



# The Crusader

*"Preserving the Past for the Future"*

January 2012

## Newsletter Highlights:

**2012 Convention:** Our 7th annual convention will be held on April 21st. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. We hope to see you there.

**2012 Ballot:** Enclosed is the 2012 election ballot for RCT&HS officers. All nominees are running uncontested.

**New Books Coming Soon:** The following new books on the Reading Railroad will be available in March.

- A Morning Sun book titled *"Reading Company Facilities in Color Vol. 1: East of Philadelphia"*
- Ben Bernhart's *"Reading Railroad Action Vol. 2"*

Look for a sales flyer in the next issue of the *Crusader*. We thank you for your continued support by purchasing from the RCT&HS.

## RCT&HS Corporate Members

**Russell & Julia Angstadt; Bethlehem Car Works**, John Greene, CEO, Telford, PA (215) 721-3006; **Centralia Coal Sales Co.**, Wilkes-Barre, PA (570) 822-4135; **Municipal & Financial Services Group**, Annapolis, MD (410) 226-910; **G&K Hobbies**, Bill Krug CEO, Reading, PA (610) 374-8598; **Health Insurance Solutions, Inc.**, **Tom and Nanette Poserina**, Health Brokers (215) 721-2220; **"It's All the Rage" Hair Designs**, In memory of Charles W. Moyer, Jr., 1213 Penn Ave., Wyomissing, PA (610) 375-0816; **Jonathan L. Shalter III**, Conservationist-Naturalist-Historian, Temple, PA; **Lancaster Chapter, NRHS**, Christiana, PA (610) 593-4968; **Outer Station Project**, Benjamin Bernhart, historian, author, publisher; **PENNVIA Private Railcars, Inc.**, Passenger Dome car charters in the US and Canada, West Lawn, PA (610) 678-3604; **R. Harris Russo, MD, Neurological Surgery**, Kalamazoo, MI (269) 343-3939; **Rabenold, Koestel, and Scheidt, Attorneys at Law**, Wyomissing, PA (610) 374-2103; **RackAbility, Inc.** 332 N Reading Rd, Ephrata, PA 17522 (717) 917-7403; **Reading and Northern Railroad, Co.**, Andy Muller Jr., CEO, Port Clinton, PA (610) 562-2100; **Security First Inc.**, Security, access control, surveillance systems, 107 W. Lancaster Ave., Shillington PA (610) 777-8890; **Stackhouse Bensinger Inc.:** Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Land Planning Services, Traffic and Planning Engineering, Storm Water Infiltration, Municipal Engineering, Surveying/GPS, and Recreation Planning & Design. Sinking Spring, PA (610) 777-8000; **Town & Country Newspaper**, Pennsburg PA, (215) 679-5060

## Pay Down the Loan Program

### Receipts

Current Month: January, 2012 = \$650.00  
 Total: Nov, 2010 thru January, 2012 = \$15,514.72

### Payments

Current Month: January, 2012 = \$700.00  
 Total: Nov, 2010 thru January, 2012 = \$15,500.00  
 Outstanding Balance = \$81,500.00

## Hamburg Museum Track Fund

### Receipts

Current Month: January, 2012 = \$175.00  
 Total: May 2007 thru January, 2012 = \$30,627.70

### Payments

Current Month: January, 2012 = \$412.50  
 Total: May 2007 thru January, 2012 = \$23,196.15  
 Current Fund Balance = \$7,431.55

## JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING

President Duane Engle called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. there were 7 officers, 35 members, and one visitor in attendance. A motion to accept the December 2011 minutes as printed was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by Don Crabtree. The motion passed.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Duane Engle 610-929-5661 rcths.dengle@juno.com

The January 2012 meeting of the BOD was held at 7PM on January 3rd at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA. Topics of discussion and motions carried are as follows:

