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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

As of February 17, 2012, the membership for 2012 is:

Regular	1,880
Sustaining	257
Contributing	55
International	28
<u>Keystone</u>	<u>112</u>
Total	2,332

Non-renewals 671, Renewal Rate $2,259/2,930=77.1\%$

Keystone mailings include 13 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2012 is 73.

Membership Coordinator Andy Hart says that renewals are coming in at a high rate. He received about 80 from KPC during Saturday's Board meeting.

WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Winter meeting of the Board of Directors was held Saturday, February 18, 2012 in the Kutztown Publishing Company's Conference Room in Kutztown, PA from 10:34 am to 12:32 pm. The following Directors were present: Al Buchan, Jack Consoli, Frank Napoleon, Dave Scott, Bruce Smith (via telephone), Ed Swain (via telephone), and Ralph Weischedel. Also in attendance were Rich McCarty – Treasurer, Andy Hart – Membership Coordinator, and S&A Committee Chair Rich Ader. General Counsel Jim Trope was absent.

Financial

Estimated status at the end of 2012: General Account: \$300,994, Station & Archives Account: \$71,600. The General Account includes expenses for the poster book (\$100,000) and the Chicago-Florida passenger trains book (\$30,000). The decimation of the S&A account includes a possible expense of \$175,000 for a fire suppression system, which may or may not come to fruition during 2012.

Annual Meetings

- 2012 Camp Hill (May 17 – 20) – Host unit – Northern Central Chapter. Current planning includes a May 17th bus trip to the Lewistown station and hopefully a visit to Standard Steel. The board reviewed a preliminary program. Meeting fliers should go out around mid-March.
- 2013 Lancaster Host Inn – (May 18 – 21) Host unit - Philadelphia Chapter.
- 2014 Camp Hill (May 1 – 3) – No host unit yet.
- 2015 Penn State – Host unit - Middle Division

PR Report

Ed Swain reported the Gondola book was featured in January NMRA Magazine, the Columbus and Gondola books were covered in December RMC, the Gondola book was covered in MR and a book review of the Columbus book was in Spring *Classic Trains*. The Gondola book should be in the Summer issue of *Classic Trains*. A copy of Gondola book sent to RMC for review.

The board approved running another Society ad in the NMRA magazine and sending the Columbus book to NMRA to get coverage in their magazine.

Archive Equipment

The board also authorized funding of \$5,000 to start a new project for shelving to store Individual Donations.

PENNSY DAYS AT STRASBURG

It is understood that the Philadelphia Chapter will be holding its June 2012 Chapter meeting at Strasburg in what might be dubbed as a mini Pennsy Days. The 2013 Pennsy Days will be held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual meeting hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter to be held in Lancaster and Strasburg. To plan Pennsy Days in the following years, 2014 and beyond, we will be appointing a committee to work with the museum in determining how we might best continue with this tradition. One thing that should be seriously considered is the timing of this event, which has always been held in early spring pretty much immediately following our big annual meeting event. Moving it to an October time frame might work well, as it could possibly serve as a mini PRR Convention, approximately six months after our big annual event. But that will be up to the committee and the museum to decide. The other issue is that the Society must play a more active role in planning and implementing the event.

CALL FOR AUTHORS

We currently have several equipment books at various places in the pipeline. These include PRR cabin cars, P70 coaches, PRR boxcars, and TTX flatcars. We would like to put together a book on PRR tank cars, reefers and stock cars in a combined volume. In as much as the Pennsy's fleet in each of these classes was relatively small it would make a good combined work. It would also lend itself to include a chapter on the "TRS" symbol freight trains that were created to return tank, refrigerator and stock cars west in a timely manner without including them in manifest freight trains, seeing as most of these cars went west empty.

Rich Burg is a natural for the tank car chapter, but we're looking for someone with an interest in reefers and stock cars to write those chapters. Contact abbuchan1@comcast.net if you have an interest in this project. This book would be similar in style to the books on flatcars and gondolas.

LEWISTOWN STATION FIRE SUPPRESSION PROJECT

The fire suppression system project is still in the research and development stage. Insurance underwriters from Millers Mutual inspected the station to determine areas of hazard. Accompanying them was committee chairman Ed Calhoun and station maintenance man Lee McNair. We are awaiting the risk report from Millers before proceeding any further. We also received an estimate from a fire suppression contractor for installing a combination water and chemical system. The cost just to install an adequate water supply main down Helen Street to the station has been pegged at \$50K.

PRR LIVERY MAKING A RETURN APPEARANCE

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Norfolk & Western/Southern merger in 1982, Norfolk Southern plans to honor many of the railroads that make up the present day NS system through the creation of a fleet of heritage locomotives that will include 18 units honoring a wide variety of predecessor roads, including the PRR. The PRR unit will be an ES44AC in Tuscan five stripe.

