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MEMBERSHIP

Regular	2040
Sustaining	305
Contributing	80
International	30
Keystone	142
Total	2597

Non-renewals 311 Renewal Rate $2,411/2,722=88.6\%$

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

The number of new members for 2018 is 186.

Submitted by Andy Hart

STATION AND ARCHIVE

Amtrak Room at Lewistown Station

Members of the Middle Division chapter volunteer to open the Amtrak room for the Pennsylvanian east and west Amtrak trains daily. Numerous members also volunteered to paint the Amtrak room.



Mark Worley and John Haubrick painting walls



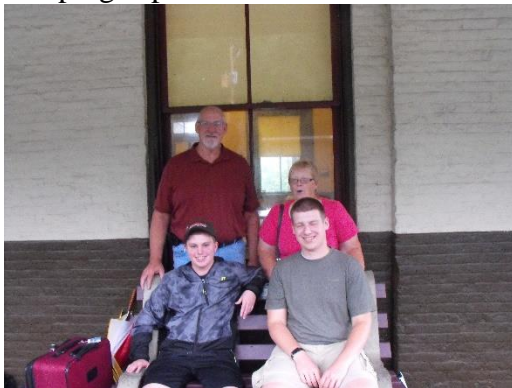
Displays of items sold in the Amtrak Room



Article and photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

Rail Campers

Rail campers Gage Bishop and John Haubrick took Amtrak trains to Rail Camp in Washington State. The campers worked for almost a year to attend the western rail camp. Both young men were supported by the National PRRT&HS, Middle Division Chapter and the Lewistown Eagles Club. John's maternal grandparents Loren and Dart Hartzler accompanied them on their western journey. John Haubrick's father, John accompanied them back to Pennsylvania. Both are interested in future careers in railroading. Stay tuned for more information on their rail camping trip in future E-news editions.



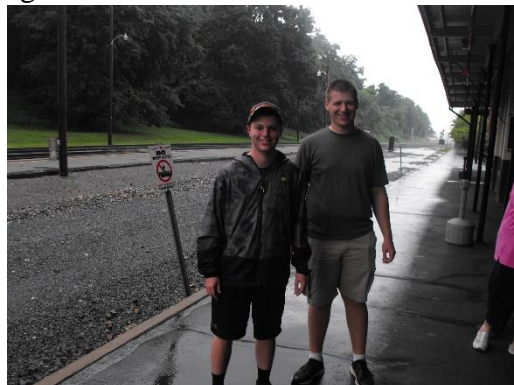
Gage and John with The Hartzler's



Gage with mom Leann and John with mom Dana



The boys with their fathers John and Mark



Preparing for the trip

Photos submitted by Mark Worley
Article submitted by Pauletta Ader

Altoona Railroad Museum Donation



The picture shown above was taken on 07/13/2018 at the Altoona Railroader's Memorial Museum (ARMM) in Altoona PA. Shown in the picture, from right to left, are Rich Ader, PRRTHS BoD Member and Lewistown Station Manager, Cynthia Hershey, Chief Operating Officer of the ARMM and Charlie Horan, PRRTHS Archivist at Lewistown, PA. Rich and Charlie travelled to the ARMM to present a number of large format photographs taken in or around Altoona which reflect a host of subjects relating directly to PRR activities in Altoona. The photos that were taken to the ARMM were selected from among a quantity of nearly 100 photos donated to the PRRTHS by the SCL Historical Society after they had received them from Conrail. Conrail was vacating a large office building in Atlanta GA and had no plans to use the pictures in their new site. After receiving the donation from the SCLHS/Conrail, we sorted through the entire donation with the intent to find suitable homes for the many pictures which could not be directly used by the PRRTHS. We selected a total of about 30 of the pictures for our donation to the ARMM. They intend to hang as many of these photos as possible in various suitable locations within the "public access" portions of their main museum building.

PRRTHS leadership and the ARMM are actively seeking to "mend some fences" in a relationship which had experienced some unfortunate "bumps" in its past history. This year's Annual Meeting served as the "launch pad" for this mutual effort among the leaders of both organizations. Our donation of these pictures (with still more to follow) was a continuation of this effort and the process. We are also, currently working on a "blueprint processing" coordination effort which includes an agreement to share our respective duplicate drawings. To that end, the ARMM has already donated a significant number of their duplicates to us in Lewistown. Although we have not counted the drawings in their donation, they were contained in four rather large boxes, many of which we did not have in our own collection. It can be safely stated that the former strained relationship which recently existed between our respective organizations has significantly improved since the Annual Meeting in May.