- Mission Statement** – The board adopted an updated mission statement and it reads as follows: *The mission of the Reading Company Technical and Historical Society is to document, collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret equipment, artifacts, archives, and history related to the Reading Railroad, its predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, and communities it served for the education, safety awareness, and enjoyment of its members and to the public*
- Financial** – The board approved the creation of an Equipment Preservation Fund which will function much like the Modular Fund and the Exhibit Fund. The following funds will now be subsidiaries of this new fund: MP&RE, acquisitions, 863, storage, restoration, operations, and maintenance. The annual donor list will now include a list of active funds and what was raised for each fund. It was decided that an official RCT&HS thank you letter be created for committee chairmen to use as a guide when sending out thank you letters to donors. Also, committee chairmen will receive a monthly report on who made donations to their area and how much. A motion was passed to transfer \$125 from the general fund to the exhibit fund on a monthly basis during 2012. The board approved an expenditure of \$1000 toward the restoration of caboose 94074. Discussion continued on the 2012 budget.
- Museum** – Approval was granted to remove various stairways and ladders to keep trespassers off the roof and out of the buildings. The board also wants to see the buildings closed off to keep trespassers out. Other security issues were reviewed.
- Policy Adoption:** The following policies were adopted by the board: *Code of Ethics for Board Members, Whistle-blower, Supervision of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults, and the Retention of Records.*
- Miscellaneous:** The board rejected the lifetime membership proposal. The board agreed to look into why the RCT&HS web site has not been kept up to date.

The next general meeting of the Executive Board will be held at 7PM at the RRHM in Hamburg, PA on February 7, 2012.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Adams 610-777-3764 adamsjimca@comcast.net

### Reading Company Technical & Historical Society Profit & Loss December 2011

	Total
<b>Income</b>	
Admissions	1,114.00
Donations	15,112.19
Membership Dues	16,879.00
Sales of Product Income	8,000.35
Special Events Income	420.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 41,525.54</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Inventory purchased for resale - COGS	4,304.36
Sales Expense - COGS	279.71
Shipping Expense - COGS	147.07
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$ 4,731.14</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 36,794.40</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Member Services	1,449.15
MP & RE	4,862.87
Museum	5,498.30
Operations/Administration	1,394.22
Special Events	902.13
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,106.67</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 22,687.73</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Earned	24.48
Sales Tax Discount	2.77
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 27.25</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 27.25</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 22,714.98</b>

### RCT&HS FUND BALANCE REPORT 2011

12/31/2011

General Fund (available)	7,059.80
Gen Fd Encumb BeeLine, Operation, Sales, Tax	58,347.00
<b>GENERAL FUND SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>65,406.80</b>
<b>Restricted Funds *</b>	
Museum Fund (available)	10,351.06
Museum Fund Encumbrance	35,969.05
<b>MUSEUM FUND SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>46,320.11</b>
Acquisition	8,390.71
Modular Railroad	1,049.49
Endowment	1,715.80
Exhibit	\$428.49
Transit Bus	322.77
Coach 863	1,463.75
Comm. Economic Develop. Grant 32094	0.00
Comm. Economic Develop. Grant 31317	0.00
Comm. Economic Develop. Grant 34501	0.00
Comm. Economic Develop. Grant 37442	0.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>13,371.01</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>125,097.92</b>
<b>CASH CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH</b>	<b>65,002.27</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS</b>	<b>94,150.00</b>

\*Funds that can only be used for stated purpose

A motion to refer the Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee for audit and vote was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by John Greene. The motion Passed.

## **SALES**

Duane Engle 610-929-5661 [rcths.dengle@juno.com](mailto:rcths.dengle@juno.com) (for mail order questions contact Dave Heffner at 717-290-1493 [daver1@verizon.net](mailto:daver1@verizon.net))

We had a very good month for sales in the Museum gift shop. I want to thank everyone who has helped with sales in the gift shop at the Museum. Also this month the yearly inventory of sales items was done. We had a good crew for this and we had most of the work done before the Museum opened. Thanks to those that helped.

There is a train meet in Hamburg the last Sunday of the month. We need someone to attend this show. There are 3 shows scheduled for February. The first show is the train meet at Timonium MD with the modular Feb. 4 & 5 then a Greenberg Show at the Reading Expo Center with the modular Feb. 18 & 19 and finally the Spring Thaw train meet at Allentown, sales only, Feb. 25 & 26. If anyone can help please contact me

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

John Brown 717-426-2238 [JWBROWN929@AOL.COM](mailto:JWBROWN929@AOL.COM)

The audit of the fourth quarter, 2011, has been completed. All financial records are complete and properly documented.

