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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

As of May 8, the membership for 2012 is:

Regular	2,173
Sustaining	303
Contributing	62
International	38
<u>Keystone</u>	<u>133</u>
Total	2,709

Non-renewals 324, Renewal Rate 2,606/2,930=88.9%

Keystone mailings include 13 gratis copies (museums, libraries, etc.)

The number of new members for 2012 is 103

SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Spring (2nd Quarter) meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society was held Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA. The following Directors were present: Alan B. Buchan, John J. Consoli, Frank Napoleon, David Scott, (arrived 7:30), Bruce Smith, Edward Swain, and Ralph M. Weischedel. Also in attendance were Joe Acri, candidate for Director; Rich Ader, Station & Archives Committee; Al Doddroe, President of the Lines West - Buckeye Region Chapter; Andrew Hart, Membership Coordinator; Carl Izzo, President of the Pittsburgh Chapter; Ken Kobus, Pittsburgh Chapter; Richard McCarty, Treasurer; Paul Schultz, President of the Washington, DC Chapter; and James G. Trope, General Counsel.

1. Financial

Net income as of the first quarter in 2012 is as follows :

General Accounts: \$96,052

Station & Archives Accounts: \$22,714

The account balances estimated for 1/1/2013 are:

General Accounts: \$240,794.90

Station & Archives Accounts: \$ 75,734.11

The S&A Account includes \$150,000 anticipated for installation of a fire suppression system.

2. New Books:

a. Equipment Series

Rudnicki – Covered Hoppers – 2013.

Johnson, Cabin cars – Nothing to report.

Panza, TTX Flat Cars – Nothing to report.

Blardone - Smith P70 Coaches – Nothing to report.

Hom, et al: Boxcars XA to XNN – Nothing to report.

b. Blardone, Chicago-Florida Psgr Svc – late 2012 or early 2013

c. Zega-Leid PRR Poster book, two volumes – Tentative Spring, 2013. This will be a two volume set, costing \$100 or somewhat more.

d. Buchan, Prophet II – Geographic/Buildings and Signals – On hold.

e. Official PRR color paints – Paint Committee is working on this.

f. Lane, PRSL – ??.

3. Annual Meeting

a. 2013 Lancaster Host Inn and Conference Center (May 16-19) – Host unit Philadelphia Chapter.

The banquet will be at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg.

b. 2014 Camp Hill (May 1- 4) –no host unit yet.

c. 2015 Penn State – Middle Division and Pittsburgh Chapter. The Nittany Lion Inn and the Penn State are being considered.

d. 2016 Camp Hill – It was agreed to hold the convention at the Radisson Penn Harris.

4. Marketing and Sales

a. Annual wholesale sales were 1,049 books with net Sales of \$ 37,288 and 528 copies of the Keystone with net Sales of \$ 4,132.

b. e-STORE is functioning well.

c. PR Report – Ed Swain reported that a repeat of the ad will appear in June in the NMRA Magazine, *Scale Rails*. Announcing the annual meeting for free in calendar announcements will be tried for the 2013 annual meeting.

d. City Series Winter Book Sale will remove the special deal from the website, since it has run longer than initially planned.

5. Station and Archives Operations

a. Quarterly Report. The air conditioning project is complete. Rich Ader reported the need to de-accession items. Donations sometimes have resulted in many copies of the same volume. Some non-PRR material has been received along with PRR material in donated collections. It was agreed that such items should be donated to another non-profit organization. Selling items is a possibility as well; Mr. Trope will look into any rules regarding how

long accessions must be held; Mr. Scott offered to contact an auction house that deals with railroadiana. Mr. Ader and Mr. Trope will work on wording to add to the agreement regarding donations.

b. Fire Suppression Project – See report below.

6. 2014 Pennsy Days - appoint committee. Previously the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania had organized Pennsy Days. 2013 will be associated with the Annual Meeting and will be organized by the Philadelphia Chapter. We have the opportunity now to organize this, starting in 2014. A committee was formed with Dave Evans as project manager, and Jerry Britton, and John Frantz as committee members.

7. RMLI LIRR class G5s 39 participation. This unit is being rebuilt at the Strasburg Railroad. The Railroad Museum of Long Island is raising funds for its restoration to operation. The Philadelphia Chapter will look into the possibility of including something regarding #39 during the 2013 Annual Meeting.

