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

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MEMBERSHIP

As of March 10, 2019, the PRRT&HS membership for 2019 is as follows:

Regular	1795
Sustaining	285
Contributing	82
International	24
Keystone	123
Total	2318

Non-renewals 474 Renewal Rate $2250/2,724=82.6\%$

Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2019 is 68.

Submitted by Andy Hart

STATION AND ARCHIVE

Station:

The metal roof over the canopy on the south (track) side of the station was replaced and leaks repaired around the tower. Roof coating on north side was delayed due to weather. The parking mlot is deteriorating to the point that estimates are being solicited for repaving. Platform is also in need of recoating. Lewistown Mayor Deb Bargo was again instrumental in forming a volunteer group to complete the painting. Hopefully, this spring (weather permitting) the brown trim will be completed.

Norfolk Southern has completed the signaling work on the Pittsburgh Division. All position light signals have been taken down. Another piece of PENNSY history gone into oblivion.

Archives:

2018 was another profitable year for donations to the archives collection, this year there were 48 donations processed. Most notable donations included 90 boxes of records, duplicate drawings and “many” MP 229s from the Hagley, and 150 books, PTT’s and ETT’s from another donor. We also received an amber globe lantern, that was put on display in the tower. Work continues on processing mechanical department drawings and entering these into the database, by size and sequence. Photographs are also being processed, as are ETT’s, PTT’s and miscellaneous publications (eg. Menus, pamphlets, articles and Ads) .

ALL PRRT&HS MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES IF PRESENT DURING AN ARCHIVE SESSION. CONTACT CHARLIE HORAN charliehoran@verizon.net

Lewistown Happenings:

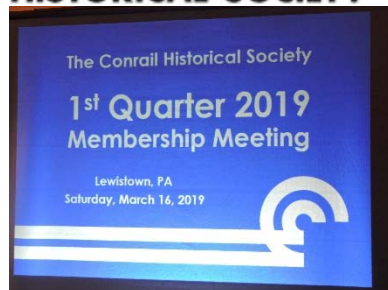
On March 16, 2019, the PRRT&HS hosted the 1st Quarterly meeting of the Conrail Historical Society at the station in Lewistown. PRRT&HS Vice President and Station Manager Rich Ader, and E-news editor Pauletta Ader hosted the event along with station maintenance man Gary Hoy. All Conrail attendees commented on the wonderful job the society has done in preserving the station, and the archive collection. It was a great day for everyone.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Conrail Historical Society and all of our members in attendance, we wanted to extend an enthusiastic and heart-felt THANK YOU to the PRRT&HS for your amazing hospitality. Rich and Pauletta were wonderful hosts! Rich fielded questions from our members all day with a smile, and Pauletta did the footwork leading several guided tours of the station and tower. We received all positive feedback from our members as well. Your location was perfect, the train activity kept everyone interested, and having the indoor space on a 45 degree day was great.

Warm Regards,

*Carolyn Hoffman
Director & Membership Chair*

CONRAIL
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader, E-news Editor

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Calling all Modelers for the 2019 annual meeting

Do you realize that the 2019 PRRT&HS annual meeting is just two months away? While specific details are still being dealt with by the planners, we want to take this opportunity to get you thinking about the Model Room. Ron Hoess will be heading that part of the effort for the Philadelphia Chapter, which is sponsoring the meeting in Strasburg, PA, May 15-18. It isn't too soon to start thinking about what models you might want to bring. Ron would LOVE to see a model room packed to the rafters with models. How about using this deadline as a motivator to finish an old project that you haven't worked on recently? Or starting a new project that you've been putting off? Got some time off coming up? Tired of dealing with annoying relatives? Put your time to good use building a model or better yet, models! ;)

Remember:

- ALL SCALES are welcome!
- Incomplete models are welcome (sometimes, incomplete models tell a better story than a complete one!)
- Problems are welcome (stuck? Can't figure out how to do that next step? Bring your model and ask others for advice)
- PRRPro modelers, feel free to bring current and past projects.
- Innovative ideas and approaches are fantastic!
- This is NOT a contest. You don't have to be a "Master Model Railroader" to bring a model. Yes, there is voting for "people's choice best in show" but that's it! Most models are there just for "show and tell".

We hope to see you at the 2019 Annual meeting with your PRR models!

