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MEMBERSHIP

As of August 28, 2016, the PRRT&HS membership for 2016 is as follows:

Regular	2,178
Sustaining	306
Contributing	87
International	28
Keystone	134

Total 2,733

Non-renewals 266 Renewal Rate $2,594/2,860=90.7\%$

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

The number of new members for 2016 is 139.

Submitted by Andy Hart

Archives

Researchers. The Lewistown Station Archives are available to researchers (member or non-member, alike) during our monthly Work Sessions by appointment. Please contact Ian Fischer via email ianfischer_lakenelson@verizon.net in reference to your subject matter.

On July 12, 2016 Researcher Richard Wallis attended the archives session at the Lewistown Station in research of rail motor car information. Mr. Wallis wrote a book called *The PRR at Bay* about the Vandalia Line published by the Indiana University Press in 2001. He also, wrote two articles for the Keystone in the past.



Charlie Horan and Richard Wallis

Photo submitted and article written 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.

Member Feature layout

Ken Rideout and Ed Farrell both members of National and the Philadelphia Chapter of the PRRT&HS has submitted their layout for this edition.

Ken & Ed's "Juniata Lines" are back on YouTube

Juniata Lines is a 4 track main line HO layout that starts at WORKS Interlocking. It continues E/B through Altoona Yards and the city of Altoona. All the buildings are scratch built from photos of the area era c.1951. This year was selected because it had a nice combination of late steam and early diesel motive power. The line continues past ALTO Tower and the rear of the downtown business area. The back drop is painted by the artist Ted Xaras. This is also done from photos. We then pass the 27th St. turntable where the helper locomotives are turned after their assignment of helper service. SLOPE interlocking is next. This is a steady 2% grade to the famous Horseshoe curve where many photographers took thousands of photos of the many trains that passed every hour day and night. We then pass MG tower. (Due to limited space Bennington curve was eliminated) As we continue we go through the tunnels leading to Gallitzin. The speed limit here is 12 M.P.H. The powerful blowers blew the smoke ahead of the locomotives at 13 M.P.H. The other side of the tunnels is AR interlocking the apex of the layout where the helpers are cut off and sent back light to Altoona. The train continues E/B to Cresson.

The layout is DCC (Digital Command Control) with sound. On operations night, there are 26 scheduled trains that run on a time schedule. (There is a future staging area planed that will handle another ten trains) The staging area is computer controlled. There are four tower operators, a dispatcher and a number of train enginemen and helper operators. We try to operate like the PRR did years ago.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2pCXYAOvYE>



Article written by Ken Rideout and Ed Farrell
Photos submitted by Ed Farrell

Future Meeting Locations:

2017- Camp Hill

2018- 50th Anniversary Altoona

2019- Strasburg

2020- State College

Additional and in-depth coverage of the 2017 convention will appear in the December (winter) issue of the Keystone.

FEATURE CHAPTER:

The Long Island Chapter

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At present we have 27 members

We hold 4 meetings a year two at the Railroad Museum of Long Island in Riverhead, NY
Two at the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum, Oyster Bay NY.
Meetings take place the 1st Sunday of the month at 4 pm in March, June, September and December

We also publish a quarterly newsletter called the Sunrise Special
We hope to have a web site up and running soon. You can find us on Facebook.

Submitted by Richard Gorddard
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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR CHAPTER IN A FUTURE EDITION PLEASE
CONTACT pauletta.ader@yahoo.com editor of the E-news**

RAIL CAMP

Part 1:

On June 27-July 1, 2016 I attended the National Railroad Historical Society's Eastern Railcamp. I was sponsored by the PRRT&HS Middle Division Chapter; this chapter sponsored 2 campers this year. There were 24 campers this week from as far away as Wisconsin. We spent the first two days with Amtrak and the last three days with the Strasburg Railroad and Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

The first day we went to the Amtrak training center in Wilmington, DE. Here we learned how to couple cars, service coaches, drove engine simulators and dispatcher simulators. The next day we went to Amtrak's Wilmington Maintenance Facility. Here we had a shop tour, and were allowed to climb up in the cabs of the engines. We went to the Amtrak Consolidated National Operations Center. Here we saw the Amtrak dispatchers at work. After that we went to the Wilmington Amtrak station; here we rode Amtrak 125 to Washington D.C. in a private Inspection Car and Theater Car with the Amtrak Vice President of Operations. In Washington D.C. we had a presentation by the Amtrak Police, a tour of the station, and a tour of K tower. Then we returned to Wilmington on Acela 2128.

The next day we spent at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Here we had a tour of the museum and its shops; we were allowed in many locomotives that were not open to the public. We also did research for a presentation we gave at the museum later that week. The next day we spent at the Strasburg Railroad; here we did many events such as drive the Lancaster Oxford and Southern motor car (AKA Doodle Bug) up and down a siding; drive the cagney, an amusement park size train that is used at the Strasburg Railroad; welded; and switched cars using hand signals. The next day we gave presentations at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. After that we rode on the Strasburg Railroad, and then experienced a cab ride in steam engine 475, blew the whistle, shoveled coal, and sat in the conductor's seat. After that we ate at the caboose motel to end our week. Each camper had a great time, this was a once in a life time experience we will never forget.

This week is a very educational experience for a young person who loves trains. Thank you PRRT&HS Middle Division Chapter.

