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If you have a submission for the January E-news PLEASE forward it to me by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Pauletta Ader Editor of the E-news. [pauletta.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletta.ader@yahoo.com)

The December 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting was held at the Bensalem Presbyterian Church for the sole purpose of revising the Bylaws. The overwhelming response was enough to enable the Society to continue functioning legally conforming to the Pennsylvania State law. Thank you to all of you who sent in their proxy votes to amend the Bylaws.

**Attention Modelers:** Those of you who have won BEST of show, or any Other award at the annual meetings, the model room committee would like you to bring the models to the 50<sup>th</sup> 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
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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

## **Station**

### **Middle Division Chapter**

On Saturday 12/9 the Middle Division Chapter had our annual Christmas party! Thanks to everyone who made the party a success. A great turnout, lots of good food, and a nice afternoon of sharing the spirit of the holiday season. Through our gift auction and raffle tickets, we were able to raise \$350. - all donated to the Central PA Food Bank. Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, and blessed 2018, from all of us at the Lewistown Station.



Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

Article submitted by Jacqueline McConahy

### **Lewistown Station News**

Our recent cold snap has taken its toll on a lot of people throughout Eastern U.S., the station was no exception. Pipes froze and broke in the bunkhouse resulting in major damage to the building. Water flooded the upstairs soaking the carpets and then seeped through the floor to the basement where the ceiling tiles and insulation became saturated falling on stored financial records and other papers.

Gary Hoy was able to round up a crew of men to help with the cleanup and assist the insurance company contractors. All carpeting will be replaced along with mold treatment. Scaffolding was constructed in the main waiting room of the station to dry out the records and other papers. The furnace, heating lines and water pipes were repaired. The fire and burglar alarm systems were unaffected.



Article submitted by Richard Ader

Photo showing the drying scaffolds submitted by Gary Hoy

## **ARCHIVES**

### **AED Device Awarded**

The PRRT&HS has been awarded an AED for the Lewistown train station for the public, our archive, and station use. FAME ambulance service coordinator Mick Asbrashoff, and Lewistown Mayor Debbie Bargo nominated the Lewistown station for the AED from the Lewistown Rotary Club. This was awarded on December 19, 2017 at a meeting of the Rotary Club. The Rotary club sponsored a golf tournament to raise the money for 3 AEDs in the local Lewistown area distributed among our station, Office of the Aging, and the Boy Scout Council.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can save 75% of people that are defibrillated within 1 minute of the onset of a heart attack. One other important fact is 60% of people that have shockable rhythms survive.

Accepting the AED for the society is PRRT&HS VP and station manager Rich Ader.



Article and photo 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](mailto:charliehoran@verizon.net).

## **MODELING UPDATES**

HEY, you guys, I know there are many of you train enthusiast 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](mailto:Pauletta.ader@yahoo.com).

## **FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS:**

**2018PRRT&HS 2018 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING NEWS!!!**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**This year it will be a four-day event, with an “optional” Train trip leaving from 30<sup>th</sup> street station Phila to Altoona on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sun 13<sup>th</sup>. Including a trip around Horseshoe curve.**

**This trip will be restricted to 250 passengers and will be available thanks to the generosity 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**

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

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

**Comp 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 has Cracker Barrel and sports bar on same lot as 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



## **FEATURE CHAPTER**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR CHAPTER IN A FUTURE EDITION  
PLEASE CONTACT [pauletta.ader@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:pauletta.ader@yahoo.com))

**Name the Location Game: This month the game is name the engine.**



November Results:



This location is Bird in Hand, PA.

Congratulations to the correct guessers.

Submitted by Pauletta Ader

## PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

**HELP NEEDED:** The 2018 Railroad Prototype Modelers - Valley Forge Meet will be held March 23 through 25, 2018 at the Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center in Malvern, PA. It would be nice to see the PRRT&HS represented at this event. If any member in the Philadelphia area has an interest in hosting the Society's portable display, please contact me as soon as possible to schedule its use at [frank.napoleon@verizon.net](mailto:frank.napoleon@verizon.net). Event information and updates are available online at <http://www.rpmvalleyforge.com/index.php>.

