



# **THE KEYSTONE e-NEWS**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

As of January 30, 2015, the PRRT&HS membership for 2015 is as follows:

Total: 2165

Non-renewals: 703      Renewal Rate:  $2,106/2,809=75.0\%$

Keystone mailings include 12 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2015 is 59.

We are in the midst of processing the renewals for 2015 and cannot determine the exact totals of each membership category at this time.

## PROMOTING OUR SOCIETY

Members are bringing our Society display to local train shows. Jerry Britton and Dave Wartell had the display at the Great Scale Show in Timonium Maryland January 31, and Jim Reilly was at the Fredericksburg VA show February 7-8.

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.



Andy Hart talking with a new member



Dave Wartell with the display

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

There is interest in forming a Long Island Chapter within the PRRT&HS. Petition signatures are being collected to bring to the Board of Directors to approve the new chapter. If you are interested, contact Rich Gorddard at [rgorddard@aol.com](mailto:rgorddard@aol.com) or Don Fisher at [n2ghv@arrt.net](mailto:n2ghv@arrt.net).

## **RAILROAD STATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR**

The annual Railroad Station Historical Society tour (by bus) of many PRR and RDG stations in south central Pennsylvania takes place June 3-6, 2015. Based in Harrisburg, the tour makes circle trips of about ten hours each day. The guided tour will be led by PRRT&HS member Jim Kelling. Each participant will receive an illustrated tour book of the sites visited. Members are encouraged to submit information for the tour book. Please contact Jim at [rshs2015@gmail.com](mailto:rshs2015@gmail.com) or call him at (301) 441-8504 to contribute or to request info about the tour.

## **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**

Contact: Sec/Treas. Phil Anderson 480-756-4359 [ma393@aol.com](mailto:ma393@aol.com)

#### **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**

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### **CAMDEN & AMBOY CHAPTER**

Contact John Kilbride [JKTRR@msn.com](mailto:JKTRR@msn.com)

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

#### **MEETINGS**

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### **CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER**

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#### **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, 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-consided 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@pennsyrr.com](mailto:jerry@pennsyrr.com)

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

MEETINGS

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**PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER**

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MEETINGS

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

MEETINGS

Next meeting will be April 11.

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**

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MEETINGS

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**WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER**

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MEETINGS

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