The annual inventory of our sales merchandise was completed on January 7. Thank you to all who helped with this annual event.

The Board continues to review the 2012 budget as it is being developed.

The "Thank You" letters summarizing donations are being prepared and will be mailed before the end of the month.

## **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

Jonathan Barket 570-366-1533 [jono1920@aol.com](mailto:jono1920@aol.com)

No report.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Melanie Zimmerman 717-445-6301 [rcths.membership@juno.com](mailto:rcths.membership@juno.com)

As of January 24 we have 25 new members and 528 renewals for a total of 553 members for 2012. The breakdown of members is 365 Individual, 52 Family, 83 Contributing, 39 Sustaining, 11 Corporate and 3 Student. We had 14 new members and 574 renewals for a total of 588 members at this time last year. We currently have 979 members for 2011.

Membership dues are \$35 for Individual (\$45 outside the U.S.), \$43 for Family (\$53 outside the U.S.), \$15 for Student (Please provide name of Full-time school), \$55 for Contributing, \$100 for Sustaining and \$150 for Corporate. If you misplaced the renewal form that came in your October Crusader newsletter, just write your name and address on a piece of paper. Mail your information with your check or money order made payable to R.C.T. & H.S. Membership Committee to PO Box 15143, Reading PA 19612-5143.

If you receive the Crusader by the US Postal Service check your most recent newsletter address label to find your current membership year. Please allow several weeks for us to process your membership if it still shows 2011 and you've already mailed your payment.

Thank you to all who include donations with their membership renewals. Your generosity is appreciated.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING TASK FORCE**

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No report.

## **SITE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

Tom Brown (717) 279 - 6783 [mjtsbrown@comcast.net](mailto:mjtsbrown@comcast.net)

There will be a site development meeting on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in Hamburg.

## **MUSEUM OPERATIONS**

Dale Woodland 215-723-5848 [dwwrdg@verizon.net](mailto:dwwrdg@verizon.net)

We will have the toy exhibit at the same time as the O gauge trains each year as a holiday exhibit tradition. We hope to have more train toys and have some toy collectors do display cases. Next Christmas Season we will open the Wednesday through Sunday of Christmas Week (Dec 26 – 30). This has been discussed in the past but not done because of the difficulty of getting docents during weekdays. Paul Troutman said he will get the docents for that week. Hours will be 10 – 4 except for the Sunday (12 – 4). We will sponsor a special public reception, Friday evening April 20, 2012 from 7 to 9PM at the museum, for Mrs. Holton in recognition of her cooperation in creating the Jim Holton Art Exhibit. Admission will be \$10 (including RCT&HS members) and cheese and punch will be served. We decided against serving wine due to possible liability concerns. We received another request for professional photographer for a photo session at the museum. We decided to raise the fee (currently \$20/hour up to 9 people, then \$30/hour ten or more people, plus individual admission) to \$40 and \$60 respectively. **We need to have our website updated more frequently – not doing it gives us a bad image, as well as hurting attendance.** It would be helpful to all organizations within the RCT&HS to have a calendar of events included on the website. We need a better system in the gift shop for finding clothing sizes more easily. We approved a request from the Elm Street Neighborhood of Hamburg to use the museum as a site for their mixer on Wednesday evening March 14, 2012. As a result the Antique Toy exhibit will remain up until that date. We thank Paul Troutman for his flexibility. Jim Adams expressed a concern he has with closing out the cash register each weekend. The money deposited hasn't always equaled the report sheet turned in by docents. Docents are reminded to keep the stipulated amount of bills in the cash register (contact Jim or Dale for the amount) and then be sure what goes into the deposit bag matches the report sheet. Also, to avoid so many voids, docents need to **get into the habit of asking the customer – "Will that be cash or credit?"** before starting to ring up the sale. The Modular Committee is redoing some of the museums modular layout. As a result the O Gauge Holiday Layout will remain up until the new modular is finished.