John Haubrick



Gage Bishop welding

John Haubrick driving the Motorcar #10

Rail Camp notes and Photos submitted by John Haubrick

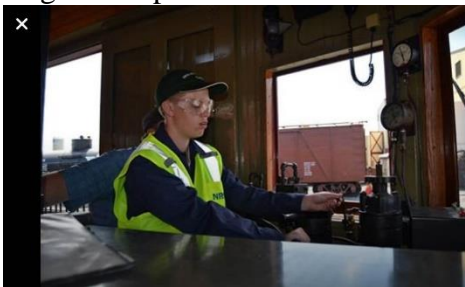
Part 2:

Hi, my name is Gage Bishop. I'm 15 years old and I'll be a sophomore at the Mifflin County High School this year. On Sunday, June 26th, 2016, I arrived at the University of Delaware to attend RailCamp. On the first two days of RailCamp, we went to the Amtrak Training Center in Wilmington, Delaware, where we learned and met Amtrak people and experienced what they do in their jobs. We also learned about dispatching, drove train simulators, learned how to operate an Amtrak engine and learned about the air brakes on an Amtrak passenger car.

On the last three days of RailCamp, we went to the Strasburg Museum where we got a shop tour and a museum tour. We drove the Lancaster Oxford and Southern motor car, which some people call a "doodle bug". We had a chance to replace railroad ties and hammer railroad spikes. We rode a freight train along the corridor and saw one of the Amtrak trains that comes through Lewistown, in Lancaster, moving really fast.

Thank you to the PRR T and HS Middle Division Chapter for sponsoring me and allowing me to attend this wonderful camp! It was truly a dream come true and an experience that I will never forget!

Gage Bishop

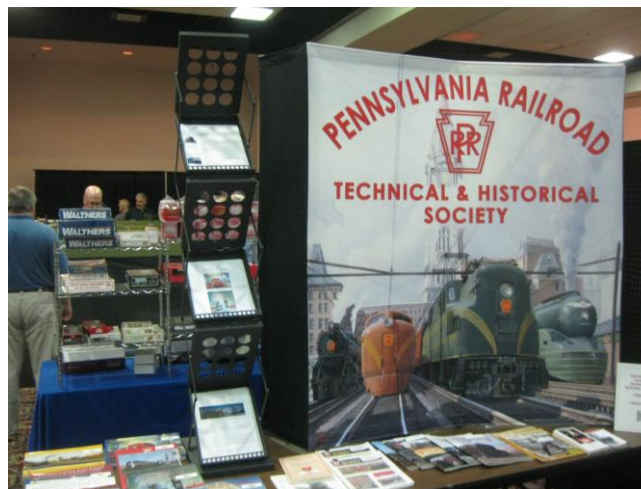


PRRT&HS ADVERTISING / PUBLIC RELATIONS

In an effort to increase the Society's visibility and to promote membership in the PRRT&HS, the Board of Directors has authorized funds to conduct an advertising campaign. Over the past year ads have appeared in both *Passenger Train Journal* and *Classic Trains Magazine*; additional magazines are currently under consideration.

The PRRT&HS has a portable display available to any member willing to promote the Society at appropriate events. Train shows are an obvious venue, but give consideration to other events such as those sponsored by a local historical society or rail museum, especially those in areas where the Pennsylvania Railroad had a strong presence. Who knows, there may be a PRR fan, and potential member, unaware of our existence.

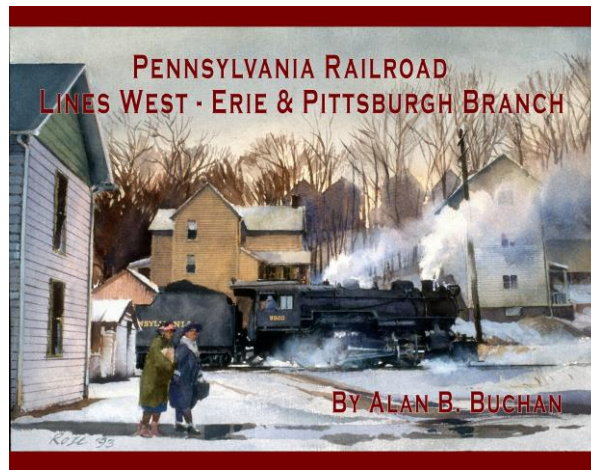
Bob Flores had the PRRT&HS display at the St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers meet on August 12 and 13. We were one of nineteen historical societies at the event that attracted 478 attendees. Bob was approached by two manufacturers interested in producing high-end laser cut models of PRR structures. They were told of the work being done by the modeling committee, the availability of drawings and documentation on the Pennsylvania Railroad, as well as Jerry Britton's annual poll regarding the most requested Pennsy structures. Hopefully we will see some new models in the future as a result of their conversations.



PRRT&HS display at the St. Louis RPM, Bob Flores photo.

The B&O Railroad Museum will be sponsoring its "Railroad Society Days" on October 1 & 2, 2016. This inaugural two-day event will showcase participating railroad historical societies, model train groups, museums and tourist railroads from the Mid-Atlantic region at the B&O Railroad Museum, located in Baltimore, MD. Information for this event can be found at <http://www.borail.org/railroad-society-days.aspx>. This could be a good recruiting tool for the PRRT&HS. Anyone interested in promoting the Society at this event with our display can contact me at frank.napoleon@verizon.net to make arrangements.

Another way that members can help promote the Society is to ask permission and place copies of the PRRT&HS Membership Brochure in hobby shops, museums, local historical society's, etc. Contact me at frank.napoleon@verizon.net to request copies of the brochures and please let me know where you plan to distribute them to help avoid duplicating our efforts.



Finally, the Erie and Pittsburgh book authored by past PRRT&HS president Al Buchan will be available for sale soon. An advertisement and order form should be included with the autumn *Keystone*. If interested in the book act fast as only five-hundred copies have been printed. Check the eStore located on the PRRT&HS website for additional Society publications.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Napoleon

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

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