



**NEXT
MEETING:
May 21st**

*John Taibi presents "NYO&W
Railroading in the Stockbridge
Valley"*

Switching into Summer



Conrail 5487 (LV 211) with CR 21273 at Switch 6— photo by RGVRM

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The museum has started the year off strong, with two highly successful Spring Events! On April 4, we hosted our annual Easter Bunny Train Rides, which were sold out. This event generated a net revenue of \$12,300! A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped pull this event together and make it a great success. On April 11, we hosted Conrail Day, which celebrated Conrail's 50th Anniversary since its founding in April 1976. We offered presentations by members Greg Lund, Duncan Richards, and by Conrail Historical Society Senior Advisor Rudy Garbley, along with a photoshoot of ALCo RS3m LV 211 patched into its pre-rebuild Conrail 5487 scheme. This event generated a net revenue of \$1,650. Special edition CR 5487 and CR 9920 t-shirts from this event are still available, with all of the proceeds going towards the maintenance and restoration of LV 211! Outside of events, the museum has been full of activity as the weather is warming up. Track is being worked on, restoration is happening in the shop on RG&E 8, Car 60, and Despatch 5, and greenery is being planted around the property. Thanks to all of our hardworking volunteers!

-Jackson Glozer



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Track Project Updates

In the last few months, the track department has been hard at work, and has made great progress towards our 2026 track improvement project. If you would like to help, email track@rgvrrm.org to get on the track mailing list.

3/11 – 4/1: Track 9 Rail Replacement

COMPLETE! The broken rail located on track 9 was successfully replaced prior to our Easter Bunny Train Rides. A huge thank you to Michael Guglielmo and Gary Glozer for their work, along with Genesee Valley Transportation, for their donation of the rail.



5/1 - 7/15: Surfacing Preparation

Over the last several weekends, volunteers have made great progress preparing for the contracted surfacing work. Over 30 ties have been replaced in the hill block, new stone has been dumped, and the crossing on track 7 has been temporarily removed. A huge thanks to our track department, specifically Adam Lloyd and Michael Guglielmo, for leading these efforts. Other volunteers who helped tremendously were Scott Gleason, Duncan Richards, John Guglielmo, Dave Kehrer, Justin Carmona, Justin Micillo, Pete Swanson, and Dave Chapus. To update the previously provided timeline, Tartaglia will be visiting our property at the end of July, after our Trucks and Tractors event July 18.



In the coming weeks, we will begin to replace a dozen ties north of switch 6, as well as starting to receive and place fresh ballast. Look out for an email for details on work session dates, and how you can help!

-Jackson Glozer

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Program Update

Our monthly meetings for the cold season are located at the 40&8 Club, 933 University Ave., Rochester, NY (across from Gleason Works). Doors open at 7:00pm, and the meeting begins at 7:30. Cash bar available. The evening program begins after a brief business meeting.

May 21: John Taibi presents “NYO&W Railroading in the Stockbridge Valley”

Please note that most meetings are streamed on Zoom!

A reminder that we will return to the Depot in June, July and August for our monthly membership meetings. Join us for a brief business meeting, followed by a train ride and updates throughout the campus!

Notice: We are looking for new members for the Programs Committee and the Trips Committee. Please email trustees@rgvrrm.org if you're interested or want more information.

- Program Committee

Subway Gala

While our volunteers continue making great progress on the restoration of Rochester Subway Car 60, the Gala Committee has also been hard at work behind the scenes promoting a series of special Subway-themed events in June to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of Rochester Subway service.

A mailing was sent to all active members in April announcing the Rochester Subway Gala at the George Eastman Museum on June 21, along with Rochester Subway Day and Train Rides at the museum on June 27. We've been encouraged by the enthusiastic response from members and supporters, including generous donations toward the restoration of Car 60 as well as early Gala ticket reservations.