Submitted by: Bruce Smith, Director

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania announces Saturday volunteer project. With a shop staff member on site, volunteers will be asked to help prepare metal surfaces by wire brushing and scrapping with painting to follow. The dates are 4/13, 5/5, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/14 and 10/5. Lunch will be provided. For information please email Elizabeth Myers (programs@rrmuseumpa.org).

Submitted by Joe Acri, Director

Don Wood negative collection is available for use at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Don Wood's negatives have all been digitally scanned and prints or scanned images are available for purchase. Here are the steps to follow:

Access the museum web site by clicking on this link

<https://rrmuseumpaorg/collections/research/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page to access the order form. The form can be emailed or can be sent by regular mail to the museum.

Click on Collections at the top of the page.

Click on Research.

Click on Search Online Archives.

In the search field you can enter any of the following criteria-
Don Wood Pennsylvania Railroad Negatives.
Don Wood Pennsylvania Railroad Steam Locomotive Negatives.
Electric
Diesel
Etc.

The images will appear with a watermark but are clear enough so you see the entire image.

Contact Information- Lauren Radkiewicz (c-lradkiew@pa.gov)

Dodie Robbins (c-dorobin@pa.gov)

Submitted by Joe Acri, Director

Annual Meeting Preview of upcoming events:

Thursday May 16, 2019 (times and fees to be announced)

Hourly, on the hour; Tours of the Back Shops of the Strasburg RR. (Limited number of participants)

Hourly on the half hour; A special Chartered train trip using PRR freight cars and cabin car. (members only).

Friday May 17, 2019

Activities at The Railroad Museum of Pa.

Hosted by Member Joe Acri

- Airbrake Instruction Car will be open the entire day with Museum staff personnel at the car for interpretation of the equipment.
- 9:30 Am. 1-hour restoration shop tour. Tour limited to 10 participants. Meet Joe Acri at John Bull locomotive. Photography is permitted.
- 11:00 Am. 1-hour restoration shop tour. Tour limited to 10 participants. Meet Joe Acri at John Bull locomotive. Photography is permitted.
- 1 Pm. 1-hour restoration shop tour. Tour limited to 10 participants. Meet Joe Acri at John Bull locomotive. Photography is permitted.
- 2:30 Pm. Presentation by Allan Martin, restoration shop tour manager, on the work done to restore E6s #460 and associated 70P66 tender. You will learn about parts found on #460 that came from other E6s locomotives, the double cab roof that was discovered plus other interesting facts. Located in auditorium room on the first floor.
- 3:30 Pm. Presentation by Museum director Pat Morrison on the Ready For The Roundhouse campaign. This presentation will include the procedures being used to stabilize the locomotives prior to them being moved to the new building. Located in auditorium room on the first floor.
- All members wearing their badge will be allowed in the Museum for a \$5.00 admission charge.

Alternate trip: “An Amish Experience”

Hosted by E-news editor, Pauletta Ader

For the cultural enthusiasts, we are offering an Amish Farm tour. Participants will be picked up at the hotel at 10:00 am and driven to an Amish farm house and farm where a tour of the buildings and house will be given. Afterwards you'll enjoy a ride through the country side and a full Amish dinner returning to the hotel at approx. 2:30 pm. Tour and tour buses are handicapped accessible. Check registration form for price listing.

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
2021 - May 13-15 – Columbus, OH
2022 - Harrisburg area date and venue TBD

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 Loca**

January- Name the location:



<< South Fork, PA (photo donated by Brad Bender)

March- Name the Location:



PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT



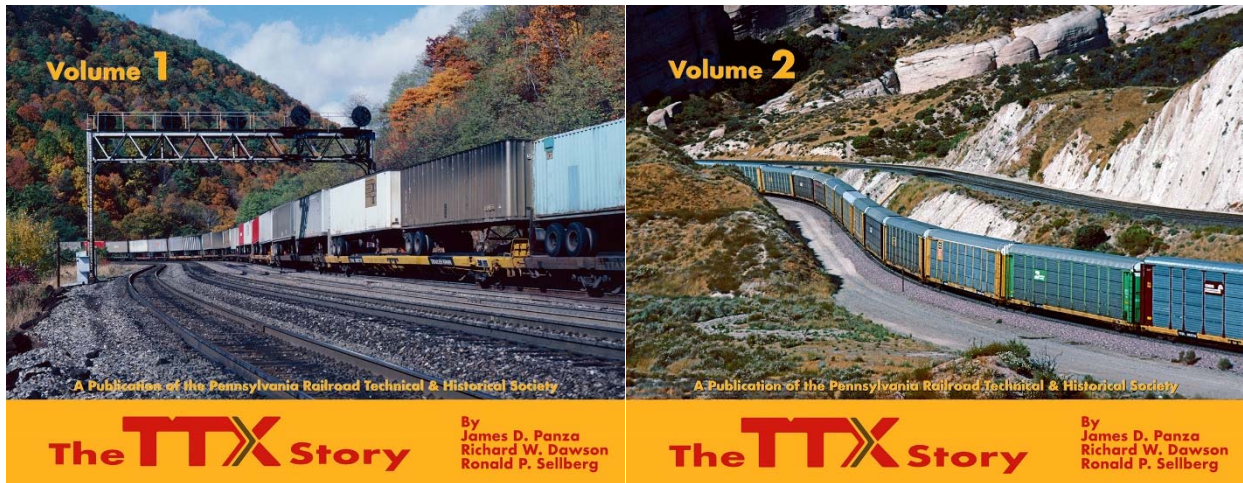
Restoration work continues on the stations' exterior. Renovation of the station's interior began this fall with construction estimated to be complete by the spring or summer of 2019.

Updates and progress photographs can be found on their Facebook page at:

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

TWO-VOLUME BOOK SET ALMOST SOLD OUT!

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 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.

**JOIN THE SOCIETY, MAKE DONATIONS, BUY BOOKS
AND PAST ISSUES OF *THE KEYSTONE*
AT OUR e-STORE**

**Visit us and shop at
http://www.prrths.com/estore/index_estore.html**

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Support your local chapter - become a member.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

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LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

Contact: Al Doddroe at: adoddroe@earthlink.net

CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER

Contact: President Marv Cadwell 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 Mark Worley patreeman5@verizon.net or Bobby Billot fp3131@ptd.net

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://prrrths-ne.org/>

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.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER

President: Joe Ioele

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Contact President Jim Trunzo at: jetrunzo@gmail.com

PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

Contact Brady McGuire at: bradyprmla@cablone.net

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Contact: President Gus Minardi, at augustominardi@cs.com

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

The Philadelphia Chapter will meet again in Drexel Hill, PA on Saturday March 30, 2019. The featured presentation will be "Altoona Slides of Jim Kelly."

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Contact: Newsletter Editor Don Coulter 412-372-4221 donald.coulter3@verizon.net

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

Contact: Paul Schulz at: paulschulz@verizon.net

PLEASE CONTACT CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEETING DATES AND TIMES

WEBSITE www.prths.com



SOCIETY SERVICES

See our website http://www.prths.com/newpr_files/newPRRSocietyServices.htm

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PRRT&HS REGISTRATION FORM

51st ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 15-18, 2019



Wyndham Lancaster Hotel and Convention Center

2300 Lincoln Highway East

Lancaster, PA 17602

717-299-5500 FAX 717-869-5511

Event		Quantity	
Member registration (per family)	\$50		
Non-member registration (per family) 1 year membership and registration for annual meeting Includes one-year PRRT&HS membership	\$90		
Banquet (includes one-hour hot hors d'oeuvres)			
Braised Short Ribs	\$45		
Stuffed Chicken	\$45		
Grilled Vegetable Lasagna	\$45		
Table(s) - 8' WITHOUT table covering Vendors Tables with Wi-Fi	\$40 ea.		
I get a "Corporate or Keystone" Member rebate (one table free and the remainder of tables regular price)			
Electricity for table (additional \$35)	\$35		
Tours			
Strasburg Railroad Trip. Members Only (Thursday)	\$25		
Strasburg RR Backshop Tour. (Thursday)	\$18		
Railroad Museum of PA Backshop Tour. (Friday)	FREE		
Deluxe Luncheon Tour to Amish Farm. (Friday)	\$50		
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Full payment must accompany registration form and be in U.S. funds. No cash.

Checks or money orders must be made out to: PRRT&HS

Mail to: Thomas V. Lavin PO Box 5065, Delanco, NJ 08075

Send separate check for Registration/Banquet; separate check(s) for each individual trip.

The hotel room rate is \$129.00 per night. The hotel has handicapped rooms available.

We advise making reservations ASAP as this annual meeting will be a record breaker!



PRRT&HS REGISTRATION FORM

51st ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 15-18, 2019



List your name(s) below as you would like them to appear on your badge(s).
Note you must wear your badge to get into PRRT&HS events. Please print legibly.

NAME		CHAPTER (IF ANY)	MEMBERSHIP NO.
STREET ADDRESS		TITLE (IF ANY) - SPECIFY NATIONAL OR CHAPTER	
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS		
IF SPOUSE AND/OR CHILDREN WILL ATTEND, PLEASE LIST THEIR NAMES FOR THEIR BADGES			

Please acknowledge my registration by (choose one): ☐email ☐enclosed SASE

I will volunteer one hour or more at the Registration Table. ☐ YES

I will volunteer one hour or more in the Model Room. ☐ YES

*Vendors: I am willing to donate a door prize. ☐ YES

When you check-in at the meeting, you will receive a packet with a complete schedule of events.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET WITH YOUR REGISTRATION



PRRT&HS 2019 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND PROXY



To all Members: The PRRT&HS Annual meeting will be held on May 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Ballroom at the Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Convention Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pa 17602

The Board requests that you submit your proxy for the Annual Meeting ONLY if you are UNABLE TO ATTEND the meeting in person. We urge you to submit your proxy to ensure that we have a quorum at the Annual Meeting to elect Directors and to consider other topics raised by members who attend the Annual Meeting in person.

The following candidates for the Election of Directors in 2019 will serve for a three (3) year term.

BRUCE F. SMITH

Bruce is an avid modeler and historian. Because of his interest in the history of World War II he models June, 1944. Bruce has Presented clinics at numerous prototype modelers meets and published a number of articles on modeling. He has served as Vice President and President of the PRRT&HS as well as on the Long-Range Planning, Paint and Modeling committees of the PRRT&HS. He is currently chair of the PRRT&HS Paint Committee. As a member of the PRRT&HS Modeling Committee, he has worked, and continues to work, with manufacturers on a number of different commercial modeling projects. Bruce and his family currently live in Auburn, Alabama, where he is a professor at Auburn University. In addition to model Railroading and railroad history, his hobbies include horseback riding, skiing and sailing. Bruce is hoping to build his dream layout sometime in the next few years.

RALPH M. WEISCHEDEL

For the PRRT&HS, Ralph has served both on the Board of Directors and as Corporate Secretary for several years. He has been President of the New England Chapter for many years and led the Chapter's Committee organizing the Annual Meeting in 2010 and 2016. Many years ago, he authored a few articles for the Philadelphia Chapter's *High Line*, and provides the text of the Annual Meeting summary that appears in the *Keystone* each year. Ralph's interest in the PRR and in PRR modeling started with his fathers' influence. His Dad worked for only one company, The Pennsy, retired after more than 40 years as Supervisor of Road & Machinery Accounting in 1968. His Dad organized the family in setting up a layout every Christmas, featuring an A.C. Gilbert PRR B6sb 0-6-0. Ralph lives in the Boston area, where he is a Senior Supervisory Computer Scientist for the Information Sciences Institute.

The following candidate is for the Election of a Director to fulfill the term vacated by a retiring Director for one (1) year

TIM GARNER

Born in Washington, DC, Tim has been a fan of the PRR ever since his parents took him to Washington Union Station in the early 1960s. He has been a member of the PRRT&HS for 30 years and is one of the founders of the New England Chapter of which he has been the Secretary for the past years. He has contributed several paintings and articles to the *Keystone* of which he served as news editor for a time. He is the founding editor of *The East Wind* the chapters quarterly e-magazine now in its 15th year. Tim's is currently the Art Director for the *Keystone Modeler* since 2009 and has featured some of his excellent modeling work. He has spoken at the PRRT&HS Annual Meetings and has served as its registrar twice and also likes to volunteer at Lewistown archives. He was a summer train attendant for Amtrak in 1978 and worked the Broadway Limited Washington section three times Tim lives with his family in Marlborough, Massachusetts. He works as Senior Vice President of Capital Planning for Digital Federal Credit Union in Massachusetts.



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Member Name _____

Membership Number _____

Address _____

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The following candidates for the Election of Directors in 2019 will serve for a three (3) year term.

VOTE FOR TWO

Bruce F. Smith

YEA

NAY

Ralph M. Weischedel

YEA

NAY

The following candidates for the Election of Directors in 2019 will serve the unexpired term of a retiring Director for one (1) year.

VOTE FOR ONE

Tim Garner

YEA

NAY

Member Signature

Date

Please return this proxy to the following:

RICHARD ADER
P O BOX 950
WELLSBORO, PA 16901



PRRT&HS 2019 ANNUAL MEETING TRIPS AND TOURS



STRASBURG RAILROAD PRR MIXED TRAIN CHARTER \$25.00 THURSDAY MAY 16th, 2019

Ride behind Strasburg Railroad's 2-6-0 steam engine #89 which will be sporting LIRR G5's PRR 3 chime whistle for a mixed freight special with all the Strasburg Railroad's operating PRR equipment including: XL boxcar, H21g hopper and 4-wheel wooden bobber cabin car along with 3 of the railroad's beautifully restored wooden coaches. The "mixed-freight" special charter train will have three 45-minute round trip runs departing East Strasburg station at 11:30am, 12:30pm and 1:30pm and will pass the regular hourly train at Groff's Grove. A ticket purchase allows you to ride all you want. The cabin car has limited seating – first come first served – for the ride of your life. The cabin car is NOT wheelchair accessible.

STRASBURG RAILROAD SHOP TOUR \$18.00 THURSDAY MAY 16th, 2019

Get an inside look at the railroad's shops and all the hard work by the people of the railroad that goes into maintaining and restoring the equipment of the railroad but also of other railroads around the world. It's never the same and the skills required are amazing. Shop tours start at 10am and will run every 15-minutes, 10 people at a time. You must wear closed toe shoes.

RAILROAD MUSEUM BACKSHOP TOUR FREE FRIDAY MAY 17th, 2019

A lucky few will get to tour the museum's backshop on Friday. Given the size and space of the museum's work area only three groups of 10-12 will be allowed to go. These are RRMofPA regulations. Please note that the backshop tour is free but registered members must pay the special museum admission rate of \$5.00. Please wear your 2019 convention ID badge to get this rate. Free admission to *Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pa.*

ALTERNATE TRIP: DELUXE AMISH LUNCHEON TOUR \$50.00 FRIDAY MAY 17th, 2019

Experience the daily life on an authentic Amish Farm when you tour the farm and home. Lunch will be prepared and served by local Amish women. Pickup in lobby at 10 AM and return to hotel at 3:30 PM. Bus is wheelchair and handicapped accessible.

YOU MUST INCLUDE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH EVENT.



2019 PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY – MAY 15, 2019



EARLY REGISTRATION: Convention Center Lobby – 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

VENDOR ROOM: Set-Up Only – 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MODEL ROOM: Set-Up Only – 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 7 p.m.

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

TIME	PRESENTATION ROOM #1	PRESENTATION ROOM #2
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Mitch Dakelman “Vintage 16mm PRR Movies”	CLOSED



2019 PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY – MAY 16, 2019



REGISTRATION: Conf. Center Lobby – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Closed for Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.

VENDOR ROOM OPEN FOR SALES: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Closed for Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.

MODEL ROOM OPEN: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Closed for Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

TIME	PRESENTATION ROOM #1	PRESENTATION ROOM #2
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Tim Garner “GG1-A Pictorial Journey”	Peter Forbes “LCL1-The Early Years”
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Jack Consoli “PRR Offspring-The Monongahela Railroad”	Dave Evans “Early 1900’s PRR & Wabco Passenger Brake Development”
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Elden Gatwood “PRR Freight Car Appliances and Details”	Chuck Cover “Prototype Modeling of PRR’s Shamokin Railroad Facilities”
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Chuck Blardone “Question and Answer Session with the Editor of The Keystone”	Bob Jans “PRR Stone Arch Bridges in The PC / CR / NS Eras.”
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Curt LaRue / Bill Neale “Pennsy’s Burgettstown Branch”	Matt Hurst / Ed Rappe “Got Milk?”
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.	DINNER	DINNER
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Don Fisher & Ronnie Schnepf “LIRR G-5s #35 & #39”	Michael Froio “Continuing A Legacy: Photographing The Pennsylvania Railroad”
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	John Frantz “The Pennsy Through the Eyes of Davey Carter”	Keith Thompson “3D Printing and The Modeler”



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REGISTRATION: Hotel Center Lobby – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Closed for Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.

