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Not for sale.

If you have a submission for the January E-news PLEASE forward it to me by December 15th. Thank you. Pauletta Ader Editor of the E-news. pauletta.ader@yahoo.com

Editorial Note: My apologies for the lateness of this edition. It was due to illness.

ATTENTION Members, PLEASE, PLEASE send in your proxy vote. Vote FOR so the Society can function legally.

Attention Modelers: Those of you who have won BEST of show, or any Other award at the annual meetings, the model room committee would appreciate your bringing the models to the 50th anniversary convention to be displayed once again for the membership to enjoy one more time.

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MEMBERSHIP

As of Nov. 12, 2017, the PRRT&HS membership for 2017 is as follows:

Regular	2,109
Sustaining	325
Contributing	83
International	29
Keystone	146

Total 2,703

Non-renewals 242 Renewal Rate 2,546/2,788=91.3%

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

The number of new members for 2017 is 157.

Submitted by Andy Hart

ARCHIVES

The massive task of sorting and cataloging a large donated collection began in earnest with Director Dave Evans leading a team of volunteers, who began to sort items, and separate PRR

items from non PRR. A total of 9 Gahlord cartons were opened, sorted, and cataloged. Most items consisted of ledgers of hours worked on the electrification from Philadelphia to Harrisburg.



Article submitted by Rich Ader
Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

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

STATION

On October 28th the Middle Division Chapter held the annual Hobo gathering at the station. Chapter members dressed as hobos, enjoyed roasting hot dogs, drinking cider, and singing old railroad songs as the Norfolk Southern freights roared by on the old "Pennsy Middle Division" blowing their horns and waving. Oh, to hear the roar and whimper of the K4s, M1s and the I1s again.....



Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader
Article submitted by Rich Ader

Painting Again?

Lewistown Mayor Deb Bargo and her entourage from the United Way's "Day of Caring" was once again seen at the station painting window frames and doors. There were a few gallons of paint remaining from the Behr Paint and Paint Pennsylvania Beautiful grant from last year. The Middle Division is looking forward to additional painting in 2018.



Mayor Bargo



Representatives of United Way

Article and photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

MODELING UPDATES

HEY, you guys, I know there are many of you train enthusiasts have layouts; so do some bragging and send me some pictures and a brief description.

If you are a modeler and you would like to share your layout etc. with your fellow PRRT&HS members in the E-News please contact Pauletta.ader@yahoo.com.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS:

2018PRRT&HS 2018 50th ANNUAL MEETING NEWS!!!

May 9th - May 13th, 2018

This year it will be a four-day event, with an "optional" Train trip leaving from 30th street station Philadelphia to Altoona on Weds 9th and returning on Sun 13th. Including a trip around Horseshoe curve.

This trip will be restricted to 250 passengers and will be available thanks to the planning of Bennett Levin and his equipment. More information will be available soon.

Our annual meeting location is the Blair County Convention Center, Altoona PA.
Due to the size of local hotels We have “blocked” rooms at four locations. They are
as follows in the order of distance to the convention center.

Use PRRT&HS for all special hotel pricing

(1) Courtyard Marriott Altoona (814) 312 1800 \$106.00 +tax

This hotel has a direct connection to the convention center

There are 70 rooms blocked until 4/09/18; it has been reported that the conference
rate is sold out.

(2) Holiday Inn Express (814) 693 1441 \$124.00 +tax

This hotel is less than a block away and is only one year old.

Complimentary buffet breakfast

There are 40 rooms blocked until 4/09/18

(3) Altoona Grand Hotel (814) 946 1631 \$80.00 +tax

This hotel is half a mile away and is the best bargain!

There are 50 rooms blocked until 4/09/18

(4) Hampton Inn (814) 941 3500 \$129.00 +tax

Less than one mile away, it has a Cracker Barrel and sports bar on the
same lot as the hotel

There are 30 rooms blocked until 4/11/18

There will be shuttle busses courtesy of the PRRT&HS running to all three outside hotel
locations.

All hotels have handicapped rooms available.

We would advise making reservations ASAP this annual meeting will be a record breaker!

Naturally, other rooms are available outside of our PRR T&HS “block” but the special price will
not be offered.

