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### MEMBERSHIP

As of December 31, 2014, the PRRT&HS membership for 2014 is as follows:

Regular	2,261
Sustaining	335
Contributing	69
International	30
Keystone	113
Total	2,808

Non-renewals: 222                      Renewal Rate: 2,676/2,898=92.3%

The number of new members for 2014 is 132.

## **2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Letter has been mailed and should be in your hands!

Memberships submitted prior to February 15 are \$35. After that time they are \$40.

OR

Renew online and save time and postage! Goto: <http://www.prrths.com/estore/memberships.html>

## **LEWISTOWN STATION FIRE SUPPRESION STATUS**

After changing the specifics of the bid proposals with a new date for submission (12/1/2014), we are now down to one company who has submitted a bid for design and installation of a "turn key" sprinkler system. The bid includes an engineering design for the system for \$36,500.00. The bidder states that this engineering design is needed to assure the system will work as required in the event of an activation. On completion, the PRRT&HS would own the design. We could then proceed with the installation as bid, or rebid the project to installation companies in hope for a lower installation bid. The cost for a "turn-key" installation by the bidder is an additional "would not exceed" \$132,000.00. This calculates to a total for the design and installation of \$168,500.00.

Due to the increasing cost, and only one bid, Edward Calhoun, chair of the committee, is reviewing the history of the bid process and changes in the bid requirements to try and understand the cost growth.

## **2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Middle Division, hosting our 2015 Annual Meeting, has passed along some preliminary information on tours and alternate tours being planned for the meeting:

Thursday April 30, 2015 TOUR (80 openings 2 groups))  
Lewistown Station and Archive, and Standard Steel Corporation

Middle Division Chapter members and archivers Charlie Woodward, Bob Johnson and Archivist Charlie Horan will conduct guided tours through the Lewistown station and archives. Upon completion of the station tour, group 1 will proceed to Andrea's for lunch, and then to Burnham for a guided tour of the Standard Steel plant. Group 2 will begin at the Steel Mill and upon completion will proceed to Andrea's for lunch then proceed to the station. The tours of Standard Steel is open to 40 people each. Transportation to and from hotel is by chartered bus. For those wishing to drive to Lewistown on your own, the station will be open daily from 09:00 – 17:00. The archive rooms WILL NOT be open other than on the scheduled tours. Load 08:00, depart 08:30, lunch 11:30-12:30, and 12:30-13:30. Cost per person to be finalized.

Friday May 1, 2015. TOUR (100 openings)  
Altoona: Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, NS Juniata Shops, and Gallitzin Tunnels.

Norfolk Southern is offering a rare tour of the Juniata Shop complex exclusively for PRRT&HS members. The tour is open for 100 persons and will also include stops at Horseshoe Curve, Cresson helper pit, Gallitzin Tunnels, and Portage RR museum. Transportation by chartered bus. Load 08:45, depart 09:00, return 17:00. Lunch is on you. Cost per person to be finalized. Maximum of 100.

ALTERNATE TOURS: ON YOUR OWN

Shop, taste, visit, and ride through Happy Valley

For those whose interests go beyond the PRR, relax and ride the back roads through Happy Valley stopping to shop and browse antique malls, wine tasting at some of the more popular wineries, visit the Boalsburg Military museum, and how about a sweet treat at the Penn State Creamery? The Lewistown Station will also be open railfanning (NOT ARCHIVES), and Middle Division Chapter members will be on hand for any assistance. Maps and brochures will be available at the registration desk.

## **PROMOTING OUR SOCIETY**

Members are bringing our Society display to local train shows. On October 25, Jerry Britton and Dave Wartell had the display at the Great Scale Show in Timonium Maryland. Dave Evans, Jim Reilly and John Swanson had it at the Greensburg Chantilly VA show December 27 and 28. Jerry and Dave will be back at Timonium on January 31, and then Jim Reilly will be at the Fredericksburg VA show February 7-8.

Andy Hart says we have had 29 new members join since the Timonium show (7 on applications passed out), so the publicity is paying off. Thanks to this group for their efforts to promote our Society and encourage new members. There are PRR fans out there who do not know about our society who could become new members.

Contact Ed Swain if you would like to reserve the display for a show near you. Many shows provide free space for non-profit historical societies.



John Swanson and Dave Evans at the Chantilly Show

## **CHAPTER NEWS**



The Middle Division held a Chapter Christmas Party at the Station.

### **NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT**

We missed a new product announcement in the Fall *Keystone Modeler*. So to make our members aware of this covered hopper that will be of interest to our modelers here is the announcement:

Tangent Scale Models has recently released a model of the General American Dry-Flo covered hopper. These cars were class H41 on the PRR, built in 1961. They are available in gray with black lettering. They are also available lettered for Conrail. A review of this model will be published soon in *The Keystone Modeler*. –Jim Hunter.

### **SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK**

The Society has been on *Facebook* since June 2010, we post interesting tidbits there from time to time. Check it out: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Pennsylvania-Railroad-Technical-Historical-Society/136126329733054>

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**SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society is to bring together persons interested in the history and modeling of the Pennsylvania Railroad, its subsidiaries and its predecessor companies. Our goals are to promote the preservation and recording of all information regarding the organization, operation, facilities and equipment of the PRR.

