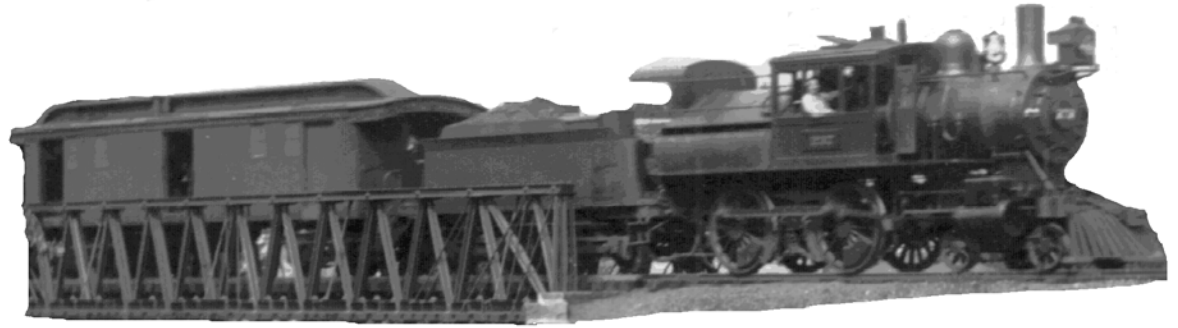




Pottstown & Reading  
Chapter, NRHS Inc.



# THE COLEBROOKDALE LOCAL

Volume 35, Number 12

Spring, 2010

This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at our present meeting location - the Exeter Bible Church's MUSIC ROOM (rear entrance by the dumpster) - Off Route 422 in Exeter behind the Sheets. After the meeting, there will be a video on the World's Greatest Train Rides in Switzerland & Germany

Our June meeting, which was scheduled for June 24, will be held a week earlier on June 17th. Bill Reber will present part two of Trains Unlimited Tours - North American Trains.

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.

Dept. of corrections: Grings Mill Model Railroad: Thank you also to Barron Batchelder for helping run in 2009.

## RAIL NEWS

The Railroaders Museum in Altoona has announced that ex-Pennsy K4 #1361 will be shipped back from Steamtown to Altoona to be assembled and put on static display. It was sent to Scranton 14 years ago and more than \$1.6 million was spent on the project with little to show. Hopes are that the locomotive will be in running condition someday.

Norfolk Southern plans to expand its Harrisburg Intermodal Terminal facility that presently consists of 16,500' of pad track and parking spots for 1160 trailers. The expansion will consist of 2 additional pad tracks- one 2700' long and the other 8700' long. An additional support track, 9000' long, paved areas for an additional 910 trailers, new in and out-bound gate areas, and reconfiguration of the existing support tracks to support the improvements. [NS]

Norfolk Southern has only 56 locomotives left in storage. They previously sold 35 GE C39-8's to National Salvage & Service (NSSX) and 15 GE C39-8's to Ed Berrier & Asso. (EBBX) to be shipped to Peru. An interesting note - NS still has 204 units on active roster remaining in Conrail Blue paint.

Norfolk Southern also got some good news recently when PECO Energy announced that they will delay the retirement of the coal-fired generating plants at Cromby's and Eddystone for a year or two.

## - Coming Events -

August 18-21: The 62nd Annual Thresherman's Reunion to be held at the Rough & Tumble grounds at Kinzers, PA - Rt. 30 East of Lancaster.

The Railroad Museum of PA (Strasburg) will hold:

May 21-23: Conrail days - June 4-6: Pennsy days - June 30-July 5: Reading RR Days.

The Reading & Northern will run a series of trips this year:

Oct. 2 from Duryea to Jim Thorpe and Oct. 9, 10, 16, 17 from Port Clinton to Jim Thorpe.

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: rwwhite@yahoo.com (Editor) or rwhite2@dejazzd.com (Rich White). Chapter web site: [www.rrsignal.com/nrhs](http://www.rrsignal.com/nrhs)