

NEXT MEETING:
April 21
Duncan Richards
presents Chinese Steam



In just a few weeks, we will be welcoming visitors to tour our Upper Yard and the trains that we have on display. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BARKER

Moving Forward

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With winter snow retreating and temperatures climbing, it's time to get ready for another operating season at the museum. If you missed our first Annual Rules Class, a make-up session has been scheduled for **May 1**. Rules Class is mandatory for anyone who wants to work on train crew this year. The first portion is safety training, which is strongly suggested for all volunteers.

We will have two scheduled hands-on training events on **May 21** and **June 4**. Jim Otto and Mark Wilczek will head up instruction for brakemen, conductors, and engineers. Otto Vondrak will coordinate orientation and training for Museum Guides and other non-train crew volunteers.

We have many projects in the works that will help the visitor experience overall. We could use your help to complete them before our June opening weekend. You can see the partial list on **page 6**.

Trip Chairman Dave Shields has put together a fun day trip to Utica to ride the

Adirondack Scenic Railroad on **June 5**. Tickets are only available on-line from our web site,. You can find details about the trip on page 3 and 7.

To all those who have volunteered in the past, I sincerely thank you for your service. To everyone else, please consider donating a few hours of your time this summer to help us ensure a smooth operation for our visitors. After all, we only get one chance to make a good first impression. The best advertisement for us is a happy visitor!

We had a very successful museum season last year. Your contributions will ensure our continued growth into the future.

As we move into our next stages of development and expansion, your support will be most important. Would you like to help out and not sure where to start? Please contact me at (716) 474-2833 or mdow@rochester.rr.com. I'd like to hear from you!

—Mike Dow,
Museum President



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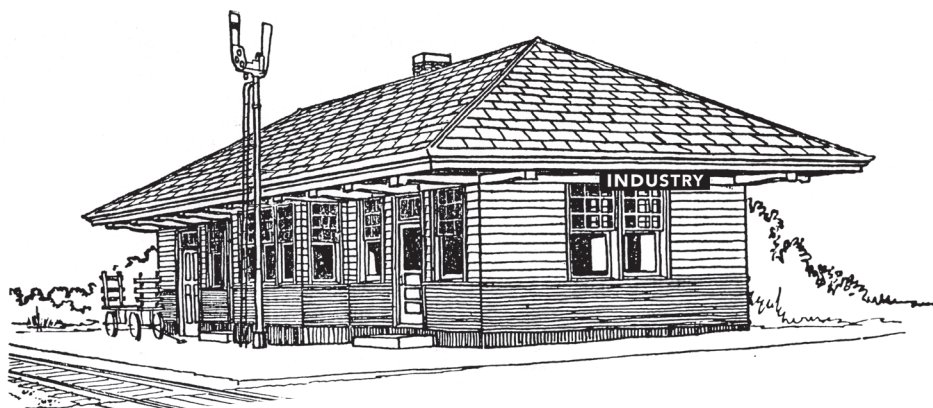
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2016 Museum Schedule

Train rides resume in June 2016! Enjoy a mile-and-a-half round trip train ride behind vintage diesels, while you tour the largest collection of historic trains in New York State! Industry Depot is located at 282 Rush Scottsville Road, Rush NY 14543. We're just 20 minutes from downtown Rochester, easy to find from Exit 11 off I-390 in the Town of Rush off Route 251 West. Your ticket is good for museum admission and unlimited round-trip train rides (space permitting). Visit www.RochesterTrainRides.com for details.

June 18-19 - Opening Weekend

July 16-17 - Caboose Train Rides

August 20-21 - Diesel Days Weekend

September 17-18 - RG&E/Kodak Weekend

October 1-2 - Pumpkin Patch Trains

October 15-16 - Pumpkin Patch Trains

October 29-30 - Pumpkin Patch Trains

TICKETS: Adults: \$10.00, Youth/Seniors/Military: \$8.00

Trains depart Industry Depot every half-hour.

All seating is first-come, first-served.

Free parking located off Route 251. Refreshments available.

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<small>Thank you for supporting the volunteers and mission of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. Your visit helps pay for the preservation of Rochester's rich railroading heritage. This ticket entitles the bearer to one round-trip train ride and all rights and privileges that would normally follow such a journey. This ticket is non-refundable and non-transferable.</small>				
GOOD FOR ONE ROUND-TRIP INDUSTRY AND RETURN <small>INDUSTRY, N.Y. ORIGINATING STATION</small> <small>DATE</small> 2015				
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MONTHLY PROGRAM

Our monthly meetings are held at the 40&8 Club in downtown Rochester. Located at 933 University Avenue, doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Our museum bookstore will have the latest titles for purchase, and a cash bar is available.