## **CURATORS REPORT**

Paul Troutman 610-926-4919 [ptrout@epix.net](mailto:ptrout@epix.net)

Track lighting has now been installed in all areas of the museum exhibit halls. No longer do we need to use the expensive overhead gymnasium lights that we used in the

past. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked for several weeks to accomplish this difficult task. The telegraph key outside the agent's office now operates the receiver inside the office. The Civil War exhibit has been completely transferred to a holder previously used for posters. This will remain on exhibit in our main hall until September 15, 2013 as part of our commitment to the Civil War Trail of History. The holiday LARGE O-Gauge layout will remain open during February while the crew from the Modular Group completely rebuilds our HO layout. This will be a tremendous improvement to our museum.

In the changeable exhibit hall we are featuring an exhibit of "TOYS OF THE READING RAILROAD ERA". **This will remain open until March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### NEXT EXHIBITS

**JAMES HOLTON ART EXHIBIT** – Original paintings and drawings by Mr. James Holton, artist, author, photographer, and railroad historian.

**EDDIE WISWESSER MODEL EXHIBIT** – Hand crafted models made before the advent of kits. A HUGE collection of models made by Mr. Wisswesser and several others will be on display. Mr. Wisswesser also made detail drawings of railroad equipment and is an author and historian.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TWO SPECIAL EVENTS

1. On Friday April 20, 2012 we will sponsor a special public reception from 7 to 9PM at the museum for the opening of the James Holton art exhibit. Mrs. Holton plans to attend. We will honor her in recognition of her cooperation in creating the Jim Holton Art Exhibit. There will be some surprises. Admission will be \$10 (including RCT&HS members). Cheese and punch will be served.
2. On Friday June 15, 2012 we will sponsor a special public reception from 7 to 9 PM at the museum for a talk by Eddie Wiswesser entitled "BUILDING MODELS BEFORE KITS". If you have any Wiswesser books he will be pleased to autograph them for you. There will be some surprises. Admission will be \$10 (including RCT&HS members). Refreshments will be served

**Both of the above events will benefit artifact conservation and storage.**

The following items are needed at the RRHM:

- Plywood sheets (1-2 sheet or larger)
- 2X3 OR 3X4 boards
- Metal ironing board with cover
- Steam iron with automatic shut off
- Ladders (not wood)
- Workmate (Folding table vise)

- Soldering iron
- Electric heater
- WORKING FORKLIFT
- WORKING BACKHOE

If you would like to donate any of the above items please call Paul Troutman at 610-926-4919

### **MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE**

John Corbit 610-781-1939

A new overhead door was installed in the hall way near the archives room. We will also soon take some more scrap metal away including the old forklifts.

### **TRACK & GROUNDS**

Duane Engle 610-929-5661 rcths.dengle@juno.com

Not much has happened during the last month. I hope to be able to do some additional track work in the next few months as well as find more track to remove. We did have to do some snow removal and we could use more volunteers to help with this at times. Anyone that can help with any of this work, please contact me.

### **MOTIVE POWER AND ROLLING EQUIPMENT**

John Stoudt R.E. 610-775-1197 /Tim Weidner M.P. 610-780-0497

No report.

### **PASSENGER OPERATIONS**

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Nothing new to report.

### **ACQUISITIONS**

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No report.

### **SAFETY**

Duane Briscoe 610-777-4196

No report.

### **ARCHIVES / PUBLICATIONS / CALENDAR**

Rick Bates 610-647-9359 rbates261@verizon.net

#### ◆ Archives

This month, the Archives received an extra special donation from railroad historian Richard Mansley consisting of a large collection of photos of Reading RR structures and facilities taken by him mostly back in the 1960s. Other donations included: more railroad books and magazines from Paul Kutta; a collection of Reading RR photos and paperwork from Mrs. Helen Mountney; a quantity of railroad photos and paperwork from Carroll Keene; a large collection of railroad magazines and books from Paul Vilter; some Reading Transportation Co. snapshots from Larry Keller; and some railroad stencils and other items from Bill Cauff. Sorting work continues in the Archives, the current focus being on rolling stock blueprints stored flat in the map cases. Our rate of progress mainly depends on having archival folders and boxes in which to place the sorted

materials. We have used up all the money from previous grants and donations for archival supplies, so any new donations to the archives will be greatly appreciated and will help the sorting to continue.

