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MEMBERSHIP

As of October 10, 2016, the PRRT&HS membership for 2016 is as follows:

Regular	2,208
Sustaining	308
Contributing	88
International	29
Keystone	136
Total	2,769

Non-renewals 242 Renewal Rate $2,618/2,860=91.5\%$

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

The number of new members for 2016 is 151.

Submitted by Andy Hart

PAINT PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL

Paint Pennsylvania Beautiful

Mayor Deborah Bargo of Lewistown, PA applied for and received a grant from Home Depot and Behr Paints called *Paint Pennsylvania Beautiful*. This grant is awarded to Downtown Lewistown, Inc., a 501c3 organization, managed by Jim Zubler who assisted with the application. Mayor Bargo intended for this grant to be used to paint the Lewistown Junction Station. The grant included 20 gallons of paint and \$50 for supplies. Eighth groups received a grant.

After receiving this grant, Mayor Bargo approached the United Way for additional help. United Way provided to the PRRT&HS and the town of Lewistown a grant which included laborers to prep the building for painting, including sanding, glazing, repairing and washing the windows and brick work. The workers included Pastor Randy Hughes of the 1st United Methodist Church of Lewistown, Ron Beckworth, Chip Cramer and Mayor Deborah Bargo.



Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

The painting was performed by the Reedsville United Methodist Church and United Way volunteers.



Painting completed on the west side of the station

PCN television station will air *Our Town Lewistown* on December 8th at 8 PM throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Archivist Charlie Horan will be interviewed as the representative of the PRRT&HS Lewistown Railroad Station.

ARCHIVES

Archive Donation Trip

On August 15, Archivist Charlie Horan and accessions manager Rich Ader drove to Chattanooga TN. to pick up a large donation to the PRRT&HS archives. The donation consisted of 32, 8"X 8" X 48" boxes of rolled linen drawings and several "P" company photographs each mounted on a hardwood backing and included wall mounting brackets. The drawings and pictures would have been lost to oblivion if it were not for the quick action of retired Norfolk Southern supervisor Bill Roby. George Eichelberger and Bill Schafer played a major role in saving the PRR drawings as well, who, along with volunteers from the Southern Railroad Historical Society, went to NS Atlanta headquarters and gathered up all the purged documents and pictures. Mr. Roby and his helpers gathered up all items and moved them to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga where they sorted them. When notifying us, Mr. Roby said we had to act quickly to get them because the Museum was in process of remodeling and all stored stuff had to go. Not losing the chance for valuable PRR drawings and photographs to be rescued, Charlie and Rich dropped everything and went to Chattanooga. After arriving, it was clear a second trip would have to be made before September 21st. Another trip was arranged. Charlie and Al Giannantonio drove to Chattanooga to gather up all the items left from the

first trip. Those items consisted of approximately 130 company photographs, mounted on hardwood sheets with wall mounting brackets. The photos originally hung in the corporate offices of NS Atlanta Headquarters. The pictures average 24" X 48" and are high quality black and white with a few color pictures. Upon arriving home and sorting the pictures by size, several Reading photos were discovered mixed in with PRR drawings. Charlie Horan transferred the Reading pictures to Rick Bates, archivist of the Reading Historical Society.

Archive volunteers

Ron and Tim Widman of Lines West Buckeye Region Chapter, traveled to New Jersey and while returning to Ohio, stopped at the Lewistown Station and volunteered to help sort the "Chattanooga" drawings. While there, they attended the Middle Division Chapter's September Meeting as invited guests of President Rich Ader.



Ron and Tim Widman

Ron Widman and Charlie Horan

All PRRT&HS MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES IF PRESENT DURING AN ARCHIVE SESSION. CONTACT CHARLIE HORAN charliehoran@verizon.net.

Photos and article submitted by Pauletta Ader

STATION

Lewistown Volunteers

The Middle Division Chapter volunteers to monitor the Amtrak station for the benefit of train passengers. The Amtrak station is open half hour prior to the scheduled train's arrival and until all passengers have left the station. The Amtrak station is opened twice a day to accommodate the travelers on the east and west Pennsylvanian. This is not their only responsibility. Under the direction of Vice President Mark Worley, other duties include maintaining the station & grounds, keeping the restroom facilities in tip top shape and cleaning the Amtrak room. Also, they offer for sale a small number of souvenirs such as small toys, postcards, t-shirts and snacks at a very reasonable price.

It came to my attention, that these trusty volunteers also perform special duties. In July, a group of blind individuals from Philadelphia, PA arrived at the Lewistown station to attend The Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind near Lewistown. The volunteers came out in force to aid the blind passengers with their luggage and directing them to their assigned vehicle.



