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### **NEW EDITOR**

I would like to introduce myself, I am Pauletta Ader, wife of Director and Accessions Manager Rich Ader. It was brought to my attention the society was in need of an E-news editor, so I volunteered to fill Ed Swain's shoes, now that I have retired from my full-time job. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the E-news please feel free to contact me. I would like to send out bi-monthly editions. With that said, I will need help from our membership for the material for each edition. Please feel free to contact me with information that may be pertinent for the E-news. I thank you for your help and patience with this endeavor.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As of March 4, 2016, the PRRT&HS membership for 2016 is as follows:

Regular	1,982
Sustaining	291
Contributing	77
International	26
Keystone	128
Total	2,504

Non-renewals 423 Renewal Rate  $2,436/2,859=85.2\%$   
Keystone mailings include 12 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2016 is 68.

Submitted by Andy Hart

## **STATION:**

Lewistown Station Fire Suppression System (February, 2016)

### **It Has Been Designed and Approved!**

In February, 2016 the PRRT&HS Board of Directors approved an agreement with Moore Fire Protection, Inc. Morrisdale, PA. to install a sprinkler system in the Lewistown Station. After over 4 ½ years of design work by numerous PRRT&HS volunteers, the Lewistown Station will have a state of the art sprinkler system designed to protect and preserve the oldest, still existing Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

### **System Design**

The design phase of this system was the most challenging aspect for all concerned. After many face to face and on-line meetings, phone calls, and emails, the system was designed. The system is two different systems with dozens of specially designed sprinkler heads to spray water in any area where fire suppression may be needed.

The primary system is a *double interlock pre-action system* that will protect the interior of the building. The term *double interlock pre-action* means several events must occur before any water is discharged from a sprinkler head<sup>1</sup>. This design was chosen to eliminate incidental or accidental water discharge at or near any of the treasured archives and artifacts maintained in the station. All of the water lines will be dry or void of any water, but have a constant air (pneumatic pressure). The system is always on a standby mode controlled by a Viking “Fire Flex self-contained double interlock pre-action Total Pac 3 system”. Water will not be present in any of the sprinkler piping inside the building until an electronic signal is sent to the Total Pac 3 from an independent smoke and/or heat detector that would allow water to move into the sprinkler water pipes. At this point the system is charged and ready to put water onto the affected area. However, no water will be discharged until another action occurs, a sprinkler head has to be exposed to a pre-determined temperature and “open” the affected sprinkler head/s. The only water will come from that affected sprinkler head(s).

The secondary system is a dry pipe system designed to protect the exterior of the building, bunk house and other areas of the building that are exposed to the cold weather elements of this region. Water freezes, so the exterior piping cannot have any standing water in them or the pipes would freeze and burst. To overcome that problem, the sprinkler pipes will be empty of any water (dry). These pipes are also under a nominal air pressure and in a “standby” status. If a fire occurs outside the building, an affected sprinkler head would

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Sprinkler heads are designed to open and allow water to flow if fire or flame impinges on the sprinkler, the fusion link melts or break, which opens the sprinkler head to allow air and/or water to escape.

open, the air would escape, signaling a drop in air pressure which alerts a pneumatic valve to allow water to flow into the piping and spray water from the sprinkler head.

Both of these systems will automatically notify the fire department whose responsibility it will be to enter the building and determine the cause of the sprinkler activation and stop the water flow.

Moore Fire Protection Inc. personnel are busy installing all of these sprinkler system components. An April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 completion date is targeted.

Submitted by Edward Calhoun, PRRT&HS Volunteer

### **Archives:**

12/6-10/15 - Attendees: Ader, Horan, Kline, B. Bender, C. Bender, Evans, Titchenal, Giannantonio, D. Coulter, P. Coulter, Rhodes and Woodward.

- Hours: 282.8

1/11-14/16 - Attendees: Horan, Kline, D. Coulter, P. Coulter, B. Bender, C. Bender and Woodward.

- Hours: 186.5

2/8-11/16 - Attendees: - Ader, Horan, Kline, B. Bender, C. Bender, D. Coulter, P. Coulter, Evans and Woodward.

- Hours: 208.7

- Continued scanning Val Maps (All maps for PRR owned and operated lines in the state of PA completed).

- Continued processing PRR drawings (All "A", "B" and "E" size drawings are in database and checked).

- Began processing Employee Timetables (Annotating with accession numbers and placing in plastic wrappers).

- Continued processing PRR Tracing Lists.

- Continued processing books in Flatley Room.

- Processed recent accessions.

- Continued processing PRR photos.

- Responded to two researchers' inquiries.