The locomotives will be 10 SD70ACes on order from EMD that are being constructed at its Muncie, Ind., plant, and eight ES44ACs from an upcoming order for 25 units from GE. EMD will paint all 10 heritage units in-house, NS will paint the eight GE units, five at Altoona, Pa. and three at Chattanooga, Tenn. The Society's Jack Consoli has provided the lettering and striping information to NS at their request.

Keep a look out for it and send a photo for inclusion in an upcoming *e-NEWS*.

SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK

The Society has been on *Facebook* since June 2010, we post interesting tidbits there from time to time. Check it out: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Pennsylvania-Railroad-Technical-Historical-Society/136126329733054>

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. The 2012 Annual National Meeting will take place between May 17 and 20, at the Radisson Penn-Harris, Camp Hill, PA, hosted by the NC Chapter. We hope to see you there.

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/> or send \$35.00 to: PRRT&HS, PO Box 54, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-0054. All memberships are for a calendar year, renewals after February 15th are \$40.00.

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, 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 2011 back issues of *The Keystone* are now available for purchase.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Support your local chapter - become a member.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

Sunday, March 4, 2012, at 1:00 pm at the Arizona Railway Museum, 330 East Ryan Road in Chandler. Take Highway 101 to Highway 202 East, then take the off-ramp southbound to Arizona Avenue and continue south past Germann to Ryan, which is at 2488 South Arizona Avenue. The museum is on the left after crossing the UP. Following election of officers and other business, Bob Brubaker will provide the program, including a report on the 2011 annual meeting of PRRT&HS in Columbus, Ohio. John Craft, professor in the Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, has been nominated as President; Lenny Smith, professor at University Of Phoenix and retired Supervisor of State Vocational Rehabilitation, has been nominated as Vice President; and Phil Anderson has been nominated as Secretary-Treasurer. FYI, the Chapter came close to applying to the National for dissolution, but fortunately sufficient interest was shown by current and past active and inactive members so we are still on the track!

LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

Sunday, February 26, at the Upper Arlington library, Lane Road Branch, 1945 Lane Road. (Not Lane Avenue) We have the room reserved from 1 to 4:30 pm. Expect the business part of the meeting to begin at 1:30. The main item will be the annual election of officers, as required by bylaws of our chapter, as well as the society by-laws. All positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) are open, as always. Gary Salzgeber will show some of his slides after the business meeting. Bring models or memorabilia from your collections to show at the meeting. New models that you haven't shown before, or models under construction but not finished, old models that you have upgraded. All are welcome. Show us what you have been doing, or got new for Christmas! It's a new year, so that means it is time to pay annual dues. Please bring your payments along with the application form that is included in this newsletter. Do remember to look up your PRRT&HS membership number and include it on your dues application form. We ask you to fill out the form annually so we can keep the roster up to date on your addresses, etc.

CAMDEN & AMBOY CHAPTER

Contact John Kilbride JKTRR@msn.com

Website: www.trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrhistoricalgroup

MEETINGS

Friday, March 2, at Hightstown, beginning at 7:30 pm. A program on Army-Navy game trains will be presented; see link for Grif Teller's interpretation. <http://www.prrths.com/Calendar/Teller55.htm>

Fridays at 7:30 pm at the Hightstown freight station (164 N. Main Street, Hightstown, NJ)
March 2 and June 1.

CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA

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MEETINGS

TBA

MIDDLE DIVISION

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MEETINGS

The Chapter meets in the Society's Lewistown Station

TBA

NEW ENGLAND

Contact, Tim Garner at: t.a.garner@verizon.net or write to New England Chapter PRRT&HS, c/o Tim Garner, Secretary, PO Box 624, Marlborough, MA 01752-0624

MEETINGS

EVENT RESCHEDULED Saturday, February 25 – Operating Session – Pennsy Day. South Shore Model Railway Club – Hingham, Massachusetts, Sponsored by the SSMRC, this operating session, focused on the PRR, will give us a chance to run a variety of PRR equipment on the club's spacious HO layout. The club will be open from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Bring your DCC-equipped PRR equipment. Members running DCC equipment should de-consist their locomotives before running them on the layout. The club uses a Digitrax system. If you have Digitrax controllers, please bring them. The club is located in Building 51 of Bare Cove Park, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham. For directions to the club, visit www.ssmrc.org.

Saturday, March 17 – Spring Chapter Meeting at the Providence Northern Model Railroad Club, Warwick, RI

This operating session will give us a chance to run a variety of HO-scale PRR equipment on the club's new 35 by 60 ft. layout with a 400 ft. double track mainline. Don't model in HO? Come anyway; chapter members will provide you an HO PRR train to operate. We'll arrive around 11:30 am, order in lunch for our brief business meeting, then run trains alongside PNMRC members for the rest of the day. The layout is DCC, so make sure any equipment is "de-consisted" before you arrive or that all units in your consist have the same unit address. For directions to the club, visit www.providencenorthern.org.

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MEETINGS

TBA

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MEETINGS

TBA

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

Saturdays, April 21, June meeting unknown.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

April 20, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting days are the third Friday of February, April, September and November.

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

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