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MEMBERSHIP

As of July 16, 2019, the PRRT&HS membership for 2019 is as follows:

Regular	1945
Sustaining	303
Contributing	87
International	26
Keystone	134
Total	2495

Non-renewals 369 Renewal Rate 2,356/2,727=86.4%
Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2019 is 139.

Submitted by Andy Hart

STATION AND ARCHIVE

Station

Gary Hoy, Maintenance Director of the Lewistown Station directed a tour of the station for the Lewistown Super Seniors. The President Thelma Flory and 26 members were thrilled with the wonderful restoration of the station.

Richard Ader, Station Manager also toured a group of Senior Saints through the station. Both groups shared stories of the station during their youth. It was a step back in time for both groups.



Senior Saints

Article and photo submitted by Pauletta Ader

Archive

Rich Ader, Accessions Manager and Archivist Charlie Horan traveled to The Smithsonian for a donation which included 30 boxes of blueprints, linens and drawings of the Pennsylvania Railroad.



Charlie Horan, Rich Ader and Mark Worley unloaded the donation at the station.
 Article and photos submitted by Pauletta Ader

LEWISTOWN HAPPENINGS

The 70th Anniversary run of the Broadway Limited pauses in Lewistown Pa on July 12, 2019. The Privately-owned Broadway Cars were attached to Amtrak's 43, the Pennsylvanian and was a delightful sight for all who came out to watch.



Photos submitted by Jackson Palm
 Article submitted by Pauletta Ader

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 DIRECTOR

Railroad Heritage Days 2019. September 7th & 8th At Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Once again the national PRR T&HS will have tables at this year's Heritage Days event. The national tables will only be present on Saturday the 7th. However any chapter that attends may return on Sunday if they wish to do so.

Chapters that want to attend can email Joe Acri (beartrain1018@verizon.net) and I will send you the registration forms. I hope that we get a good representation of our chapters at this event. Members that wish to volunteer their time at the national tables can email me as well.

Submitted by Joe Acri

Don Wood Negatives

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

PRR Project Group Starts New Project

The PRR Project group on [Groups.io](https://groups.io) (or PRRPro, <https://groups.io/g/PRRPro>) started a new project on July 1st. From now through December 31st, members will be working on X37 and X38 class (and subclasses) boxcars. Anyone interested in these cars is welcome to participate. Most members will be building HO scale models from Sunshine and F&C, but anyone, in any scale, should feel free to join in. Members share both prototype and modeling information to help each other build models of this important boxcar.

Submitted by Bruce Smith, 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 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. 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 came 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

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**

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.

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 Wilkinsburg Station waiting room and lobby. New marble slabs are being ordered from Italy to replace the broken sections.

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

Submitted by Frank Napoleon

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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AND PAST ISSUES OF *THE KEYSTONE***

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

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The next chapter meeting will be Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM EDT, at the Railroad Museum of Long Island, 416 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, New York 11901.

MIDDLE DIVISION

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

The next chapter meeting will be October 12-13, 2019

Silk City Model Railroad Club – Manchester, Conn. Saturday, August 12

Essex Steam Train and Riverboat – Valley Railroad Company – Essex, Conn. – Sunday, August 13.

We are planning a Saturday-Sunday joint meeting with the Long Island Chapter; details to be finalized soon. We will start with an HO-scale PRR operating session at the Silk City Model Railroad Club, famous for its large model of Horseshoe Curve, followed by dinner in the area. The next day, we will relocate to Essex for a train ride on the Essex Steam Railroad and a riverboat ride on the lower Connecticut River. As soon as we finalize dates, times, and lodging options, we will send information to our members.

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