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If you have a submission for the September E-news PLEASE forward it to me by August 15th. Thank you. Pauletta Ader Editor of the E-news. pauletta.ader@yahoo.com

REMINDER: RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ASAP FOR 2020.

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MEMBERSHIP

As of July 1, 2020, the PRRT&HS membership for 2020 is as follows:

Regular	1901
Sustaining	309
Contributing	83
International	27
Keystone	141
Total	2461

Non-renewals 315
Renewal Rate 2,321/2,636=88.1%

Keystone mailings include 10 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)
The number of new members for 2020 is 140.
Submitted by Andy Hart

STATION AND ARCHIVE

Station:

No report.

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. No official word about cancellation has been given as of this printing.
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:

Announcement for the PRRPro group

The PRR Project group (<https://groups.io/g/PRRPro>) will be using the period from July 1 to December 31, 2020 to "catch up" on projects that have already been done. That means that any project that the group has already done is appropriate (note: anyone can do any project at any time!) In particular, the goal is that WIPs (works in progress) or UFOs (unfinished objects) left from previous projects be completed during this time. The projects that have been done by the group include:

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|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1) | F30, F30A, F30D, F30E flat cars | October 2003 | message 47 |
| 2) | R50b express reefers | January 2004 | message 380 |
| 3) | X29 box car | May 2004 | message 630 |
| 4) | G22 gondolas | July 2004 | message 866 |
| 5) | P70 passenger cars | October 2004 | message 1280 |
| 6) | Sharknose diesels | January 2005 | message 1522 |
| 7) | I1 (2-10-0) steam locos | April 2005 | message 1731 |
| 8) | H21/H22 hoppers | February 2006 | message 2364 |
| 9) | N5 (family) cabin cars | June 2006 | message 2663 |
| 10) | FM/FGR/FGRA flat cars | October 2006 | message 2889 |
| 11) | Interlocking Towers | January 2007 | message 3034 |
| 12) | Heavyweight sleepers | April 2007 | message 3278 |
| 13) | X31, X31A, X31B, X31C box cars | August 2007 | message 3622 |
| 14) | TM8/AC&F Type 11 tank cars | April 2008 | message 4209 |
| 15) | H8/H9/H10 steam locos | July 2008 | message 4352 |
| 16) | FGE/BRE/WFE/NX wood reefers | March 2009 | message 4812 |
| 17) | GP7 and GP9 diesels | January 2010 | message 5457 |
| 18) | Wreck Derricks | July 2010 | message 5804 |
| 19) | Wood Cabin Cars | June 2011 | message 6311 |
| 20) | XL class boxcars and related | January 1, 2012 | message 6583 |
| 21) | Coaling towers | June 11, 2013 | message 7090 |
| 22) | B60, B60A, B60B | January 1, 2014 | message 7309 |

23)	F22/23 flat cars	June 1, 2014	message 7673
24)	Signals	January 1, 2015	message 7961
25)	GLA Hoppers	June 1, 2015	message 8276
26)	Falls/Colonial mid-train lounges	January 1, 2016	message 8476
27)	X26 boxcars	July 1, 2016	message 8786
28)	GR/GRA gondola	January 1, 2017	message 9026
29)	PRR Tool House	July 1, 2017	message 9295
30)	F28, F29, F33 flat cars	January 1, 2018	message 9301
31)	X23 and related cars	July 1, 2018	message 9483
32)	N8 cabin cars	January 1, 2019	message 9686
33)	X37, X38 boxcars	July 1, 2019	message 9813
34)	H25 hoppers	January 1, 2020	message 9922

We look forward to seeing the progress that folks make on these projects!

