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If you have a submission for the January E-news PLEASE forward it to me by December 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**

As of Nov. 4, 2019, the PRRT&HS membership for 2019 is as follows:

Regular	2059
Sustaining	308
Contributing	88
International	27
Keystone	140
 Total	 2622

Non-renewals 297 Renewal Rate 2,430/2,727=89.1%  
Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2019 is 192.

Submitted by Andy Hart

**STATION AND ARCHIVE**

**Station: Volunteers**



**Cameron and Tom are both weekly volunteers at the Lewistown Station Amtrak room.**

“When Cameron James and his grandfather Tom Morningstar were invited to decorate a pumpkin at the Fall Festival at their church, the only appropriate response for these two diehard rail fans was a PRR theme”.

Written by Tom Morningstar

Photo by Pauletta Ader

## **LEWISTOWN HAPPENINGS**

### **State Flag**

The state flag is now hanging at the Lewistown station.



Submitted by Pauletta Ader

### **NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

The PRR Project internet group (<https://groups.io/g/PRRPro>) is current working on project #33, the X37 and X38 series boxcars. All levels of experience in modeling are welcome and all scales are welcome. The majority of models being built are F&C HO scale resin kits, but any model in any scale is welcome for discussion. PRRPro is a group effort and thus there is no formal leader. It's more like a Co-op where everyone pitches in with ideas and suggestions. The X37-38 project will run through the end of December. The next project, H25 hoppers, will start January 1, 2020.

Submitted by Bruce Smith, Director

### **Annual Meeting Highlights**

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

Sneak preview on trips:

1. May 14, 2020 Steel Mill and Station Tour

Both buses will leave Penn Stater ~8:15 am.

Bus 1 will proceed to the Standard Steel Mill and arrive ~9:00am for tour. (50 people max).

Bus 2 will proceed to the Lewistown Junction Station. Arrive ~9:00am. (50 people max)

Lunch will be from 11:15-12:15 at J.P. Edwards.

Bus 1 will then proceed to the Lewistown station. Arrive 12:30pm

Bus 2 will then proceed to the Steel Mill. Arrive 12:30pm

2. May 15, 2020 Muleshoe Tour

The purpose of this tour is to expose participants to some lesser known aspects of the PRR in the Altoona area and to orient them so that they can spend more time on their own if desired. One important aspect is to visit the location of PRR’s Mule Shoe Curve. Part of this story includes the Pennsylvania Canal and the Allegheny Portage RR, otherwise known as the Main Line of Public Works. These were purchased by the PRR and are part of the route followed by PRR’s line through the Mule Shoe to the tunnels at Gallitzin, otherwise known as the “New Portage Secondary.” We will stop at the Canal Basin in Hollidaysburg, where the PRR connected (1852) for about two years to take passengers over the mountain until the Allegheny Tunnel was completed in 1854. At the Portage RR Museum, you can get a better portion of the story for this route. Will stop at the Cresson Helper Servicing Facilities. The Cresson and Irvona Branches delivered much coal traffic to the Main Line here. In 1951 there were still 27 branches and branches of branches feeding coal to Cresson, which we will discuss. We will pass the locations of numerous towers at Wye, MO, UN, AR, Slope, Alto, Rose, and Antis as well as the PRR’s Engine houses at Cresson and East Altoona and the Sam Rea Car Shops at Hollidaysburg. The car shops and AR are the only extant structures. The trip will take about 5 hours. A sandwich lunch will be included.

3. Wine and Cream Tour May 15, 2020

Pick up at the Penn Stater	8:45 AM
Asher’s Chocolate	10:00 AM
Hawstone Winery	11:00 AM
Lunch at JP Edwards	12-1:00 PM
Brookmere Winery	1:30-2:30 PM
Penn State Creamery	3:15 PM
Return to Penn Stater	4:30 PM

Prices will be announced closer to the date.

**FEATURE CHAPTER**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR CHAPTER IN A FUTURE EDITION PLEASE CONTACT [pauletta.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletta.ader@yahoo.com) editor of the E-news**

**RAILFAN CORNER**

Nothing at this time.

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**PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**HELP NEEDED:** The 2020 RPM - Valley Forge Meet will be held March 26 through 29, 2020 at the Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center in Malvern, PA. It would be nice to see the PRRT&HS represented at this event. If any member in the Philadelphia area has an interest in hosting the Society’s portable display, please contact me to schedule its use at

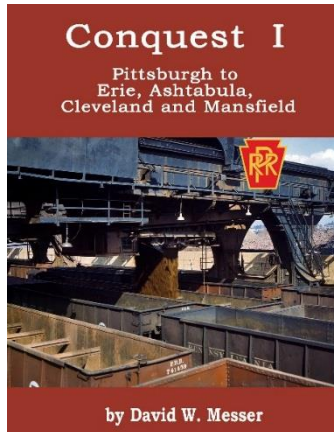
[frank.napoleon@verizon.net](mailto:frank.napoleon@verizon.net). Event information and updates can be found online at <http://www.rpmvalleyforge.com/index.php>.

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## CONQUEST 1

### PITTSBURGH TO ERIE, ASHTABULA, CLEVELAND & MANSFIELD

by David W. Messer



Continuing the rich tradition of his Triumph series books, celebrated author David W. Messer has teamed with the PRRT&HS to offer Conquest 1, documenting the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Lake Division physical plant. This includes the network of PRR lines radiating from Pittsburgh northwest to Erie, Ashtabula, Cleveland and Mansfield from 1848 to the present day.

Conquest 1, a 240-page hardbound book, contains 500 illustrations, many in color, and includes 12 large maps located in a rear pocket. Member price: **\$65.00** plus shipping - PA residents add 6% sales tax.

Non-Member price: **\$80.00** plus shipping - PA residents add 6% sales tax.

This book can be purchased over the phone by calling Shuman Heritage Printing at 717-751-0100; ask for Connie and please have your credit card ready. It can also be purchased online from the e-Store located on the PRRT&HS website at [www.prrths.com](http://www.prrths.com)

### Wilksburg Train Station Restoration Project



Built in 1915 by Philadelphia architect Walter H. Cookson, the station earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

Vacant for more than 50 years, this Beaux Arts style building will become one of the most historically significant and architecturally unique buildings in the Pittsburgh area.

Its \$6.5 million renovation includes:

- Renovation of existing site amenities and landscape
- Comprehensive restoration of the building's exterior
- Restoration of significant historic spaces on the main floor
- Renovation of the lower level
- New restrooms
- New site utilities, including water, sewer, gas and electrical service
- New mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection services (completed according to historic property standards)

The fully renovated building is expected to be move-in ready by early 2020.

Follow the Wilksburg Train Station Restoration Project on Face book for project updates.

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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Saturday, January 25, 2020 – 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](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com) for details on the show. Show hours are 9am to 5pm Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday.

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The next two meetings are scheduled for February 15, 2020 and for April 25, 2020.

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