On **April 21**, member **Duncan Richards** will present his travels to China to photograph the last of regularly scheduled mainline steam action.

Monthly meetings move to **Industry Depot** on **June 16**, **July 21**, and **August 18**. Following a brief business meeting, enjoy rides on our museum railroad.

Please welcome our new Program Chairman **Adam Lloyd**. One of our new volunteers, Adam is already quite active around our museum assisting with various projects. If you have suggestions please direct them to his contact information above.

—Adam Lloyd, Program Chair

NEW TREASURER

Please welcome **Jim Ziobro** as your new museum Treasurer! Jim was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy left by **Dave Peet**. We thank Dave for his many years



Volunteers Joel Shaw and Norm Schaddick continued working on the wood deck of our new homebuilt TC trailer. The next step will be to add plywood sheathing to help protect and strengthen the deck. This new trailer will be used to transport materials in support of our track gang.

of service above and beyond to the success of our museum. Jim's appointment will be for the interim until elections are called this November. If you have candidates for consideration, please contact museum president Mike Dow.

2016 ANNUAL BANQUET

Our 2016 Annual Museum Banquet was held at the River's Edge Party House on March 12, 2016. Our keynote guest speaker was Mike Smith, president of the Finger Lakes Railway. His presentation explained how his company successfully invested in the restoration of rail service on a cluster of branch lines centered on Geneva that Conrail had all but given up on.

As part of our annual awards program, volunteer **Scott Gleason** was presented with the prestigious Fairmont Cup trophy for his outstanding service to our organizations. The board established the new Lifetime Achievement award to recognize volunteers who have made continuous significant contributions towards the success of our museum for more than 35 years. The first two recipients of this award were **Rand Warner** and **Dave Luca**. As is tradition, the Annual Cupcake Award for Most Under-Appreciated Board Member was presented to out friend and colleague **Jeff Hagan** of the Central New York Chapter NRHS.

—Otto Vondrak, Event Coordinator

SATURDAY, MAY 1

RULES CLASS MAKE-UP SESSION

The make-up session for our annual Rules Class is scheduled for **Saturday May 1**, 9:00 am, at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Rules Class will be held at RIT, Louise Slaughter Hall (Building 78/ CIMS), Room 2170. Class will begin at 9:00 a.m. with introductions and mandatory Safety Training. Book of Rules class will follow, then Air Brake/Train Handling class. Coffee and donuts served in the morning, we will pass the hat for pizza delivery at noon.

Taking an annual rules class is required for all volunteers who wish to work in train service. The first part of the class is safety training that is strongly suggested for ALL Volunteers, regardless if you are in train service or not. The class is free to attend, but you must RSVP so we have enough class materials for everyone attending. Please call me (585) 721-1377 or mwilczek@rochester.rr.com to confirm your spot or if you have any questions.

—Mark Wilczek, Museum Manager

MAY 21 and JUNE 4

VOLUNTEER HANDS-ON TRAINING

Two hands-on training sessions will be held for all museum volunteers on **May 21** and **June 4**, starting at 11:00 a.m. These sessions are open to all museum members and volunteers and those members of the



ABOVE: Finger Lakes Railway president Mike Smith was the keynote speaker at our annual banquet on March 12. He outlined the investments his company has made over the last 20 years to improve freight rail service in the Finger Lakes and Central New York regions. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Scott Gleason (LEFT) was presented with the prestigious Fairmont Cup Award for outstanding volunteer service by museum vice president Joe Nugent (RIGHT). **HEATHER DOW PHOTOS** **RIGHT:** Railroadng is a family affair! Nick Otto and his dad, Operations Supt. Jim Otto, attended our 2016 Annual Rules Class with 40 other classmates on March 19. If you missed the first class, a make-up session is scheduled for May 1 at RIT. **BELOW RIGHT:** Chris Costello from JLL Models paid a visit to our museum on March 26 to photograph our Erie caboose and milk car. His company is working to release HO scale models of these cars later this year. Our museum is always happy to provide information to produce accurate models.



public interested in joining us.

Otto Vondrak will coordinate training for Museum Guides. Orientation will be held to familiarize volunteers with our museum operation, from purchasing tickets, to touring our museum displays.

Jim Otto and Mark Wilczek will coordinate hands-on training for Train Crews, including switch tenders, brakemen, conductors, and engineers. You need to complete Rules Class before attending this portion of training.

