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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 June 7, 2016, the PRRT&HS membership for 2016 is as follows:

Regular	2,111
Sustaining	302

Contributing	86
International	27
Keystone	134
Total	2,658

Non-renewals 318

Renewal Rate 2,542/2,860=88.9%

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

The number of new members for 2016 is 116

Submitted by Andy Hart

ARCHIVES



Photo submitted by Russ Yeakel

A little about Charlie:

When did you serve on the board of the PRRT&HS?

I don't recall the year(s) but, it was while Al Buchan was president, Steve has been President for a full year. Bruce Smith before him for, I think, three years and Al B prior to that for a number of years. So 2016 minus 4 years gets us back to 2012. I think I may have gone onto the BOD in 2010. If you have Keystones from that era, I'd be listed inside the front cover.

When did you become a member of the PRRT&HS?

I joined the PRRT&HS in 1968. My member number is 84! Not very many left with a lower number.

When did you become the archivist?

I'm not certain of the date for this either. It was the result of Bob's retirement. It is the same year that Richie became Station Manager (2009?).

Did you hold any offices in the national or chapters of the PRRT&HS? (Other than a Board member)

I was Treasurer of the Phila Chapter for 12 years. I'm not certain of those years. I'll guess it was 1988 until 2000.

What chapters are you a member of?

Phila. Chapter, Middle Div. Chapter and NOW New England Chapter.

What does winning the Atlantic Shield Award mean to you?

To start with, it was a complete **SHOCK** to receive it. I had **NO CLUE** I even **MIGHT** get such an award. Of course, I sincerely appreciate receiving it and I'm proud to share it with a number of previous members who made significant contributions of one sort or another to the Society. It is **ALWAYS** nice to be recognized for one's efforts. Following on the heels of Bob Johnson's tenure and the very significant level of his contributions to the Society, and particularly with the Society's Archives, I am especially gratified, even humbled to be given the Atlantic Shield Award. I'm not convinced that I deserve it but, I gratefully accept it.

Any other important info you would like to note.....

I was given the award for doing something I very much enjoy doing and share the effort with a relatively small group of competent and dedicated others who make the effort a genuine joy. We all have a lot of fun working toward a common goal of making sense and order out of the Society's vast collection of historical PRR material. I wish others could/would join with us as we toil and have fun together.

Interviewed by Pauletta Ader

MODELLING UPDATES

Any modelers out there who would like to share modelling updates and ideas or would like their layout to be featured in the E-news please contact me at pauletta.ader@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL MEETING WRAP UP:

Brief Summary of 2016 PRRT&HS Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting, hosted by the New England Chapter at the Radisson Harrisburg, May 19-21, featured a few new dimensions, as well as many excellent traditions, not the least of which was the opportunity to join with those of similar interests and passion for the PRR. Among the new dimensions were

- A panel of former PRR employees who shared anecdotes from their years on the PRR.
- The vendor room at the Radisson Harrisburg being open on Thursday evening.
- A re-designed raffle, modeled after some at railroad prototype modelers meets, which led to an expedited after-banquet program.

The T1 Trust brought a newly cast driver center for a PRR T1. Joe Acri organized a series of meetings for modelers at the Pennsylvania State Archives.

In all, 349 PRR T&HS members attended plus 95 family members.

Many people contributed to the weekend. The Organizing Committee is listed in the table below. The speakers did an outstanding job.

Chairman	Ralph Weischedel
Registrar	Tim Garner
Treasurer	Keith Thompson
Presentations	Ralph Weischedel
Model Room	Andy Miller
Vendor Room	John Burroughs
Open Houses	Jerry Britton
Webmaster	Jerry Britton
Hotel Liaison	Joe Acri

Charlie Horan received the Atlantic Shield Award. The Society presented a special service award to Ed Calhoun for his leadership in the fire suppression project for the Lewistown Station and Archives.
Submitted by Ralph Weischedel

Additional highlights:

Memorial Award

The Middle Division Chapter donated to the PRRT&HS from an anonymous donor, a Memorial plaque honoring the fallen PRR police officers who were killed in the line of duty. The plaque was presented to President Steve Staffieri, by Middle Division Chapter secretary/treasurer Jackie McConahy. The plaque will be displayed in the Lewistown station.



Jackie McConahy and Steve Staffieri
Photo submitted by Russ Yeakel

Future Meeting Locations:

- 2017- Camp Hill
- 2018- 50th Anniversary Altoona
- 2019- Strasburg
- 2020- State College

Additional and in depth coverage of the convention will appear in the December (winter) issue of the Keystone.

FEATURE CHAPTER:

LINES WEST CHAPTER

The officers are as follows:

- President Al Doddroe
- VP Chris Walsh
- Treasurer Dick Briggs
- Secretary Jim Kehn

Estimated 40+ Chapter members.

The June 4, 2016 meeting was held in Bradford, Ohio, featuring the restored PRR "BF Tower".

Some of our past meetings have been held in PRR -elated towns: Bucyrus Depot, Marion Depot, Dennison

Depot, Sugar Creek at the brand new and newest Railroad 18 stall Roundhouse to be built, anywhere... "The Age of Steam Roundhouse" located in the beautiful Amish countryside of Sugar Creek. The new roundhouse has full-time employees and contains the largest private collection of operating steam locomotives in the United States. Quoted in *Trains* magazine as "Full-service engine terminal right out of 1931, completed in August of 2012."

In addition, some of our Chapter meetings have been held at Chapter members' homes.



Lines West Vice President Chris Walsh at the controls of his detailed and well-crafted, PRR HO layout. Submitted by Ron Widman

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