

# NEW YORK MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION

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## NYMT CALENDAR OF OPERATIONS FOR 2024

### Numerous Opportunities for the Public to Visit the Museum

At its February meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a calendar of operations for 2024 as listed below:

Sunday	May 19	Museum open
Sunday	May 26	Museum open
Saturday	June 1	Trains & Trolleys at Twilight No. 1
Sunday	June 2	Museum open
Sunday	June 9	Museum open
Sunday	June 16	Father's Day
Saturday	June 22	Hands-on Volunteer Open House
Sunday	June 23	Museum open
Sunday	June 30	Museum open
Saturday	July 6	Trains & Trolleys at Twilight No. 2
Sunday	July 7	Museum open
Sunday	July 14	Museum open
Sunday	July 21	Sports Car Festival & chicken BBQ
Sunday	July 28	Museum open
Saturday	Aug. 3	Trains and Trolleys at Twilight No. 3
Sunday	Aug. 4	ROC City Scale Modelers
Sunday	Aug. 11	Museum open
Sunday	Aug. 18	Museum open
Sunday	Aug. 25	Organ Grinders
Sunday	Sept. 1	Museum open
Sunday	Sept. 8	Museum open
Sunday	Sept. 15	Antique Fire Trucks
Sunday	Sept. 22	Museum open
Saturday	Sept. 28	Rush Fall Festival
Sunday	Sept. 29	Museum open
Sunday	Oct. 6	Fall Foliage Trolley Rides
Sunday	Oct. 13	Fall Foliage Trolley Rides
Saturday	Oct. 19	Halloween Trolley Express
Sunday	Oct. 20	Halloween Trolley Express
Sunday	Oct. 27	Fall Foliage Trolley Rides

Saturday	Dec. 7	Holly Trolley Rides
Sunday	Dec. 8	Holly Trolley Rides
Sunday	Dec. 15	Holly Trolley Rides

### NYMT VOLUNTEER CREWS

The aggressive schedule of public events at NYMT requires numerous volunteers. Below, each area needed for operation of the museum for the benefit of the public is detailed, along with a contact person through whom you may begin a journey of volunteerism. Please consider volunteering your services to permit the museum to be open.

#### RAILROAD CREW

The Railroad Crew consists of all those volunteers who are qualified to work on the NYMT Railway. This includes roadbed, track and overhead maintenance, and operation of trains with either track cars or Strafford trolley cars. This crew also performs any necessary maintenance on the active cars at the museum. Additional trolley crewmen are needed so that this workload can be spread out among many volunteers. Recruitment and training for positions on this crew are on a continuous basis throughout the operating season. If you are interested in joining the railroad crew, please contact Charlie Lowe via [info@nymtmuseum.org](mailto:info@nymtmuseum.org).

#### HISTORIC CAR AND BUILDING CREW

The work of this crew is managed by Charlie Lowe, who can be contacted via [info@nymtmuseum.org](mailto:info@nymtmuseum.org). Cars which are not in operation, as well as the R&E shelter and the NYC shanty, are maintained in accordance with proper historical methods under this group. Crews come together and perform specific tasks. For example, line car 2 is being repainted under this group. If you have an idea for a project, please contact Charlie.

(See pages 2 and 3 for information about other crews in operation at NYMT.)



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SHOP REPORT

**New York Museum of Transportation 2 (ex-SEPTA C-125)** — Eight gallons of green paint has been obtained for the completion of painting this car.

**Overhead** — Rockhill Trolley Museum recently has provided rare overhead parts which will permit installation of a frog-less trolley connection between the loop track and the mainline at the Loop Switch.

**Philadelphia and Western 161 and 168** — Jay Consadine oiled both cars on April 10.

**Philadelphia and Western 168** — The door engine compartment covers created by Don Quant have been installed recently.

**Track** — Dick Holbert has obtained a rolling railroad track gauger for use at NYMT.



Don Quant is shown here inspecting one of his door engine compartment covers on car 168.

**Model Train Room** — The model train crew has been working at layout maintenance during March and early April.

**Board** — The Board approved the 2024 budget and schedule of events at its February meeting.

GIFT SHOP AND TICKETING CREW

The museum gift shop is our visitors' introduction to the museum. It's where we sell admission tickets and provide a choice of books, gifts, and souvenirs for sale. It's also where a friendly welcome sets the tone for visits, where we answer questions and provide directions, and where we invite new memberships and volunteering.