The success of our museum starts with you! Thanks for helping make sure we have a great season.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 DAY TRIP TO THE ADIRONDACKS

Join the Rochester & Genesee Valley

Railroad Museum on **Sunday, June 5**, for a special day trip to ride the Adirondack Scenic Railroad from Utica nearly 70 miles over former New York Central rails to Big Moose and return. Our private motor-coach departs Industry at 7:00 a.m. for the trip to Utica where we will board the train.

Ride the Adirondack Scenic Railroad in a reserved air-conditioned coach or enjoy the open-air car. Visit the highest point on the railroad at Big Moose. Photo opportunities are planned. Bring your own lunch or eat in the snack bar car. A dinner stop will be made somewhere along the Thruway on the return trip to Rochester, or bring your own food. The motor coach will return to Industry around 8:30 p.m.

This event is open to the public, but is limited to just 54 seats. Tickets are



\$110.00 each (plus \$3.19 service charge), and includes round-trip motor coach transportation and the round-trip train ride. **Don't miss this rare opportunity, ticket sales end May 15!** Purchase tickets on-line at <http://rochestertrainrides.com/events>.

—David Shields, Trips Committee

RIGHT: New volunteer Gary Flatt jumped right in and helped make some welded repairs to the frame of the Army flatcar. Gary has valuable experience working with metal and operating heavy machinery, two skills that come in very handy around our museum! **BELOW RIGHT:** Volunteers also completed needle scaling the surface of the flatcar so primer can be applied before the new wood deck is built. Once the deck is installed, new sides will be constructed and benches for passengers added. **BELOW:** Your museum appeared at two local train shows recently. Mike Byrne and Don Wawrzyniak helped staff the table at the new Greenbergs Train Show at MCC on April 2-3, along with Dave Peet, Otto Vondrak and Jeremy Tuke. The museum also attended the Batavia Train Show on April 10, sponsored by the Genesee Society of Model Engineers. We sold many books from our store, and handed out 2016 museum brochures to hundreds of visitors.



FRIDAY, JUNE 17 TRAIN CREW BARBECUE

Help us kick off the 2016 museum operating season with a fun outdoor barbecue at Industry Depot on **Friday, June 17**. Volunteers are needed to help complete various last minute tasks to help us get ready. The barbecue will start at 6:00, with food served at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Otto Vondrak by email at ovondrak@yahoo.com if you plan on attending. Opening weekend for the museum is **June 18-19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 ROCHESTER SUBWAY BUS TOUR

The Rochester Subway served our city from 1927 through 1956, connecting the

suburbs of Brighton with downtown and Greece. After the end of Subway service on June 30, 1956, Rochester Transit Corp. donated Car 60 to our museum. 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the donation, and also the 100th birthday for his historic trolley car.

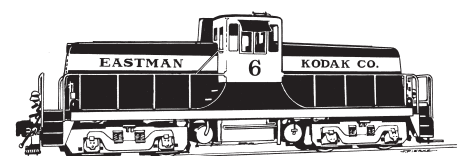
Join us for a special bus tour on **Saturday, June 25**, that will trace the route of the Rochester Subway and visit key historic sites along the way. For the first time ever, we will be riding in Regional Transit Service's restored 1957 GM transit bus!

The guided tour will depart from and return to Pittsford Plaza. We will visit the site of Rowlands Loop, Court Street station, the filled in Subway at Lexington Avenue, and the site of the car barn at

General Motors. Also included will be a tour of the new RTS Transit Center. Due to the vintage nature of this vehicle, it is not wheelchair accessible, however, every reasonable attempt will be made to accommodate those with mobility issues.

Tickets are \$60.00 each. Proceeds will be used to aid in the rebuilding and restoration of Rochester Subway Car 60. You can purchase your tickets on-line at <http://rochestertrainrides.com/events>.