Photos submitted by Harry Baumgartner
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.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS:

2017- Camp Hill Washington Chapter-Host Chapter

2018- 50th Anniversary Altoona

2019- Strasburg

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

FEATURE CHAPTER:

The Cincinnati Group

Although Cincinnati does not have a formal chapter, a group of PRR fans get together on a regular basis about 8 to 10 times a year. Meetings are usually on a Friday night at a member's home. These are very

informal, typically consisting of viewing the latest progress on the host's model railroad, followed by a roundtable discussion of what's new in the hobby, issues with new releases (i.e. cracked gears), what's the latest in the Society, and around the first of the year planning for the Annual Meeting. The evening wraps up with slides, VCR's or DVD's covering the PRR.

Every fall, the group sponsors a display at the NMRA Division 7 Fall Train Show. We typically reserve about 8 tables, and put together a display on a PRR theme. These can be PRR passenger trains, freights, different PRR classes of passenger or freight equipment, Classes of locomotives, etc. One year we displayed the PRR calendars with models of the equipment in front of each one. Another year was a World War II theme with typical WWII consists. This year our theme was trains of Cincinnati.

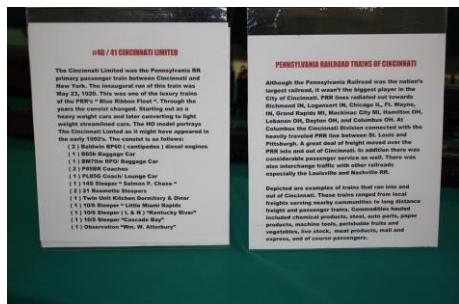
The tables are arranged in a rectangle, so that we can sit in the center and talk with visitors as they come by. Curt LaRue prepares placards to describe the models being displayed. Membership applications are available for anyone interested in the society.

Anyone in the Cincinnati area who would like to join our group is welcome. Contact Ed Swain at edwardswain@aol.com, or Curt LaRue at lclarue@aol.com.

Ed Swain



The three people in the photo left to right are Ed Bley, Peter Weiglin, and Curt LaRue.



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

NOTES FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST:



Coast to Coast Service in 2016; The Pennsylvania Railroad celebrates 170 years of operation. Photo taken at Rock Island, WA by Jim Trunzo

NEW GAME:

Do you know where this is?

This is a new game for the E-News with the locations all being PRR. Rules of the game, there will be a picture posted in each issue of “somewhere on the PRR system”. Please email me with your answer/guess. (pauletta.ader@yahoo.com)



If you would like to submit a picture for this game, email me with the picture and location. Individuals submitting photos cannot participate in that issue. *Please send digital pictures or photos of pictures.*

PRRT&HS ADVERTISING / PUBLIC RELATIONS

In an effort to increase the Society’s visibility and help promote membership in the PRRT&HS, the Board of Directors initiated an advertising campaign in 2015. 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. Train shows are an obvious venue, but please give consideration to other events such as those sponsored by a local historical society or rail museum; especially in areas where the Pennsylvania Railroad had a strong presence. The following are the current committed dates for the display:

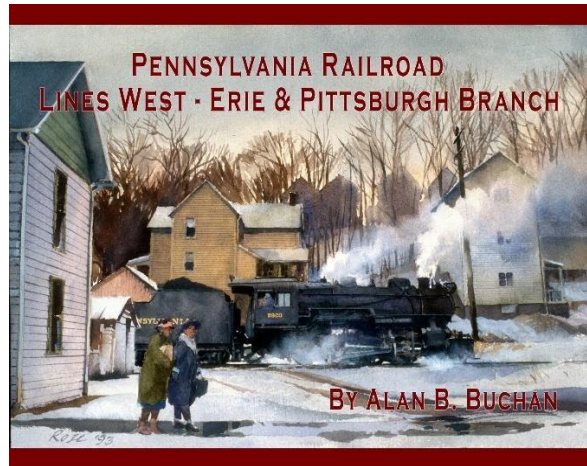
October 29, 2016; Great Scale Model Train Show, Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton)

February 4, 2017; Great Scale Model Train Show, Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton) April

8, 2017; Great Scale Model Train Show, Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton)

Any member interested in the display can contact me at frank.napoleon@verizon.net to make arrangements. This would be a great project for each local Chapter to undertake in helping to promote the Society over a broad geographic area.

Another way 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, is now available for sale. An advertisement and order form were included with the autumn *Keystone*. If you have an interest 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 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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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**

PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

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