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If you have a submission for the September E-news PLEASE forward it to me by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Pauletta Ader Editor of the E-news. [pauletta.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletta.ader@yahoo.com)

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# **PRRT&HS 2018 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING NEWS!!!**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**This year it will be a four-day event, with an “optional” Train trip leaving from 30<sup>th</sup> street station Phila to Altoona on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sun 13<sup>th</sup>. Including a trip around Horseshoe curve.**

**This trip will be restricted to 250 passengers and will be available thanks to the generosity of Bennett Levin and his equipment. More information will be available soon.**

**Our annual meeting location is the Blair County Convention Center, Altoona PA. Due to the size of local hotels We have “blocked” rooms at four locations. They are as follows in the order of distance to the convention center.**

**Use PRRT&HS for all special hotel pricing**

**(1) Courtyard Marriott Altoona (814) 312 1800      \$106.00 +tax**

**This hotel has a direct connection to the convention center**

**There are 70 rooms blocked until 4/09/18**

**(2) Holiday Inn Express (814) 693 1004                      \$124.00 +tax**

**This hotel is less than a block away and is only one year old.**

**Comp buffet breakfast**

**There are 40 rooms blocked until 4/09/18**

**(3) Altoona Grand Hotel (814) 946 1631                      \$80.00 +tax**

**This hotel is half a mile away and is the best bargain!**

**There are 50 rooms blocked until 4/09/18**

**(4) Hampton Inn (814) 941 3500                                  \$129.00 +tax**

**Less than one mile away has Cracker Barrel and sports bar on same lot as hotel**

**There are 30 rooms blocked until 4/11/18**

**There will be shuttle busses courtesy of the PRRT&HS running to all three outside hotel locations.**

**All hotels have handicapped rooms available.**

**We would advise making reservations ASAP this annual meeting will be a record breaker! Naturally, other rooms are available outside of our PRRT&HS “block” but the special price will not be offered.**

**More NEWS as it becomes available!!!**

**Steve Staffieri President**

**REMINDER: RAILROAD HERITAGE DAYS:**

PRRT&HS will be an active participant at the Railroad Museum of Pa. Railroad Heritage Days, September 9th and 10th. Once all the activities have been finalized, updated information for this event will be placed on the Society web site. Check the website for updated information.

UPDATE: From Joe Acri

My speaking times are as follows. Starting at 10:15 on Saturday, I will do in order the A5s, G5s and H6sb. I will spend at least 30 minutes at each piece of equipment. Sunday, I start at 12:30 with the B6sb and finally the M1b.

Submitted by Joe Acri

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**PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS**

One way for members to help increase the Society’s visibility and promote membership in the PRRT&HS is to host the portable display in their area. For those unfamiliar with it, the portable display contains sample issues of *The Keystone*, *The Keystone Modeler* and *The Keystone e-NEWS*, as well as membership brochures, membership applications, information on the Lewistown Archives and a list of PRRT&HS publications available for purchase on our website. Book samples are available to those hosts willing to display them. While train shows are an obvious

venue consideration should be given to events sponsored by local historical societies and railroad museums; especially those in areas that had a strong PRR presence.



The Pittsburgh Chapter hosted the portable display at the RPM-EAST Meet held on March 24 & 25 in Greensburg, PA. The display gave the 206 attendees an opportunity to browse all the current PRRT&HS publications and learn the benefits of membership. Many existing members stopped by to converse and our presence reminded some to get their 2017 renewals completed.

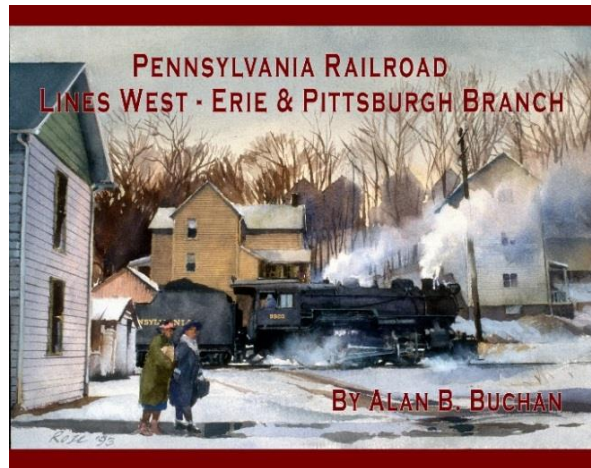
The portable display gives the PRRT&HS exposure to those unaware of our existence and the potential to attract new members; please consider hosting it. An increase in membership is beneficial to us all. Table cost and shipping charges are covered by the PRRT&HS.

Another way for members to help promote the Society is to ask permission and place copies of the PRRT&HS Membership Brochure in hobby shops, museums, local historical society's, etc.

To arrange for use of the portable display or to request copies of the Membership Brochure contact Frank Napoleon at [frank.napoleon@verizon.net](mailto:frank.napoleon@verizon.net).

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**ERIE & PITTSBURGH BRANCH BOOK - SOLD OUT**



The *Erie & Pittsburgh Branch* book is **SOLD OUT**. If you missed the boat and still want a copy, please call 610-683-7341, extension 1005 to be placed on a list of those interested in a (possible Second Edition reprint). Also, check the E-store located on the PRRT&HS website for other available Society publications.

Submitted by Frank Napoleon

### **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society is to bring together persons interested in the history and modeling of the Pennsylvania Railroad, its subsidiaries and its predecessor companies. Our goals are to promote the preservation and recording of all information regarding the organization, operation, facilities and equipment of the PRR.

The Society's quarterly illustrated journal, *The Keystone*, has been published continuously since 1968. Each issue of 84 or more pages contains illustrated original authoritative articles, about locomotives, cars, other equipment, facilities and operating practices of the PRR. The Society also publishes its own thoroughly researched books and other materials concerning Pennsy history. *The Keystone Modeler* is also a quarterly special 30-plus page online publication of the Society. These publications are for sale on our website.

The Society meets annually, usually during the first weekend in May, providing an opportunity for its members to get together and learn more about the PRR. Local chapters around the country also provide members and guests with regular meetings that feature PRR related programs, see listing below for chapter events.

Information about our Society may be found on our website <http://www.prrths.com>. To join the Society you may use the e-Store [http://www.prrths.com/estore/index\\_estore.html#membership](http://www.prrths.com/estore/index_estore.html#membership) or send \$40.00 to: PRRT&HS, PO Box 54, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-0054. All memberships are for a calendar year, renewals after February 15<sup>th</sup> are \$45.00. The additional late dues fee pays to ship any Keystones that missed the normal mailing.

### **Drawings from Microfilm**

Copies of PRR equipment drawings are available from the Society's microfilm collection. To order drawings, you must know the drawing number and title. Ordering information and lists of arrangement drawings are available on the Society's website, [www.prrths.com](http://www.prrths.com), under National Society, The Interchange. If you require a printed copy of this information, please send your address and a check for \$2.00 made out to PRRT&HS to: Richard C. Price, 779 Irvin Hill Road, McVeytown, PA 17051.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society Has Formed a Pacific Northwest Chapter.

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