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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13th, 2024. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm and will be held at The Museum's Taylor Annex. For directions or additional information, please contact James Taylor at (540) 295-2974.

June Meeting Agenda

- Brief Update on recent progress at the Museum's cars and displays.*
- Discussion of upcoming Projects.*
- Entertainment TBD.*

Chesapeake & Ohio 2-8-2 #1214 (Class K-3) switches coal hoppers at Ronceverte, West Virginia on October 22, 1952. The C&O owned hundreds of 2-8-2's, many manufactured by American Locomotive. All were scrapped by the early 1950's

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THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

RAIN LET UP FOR MAY so members were able to get started on some large projects and start a few others. We cancelled plans for Boat Museum, joking. We now have a mail box right in found of Museum. This will make it much easier to pick up mail. We now have corrected wheels and axels on the new crew car, almost ready to put it in service. We received several nice donations that will be used to update displays. Members have put in many hours during the week to make sure we are ready for summer rush. We have many talented members , but we would welcome new members to help operate our Museum. We present all types of rail operations, history of railroads and local history. This gives members a chance to enjoy any part of living history that they like to work with. We would like to expand operations but need more members. I hope you will consider checking us out and help us expand. Even more happening in June!

James (Jake) Taylor
President
Rappahannock Railroad Museum

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Museum and the Editor can use your help to fill the pages of the Mail Pouch. If you have a subject you would like to share, photos or just about any other information, please consider submitting it for publication in our Mailpouch. There are a lot of exciting things happening at the Museum, I would be glad to publish personal notes from those who are making the changes and updates at the museum. All submissions will be included in the Mail Pouch (unless restricted by copywrite laws).

Thank you all for your support.

Jim Keehner
Editor
Rappahannock Railroad Museum



Deer trespassing at MP57, at least they watched for trains as they crossed. (quick snapshot, our apologies for the blurry image)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rappahannock Railroad Museum EVERY SATURDAY MORNING TRAIN RIDE – EXCURSION. Ride the rails along Historic Deep Run Creek in Spotsylvania Co. on open rail maintenance cars and experience how the railroad workers of the mid 20th century rode to their worksites. Every Saturday 9AM to Noon – weather and conditions permitting. To ensure you get aboard the last train run, please be at the museum by 10:30AM. We attempt to board all parties on a first come basis but boarding is conducted on the platform by our station conductor and train crew so first come first aboard may not always occur. All children under 12 or those needing intensive supervision must be accompanied by a responsible adult. They must be seated together. Departing from the Rappahannock Railroad Museum, 11700 Main Street, Fredericksburg, Va. 22408. Donations accepted.

Monthly Meetings:

June 13, 2024

July 11, 2024

August 8, 2024

NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

2024 Long Beach August 4 - 11, 2024 Westin Long Beach 333 East Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA USA. <https://surfliner2024.org/>

NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

44th National Narrow Gauge Convention September 11-14, 2024 — Pittsburgh, PA. <https://www.44nngc.com>

GREENBERG TRAIN SHOWS

Jul. 13-14 - Oaks, PA

Aug. 3-4 - Monroeville, PA

Aug. 10-11 - Edison, NJ

Aug. 17-18 - Chantilly, VA

Nov. 2-3 - Monroeville, PA

Nov. 16-17 - Wilmington, MA

Nov. 23-24 - Edison, NJ

Dec. 7-8 - Timonium, MD

Dec 21-22 - Chantilly, VA

Dec. 28-29 - Hampton, VA

Prince William County Model Railroad Club Schedule - PWMRC.org

1st Saturday of each month - Open House Quantico Railroad Station

RAPPAHANNOCK MODEL RAILROADERS

July 26 - Aug 4 Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair, Fairgrounds Home Economics Building

September 14 Open House, 406H Hudgins Rd Fredericksburg VA 22408

October TBD Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, (N gauge only), See Festival Website

October 14 - 15 National Museum of the Marine Corps, 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle VA, See USMC Museum website

October 26 Shannon Harvest Festival Fly-in, Shannon Airport See 10th Annual Harvest Festival Fly In at Shannon

November 9-10 Spotsylvania Towne Centre, Next to the Food Court

November 22-24 46th Annual Model Railroad Show, Science Museum of Virginia (N gauge only), See WRIC publicity for event

December 7-8 Annual Train Show, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #4123, See 2023 RMR Christmas Train Show highlights