8. Mr. Ader offered a plaque to be placed in J Tower commemorating tower operators. All agreed with placing the plaque.

9. The Directors went into Executive session for the election of officers. Elected were Bruce F. Smith, President; Ed Swain, Vice-President; Ralph Weischedel, Corporate Secretary; and Rich McCarty, Treasurer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

BUCHAN STEPS DOWN AS DIRECTOR AND PREZ

Al Buchan who has served on the Board of Directors for 12 years and as the Society's President for the last nine years, has stepped down because of term limits. Several years ago the Board of Directors approved a "sunset clause" in the By-Laws, requiring a Director to step down after 12 years (four three-year terms). The purpose was to continue to bring in new people with new energy and fresh ideas and preclude the management team from becoming a "good old boys" club. Al's farewell address to the membership is on page 2 of the summer *Keystone*.

SMITH ELECTED PRESIDENT AND SWAIN ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

During an Executive Session of the Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, May 17th the Directors elected Bruce F. Smith to the position of President, vice Al Buchan; and Ed Swain as Vice President, vice Bruce Smith. Ed will also continue his position of Manager of PR. Ralph Weischedel and Richard McCarty were reelected to the positions of Corporate Secretary and Treasurer respectively. In addition Ed will be taking over as Editor of the *e-NEWS*.

2012 BUSINESS MEETING

During the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday morning, May 19th Jack Consoli and Ed Swain were reelected as Directors. Joe Mario was elected as a Director, vice Al Buchan. Following the elections Al Buchan presented his annual State of the Society message in which he outlined the Society's finances, membership, projects and management team. Following that a representative from each chapter spoke briefly about their chapter activities. After which long time member and member of the Lewistown Station gang, that helped rebuild the Lewistown Station, Joe Henry Kline (637) was recognized and presented with an Honorary Life Time membership to the Society.

LEWISTOWN STATION FIRE SUPPRESSION PROJECT

The Lewistown Fire Suppression Committee met following the annual business meeting on Saturday, May 19th. All committee members were in agreement to proceed with recommending to the BoD the installation of a lightning protection system by Larson Lightning Protection Inc., of Camp Hill, PA; the installation of a higher GPM 8" waterline down Helen Street to the basement wall of the Station by the municipality; the installation of a water sprinkler fire suppression system by AST of Warrington, PA in all areas of the station except the archive rooms where materials sensitive to water are stored; and installation of a water mist (water based) system in the archive and sensitive areas of the structure also by AST.

TKM CDs

TKM CDs will now be available from Jim Hunter, 4306 North Victoria Way, Harrisburg, PA, 17112-8641. See website for ordering details.

NS 8102 – PRR HERITAGE UNIT TO BE AT RRMP

RRMP Director Charlie Fox has advised that Norfolk Southern's new PRR Heritage unit (NS 8102) will be making an appearance at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania for the museum's upcoming "NS Days" event June 2 and 3. It will be accompanied by one of the F-units from NS' OCS, sleeper/obs car NS 7 Pennsylvania, and NS 27, the Exhibit Car.

Weather permitting, the museum is going to try and pose the Heritage unit alongside one of the restored steam locomotives from the historic PRR collection at the museum. Other than a single appearance at National Train Day festivities in Chicago, this will be the only public appearance of the PRR Heritage Unit in the east.

NS HERITAGE LOCOMOTIVES TO GATHER FOR A JULY 4 "FAMILY PORTRAIT"

The NS Heritage locomotives will gather for a "family portrait" at the North Carolina Transportation Museum (NCTM) in Spencer, N.C., during the Fourth of July week. All 20 locomotives painted in the color schemes of predecessor railroads will be on display July 3 and 4. "This is the first and probably only chance we'll have to get all these locomotives together in one place at one time," said NS CEO Wick Moorman.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children in advance, and \$30 for adults and \$20 for children the day of the event. Children 2 and under are free. Tickets will go on sale beginning May 21 at the NCTM's web site (<http://www.nctrans.org/>) or by calling 704-636-2889, ext. 237.

CLASS E6s 460

Work continues on the 460. The last time your editor was there the tender cistern had been lifted off the underframe giving a very unique view of the underframe and the water scoop. I'm sure RRMP will be making photos of that available for our review.



PRR E6s 460 undergoing cosmetic restoration. RRMP photo.

