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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal Status

FINAL 2017 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 3-19-18

As of Mar. 19, 2018, the PRRT&HS membership for 2017 is as follows:

Regular	2,126
Sustaining	325
Contributing	83
International	29
Keystone	148
 Total	 2,722

Non-renewals 229 Renewal Rate $2,562/2,791=91.8\%$
Keystone mailings include 12 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2017 is 160.

2017 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 11-17-17

As of Aug. 3, 2017, the PRRT&HS membership for 2017 is as follows:

Regular	2,111
Sustaining	325
Contributing	83
International	29
Keystone	146
 Total	 2,705

Non-renewals 242 Renewal Rate $2,547/2,789=91.3\%$
Keystone mailings include 12 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2017 is 158.

2018 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 10-30-18

Regular	2,122
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Sustaining	308
Contributing	80
International	30
Keystone	145
Total	2,685

Non-renewals 237 Renewal Rate $2,485/2,722=91.3\%$
 Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2018 is 200.

Submitted by Andy Hart

STATION AND ARCHIVE

In October, the PRRT&HS received a large donation/transfer from Chris Bear and the Hagley Museum. Most notable items included were train dispatcher sheets and thousands of MP229s. In all, there were 96 boxes of documents; both Rich Ader and Al Giannantonio loaded their vehicles and delivered to Lewistown Station.

To date, there have been 39 accession donations made to PRRT&HS. We also received a large donation of mechanical drawings from the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum. Many drawings we did not have in our collection.

Article submitted by Rich Ader, Accession Manager

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

PHMC VIPS visit Lewistown Station.

On Thursday, November 8th, Andrea Lowery, PHMC Executive Director and David Carmichael, Bureau Director of the State Archives of PA visited Lewistown Station. Station master Rich Ader gave a building tour and chief archivist, Charlie Horan provided information on the archives and the vast amount of material stored there.

Their visit lasted for over 2 hours. Andrea has an architectural background and was impressed with the way we have preserved and improved the building since we assumed ownership.



Photo and article submitted by Joe Acri, Director

LEWISTOWN HAPPENINGS

Saturday, September 16

The Middle Division group held their annual old time Hobo party on Saturday September 16th from noon to four PM. Hotdogs, smores and marshmallows roasted over the burn barrel fire were enjoyed by all. Old railroad song CDs sung by original artists Roy Acuff, Boxcar Willie, Hank Snow, Johnny Cash and many others set the mood of the day. When the Norfolk Southern trains rolled by, the engineers blew their horns in salute to a gone by era.



Friday September 28

The new metal roof over the track side platform was completed. The new roof was straightened, angled and built over the existing roof. The curvature of the old roof that had concaved in areas causing water to seep through the seams causing paint peeling and mold to form on the underside boards. The new roof covers the old and maintaining the integrity of the roof from below.

Saturday, September 29

The Middle Division Chapter in conjunction with the PRRT&HS hosted their long awaited open house. The event had been planned months before with September 29th being the open date for all. Great planning on the part of the Lewistown Mayor Debbie Bargo and chapter members Faye Kreydatus and Jackie McConahay helped the event to be overwhelming success. The attendance was projected to be 50-70 people but surprisingly 480 visitors went through the

station. All visitors gladly signed a liability waiver when entering the building. E-news editor Pauletta Ader and Mayor Debbie Bargo greeted everyone at the door with pen and waiver in hand absolutely no one got by them. Archivist Charlie Horan and maintenance man Gary Hoy guided the tours while station master Rich Ader explained the function of the tower. A very special thanks to JoAnn Hoy for organizing and keeping in order the hordes of people.



Thursday November 8

A station tour was scheduled for State Museum officers, Archivist Charlie Horan, and Station Master Rich Ader and Director Joe Acri hosting.



