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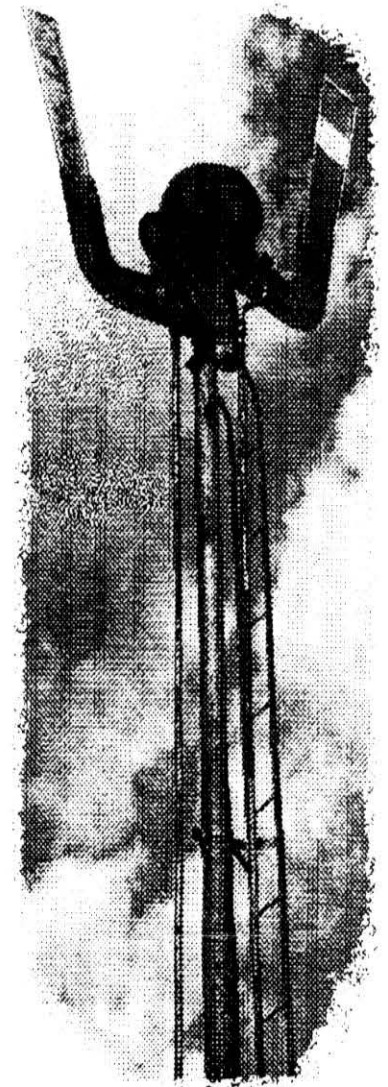
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## **PROGRAM NOTES**

By: Ron Amberger

The program for the April meeting held at the 40&8 Club on April 18, beginning at 8:00 p.m., will be a 16 mm movie on the Pennsylvania Railroad. This film being shown is from the Chapter archives.

I regret to inform you that effective May 1, I will no longer be Program Committee Chairman, due to time constraints. If anyone would like to serve as the Program Committee Chairman, they should contact myself or the Board of Trustees.



## **ARCADE & ATTICA R.R. EXCURSION**

The Three Rivers Narrow Gauge Historical Society (devoted to the subject of northeastern narrow gauge lines) is holding its annual 1991 Convention in Arcade, New York. Highlight of the convention will be a special steam powered rare mileage trip on the Arcade & Attica R.R. Tickets for the excursion are being made available to the public.

On Saturday, July 27, the Arcade & Attica R.R. will operate a special steam powered excursion over the full length of the extant line, Arcade to North Java and return, 26 miles. The train will depart the Arcade depot 7:45 a.m. Fare will be \$17.00/person. Slide show, talks and exhibits will follow the excursion. For tickets and information, contact William Reddy, 6645 Denton Corners Road, Castile, NY 14427 (716) 493-2894.

# ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM STORE

-Operation Supt. Tom Bauman - 458-4289

Following are some of the new books/videos in the Chapter store, along with their retail price (NRHS members subtract 20%):

BN E-Units Video .....	\$40.00
Cumbres & Toltec Freight Video .....	\$30.00
NAPA Valley Wine Train Video .....	\$20.00
UP 3985 Challenger Video (Freight Action!) .....	\$30.00

I have the new "Erie Railroad in Color" book on order from Morning Sun Books. Look for it at a future meeting.

Thanks to Rick Israelson for his help at the RRCC Meet, and to my wife Diane for her help at both Edgerton Park and Alexander!

## Membership Committee Report

Thomas A. Way, Chairman

March 21, 1991

### Current Statistics

National Members held through Rochester	219
Local Membership (National affiliation elsewhere)	12
Family Memberships	31
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>262</b>

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**New Member**

Dick Youll  
242 Vile Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
Phone: (716) 343-0473  
Membership: Regular

Warren Beiswenger  
730 Spencerport Road  
Rochester, NY 14606  
PHONE: (716) 425-4925  
Membership: Regular

J. Chris Hausler  
100 Citation Drive  
Henrietta, NY 14467  
Phone: (716) 334-4445  
Membership: Regular

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**Department of Corrections**

Stewart J. Church  
22367 C.R. #10 East  
Elkhart, Ind. 46514  
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# ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY MUSEUM WORK PROGRESS REPORT

