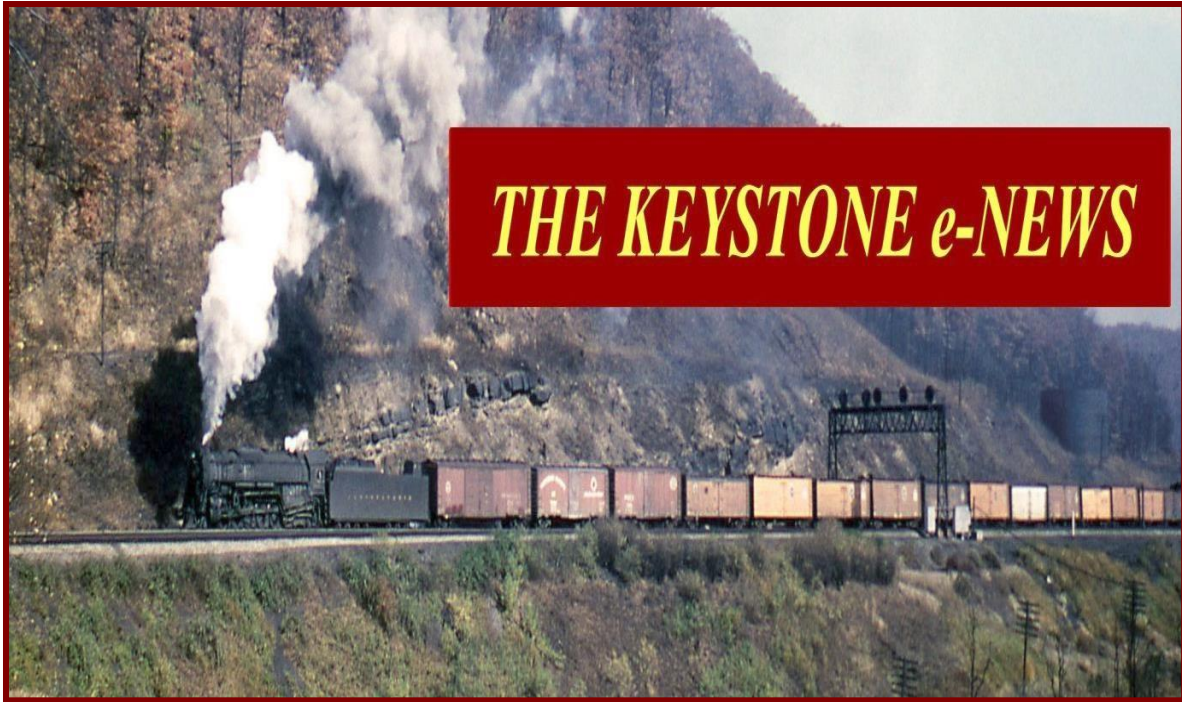




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If you have a submission for the July E-news PLEASE forward it to me by June 15th. Thank you.
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**REMINDER: RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE
ASAP FOR 2020.**

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MEMBERSHIP

As of May 3, 2020, the PRRT&HS membership for 2020 is as follows:

Regular	1855
Sustaining	306
Contributing	81
International	26
Keystone	140
Total	2408

Non-renewals 341 Renewal Rate $2,295/2,636=87.1\%$

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

The number of new members for 2020 is 113.

Submitted by Andy Hart

STATION AND ARCHIVE

Station:

Basement Pictures





Time and water have taken its toll on the foundation of the station. Photos show before and after views. First photo shows the new outside basement door. The second photo shows the foundation wall before repair. The third photo depicts the finished wall. The mortar in the rock seams has crumbled into sand (seen in photo 2) The completed wall repair (third photo) includes the sealed wall and new support beams. Three support beams total were replaced. Beams are 16”X16”X7’ Hemlock. We are good for another 100 years.

Archives:

Official Archiving sessions have been temporarily cancelled. However work still continues on the data base from volunteers working at home. Archiving will officially resume when the state opens up.

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.



Announcement and photo submitted by Joe Acri, Director

PRRPro:

The PRR Project group, on-line at <https://groups.io/g/PRRPro/> has been working on building H25 hoppers. Since many members of the PRRT&HS are continuing to spend more time at home, building models of PRR cars, locomotives, and structures is a great way to spend time. If you are interested in the H25 project, or any of the other 33 projects we have done, please drop by the web page and see what folks are doing. The group will probably start a new project July 1st, which will be decided shortly, so stop by to see what might be happening this summer as well!

Submitted by Bruce Smith, 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**

RAILFAN CORNER

Horseshoe Curve at the Silk City Model Railroad Club

Imagine an HO gauge model of Horseshoe Curve that is nearly scale size! The Silk City Model Railroad was founded in 1977 by modelers who focused on the Pennsy and the New Haven. The layout is on the second floor of a former building of Bon Ami in Manchester, CT; the first floor and part of the second is occupied by Time Machine Hobbies.

The layout is massive: 40' by 120', all scenicked. The era is after 1957, since a model of K4s 1361 is in the park at the base of the curve. At its founding, the layout was powered by conventional DC, but today is powered by NCE's DCC system. The club operates every first and third Sunday of the month, 1-4 PM.

