

# Welcome

Thank you for joining the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum! Did you know we are the largest and only operating railroad museum in New York State? It's true, and now you're a part of our growing organization.

Not sure where you fit in or what to do? This guide should help answer some of your questions about...



- **YOUR SAFETY**
- **FREE TRAIN RIDES**
- **MUSEUM POLICIES**
- **MEETING TIMES**
- **... AND MORE!**



Let's get started...



Founded in 1937 as the Rochester Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), we quickly developed a large following in the Rochester community. We began the search for a permanent home and possible museum site in the 1960s to house our growing collection. Built in 1909 and abandoned in the 1950s, our group purchased the old Industry Depot from the Erie Lackawanna in 1971 for \$1.00.

In the following years volunteers restored the depot to its 1930s appearance and constructed a new three-track display yard. The first pieces of the museum's collection were delivered to Industry in 1979, well before our rail connection to the outside world was restored in 1981. In 1993, volunteers drove the "golden spike" on a two-mile demonstration railroad built entirely on a private right of way. In 2010, the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum emerged as an organization independent of the NRHS.

The museum currently rosters more than 40 pieces of railroad rolling stock including nine operating diesel-electric locomotives, two steam locomotives, seven cabooses, seven freight cars, streamlined coaches from the New York Central's Empire State Express, and many other kinds of equipment. Industry depot remains the cornerstone of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, open for special events from April through December. Your visits are encouraged throughout the year, and we thank you for your support!

## MUSEUM WEB SITE

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

## EVENTS AND TICKETS

[RochesterTrainRides.com](http://RochesterTrainRides.com)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

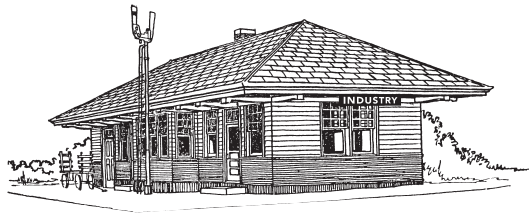
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Membership  
Rights and  
Responsibilities



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**Welcome aboard!** Our behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank you for your support. As the largest active railroad museum in New York State, here are some easy-to-follow guidelines to make your membership experience more enjoyable...

## ENJOY OUR GROUNDS

One of the most exciting benefits of membership is access to our historic museum complex. We invite you to visit any time and stroll our grounds, even if other members aren't around. Here's a few basic guidelines to keep you safe...

- **If it is locked, do not enter.**
- **If it is blocked off, do not pass.**
- **If an area does not look safe, stay away.**

Some areas are kept locked and secured for your safety and security. If you would like to become more involved in volunteering, keys may be issued to members in good standing. On days we are open to the public, some areas are kept closed to visitors, so always ask before entering an unfamiliar area.

**See something? Say something.** We rely on our members to be our extra eyes and ears. You don't need to be an "expert" to recognize when something doesn't look right. Gate left open? Tree fall down? Window broken? Whatever it is, we ask you notify the proper authority right away. In this case...

**Buildings & Grounds Supt. - Charlie Marks**  
(585) 637-4271 - [cmarks@frontiernet.net](mailto:cmarks@frontiernet.net)

If you witness a crime or other life-threatening emergency on museum property, get to a safe place right away and **call 9-1-1**. The address for the museum is **282 Rush-Scottsville Road**.

## STAY OFF TRAIN TRACKS

Always expect a train on any track, in any direction, at any time. The track that runs in front of our depot crossing Route 251 belongs to the **Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad**. This track is not under our control, and fast-moving trains can appear at any time unannounced. If you witness an emergency situation, such as trees down or stalled vehicle on the crossing, please call **877-456-0085** to make a report.

While it may look like the tracks on our museum grounds don't get used much, or the trains haven't moved in a while, the same rules apply. Volunteers can be working at any time in any area, so trains can move unexpectedly. For your safety, please stay off the tracks and do not climb on any equipment.



## FREE TRAIN RIDES

Your membership entitles you to free train rides on our museum railroad throughout the year. That means you're welcome aboard any time we're running trains (the only exceptions are Santa Trains and any excursion operated off museum property).

On days we are open to the public, we give first priority to our paying customers, which means some departures may sell out in advance. We will do our best to accommodate all members who wish to ride. Please do not board trains without first obtaining your free ticket from the ticket window inside the depot (we need this to count riders). A Cab Pass may be purchased for \$5.00 to ride in the locomotive. Always follow the instructions of the train crew.

You can find our schedule of public train ride events at [www.RochesterTrainRides.com](http://www.RochesterTrainRides.com).

## MUSEUM POLICIES

All members and volunteers are governed by a set of museum policies approved by the Board of Trustees. For your reference, these policies can be found online at [www.rgvrrm.org/policy](http://www.rgvrrm.org/policy).

## MUSEUM MEETINGS

Our regular business meeting is held every third Thursday of the month. From September through April, we meet at the 40&8 Club, located at 933 University Ave., Rochester, N.Y., with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Browse our museum bookstore and enjoy refreshments from the cash bar. Entertainment program follows the business meeting.

**Program Chair - Vacant**

From May through August, we meet at 6:00 p.m. at Industry Depot to enjoy rides on our railroad.

Your Board of Trustees meets every first Thursday of the month at the 40&8 Club, starting at 6:00 p.m. Any member in good standing may attend these meetings. To address the board or introduce a new business item, you must be on that meeting's agenda.

**Board President - Otto Vondrak**  
(585) 820-2341 - [ovondrak@yahoo.com](mailto:ovondrak@yahoo.com)

## MUSEUM MAILING LISTS

We maintain two official email lists to communicate with our members. The "Members" list is for general communication to all members, while the "Volunteers" list is for those who wish to be active in museum operations. You can be added or removed from either list at any time.

**Membership Chair - Sam Rosenberg**  
(585) 967-9914 - [ALCO251@frontiernet.net](mailto:ALCO251@frontiernet.net)

## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

We hope you learned some useful information about your membership. If you still have questions, please email us at [info@rgvrrm.org](mailto:info@rgvrrm.org). Thank you!