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

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MEMBERSHIP As of July 5, 2018, the PRRT&HS membership for 2018 is as follows:

Regular	2017
Sustaining	305
Contributing	80
International	30
Keystone	142

Total 2574

Non-renewals 318 Renewal Rate $2,404/2,722=88.3\%$

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

The number of new members for 2018 is 170.

Submitted by Andy Hart

Station and Archive

Lewistown Station

The Lewistown Station is all decked out for the summer holidays. Matt Pisani, President of the Middle Division, Tom Verdi and other members of the chapter decorated the front of the railroad station with flags to commemorate Memorial Day, Flag Day and Labor Day.



Article submitted by Pauletta Ader

Photo submitted by John Haubric

NMRA Holds Meeting at Station

On June 9th, the National Model Railroad Association of America's Susquehanna Division held their meeting at the Lewistown Station. Tim Himmelberger, Superintendent, led the business meeting with Jerry Britton as the first speaker describing the various railroads that function or have functioned around the Lewistown area. He focused on the station, including the past and

present. The second speaker, Archivist Charlie Horan, spoke on his job description. The meeting ended with a tour of the station assisted by Richard Ader, Station and Accessions manager. Upon closing their meeting, Tim Himmelberger presented a \$100 archive donation to Rich Ader and Charlie Horan as a thank you to the PRRT&HS for hosting the event. The club completed their visit to the area with a few local layout tours.



Tim Himmelberger



Jerry Britton



Tour of the Archives



Presentation of donation

Article and 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.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PRRT&HS email lists on Yahoo Groups have now been completely and successfully moved to Groups.io. Our groups now consist of:

PRRPRO - The PRR Project group. This group works on one project at a time, building in whatever scale the modeler wishes to. The current project, which began July 1st, is the X23 and related cars (NX23, MOW X23, X24, X24a, R7, K7a). The PRRPro list can be found at: <https://groups.io/g/PRRPro>

[PRR – This list is the fusion of the old PRR-FAX and PRR-Modeling lists. Both prototype and modeling information can be discussed at this “one-stop shop” for all PRR related information. All of the posts, files and photos from the old PRR-FAX and PRR-Modeling lists have been preserved as subgroups of the current PRR list. The PRR list can be found at: https://prp.groups.io/g/PRR](#)

Submitted Bruce Smith, Director

The PRRT&HS Paint Committee is happy to report that the equipment on display in the courtyard of the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum is being repainted using formulas developed by the paint committee and will be re-lettered using accurate lettering provided by Mount Vernon Shops/John Frantz. The Railway Express X29 has been repainted into 1940's Freight Car Color, with preparations being made to repaint the N5 into the same shade of Freight Car Color soon as well. The former Railway Express X29 will be re-lettered into a "Circle Keystone" scheme and the N5 will be re-lettered into the "Circle Keystone" scheme including the "Buy War Bonds" slogan. The YB Scale Test Car, R50b Express Reefer, and D70fr Diner will also be repainted and re-lettered in an accurate and appropriate scheme to be determined by the Chief Curator.

Submitted by John Frantz and Bruce Smith, Paint Committee and Directors



Photos submitted by Joe DeFrancesco

The PRR T&HS will participate in Railroad Heritage Days at the Railroad Museum on Pa. on Saturday, September 8th from 9am to 5pm and Sunday, September 9th from 12pm to 5pm.

As coordinator for this event Joe Acri has asked the Museum to have our Society tables at G5s #5741. Joe's contact there says that unless they are doing an exhibit change at that locomotive, our tables will be placed there. Joe asks for volunteers to watch our two tables during the event. Please contact him directly if you can help. There will not be any sales at our tables just membership brochures and copies of our publications.

If any Society chapters wish to participate with their own table, let him know and he will send you the required forms.

