



ROEBLING CHAPTER Society for Industrial Archeology

Roebling Chapter, SIA eNewsletter

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Dear RCSIA Member,

This is a short quick note to let members know that at RCSIA we are still alive and kicking and looking forward to some "normality".

We SEEM to be getting to the end of the terrible time that has been COVID. We are fortunate that we are in a country which creates and provides vaccines which are likely to stop or at least blunt the effects of this plague.

We had a board meeting last week to try to plan events for the remainder of 2021. In some cases, we are refreshing some 2020 plans than never came to pass, in others we are having new ideas.

Planned dates that are known so far include –

Sat July 24th – Morris Canal Inclined Planes 2 East – with Joe Macasek – Industrial Heritage Walk. Contact Joe at macgraphics2@gmail.com.

Sat Aug 14th – Wharton Canal Lock – again, with Joe

Mon Aug 23th to Fri Aug 27th – 49th National Annual Conference in the Lehigh Valley (Bethlehem). It is now open for registration and we look forward to having a good showing of Roebling members there. Details at <https://www.sia-web.org/49th-annual-conference/> .

Sat Sept 25 – Gerry's Corn Roast – always one of the highlights of the season, come grill some meat on the barbecue and taste some sweet buttery corn. Even have a dip in the pool if weather permits. More details to come.

Sat Oct 16th – Chester Furnace – with Joe Macasek

We hope to have a date for a trip to the Kingston Maritime Museum combined with an IA Informative boat trip in the fall – date to be announced shortly.

Sat Jan 29th (2022) – Annual Meeting and Symposium. Owing to time constraints we will not hold the Symposium this fall as usual, and will instead combine both events in January, at the usual location, the Paterson Conference Center. A call for papers will be sent out shortly.

Most of our events are, in the short term, outside and therefore there can be less worry regarding COVID. We encourage our members to be vaccinated (and most are) and the wearing of masks will be optional, it is up to the member him/herself.

In the case of the SIA National Conference in Bethlehem – registrations will not be accepted from unvaccinated members.

Annual dues for 2021 have been waived, as were dues for 2020, and we will not be requesting annual dues until notices are sent out in late November 2021 for the calendar year 2022. Anyone who has already paid dues for 2020 or 2021 will have their membership extended appropriately.

All best wishes, see you soon

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President, Roebling Chapter