

## ⚡ Spark INITIATIVE ⚡

Continuing its commitment to attract more visitors to Delaware County and the Western Catskills, the Catskill Revitalization Corporation's – Delaware & Ulster Railroad announces a major investment in the railroad's infrastructure and equipment of over \$100,000. We are calling the project the "Spark Initiative". The project is focused on preparing the



*The #116 a 1948 switch engine that once was operated by the legendary New York, Ontario & Western Railroad along their rails in the Catskills will be restored and repainted as a tribute to this classic railroad.*

railroad become a larger resource to support the growth of the tourism industry in Delaware County, the Western Catskill and along the Catskill Scenic By-way.

Key Objectives of the project include:

- Re-constructing a new main-line switch at Halcottsville, which is already nearing completion and will be ready this month for operation
- Accepting the donation from CSX Transportation and shipping of a former Chesapeake & Ohio "Wide Vision" caboose to the railroad at Arkville, New York
- Upgrading the kitchen on the Rip Van Winkle Flyer to better serve our passengers aboard our classic 1940's streamliner, and grow our motor coach charter business.
- Further improvements to our radio communication system with the installation of a repeater on our Delaware Sub-division and adding more radios to our system.

# The Whistlepost...

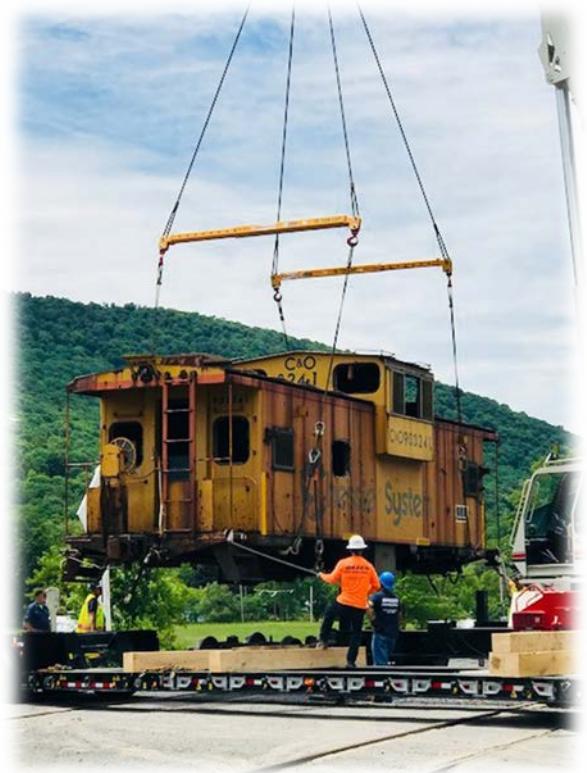
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- Continuing the installation of our environmentally friendly cross-ties treated with Copper Naphthenate to help us protect the New York City Watershed and Catskill Park.
- Installation of a new door on our Shop Building at Arkville, that will improve use of this building, and provide better weather-proofing during winter months.
- Restoration of #116 with new paint, to carry on the traditions of the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad and Catskill Mountain Railroading.



*New re-constructed main-line switch at Halcottsville, our mid-point terminal between Arkville and Roxbury*



*Just arriving at the Delaware & Ulster Railroad former Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad "Wide-vision Caboose" that will be configured for special occasions, charter and parties.*

In the meantime, . . . we continue to work every day on making the Delaware & Ulster railroad one of the best scenic railroads in New York State.

We also want to say thank you to all our passengers, friends and stakeholders for their continued support, and the Delaware County – Chamber of Commerce for their 2018 "Tourism Award."

So, get ready to climb on board the Delaware & Ulster Railroad to explore the Haunts of Rip Van Winkle!

DELAWARE & ULSTER RAILROAD

Route of the *Rip Van Winkle Flyer*