Submitted by Joe Acri, Director

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.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS:

2019 - May 15-18 -- Strasburg, PA

2020 - May 13-16 -- State College, PA

FEATURE CHAPTER

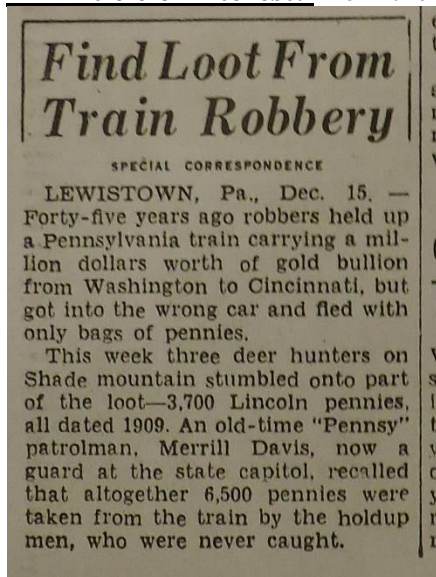
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR CHAPTER IN A FUTURE EDITION
PLEASE CONTACT pauletta.ader@yahoo.com editor of the E-news**

Name the Location:

July:



An Article of interest: From the Labor Newspaper dated December 18, 1954



Article courtesy of the PRRT&HS Archives

Name the Person from May E-News:

May Results:



Stuart Saunders became Head of the PRR in 1964. The last President of the PRR was instrumental in the merger with the New York Central to form the Penn Central.

Photo courtesy of PRRT&HS

Submitted by Pauletta Ader

PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bob Flores hosted the Society's portable display at the 2018 Central Ohio RPM held over the weekend of April 26, 27 & 28 at the Marion (Ohio) Union Station. Although attendance was down slightly this year Bob reported an interesting meet and strong interest in our online modeling magazine *The Keystone Modeler*. The display gave attendees an opportunity to browse all the current PRRT&HS publications and learn the benefits of membership. The following are the current committed dates for the display:

July 20 & 21, 2018 -- *The 2018 St. Louis RPM Meet*, Collinsville, IL (Bob Flores)

August 11, 2018 -- *Summerail 2018*, Marion, OH (Bob Flores)

September 8 & 9, 2018 -- *Railroad Heritage Days* at the RRMPA, Strasburg, PA (Joe Acri),

If any member attending *Railroad Heritage Days* would like to volunteer some time at the PRRT&HS display table, please contact Joe Acri at beartrain1018@verizon.net; your help would be most welcome.

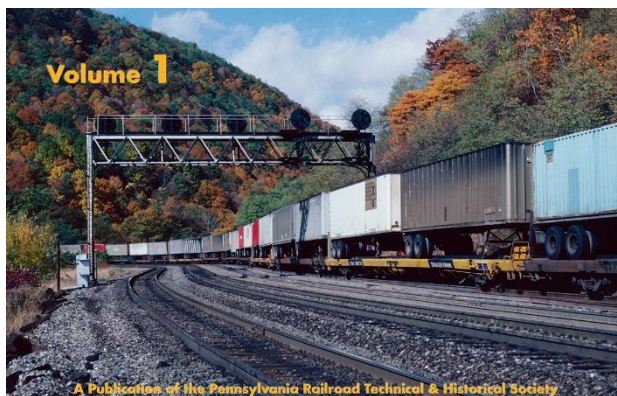


To arrange for use of the portable display contact Frank Napoleon at frank.napoleon@verizon.net.

PRRT&HS display at the 2018 Central Ohio RPM, Bob Flores photo.

