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

**THE ANNUAL MEETING MAILING IS IN THE MAIL.**

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR PROXY CARDS IN !!!!!**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **FINAL 2017 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 1-8-18**

As of Jan. 8, 2018, the PRRT&HS membership for 2017 is as follows:

Regular	2,126
Sustaining	325
Contributing	83
International	29
Keystone	148
Total	2,721

Non-renewals 230 Renewal Rate  $2,561/2,791=91.8\%$

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

The number of new members for 2017 is 160.

#### **2017 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 2-25-17**

As of February 17, 2017, the PRRT&HS membership for 2017 is as follows:

Regular	1,731
Sustaining	295
Contributing	68
International	21
Keystone	126
Total	2,141

Non-renewals 600 Renewal Rate  $2,188/2,788=78.5\%$

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

The number of new members for 2017 is 53.

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 2-22-18

As of Feb. 22, 2018, the PRRT&HS membership for 2018 is as follows:

Regular	514
Sustaining	96
Contributing	24
International	2
Keystone	36

Total 672 \*NOTE - Membership renewal processing is behind schedule

Non-renewals 2,092 Renewal Rate  $629/2,721=23.1\%$

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

The number of new members for 2018 is 43.

Submitted by Andy Hart

### **Station and Archive**

A cold snap took 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. There were 2 breaks in the water pipes under the kitchen above the valves (luckily). After thawing another break was found in the heating line. The furnace is/was functioning properly suggesting the line froze on an exterior wall between cycles. The extent of the damage was complete flooding of the bunkhouse floor, 4 breaks of pipes, the basement sustained moderate damage with several ceiling tiles and insulation water logged and water damage to some of the old financial records and a 2015 accession. The accession was separated from the other accessions for space saving. The title blocks were cut off. It will be processed later for that reason.

Drying racks were constructed in the main room of the station and used for drying, at the direction of the adjuster. Some drawings were taken home by Al Giannantonio to dry with the adjuster's approval. The walls of the bunkhouse were not damaged from the water but have been treated for mold. All cabinets, vanity, subfloor, carpeting and vinyl will be placed with new as needed, along with all piping. The drying racks will be stored in container #2. Awaiting final word from the claims adjuster.

An A.E.D was donated to the PRRT&HS for mounting in the station. The Lewistown Rotary Club purchased three A.E.D. units for the community. Thanks to Mayor Deborah Bargo, the PRRT&HS was chosen.

### **Before Repairs**



### **After Repairs**



Article written by Rich Ader  
Photos Submitted by Gary Hoy

### **Archives**

Floor wiring for computers has been run and the electric hooked up. Work continues on the computer hookups.

There was a total of 39 donations to the archives in 2017.

Article submitted by Rich 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 with 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 120 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.

The registration packet was mailed out before the end of March.

Steve Staffieri President

2019--Strasburg/Lancaster

2020– Penn State

## **REGISTRATION – PRRT&HS 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Inspection Trip May 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### **A FEW MORE SEATS AVAILABLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Please note the following:

1) The ride is available to **PRRT&HS members and their partners only, \$1000 per person** includes food on trip out to Altoona on Wednesday, Sunday breakfast at BCCC before we go to station, light snacks on way home and bus transportation to and from Altoona Station. Also included is a 76 page trip booklet, a custom embroidered polo shirt and more. **COMPLETE TRIP INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**

**PRRTHS.COM**

2) All FIRST CLASS parlor cars 20 riders in each car.

3) Tickets are non-transferrable, but refundable if someone on the waiting list buys your seat

4) Tickets will be assigned based on the order deposit checks are received (\$300 per person)

5) Applications received after 100 deposits have been received can optionally be added to the waiting list

6) Full payment of \$1000.00 is due by April 15th

7) Checks returned for insufficient funds will move you to the end of the waiting list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

PRRTHS Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (**NON MEMBERS MUST JOIN FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$40**)

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \$300 each rider, due now **after March 31 payment in full is required**)

Payable only by check to **PRRT&HS**

Please circle where you plan to board: **30<sup>th</sup> St / Paoli / Lancaster / Harrisburg**

If Sold out, place me on the waiting list, circle one: NO / YES - your check will be held

If the ride is sold out by the time your application has arrived, and you do not want to be on the waiting list, then your check will be RETURNED.

Please provide at least one of the following methods of contact:

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mail this form and your check to:**

Steve Staffieri, President PRR T&HS

2963 Columbia Drive

Bensalem, PA 19020

Completed by PRR T&HS Number:
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## **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.**

March:



January Results:



This engine is the K4. Photo is hanging in the Lewistown Station.  
Submitted by Pauletta Ader

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## **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 Wilkinsburg 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 Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation and John Evans, preservation architect with Maclachlan, Cornelius & Feloni Architects and Planners, commenting on the restoration efforts at the Wilkinsburg Station.

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

<http://www.post-gazette.com/life/seen/2017/10/02/Wilkinsburg-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/WilkinsburgTrainStation>.