Saturday November 10

The Middle Division Chapter was granted access to again decorate the station for Christmas. Again the Middle Division did a wonderful job, decorating with wreaths over the windows and candles in the windows along with the 8 ½ foot tree. A great job done by all.

Articles submitted by Richard Ader, Director

Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

MODELING UPDATES

HEY, you guys, I know 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:

2019 - May 15-18 -- Strasburg, PA
2020 - May 13-16 -- State College, PA

FEATURE CHAPTER

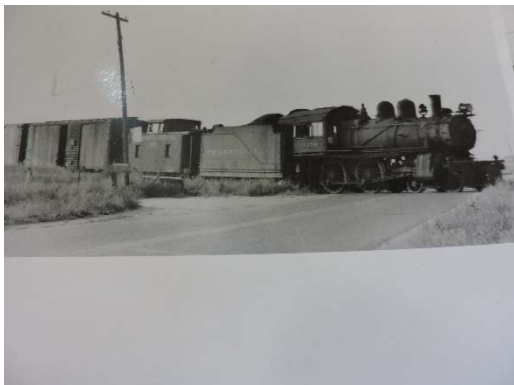
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR CHAPTER IN A FUTURE EDITION
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Name the Location:

November:



September 2018 results: Edgemoor, DE



Submitted by Pauletta Ader

PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

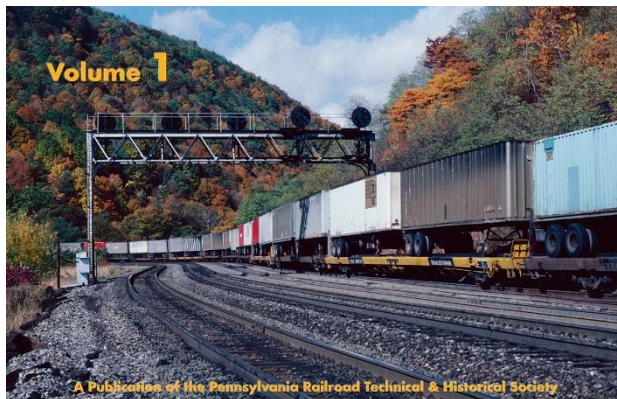
THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT



Restoration work continues on the stations' exterior. Renovation of the station's interior began this fall with construction estimated to be complete by the spring or summer of 2019.

Updates and progress photographs can be found on their Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/WilkinsburgTrainStation/>

TWO-VOLUME BOOK SET NOW AVAILABLE THE TTX STORY



The **TTX** Story

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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 specially 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).

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

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD G5s RESTORATION COMMEMORATIVE CARS

The Railroad Museum of Long Island is offering commemorative O-scale and HO-scale commemorative cars in support of this effort. Visit <http://www.rmli.us> to learn more, order your car, or make a tax-deductible donation.

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Saturday, December 1, 2018 – Winter Chapter Meeting

New England Model Train Expo, Marlborough, Mass.

There will be over 220 dealer tables, manufacturer displays, operating layouts, and more. Two-day admission is \$10.00. 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 1 from 10 to 5 and Sunday December 2 from 10 to 4. For more information about the show and to purchase advance tickets, visit www.hubdiv.org. Members who attend the chapter meeting will be welcome to visit Tim Garner's home in Marlborough later that day to see progress on his new layout.

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – 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.

March 23, 2019 – Spring Chapter Meeting

North Shore Model Railroad Club – Wakefield, Mass.

Organized by our Vice President Andy Miller, 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 between 11:00 and noon at the club to drop off equipment, move upstairs to Brothers Restaurant for lunch and our business meeting at noon, then return to the layout for the operating session for the rest of the afternoon. Layout can run DCC and DC. Members running DCC equipment should de-consist their locomotives before running them on the layout. For directions to the club, visit www.nsmrc.org.

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

The next Chapter meeting is December 8 at the Drexel Hill Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road Drexel Hill, PA. The featured speaker is Mitchell Dakelman, discussing “Passenger Service.”

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