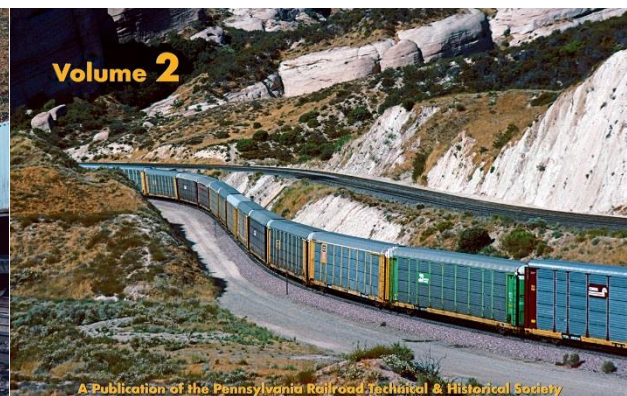
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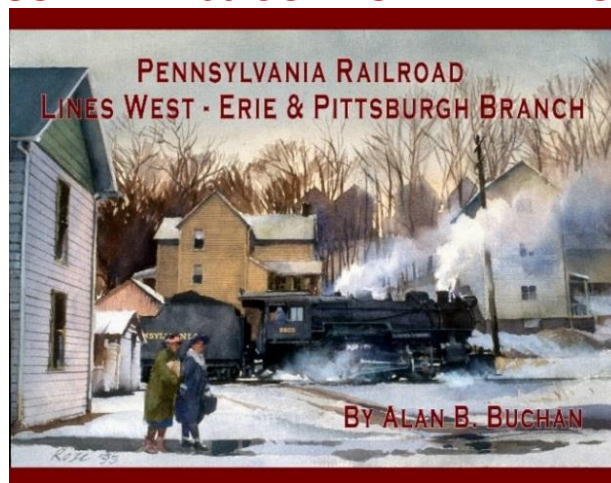
The Pennsylvania Railroad and Rail-Trailer Company formed Trailer Train Company in 1955 to expand piggyback service amongst the nation's railroads. The PRR initially managed TTX, which expanded its ownership to 41 railroads. The 62-year journey started with 500 flatcars in 1956 and grew to over 161,000 cars (TOFC, auto rack, Railbox, Railgon, and specialu equipped) today.

The authors, James D. Panza, Richard W. Dawson and Ronald P. Sellberg, combined, have over 90 years of service with Trailer Train/TTX. They present much "insider" information on company decisions, car design, and the shift to container intermodal service. Presented in landscape format the two-volume book set is hardbound, all color, and together total 624 pages.

PRRT&HS Member price is **\$79.95** each, plus shipping and tax (where applicable).

Non-Member price is **\$99.95** each, plus shipping and tax (where applicable).

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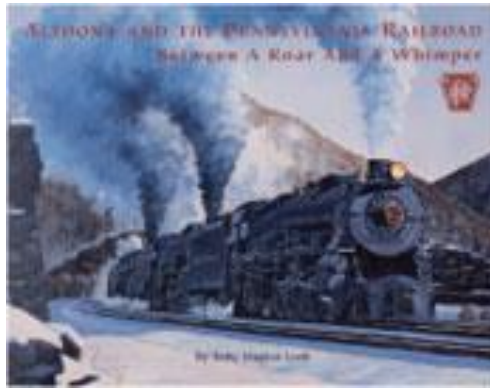
The original printing of Al Buchan's *Erie & Pittsburgh Branch* sold out very quickly. Due to numerous requests the PRRT&HS is offering a one-time softbound reprint of this book. Only two-hundred copies have been printed so act now; don't miss this opportunity!

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

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These books can be purchased over the phone by calling Kutztown Publishing at 610-683-7341; ask for Connie and please have your credit card ready. They can also be purchased online from the e-Store located on the PRRT&HS website at www.prrths.com. Browse the other available Society publications including the following:

ALTOONA AND THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD



Authored by Altoonan Betty Loeb, this 100-page, color/black&white, perfect bound, reinforced, soft cover publication contains 228 photos, 3 full paintings, 2 multi-page maps and a chart of Altoona towers with additional text by John Denny, JR., Bill Strassner and Peter Barton. Features include the PRR in Altoona, the men and women of the PRR, Altoona's trolleys and prominent buildings, and the Horseshoe Curve.

THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT



Now that the weather is finally cooperating, construction crews have started work on the station's new roof as well as exterior restoration. This work is slated to be completed by the end of this summer.

Follow the Wilkesburg Train Station Restoration Project on Facebook for ongoing project updates.

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

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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/licprrrths/> for meeting information and other updates.

Contact: PRRTHSLIC@gmail.com

MIDDLE DIVISION

Contact Matt Pisani mattpisani@hotmail.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/>

July 28-29, 2018 – Summer Chapter Meeting -- Long Island, New York

We are having a joint meeting with the Long Island Chapter of the PRRT&HS on Long Island.

We will meet at Greenport at 11am Saturday for lunch and a meeting, then see both locations of the Railroad Museum of Long Island with a barbecue dinner at 5pm. We'll start again Sunday at 11am at the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum for the afternoon. There is an optional dinner at 5pm nearby. See our Chapter Meeting Flier for details.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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

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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WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

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