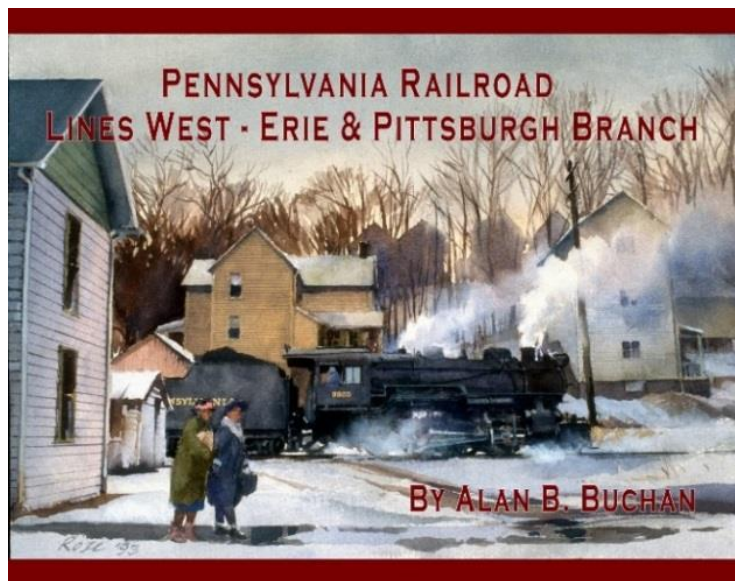
**REMINDER:** The Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation is looking for people to promote the project, donate, volunteer on a committee, and/or provide other resources - including photographs and stories as the Wilkinsburg Historical Society plans to publish a commemorative book about the station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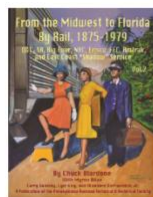
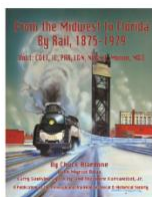


The original printing of Al Buchan's *Erie & Pittsburgh Branch* sold out very quickly. Due to numerous requests the PRRT&HS is offering a one-time softbound reprint of this book. Only two-hundred copies have been printed so act now; don't miss this opportunity!

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.prrths.com](http://www.prrths.com). While there check out the other available Society publications.



***From the Midwest to Florida by Rail 1875-1979*, by Chuck Blardone**  
These two volumes, totaling over 1,000 pages, tell this complete story, from the first Jacksonville Pullman to Amtrak's *Floridian*. It covers all railroads, trains, and years. Each book contains hundreds of photos, ads, artwork, schedules, and consists. Many illustrations are in color. Most have not appeared in print previously. The covers are new Mitch Markovitz paintings. While each railroad is titled to be in one volume, there is substantial crossover material. Buy both for the complete history. **\$75 each, plus shipping**



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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.

e-NEWS Readers,

The PRRT&HS recently received the inquiry below; if anyone reading this can help Chief Hoskins locate surviving family members please contact him directly.

*Sir,*

*I hope you can help me locate the family of a long-ago Pennsylvania Railroad Company employee. I really do not know how it came to be in my possession, but I have a Bible that has the following on the inscription page:*

**Presented to  
FRANK C. CORSON  
A Christian Gentleman**

**By His  
Fellow Railroad Employees  
At a Dinner, Held in His  
honor, at P.R.R.Y.M.C.A.,  
Jersey City, N.J.  
Wednesday Evening, April 15, 1953**

**Upon Completion of  
50 YEARS SERVICE  
With The  
PENNSYLVANIA  
RAILROAD COMPANY**

*The Bible is in fair condition, and I would really like to return it to his surviving family if they can be located.*

*Thanks,*

Battalion Chief Harold Hoskins  
Scott County Fire Department  
2200 Cincinnati Pike  
Georgetown, KY 40324-9577  
Office: 502.867.3700  
Fax: 502.863.7860  
Cell: 859.519.7411  
E-mail: [hhoskins@yahoo.com](mailto:hhoskins@yahoo.com)

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#### **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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Contact: Sec/Treas. Phil Anderson 480-756-4359 [ma393@aol.com](mailto:ma393@aol.com)

### **LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER**

Contact: Al Doddroe at: [adoddroe@earthlink.net](mailto:adoddroe@earthlink.net)

### **CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER**

Contact: President Marv Caldwell at: [ld\\_mlc43@comcast.net](mailto:ld_mlc43@comcast.net)

### **GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA**

Contact Jim Winslow at: [G5s472@aol.com](mailto:G5s472@aol.com) 1872 Lakeview Drive, Zeeland, MI 49464

### **LONG ISLAND**

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### **MIDDLE DIVISION**

Contact Rich Ader at: [richie0745@yahoo.com](mailto:richie0745@yahoo.com)

### **NEW ENGLAND**

Contact, Tim Garner at: [t.a.garner@verizon.net](mailto: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.

### **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

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

Chapter web site: <https://www.facebook.com/northerncentralchapterprrrths/>

The next meeting of the Northern Central Chapter of the PRRT&HS will be on Sunday, April 15th, at 12:30 p.m. Note the change in location, date and time below!

We will be riding Steam Into History! This excursion was our #1 request on the recent survey (see results elsewhere in this newsletter). We will board the Hanover Junction Flyer, which departs at 1:00 p.m. This will be a two and a half hour excursion with a 20-30 minute layover at Hanover Junction.

I suggest arrival between 12:00 and 12:30 a.m. at the station in New Freedom, Pa. Directions and tickets are available on the Steam Into History web site at <http://www.steamintohistory.com>.

Important: Everyone is responsible for acquiring their own tickets in advance. Past history suggests we will not meet the minimum required for a group rate. Adult tickets are \$26 each. Children, aged 3-15, are \$15 each. I encourage you to make this a family outing!

### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

Contact President Jim Trunzo at: [jetrunzo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:varsdale@verizon.net)

### **PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**

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

April 14, 2018

FEATURE PRESENTATION: "A Century of Catenary" Presented by Frank Tatnall  
Adapted from Frank's article in the fall 2015 issue of "Classic Trains" magazine. It commemorates the 100th anniversary of the start of electric operations on the Paoli Local, with the first revenue trip under catenary occurring September 11, 1915. The 20-miles to Paoli were the test bed for PRR's early experiments with 11,000-volt AC operation, the success of which gave Pennsy the confidence to electrify much of its heavily-trafficked railroad east of Harrisburg, including the Northeast Corridor.

Drexel Hill Methodist Church

600 Burmont Road

Drexel Hill, PA

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