

PARLOR CAR RESTORATION PROJECT

SAVE A SEAT

Our parlor car *Francis J. McGrath* (originally named *Leonard Calvert*) has been considered the Queen of the WNYRHS's fleet of passenger cars. It was one of sixteen built in 1952 by the Budd Company for use on the Pennsylvania Railroad's Congressional service between Washington, DC and New York City. To the best of our knowledge it is the only car remaining that has retained its original twenty-nine swivel seats with individual tables and a five person drawing room. Two years ago our friends at the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad completely repainted and stenciled the outside of the car so it now looks like this.



Now the time has come to do the interior, which has been in 1970's Amtrak purples and is showing its wear after more than forty years of service. With the help of an interior decorator, who donated her services, an exciting new color palette has been created that will bring the interior into the modern era but create the same jaw-dropping impact it had when new.

The *Francis J. McGrath* has accumulated many miles running over the rails of local railroads as an ambassador of the railroad, the society and railroading in general. It has provided first class service on many excursion trains. The car often plays host to politicians, businessmen and railroaders

HOW TO SAVE A SEAT

Any donation in any amount is welcome and will be used for the Parlor Car Restoration Project. Any donation of \$100 or more will Save a Seat. These donations will be recognized with the placement of a plaque on the seat frame. The plaque can read **DONATED BY**, followed by your name or **IN MEMORY OF**, followed by a loved one's name.



It's time to bring this beautiful car back to its original glory. Please help the WNYRHS Car Department to complete the upgrades necessary to reach this goal.

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The interior renovation of the parlor car is estimated to cost about \$12,000. Our friends at the Western New York & Pennsylvania RR have committed to providing us space inside their Olean Shops, plus supply their staff to help out with the work which will include the removal of the seat frames, preparation and painting of the walls, ceiling and seat frames, rip out the old carpeting, repair any issues with the flooring, plus install the new carpeting. With part of the labor for the project donated by the railroad as well as by our car department volunteers, we only need to cover the cost of the materials to be used in the project.

We have applied for a grant that will cover approximately 70% of the project cost, however we still need to raise about \$3,500 to complete the restoration. Your donation to the project car can be in any amount, however if you would like to Save a Seat for a contribution of \$100 or more, please complete the information below.

I want to contribute \$ _____ to the Parlor Car Restoration Project.

I want to contribute \$ 100.00 to Save A Seat. I would like the plaque to read as follows:

IN MEMORY OF _____ or

DONATED BY _____

Please complete the information below or you can use the PayPal donation button on the WNYRHS web page at www.wnyrhs.com, just click on the donate button located on the home page.

Please send your check or credit card info to: **WNYRHS, Inc. PO Box 416 Buffalo, NY 14231-0416**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount \$ _____ *Circle One if Credit
(Visa, MC, AMEX, Discover)*

Credit Card # _____

3-Digit Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____



The parlor car was acquired by the Society through the generosity of Society Patron Francis McGrath pictured above. The car was named in his honor for his unwavering support of the WNYRHS in the early years of the organization. We plan continuing to honor him with the restoration of the parlor car.

Remember, the WNYRHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible