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**A special Thank-you from the Directors to Pauletta Ader for continuing e-News tradition!**

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

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **FINAL 2018 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 4-25-19**

As of Apr. 25, 2019, the PRRT&HS membership for 2018 is as follows:

Regular	2156
Sustaining	308
Contributing	80
International	35
Keystone	146
Total	2725

Non-renewals 216 Renewal Rate  $2,506/2,722=92.1\%$   
Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2018 is 219

### **2018 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 5-3-18**

As of May 3, 2018, the PRRT&HS membership for 2018 is as follows:

Regular	1960
Sustaining	301
Contributing	79
International	29
Keystone	139
Total	2,508

Non-renewals 346 Renewal Rate  $2,378/2,722=87.4\%$   
Keystone mailings include 12 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2018 is 130.

### **2019 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF 5-9-19**

As of May 9, 2019, the PRRT&HS membership for 2019 is as follows:

Regular	1907
Sustaining	300
Contributing	85
International	26
Keystone	133
Total	2,451

Non-renewals 390 Renewal Rate  $2,335/2,725=85.7\%$   
Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2019 is 116.

Submitted by Andy Hart

## STATION AND ARCHIVE

### **Station:**

The repairs from the vandalism in April has been completed. Thanks to Gary Hoy, John Haubrick and Mike Kreydatus. It was a job well done.

### **Archives:**



The May Archive Session was very busy for Archivist Charlie Horan which included 4 researchers and the routine archive helpers.

Starting from top left, Charlie Horan, Charlie Woodward, Joe Acri (Board of Director), Mike Crosby from Indiana, researching the M.P.229 for the T-1, Richard Ader and Al Gianntonio, processing a donation, and researchers Keith Bahniser from Washington DC, Kahla Blackman and Katherine Beckley both from Montana, researching the workings of the GG1.

Photos 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](mailto:charliehoran@verizon.net)

## LEWISTOWN HAPPENINGS



Signals are Home!!!

Lewistown maintenance man Gary Hoy was instrumental in transferring the PRR position light signals from the Norfolk Southern right of way, after weeks of laying along the right of way. The signals were placed safely behind the storage containers at the station until they can be mounted on the station grounds with the other PRR artifacts.

Submitted by Rich Ader (Director)  
Photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

## ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the PRR THS was held at the Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway E, Lancaster, PA 17602, May 15-18. Total attendance was 410 (317 members and 93 guests). Many people from the Philadelphia Chapter played a key role in organizing and hosting the meeting; Philly Chapter President Gus Minardi served as chair of the organizing committee.

Key decisions in the business meeting Saturday morning was the re-election of Bruce Smith and Ralph Weischedel to be Directors for three years. Since Dave Scott has chosen to step down from the Board after many years of faithful service, a one-year position as Director was opened; Tim Garner was elected to that position. After the Business Meeting, the Directors re-elected Steve Staffieri as President. In a vote, the Long Island Chapter was granted independent status.

We look forward to seeing you May 13-16, 2020 at the Penn Stater, State College, PA. Volunteers from the Middle Division, Long Island Chapter, and Pittsburgh Chapter have already started planning this event.

Submitted by Ralph Weischedel, Director

Congratulations to Dave Evans for being awarded the Atlantic Shield for 2019. He certainly deserving it if you know Dave, you also know he leaves no stone, or spec of dirt unturned, when researching a project. His findings are so well explained with charts, graphs and volumes of data, it's very easy for one to forget what it was that was asked to begin with.



Photo submitted by Russ Yeakel

Congrats DAVE!

A few photos from the Meeting:



Photos submitted by Russ Yeakel.

Watch for more annual meeting coverage in a future Keystone magazine, and The Keystone Modeler e-zine.

## **FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS:**

2020 – May 13-16 -- State College, PA

2021 – May 13-15 -- Columbus, OH

2022 – May 11-14 -- Harrisburg, PA (not in Camp Hill – using the Sheraton near the airport)

2023 - TBD

## **NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Society will participate at Railroad Heritage Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to watch our tables. Chapters can contact me for information about who to contact at the Museum. More information will be provided later this summer.

Joe Acri (Coordinator) Director

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.

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Submitted by Joe Acri, Director

## **PRRT&HS Technical Support to K4s 1361 Restoration**

"The tender for 1361 was recently bead blasted and painted in primer gray in anticipation of being painted DGLE this summer using the paint code provided by the PRRT&HS Paint Committee. Accurate lettering is being created using lettering diagrams recently acquired from the PA State Archives in Harrisburg. Once the paint and lettering is complete, all that is needed is for some brake rigging to be finished for the tender to be considered complete. The trucks have already been converted to roller bearings but retain the journal box covers for aesthetics."



"Photo by Davey Carter from the talk given by John Frantz during the 51st Annual Meeting in Lancaster a few weeks ago. Where on the PRR is this and why?"

Submitted by John Frantz, Director

## **PRRT&HS Needs Some IT Volunteer Help**

At this year's annual meeting, we started to pull together a volunteer team for working on various internal IT projects. An "IT-Vol" subgroup of the PRR's ADMIN user group at groups.io has been established. Please e-mail Dave Evans at [devanspr@gmail.com](mailto:devanspr@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer to help. After a false start last year, this year we really need to get rolling, with the first task being to create an on-line membership management system. An incomplete list of requirements includes:

- On-line renewals, including possible automated renewals
- Annual Proxy's (Voting on official society business electronically)
- Annual meeting notice distribution and on-line registration
- Collect member demographics to better aid future member recruitment and retention
- Support member discounts in e-store
- Support free document downloads to members (limited set of archive documents, annual meeting presentations, or at least web viewing to members only (or videos or presentations?))
- Possible member profiles on-line for those who wish to participate (T1 Trust supports this)

Submitted by Dave Evans, Director

## Changes to PRRT&HS “PRR Valuation Map” Distribution Process Coming

Based on the Val Map meeting at the 2018 Annual Meeting, we have decided to release the Val Maps in much larger batches with very little additional information – we can do that quickly. (We simply lack the volunteer manpower to match the amount of content that was included in the Pittsburgh Division Val Map DVD.) The maps will be distributed digitally on “Memory sticks”, although in a format more like a credit card to make them a little harder to misplace or get confused with other memory devices.

For this method to benefit as many PRRT&HS members as possible, we will need to start a “crowd sourced” effort to develop finding aids that can be accessed and downloaded on-line – the Val maps alone are difficult to decipher. The plan is to create a database of the data in the “Record of Transportation Lines” (RTL’s) the PRR published each year. Approximately 200 pages each, the RTL’s list every branch of the railroad from the starting point (down to the foot), to the end point (also down to the foot!), and they are organized and totaled by the region and division structure in effect as of 12/31. They also note the corresponding Val map section. In addition to a great source of information as to the extent of each branch (and the mainlines of course), these documents help follow specific stretches of track as they were reassigned to different divisions and regions over time, in addition to capturing what had been abandoned each year. Keep an eye on the PRR groups.io discussion thread for the start of this effort later this summer.

We hope to get this effort rolling by the end of the summer, and possibly distribute the first memory card (either 64GB or 128GB – these files are huge, and there are a lot of them) that should include all 1949 PRR Val maps within the state of Pennsylvania. The tentative plan is to then release three more memory cards over the next three years that will include: MD/DE/NJ/NY, then Ohio, and finally IN/IL/MI. This order is in part due to the remaining amount of work required to get the Val maps for those states into a condition suitable for distribution (PA is almost done, MD/D/NJ/NY is well underway, good progress has been made on Ohio, while much remains to be done for the very west end of the system.) Depending on the level of effort required, we may also include the Conrail Val maps of PRR territory on the same memory sticks, although if that effort is too significant and would hold up release of the 1949 maps, then we will distribute those Val maps later. Note that the Conrail maps are from scans of aperture cards of much lower resolution, and do not show many portions of the PRR that had been abandoned by the time of Conrail’s formation.

If you are interested in joining the crowd source effort to create interpretive and “feature rich” content for the PRR’s Val Maps that we will make available on-line, e-mail Dave Evans at [devanspr@gmail.com](mailto:devanspr@gmail.com). We hope to have the group up and running by the end of the summer – most likely on groups.io.

Submitted by Dave Evans, Director



## **Archive donation from Southern Railway Historical Association**

Several years ago CSX donated a large collection of aperture cards made by Conrail's mechanical department to one of the southeastern US railroad historical societies. The collection included a significant number of mechanical drawings from Conrail's predecessor railroads, including the PRR. They migrated between different locations for a few years, finally coming to rest at the SRHA's new Archive facility in Chattanooga, TN. SRHA offered the drawings that originated with the PRR to the PRRT&HS, and over 40,000 aperture cards were picked up and transported to our Lewistown archives the first weekend in June. Our Archives is currently assessing how complete the collection of cards is. They are 35mm size microfilm of various PRR drawings up to the end of the PRR, potentially filling a gap in the Archive's collection. However, we know the collection is not 100% complete, so an assessment will be conducted. The PRRT&HS is very grateful to the SRHA for preserving, storing and then donating these drawings to us. For years there has been an on-going exchange by various railroad historical societies to "repatriate" the archival documents that come into their possession that is not their own. This may have been one of the largest exchanges, and cooperation among the various societies will continue to be an important function of the Archives team.

