

# ***THE KEYSTONE e-NEWS***

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A bi-monthly electronic official newsletter of the PRRT&HS published for the purpose of disseminating information on current issues and events pertaining to the Society's and Chapter's operations and administration as well as other information of interest about the PRR.

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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 April 20, 2016, the PRRT&HS membership for 2016 is as follows:

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Regular       | 2,053 |
| Sustaining    | 298   |
| Contributing  | 84    |
| International | 27    |
| Keystone      | 132   |
| Total         | 2,594 |

Non-renewals 355 Renewal Rate  $2,505/2,860=87.6\%$

Keystone mailings include 12 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2016 is 89.

Submitted by Andy Hart

## **STATION:** Lewistown Station Gang Plaque

At their July meeting, The Middle Division Chapter donated to the station a memorial plaque recognizing the dedicated volunteers, who helped with the restoration of the station and those who worked in the Amtrak room. The memorial plaque was mounted in the Amtrak room by the station maintenance, and Middle Division Chapter member Gary Hoy.



Written and submitted by Richard Ader

## **ARCHIVES:**

### **Meet Dick and Mary**

In any organization, and the PRRT&HS is no exception, there are those “unsung heroes” and the “behind the scenes” people who we never get to know or see other than a name and address on an order form or roster. In this issue, we are profiling the Prices, who without fail, when possible fill all the microfilm orders that come into Lewistown, by you our members. Dick and Mary are retired educators and have been working/volunteering in Lewistown for more than 15 years. They are very devoted to the ongoing Lewistown archive project. I want to take this opportunity to put a face to the names of two valuable individuals, who I am certainly honored to know and call friends.



Written and submitted by: Richard Ader Station and Archive committee Chairman

## **FEATURE LAYOUT AND MODELLING UPDATES**

Dave Eichensehr is an active member of the Middle Division Chapter of the PRRT&HS. He retired from the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Investigation Division in 1998 after being a part of the PSP for 30 years. He has been a model train lover since he was a youngster. He received his first Lionel train when he was 7 or 8 years old. Dave is also a member of the Train Collectors Association. Dave and his wife Gretchen model the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

The GTW and the PRR worked together in Michigan in the 1940's through and into the 1960's. Canadian National is presently operating the Grand Trunk Western Railroad in the Midwest. Dave is on the Board of the Grand Trunk Western Historical Society helping to preserve the history of the railroad.

His layout table is made of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch plywood and framed with 2 by 4s. The train tracks are a combination of Mike's Train House and Lionel track. The modelling is consistent with the trains of the 50s and 60s.



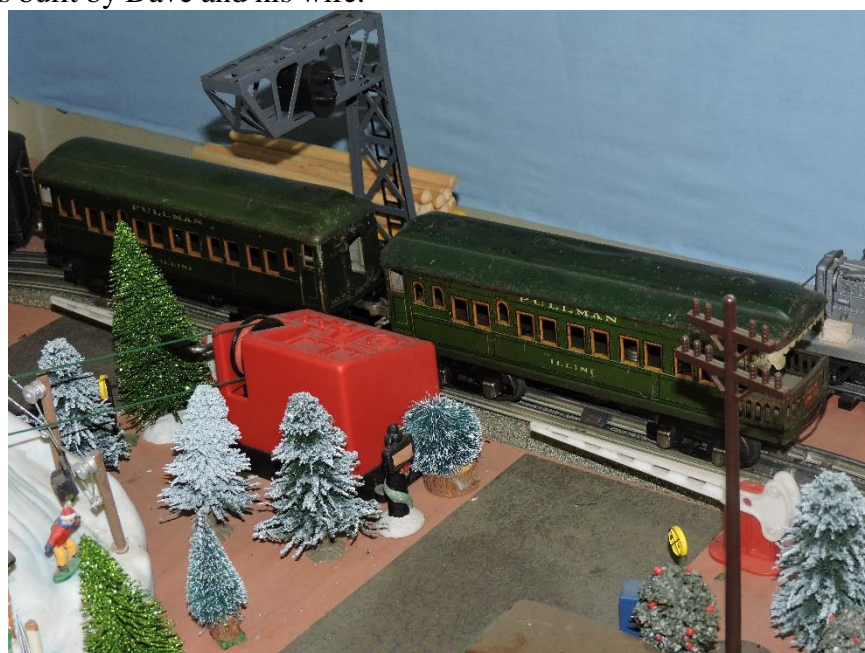
Dave operating his layout.

Some of his engines are custom painted to replicate engines of that era. He is capable of operating 11 engines at the same time. Some of his engines:





This roundhouse was built by Dave and his wife.



This train is an American Flyer train from 1925. It was originally his father's train set.

Dave collects other railroad items such as lanterns, linens, silverware, stock certificates, time tables and pictures.



