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

**To all PRR T&HS members**

**It is with great sadness the I have to inform all our members that the PRR T&HS Annual Meeting planned for May 13-16, 2020 has been cancelled. The annual meeting hotel, The Penn Stater has contacted**

everyone who have already made their reservations, that they have been cancelled.

Everyone who already sent in their registration forms, will have their *original* checks returned by the registration committee as soon as they are able. Please be patient.

I had high hopes that by mid-April that this situation might be better, and by May we could return to some normality, but that is not to be the case, at least at this writing.

According to our by-laws we are required to have some form of annual meeting, and the *possibility* of meeting later in the year will be looked into.

We do have society business to take care of regardless. We have two board positions that need to be voted on, along with two majority vote questions concerning two of our chapters. We will be putting a letter together to be sent out to all current members, along with a self-addressed, stamped post card for you to “check off” and return. Your participation is important, just like being at the regular general membership meeting.

For now, the best thing that we can all do is “*stay safe and well*”. Please follow all the recommendations to protect yourselves, and God willing, we will all be together very soon.

Steve Staffieri,

President PRR T&HS

The Board of Directors will be evaluating opportunities for a meeting later this year. Obviously, the current Coronavirus crisis will need to be over, and there are significant challenges finding an adequate location on such short notice. We will not be able to resolve this for several months, so please be patient.

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of Feb. 19, 2020, the PRRT&HS membership for 2020 is as follows:

Regular	1689
Sustaining	284
Contributing	74
International	19
Keystone	132
Total	2198

Non-renewals 506 Renewal Rate  $2,129/2,635=80.8\%$

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

The number of new members for 2020 is 69.

Submitted by Andy Hart

### **STATION AND ARCHIVE**

#### **Station:**

Estimates were sought for repairs to the foundation wall (track side) of the station. It was noticed that the grouting between the rock seams was eroding, and also 2 vertical support beams were rotting. The cellar door to the outside (JVRR side) also has considerable rust and rot, and is difficult to open and close. Gary obtained estimates for both jobs.

On February 4, 2020 approval was given, via an email poll of directors (7 voting yes, 2 no response). I authorized Gary to contact the contractors: Knob View Construction, to make repairs to the door, and Allensville Planing Mill, to do the foundation and beam work. The work will consist of repointing the rock seams, and replacing 2, possibly 3, 16"x16" vertical support beams in the southwest corner of the basement. As work progresses, Gary will oversee the job and report progress to the station manager.

Negotiations are continueing between the PRRT&HS and Amtrak for the paving of the parking lot, and continued use of the waiting area. The paving of the parking lot is slated to be accomplished this spring when the weather breaks.

The Middle Division Chapter, has become their own independent non-profit organization. They are no longer affiliated with the PRRT&HS, and their members who work the Amtrak room have all been required to become PRRT&HS members in order to continue to work in the Amtrak room. The new identity of the group is: Lewistown Junction Railroad Society.

**Archives:**

Work continues on processing the many mechanical dept. drawings.

Volunteers, when available, have also been processing, photos, books, time tables (employee and public), misc. publications, val maps, and the sorting of non PRR materials and sending them off to other RR Societies or Historical Societies. Also we continue scanning materials when able, as man power allows.

The archives has received a total of 45 donations this year. Three of which were extremely large, consisting of more mechanical dept. drawings, most of which are original linen drawings. There were 96 boxes of drawings, mostly linens, transferred to the PRRTHS from the Smithsonian. Two other large donations (separate times) came from the Erie Lackawanna RRHS consisting mostly of val maps (Lines West), track maps and building locations in yards. (Mostly Ohio). We also received a large donation of public timetables, dating from the 1940's thru Penn Central, over 10,000. PRR, PRSL, LIRR, and Penn Central.

Another trip to the Tennessee Valley RR is in the works, as another large donation from the Southern RRHS is being put together. 2020 seems like another profitable year.

This is the breakdown of the archive volunteer staff compiled by Charlie Woodward, volunteer coordinator. There are a lot of people on the list, so be advised the average attendance is 6. We have had as many as 14 at any one time, and as few as 3. Of course, they attend as their time allows.

Volunteers.

Rich Ader	Tim Garner
Pauletta Ader	Roy Hunt
Charlie Horan	Dick Price
Bob Johnson	Mary Price
Dave Evans	Chuck Heuer
Ian Fischer	Joe Acri
Chuck Bender	Mark Cole
Brad Bender	Jim Teed
Al Giannantonio	Brett Reigh
Steve Titchenal	Charlie Woodward
Ed Kline	

Volunteer Hours at Lewistown Station - 2169

Travel Hours - 798

Other Hours - 942

Total Hours - 3909

Hours at Lewistown are from a daily log maintained at the station. Travel times are estimates to/from station. Other hours are estimates of off-site support activities such as data entry and verification, computer programming, responding to researcher inquiries, collecting acquisitions/donations and other administrative activities.

Submitted by Rich Ader, Director and Station Manager

## **Notes From the Board**

### **Railroad Heritage Days**

The PRRT&HS will once again be participating in Railroad Heritage Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 12th. Members that are interested in displaying their models or helping at the Society table should contact Joe Acri at [beartrain1018@verizon.net](mailto:beartrain1018@verizon.net).

Submitted by Joe Acri, Director



Photo submitted by Joe Acri

## **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**

Ya All Come Down to Folkston Georgia!

