RCT&HS Attends NS Heritage Unit Festival in Spencer, NC

On July 3rd and 4th, Norfolk Southern displayed and paraded their 20 heritage locomotives at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. These locomotives are painted in historical paint schemes of railroads which are now part of the NS system. Historical Societies representing each of the heritage railroads were invited to attend this special event. Charlie and Karen Confer volunteered to man a table for the RCT&HS and display their N scale model railroad. Other members of the RCT&HS also attended the event. Here the Confers stand next to their layout in the roundhouse at the NCTM.

The layout in Dale Woodland’s photo was created in the Fall of 2010 by owners/operators, Karen and Charlie Confer. The ‘KB&CWC’ is dedicated to teaching about and promoting model railroading, the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society, and the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum. With that in mind, the Confers headed to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC, to participate in the two-day event known as the Norfolk Southern Locomotive Family Portrait.

The RCT&HS was one of ten historical societies participating in the event and we were delighted to meet quite a few of our members who made sure to introduce themselves to us. Our display was visited by many others and we were surprised by the number of people who knew about the railroad, were connected to the railroad and also willing to share their stories. One gentleman was a fifth generation RDG employee. Another had visited our Museum the week before.

One woman asked about buying a membership as a gift and Karen heard her son say, ”That's Grandpa's favorite engine!” as they walked away. A volunteer from Steamtown stopped by to chat. People knew about the Bee Line; both the locomotive and the journal. The gift shop coordinator shared that the Reading was one of the most popular railroads in attendance (evidenced by the fact that Reading items sold out). People knew about us and when the action outside stopped, they came inside to learn more.

A layout running four trains on four loops simultaneously attracted everyone's attention from the very beginning. We ran a Reading coal train, an RDC, and a Reading train made up of boxcars featuring the assorted paint schemes from the Philadelphia & Reading to the banner boxcars. The fourth train, our "Heritage Train," was made up of freight cars from 15 of the 20 heritage railroads, a Norfolk Southern caboose and an NS locomotive GP60. "That's the best display in the roundhouse," commented a Norfolk Southern employee. People asked about the Reading and some needed to learn the proper pronunciation. Others shared their modeling tips. Still others were glad to see a work in progress. Some identified with the coal train and commented on the Reading and Northern. One family enjoying the layout commented that it helped the kids connect the models with the real thing. And best of all were the kids. Some came looking for the Bee Line locomotive and squealed with delight as they found it and saw the bees. Boy Scouts came through and the leader let us know they were working on their railroad merit badge. There were also some quite knowledgeable young modelers in the crowd who were all too willing to talk modeling with us. Many families visited multiple times.

Below: Here is Norfolk Southern’s Salute to the Reading in the form of an EMD SD70ACe riding the turntable in Spencer, NC. Photo by Jeff Smith
**President** Duane Engle called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. There were 5 officers, 36 members in attendance. Duane welcomed guest Joby Pendleton to the meeting. A motion to accept the June 2012 minutes as printed was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by Pete Urbaitis. The motion passed.

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

The May meeting of the BOD was held at 2PM on July 6th at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, PA. Topics of discussion and motions carried are as follows:

- **New Policy:** A policy concerning Freedom of Speech was approved. Repair/replacement of the green door (Emergency exit from Exhibit Room to 3rd Street) was approved.

- **Museum:** A motion was passed to replace the 3rd street door in the exhibit hall. A proposal to install a natural gas line to the yellow room for heating (currently we use propane) was tabled. Also discussed where electrical upgrades and cooling cost management

- **Miscellaneous:** Liability Insurance Policy change offer, volunteer recognition, other museum business.

The next general meeting of the Executive Board will be held at 7PM at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA on August 7th.

**SALES**
Duane Engle 610-929-5661 rcths.dengle@juno.com  (for mail order questions contact Dave Heffner at 717-290-1493 davej1@verizon.net)

Our show at the Railroad Museum of PA in Strasburg July 3rd to July 8th went very well with sales nearing $3900.00. Thank you to everyone that helped. We are working to make sales in the gift shop easier and better displayed. Anyone interested in helping, please contact me.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**
John Brown 717-426-2238 JWBROWN929@AOL.COM

Thank you for your continued support.

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**
Mike Stehman mke90362@comcast.net

The letters for the annual fund drive have been mailed out. We need 12 volunteers for the October 13 Golf Tournament to help with the food, deliver drinks and watch holes. Contact Mike Stehman if you are interested. We are also looking for door prize and hole sponsors. If you, someone you know, or you employer would like to make a door prize donation or sponsor a hole please use the enclosed form. Feel free to make copies if needed.

The committee is investigating bus trips. If you have ideas contact Mike.