Dave and his wife portrayed on his layout. (The nurse and the cop)



Dave, thank you for an enjoyable day with you and your train layout.  
Photos and information submitted by Pauletta Ader (told by Dave Eichensehr)

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:**

## **MIDDLE DIVISION CHAPTER**

### **Officers:**

President- Richard Ader  
Vice President- Mark Worley  
Secretary /Treasurer – Jacqueline McConahy

### **Membership:**



As of 2/13/16, the Middle Division Chapter has 127 current /active members. We are very proud of the diversity of our group:

- 43 of our members are ladies, which is about 35% of our total membership
- Our members range in age from 2 to 90 years.
- 26 of our members- about 20% of our membership - are also members of National
- We have members who live as close as a few blocks from the Lewistown Station, and as far away as states like New York, Ohio, & Tennessee.

A select group of our members proudly volunteer to man the waiting room for the Amtrak passengers. The waiting room is open at train times, every day, and all year.

### Meetings:

Our Chapter meets the 2nd Saturday of January, March, May, September, & November. Meetings are held at the Lewistown Train Station at 1:30. Meetings consist of station business, as well as discussion on any PRRT&HS news or events. Light refreshments are served. We welcome guests!

### Special Events:

A few special events we have annually for our Chapter members and their families include...

A picnic in July - A "Hobo Party" around the end of October, complete with hobo costumes and a bonfire - A Christmas Party in December with great food all prepared by our members, presents for the kids, and an auction with proceeds going to the local food bank



Hobo Party 2015



Christmas Party-Auction 2015

Our Chapter participates in "Kid Connection", an annual community event. Kids enjoy a fun day of free activities, games, and handouts. We set up a stand with a train-themed game or coloring pages, and give away a little train-themed toy.

**We have supported Railcamp for several years with monetary donations, allowing students to experience the program. For 2016, we hope to send 2 of our own members to participate... Update to follow!**

Our Chapter co-hosted (with the Pittsburgh Chapter) the 2015 PRR Convention at the Penn Stater in State College, PA. It was a huge success, and a great time for all who participated.

Check out our table at the 2016 PRR Convention. I am sure you will find a “special” souvenir to take home with you.



Members at the March meeting

Information submitted by Jackie McConahy

Picture submitted by Pauletta Ader, editor

## **CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS:**

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

### ***Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society***

\*\*\*\* ***Bulletin No. 2016-01 February 2016. Newsletter*** \*\*\*\*

The Lines West-Buckeye Region Chapter meeting will be on Sunday, 28 February 2016 at the Upper Arlington Main Library, 2800 Tremont Rd., Upper Arlington.

Library opens at 1:00 pm. We have the Friends Theater room reserved from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Business meeting will commence at 1:30.

The agenda will be the annual election of officers for 2016. The positions open for election are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.



Persons desiring one of those positions can state their interest at the meeting. The floor will also be open for nominations at that time.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the program will be viewing the second DVD from the last meetings program showing Victor Ketcham's movies of the PRR in Columbus, and other areas of the railroad system.

We are into a new year now, which means it is time to renew your membership and pay dues for the year. We will be accepting dues payments from library opening at 1pm until the start of the business meeting at 1:30. Please fill out a new Membership Dues Record form when paying your dues. The form is important to the Secretary in maintaining an up to date roster.



**PRR Q2 #6179. Crestline assigned locomotive. @ Crestline or Chicago. Photo credit not known.**

### **FAREWELL NOTES:**



Allen J. Levin, 68 passed away suddenly at home on April 10, 2016 from a massive heart attack. Allen loved his friends, his animals and his trains. Allen would leave his office to bring his faithful companion Buster to the Lewistown station to greet the Amtrak passengers on a daily basis. Allen was an original Lewistown

Station Gang member. He was instrumental in the purchase of the station for the PRRT&HS. He was the honorary Middle Division Chapter counsellor and wrote the bylaws of the Middle Division. Also, he was a long standing national member of the PRRT&HS. He is survived by his wife Wendy.

**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 \$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**

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### **ARIZONA CHAPTER**

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

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### **NEW ENGLAND**

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Saturday, June 18, 2016 (Tentative) – Summer Chapter Meeting

Essex Steam Train and Riverboat – Valley Railroad Company – Essex, Conn.

On the Saturday before Fathers' Day, we will gather at the Essex depot around 10:00 a.m. for an 11:00 a.m. train ride north. At the end of the line, we'll transfer to the "Becky Thatcher" for a brief riverboat cruise on the Connecticut River. At the end of the cruise, we'll re-board the train for the return to the Essex Depot. The steam train and riverboat combination ticket is \$29 for adults which can be purchased online in advance. Many of us will want to pay the \$12 extra fare to ride in style in a heavyweight Pullman parlor car. The total trip is about 2.5 hours. After the tour, we'll convene for our business meeting over a late lunch (or early dinner) at a nearby restaurant. Members' families are welcome to join us. For more information about the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat and advance ticket purchases, visit <http://www.essexsteamtrain.com/>.

### **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

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

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

### **PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER**

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