The Okefenokee Chamber of Georgia sponsors 2 Rail watches April 2 & 3 (the first weekend in April) and Winter Rail Watch December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Contact information for the Okefenokee Chamber: If you plan to attend April Rail Watch contact the Chamber to check for cancellation due to the Corona Virus

Email: [www.folkston.com](http://www.folkston.com)

Phone: 912-496-2536

Come join us for a considerable amount of CSX freight trains and see many foreign units in and out of Florida. Most notably, The Tropicana Juice train. Which begs the question: Did PRR ever transport the “Juice Train”? I do know Penn Central did. When working the BelDel, my husband saw 2 GG1s going through Trenton Station.

Railside Lodging in Folkston offers a few trackside lodging facilities. The Chessie System caboose and the Peake’s Cabin provide lodging at the Folkston Funnel just yards away from the tracks. The Crew Quarters located at the top of the Funnel at the Folkston Turnout. This area does provide a few campsites for those that prefer camping.

Contact Dixie for lodging information at 912-276-1334 or [www.railsidelodging.com](http://www.railsidelodging.com)



Peak’s Cabin



Chessie Caboose



Crew Quarters

Photos and submitted by Pauletta Ader

### **Trivia**

Do you know where this is?



Do you know what this is?



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## PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

**REMINDER:** Members can help to increase the Society's visibility and promote membership in the PRRT&HS by hosting the portable display in their area. For those unfamiliar with it, the portable display contains sample issues of *The Keystone*, *The Keystone Modeler* and *The Keystone e-NEWS*, as well as membership brochures, membership applications, information on the Lewistown Archives and a list of PRRT&HS publications available for purchase on our website. Sample books are available to those hosts willing to display them. While train shows are an obvious venue consideration should be given to events sponsored by local historical societies and railroad museums; especially those in areas that had a strong PRR presence.

The portable display gives the PRRT&HS exposure to those unaware of our existence and the potential to attract new members; please consider hosting it. An increase in membership is beneficial to all members of the Society. Table cost and shipping charges are covered by the PRRT&HS.

Another way for members to help promote the Society is to ask permission and place copies of the PRRT&HS Membership Brochure in hobby shops, museums, local historical society's, etc.

To arrange for use of the portable display or to request copies of the Membership Brochure contact Frank Napoleon at [frank.napoleon@verizon.net](mailto:frank.napoleon@verizon.net).

### PORTABLE DISPLAY

Matt Hurst hosted the PRRT&HS Display at the *Brass Expo & Custom Craftsman Model Show* held in Lancaster, PA on November 23 & 24, 2019. The following are the current committed dates for the display:

... May 28 thru 31, 2020: NMRA MCR Convention; *Steel City Express*, Pittsburgh, PA (**Tentative**)

... July 31 & August 1, 2020: *St. Louis RPM Meet*, Collinsville, IL (**Tentative**)

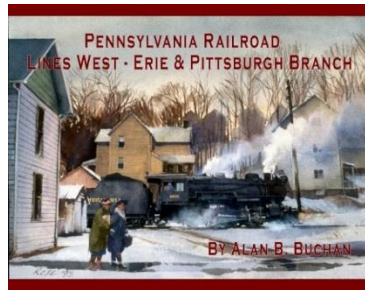
... August 8, 2020; *Summerail 2020*, Marion, OH (**Tentative**)

... September 12, 2020: *Railroad Heritage Day* at the RRMPA, Strasburg, PA (Joe Acri)

Any member attending Railroad Heritage Day at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania that would like to volunteer some time at the PRRT&HS table should contact Joe Acri at [beartrain1018@verizon.net](mailto:beartrain1018@verizon.net); your help would be most welcome. Joe also needs modelers to display and discuss their models that day; please consider helping.

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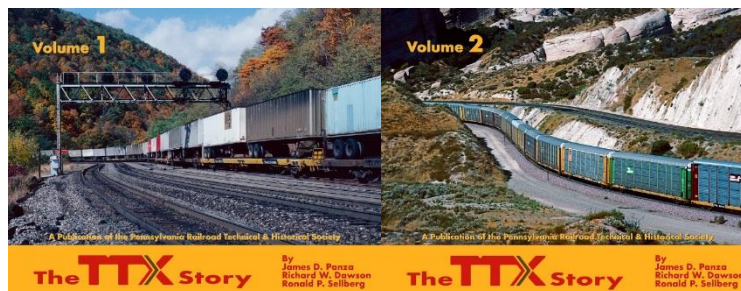
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## THE TTX STORY - SOLD OUT

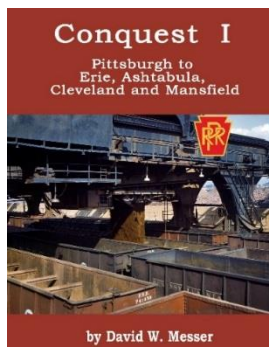


*The TTX Story* is **SOLD OUT**. Call Shuman Heritage Printing at 717-751-0100 and ask for Connie to be placed on a waiting list of those interested in a possible second printing. Also, check the E-store located on the PRRT&HS website for other available Society publications.

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## NOW AVAILABLE

### 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 is **\$65.00** each, + shipping and tax (where applicable).

Non-Member price is **\$80.00** each, + shipping and tax (where applicable).



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.prrthss.com](http://www.prrthss.com)

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## **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**Support your local chapter - become a member.**

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### **GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA**

Contact Jim Winslow at: [G5s472@aol.com](mailto:G5s472@aol.com) 1872 Lakeview Drive, Zeeland, MI 49464

### **LONG ISLAND**

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

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

### **NEW ENGLAND**

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

### **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

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### **PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER**

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