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## MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13th, 2026. 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.

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## August Meeting Agenda

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

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*Cover: Chesapeake & Ohio, Seaboard System, and Southern Railway locos converge at the Richmond triple crossing, July 1983*

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## Museum Officers and Staff

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Web Site: [www.RRMuseum.org](http://www.RRMuseum.org)

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## THE PRESIDENTS 1/2 PAGE

No Message for this month

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



*Flash Back only ten years to June 2016. Take a good look at these two photos see what we have accomplish . 2016 No building, all displays in B-60. 2026 B-60 now has heat and AC all New displays. We have added equipment, operate larger trains. Added two building and four shipping containers.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Rappahannock Railroad Museum** EVERY SATURDAY MORNING TRAIN RIDE – EXCURSION. Ride the rails along FMC Plant facility 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:

**August 13th, 2026**

**September 10th, 2026**

**October 8th, 2026**

**November 12th, 2026**

### NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION

2026 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION – CHATTANOOGA, TN JULY 27 TO AUGUST 2, 2026, <https://www.nmra2026.org>

### NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

Collinsville, IL / St Louis, MO • September 3 - 6, 2025, [www.45thnngc.com](http://www.45thnngc.com)

### GREENBERG TRAIN SHOWS

**Jul. 25-26 - Monroeville, PA\***

**Aug. 8-9 - Edison, NJ\***

**Oct. 17-18 - Fredericksburg, VA\***

**Nov. 7-8 - Monroeville, PA\***

**Nov. 21-22 - Wilmington, MA\***

**Nov. 28-29 - Edison, NJ\***

**Dec. 5-6 - Timonium, MD\***

#### 2027 Shows

**Jan 9-10 - Oaks, PA**

**Jan 16-17 - Richmond, VA**

**Jan 30-31 - Grayslake, IL**

**Feb 13-14 - Hampton, VA**

**Feb 20-21 - Monroeville, PA**

**Mar 13-14 - Edison, NJ**

**Mar 20-21 - Wilmington, MA**

**Prince William County Model Railroad Club Schedule - PWMRC.org**

### RAPPAHANNOCK MODEL RAILROADERS

**July 21-24 - Private event (Stafford Junction) N, HO layouts**

**July 24 – Aug 2 – Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair O gauge layout**

**September 12 – RMR Open House All gauges**

**September 19 – Disability Resource Center Fall Festival at Fredericksburg Fair Grounds N gauge layout**

**September 26 – Museum of Culpeper History HO confirmed, N and O gauge invited**

**October 10-11 - Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival N gauge layout**

**October 24 - Shannon Airport Harvest Festival All gauges**

**November 7-8 – Spotsylvania Town Center Holiday kickoff O, N gauge layouts**

**December 12-13 - RMR Christmas show at Eagles Lodge All gauges**

**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

**06-06-2025** - A NORMAL DAY. Well almost normal a little short on visitors but some arrived at 8:15 and were having brunch at museum when members arrived. The transfer table was out of alignment and had to be adjusted. It happens when equipment is moved to fast. There is talk of a cost effective plan to help stabilize the transfer table foundation. We only made two trips with train as there was a total estimate of only 49 attending today.

We plan on being open on July 4. May not run train if not enough crew but if someone visiting from a distance they can tour museum and displays. You can still have your celebration that afternoon. Bring your visiting friends to Museum in the morning.

Now we need to look forward to 2036! Yes, we are having a few hic ups now but WE can correct them by working together for betterment of OUR Museum. Let's have fun presenting History.

**06-13-2025** - GREAT JOB MEMBERS! Saturday, we had a very minim number of members present and a large turn out of visitors. No one got a break, but all were willing to help where ever they could. Only had two members in North Annex, train did not leave Museum until about 10:00 with a trained crew, several got on the job class on setting up and putting away train. Also some annual training of crew members. Jimmy and David do not have opening for crew training for about three weeks, He will let us know when he can return for training. Hopely we can plan a date and be able to stick with it , but very hard to do when unknown expected things happen.

We had an est. total of 74 people attending Saturday. Had family's from Oregon and Georgia that I was able to talk with. Members talk about your museum with all you meet and invite them to come by.

Members if you are in area during the week please feel free to stop by and look around during the day for security reasons and maybe pick up trash, cut weeds or neaten area. We want visitors first impressions of area to be pleasant so they will return with family and friends.

Note: Museum Security: All members please watch out for security of our entire museum If anyone removes anything from Museum. Notify a museum officer, so proper action can be taken. NEVER touch anyone.

Cracked tops on donation jars will be replaced. See you Saturday.