Editor's Note: *If anyone has any other Organizational information that they would like to see in the "Upcoming Events", please forward that information to the Editor for inclusion. I try to get a spread of regional and National events, but I cannot research every organization that is out there, so if you belong to or are interested in something that is not included here, please send me the information.*

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MONTHLY RECAP

05-04-2024 - CLOUDY PLANNING DAY. Light rain most all day but members were able to work outside together planning projects as we look to the future. We did have an estimate of 41 attending during the morning. Wish I knew how many stop by during the week, any time members stop by for a short project, nearly every time someone stops by to see and ask about our Museum, This week we had a couple stop by who were traveling up the coast that were from Germany, one was a train dispatcher the other an engineer. We are putting Spotsylvania on the map and we learn a lot when talking with visitors.

MAY MONTHLEY MEETING THIS THURSDAY (May 9) at 7:00 PM in Taylor Annex. Normal business, updates on projects and photos presentation by Justin on travels to other museums.

We are going to be very busy for some time with many planned projects, will try to keep you informed so you can help and enjoy your Museum. I may miss some things so keep your ears open so you can help where you would like.

05-11-2024 - BUSY MOTHERS DAY! Saturday was the busiest day so far this year. We had a Birthday party celebration, operated two trains for part of morning. The normal excursion train and another train checking out the passenger car that came on site Tuesday. Lots of visitors with a total est. of 131 people on site during the morning. Members worked together to provide safe operation at Museum and all visitors left happy. We did make four trips to Main line with full loads. Good discussions by members on upcoming projects at RRM.

We are improving Museum access. A test letter was finally received in our new on site mail box. Just a little more testing and our new address will be posted. Also we are testing an Email address for Museum It should be operational by next week and I will post that soon.

SPRING WORK DAY - Come and join us on Saturday May 25 of Memorial Day Weekend after the museum closes for a Spring Work Day. The museum will provide pizza and water and some members will provide cookies and carrot sticks and broccoli for munching. We have a number of general small work projects to do: replace rotten armrests on benches, raise wifi antenna, mop annex floors, clean windows of annexes and cabooses, do seasonal checkup of HVAC systems, plant flowers in our new pots, wipe and clean horse saddle, clip 24 nail heads on B60 ceiling, spackle ceiling panel in North Annex, cut a RR tie into 3 pieces for our B60 track display, and finish painting fence and platforms that the Boy Scouts don't complete this week. There will be plenty of other chores to do depending on how adventurous you are including wire brushing and/or caulking the west side of B60. Bring your gloves, face mask and hat! Last year we had a huge turnout! Please reply if you plan to come so we know how much pizza to buy. Next Saturday: Think we going to be a little short on members on the 18th, several of our regular members have other obligations, Let's make sure we can at least welcome visitors. Hope to see you Saturday. You have to admit we are a busy museum. Always learning, improving and having fun.

05-18-2024 - ANOTHER RAINEY SATURDAY! OH, Well maybe a boat Museum was not a bad idea after all. We did have a good day as lots of fun in the north annex, lots of social time in Taylor annex and some time in B-60 planning. Did not run the Train. Had an est. of 27 people stopping by with a good number of members in attendance. Expect numbers to increase next Saturday as locals bring their holiday visitors to Museum for tours. Let's not disappoint them.

Projects: Work continues on trying to make New passenger car operational, Trying to help post office find our new postal box, New email address almost ready, updating model layouts, Buying Paint for B-60 , fighting weeds and several other things, Busy time, Help.

05-25-2024 - FANTASTIC DAY! What a great day! NO RAIN. We had a good turnout of visitors large number of members with a total est. of attendees at 92 . Our train made I believe four trips to CSX main line, local family with visiting family from Altoona Pa. visited museum, Sunday met person who stopped at Museum from California, was able to give him short tour, good word is out about us. After closing members had pizza and dessert then a long work secession, look at list below of projects worked on. A "GREAT BIG THANK YOU" goes out to our decanted family members who did so much in a hot sunny HOLIDAY evening.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR MUSEUM: We installed our new mail box by the entrance to Museum. Contacted the Post Office and now have received a couple of test letters. So feel free to address any Museum mail to our new box. We will continue to receive mail at old address until about October as we have paid up until then.