The Society's quarterly illustrated journal, *The Keystone*, has been published continuously since 1968. Each issue of 84 or more pages contains illustrated original authoritative articles, about locomotives, cars, other equipment, facilities and operating practices of the PRR. The Society also publishes its own thoroughly researched books and other materials concerning Pennsy history. *The Keystone Modeler* is also a quarterly special 30-plus page online publication of the Society. These publications are for sale on our website.

The Society meets annually, usually during the first weekend in May, providing an opportunity for its members to get together and learn more about the PRR. Local chapters around the country also provide members and guests with regular meetings that feature PRR related programs, see listing below for chapter events. The 2015 Annual National Meeting will take place between April 30 and May 3, in State College hosted by the Middle Division. We hope to see you there.

Information about our Society may be found on our website <http://www.prrths.com>. To join the Society you may use the e-Store [http://www.prrths.com/estore/index\\_estore.html#membership](http://www.prrths.com/estore/index_estore.html#membership) or send \$35.00 to: PRRT&HS, PO Box 54, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-0054. All memberships are for a calendar year, renewals after February 15<sup>th</sup> are \$40.00. The additional late dues fee pays to ship any Keystones that missed the normal mailing.

### **Drawings from Microfilm**

Copies of PRR equipment drawings are available from the Society's microfilm collection. To order drawings, you must know the drawing number and title. Ordering information and lists of arrangement drawings are available on the Society's website, [www.prrths.com](http://www.prrths.com), under National Society, The Interchange. If you require a printed copy of this information, please send your address and a check for \$2.00 made out to PRRT&HS to: Richard C. Price, 779 Irvin Hill Road, McVeytown, PA 17051.

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# CHAPTER MEETINGS

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## ARIZONA CHAPTER

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### MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Arizona Chapter will be at 2:00 pm, Sunday, February 15, at the home of President Jonathan Peiffer at 2946 North 21<sup>st</sup> Place, Phoenix, AZ (just west of North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street). His phone number is 602.561.4131. The program for the meeting will be Jonathan's presentation on the development of the PRR's most famous steam locomotive, the K4s Pacific type.

## LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

Contact: Al Doddroe at: [adoddroe@earthlink.net](mailto:adoddroe@earthlink.net)

### MEETINGS

TBA

## CAMDEN & AMBOY CHAPTER

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Website: [www.trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrhistoricalgroup](http://www.trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrhistoricalgroup)

### MEETINGS

January 26

The forth-coming West Jersey Chapter meeting on 1/26 will feature Pierre Lacombe's presentation on C&A stone sleepers:

**Stone Sleepers of the Camden and Amboy Railroad.** *Pierre Lacombe will present a program on the stones used for sleepers and the right of way of the C&A RR during 1830-1832. Stone sleepers used to construct the Camden and Amboy Railroad in Burlington County came from quarries in Burlington and Hunterdon (Mercer) counties, NJ, and from Bucks and Philadelphia counties, PA. The sleepers did not come from the quarries of Sing Sing prison. Local quarries also provided stones for ballast, bridge abutments, and retaining walls. Hundreds of sleepers found at White Hill Landing/Bordentown Depot were reused as retaining walls, and shoreline protection. Hundreds more sleepers lay in place under 10 inches of forest litter after 180 years. The sleepers and bridge abutment and retaining walls bear the chisel marks of workmen during quarrying, as wells as spike holes, plate depressions, and workman initials during preparation of the right of way for the rail.*

Meeting starts at 730p. Station Street in Haddon Heights.

## CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER

Contact: President Marv Caldwell at: [ld\\_mlc43@comcast.net](mailto:ld_mlc43@comcast.net)

### MEETINGS

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## GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA

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### MEETINGS

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## MIDDLE DIVISION

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### MEETINGS

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### **NEW ENGLAND**

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#### **MEETINGS**

#### **Saturday, January 24, 2015 – 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.

#### **Saturday, March 21, 2015 – Spring Chapter Meeting**

#### **Worcester Model Railroaders Operating Session – Dudley, Mass.**

Details are being finalized for our first visit to this large operating layout. We anticipate going there around 11:00 am, having our chapter meeting on site around noon over lunch, and operating HO-scale PRR trains we bring in the afternoon. The railroad operates on a Digitrax DCC system. Make sure any multiple-unit locomotives you bring are de-consisted before you arrive. Visit the club's web site at [www.wmrr.org](http://www.wmrr.org) for more information on their operation and directions. Watch our web site for more information on the event. Dudley is in Central Massachusetts along the Connecticut line.

### **NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER**

Contact President Jerry Britton at: [jerry@pennsyr.com](mailto:jerry@pennsyr.com)

Chapter web site: <http://ncchapter.pennsyr.com>

#### **MEETINGS**

February 8th

### **PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER**

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#### **MEETINGS**

TBS

### **PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**

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

#### **MEETINGS**

Meetings are scheduled for February 7 and April 11.

### **PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**

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#### **MEETINGS**

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#### **MEETINGS**

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