-Chmn. Rand Warner - 248-8889

## General

- Spring is just around the corner and all activities are picking up at our Museum. Come on out and take a look at what's happening, either at the Depot or up at Sodus.
- Track work has already resumed, pushing north (in fact, it never really stopped). Ice storm damage from fallen trees has been cleared. Construction equipment and Maintenance of Way equipment is being readied for heavy use. We're getting quotations from contractors for excavation and concrete work on our high priority list. Signal and telephone communication systems are being extended and will be put to good use this year as we get into operations. Additional wiring is going into the Depot and underground power distribution system. Drainage along the R.O.W. and around the Depot and yards is being improved. Motive Power is being reviewed, inspected and refurbished as necessary for the coming season. The big push is on to put H.E.P. (Head End Power) wiring into our excursion fleet for our coming passenger season on the OMID. Siding work and painting work is being reviewed for our freight cars.
- Publicity and outreach efforts are underway now to promote and to help assist us in our 1991 season activities. We may be getting volunteers from a Senior Citizens group. With the Persian Gulf conflict under control, we may be hearing from our good friends, the Naval Reserve Sea Bees again. Several of them were sent to the Persian Gulf.

## MOTIVE POWER

-Supt. John Redden

Harold Crouch, Jeff Bochman, Rand Warner and John Redden traveled to New Jersey to inspect various types of diesel electric motive power for possible acquisition for our chapter fleet. Larry Batler has constructed a gasoline powered pre-lube

pump for diesel locomotive use that can be used anywhere without regard to weather or power availability. Dick Holbert has removed and disabled the pesky manual override shut-down switch/circuitry on EK loco #6. Plans are being made for repainting NKP #79 this year when weather improves, by John Redden and Rick Ashmead. Dick Holbert and Jim Johnson have started plans and tune up for work on LV #211. Will be putting water in NKP #79 and LV #211, soon as frost is past, so that we can get into our Spring Startup.

Arrangements are being made for a qualified technical inspection of EK #6 loco. This loco has been the mainstay of our fleet for the past 10 years now and we are really coming to depend on it. A thorough inspection by a qualified consultant is in order.

We will be firing up NKP #79 and LV #211 as soon as weather permits and batteries are ready. Paint, trim & decal/lettering work will be finished on LV #211 and arrangements will be scheduled for paint work on NKP #79.

Various options to power our MU car for operation on 250 volts DC prior to catenary availability are being investigated.

We will be continuing to review options and opportunities for possible acquisition of relevant diesel, steam and electric motive power to selectively enhance our Museum's offering to the visiting public.

Looking downstream, we will be planning to operate locomotive hauled passenger trains from our Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum to the New York Museum of Transportation, probably beginning in 1992. We hope to have end-to-end speeder rides between the two Museums before the end of 1991.

Long range, we need to establish a servicing facility with turntable, shop, drop pit, sand and water towers, and possibly a round house. An indoor shop facility would greatly enhance restoration and repair of both our railroad and non-railroad equipment.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Dave Luca

### LA&L RR STOCK WANTED

Anyone owning or know if of any shares of Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Stock that is available for sale should contact Launcelot Erickson at P.O. Box 273, Gilbert, Iowa 50105-0273, (515) 232-5998. Mr. Erickson has an extensive railroad stock collection and wishes to add the LA&L to his collection.

### CAR HOST SESSIONS

In preparation for the upcoming series of train trips the Chapter will be operating this year on the Ontario Midland Railroad (OMID), Bob Miner has scheduled two car host information sessions. They will be held at the Depot on Thursday, April 25 or May 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you are planning on car hosting this year, please try to attend one of these sessions. Those which have hosted in the past should also attend since there will be some procedural changes made as a result of last years trips. If you have any questions, or want to car host but cannot attend one of these sessions, give Bob Miner a call at 671-3589. The train trips we operate are very important. They raise money necessary to fund other projects, educate the public about train travel and are a lot of fun to be on.

### MAINLINE STEAM EXCURSION

Once again, Niagara Frontier NRHS and Rochester Chapter will co-sponsor a round trip mainline steam excursion between Buffalo, NY to Albion, PA on Saturday, June 22. Motive power will be Norfolk Southern 611 or 1218. Order forms will be available from the Chapter in May.