A typical Sunday starts around 10:30 a.m., and tasks include counting and recording the money in the gift shop and ticket cash drawers, and making sure the shop is neat and presentable. As ticket and gift shop sales proceed through the day, transactions are made in cash or by credit card. At day's end, the headcount and shop sales are tallied, and the cash register is justified; the shop is closed and staff usually leave by 4:30 p.m.

Gift shop and ticket staff enjoy meeting the public and responding to their needs, and while it helps to be able to handle change, we provide the training for all tasks. The present crew could use your help. If interested in joining the Gift Shop and Ticketing Crew, please contact Jim Dierks at [dierks66@frontiernet.net](mailto:dierks66@frontiernet.net).

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### OFFICER OF THE DAY CREW

In just about any public operation, there needs to be someone available for everything from emergencies to picking up a candy wrapper. The Officer of the Day surveys the museum outside on arrival and then proceeds through a list of things to open the museum for the public. Throughout the day he or she monitors the operation, including trolley rides, model railroad, interactive exhibits, restroom cleanliness, etc., and is ready for the one-off events such as a donation for the archive or lost membership card.

The Officer of the Day creates the Day Sheet each morning on which is recorded admissions, gift shop sales, memberships, donations, and all other income. At the end of the day, the completed form, along with checks, cash, credit card receipts and membership forms, goes to the Treasurer and on to the Membership Chairman.

The position of Officer of the Day requires a thorough knowledge of the museum and its operations, as well as an ability to respond to a variety of occurrences throughout the day. Please consider joining this team and starting your training now by contacting Jim Dierks at [dierks66@frontiernet.net](mailto:dierks66@frontiernet.net).

### MODEL RAILROAD CREW

The museum's large HO-gauge model railroad and the accompanying N-gauge model of the Rochester Subway delight visitors of all ages. Several trains operate at once, and the layout features miniature buildings, an amusement park, and hundreds of tiny people. In its former life at the Monroe County Hospital, the model railroad was configured for operation by physically challenged patients there. The result is risers that help even small youngsters see the action, and train controls that are simplicity personified.

The basic task for volunteers in the model train room is to operate the trains when visitors are present and handle the rare derailment. Beyond that, talking with the visitors and answering their questions about the layout or model railroading in general is important. As with most operating exhibits, there's also the need for maintenance and repair. Locomotives, track, switches, and the maze of wiring under the table all need periodic attention. Some of this can be done on open days, but there's also room for work during the week.

Volunteering in the model railroad room does not require model railroading experience as operating the trains is straightforward. As in all our volunteer positions, it's important to engage the visitors, answer their questions and make sure their time in the train room is enjoyable. New model train room crew members are always welcome. To join this crew, please contact Kevin Griffith at [kevgrif61@gmail.com](mailto:kevgrif61@gmail.com).

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Under the guidance and priorities set by the Facilities Manager, a crew of volunteers is responsible for keeping the museum presentable and safe. Throughout the spring, summer and fall, the main task is mowing, including field acreage, the auxiliary parking area, the front lawn areas, the bus corral and assorted grassy areas around the buildings. A Ford 8N tractor with trailing mower deck handles the big jobs, and two riding mowers cover the smaller areas. Beyond the mowing, all that equipment needs maintenance and repair, too. Other jobs in this department include trash service, snow plowing, and maintaining restroom and cleaning supplies.

Volunteers in this area need to be available during weekdays and/or Saturdays. Mowing during visitor Sunday operations is not allowed. The work requires an ability to handle the equipment involved, and extra points for familiarity with maintenance for the mowers as well. If you are interested in joining this crew, please contact Dave Coon at [davecoon@frontiernet.net](mailto:davecoon@frontiernet.net).

### THURSDAY CREW

This group has been meeting for decades with membership evolving as new volunteers join and others move on to other areas. Responsibilities include design, construction, and maintenance of exhibits including the Greyhound bus; maintenance of the 1941 Mack fire truck and taking it for its annual state inspection; and a host of general repair, maintenance, cleaning, and painting duties on the buildings, signs, picnic tables, ad infinitum. The job jar changes each week, and variety is the spice of life for the Thursday Crew.