More NEWS as it becomes available!!!

Steve Staffieri President

2019--Strasburg/Lancaster

2020-- Penn State

RAILROAD HERITAGE DAYS: Photos



Northern Central Chapter



Railroad Safety



Long Island Chapter



Philadelphia Chapter



Ken Briers and his PRR truck



National Table

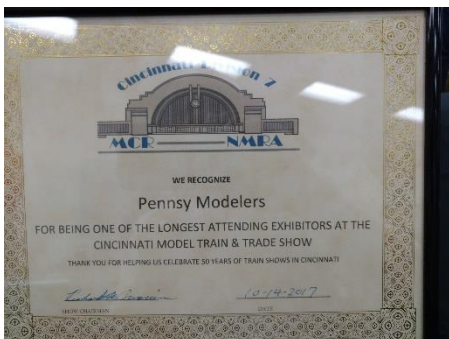
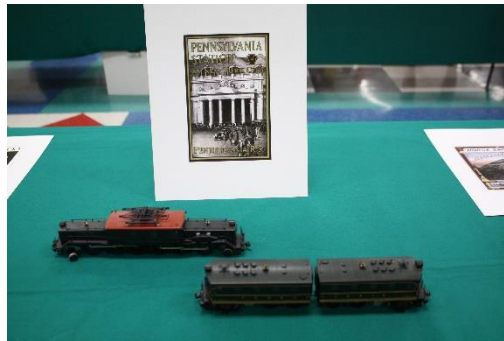
CINCINNATI TRAIN SHOW

The National Model Railroad Association Division 7 hosts a Train Show every fall. This year's show on October 14 and 15 was their 50th consecutive show, making it the longest continuous running train show in the country. The Pennsy Modelers (as we are called), has been participating in the show since about 1981 when Brady McGuire got one table. Our participation has grown to the eight tables we have had for the past several years.

Each year we have a different theme. This year we focused on the Pennsylvania Railroad's advertising art. Using pages from the Society's book "Pennsylvania Railroad Advertising Art", we printed copies of select ads to display. With each ad, we displayed equipment consistent with the theme of the ad.

The Society's banner and display of books, along with our display of PRR equipment usually results in discussions on the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Society, and PRR modeling.





Article and photos submitted by Ed Swain

FEATURE CHAPTER

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

NAME THE LOCATION GAME:

This is a 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)

Name the Location Game:

Where is this located?



September Results:



Troy, PA Elmira branch of the PRR.

Congratulations to the correct guessers.

Submitted by Pauletta Ader

PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS



PRRT&HS display at the 2017 St. Louis RPM Meet, Bob Flores photograph.

The PRRT&HS was one of thirteen historical societies participating in this year's St. Louis RPM Meet held on June 23 and 24 in Collinsville, IL. Bob Flores hosted the Society display and reported that there was quite an interest in next year's Annual Meeting celebrating the 50TH Anniversary of the PRRT&HS. He spoke with a manufacturer that has an interest in producing high-end laser cut models of Pennsylvania Railroad structures and during their conversation described the work being done by the modeling committee, the availability of drawings and other resources from the Lewistown Archives, and the results of Jerry Britton's annual poll highlighting the most requested PRR structures. Hopefully we will see some new structure kits in the future as a result of their conversation.

Members also hosted the display:

September 9 & 10, 2017; *Railroad Heritage Days at the RRMPA*, Strasburg, PA (Joe Acri)
 October 7, 2017; *The Great Scale Model Train Show*, Timonium, MD (Jerry Britton)

REMINDER: Members can help to increase the Society's visibility and promote membership in the PRRT&HS by hosting the portable display in their area. For those unfamiliar with it, the portable display contains sample issues of *The Keystone*, *The Keystone Modeler* and *The Keystone e-NEWS*, as well as membership brochures, membership applications, information on the Lewistown Archives and a list of PRRT&HS publications available for purchase on our website. Book samples are available to those hosts willing to display them. While train shows are an obvious venue, consideration should be given to events sponsored by local historical societies and railroad museums; especially those in areas that had a strong PRR presence.

