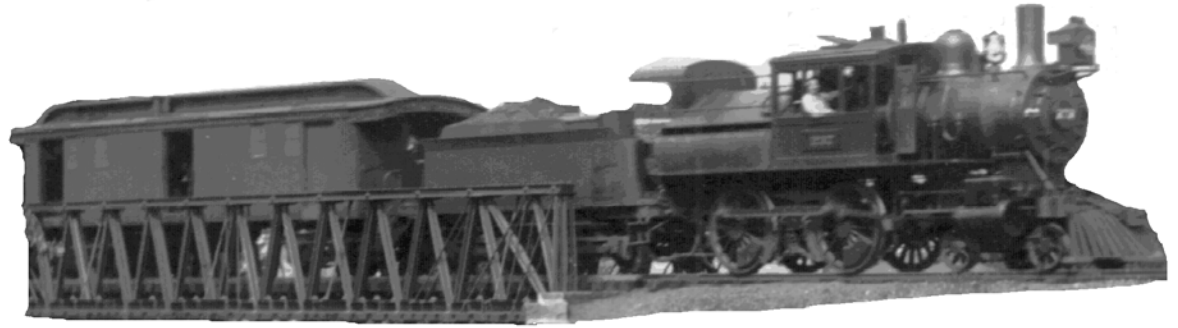




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This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at our present meeting location - the Exeter Bible Church's cafeteria - Off Route 422 in Exeter behind the Sheets. After the meeting, there will be a video on Narrow Gauge Trains in Whales.

Our Fall Banquet will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Flyer and reservation form is on the back of this sheet.

Presidents Message: The longer daylight hours have been a real delight. Even the warm-to-hot days have been great since the humidity has been low for most of the days.

A reason, or an excuse to visit my wife's relatives and mine that are serving in the US Army in Germany provided for 11 days touring in June. We traveled to and from cities and towns using a 10-day Euro Railpass. It included riding elevated rail and underground (subway), local trains, ICE trains, and even buses in the local towns or cities.. Riding from the Bavaria region north to Berlin was truly a scenic experience. Trains were clean, some near capacity, and always on time according to the schedule.

The weather was ideal for those that participated in our Chapter informal trip to visit the Harrisburg Chapter's "Harris Tower" . We had an enjoyable, educational experience. AMTRAK did their job in getting us to Harrisburg, and returning us to our various stations that we started our trip from on the last Saturday in June. The Chapter has done an excellent job in restoring the facility and equipment over the past 10 years. The operating Interlocking Machine has approximately 800 moving parts. They also have an operating dwarf signal, operating teletype machine exhibit, operator's desk, display cases with various artifacts pertaining to the Harrisburg area, and a dual, wide screen ATCS display and VHF radio receiver that monitors the Harrisburg Terminal Dispatcher live in real time.

Don't forget to send in your reservation for our Annual Banquet in September.

John D. Sweigart, President

Raffle guy: Next up will be the DVD titled "Transcontinental Railroad" from the PBS. The chapter is raffling off this excellent program in celebration of the 140th anniversary of the Golden Spike in Utah. It is about 120 minutes long. See Wayne Blattner for tickets. As always, they are only \$1 a piece, with all proceeds going into the chapter treasury. We will pick the winning ticket at the Fall Banquet at the Sinking Spring Station. You need not be present to win, but please attend the banquet because there will be a fine Door Prize, and other raffle items to win! Wayne Blattner

Late News: RBM&N has received (2) ex-UP SD40-2's numbered 3426 and 3066. They also have plans to cease service over a nine-mile stretch between Leesport and Hamburg on the "Pennsy Branch". The line to be used to store rail cars. This move will landlock the RCT&HS, effectively ending any of their train rides. NS has moved the Sinking Spring HBD-DED detector east from HP MP 64.6 to HP 63.5. They have also installed a trailing-point switch on track #2, just west of the old detector location to service the new ethanol facilities at Montillo.

- Coming Events -

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.

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