### DESERT STORM HONOR ROLL

The National Office of the NRHS is creating a Desert Storm Honor Roll and is interested in knowing if any Chapter Members participated in the Persian Gulf hostilities. Any information should be sent to Membership Chairman, Tom Way.

## MUSEUM DOCENT SESSIONS

Don Shilling will be coordinating the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum Operations this year. Don and Tom Bauman (last year coordinator) wish to thank last years volunteers for all of their assistance and making the public feel welcomed at the Museum. Don has scheduled two orientation and information sessions for those Chapter members intending on helping out with the Public Museum Operations. These sessions will be held at the Museum starting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. If you will be volunteering but can't attend one of the sessions, please give Don a call at 381-3181 (evenings & weekends) or 271-2035 (daytime). The Museum will be open to the public on Sundays from June 2 through October and during the week by appointment. With this kind of schedule, it's important for the entire membership to help out. This is a good way to share our love of railroading with the public, learn more about our collection and get to know one another better.

### UNION STATION SOLD

The sale of the Erie (PA) Union Station - built by NYC in 1927 - was finalized by Conrail on March 1 to locally-owned Union Station Development Corporation, which intends to develop depot as shopping mall and offices. At least for the time being, Amtrak will remain in Union Station. [The Lakeshore Timetable]

## THANKS TO

- Charles Harshbarger for gasoline fuel for backhoe, Gradall, Chevy Hi-Rail boom truck and dump truck.
- Jim Johnson for prints of depot drawings for structural, electrical and plumbing data.
- Norm Shaddick for ordering seal kits for tamper cylinders and light bulbs for rolling stock.
- Rand Warner for rental of sewer auger equipment and purchase of valve stem extension adaptors for Euclid loader tires.

**1991 NRHS NATIONAL CONVENTION - HUNTINGTON, WV - AUGUST 7-10**



## **ROCHESTER CHAPTER - NRHS CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **APRIL**

- 11 - Museum/Operations Meeting - Industry
- 13 - Spring NRHS-Northeast Regional Meeting
- 13 - Annual Banquet - Rochester Brew Pub
- 18 - Chapter Meeting - 40&8
- 20 - Tioga Central Railfan Day
- 25 - Car Host Session - Industry
- 25 - Museum Host Session - Industry

### **MAY**

- 2 - Trustee Meeting - 40&8
- 3-12 - Railfair 91 - Sacramento, CA
- 4 - Museum Host Session - Industry
- 9 - Museum/Operations Meeting - Industry
- 10-12 - AAPRCO Eastern Region Meeting - Pittsburgh
- 16 - Chapter Meeting - 40&8
- 23 - Car Host Session - Industry
- 25-27 - BR&P/P&S Private Car Excursion

### **JUNE**

- 2 - Summer Fun Trips - Omid RR, Webster, NY
- 6 - Trustee Meeting - Industry
- 9 - Summer Fun Trips - Omid RR, Webster, NY
- 13 - Museum/Operations Session - Industry
- 15 - NS 611 or 1218 Lakeshore NRHS - Conneaut, OH - Buffalo, NY
- 16 - Summer Fun Trips - Omid RR, Webster, NY
- 20 - Chapter Meeting - Industry
- 22 - NS 611 or 1218 Rochester NRHS Co-Sponsor, Buffalo, NY - Albion, PA

### **SPECIAL EXCURSION**

On Saturday, May 4, 1991, a special excursion to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of HAWK MOUNTAIN CHAPTER and the 50th Anniversary of the LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER. The excursion will traverse the entire Nesquehoning Branch, Jim Thorpe to Haucks, PA. This will be in conjunction with the National Directors Meeting held in Bethlehem, PA on May 5. The train will depart from Jim Thorpe at 9:30 a.m. Ticket cost including ride and box lunch is \$24. For information and reservations, call Mike Hartman, (215) 799-2530. [NRHS News]

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### SEMAPHORE DEADLINE:

Deadline for the April issue is April 27. Please send your articles to Dave Luca at 983 Winton Rd., N., Rochester, NY 14609.

### CHAPTER MEETING:

April 18, 1991 - 8:00 p.m.  
40&8 Club  
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