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**TREASURER’S REPORT**
Jim Adams 610-777-3764 adamsjmca@comcast.net

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**RCT&HS FUND BALANCE REPORT 2012**

**6/30/2012**

| **General Fund (available)**                      | **-$2,329.03**    |
| Gen Fd Encumb Bbl. Line, Operation, Sales, Tax    | **$62,316.25**    |
| **GENERAL FUND SUB-TOTAL**                        | **$59,987.22**    |
| **Restricted Funds**                             |                   |
| Museum Fund (available)                          | **-$2,301.96**    |
| Museum Fund Encumbrance                          | **$28,694.90**    |
| **MUSEUM FUND SUB-TOTAL**                        | **$26,392.94**    |
| Equipment Preservation                           | **$14,676.69**    |
| Modular Railroad                                 | **$1,205.64**     |
| Endowment                                        | **$1,806.40**     |
| Exhibit                                          | **$1,536.51**     |
| Transit Bus                                      | **$1,640.76**     |
| **SUB-TOTAL**                                    | **$20,866.00**    |
| **TOTAL CASH ALL FUNDS**                         | **$107,246.16**   |
| CASH CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH                      | **-$4,356.82**    |
| **TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS**                      | **$90,150.00**    |

*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 John Greene, seconded by Dale Woodland. The motion passed.
MUSEUM OPERATIONS/CURATORS REPORT
Dale Woodland 215-723-5848 RDG803@yahoo.com
Paul Troutman 610-926-4919 ptrout@epix.net
Twenty-one of our current 23 museum docent volunteers responded to a request to share their feelings about working at the museum and to suggest improvements. Their comments were printed on a handout for our discussion at the MOB meeting July 11th. Many useful suggestions were made on improving museum operations. We recognize that the time between a docent serving can make people rusty in the use of the cash register and giving tours. We also realize some people just don’t like handling money and some feel inadequate giving tours.

Here are the changes that will be implemented as a result of the survey feedback. Beginning August 4, 2012 display yard tours will be reduced to no more than 45 minutes in length – this will allow a docent a 15 minute breather between tours if they are the only one on duty. Dale will produce a new tour script. Tours will be given on the half hour (Saturdays 10:30/11:30/12:30/1:30/2:30) Sundays 12:30/1:30/2:30. On days when no one is present for a yard tour visitors will be shown the virtual tour DVD in the Orientation Room and visitors who want to photograph equipment will be given a free pass to return some other day. Any docent seeking more training may do so at anytime by contacting Dale. New easy to understand instructions are on the cash register to help volunteers. Also, Greg Goodridge may be called anytime there is a question. Greg will offer training to anyone who asks. We want to keep the counter in the Gift Shop clean. Any items left on top will be put in one of the mailboxes in the room behind the lunch room. Paper items should be placed in an envelope and put with the money bag for Jim Adams. We are asking the Board of Directors to require anyone who works on the museum property to sign in using the book on the desk in the Gift Shop. This helps us with getting grants and knowing who is on site in case of an emergency.

We need to seek out community groups to show our RCT&HS Program giving us more exposure. We need to advertise this service in the Merchandiser. We will contact schools and colleges to seek help running the Gift Shop, etc. All of us need to invite people we know to visit, and/or, work at the museum. Personal invitations are powerful recruiting tools. We need to update our web site, FaceBook and Twitter constantly. Clothing items need a code system so volunteers can find things for customers in the Gift Shop.

A big thank you to Karen and Charlie Confer for attending the Norfolk Southern Heritage Locomotive Festival in Spencer, NC July 3-4th. Their Reading N Gauge layout was quite a hit. We had two tables and displayed our rack cards, Bee Lines, and display board. The display board used in the lobby entrance has been brought up to date An article about the museum appeared on the front page of a recent issue of the Merchandiser. We still need electricity extended to the Yellow Room and boxcar to allow work on new exhibits and increase security.

The next exhibit will be a toy exhibit of toys from the Reading era (any toys from before 1976.) It will run from November 10, 2012, through January 31, 2013. If you have toys to loan for the exhibit contact Paul Troutman.

Our Curator Paul Troutman is resigning his position effective January 31, 2013. We thank Paul for the wonderful job he has done bringing a professional look to the exhibit hall and the temporary exhibits he has created along with the Tuesday work crews.

We will have a table at the RSME meet August 4-5, 2012. We need volunteers for the Taste of Hamburg event Saturday September 1st from 10AM until 6PM. Upcoming tours: Dodge Brothers Auto Club August 3rd 12:30 PM Did you know with the number of docents we have if each one served one day a month the entire year would be covered!

Paul Troutman read aloud his letter of resignation from his Curator position effective January 31, 2013 and presented a copy to President Duane Engle.

MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE
John Corbit 610-781-1939
No Report.

TRACK & GROUNDS
Duane Engle 610-929-5661 rchs.dengle@juno.com
We continued with grass cutting, weed spraying and general grounds clean up this past month. The following helped this month: Don Crabtree, John Stoudt and Duane Engle. We are still in need of help to address removing the rebar and other metal from the areas that were graded after the demolition work. We need some additional help with the moving right now. Anyone that can help with any of this work, please contact me.

