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*EBT Foundation General Manager addresses the joint EBT Foundation and FEBT Track Crews, commemorating the start of the next phase of the March to Saltillo on March 12, 2024. – Eric Knepp photo*



# THE MARCH TO SALTILLO REACHES NEW MILESTONE

On March 12th, combined EBT Foundation and FEBT track crews commenced track restoration south of the Route 475 crossing, a mile south of Rockhill Furnace. This marks the start of a new phase in the March to Saltillo. This segment of the EBT's historic mainline has been out of service since 1956. With 22 volunteers on hand, the first 120' of ties and rail were laid, spiked, and aligned. Restoration work will continue from here on to Jordan Summit, then onward toward Saltillo. This work is made possible with ties, spikes, tie plates, and ballast that have been purchased with funding from the FEBT Campaign. – Dave Bulman



*East Broad Top track forces gauge the rails installed south of the Maddensville Pike grade crossing on March 12<sup>th</sup>. – Al Gallo photo*

## FEBT 2024 CAMPAIGN REACHES INITIAL GOAL, ANNOUNCES NEW SUPPORT FOR THE MARCH TO SALTILLO

**Thanks to your generous donations, we have achieved our 2024 Campaign goal of \$220,000!** This will allow us to proceed with the Saltillo Station construction, purchase the new tender tank for number 15, fully fund the 2024 Archives effort, start the planning to rebuild the Robertsdale engine house and support the march to Saltillo.

This is a tremendous start to the 2024 Campaign! With 6 months remaining, we now can further accelerate the rebirth of the EBT. **We are excited to announce that additional 2024 Campaign donations beyond the initial \$220K goal will be targeted toward purchase of additional track materials for the march to Saltillo.**

The next steps in the march to Saltillo will be to restore trackage from the Rt. 475 crossing to Jordan Summit, from Jordan Summit to the Rt. 994 crossing, and from there to Pogue Station. The right of way has now been cleared by the EBTF all the way to Pogue Station. Your campaign contributions have allowed us to order ties and other track materials to support restoration to Jordan summit. However, we still need significant additional track materials to complete the work to Pogue and beyond. Ties, spikes, plates, and ballast to reach Pogue will require more than \$100,000. Your continued donations will directly support this effort. The more funds we raise, the further we can march towards Saltillo!



Help us go from this:



Freshly cleared ROW at Pogue Station

To this:



Newly completed track south of IOOF crossing

You may donate online (credit card and Paypal accepted) at the FEBT Company Store, [store.febt.org/donate](https://store.febt.org/donate). If you prefer to send a check or money order payable to FEBT, address it to:

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P.O. Box 43063  
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FEBT is a designated 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible in the U.S.  
The 2024 Annual Campaign started Oct. 1 and runs until Sept. 30, 2024.



*The first few spikes are driven into fresh ties in the Jordan Summit segment of the March to Saltillo.  
– Al Gallo photo*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Host	Event
March 23, 24, 30	EBT	Easter on the Rails
March 23	RTM	Easter Bunny Trolley
April 6, 7	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
April 6	FEBT	Spring Walk
April 19, 20	FEBT	FEBT Museum Host Training
May 11, 12	EBT	EBT Goes to War!
May 18, 19	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
May 20-24	FEBT	Rockhill Spring Work Week
June 8	RTM	Johnstown Trolley Day
June 15, 16	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
June 15	FEBT	Youth Work Session
July 6, 7	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
July 21	RTM	National Ice Cream Day
July 27, 28	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
August 3	RTM	York Railways 163 Day
August 17, 18	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
August 17, 18	BTACMHS	Robertsdale Community Days
September 12, 13, 14, 15	EBT	Central Pennsylvania Ragtime & American Music Festival
September 14, 15	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
September 14	FEBT	Youth Work Session
September 16-20	FEBT	Rockhill Fall Work Week
October 4, 5, 6	FEBT	FEBT Fall Reunion
October 5	RTM	Fall Spectacular
October 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27	EBT	PEANUTS Great Pumpkin Patch Express
October 26, 27	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session

<u>Hosts:</u>	FEBT	Friends of the East Broad Top	<a href="http://www.febt.org">www.febt.org</a>
	EBT	East Broad Top Railroad	<a href="http://www.eastbroadtop.com">www.eastbroadtop.com</a>
	RTM	Rockhill Trolley Museum	<a href="http://www.rockhilltrolley.org">www.rockhilltrolley.org</a>
	BTACMHS	Broad Top Area Coal Miners Historical Society	<a href="http://broadtopminersmuseum.com">broadtopminersmuseum.com</a>

## UPCOMING ROCKHILL FURNACE VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

The next Rockhill volunteer session will take place Saturday and Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider coming out for one or more of the sessions to help us continue to preserve and restore the East Broad Top. If you are interested in participating in the Rockhill Furnace volunteer sessions including track work, and are not on the current signup distribution, please contact Charlie Wootton, the Rockhill Furnace volunteer coordinator, at [rhrestoration@febt.org](mailto:rhrestoration@febt.org).

If you have questions about volunteering, or have suggestions for our volunteer recruiting efforts, please email me at [dbulman115@gmail.com](mailto:dbulman115@gmail.com). – *Dave Bulman*

## FEBT MUSEUM SCHEDULE

The FEBT Museum will be open Saturdays during Easter on the Rails, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Training for museum hosts is scheduled for Friday April 19 and Saturday April 20. Contact Pete ([febt@aol.com](mailto:febt@aol.com)) to join the group of hosts.

Standard tourist season hours will begin on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Operating hours will be Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



# EASTER EVENTS



Tickets remain for all Easter on the Rails trains. Please visit <https://eastbroadtop.com/events/easter/> for more information and for ticket purchases.



The Rockhill Trolley Museum is hosting its easter EGGspress on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Visit <https://rockhilltrolley.org/> for more information and ticket purchases.

## ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION

Friends of the East Broad Top, Inc. (FEBT) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, historical, and educational society dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the East Broad Top Railroad National Historic Landmark in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. It was organized in 1983 and now boasts over 2,100 members. FEBT publishes an award-winning magazine, *Timber Transfer*, and a monthly e-newsletter, and operates a museum in Robertsdale PA, the EBT's southern terminus. See [febt.org/](http://febt.org/) for more information.

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the East Broad Top Newsletter is a monthly digital-only periodical. Started in 2020, it is intended to keep members and donors apprised of what the organization has done and will be doing. The FEBT Newsletter is distributed by email to the current list of members and donors, and is a privilege of contributing to the FEBT's cause of preserving, restoring, and interpreting the East Broad Top Railroad for current and future generations. The editor can be contacted at [Newsletter@febt.org](mailto:Newsletter@febt.org). Previous issues of the FEBT Newsletter may be found at [febt.org/newsletter](http://febt.org/newsletter). Press time for information submitted is 8:00 PM Eastern time on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Events occurring after the 25<sup>th</sup>, such as donations and memberships, will be considered part of the following month's information.