the first issue of The Semaphore you have seen in a long time? That's because we switched to an electronic format a couple years ago to save money on printing and postage. Don't miss out on important news updates from your museum. Newsletters are posted to our web site each month, as an easy-to-download PDF file at [rgvrrm.org/newsletter](http://rgvrrm.org/newsletter). Print subscriptions are available at \$7.00 for 12 issues (payable by check to P.O. Box 23326, Rochester NY 14692). If you're not getting regular email updates from your museum, please contact Membership

Chair **Sam Rosenberg** and update your contact information.

—Otto Vondrak, Editor

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

Over the next few issues, we will be publishing a series of notes to serve as reminders to help preserve and minimize the impact we have on our museum grounds and property. Of particular interest is our greenspaces, our slopes and drainage, and overall general appearance of the property. Your input is most welcome on this matter.

### RGVRRM BOARD MEETING

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

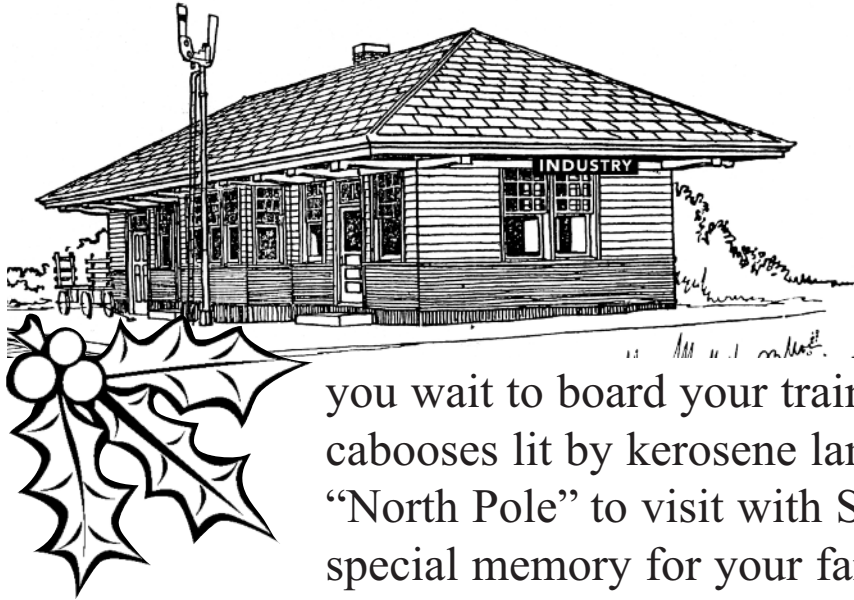
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

# Ride the Evergreen Express!

## Saturday, Dec. 21

Trains Depart Industry Depot at  
5:30 and 7:30  
**TICKETS BY PRE-SALE ONLY**



A special treat for boys and girls of all ages! Arrive at our Industry depot, all decked out for the season. Enjoy hot chocolate while you wait to board your train. Climb aboard vintage cabooses lit by kerosene lamps for a magical trip to the “North Pole” to visit with Santa! Join us and create a special memory for your family this holiday season.

To purchase tickets, and for more details, please visit  
**[www.rgvrrm.org/evergreenexpress](http://www.rgvrrm.org/evergreenexpress)**

### *Holiday Open House - Saturday, December 7*

Enjoy some holiday cheer in the warm festive atmosphere of our restored country depot. Bring a dish or other refreshments to pass.

Open to all friends and family! 6:30-9:30 P.M.

**Industry Depot • 282 Rush-Scottsville Road • Rush, NY**

# THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL 2013 BALLOT

**ALL BALLOTS ARE DUE  
BY NOVEMBER 21**

★ ★ ★ **OFFICIAL BALLOT 2013** ★ ★ ★

**ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM**

In accordance with Articles III and IV of the Museum By-Laws, the Nominating Committee has nominated candidates for election to fill the expiring terms of the Officers of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. The names of those selected by the committee are listed below. Space is provided for write-in candidates who must be current members of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. **Vote for candidate position by placing an "X" in the appropriate box [ ].**

**Candidates for Office of TRUSTEE (three-year term)**

Vote for TWO candidates

- [ ] Bob Achilles
- [ ] Rich Fischpera
- [ ] Jim Johnson
- [ ] Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Office of TRUSTEE (two-year remainder term)**

Vote for ONE candidates

- [ ] Mark Wilczek
- [ ] Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

*The elections will take place during the  
November 21 membership meeting.  
Please bring your ballot with you,  
or mail your ballot to:*

*RGVRRM Ballot  
P.O. Box 23326, Rochester, NY 14692*

November 2013

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ROCHESTER, NY 14692

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Thank you for taking the time to vote.  
ALL BALLOTS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 21, 2013





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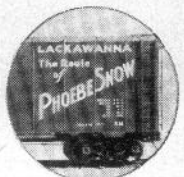
**LFT is a METHOD**...an efficient, streamlined operation which saves time, speeds deliveries and supplies prompt information to shippers concerning the whereabouts of their cars. A coast-to-coast network of Lackawanna traffic offices makes the advantages of LFT available to *all* who route via Lackawanna.

**LFT is PEOPLE**...the personnel of Lackawanna's Freight Traffic Department who do the watching, thinking, planning. Friendly people who symbolize the personality of the Lackawanna Railroad.

**LFT is a WAY OF DOING BUSINESS**...of meeting situations squarely and helping to solve your shipping problems because of a sincere interest in those problems. Whatever your transportation needs, get in touch with your local LFT man. You'll find him a friendly, helpful fellow to know!



## Lackawanna Railroad



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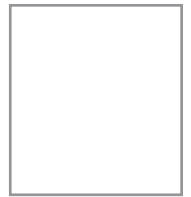
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**GHOSTS OF THE PAST:** David Monte Verde captured the restored New York Central observation car “Hickory Creek” and lounge #43 on the rear of Amtrak Train 48, the *Lake Shore Limited*, making a stop at Rochester on October 29, 2013. The “Hickory Creek” graced the rear of the *Twentieth Century Limited*, which passed through Rochester until it was discontinued in 1967. DAVID J. MONTE VERDE