Article submitted by Charlie Horan charliehoran@verizon.net
Photo submitted by Pauletta Ader

ALL PRRTHS 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

Corrected Railroad Heritage Days Announcement:

The PRR T&HS will participate in Railroad Heritage Days at the Railroad Museum of 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

Exterior Benches at the Lewistown Station

The subject of the exterior benches at the Lewistown station was discussed briefly at the director's meeting on August 18th as to whether the society should allow the Middle Division Chapter to replace them with new metal benches that would be period representative. (Circa early 1900's). After researching the origin of the existing benches, it was discovered they were constructed and donated by the local/original station gang who were responsible for the renovations of the station and donated in their honor. According to Bob Johnson, concrete benches were decided upon since they are not easily damaged, stolen, or upset. Should they be damaged in any way it's just a matter of replacing the wood and paint. The benches are maintained yearly as needed by chapter volunteers. The consensus of the BoD members was to keep the existing benches, and not replace them.

Submitted by Rich Ader, Director and Vice President



Dave Evans preparing the phone for the 1st Board meeting at the Lewistown Station
Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

MODELING UPDATES

HEY, you guys, I know that 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

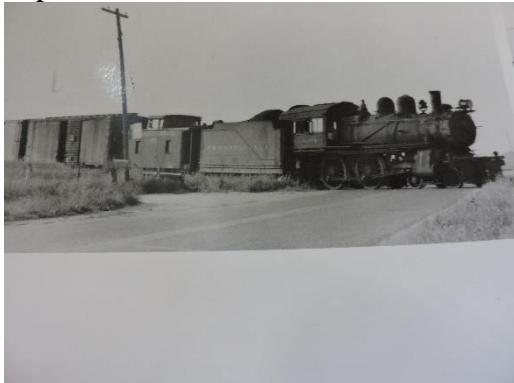
2020 - May 13-16 -- State College, PA

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:

September:



July Results: PRR Freight House in Hamilton, Ohio



Submitted by Pauletta Ader

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Lewistown Station Through the Eyes of a 10-Year-Old

Brody Bise is a fifth grader in Goose Creek South Carolina. Brody is a member of the Middle Division Chapter of the PRRT&HS. He has been a train lover of full size trains, Lionel and HO gauge trains. Daily he sees CSX trains in Goose Creek but he does not have many opportunities to see Norfolk Southern or the Heritage Units produced by NS rail lines. This summer Brody along with his family, took a trip to the Lewistown Station. Along with Brody's love of trains he adores his YouTube channel (control-click [bromaster bise](#)). Check out his Lewistown Part 1 Video.

Open House at the Lewistown Train Station

Saturday September 29, 2018

11AM – 4PM

Rain or Shine

150 Helen Street, Lewistown PA

TAKE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE PRRT&HS ARCHIVES

Enjoy a free lunch

We will be grilling hotdogs

Station and PRR items will be for sale

PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT



The Wilksburg Train Station Restoration Project has been awarded \$1.5 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). The RACP is a grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects.

The Wilksburg Community Development Corporation (WCDC) along with Allegheny County and the Borough of Wilksburg are working to turn the station back into a usable space. The total cost to restore the station is currently estimated at \$6 million.

WCDC officials hope the station will house businesses that are open to the community, transit-oriented and stable. Some ideas for use of the station include a restaurant or cafe, bike shop, public transit access and a Port Authority kiosk, a bike share program, display/gallery space for local artists and/or community event space.

The RACP funding will support the interior restoration of the station, including the building systems, restoration of the main level, minor interior work at the lower levels, restrooms on both levels, an elevator addition, an entrance addition, and a ramp to the pedestrian tunnel that extends under the Martin Luther King Jr. East Busway.

Construction crews, managed by Sota Construction of Pittsburgh, began work on the restoration of the stations' exterior and the installation of new roofs this past spring.

Renovation of the stations' interior is scheduled to begin this fall with construction estimated for completion by the spring or summer of 2019.