By special arrangement over the last several years, the New England Chapter has occasionally been privileged to visit the club to operate our Pennsy equipment on the layout. It is quite a treat to see your 30-40 car coal drag or 15-car passenger train dwarfed by the breadth and length of Horseshoe Curve.

Below are some pictures taken by Tim Garner.



Tim Garner's train of empty hoppers is well into the Curve. Note the Altoona reservoirs, 1361 on display, and the Visitor Center. The magnitude of the layout can be assessed by noting the people on the walkway to the left above the layout.



A telephoto shot shows Andy Miller's three RS3's and a Trucetrain of about 20 cars going up the Curve. Andy superdetailed each flat car with the numerous chains that PRR used to lash the trailers securely.



Tim's Broadway Limited has exited the Curve and is about to pull into Altoona as Andy's TrucTrain starts up the grade from Altoona to the Curve.



Baldwin Centipedes drift downgrade toward Altoona to await their next helper assignment.

Other trains not pictured operated that day, such as a mixed freight pulled by a pair of Trainmasters. Some of us mentally blocked out 1361 on the Curve, and ran late steam power:

- As pictured in one of Don Ball's books, two T1's pulling a long mail & express up the grade,
- A coal train pulled by an I1s plus L1s helper.

We suspect you can understand why the New England Chapter has enjoyed its visits to the Silk City Club.

Submitted by Ralph Weischedel and Tim Garner, Directors

Ya All Come Down to Folkston Georgia!

The Okefenokee Chamber of Georgia sponsors a Winter Rail Watch December 5th, 2020.

Contact information for the Okefenokee Chamber:

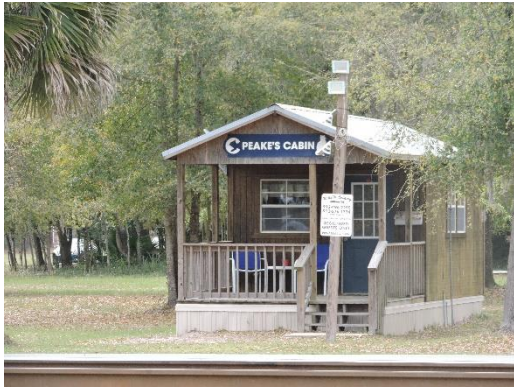
Email: www.folkston.com

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 with 45 white Tropicanna cars.

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



Peak's Cabin



Chessie Caboose



Crew Quarters

Photos and submitted by Pauletta Ader

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM MARCH E-NEWS

Do you know where this is?



This photo was taken at the crossing by the Folkston Railroad Museum.

Submitted by Pauletta Ader

Do you know what this is?



Response to this question, Quoted from R. Thompson's e-mail. "As to the photo question, this is half of a steam loco driving tire being used as a guard to the gate and flasher assembly, to keep drivers from cutting the corner or hitting the assembly base. This was tried at Trabue Rd. on the Bradford line numerous times over the years , each time increasing the size and distance, to no avail. I set up the 3rd attempt with rail set in concrete. When the semi did hit it , it removed his trailer wheel set , but the box still hit the assembly. On the 4th attempt the assembly was moved farther away with longer gates being added to the site. So far this has held up." R. Thompson

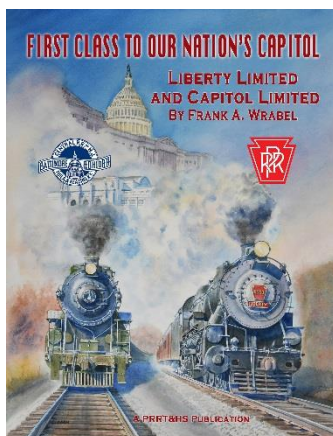
Thank you, Mr. Thompson for the correct response. This actual picture was taken at the crossing in Folkston, GA.

PRRT&HS PUBLIC RELATIONS

NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!!!!

FIRST CLASS TO OUR NATION'S CAPITOL - LIBERTY LIMITED and CAPITOL LIMITED

by Frank A. Wrabel



Beginning in 1925, PRR and B&O stepped up their train amenities to capture luxury service patrons travelling between Washington and Chicago. Their competition soon became a war that lasted 32 years, through the Depression, WWII, and the heady Postwar period. This book captures this story of the two railroads' optimism and final resignation to changing market demographics. Author Frank Wrabel tells the story of this glorious fight. *First Class to Our Nation's Capitol* is a 186-page hardbound book containing approximately 375 illustrations, many in color.

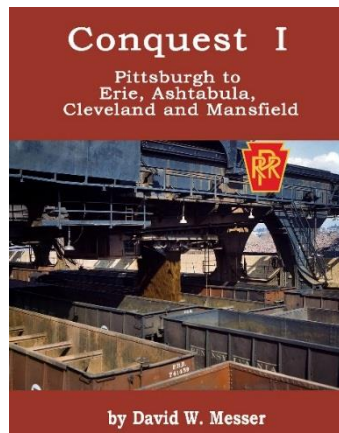
Member price is **\$50.00** each, + shipping and tax (where applicable).

Non-Member price is **\$75.00** each, + shipping and tax (where applicable).

STILL 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).

These books can be purchased over the phone by calling Shuman Heritage Printing at 717-751-0100; 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

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