Support from the community has continued to grow as well. We are grateful for generous corporate sponsorships from Genesee Valley Transportation and C.P. Ward, whose support is helping offset the cost of the Gala while directly advancing restoration work on Car 60. To date, we have raised over **\$12,000**. Additional sponsorship opportunities remain available for businesses and organizations interested in supporting this important preservation effort.

Local media has also shown strong interest in the anniversary events and restoration project. The Democrat & Chronicle featured the upcoming programs in a May 2 article titled “Rochester Subway Anniversary Marked with Gala and History Day,” and committee member Otto Vondrak appeared live on WHAM-13's Good Day Rochester morning show on May 4 to discuss the history of the Rochester Subway and the ongoing restoration of Car 60.

The June 21 Gala at the George Eastman Museum will feature a 1950s-themed cocktail reception, access to the mansion and exhibits, and a screening of End of the Line 2.0 in the historic Dryden Theatre followed by a live Q&A with the filmmakers. The celebration continues June 27 at the museum in Rush with Rochester Subway Day, featuring special exhibits, access to the Restoration Shop to see progress on Car 60 first-hand, along with our vintage diesel train rides through our museum grounds.

Tickets for the Subway Gala and reservations for Subway Day are available now at www.RochesterTrainRides.com. Please purchase your tickets now and help us spread the word. Invite friends and family who may enjoy learning more about this fascinating chapter of Rochester history.

-John Guglielmo, Gala Event Chairman



Preservation Report

RG&E 8 - Chuck Whalen has begun prepping, priming, and painting the handrails on the locomotive. Sam Rosenberg has been communicating with Otto Vondrak about preparing artwork for the GE logo and numbering for the sides. Chuck is also cleaning up the louver covers that go on the inside of the engine compartment doors. The team is working on throttle and balancing adjustments for the engines and propulsion systems for both ends and monitoring the output of each generator as a function of engine RPM. It is going to take a number of additional test sessions to sort everything out. There may be some PT pump governing issues with the #1 engine, so there is a possibility that the PT pump may need to be sent out for rebuild. There's some work that needs to be done on the brake rigging, which will need to take place while the locomotive is over the pit. Additionally, the team would like to add gaskets to the top access ports of each traction motor gear case in order to keep dirt and water out. A significant amount of water was found in the #1 gearbox, which may have come from melting snow. Most of the 92-day inspection items have been completed for the #8, which should enable us to run it during the membership meeting in June.



LAL 72 - The #1 cylinder head was removed on Saturday, May 2nd and is now in the shop. Bill Marcotte fabricated what is needed to make a "rotisserie" so that the cylinder head can be worked on both sides. The fire ring and valve seats will be lapped while the head is removed.

LAL 20 - The locomotive has been filled with cooling water and is ready to be prelubed and started. A start attempt was made on Saturday, May 9, but it was unsuccessful due to deteriorated batteries. The short term plan is to swap its batteries for 72's to ensure starting capabilities. Karsen Nunn and others washed the locomotive on Saturday, May 9 in preparation for the upcoming season. A 92 day inspection is required before the locomotive can be returned to service.

Car 60 - Work has been progressing on the car in preparation for its display during Subway Day. This work includes:

- Bill Marcotte has completed repairs to the steel frame work at the rear end of the car.
- Bill Marcotte has repaired the steel letterboard at the front end of the car. Bill Marcotte has made several repairs to the window sills and structure below the sills on the main body of the car. A few more repairs are planned.
- The remaining subflooring has been shimmed and is ready for final attachment. The team has begun installing windowsills on the east side of the car, consisting of a sill and cove molding. New sill pieces were prepared, and original cove molding was stripped and reused.
- All motorman end windows have been painted on the inside surface. Additional wall panels have been painted and installed in the main body of the car. The east wall is over 50% complete and the west wall is about 25% complete.
- Joe Nugent disassembled the air brake cylinder and cleaned its components. The cylinder will be reassembled with fresh grease and then tested.
- Jeremy Tuke has prepared six sets of seat frames and backs to get them painted and upholstered