BROADWAY LIMITED IN HO SCALE SET FOR RAFFLE AT RRMP



Photo provided by RRMP

Broadway Limited in HO Scale set for raffle. The PRR's premier passenger train was the *Broadway Limited*, often headed by E7, E8 and GG1 locomotives, like those found in the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's world-class collection. You can win a beautiful new *Broadway Limited* HO scale model train set, created by Wm. K. Walthers Inc. The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania will be raffling a 14-piece set, which will include: one E8 A-A set, Nos. 5804A and 5807A, standard DC, one RPO baggage car, one Budd "Inn" series roomette sleeper, two Duplex "Creek" series sleepers, two ACF "Imperial" series sleepers, one P-S "Harbor" series bedroom buffet lounge car, one Budd full diner car with one Budd kitchen dormitory car, two P-S "Rapids" 10-6 sleepers and one P-S "View" series bedroom buffet lounge observation car

You may purchase six tickets for only \$10 or a single ticket for only \$2. This *Broadway Limited* set is valued at more than \$1,200. Tickets are available for purchase in the Whistle Stop Shop museum store during regular business hours, or you may send a check to the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania (FRM, P. O. Box 125, Strasburg, PA 17579). You must be at least age 18 to purchase a raffle ticket. Completed ticket stubs with remittance must be returned to the FRM no later than 4:30 pm on Sunday, November 4, 2012. A random drawing will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, and the winner will be notified thereafter. You need not be present to win.

Members of the FRM board of directors and Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania staff members are prohibited from winning. Raffle proceeds benefit the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

http://rrmuseumpa.org/about/Raffle_%202012_Flyer.pdf

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>

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 2013 Annual National Meeting will take place between May 16 and 19, at the Lancaster Host Inn, Lancaster, PA, and the RRMP at Strasburg, PA hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter. 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/> 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 15th are \$40.00.

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, 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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Visit us and shop at <http://www.prrths.com/estore/>

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Support your local chapter - become a member.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

Contact: Sec/Treas. Phil Anderson 480-756-4359 ma393@aol.com

MEETINGS

TBA

LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

Contact: Al Doddroe at: adoddroe@earthlink.net

MEETINGS

Sunday, June 3 at the former Toledo and Ohio Central Station at 379 West Broad Street in Columbus. The former station is now used by the Columbus Fire Department, and has been beautifully restored. It is adjacent to railroad tracks that cross overhead on West Broad. The doors open at 1 p.m. with the business meeting scheduled for 1:30. After the meeting, we have an open slide show with members encouraged to bring whatever slides they want to share with the group. A Carousel projector will be available for those who bring their slides in Carousel trays.

CAMDEN & AMBOY CHAPTER

Contact John Kilbride JKTRR@msn.com

Website: www.trainweb.org/camdenandamboyrhistoricalgroup

MEETINGS

Friday, June 1 at 7:30 pm at the Hightstown freight station (164 N. Main Street, Hightstown, NJ)

CHICAGO TERMINAL CHAPTER

Contact: President Marv Cadwell at: ld_mlc43@comcast.net

MEETINGS

TBA

GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA

Contact Jim Winslow at: G5s472@aol.com

MEETINGS

TBA

MIDDLE DIVISION

Contact Jacqueline McConahy at: silverspyder123@yahoo.com

MEETINGS

The Chapter meets in the Society's Lewistown Station

TBA

NEW ENGLAND

Contact, Tim Garner at: t.a.garner@verizon.net or write to New England Chapter PRRT&HS, c/o Tim Garner, Secretary, PO Box 624, Marlborough, MA 01752-0624

MEETINGS

June 16, 2012, Summer Chapter Meeting, Operating Session at Bay State Model Railroad Museum, Roslindale, Mass. This operating session will give us a chance to run a variety of HO-scale PRR equipment on the club's large layout. Don't model in HO, come anyway. Chapter members will provide you an HO PRR train to operate. The club also has great looking O and N scale layouts to see. We'll arrive around 11:00 am, order in lunch for our brief business meeting then run trains for the rest of the day. The layout is DCC, so make sure any equipment is "de-consisted" before you arrive or that all units in your consist have the same unit address. For directions to the club, visit www.bsmrm.org.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

PENN-TEXAS CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

TBA

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

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MEETINGS

June 9 at RRMP

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MEETINGS

TBA

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

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