Updates on the restoration project can be found on their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WilksburgTrainStation/>

DOORS OPEN PITTSBURGH, OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2018

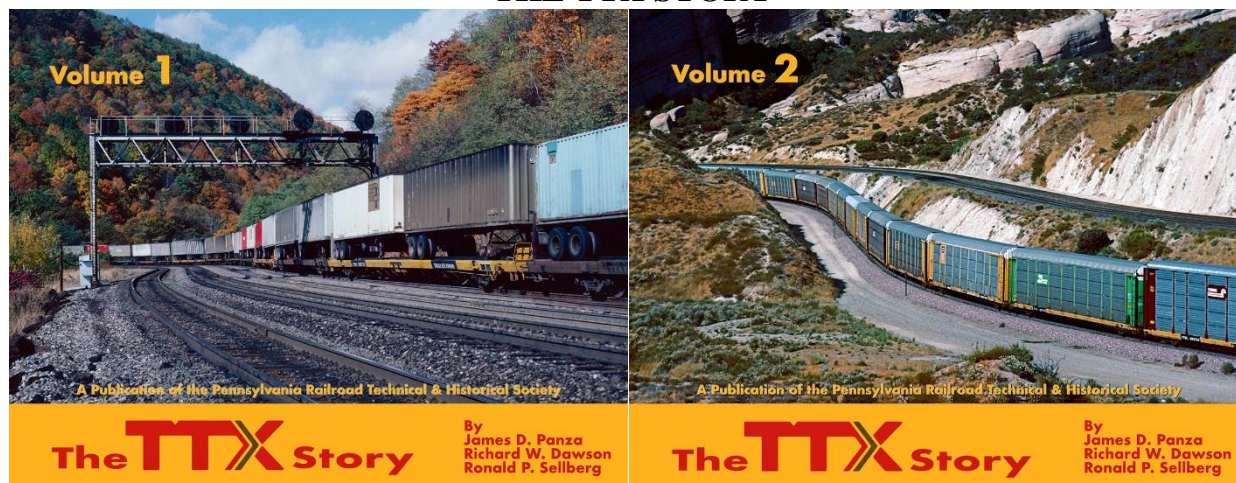
DOORS OPEN Pittsburgh is an annual two-day event that provides unique access to explore and experience a collection of iconic, and newly designed buildings, in select neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.

One of the buildings open this year is "The Pennsylvanian", the former Pennsylvania Railroad Station located at 1100 Liberty Avenue. Although the building will be open to the public both

Saturday and Sunday the Waiting Room / Concourse area will only be available to view on Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. A Pittsburgh area member will be onsite to provide visitors historical information about the building. Ticket information and the 2018 Building List can be found at <https://doorsopenpgh.org/>

TWO-VOLUME BOOK SET NOW AVAILABLE

THE TTX STORY



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 special 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** per set, plus shipping and tax (where applicable).

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

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

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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http://www.prrths.com/estore/index_estore.html

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

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

Saturday, September 22, 2018 – Fall Chapter Meeting at the South Shore Model Railway Club – Hingham, Massachusetts

Hosted by club member and New England Chapter President Ralph Weischedel, this operating session will give us a chance to run a variety of PRR equipment on the club's sizeable HO layout. We'll arrive at the club beginning between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. to set up our equipment on the layout. At 11:30 we'll have our business meeting and have lunch around 12:00. After the meeting we'll return to the layout for the operating session until 4:00 p.m. The layout can run DCC only. Members running DCC equipment should de-consist their locomotives before running them on the layout. The club uses a Digitrax system. If you have Digitrax controllers, please bring them. The club is located in Building 51 of Bare Cove Park, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham. **Please notify Tim Garner by email at t.a.garner@verizon.net by Tuesday, September 12** if you plan to come. For directions to the club, see www.ssmrc.org.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER

Contact President Jerry Britton at: jerry@pennsyrr.com

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

The next chapter meeting will be September 9, starting at 1:30.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Contact President Jim Trunzo at: jetrunzo@gmail.com

PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

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

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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

The next meeting will be September 8, 2018 at the Drexel Hill Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road Drexel Hill, PA. The schedule is available on their website. The Feature Presentation will be "Postcards of Old Stations", presented by Larry Eastwood – NRHS.

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