New Address:

Rappahannock Railroad Museum

11700 Main Street

Fredericksburg, Va. 22408

LIST OF PROJECTS WORKED ON SATURDAY. Trash pickup down along Main St to Joseph Mills Dr, Replaced walkway next to ready track, Caulked holes in B-60, Mopped floors and sanitized door handles and surfaces, Measured signage on B-60, Raised wifi antenna on top of the B-60 for better reception, Scraped paint from platforms and developed plan for the future, Spackled ceiling tile in North Annex, Planted flowers and bush out front, Sprayed for wasps, Measured for plans to replace armrests for benches, Cleaned air filters in B-60 and Taylor Annex, Cleaned out under North Annex HO layout, Worked on track display in B-60, Updated and reconnected the Container 4 security camera, Cleaned Harold the Horse's saddle, Made a bunch of pizza disappear, Thanks to Justin for organizing and making work secession successful! We have fun presenting living History, tell your friends to join us.

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PHOTOS



Top Left: trash on way south. Top Right and Center Left: ODC crew car just unload at RRM. Center Right: ODC car on test run stopped at station. Note: car not in service at this time, needs updates before any riders. Bottom Left: CN mid train helper passing MP57 on long NB CSX freight. Bottom Right: Flash Back May 17,2014 #1 Bob Benser presents 25 year award to RC,NRHS.



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Top Left: the 25 year Certificate. Top Right: the cake for celebration. Center Left: the after dinner excursion. Notice number of members who worked hard building the RRM, Let's honor them by continuing to build operations at the best living history family Museum anywhere. Center Right: Train stopped and Justin saved turtle caught in gauge of track, turtle was set in woods with his other friend. Bottom Left: Crew taking water break while lecture is given at MP 57.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Application/Renewal Form

Rappahannock Railroad Museum, Inc.

Please type or print legibly

New _____ Renewal _____ if renewal Updated information Y N

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Family Membership(S) if Joining: _____
Membership

Regular \$15.00 _____

Family \$1.00 each _____

Museum Donation _____

Total: _____

Please mail to the following address or hand in at meeting.

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I agree to be a member in good standing and follow safety rules of
the Rappahannock Railroad Museum, Inc.
Membership dues for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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JUNE MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Saturday	June 1st	Meet at our Museum Site 9:00am to 12:00pm for tours and train rides, construction and upgrades(weather permitting). Members continue to improve displays and area.
Saturday	June 8th	Meet at our Museum Site 9:00am to 12:00pm for tours and train rides, construction and upgrades(weather permitting). Members continue to improve displays and area.
Thursday	June 13th	MUSEUM MONTHLY MEETING IN THE TAYLOR ANNEX. Monthly meeting starting promptly at 7:00pm. Important discussion on Museum future activities.
Saturday	June 15th	Meet at our Museum Site 9:00am to 12:00pm for tours and train rides, construction and upgrades(weather permitting). Members continue to improve displays and area.
Saturday	June 22nd	Meet at our Museum Site 9:00am to 12:00pm for tours and train rides, construction and upgrades(weather permitting). Members continue to improve displays and area.
Saturday	June 29th	Meet at our Museum Site 9:00am to 12:00pm for tours and train rides, construction and upgrades(weather permitting). Members continue to improve displays and area.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>June 29th</i>	<i>Remain at our Museum Site 12:00pm to ? to get needed work done on the Museum HO display. Needs to be moved 2 feet towards the entry door and releveled for better operation.</i>

Additional work days may be scheduled on an as needed basis.

Here we are at mid-year already,
Our visitor count continues to be steady;
Equipment and displays are ever changing,
The influence of our Museum is far ranging.

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SUBMISSIONS NOTE: Any items that you wish to have published in *The Mail Pouch* must be submitted as a complete package, articles must have all supporting images and diagrams at time of submission. Items to be published that are “borrowed from other publications” must have the proper credits noted to avoid copyright violations. Any items that you wish to have published in *The Mail Pouch* must be submitted to the Editor in electronic format (Text Files for articles and separate Digital Photos) prior to the **20th** of the proceeding month. Items not in an electronic format (items needing scans or typesetting) must be submitted prior to the **15th** of the proceeding month. Articles, Photos and other items may be submitted in person on Saturday mornings at the Museum, or electronically at jkeehner67@hotmail.com, **subject line EDITOR.** *All items submitted after the deadlines of the month will be held for publication in the following months Newsletter.*