Submitted by Dave Evans, Director

## **PRR Report from the New England / Northeast Prototype Modelers Meet**

By Tim Garner

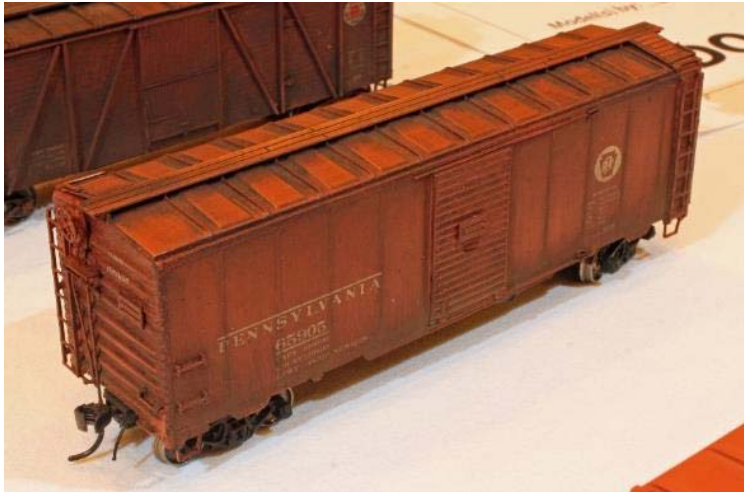
The New England RPM has been going on for more than 15 years. The well-run event typically has displays and clinics of interest to PRR modelers. This year, the meet was held in the Marriott Hotel in Farmington, Connecticut, just west of Hartford next to I-84.

Among the presenters on the program were PRRT&HS members Ron Hoess with tips on modeling the urban landscape focused on the PRR in North Philadelphia, Dave Messer on the New Haven's postwar passenger fleet (some of which operated between New York and Washington on the PRR), and yours truly on PRR's leases of steam locomotives in the 1950's.

Six attendees displayed PRR equipment. Here are a few highlights.



This F47 flatcar with a steel beam load was by Bob Cronin of Granby, CT.



Ted Dilorio displayed this weathered 40' X37 box car.



This 40' X26C boxcar from a Sunshine Kit was by John Riddell.



Tim Garner brought models of some of the locomotives PRR leased and the PRR locomotives they worked beside to illustrate his presentation. Along with the J1 in the background are a BLI Norfolk & Western Y6b, and a PFM brass Santa Fe 2-10-4.

Submitted by Tim Garner, Director

## **FEATURE CHAPTER**

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PLEASE CONTACT [pauletta.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletta.ader@yahoo.com) editor of the E-news**

## **PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The following are the current committed dates for the PRRT&HS portable display:

July 26 & 27, 2019; *The 2019 St. Louis RPM Meet*, Collinsville, IL (Bob Flores & Dave Evans)

August 10, 2019; *Summerrail 2019*, Marion, OH (Bob Flores)

September 7 & 8, 2019; *Railroad Heritage Days* at the RRMPA, Strasburg, PA (Host Needed)

As of this writing we need a member to host the Society's table for *Railroad Heritage Days* at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, PA. Please consider volunteering your time for this worthwhile event even if for only one day. For additional information or to arrange for use of the portable display contact Frank Napoleon at [frank.napoleon@verizon.net](mailto:frank.napoleon@verizon.net).

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## **THE WILKINSBURG TRAIN STATION RESTORATION PROJECT**



Interior work continues with Marsa, Inc., the masonry contractor, carefully removing and polishing each salvageable section of marble from inside the Wilkesburg Station waiting room and lobby. New marble slabs are being ordered from Italy to replace the broken sections.

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

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**Submitted by Frank Napoleon**

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## **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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See <https://www.facebook.com/licprths/> for meeting information and other updates.

Contact: [PRRTHSLIC@gmail.com](mailto:PRRTHSLIC@gmail.com)

On February 3rd, 2019 at RMLI in Riverhead, we will be hosting our first membership meeting of the year. Presentation by Gerard Jewels.

**MIDDLE DIVISION**

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Website: <http://prrths-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](http://www.nsmrc.org).

### **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

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