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MEMBERSHIP

As of July 13, 2015, the PRRT&HS membership for 2015 is as follows:

Regular	2,173
Sustaining	312
Contributing	71
International	27
Keystone	126

Total 2,719

Non-renewals: 261 Renewal Rate: 2,550/2,811=90.7%

The number of new members for 2015 is 169.

PRR PROJECTS GROUP NEXT MODEL

The PRR Projects Group (PRRPRO) has started its next modeling project, the PRR GLA hopper. Participants in PRRPRO share their modeling progress, ideas and problems. The model can be built in any scale and there are no specific "leaders" of the project. Rather, everyone contributes and the modeler can build to whatever level of detail that they choose. The current project includes modifying Bowser cars in both HO and N scale as well as building the Westerfield kits. Additional scales are also underway. The project will last from July 1 to December 31, 2015. The PRR Project Group can be found at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/PRRPro/info>

COMING IN THE AUTUMN KEYSTONE

News:

State College Annual Meeting
T1 5550 Project Update
Amtrak Philadelphia wreck

Articles:

Chartiers Branch, Part III (conclusion)
Sleepers *Nocturne* and *Eventide*
GG1 4876 rebuilding
Newark wreck
Poop wreck on Long Island

Chris Oldham front cover painting
Peter Lerro painting centerspread

SOCIETY TRADE SHOW BOOTH

HELP IS NEEDED: The NMRA Midwest Region has invited us to participate in their 2015 eduTRAIN Education program conference, September 11 and 12 in South Bend Indiana. They will provide space at no charge and are encouraging us to sell books at the conference. If you are in the area, or know someone who might be able to host this meeting, please let me know as soon as possible at edwardswain@aol.com, or (513) 779-8211.

The following are the current committed dates for the display:

August 8 and 9, St. Louis Prototype Modelers Meeting (Bob Flores)

August 22 and 23, Greenberg show in Chantilly VA (Dave Evans)

September 11 and 12, NMRA eduTRAIN conference South Bend IN (NEED HOST)

October 24, Great Scale Model Train Show Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton)

February 6, 2016, Great Scale Model Train show Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton)

April 9, Great Scale Model Train show Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton)

Contact Ed Swain if you would like to reserve the booth for an event.

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 2016 Annual National Meeting will take place between May 19 and May 21 at Camp Hill hosted by the New England 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/index_estore.html#membership 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. 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, 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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MEETINGS

TBA

LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

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

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

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – Autumn Chapter Meeting

North Shore Model Railroad Club, Wakefield, Mass.

Hosted by our Vice President Andy Miller, this operating session will give us a chance to run a variety of PRR equipment on the club's sizeable HO layout. We'll arrive between 11:00 and noon at the club to drop off equipment, move upstairs to Brothers Restaurant for lunch and our business meeting at noon, then return to the layout for the operating session for the rest of the afternoon. Layout can run DCC and DC. Members running DCC equipment should de-consist their locomotives before running them on the layout. For directions to the club, visit www.nsmrc.org.

**Saturday, December 5, 2014 – Winter Chapter Meeting
New England Model Train Expo, Marlborough, Mass.**

This annual event grows bigger every year. There will be over 230 dealer tables, manufacturer displays, operating layouts, and more. Two-day admission is \$10.00. Save \$1.00 in advance. We will meet at noon Saturday up the hill from the exhibit hall at the All Star Bar and Grill at the Royal Plaza Hotel. The show runs December 5 from 10 to 5 and Sunday December 6 from 10 to 4. For more information about the show and to purchase advance tickets, visit www.hubdiv.org.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER

Contact President Jerry Britton at: jerry@pennsyrr.com

Chapter web site: <http://ncchapter.pennsyrr.com>

MEETINGS

Sunday, September 13, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Program to be announced.

Sunday, November 8, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Program to be announced. Annual election of officers

PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

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MEETINGS

TBA

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