#### ◆ Publications

Work continues on the backlogged Bee Line issues. We should have the next one going to the printer soon.

#### ◆ Calendar

The Year 2012 calendar is completed. The theme is "Steam and Diesel on the Reading Railroad." Please contact the Sales Committee to purchase a calendar.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Andrew Dietz 914-886-3459 Andrew.dietz11@albright.edu

No report.

#### **MAILING**

Ken Riegel 610-777-4555 RCTHS214@comcast.net

No report.

#### **MODULAR**

Jonathan Barket 570-366-1533 jono1920@aol.com

No report.

#### **MODELING** -John Greene 215-721-3006 greene@netcarrier.com

A new Bethlehem Car Works model is now available. It is of a Reading Class BAb Wood Baggage Car. Laser cut wood with Resin ends, plastic & metal detail parts, decals for each kit. The kit sells for \$59.95 less trucks & couplers. There were 11 of these cars built. Two of these car lasted in revenue service up to November of 1946. Two were used in MOW service into the mid 50s. One was built for the Atlantic City RR and became PRSL #25. There are Four Kits: SP-57 RDG in Revenue service, SP-58 PRSL #25, SP-59 RDG MOW, SP-60 Columbus & Greenville.

#### **TRAIN MEET**

Chuck Race 610-777-2053

The next RCT&HS train meet will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 2 at the Leesport Farmers Market. Admission is \$4 and children 12 and under are FREE with a paying adult. Tables sell for \$20 if you register before the day of the meet otherwise they are \$25.

#### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

John Greene 215-721-3006 jgreene@netcarrier.com

Our 7th annual convention will be held on April 21 at the Hamburg American Legion BINGO Hall at 650 Chestnut Street. Doors open at 8:30 AM and the programs start at 9:00 AM. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Lunch is available by preorder only and costs \$10. Dealer tables are \$20. To order tickets and to see a program list please see the enclosed flyer in this issue of the *Crusader*.

For those interested in model railroading, the RCT&HS modular layout will be set up at the Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville this weekend and will be open for all to see after the convention.

#### **WEBSITE AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Norman O. Mueller 610-446-6651 rcths.questions@verizon.net

Mike Sakal 610-777-3268 msakal@comcast.net

No report.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Lee Schultz 610-845-2414 and Rick Bates

The 2012 ballot will include President, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary and two directors. Please call Lee at 610-845-2414 if you would like to make a nomination. Currently, Duane Engle (Pres), John Greene (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Jeff Smith (Sec), Jim Blake (Dir), and Tim Weidner (Dir) hold these positions. The 2012 ballot is included in this *Crusader*.

*Jim Adams nominated John Greene for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and the nomination was seconded by Don Crabtree. A motion to close the nominations was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by Pete Urbaitis. The motion passed.*

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Dale Woodland (215) 723-5848 dwwrdg@verizon.net

Tonight's program is -"SEPTA Diesels" by John Almeida, February - "Reading Steam in the 1930's" by Tom Poserina, March - "The PNR" by Dale Woodland, April - "The Reading in the 1960's and 1970's" by Jim Herzog, May - open, June - Paul Kutta "The NYO&W, July/August open, September - Paul Kutta "Cuban Railroads", October - open, November - "Train Accidents and the Nickle Plate Story" by Tom Poserina, December - "Diesels Down Under" by Dale Woodland.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Don Davis reported the we received \$44,250 in Redner Tapes. This will earn the RCT&HS \$442.50. Thank you and keep them coming.
- Dale Woodland reported that trains are now operating over the Colebrookdale Line between Pottstown and Boyertown.
- Tonight's coal bucket contained \$138 and 10 envelopes.
- Lee Schultz announced that on May 6<sup>th</sup> there will be another farewell to the Silverliners II/III excursion sponsored by the Philly Chapter of the NRHS.

