
ROCHESTER CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PRESERVING THE RAILROAD HISTORY OF
ROCHESTER & WESTERN NEW YORK
SINCE 1937.



The Rochester Chapter NRHS's restored Erie RR Industry, NY depot which is the home of the Chapter's Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THE ROCHESTER CHAPTER NRHS

Founded in 1937, the Rochester Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) is an all-volunteer, non-profit railroad historical society dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the railroad history of Rochester and Western New York. The Rochester Chapter is the fourth oldest and one of the largest of the over 170 chapters currently active in the NRHS.

The mission of the Rochester Chapter is to establish, promote and maintain an appreciation for the current and past contributions of railroads and transit organizations to the American way of life. Through the preservation of all facets of railroading history with a concentration on the Rochester and Western New York area, this goal is achieved by sharing that history with the community.

We encourage anyone with an interest in railroads of any kind, past or present, to consider joining us.



Nickel Plate Road ALCO S-4 #79 leads restored Penn Central transfer caboose #18526 during the R&GV Railroad Museum's yearly **DIESEL DAYS** event where the museum operates its locomotives for the public.



Fully restored Lehigh Valley "Hammerhead" Alco RS-3m. Part of the operating collection of the Rochester Chapter's Rochester & Genesee Valley RR Museum.

In 1971, the Rochester Chapter acquired the 1909 Erie Railroad Industry, New York railroad station. Restored to its 1920's glory, the depot is the cornerstone of the Chapter's Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

The Museum owns over fifty pieces of railroad rolling stock including seven serviceable diesel engines and two steam locomotives, owns a large collection of operational historical construction equipment, and owns and operates its own two mile railroad that connects the R&GV Railroad Museum to its partner museum, the New York Museum of Transportation.

Chapter activities, however, extend beyond the museum and include the Chapter's library & archive, publications committee, trips committee, community outreach including Operation Lifesaver, and much more. There is something for any interest!

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROCHESTER CHAPTER NRHS

Membership in the Rochester Chapter NRHS is open to all interested individuals. Membership in the NRHS is required for membership in the Rochester Chapter.

All members receive both the bi-monthly NRHS journal, *The National Railway Bulletin*, and the Rochester Chapter's monthly newsletter, *The Semaphore*. Members also receive discounts on merchandise from the Chapter store.

Members are encouraged to participate in the many Chapter functions including the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

If you are interested in joining the Rochester Chapter, please return the attached application form with the appropriate amount of dues or if you have any questions, please send them to:

**ROCHESTER CHAPTER NRHS
MEMBERSHIP
P.O. BOX 23326
ROCHESTER, NY 14692-3326
(585) 533-1431 • INFO@ROCHNRHS.ORG**

Visit us & our museum on the Internet:

**WWW.ROCHNRHS.ORG
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PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the 40 & 8 Club at 933 University Ave. in Rochester on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. From June to August, the membership meetings are held at the R&GV RR Museum on Rt. 251 in Industry, NY and begin around 6:30PM.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS ONLY

Name

Street Address

City State

Zip code Phone #

Email address

Family Member's Name if joining with a Family Membership

SIGNATURE & DATE (REQUIRED)

I agree to abide by the Constitution & By-Laws of the Rochester Chapter National Railway Historical Society

Signature Date

INTERESTS/SPECIAL TALENTS

Check all that apply

- Rolling stock restoration
- Museum tour guiding
- Publications/Historical research
- Historical construction equipment
- Museum operations/Track car driver
- Trips
- Library

Special talents

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

All memberships expire at the end of calendar year
**JOINING BOTH THE ROCHESTER CHAPTER &
THE NRHS**

- Regular \$53
- Contributing \$100
- Student \$36 (Must be under 18 to qualify.)

Student Birthday (Required)

- Family \$65 (Enter name on front.)

ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE NRHS & JOINING THE ROCHESTER CHAPTER

- Regular \$20
- Contributing \$100
- Student \$20 (Must be under 18 to qualify.)

Requires a student membership in the NRHS.

- Family \$27 (Enter name on front.)

Requires a family membership in the NRHS.

Present home chapter Member #

REMITTANCE

Send dues amount for membership level checked and this application to:

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ROCHESTER, NY 14692-3326**

Make checks payable to:
ROCHESTER CHAPTER NRHS

NOTE:

For applications received after Sept. 1, applicants will become members for the remainder of the current calendar year and the following calendar year.

Thank you for your application. All applications are subject to approval by a Chapter Officer.

Chapter Officer Date