US 1843 - Sam Rosenberg and his team have devised a way to remove pooling oil from the exhaust manifolds of the locomotive. This will reduce the amount of oil being thrown during operation. A 92-day inspection will be performed this spring so that the locomotive can be used for the July membership meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

-Joe Nugent

General Museum Updates

Board Updates

On April 9, Dave Drury informed the board that he was resigning from his role as Corresponding Secretary, and the chair of the programs and trips committees. The board thanks Dave for all of his hard work on setting up fantastic programs and leading numerous fun member trips. At the May Trustee meeting, the board nominated Dave Scheiderich to serve the remainder of Dave Drury's term.

On Thursday, May 7, Emilia Connelly informed the board of her resignation from Recording Secretary. The board thanks Emilia for stepping into this position, and for her hard work keeping meeting minutes. Due to the proximity of this resignation to the Trustee meeting, the board did not appoint a replacement. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please reach out to trustees@rgvrrm.org

Spring Cleaning

As the weather has warmed over the last few weeks, volunteers have been working hard to complete spring tasks. On May 9, Brandi Marino and Otto Vondrak worked on cleaning the depot, tidying up the gift shop, and making sure our point of sale system was up to date.



That same day, Otto Vondrak and Dave Buckner sanded and applied a new coat of green paint to our picnic tables and benches in the upper yard and depot areas.



Finally, Jackson Glozer utilized a new-to-us electric lawn mower donated by Norm Ishler to mow the lawn at the depot. Norm also donated a leaf blower, hedge trimmer, and string trimmer. Thank you, Norm!



In Memoriam — Nancy Shields

Nancy Shields passed away peacefully on April 8, 2026, at the age of 73. "Nancy had been facing health challenges in recent years, but she remained such a familiar and welcome presence at the museum for so long. Over the years, she contributed in so many ways — helping at the depot, assisting with passenger excursions, attending trips, and enjoying our picnics and banquets. It was always a pleasure to see Nancy at museum events, and she will be remembered fondly by many," said former museum president Otto Vondrak. On behalf of the board, we extend our deepest condolences to Dave Shields and his family at this time.

Peter Gores Honored on Adirondack Scenic

On May 4, the Adirondack Scenic Railroad honored longtime engineer, and RGVRM member, Peter Gores, by naming MLW RS-18u number 1845 in his honor. Peter has been deeply involved in railroad preservation in Upstate NY for decades, and RGVRM congratulates him on this honor!



Photo courtesy of ADIK

2026 Operating Schedule

We have had a great start to the 2026 event season, with sold out Easter Bunny Train Rides, and over 100 visitors for Conrail Day. A huge thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers for making these events a reality.

Our next event, **Rails & Ales**, is coming up this Saturday, May 16. This event is sold out, and we can use your help in ensuring its success! Most volunteer slots are filled, however we can always use extra sets of hands to give others a break throughout the day. Please visit rgvrrm.org/volunteer/ to sign up!

After Rails & Ales, our next event is Subway Day on June 27, where we will showcase the progress on Rochester Subway Car 60.



Artwork on the depot chalkboard by Jeanne Glozer

- ~~April 4: Easter Bunny Train Rides~~
- ~~April 11: Conrail Day~~
- May 16: Rails & Ales — **SOLD OUT!**
- June 27: Subway Day
- July 11: Trains and Trolleys at Twilight
- July 18: Trucks & Tractors
- August 22: A Horse's Friend Train Rides
- August 29: Railfan Day
- September 12: Trains and Trolleys at Twilight
- September 19: Rush Fall Fest
- September 26: Rails & Ales
- September 27: Member Picnic
- October 10–11, 17–18, 24–25: Pumpkin Patch
- October 30: Pumpkin Patch—Halloween Edition
- December 4–6, 11–13: Santa Trains

