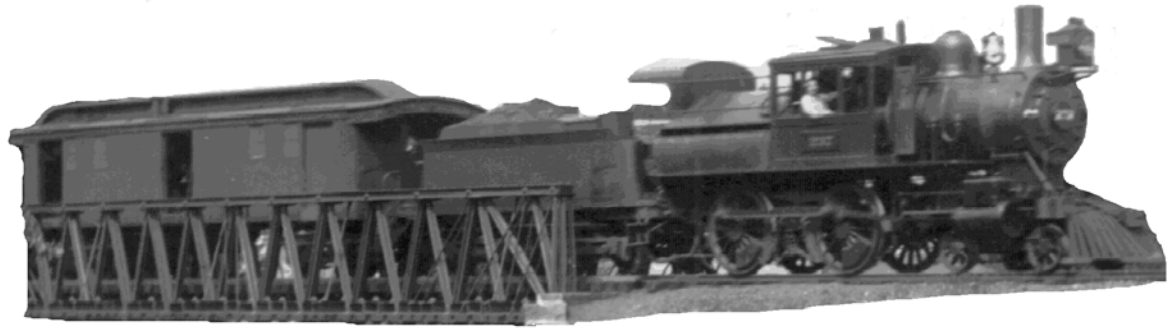




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June 16, 2011 - Ex-Reading Company T-1 #2100 at Richland, Washington. Member Lee Schultz snapped this photo while traveling to the 2011 NRHS National Convention, which was held in Tacoma on June 20-26.

This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at our present meeting location - the Exeter Bible Church's MUSIC ROOM (rear entrance by the dumpster) - Off Route 422 in Exeter behind the Sheetz. Jim Von Neida will present a DVD, "Short Lines of New York State".

September 17 will be our Fall Banquet at Deluxe Restaurant - reservation sheet on last page.

October 27 meeting entertainment will be a video titled "Blue Blue Blues".

December 1 meeting will feature our 2011 Railcamper, Mike Roberts.

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.



May 28, 2011: P&R Chapter Members pose for a picture during PicnicRAIL, at Maier's Grove, Blandon.

Presidents Message:

The summer seems to be coming to an end far too quickly, and the daylight hours are diminishing too soon. So get your trips planned and railfanning scheduled quickly in order to view and obtain daylight photos. I attended picnics where I had numerous railfanning opportunities, but the photo locations were not ideal.

The new Society Bylaws passed at the annual meeting in Tacoma, WA. Now the process of implementing the recently adopted governance system will start to take place. The cooler weather coming means we should get thinking about the upcoming annual banquet. This year, the Chapter has been in existence for 40 years, and we still have a founding member with us - Bob Sabo. Also, the nominations and election of Chapter officers for next year will occur soon.

I just received a letter of thanks from the RailCamper, Michael Roberts, who the chapter sponsored. He stated that it was a fantastic experience. We will be scheduling Michael to come to a meeting to tell us more about going to RailCamp.

The three Class-1 railroads made significant gains and had good profits in the last quarter. CSX even had a 3 for 1 stock split earlier this year. NS voted to increase the quarterly dividend. UP continued its quarterly stock dividend, now consecutively for 112 years.

John Sweigart

From The Raffle Guy:

The next item to be raffled off as a fund raiser for the chapter will be the newly printed book titled "Steamtown in Color", by the late Jim Boyd. This is a \$60 book, published by Morning Sun Books, and covers from the time F. Nelson Blount began the railroad equipment collection in 1956 in New Hampshire, to Steamtown's current home in Scranton, PA. Tickets will be available for this item at the August chapter meeting and at the Fall Banquet on September 17, 2011. At the banquet, the winning ticket will also be picked. You need not be present to win, but we would like to see you at the banquet. As always, each ticket is \$1, with all proceeds going into the chapter treasury.

At the Fall banquet, there will be door prizes, plus many additional raffle items to be won, so please attend this event.

Thank you for supporting the P&R Chapter,
Wayne Blattner

RAIL NEWS

Norfolk Southern has purchased (20) EMD SD40-2's from CIT Finance and will be numbered NS #3448-3467. They will be "patched" and will keep existing blue/yellow/green paint. #3450 and #3462 are now in the system.

C&S crews are erecting new signals and M&W are doing track changes in anticipation of the closing of ALTO tower in Altoona. ALTO is the last open tower on the Pittsburgh Line between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

UPS has placed a multi-year order for 53' containers, which can be handled in double-stack service.

The PECO Energy generating plant in Eddystone has switched from coal to natural gas, canceling NS coal trains to the facility.

- Coming Events -

September 3-4: Steamtown, Scranton - "A Celebration of Railroading" - visiting equipment displays, excursions, shop tours, model railroad displays, food, and music. Call 570-340-5204 for more info.

September 25: Philadelphia Chapter and SEPTA will run a "Farewell to the Faithful Silverliners", leaving from Suburban Station and 30th St. Station with many photo locations. \$50 per person, for tickets: Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS, PO Box 7302, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7302, or call 215-947-5769.

Now thru October, 2011: "History of the Philadelphia and Reading and the Civil War - pulling for the Union" exhibit, at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, 500 3rd St., Hamburg, PA. For info, call 610-562-5513.

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