—Otto Vondrak, Event Coordinator



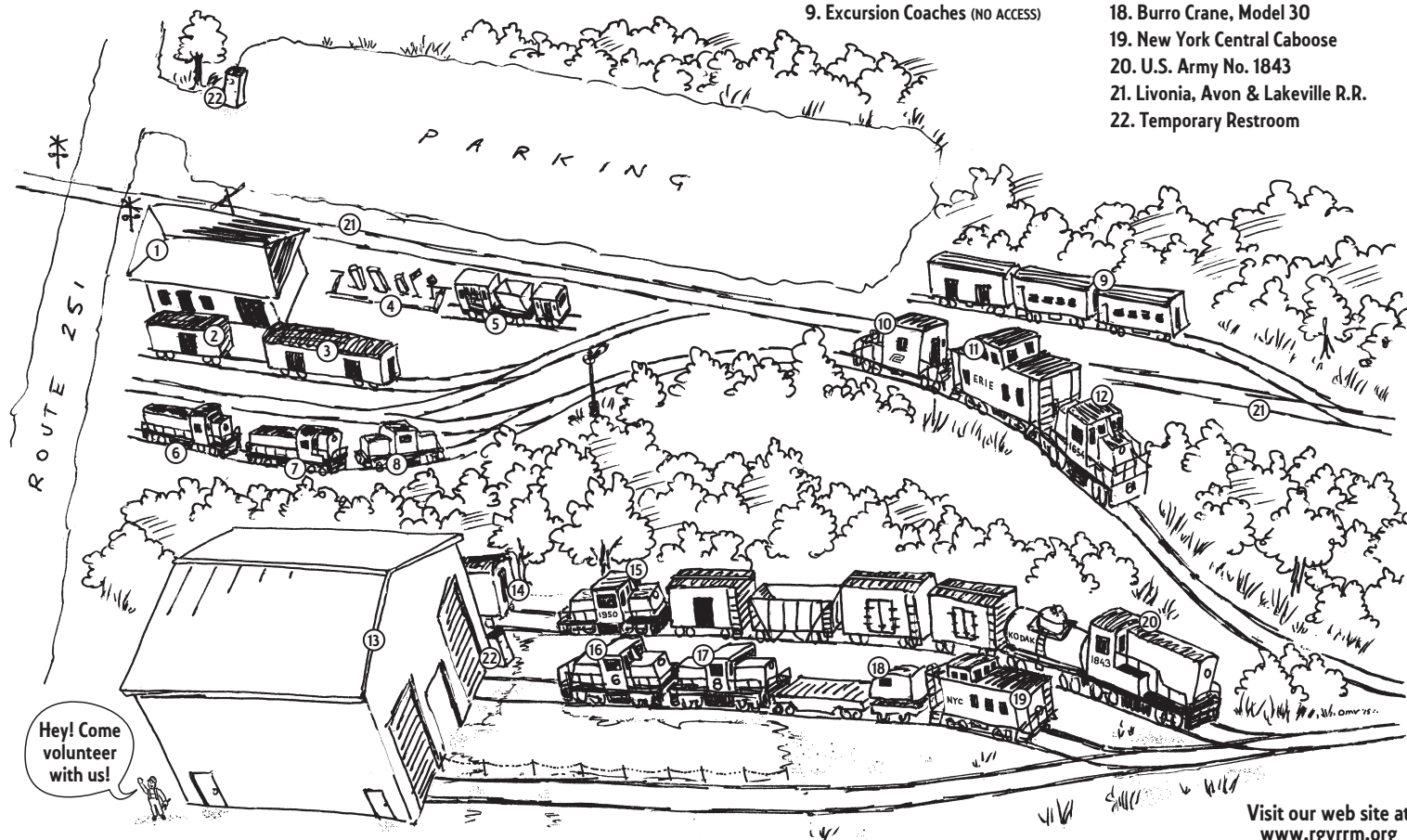


WE WELCOME YOU TO THE

ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

Welcome to the largest collection of historic trains in New York State! Because we are a "museum in motion" note that some trains may not be in the same location as drawn on this map. If you have any questions please ask one of our helpful volunteers. Thank you for your support!

1. Erie Railroad Industry Depot
2. MDT Refrigerator Car Exhibit
3. Lackawanna Baggage Car Exhibit
4. Railroad Sign Garden
5. Track Car Display (Climb Aboard!)
6. Eastman Kodak No. 9
7. Lehigh Valley No. 211
8. Rochester Gas & Electric No. 1941
9. Excursion Coaches (NO ACCESS)
10. Penn Central Caboose
11. Erie Railroad Caboose
12. R&GV No. 1654
13. Restoration Shop (Look Inside!)
14. Railway Post Office Car (NO ACCESS)
15. Rochester Gas & Electric No. 1950
16. Eastman Kodak No. 6
17. Rochester Gas & Electric No. 8
18. Burro Crane, Model 30
19. New York Central Caboose
20. U.S. Army No. 1843
21. Livonia, Avon & Lakeville R.R.
22. Temporary Restroom



Visit our web site at www.rgvrrm.org

Help Us Make Improvements for 2016

Your museum managers and department heads have come up with a number of projects large and small that we are hoping to complete before the start of our regular season on June 18. If you're interested in helping out or would like to learn more, please contact museum manager **Mark Wilczek** at mwilczek@rochester.rr.com or call (585) 721-1377.