**06-20-2025** - BACK ON TRACK. After last Saturday's LOW attendance , it was great seeing Members enjoying time at their museum. We had a total est of 81 attending. For second Saturday in a row we had a Senior visitor who worked on track using Motor cars in his younger days. They really enjoy seeing and talking about their days on the job and we learn a lot talking with them.

The weather was great and everyone seemed to have a good time together. Cut some grass, weeds and cleaned the flangeways at main street but could not finish so member volunteered to do more cleaning during the week. Remember members are welcome to do some jobs during the week if they want (cleaning, picking up, trimming grass and security checks). Always have someone with you or someone knows You are there for safety. See you at least next Saturday for another good day. Keep looking up

**06-27-2025** - THIS IS 2026, NEW REGULATIONS MANDATED! We had a long day with normal operations and BofD meeting. All good with est total of 60 attending. The board meeting was productive and they will give report at business meeting. Plans for future and new Regulations were discussed. We will follow new operation rules that are required by County, State & Federal. No member caused the update in Operations. Times have changed and we can and will continue operating a proper safe Museum.

SATURDAY JULY 4TH We plan to have museum open but limited operation. Weather people are predicting extreme HEAT. We should not take train out in 100 degree temp. But maybe have annex's and B-60 open with AC on for visitors who may have traveled to area or visiting friends locally. All members should use caution during the possible extreme heat for four days where ever they are or whatever they are planning. SAFETY FIRST !

RRM SECRETARY POSITION: On June 25, 2026 , secretary Andy S. stepped down as RRM secretary. I will appoint a member to finish out his 2026 term after discussions with BofD. If you would like to be considered for this position please email or contact me.

Hope to see you Saturday, in A/C enjoying social time, catching up on inside projects and welcoming any visitors when they arrive. Stay Cool.

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## BUY SELL or TRADE

This is a new section of the newsletter and will also be added to the Museum webpage (if there is the option to do so, I will make this a members only access page of the Website). It's purpose is to give the Museum and members the opportunity to offer items they do not plan to use to other members. This page will not be included in copies of the Mail Pouch shared with other organizations.

If you have items you wish to get published in this section, please email the editor clear pictures of the item, a brief description and your asking price. Your name will be included in the listing, if you wish to have other information included such as contact info, please include that as well.



This is a very loose representation of the Rappahannock River Bridge in Fredericksburg. The name has been removed from the bridge structure. The track is supported with risers hidden by the bridge. The track is code 100 Atlas flextrack. The structures are a mix of kits from multiple manufacturers. The ground cover and ballast are Woodland scenics. This module has legs available. ASKING PRICE is simply Best Offer!



Left is the “Old Man of the Mountain” module and right is “The Holler” both are meant to represent vacation spots where folks can relax and enjoy nature. The track is code 100 Atlas flextrack. The structures are a mix of kits from multiple manufacturers. The ground cover and ballast are Woodland scenics. This modules DO have legs available. ASKING PRICE is simply Best Offer for each!

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## PHOTOS



*Top Left: Remember We Can do anything together. Note putting up signal June 1, 2009.*

*Top Right: RF&P Caboose #905 in service with local on track one near MP 58.*

*Center Left: 06/24/2029, RF&P caboose#905 at RRM Museum 05/30/2020.*

*Center Right: Flash Back July 2007 #1 LYT waiting to cross Rt.2. Inset right: New stairway and beacon.*

*Bottom Left: LYT waiting for crossing controller to join train,*

*Bottom Right: On our way to MP 57. Still hoping to take updated photos of crossing.*



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Application/Renewal Form

Rappahannock Railroad Museum, Inc.  
Please type or print legibly

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership(S) if Joining: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership

Regular \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_, can Vote, can hold office

Family \$1.00 each \_\_\_\_\_, cannot vote, cannot hold office.

Museum Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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11700 Main Street  
Fredericksburg, VA. 22408

I agree to be a member in good standing and follow safety rules of  
the Rappahannock Railroad Museum, Inc.  
Membership dues for January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# JULY/AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

|          |             |                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Saturday | July 18th   | 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 | July 25th   | 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 | August 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 | August 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 | August 13th | <b>MUSEUM MONTHLY MEETING IN THE TAYLOR ANNEX.</b> Monthly meeting starting promptly at 7:00pm. Important discussion on Museum future activities.                  |
| Saturday | August 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. |

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

**Changes and updates keep the Museum Running,**  
**AC in the Annexs and B-60 keep folks funning;**  
**Our tracks have been temporarily shortened,**  
**But continued operation for visitors is important.**

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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.*