#### **CLOSING**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by Dale Woodland. The motion passed and President Duane Engle adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

## Mark Your Calendars

- February 25-26: Sales at the Spring Thaw Train Meet in Allentown, PA
- February 28: General Meeting of the RCT&HS at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA
- April 1: RCT&HS Train Meet in Leesport, PA
- April 18-22: Modular and Sales at the Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville, PA
- April 20: Holton Art Exhibit Reception at the RRHM in Hamburg, PA
- April 21: RCT&HS Convention in Hamburg, PA

Save your Redner's Tapes

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# Reading Company Technical and Historical Society 7th Annual Convention

Saturday April 21, 2012

Featuring:

**Dale Woodland - Reading in Philadelphia**

**Kurt Bell - Reading's New Hope Branch**

**Mike Smith - Potpourri of RCT&HS Slides**

**Tom Poserina - Philadelphia, Germantown, and Norristown RR**

**John Greene - Reading Company Gas Electric Cars**

The American Legion BINGO Hall  
650 Chestnut St., Hamburg, PA

8:30 AM Doors Open

9:00 AM Programs Start

Admission: \$20.00 (\$10 student) Museum Admission Included

Lunch: \$10.00 (preorder only)

Dealer Tables: \$20.00



## 7th Annual Convention Tickets

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company (If Vendor) \_\_\_\_\_

		QTY	SUB-TOTAL
Ticket	\$20.00 per person (\$10.00 student)		
Lunch	\$10.00 per person		
Vendor Table	\$20.00 per table.		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Please make payment to: RCT&HS

Send Check or Money Order to: RCT&HS, PO Box 15143, Reading, PA 19612-5143

## **READING COMPANY TECHNICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2012 BALLOT**

### **Instructions for voting:**

**Voting will be by mail-in ballot only.** There is no provision for voting at the general membership meeting nor is there any electronic voting.

Only members who have paid their 2012 memberships by March 1, 2012 are eligible to vote. Membership renewals should be mailed to RCT&HS membership, P.O. Box 15143, Reading, PA 19612-5143.

Ballots are included in the January issue of *The Crusader*. Those receiving *The Crusader* in electronic form will have to print the ballot from their e-Crusader.

Ballots must be returned by U.S. Mail and must be received at the Society's post office box by March 31, 2012. The envelope must be addressed to: **RCT&HS ELECTIONS, P.O. Box 15143, Reading, PA 19612-5143**

The upper left corner of the envelope (the return address area) must contain your name and member number. Your membership number is on the mailing label of your Crusader. Additional return address information is optional. **Do NOT include any other transactions** (such as sales orders or membership renewals) in the same envelope with your ballot.

Individual Memberships are entitled to one vote only.

Family, Contributing, Sustaining and Corporate Memberships are entitled to two votes if more than one adult in the family is enrolled (received a membership card) as a member of the RCT&HS. If two adults are entitled to vote, the two ballots should be returned in the same envelope. Children enrolled as a part of a family membership are not eligible to vote. Children wishing to vote are encouraged to become Student Members.

Ballots will be counted by the elections committee and the results will be announced at the April General Membership meeting and reported in the April issue of *The Crusader*.

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<b>PRESIDENT</b>	_____ Duane Engle
<b>2nd VICE PRESIDENT</b>	_____ John Greene
<b>SECRETARY</b>	_____ Jeff Smith
<b>DIRECTOR</b> (vote for no more than two)	
	_____ Greg Goodridge
	_____ Tim Weidner

*(biographies on back)*

**\*Please return this ballot following the "Instructions for voting" as written above.**

**\*This ballot may be duplicated if your membership is entitled to two votes per the instructions above.**



## President

### Duane Engle

Duane Engle lives in Laureldale, (north side of Reading) PA with his wife Lynn and 15 year old daughter Rebecca. Duane is a long time member of the Trinity Bible Fellowship Church where he serves as a deacon and Junior Church leader.