Paint Hairpin Fence: The iron fence that separates our platform from the active LA&L tracks needs primer and paint. Some minor repairs at the north end.

Parking Lot Guard Rail: Mike Bianchi and Mike Vickery are heading up the installation of guard rail between the LA&L tracks and our parking lot. You do not need to be named Mike to help.

Caterpillar Display: Our Caterpillar

dozer display in the parking lot needs some minor metal repair, a fresh coat of yellow paint, and a new seat so kids can sit in it.

Finish RG&E 1950 Paint: Most of RG&E 1950 got painted and lettering applied to one side last year. Need a couple of volunteers to help clean up and finish the yellow paint job.


Freight Car Painting: Three of our freight cars on display on Track 6 were painted on the east side last year. We need volunteers to help complete the job on the west side. The surfaces of the MDT reefer, FGE reefer, and PRR hopper need to be scraped, primed, and painted. Lots of scraping. Lots and lots of scraping.

Fence Posts: We will install low fence posts along the edge of our property along Route 251, and in certain locations in the

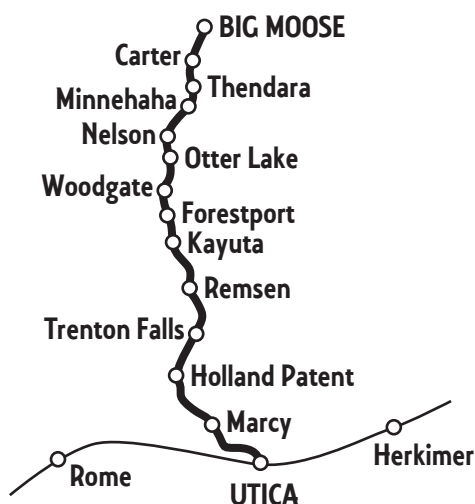
Upper Yard to protect our visitors and keep them out of non-public areas.

Upper Yard Boarding Area: We will be adding stone, leveled and compacted to make an even surface for walking. The mini-excavator will be used to dig a trench to lay edging ties.

Track Car Display: Improvements to this area north of the depot lawn include the addition of stone around the track car display, and extending the lawn further north. Edging ties will prevent the lawn from growing into the stone.

Army Flatcar Conversion: Rob Burz is heading up this project to convert our 40' Army flatcar into an open-air passenger carrier. With metal repairs nearly complete, the next phase of work moves into wood frame construction. 

DAY TRIP TO THE Adirondack Railroad SUNDAY, JUNE 5



Join the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum for a special day trip to ride the **Adirondack Scenic Railroad** from Utica to Big Moose and return. Our private motor coach departs Industry Depot at 7:00 a.m. for the trip to Utica where we will board the train. The 70-mile round-trip train ride travels over the former New York Central Adirondack Division, now operated by Adirondack Scenic Railway. **Tickets are \$110.00 each (plus \$3.19 service charge)**, and includes round-trip motor coach and train ride. You are responsible for your own meals. Snack service available on the train. Return to Industry Depot by 8:30 p.m. Limited to 54 seats, order your tickets today!

www.RochesterTrainRides.com/events



Rochester Subway VINTAGE BUS TOUR SATURDAY, JUNE 25

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of Rochester Subway service, and the 100th anniversary of Car 60's construction. Join us for a special excursion aboard a vintage 1957 GM transit bus restored and operated by RTS. Our guided tour will trace the route of the Rochester Subway from Bright through downtown to Greece, including a tour of the new RTS Transit Center. **Tickets are \$60.00 each, proceeds benefit restoration of Car 60.** Limited to 25 seats, order your tickets today!

www.RochesterTrainRides.com/events



ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

You can help raise \$1500.00 to complete the new deck that will convert our Army flatcar into a new open-air passenger carrier!

Buy a plank for only \$25.00!



Donate today: www.rgvrrm.org/support



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New York State Railways, Utica Division Car 60 at New Hartford, N.Y., sometime in the 1930s. Utica Railway Route 3 - Clinton shut down on March 21, 1936. Car 60 is part of a 12-car fleet built in 1916 by Cincinnati Car Co., lightweight cars designed for fast operation and easier loading of passengers in suburban service. Transferred to Rochester Subway in 1938, Car 60 ran until the last day of service on June 30, 1956. Car 60 was returned to the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum in 1998, and is currently being evaluated for cosmetic restoration. RICHARD H. STEINMETZ PHOTO, COLLECTION OTTO M. VONDRAK