Submitted by Bruce Smith, Director

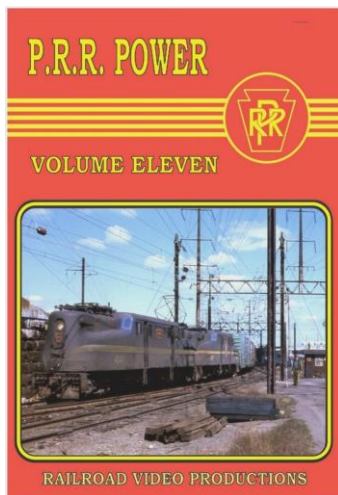
FEATURE CHAPTER

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RAILFAN CORNER – VIDEO REVIEW

A Review of P.R.R Power – Volume 11

Prepared by Rod Henshaw (2966), submitted 06/15/2020



This highly recommended video contains such sequences as a GG1 led passenger train coming at you at high speed in a meet with a freight train! North and South bound Congressionals meet – both with Tuscan red GG1’s. The Senator pulled by a New Haven EP5 speeds over the Hell Gate Bridge. These are just a few of the impressive, dramatic, and historical pieces of film footage contained in Railroad Video Productions new DVD “PRR Power, Volume 11”. This may be one of the finest entries in this long running series devoted to vintage films of classic Pennsylvania Railroad power

The hour-long video, all in color, captures the PRR from the 1950's through the early 1960's. Early in the video we are treated to a great sequence at Horseshoe Curve, the action then moves generally eastward across the system, ending with scenes on the Long Island Railroad. With only a few steam appearances, the video nonetheless contains multiple classes of electric and first-generation diesel power. While the video lacks narration and captioning relative to scene locations, many of the locations should be obvious to knowledgeable PRR devotees – including Sunnyside, Enola, Altoona, Penn Station, Philadelphia and Harrisburg main lines, and Doodle Bug action in Cape May, just to name a few. One exceptional sequence captures the action at Leaman Place, the interchange with the Strasburg Railroad – with multiple high speed GG1-powered passenger and P5 and E44 freight trains roaring through that location. While the Pennsy may have been in financial decline by this point, the sheer amount of trains captured in this sequence and others in this video attest to a railroad that was still moving massive amounts of freight and passenger traffic.

Locomotives range from grimy to freshly painted, and in addition to motive power shots, this video contains a multitude of both freight and passenger consists – a great visual resource for modelers and equipment aficionados of this era. Images of the Pennsy's marvelous right of way, and infrastructure from catenary to stations, and more abound in most of the video's sequences.

The overall quality of the video transferred from 8mm ranges from fair to excellent. Original Pennsy audio has been edited into the video with generally excellent accuracy and synchronization. This video comes from the collection of Mitchell Dakelman, with editing and digital transfer by Walter Berko. The video is distributed by, and may be ordered from Anchor Videos <https://store.train-video.com/> This DVD adds further imagery of the classic PRR and compares favorably to recent videos such as "The Pennsy Off the Beaten Track" (Pechulis), and "Classic Pennsy Widescreen" (Herron). Recommended.

TRIVIA

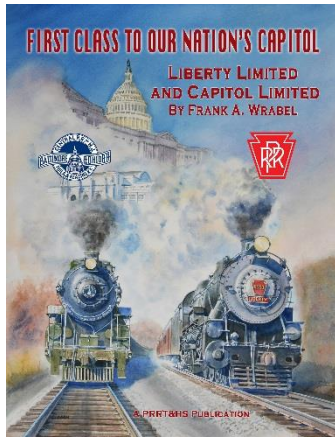
Who succeeded Alexander Cassatt as president of the Pennsylvania Railroad?

Submitted by Pauletta Ader

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRRT&HS

These books can be purchased over the phone by calling Shuman Heritage Printing at 717-751-0100; please have your credit card ready. They can also be purchased online from the e-Store located on the PRRT&HS website at www.prrths.com

FIRST CLASS TO OUR NATION'S CAPITOL - LIBERTY LIMITED and CAPITOL LIMITED
by Frank A. Wrabel

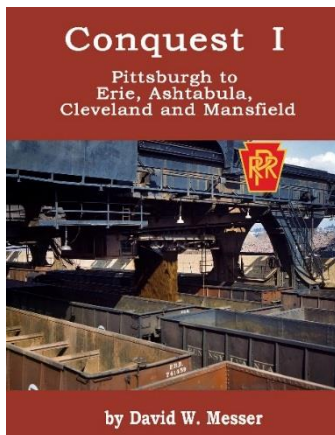


Beginning in 1925, PRR and B&O stepped up their train amenities to capture luxury service patrons travelling between Washington and Chicago. Their competition soon became a war that lasted 32 years, through the Depression, WWII, and the heady Postwar period. This book captures this story of the two railroads' 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).

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).

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