Duane's work experience is as follows: He worked at Kuzan's True Value Hardware store as a sales clerk part-time in his high school years. Duane took cabinet making as a major at Vo-Tech and ended up working at a kitchen cabinet shop in Reading during his senior year of high school. Duane spent 6 years there doing just about everything on the production end of cabinet making. Also during this same time Duane started working part time on the Blue Mountain and Reading RR. He also spent 2 years working for a home construction and remodeling company. Currently, Duane is employed at the Reading and Northern RR as Assistant Vice President of Field Maintenance. He has been with the R&N for 25 years working in train service, loco shop, passenger department and the majority of his time in the track department.

Duane joined the RCT&HS in 1983 straight out of High School and jumped right in to all that was going on. He has been involved with many of the society's committees and served on the board for numerous years. Duane has seen the RCT&HS go from a membership of about 400 meeting in the little train station in Elverson with no equipment to our name to where we are today. Duane looks forward to the continued growth and expansion of the RCT&HS and the RRHM.

## 2nd Vice President

### John Greene

John was coordinator for six RCT&HS annual conventions at the Hamburg American Legion, has held the position of Second VP for eight years, and has been a Corporate Member for five years.

## Secretary

### Jeff Smith

Jeff graduated with a BA in chemistry from Millersville University in 1993 and earned a Masters of Education from Kutztown University in 2000. Jeff has been a science teacher in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District in Lebanon, PA since 1995 working in both the middle school and high school teaching Physical Science and Chemistry. Jeff has been a member of the board of directors since 2007 and held the position of Secretary since 2008. Jeff is also has been the editor of the society's newsletter since January 2007. Jeff enjoys helping with the modular, archives, track work, special events, and as a museum docent and volunteer.

## Director - choose 2

### Greg Goodridge

Greg graduated with a BS in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Bloomsburg University in 1980. Worked as a Toxicological Chemistry Technician for 12 years in suburban Philadelphia and since then as a Field Service Engineer servicing Mass Spectrometers and other laboratory instrumentation. During high school and college Greg worked in retail sales to support himself. Greg has been an active member of the RCT&HS for approximately 10 years. For the last 6 or 7 years Greg has been most involved in the food stand for the King Frost Parade, lunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and catering special events. Greg also has been working with the sales committee with credit card sales at shows and instituted barcoding and updated cash registers for the museum and the sales bus. Greg's goal is to semi-automate inventory control and to set up an internet store with digital images of our merchandise within the next year.

### Tim Weidner

Tim has been an active member of the RCT&HS since 1993 when he was 10 years old. Tim is a fully licensed electrician and has an extensive knowledge of the building trades as both a journeyman and in management, having over 10 years of experience. Tim is a certified welder-fabricator and has fabricated multiple custom tools and completed many repairs to the RCT&HS fleet. He has been the Chief Mechanical Officer for the RCT&HS for over 10 years and has overseen and participated in all the maintenance work to the society's locomotives. Tim is currently the only person on the RCT&HS Board of Directors with the proper technical experience and qualifications for the continued maintenance and operation of the Society's 86-piece equipment collection. He has been involved in many functions and activities for the RCT&HS over the years including laying track, electrical work and building maintenance on the museum, rebuilding and inspecting all the RCT&HS equipment for operations, overseeing the restoration of GP-35 #3640, and keeping the rest of the operational locomotives in service. Tim's current projects include completely rewiring NW2 #103, re-gasketing the engine in GP7 #621, performing routine maintenance on locomotives 5308, 5204, FP7's 902 and 903 and RDG business car #15, laying out the entire electrical control system for GP35 #3640, and rebuilding all electrical components on 3640 and 103. Tim averages approximately 45 hours a week working on RCT&HS equipment or conducting MP&RE business. He enjoys teaching the younger generations about locomotives and railroading and work hard to get them involved for the future survival of the RCT&HS. To accomplish this, Tim continues to post many photos online of the RCT&HS's work under the name Tooling17039 on active bulletin board sites such as Railfan.net, Rypn.org, the RCT&HS members site, railroad.net, and most recently the MP&RE Dept. page on Facebook, which recently reached 200 members. Tim is proud of his work to preserve, protect, and maintain the equipment of the RCT&HS, and looks forward to continuing his efforts and giving a voice to the members who understand how important it is to preserve this part of Reading Railroad history.