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### THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT



*Tour the abandoned Wilksburg Train Station*, a three and one-half minute episode of “Setting the SEEN”, a weekly lifestyle Web show from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette can be found at

<http://www.post-gazette.com/video/?v=5591798456001>

The video spotlights Tracey Evans, Executive Director of the Wilksburg Community Development Corporation and John Evans, preservation architect with Maclachlan, Cornelius & Feloni Architects and Planners, commenting on the restoration efforts at the Wilksburg Station.

A short Post-Gazette article, with photographs and video, reporting on *Meet Me at the (Wilksburg) Station*, a fund-raising event held on Saturday, September 30, can be found at

<http://www.post-gazette.com/life/seen/2017/10/02/Wilksburg-train-station/stories/201710020022>

For additional information on the 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/WilksburgTrainStation>.

**REMINDER:** The Wilksburg Community Development Corporation is looking for people to promote the project, donate, volunteer on a committee, and/or provide other resources - including photographs and stories as the Wilksburg Historical Society plans to publish a commemorative book about the station and restoration project. Although the 1916 station will be

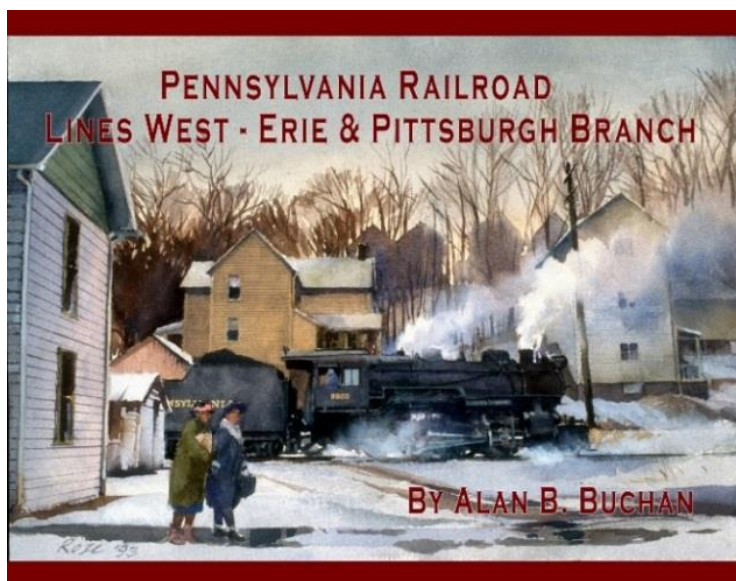
the primary focus of the publication they are interested in any pertinent information such as documents, timetables, photographs and personnel remanences related to the Pennsylvania Railroad's presence in Wilkinsburg over the years.

If you have relevant materials to share or have an interest in assisting with this project, contact Marlee Gallagher at 412-727-7855 or [marlee@wilkinburgcdc.org](mailto:marlee@wilkinburgcdc.org).

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## **ERIE & PITTSBURGH BRANCH BOOK**

### **SOFTBOUND REPRINT NOW AVAILABLE!**



The original printing of Al Buchan's *Erie & Pittsburgh Branch* sold out very quickly. Due to numerous requests the PRRT&HS is offering a one-time softbound reprint of this book. Only two-hundred copies have been printed so act now; don't miss this opportunity!

PRRT&HS Member price is **\$60.00** each, plus shipping and tax (where applicable).

Non-Member price is **\$65.00** each, plus shipping and tax (where applicable).

This book can be purchased over the phone by calling Kutztown Publishing at 610-683-7341; ask for Connie and please have your credit card ready. It can also be purchased online from the e-Store located on the PRRT&HS website at [www.prtrhs.com](http://www.prtrhs.com). While there check out the other available Society publications.

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Submitted by Frank Napoleon

**Attention: Address correction on the flyer in the Winter Keystone for the Erie & Pittsburgh Branch Book is:**

**PRRT&HS**

**7036 Snowdrift Rd**

**Allentown, PA 18106-9582**

### **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](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**

**Support your local chapter - become a member.**

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#### **NEW ENGLAND**

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*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](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com) for details on the show.

#### **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

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

Keystone Crossings <http://pennsyrr.com>

PRR Middle Division in HO Scale <http://jbritton.pennsyrr.com>

The Model Railroad Open House <http://themodelrailroadopenhouse.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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Philadelphia Chapter website is: <http://www.philaprrths.com>

*February 10, 2018 – Next chapter meeting.*

Drexel Hill Methodist Church

600 Burmont Road

Drexel Hill, PA

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