

# SWITCHER LOCOMOTIVE 53

This locomotive was designed for switching because of its short wheelbase, allowing it to maneuver through tight radius curves and switches. Its wheel arrangement is abbreviated as “0-4-0,” which is railroad shorthand for no leading wheels, four driving wheels, and no trailing wheels. Number 53 was a coal fired steam locomotive built by Alco in 1923 for the Jamesville Quarry of Solvay Process Company, where it hauled cars loaded with stone.

The #53 was purchased by Dr. Stanley Groman for his tourist railroad and museum at Rail City, located north of here at Sandy Pond. When Rail City closed and its assets sold, Dr. Groman’s son Robert donated the #53 to the CNY Chapter, National Railway Historical Society.

The locomotive was cosmetically restored in 1993 to appear as it did when operating in Jamesville.



**WEIGHT: 32 Tons**

**BUILT: 1923 -- American Locomotive Company**