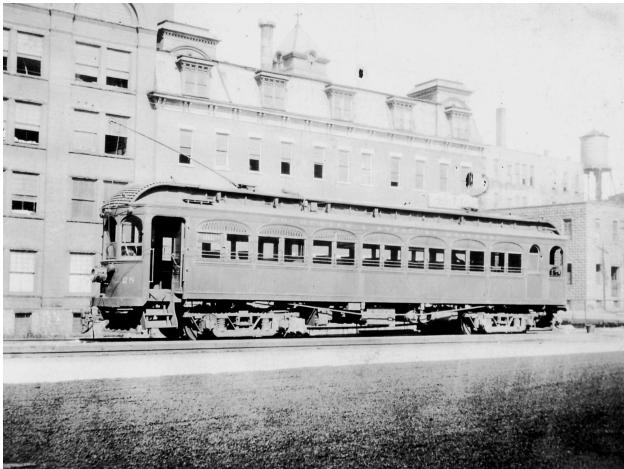
Everyone who can be available on Thursday afternoons is welcome to become part of the Crew. No special skills are necessary. If interested, please contact Jim Dierks at [dierks66@frontiernet.net](mailto:dierks66@frontiernet.net).

### EVENTS CREW

Sometimes, special events are so large they require a crew dedicated to preparing for and holding the event. At left, for example, we see Laura Pearce performing at last year's Halloween event. Halloween and Holly Trolley, especially, have required an Event Crew for many years, but new events which require such a crew have been added to the schedule. Please consider joining this crew by contacting Doug Anderson at [info@nymtmuseum.org](mailto:info@nymtmuseum.org).



**Rochester Streetcars: No. 114 in a Series**



Rochester and Syracuse RR 128 Unknown Photographer

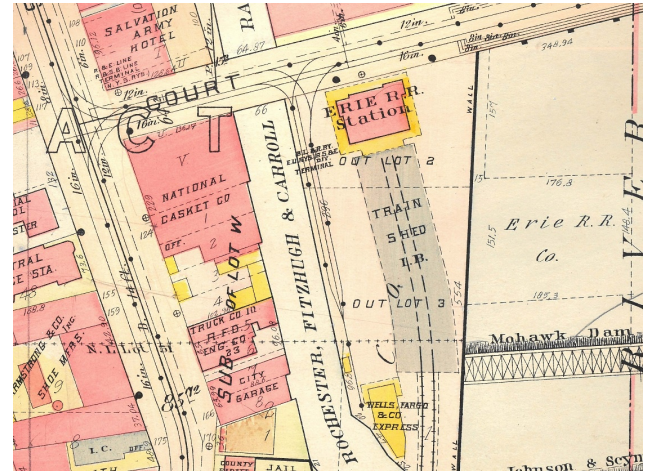
Rochester and Syracuse Railroad, and the earlier Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern, had several locations for its Rochester station. From 1911 to 1914, RS&E cars stopped at New York State Railways' interurban station at the northeast corner of Exchange and Court. From 1914 to early 1928, RS&E/R&S cars used the Erie Railroad station on Court Street.

Our photo shows R&S car 128 on one of two layover tracks alongside the Erie Railroad station. This photo was probably made in the mid-1920s. The photographer is standing just west of the Erie Railroad train shed (about opposite the word "TRAIN" in the map) and looking northwesterly. Barely visible just beyond car 128 is the Rochester, Fitzhugh and Carroll millrace.

From the map, we can see the track layout here. Provisions were made such that either of the two tracks

just west of the Erie Railroad station could be used by two cars. This was necessary since both the Rochester and Syracuse and the Rochester, Lockport and Buffalo used the Erie station as a Rochester terminal. Note that the Rochester and Eastern and the Rochester and Sodus Bay terminated at the Salvation Army building on Exchange Street at Court Street.

Soon, all this would change. When the Subway opened, the R&S, the RL&B and the R&E used the City Hall station as a Rochester terminal. The R&SB, alas, never made it into the Subway. When the R&S finally gave up its operations on June 27, 1931, interurban use of the Subway ended as well. Fortunately, though, NYMT serves as Rochester's interurban terminus today.



In this detail from the 1918 Rochester city plat book, north is upward on the page. The Genesee River is at right, Exchange Street is at left, and Court Street is near the top of the page. The two interurban layover tracks are just left of the Erie Railroad train shed.

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- General Fund..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(The General Fund is used to pay expenses as they occur throughout the year.)
- Philadelphia and Western 161 and 168..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Our operating cars need continual work to keep in good condition, and donating to this fund helps keep them running.)

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