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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Brad Noble - T1 Trust The T1 Trust – An Update”	Frank Tatnall “The Pennsy In Louisville, 1964 – 1966”
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Curt LaRue / Bill Neale “Pennsy’s Burgettstown Branch”	Steve Funaro “The Evergreen Branch of The Long Island Railroad”
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7 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Jack Consoli “PRR Offspring – The Monongahela Railroad”	Peter Forbes “LCL1 – The Early Years”
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Ian Fischer “Early Hopper Cars of The Pennsylvania Railroad”	Barry Yankolonis “HO BLI PRR Q2 Plus”

FRIDAY NIGHT LAYOUT TOURS OPEN:

Charles Kadyd:

6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Mohnton, PA.

Columbia Historic Society:

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Columbia, PA.

Elizabethtown Model RR Club:

7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Elizabethtown, PA.

Short Line Model RR Club:

7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Ephrata, PA.



2019 PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY – MAY 18, 2019



REGISTRATION: Hotel Center Lobby – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

VENDOR ROOM OPEN: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Vendors Must Vacate by 5 p.m.).

MODEL ROOM OPEN: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Models removed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.).

MEET THE MODELERS: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MODELERS FORUM: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

TIME	PRESENTATION ROOM #1	PRESENTATION ROOM #2
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Steve Staffieri 2019 Annual PRRT&HS Business Meeting	CLOSED
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Brad Noble – T1 Trust “The T1 Trust – An Update”	Andy Rubbo “Catenary and Beyond: Capturing the Look of the PRR’s Heavy Duty Electrified Main Line”
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Ian Fischer “Early Hopper Cars of The Pennsylvania Railroad”	Dave Evans Early 1900’s PRR & WABCO Passenger Brake Development”
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Richard Stewart “What Is It Like to Own a Private Railroad Car”	Lou Whitely “Modeling the PRR’s Octoraro Branch”
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	“Meet the Modeler”	CLOSED
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Modelers Meeting/Forum	CLOSED
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Cash Bar @ Railroaders Museum of PA	
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Dinner Banquet @ Railroaders Museum of PA After Dinner Speaker – David Adair	



2019 PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY – MAY 19, 2019



LAYOUT TOURS ON YOUR OWN: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bill Blackburn:	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	West Chester, PA.
Bob Jans:	12 p.m - 4 p.m.	Newville, PA.
Bill Kachel:	12 p.m - 4 p.m.	Kennett Square, PA.
Ken McCorry:	12 p.m - 4 p.m.	Downington, PA.
Columbia Historic Society:	12 p.m - 4 p.m.	Columbia, PA.
Charles Chandler:	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Wilmington, DE.
Ron Hoess:	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chadds Ford, PA.
Charles Kadyk	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Mohnton, PA.

2019 PRR ANNUAL CONVENTION PRESENTORS

CHUCK BLARDONE- A question and answer session with the editor of our society's flagship magazine "The Keystone".

JACK CONSOLI- "PRR Offspring – The Monongahela Railroad".

The history of how the PRR and its lessees, the PV&C Railway & The SW PA Railway, gave birth to the Monongahela Railroad in the Klondike (Lower Connellsville) coke region in South Western Pennsylvania in concert with the steel, coal and coke companies and the growth of these industries.

CHUCK COVER- "Prototype Modeling of PRR's Shamokin Railroad Facilities".

My model railroad is built in a 23' X 50' studio and is based on the PRR's Shamokin Branch and some of the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad along the Susquehanna River in central PA between Harrisburg (Enola Yard) and Williamsport in 1957. The Shamokin Branch left the PRR main line at Sunbury, north of Harrisburg and continued east through the valley following the Shamokin Creek to Mt. Carmel, PA where it interchanged with the Lehigh Valley Railroad. This is an operations based layout and was built so that specific scenes along the branch, including Crowl, Weigh Scales and Shamokin are prototypically modeled. I plan to use maps, diagrams, photos and other prototype materials to show how I modeled the Shamokin Railroad facilities. I hope to give attendees ideas on how to approach prototype modeling on their layouts.

MITCH DAKELMAN- "16mm Vintage PRR Movies, A Railroad Oriented Cartoon".

Mitch will treat us to a collection of his vintage 16 MM movies showing the Pennsy in all it's glory to include the list below;

Clear Track Ahead – PRR 1948	GG1-An American Classic-Avanti 1983
Thundering Rails-Universal Int. 1950	Steam in Action on The PRR-McCleod 1954
Diesels Roar On The Pennsy-McCleod 1957	
Wheels Of Steel-Jack Pokress 1954	K4's In Action On The NY&LB-A. Keyser 1957
Clear Track Ahead-PRR 1946	

JOE DeFRANCESCO - "The Spirit Of Altoona: The Development And Career Of K4 1361".

