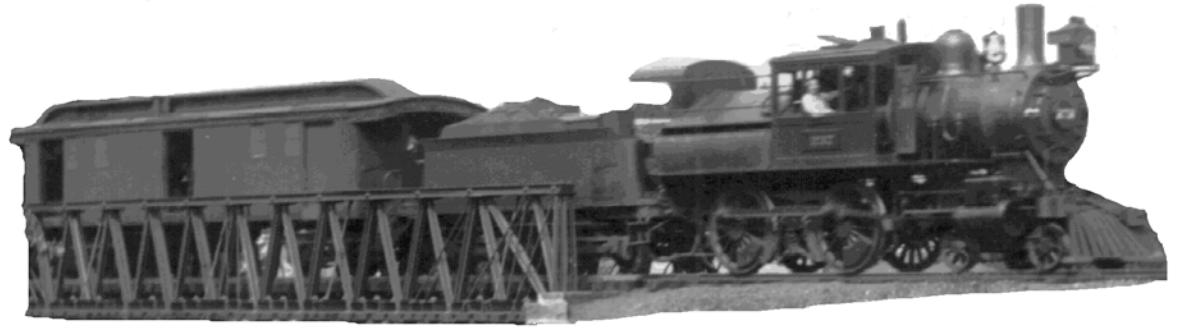




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Our next scheduled meeting will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at our present meeting location - the Exeter Bible Church's cafeteria - Off Route 422 in Extern behind the Sheets. After the meeting, Jim Von Neida will present a video on the #614.

There will be NO MEETING in June due to the WK&S trip. See flyer in this mailing.

There will be a meeting on July 24th. After the meeting, John Funk will present a program (to be announced).

Thank you to Roy Miller for his slide show at the April meeting.

Special Note: Wednesday, May 21 - The Sinking Spring Area Historical Society has invited our members to attend a presentation on the 150th Anniversary of the Lebanon Valley Line - to be held at the Heritage Park Freight Stations (where we hold our Fall banquet). Program will start at 7:30PM.

Redners' Warehouse Markets has issued new "Save-A-Tape" cards - just stop at the Courtesy Counter to pick one up. In the past, the old cards gave some problems with certain stores and the self checkouts. The new cards are supposed to be more user friendly.

## RAIL NEWS

The ex-Reading Colebrookdale Line, which at one time ran some 13 miles from Pottstown to Barto, is in danger of being abandoned and turned into a walking trail. The line began operating in 1869 and was operated by the P&R and Reading Railroads until 1976. Conrail wanted to abandon the line and the state acquired it and hired operators to keep it running. In 2001, Berks County bought it from the state for \$155,000 and hired John Nolan's Penn Eastern Lines to operate it until Nolan sold it to East Penn Railroad, in Kennett Square. One active customer is on the line - Drug Plastics and Glass Co. in Boyertown. They receive resin in covered hoppers which could be offloaded in Pottstown and materials trucked to Boyertown. DP&G claims that one covered hopper would require four truckloads to move the same amount of material. East Penn Railroads attorneys have notified the Berks County commissioners of the company's intent to start abandonment proceedings in June.

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