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RGVRRMM president Otto Vondrak shakes hands with New York Museum of Transportation president Charlie Lowe, with RGV trustee Jeremy Tuke, as NYMT's Genesee & Wyoming caboose No. 8 was safely returned to their car barn on October 8. Thanks to NYMT for loaning the caboose to us for our Members Day Event in September! DUNCAN RICHARDS PHOTO

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Members' Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17

4:00PM-9:00PM

Enjoy food, drink, and train rides to the "North Pole!"

Please RSVP to Otto Vondrak at ovondrak@yahoo.com

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UPCOMING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Monthly meetings resume at the 40&8 Club, located at 933 University Ave., across from Gleason Works in Rochester. Doors open at 7:00pm, with the business meeting starting at 7:30pm, followed by an entertainment program. Cash bar available.

Our **Annual Members' Slide Night** will be during our annual Museum Elections on **November 17**. Please contact me to reserve your spot to present a brief show of no more than 20 images of either analog slides or digital media.

We are currently seeking a program for December. If you have ideas for future monthly meeting programs, please contact me. Any railroad-related program will be considered. Thanks for your help!

—Dave Drury, Program Committee

PUMPKIN PATCH TRAIN RIDES

Your museum welcomed more than 2,600 visitors for our Pumpkin Patch Train Rides on October 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30! Trains departed every 30 minutes to bring



Justin Mulford has been spending a lot of time in the Metalworking Shop, learning tricks of the trade from manager (and museum trustee) Bill Marcotte. What skills would you like to learn?

visitors to the Upper Yard and our pumpkin patch where children picked out their own pumpkin. **Flower City Tinplate Trackers** operated a Lionel train display inside the Restoration Shop, and new this year was **Mountain Top Kettle Corn** selling fresh kettle corn all weekend. Once again, **Niagara Downunder** provided another excellent animal and petting zoo display at Industry Depot. While this was our highest grossing event of the year, it was also the time we were short the most volunteers, which put a strain on everyone. —O.M.V.

SANTA TRAIN RIDES CANCELED

Santa Train Rides to the North Pole have been canceled for December due to a lack of volunteers willing to participate. We hope we are able to operate this popular and profitable special event again in 2023. —O.M.V.

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 17

Your museum will host a special members-only Christmas Part on Saturday, December 17, from 4:00-9:00pm at Industry Depot, 282 Rush-Scottsville Road, Rush, N.Y. Members (along with their friends family) are invited to enjoy the festive atmosphere of our restored train station, including drinks and refreshments. Train rides to the "North Pole" will depart once an hour for those looking to enjoy a classic train ride in the snow. We look forward to seeing you there! —O.M.V.

MECHANICAL DEPT.

RG&E 41: Will be stored serviceable for the winter.

LA&L 20: The locomotive's cooling water has been drained ahead of cold weather setting in. We hope to store the locomotive indoors for the winter and complete some maintenance items while inside the shop.

R&GV 54: Received another 92-day inspection in October. Dave Peet is ordering a new set of batteries. The locomotive will be taken out of service this winter for No. 1 air compressor repair.

RG&E 8: Chuck Whalen has been cleaning and painting the trucks and other surfaces underneath the deck. Sam Rosenberg is starting to tackle some underside work while the locomotive is over the pit, including truck air hoses, traction motor brushes, traction motor support bolt replacement, etc. Jeremy Tuke also secured a quote on window glass installation and replacement.

USA 1843: Kurtis Hooey has completed painting new stripes along the side sill. Sam Rosenberg is planning on doing some electrical work while the locomotive is out of service for the winter/spring. There is also an air line that needs to be replaced inside the radiator room at the front of the locomotive. The radiator fan opening will need to be covered for the winter.

EK 6: Jeremy Tuke is working on getting a quote for window glass replacement.

LV 211: Radiator fans need to be covered for the winter.

BNY 12: Awaiting pick-up and delivery.



ABOVE: On October 16, Lynn Heintz and Dave Shields attended the Great Batavia Train Show at Genesee Community College to promote our museum activities.

RIGHT: Just some of the volunteers who helped make Pumpkin Patch trains a success.

BELOW RIGHT: Our excursion train climbs the Hill Block past the Pumpkin Patch on a beautiful fall morning.

DSI 5: The saddle tank has been removed from the locomotive in preparation for asbestos removal. Pete Gores and Bob Cowan have been doing the prep work to get the locomotive ready to ship to R&GV. We are currently waiting on a timeline for asbestos removal from our contractor.

LBR 23: The passenger steps on the west side need repair. The steel body of the flat car should also be painted this coming year.

PC 18526: Charlie Marks is leading the repair work of the interior walls and floor, including painting. This work is nearing completion, with Mark Bowen, Rick Auburn, and Ernie Cole contributing.

B&O C2493: A team of Charlie Marks, Charles Rothbart, Rick Auburn, and Bill Marcotte inspected the roof and are making plans for roof repairs. New window glazing is also being considered to help seal the car.

RTC Car 60: Rand Warner is leading an effort to piece together the rear vestibule of the car.

EK 52: John Redden leads repair efforts, including getting new wooden wedges in place to support the tank, and repairing the air brake system. The car will be moved into the shop during the winter months.

—Joe Nugent, Mechanical Dept. Supt.

"NEW YORK CENTRAL" BATAVIA SIGN FUNDRAISER

We have hired a local sign shop to fabricate the missing letters, make the Restoration Shop sign, and install them on our building. Your donation will help us meet our goal! The money raised will be used to fab-



RIGHT: Mountain Top Kettle Corn sold hot kettle corn and fresh-squeezed lemonade all three weekends. They were a huge hit with our visitors!