As a thoroughbred of the Altoona Test Department, the K4 became the standard passenger locomotive of the Pennsy. The development of the K4 was one of the PRR's first scientifically engineered locomotives. The accomplishment of the K4's design is of great importance and significance to steam railroading. We will evaluate how the Pennsy came to the creation of the K4 class and look at the service history of K4 1361 (including a look at rare images of 1361). Today, K4 1361 is a century old and still has a story to tell. We will uncover the story of 1361 as a biography of the K4 class and why it truly embodies the "Spirit Of Altoona". Join us as we step back in time to the early 1900's and journey along to 1957 to uncover the story of the K4 class through the eyes of 1361.

DAVE EVANS- "Early 1900's PRR & WABCO Passenger Brake Development".

In 1913 the PRR & Westinghouse Air Brake jointly entered into a 6 month passenger car brake test program that included alternate brake shoe materials, different brake rigging, and a new Westinghouse brake valve, the Type UC, which was one of the first braking systems to support electrical control. The presentation will cover the impetus for upgrading passenger car brakes early in the 1900's, the test program and results, and the legacy of the Type UC brakes, which were used for over 40 years.

IAN FISCHER- "Early Hopper Cars Of The Pennsylvania Railroad"

The presentation is an overview beginning with the transition from wooden to steel cars at the end of the 19th Century to the adoption of the GL, GLA, H21a, H25 and other classes.

PETER FORBES- "LCL1-The Early Years".

This talk covers the business, traffic department, and operating department aspects associated with operating PRR Train LCL1 in the 1930's. Particular attention will be given to requirements of the freight forwarders and their interaction with the PRR. Brief mention regarding competition from the B & O Railroad is included. The interdepartmental conflicts between the operating and traffic departments will be covered. Various anecdotes from road foreman of engine fact finding trips will be included. The time period covered will be pre-electrification of the freight routes.

JOHN FRANTZ- "The Pennsy Through The Lens Of Davey Carter"

Take a journey with John Frantz through the photographers eye of Davey E.M. Carter as he exhibits photos never seen before from throughout the Pennsy System.

MICHAEL FROIO- “Continuing A Legacy: Photographing The Pennsylvania Railroad.”

PRR historian Mike Froio will present a talk about his work documenting the former Pennsylvania Railroad, expanding upon his influence drawn from the photographic commissions by the Pennsy in the 19th and early 20th Centuries, print ad campaigns, and other visual ephemera.

STEVE FUNARO- “The Evergreen Branch Of The Long Island Railroad”.

A late 1930’s view of the Evergreen Branch using New York City assessment photos.

TIM GARNER- “GG1 – A Pictorial Journey”.

Tim will take us through dozens of photos of his all-time favorite locomotive. He’ll share history, trivia, rarities and even his own artwork – but sorry, no Penn Central, Amtrak or Conrail!!!!!!!!!!

ELDEN GATWOOD- “PRR Freight Car Appliances And Details”.

Elden will show prototype photos, talk about the variety of handbrakes, brake system details, running boards, etc. Models will also be displayed showing undersides, B ends, roofs and such with a variety of detail parts shown as well. This will continue on some of what was touched upon in past programs.

MATT HURST / ED RAPPE- “Got Milk?”

The Supplee-Wills-Jones Company operated a small fleet of milk tank cars and had several creameries along the Pennsylvania Railroad’s Mainline and several branches. Focusing on Huntington, PA, we take a look at how two milk cars were interchanged between the PRR and the Huntington & Broad Top Railroads. Come along to see how this can add interest to passenger train operations on the Pennsy’s Middle Division and how they fit into a railroad model operating scheme.

BOB JANS- “PRR Stone Arch Bridges In The Penn Central, Conrail And Norfolk Southern Era’s.”

PRR stone arch bridges, as built between 1890 and 1910, were covered in my clinic during the PRRT&HS annual meeting in 2016. This new presentation will document the changes to these structures that have occurred from then to the present. For continuity, we will review background information from the previous clinic and then discuss the modifications implemented in the the PC/CR/NS eras. This should be of specific interest to those members wishing to model the current bridges.