Submitted by Charlie Woodward

### **MODELLING UPDATES**

Any modelers out there who would like to share any modelling updates and ideas please contact me at [pauletta.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletta.ader@yahoo.com).

### **ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES**

**The Society needs additional volunteers to help staff the registration desk, model room, Society table, etc. at the Annual Meeting in Camp Hill, PA, May 19-21. Please volunteer when you submit your registration form. If you have already registered and could volunteer, please send an email to Tim Garner [t.a.garner@verizon.net](mailto:t.a.garner@verizon.net) volunteering.**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the PRR T&HS, hosted by the New England Chapter, will be held May 19-21, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg (formerly known as the Radisson Penn-Harris) 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

The room rate is \$116/night plus taxes. To be eligible, reservations must be made before April 19.

The full schedule was posted on the website in February; the brochure was sent out the February as well via first class mail.

Some highlights of the schedule follow:

**Banquet speaker.** We are excited to have Rush Loving, Jr., author of *The Men Who Loved Trains*, back. Rush's new book, due out in March, is called *The Well-Dressed Hobo: The Many Wondrous Adventures of a Man Who Loves Trains*. He'll provide a personal look at the dramatic and often contentious men who ran America's railroads over the last 80 years.

**Presentations.** There will be three kinds of presentations:

- Sessions by former employees of the PRR.
- Sessions focusing on history.
- Sessions oriented to PRR modelers.

**Layouts.** Jerry Britton has lined up

- The Capital PenNscalers with their NTRAK setup in the Model Room;
- Four layouts for Friday evening;
- Eight layouts for Sunday.

**Model Room and Vendor Room.** Great stuff, as usual.

**Special Session at the Pennsylvania State Archives.** This event Thursday morning is limited to 15 people and is now full.

Submitted by Ralph Weischedel

### **FEATURE CHAPTER:**

### **Pacific Northwest**

Number of members: 11 as of last meeting

Officers:

President - Jim Trunzo

Vice president - Bill Meyers

Secretary - Fred Becker

Treasurer - none at this time as no money is collected (filled by Jim Trunzo if needed)

### **From our Meeting Advertisement**

Next Meeting April 2, 2016

Do you have an interest in the Pennsylvania Railroad, its history and meeting others with similar interests? If you do, please consider attending a meeting of the forming Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Society. Some of our members are from the Railroad's home area, others with an interest in learning about its storied history. We discuss all things related to the PRR, including modeling all periods of its history. Our group is friendly and we invite wives or significant others to attend with the intent of making the meetings both a learning and social experience.

We meet at the Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive, in Burien, WA. It also houses the Boeing Employees Model Railroad club.

For more information on the next meeting, contact Jim Trunzo at 509-421-3111 or [jetrunzo@gmail.com](mailto:jetrunzo@gmail.com). We normally begin at 1:00 pm with dinner to follow. We hope to see you next meeting!

Website: [pnrarchive.org/](http://pnrarchive.org/)

No Special events at this time

Meeting Photos:



Ed Sherry gives the group a recap of his visit to PRR sites while on vacation in the Northeast.





A discussion of whether the group would like to do a modeling project and topics for future presentations. NOTE: Since we are a small group with similar resources, we would very much appreciate borrowing presentations from PRRT&HS members or Chapters. We would give full credit to the author and they would be used strictly with the author's requirements and only for presentation at meetings. If you would generously allow us to use your presentation, please contact Jim Trunzo.



The PNWC recruitment table; this time at the Boeing Model Railroad Club annual swap meet.

Information and photos submitted by: Jim Trunzo

**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](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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## **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

## **ARIZONA CHAPTER**

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The next meeting of the Arizona Chapter will be in Fred and Mozelle Stout's Private Car *Silver Star*  
Arizona Railway Museum, Chandler, AZ  
2:00 pm, Sunday, April 3, 2016  
Phil Anderson Secretary-Treasurer

## **LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER**

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## **NEW ENGLAND**

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### **NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER EVENTS**

Saturday, March 19, 2013 – Spring Chapter Meeting  
South Shore Model Railway Club – Hingham, Massachusetts

Hosted by club member and New England Chapter President Ralph Weischedel, 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 at the club beginning at 11:00 a.m. to set up equipment and order salads and pizza to be brought in for lunch. We will have our business meeting at noon, then return to the layout for the operating session for the rest of the afternoon. Layout can run DCC only. 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. Please notify Tim Garner by email at [t.a.garner@verizon.net](mailto:t.a.garner@verizon.net) by Tuesday March 15 if you plan to come. For directions to the club, [www.ssmrc.org](http://www.ssmrc.org).

## **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

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

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

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The Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society Has Formed a Pacific Northwest Chapter Next Meeting is **April 2, 2016**

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