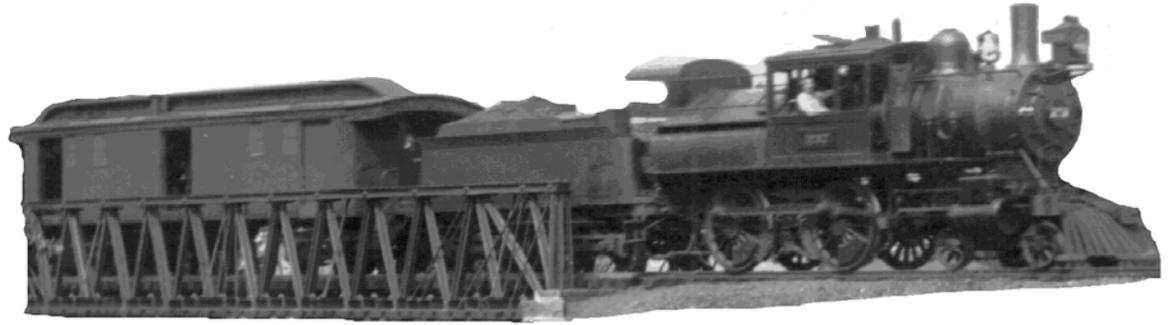




Pottstown & Reading
Chapter, NRHS Inc.



THE COLEBROOKDALE LOCAL

Volume 35, Number 8

January, 2009

Our next scheduled meeting will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2009, at our present meeting location - the Exeter Bible Church's cafeteria - Off Route 422 in Exeter behind the Sheets. After the meeting, Dick Freeze will have some DVD's on mixed railroads and nations.

The February meeting will be held on February 26, and feature W. Volkner's DVD on "GE Chronicles and Critters of Various Kinds".

For March, our Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 21 - see flyer on the back.

Raffle guy:

The next to be raffled will be the new book titled "Rails Around Reading in Color", by Ben Bernhart. As always, tickets are \$1.00 a piece. The winner will be drawn at the Spring Banquet in March. Here is your opportunity to pick up a very nice book. Please buy many tickets as you can! All proceeds go to into our chapter treasury. See or contact Wayne Blattner for tickets. Thank you.

Redners' Warehouse Markets has issued new "Save-A-Tape" cards - they also can be used at their Pump Perks (\$100 in groceries = 10 cent/gallon gas discount). Be sure to stop by their Courtesy Counter to pick up the new cards.

In the event of snow, sleet, or freezing rain on a scheduled meeting night, tune into radio stations WEEU 830AM or WRFY 102.5FM for cancellation information.

For 2009, your officers will remain the same:

President: John Sweigart

Vice President: William Reber Jr.

Secretary Rich White II

Treasurer: Charles Weber Jr.

Historian: Dean Kaiser

National Director: John Sweigart

Editor: We are still looking for a person/persons to fill this post.

In the interim, Dick White will continue to keep you informed of our chapter events.

2009 dues - The 2009 deadline has passed. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you are urged to do so. They can be paid at the January meeting or sent to: William Reber Jr. at 230 Gollub Drive, Birdsboro, PA 19508.

Thank you to the following people who helped running the Grings Mill Model Railroad for 2008: Dick Freeze, Jim Von Neida, Paul Skvarla, John Sweigart, Paul Weber, TJ Weber, Gary Weney, Dick White, Rich White II.

- Coming Events -

December 11

The original Gilbertsville Train Show to be held at the Gilbertsville Fire Hall - Rt. 73, Gilbertsville, PA, from 8:30AM to 1:30PM. Admission \$3.00, under 12 free.

Dec 13-14

Greenburg Train Show at the Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA 10AM-4PM. Admission: Adults \$7.00, Children under 11 free.

Now thru Jan 10, 2009

“All Aboard the 175th Anniversary of the Reading Railroad” exhibit at the Historical Society of Berks County, 940 Centre Ave., Reading. Hours Tues-Saturday, 9-4PM. Admission: free.

Starting Tuesday, 11/11, the History Channel will run an 8-part series titled “Extreme Trains”. Its is aired at 10PM on cable and satellite. Check your local listing to be sure.

March 14, 2009

The Harrisburg Chapter, NRHS, will hold their 23rd Railroad Show & Collectors Market at 1W Abel Union Hall, 200 Gibson St., Steelton, PA. from 9AM to 3PM.

August 10-16

2009 Annual Convention of the NRHS to be held in Duluth, MN. Details still being finalized.

The COLEBROOKDALE LOCAL is the official newsletter of the Pottstown & Reading Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. The NRHS is a non-profit organization for historical and educational purposes. Opinions expressed are those of the writers and/or contributors and not of the Chapter or Society. Items of interest should be addressed to Richard White, 918 Charles St., Reading, PA 19606-3708. Phone (610)-582-1437, Fax # (610)-404-0666, E-MAIL: ewewhite@juno.com (Editor) or rwhite2@dejazzd.com (Rich White). Chapter web site: www.rrsignal.com/nrhs