BELOW RIGHT: Niagara Downunder provided an excellent animal exhibit and petting zoo for all three weekends. RG&E 41 was placed on display on Track 3 for the duration of the event, adding another exhibit to the Industry Depot area.



ricate the missing letters, fabricate the Restoration Shop sign, and also have the signs professionally installed on our building. To date we have raised \$1,000, one-quarter of our goal! Member Roy Wullich has also stepped forward with a generous \$4,000 donation. Can you help us raise the remaining \$3,000 to complete this project? You can contribute to this project by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/batavianyc>.

★ ★ ★ OFFICIAL 2022 BALLOT ★ ★ ★

ROCHESTER & GENESEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM

In accordance with Articles III and IV of the RGVRM By-Laws, the Elections Committee has nominated candidates for election to fill the expiring terms. The names of those selected by the committee are listed below. Vote for candidates by placing an "X" in the appropriate box [].

1. President Two-Year Term
(Vote for ONE candidate)

[] Otto Vondrak

[] Write-In: _____

2. Vice President Two-Year Term
(Vote for ONE candidate)

[] Peter Gores

[] Write-In: _____

3. Corresponding Secretary Two-Year Term
(Vote for ONE candidate)

[] Jeremy Tuke

[] Write-In: _____

4. Recording Secretary Two-Year Term
(Vote for ONE candidate)

[] David Kehrer

[] Write-In: _____

5. Treasurer Two-Year Term
(Vote for ONE candidate)

[] David Peet

[] Write-In: _____

6. Trustee Three-Year Term
(Vote for TWO candidates)

[] Joe Nugent

[] Charles Rothbart

[] David Shields

[] Lisa Talty

[] Write-In: _____

[] Write-In: _____

7. Question A: Should the museum be open to the public for the April-December 2023 season?
(Mark ONE box)

[] YES

[] NO

8. Question B: Should the museum hire paid workers to staff the museum in 2023?
(Mark ONE box)

[] YES

[] NO

SIGNATURE (For membership verification only, ballot will NOT be counted without signature)

Elections will take place at the November 17, 2022 membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.
located at 933 University Avenue, Rochester, N.Y.
Please bring your ballot with you, or mail your ballot to:

RGVRRM Ballot, P.O. Box 23326, Rochester, NY 14692
MAIL YOUR BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 11

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PLEASE
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See other side for official 2021 ballot. Please bring your completed ballot to the November 17 meeting or mail your ballot by November 11 to make sure your vote is counted!



LEFT: Conductor Charles Bell waves from the rear of Erie C254 as the excursion train makes its way north past the signals at MP .3 on October 29.

ABOVE: We gave away hundreds of pumpkins each weekend. Thanks to our friends at Gro-Moore Farms for tracking down a fresh pumpkin shipment each week!



LEFT: New member and volunteer Ernie Cole has been helping with the interior paint job inside the Penn Central transfer caboose.

BELOW LEFT: Rick Auburn, John Redden, and Chuck Whalen help fit in new wooden wedges to support the tank on EK 52.



GREAT BATAVIA TRAIN SHOW

Trustee David Shields and volunteer Lynn Heintz staffed a table at the Great Batavia Train Show on October 16, presented by the **Genesee Society of Model Engineers** at Genesee County Community College. Flyers for our Pumpkin Patch Train Rides were put out on the information table at the show. Additional flyers were at our table, along with other information about our

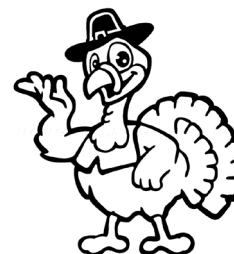
museum and its collection. There was quite some interest in the Pumpkin Patch Trains from people from Buffalo and to the towns south of Buffalo. One family we spoke to was from Manhattan, Mont., visiting family in Rochester. We enjoyed talking to people about our museum! Our next appearance will at the **Tiger Tracks Train Show** on December 10 and 11 at Rochester Institute of Technology. —David Shields

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Our museum elections will be here before you know it. **This year, every officer position as well as two trustee positions are up for election.** If you are interested in getting more involved with the management of the museum and its future, consider running for office and join the Board of Trustees. The slate of candidates was finalized at our October member meeting, and the ballot has been mailed out to all members with the November issue of THE SEMAPHORE. Ballots can be cast by mail, or in person at the November 17 meeting.

—Charlie Marks,

Elections Committee Chairman



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

On behalf of your museum Board of Trustees, we wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!

TRIP CHAIRMAN WANTED

After serving many years as Trip Committee Chairman, I have decided to "retire." This is a great opportunity for another volunteer to step up and take on the role. Potential candidates would have good planning and communications skills, and would enjoy organizing, leading, and attending trips. Trips are selected based on feedback from a poll survey of the membership. Types of activities range from overnights to day trips, often held in the spring and fall each year. I will help the person who becomes Trip Chairman with how to organize trips. I have many contacts in the hospitality industry that I will share with you. If you would like to organize one trip or more for the members, please let me know. Email me at marberth@aol.com or call my cell phone (585) 315-0123. Thank you for your assistance and helping develop fun events for our members to enjoy!

—Dave Shields, Trip Committee Chair (Ret.)



THE **SEMAPHORE**

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NEXT MEETING:

Nov. 17, 2022

933 UNIVERSITY AVE., ROCHESTER, N.Y.

PLAN AHEAD:

Dec. 15, 2022

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The last train of the season is about to depart Industry Depot on October 30 on a beautiful fall afternoon. AERIAL PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARDING