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### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of August 12, 2015, the PRRT&HS membership for 2015 is as follows:

Regular	2,205
Sustaining	312
Contributing	71
International	28
Keystone	124
Total	2,740

Non-renewals: 251      Renewal Rate: 2,560/2,811=91.1%      New members: 180

### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 29. A synopsis of the minutes will be in the September e-NEWS.

### **NEW BOOK PRICES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Effective immediately, ALL PRRT&HS books are 20% off the list price, **except**

- The Pennsy in Chicago (already discounted)
- From the Midwest to Florida by Rail, 1875-1979, Vol. 1, **discounted 25% to \$82.50**
- From the Midwest to Florida by Rail, 1875-1979, Vol. 2, **deeply discounted list price of \$80**
- From the Midwest to Florida by Rail, 1875-1979, Volumes 1 and 2 bundled, **\$150**

### **MIDDLE DIVISION MEMBER PASSES AWAY**

Floris Lewis, PRRT&HS member #8608 of Lewistown PA passed away Monday July 13, 2015 at age 81. She and her daughter Carol were victims of an alleged home invasion. Both their deaths were ruled homicide. Floris was active in a number of community organizations, as well as the PRRT&HS Middle Division Chapter, serving as its treasurer since 2007. During Chapter functions, Floris always made sure her famous "Floris punch" was served, especially at the annual PRR employee receptions and Christmas parties. She and her late husband George were members of the later Lewistown "Station Gang". Floris also volunteered in the Amtrak waiting area twice a week where she greeted passengers with that big friendly smile that only she could muster. She was also instrumental in helping our Middle Division Chapter and Pittsburgh Chapter with the 2015 annual meeting, commenting at the banquet, "This is wonderful, where we are going next year?" Floris was a true fan and devoted member of both the PRRT&HS and the Middle Division Chapter. We in the Middle Division Chapter have been blessed to have had such a wonderful person be a part of our family. She will be greatly missed.  
(Richard Ader, President, Middle Division Chapter)

### **RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS OFFERED**

**- White Glove Tour**

Enjoy special guided access to the restoration shop, outdoor yard, library and archives, archives annex, historic Cumberland Valley coach, Western Maryland business car and *Lotos Club* Pullman car. Offered Tuesdays through Fridays, or by special arrangement, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a short break. Advance reservations required. Maximum of five people. Only \$20 per person, in addition to the regular Museum admission.



**- Curator's Tour**

Go behind the scenes for a guided glimpse into the library and archives, archives annex, historic Cumberland Valley coach, Western Maryland business car and *Lotos Club* Pullman car. Offered Tuesdays through Fridays, or by special arrangement, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Advance reservations required. Maximum of five people. Only \$13 per person, in addition to the regular Museum admission.

### **- Restoration Shop Tour**

**View railroad works in progress in the restoration shop and the outdoor train yard in this guided tour. Offered Mondays through Saturdays, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., or by special arrangement. Advance reservations required. Maximum of fifteen people. Only \$10 per person, in addition to the regular Museum admission.**



**To book your reservation today, contact the Museum. Tours which include the restoration shop are dependent upon projects in progress. Access to the outdoor yard is dependent upon weather and other conditions. Safety first!**

**A portion of the proceeds from these tours is earmarked for Museum preservation. Thank you for your support!**

## **SOCIETY TRADE SHOW BOOTH**

The following are the current committed dates for the display:

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

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

The NMRA Michiana Division has held an Educational Conference that attracts attendees from all over the Midwest. We were invited to bring our booth and promote our Society. Unfortunately, no one was available/offered to support the show. I sent our regrets and received the following response:

“Thank you for your prompt reply and I understand completely. I appreciate you and others taking the time to see about participating.



"I would like to mention for future reference to keep it in mind as you go thru the next year and attend events of your society and such, that our meet has been an annual event for going on 10 years now and we see no signs of stopping any time soon. We always hold it in early fall, 2 days. In fact for next year 2016, we have already arranged the venue which will be on the campus of Notre Dame University. Trains, fall and college football...! It almost can't get better than that. I will make a note to contact you again next spring and in the meantime, maybe drop a few hints to PRRHS members to judge a feel for finding that volunteer(s) for next year's event. "

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>

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## **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](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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](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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**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**Support your local chapter - become a member.**

**ARIZONA CHAPTER**

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**MEETINGS**

TBA

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**MEETINGS**

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**CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER**

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**MEETINGS**

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**GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA**

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**MIDDLE DIVISION**

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**NEW ENGLAND**

Contact, Tim Garner at: [t.a.garner@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.hubdiv.org).

## **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

Contact President Jerry Britton at: [jerry@pennsyrr.com](mailto: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**

Contact Secretary Walt Van Arsdales at: [varsdale@verizon.net](mailto:varsdale@verizon.net)

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