The portable display gives the PRRT&HS exposure to those unaware of our existence and offers the potential to attract new members; please consider hosting it. An increase in membership is beneficial to all members of the Society. Table cost and shipping charges are covered by the PRRT&HS.

Another way for members to 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.

To arrange for use of the portable display or to request copies of the Membership Brochure contact Frank Napoleon at frank.napoleon@verizon.net.

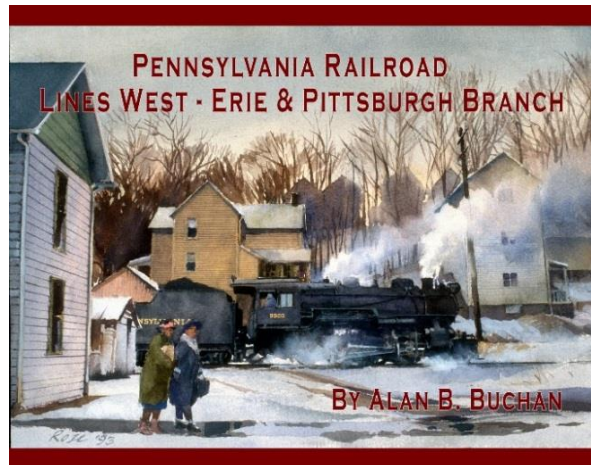
THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT



Visit the campaign website and video at <http://www.wilkstation.org>.

Updates on the restoration project can be found on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WilkesburgTrainStation>.

ERIE & PITTSBURGH BRANCH BOOK - SOLD OUT



The *Erie & Pittsburgh Branch* book is **SOLD OUT**. If you missed the boat and still want a **copy**, please call 610-683-7341, extension 1005 to be placed on a list of those interested in a (possible Second Edition reprint). Also, check the E-store located on the PRRT&HS website for other available Society publications.

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.

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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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

Contact: Al Doddroe at: adoddroe@earthlink.net

CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER

Contact: President Marv Caldwell at: ld_mlc43@comcast.net

GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA

Contact Jim Winslow at: G5s472@aol.com 1872 Lakeview Drive, Zeeland, MI 49464

LONG ISLAND

P.O. Box 1620, Ronkonkoma, NY 11766

See <https://www.facebook.com/licprths/> for meeting information and other updates.

Contact PRRTHSLIC@gmail.com

MIDDLE DIVISION

Contact Rich Ader at: richie0745@yahoo.com

NEW ENGLAND

Contact, Tim Garner at: t.a.garner@verizon.net or write to New England Chapter PRRT&HS, c/o Tim Garner, Secretary, PO Box 624, Marlborough, MA 01752-0624.

Website: <http://prrths-ne.org/>

Saturday, December 2, 2017 – Winter Chapter Meeting

New England Model Train Expo, Marlborough, Mass.

This annual event grows bigger every year. There will be over 220 dealer tables, manufacturer displays, operating layouts, and more. Two-day admission is \$10.00. Save \$2.00 in advance. We will meet at noon Saturday up the hill from the exhibit hall at the All Star Bar and Grill at the Royal Plaza Hotel. The show runs December 2 from 10 to 5 and Sunday December 3 from 10 to 4. For more information about the show and to purchase advance tickets, visit www.hubdiv.org.

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Informal Chapter Meeting

Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show – West Springfield, Mass.

The annual two-day event at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) is the biggest train show in the northeastern US. It has become a tradition for Chapter members to meet briefly at noon on day one by one of the roll-up doors in the Stroh Building to say hello, swap stories, and compare purchases so far. You can buy admission in advance to save lines. Visit www.railroadhobbyshow.com for details on the show.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER

The next meeting will be Sunday, February 11, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Contact President Jerry Britton at: jerry@pennsyrr.com

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Contact President Jim Trunzo at: jetrunzo@gmail.com

The Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society Has Formed a Pacific Northwest Chapter.

PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

Contact Secretary Walt Van Arsdale at: varsdale@verizon.net

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The Philadelphia Chapter's next meeting will be December 9. Check the website for information.

Contact: President Steve Staffieri at: interceptor92@verizon.net

Philadelphia Chapter website is: <http://www.philaprrths.com>

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