

JUST ROLLIN' ALONG

In 1996 the Quincy Mine Hoist Association embarked on a program of constructing a passenger Tramway on the hillside. This tram was built to transport visitors from the Hoist to the Quincy Mine East Adit. This tramway has successfully provided an efficient mode of transportation and dramatic panoramic view of the area. Our cogwheel is one of three in the United States, and is the only one operating in the Midwest. In fact, some have visited the Quincy Mine just to take a ride on the tram.

This tram and tramway was originally made possible through the support of many local donors. Since 1996, the cogwheel tram has made thousands of trips up and down the hillside.

The Quincy Mine Hoist Association has begun the process of refurbishing the tram and tramway to preserve this attraction for many years to come. We have been able to keep up with the costs of regular



Tram at the end of the 2009 season

maintenance, but this project entails so much more. We estimate these new project costs to total at least \$50,000.

You may recall from our last newsletter that work has been started to refurbish the tram during the 2009 winter months. New windows were placed in the tram, making it easier not only to take the windows out of the frame, but also enabling tourists to take smudge-free photographs even when the windows are in place. The interior of the tramcar was repainted while the exterior of the tram was polished. The chairs within the tramcar have also been refinished..

Now, after 8,600 hours of operation, and transporting over 185,600 visitors, it is time to take a closer look into the tram.

A 165-horsepower diesel engine drives two hydraulic pumps which in turn power four hydraulic motors. These motors drive the cogwheels that engage the center rail or rack, propelling the tram up and down the tramway.

All of these components have been removed and closely inspected. Worn or inefficient parts will be replaced, and the tram will be up and running better than ever for the 2010 season!



Don Effinger and Dennis Leopold taking a closer look inside the engine

If you would like to help with the refurbishing of our cowheel tram, your tax-deductable donation may be sent to:

*The Quincy Mine Hoist Assn.
49750 U.S. Hwy 41
Hancock Mi 49930*

-or-

*With a membership
via our website:*

www.quincymine.com



Dennis getting the engine ready for removal and inspection

MORE OF THE STORY IN PICTURES



Museum at end of 2009 season.



New interpretive panel under construction.



Train model before interpretive displays placed.



Rough draft placement of Q&TLRR panels.

*New interpretive
displays under
construction in the
1894 Hoist
House Museum*



Setting up the underground drill display.



Underground drill display nearly complete.

LOCAL DONORS LEAD THE WAY

We would like to thank the local donors who have once again supported the Quincy Mine Hoist Association with their current tram project.

The first major donation came from **Peninsula Copper Industries, Inc** in the form of a memorial

dedicated to former Quincy Mine Hoist Association Director **William G. Stewart.**

Adding to this very generous donation were:

**The Tervo Agency,
Copper Country Abstract
& Title,**

**Paul Tomasi
and**

Dr. John Lawton.

So far \$2,850.00 has been donated to our tram refurbishing fund.

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Volunteers and staff rolling out the trucks from under the tram.

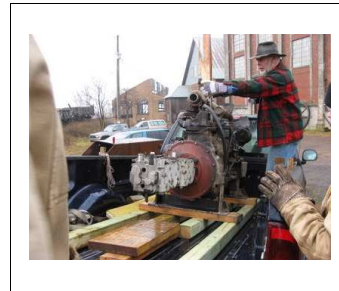


Volunteers loading the trucks for transport



Dave Pulse placing the brakes on the trailer

We would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped with the initial work on this huge undertaking. Ron Whiton, Rich Brooks, Jim Brooks, Kiril Spiroff, David Pulse, Phil Quenzi and Superior Sand & Gravel donated their time, expertise, equipment and vehicles to dismantle the various components of the tram that were being evaluated.



Jim Brooks loading the tram engine

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WHOA! WHAT IS GOING ON?

On Sunday, June 21, 1992, an open house was held in the newly restored 1894 Hoist House on the Quincy Mine site. This event was considered the Grand Opening for the major restoration of this building and the facilities housed within. Historically, the building had served as an unimproved display area for larger artifacts related to mining. The restoration included a new roof, and the replacement of the dirt floor with poured concrete. The interior was expanded to include offices, storage areas, meeting rooms, restrooms, and display areas. Prior to 1994, the gift shop was located in this building.

Since then, a Train display has replaced the gift shop area, one room converted into a small theater, and various artifacts were displayed throughout the building.

The Quincy Mining Company had so many facets of their operations

it has been difficult to interpret the entire story with only our tours and current artifact displays.

In an effort to share the overall history of the mine, the Quincy Mine Hoist Association applied for a small grant to enhance our interpretive displays within this National Historical Landmark. We will be adding two new interpretive displays to the interior of the 1894 Hoist House museum.

These initial displays will help interpret the stories of the Quincy & Torch Lake Railroad and mining practices used both above ground and underground at the Quincy Mine. Future displays will help to interpret the Quincy Mine Stamp Mill that was located in Mason, and the Quincy Mine Smelter that is located on the shores of the Keweenaw waterway.

On the grounds of the

site, many artifacts that are displayed around the property are currently unidentified.

We will be adding signage to these displays to better inform our visitors of what each artifact is, where it came from, and what its importance was to the Quincy Mining Company.

We were granted half of the expense of this initial project, and through the generous donations of our members, we were able to match that amount.

We have begun designing and constructing the hardware for the first two interior interpretive panels. January was devoted to research and composition of the information. February will be devoted to layout, printing, and final construction.. It is our goal to have this initial project completed by the end of April, just in time for our 2010 summer season!

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Nick Clark researching information for the Interpretive panels



Nick Clark and Dennis Leopold choosing the appropriate historic photos for the exhibits

IN MEMORY OF

David Halkola has been on the Board of Directors for the Quincy Mine Hoist Association since 1980. David was known in the local area for his love of history, and was involved in numerous local, state and national historical societies. He taught at Suomi College (now Finlandia University) for six years beginning in 1948, then served as the President for the following five. He became an associate professor at Michigan Technological University in 1960 as a professor of history before retiring 28 years later. His strong leadership has enriched the Association in many ways.

Quincy Mine Hoist Association Director 1980-2009

Scott Dickson became a Director for the Quincy Mine Hoist Association in 1984. He has served on the Board in many different positions including the treasurer, and most recently, the 1st Vice president. Scott retired from the Department of Human Services after 32 years of service. Since retirement he has been strongly involved in the community. For more than 40 years he was an active member of the Hancock Fire Department, and has served on many Boards in the area. His service and dedication to the Association was invaluable.

Quincy Mine Hoist Association Director 1984-2009

William G Stewart was a former Director on the Quincy Mine Hoist Association Board of Directors from 1979 To 1994 He graduated from Michigan Technological University's former Department of Mining Engineering, and was a mine superintendant at several mines in the Copper Country located in the Keweenaw Peninsula. He later was a founder of Peninsula Copper Industries, Inc. of Hubbell, Michigan. He also had interests in gardening, remodeling, and in mining history.

Quincy Mine Hoist Association Director 1979-1994

Their dedication and presence will be missed

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In addition to information about the Association, historical overviews and photos of the Quincy Mine Historical Landmark District, this newsletter will be there so you can share it with a friend.

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