CURT LaRUE / BILL NEALE- “Pennsy’s Burgettstown Branch”

Burgettstown was about 25 miles west of Pittsburgh on the PRR Panhandle. It was the end of the Western Pittsburgh Commuter District, and the summit of both the westbound and eastbound helper grades that existed on the Panhandle Mainline. Burgettstown was also a major source of coal for the regional industries. The three branches that ran south from Burgettstown supplied coal and many other important industrial commodities. Using old maps, valuation photographs and various other historical records, we will present a picture of the arrangement and traffic through this area on the Pennsy.

BRAD NOBLE AND THE T1 #5550 TRUST- “The T1 Trust-An Update”

Members of the T1 Trust will review the progress made over the last year and provide an engineering update on PRR T1 #5550.

ANDY RUBBO- “Catenary And Beyond: Capturing The Look Of The PRR’s Heavy Duty Electrified Main Line”.

The presentation will cover catenary, signals and structures, but will take a closer look at some of the more subtle details such as track, scenery textures, painting and weathering and various infrastructure items specific to the PRR’s electrified territory to include discussion of available products and materials.

BRUCE SMITH-

“Safe Harbor: Three Levels Of Pennsy In One Place”.

Safe Harbor, PA, at the confluence of the Conestoga River and the Susquehanna River and site of the Safe Harbor Hydro-Dam, offers spectacular railroading with the PRR having three stacked bridges over the Conestoga. This talk will cover the history of the area, with respect to the PRR, as well as the branches (Atglen & Susquehanna & Columbia & Port Deposit) that pass through it. This will include the coal dredging operations in Clarke Lake upstream of the dam as well as features of the railroad in the area.

RICHARD STEWART-

“What Is It Like To Own A Private Railroad Car – PRR 7503.”

Railroad enthusiasts of all ages at one time or another have imagined owning their own private railroad car. Listen to the experience of one such fortunate person that was able to make his life-long railroad car ownership dream come true. Where many fans have purchased a caboose, refurbished, and stored them proudly in their backyard; you will hear the first-hand story of what it is like to own a full scale 1914 Pullman Built Heavyweight Business Railroad Car. Initially purchased by and built for the Pennsylvania Railroad Senior Executives, under current ownership this Amtrak Certified Private Railroad Car has travelled over 7,700 rail miles from Philadelphia to Burlington, Vermont, to the Finger Lakes in Upstate, New York, to South Carolina for the Totally Solar Eclipse, and many other fine locations.

FRANK TATNALL-

“The Pennsy In Louisville, 1964-1966”.

Frank Tatnall enjoyed working as a PRR Sales Representative in Louisville, while taking full advantage of the opportunity to photograph the seven railroads that served the “Derby City”. The Pennsy’s line south from Indianapolis hosted passenger trains such as the “South Wind” as well as considerable local and overhead freight traffic, all of which passed by his office window. But, as a sales rep, he didn’t need to spend a lot of time in the office!!!!

KEITH THOMPSON -

“3D Printing And The Modeler.”

Have you always wanted a model of a prototype that isn’t available commercially? Or you need to make a bunch of the same item? Maybe you are an extreme rivet counter. If any of these are true, 3D printing may be for you. This talk will be an introduction to 3D printing and how the modeler can utilize this technology. Topics will include: what 3D printing is, what kinds of things can be printed, the process of going from idea to finished print, 3D design and printing services, and more.

LOU WHITELY-

Lou will give two separate presentations.

#1. "PRR Octoraro Branch - History And Prototype Overview".

A look at the PRR's Octoraro Branch. A brief history and a look at the trackage, structures, industries and operations along the branch.

#2. "Modeling The PRR's Octoraro Branch".

Developing a layout representing the Octoraro branch. An attempt to capture the distinctive elements of the branch in the late 1940's including structures, industries and operations.

BARRY YANKOLONIS-

"HO BLI PRR Q2 Plus"

Yank will show us the additions and modifications he did to his BLI HO PRR Q2 Brass Hybrid Locomotive. Over all this is a very nice and detailed model. Well done to the PRRT&HS Modeling Committee. However, I didn't care for the OEM Decoder and also I don't like oily smoke messing up my engines. I replaced the decoder and removed the factory smoke unit. I added a few additional details which were omitted from the model, probably due to requirements to access the smoke unit switch behind the smoke box and to accommodate small radius layouts. I'll explain what I did and how I did it.