MOTIVE POWER AND ROLLING EQUIPMENT
Tim Weidner 610-780-0497
No Report.
Special steam charter on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad Saturday September 22, 2012 to benefit the Southampton Railroad Station Society (former Reading Company Newtown Branch Station). Photo runbys and souvenirs included. Departs New Hope 10:30AM returns 3PM. Tickets $44.95.

Archives
Thanks to the following for recent donations to the Archives: some railroad magazines from John Nevin; a Year 2000 Berks Jazz Fest poster featuring our FP7 locomotive from John Funk; and a book from Dave Heffner. We handled twelve inquiries this month for historical information about the Reading. Archives sorting this month focused on our rolled track drawings, and by August we should have all of them sorted into some sort of category, which will greatly reduce the time to search for something specific.

* Publications
Work has resumed on the next Bee Line.

* Calendar
The Year 2013 calendar has been completed and it features all pictures by noted photographer Dave Augsburger. We thank Dave for this chance to showcase his work, and we thank Rich Jahn of the ARHS for providing the photo scans. Please contact the Sales Committee to purchase calendars because the Calendar Committee does not have the calendar inventory. Unfortunately, an error in a photo caption has been brought to our attention. For the April 2013 photo, the truss bridge is over the Lehigh Valley Railroad main line, not the Lehigh Canal. The canal bridge and the Lehigh River bridge are back in the distance, under the train.

Public Relations
Looking for a chairman.

Mailing
Ken Riegel 610-777-4555
No report.

Modeling
John Greene 215-721-3006 jgreene@netcarrier.com
No report.

Train Meet
Chuck Race 610-777-2053
No report.

Convention Committee
John Greene 215-721-3006 jgreene@netcarrier.com
No report.

Website and Correspondence
Norman O. Mueller 610-446-6651 rcths.questions@verizon.net
Mike Sakal 610-777-3268 msakal@comcast.net
No report.

Entertainment
Dale Woodland (215) 723-5848 RDG803@yahoo.com

Old Business
There was a question asking how much rail we need for planned track work. The answer is approximately ½ mile of rail.

New Business
- Dale Woodland reported that the Central Georgia heritage unit went through Reading today. Also, Dale reported that the Reading t-shirts at Spencer sold out.
- Joby Pendleton volunteered to maintain the Society Facebook page.
- The coal bucket had $116.00 plus twelve envelopes tonight.

Closing
Dale Woodland made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Hodson seconded the motion. The motion passed and President Duane Engle adjourned the meeting.
**RCT&HS Corporate Members**

Russell & Julia Angstadt, Bethlehem Car Works, John Greene, CEO, Telford, PA (215) 721-3006; C&C Tax Service, Inc., 842 Lancaster Ave., Reading, PA (610) 796-9330; 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; Reading Berks Historic Transportation Assoc., Inc., 842 Lancaster Avenue, Reading, PA; 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-

**Hamburg Museum Track Fund**

Receipts  
Current Month: July, 2012 = $0.00  
Total: May 2007 thru July, 2012 = $30,794.70

Payments  
Current Month: July, 2012 = $0.00  
Total: May 2007 thru July, 2012 = $23,196.15  
Current Fund Balance = $7,598.55

**A5a Parade Engine in Southampton**

On July 4th, RCT&HS members displayed our A5a parade engine at the former Reading station in Southampton, PA. The A5a also participated in the Southampton Days parade along with the Southampton Railroad Station Society who is restoring the station. Below are photos form that event submitted by Jon Fry of the Southampton Railroad Station Society.

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**Pay Down the Loan Program**

Receipts  
Current Month: July, 2012 = $1,067.50  
Total: Nov, 2010 thru July, 2012 = $19,869.72

Payments  
Current Month: July, 2012 = $1,000.00  
Total: Nov, 2010 thru July, 2012 = $19,800.00  
Outstanding Balance = $77,200.00

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**RCT&HS**

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The Crusader
Mark Your Calendars

- August 28: General Meeting of the RCT&HS at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA
- September 30: RCT&HS Volunteer Appreciation Event – details TBA
- October 7: RCT&HS Train Meet, Leesport, PA

Save your Redner’s Tapes

www.readingrailroad.org
THE READING CO. TECHNICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM IS LOCATED IN HAMBURG, PA AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

THE RCT&HS, A FEDERAL NON-PROFIT CORPORATION [501(C)3] IS HAVING A GOLF TOURNAMENT ON OCTOBER 13, 2012 TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP PAY DOWN OUR LOAN (MUSEUM MORTGAGE). THIS WILL HELP US SAVE MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL READING RR EQUIPMENT TO PRESERVE AS WE FIND IT OR AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF A DOOR PRIZE AND/OR HOLE SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THE RCT&HS MEMBERSHIP THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KIND DONATION.

ALL DONORS WILL BE LISTED IN A BOOKLET TO BE GIVEN TO ALL GOLFERS.

PLEASE DETACH AND PAPER CLIP TO CHECK

DONOR ____________________________

DOOR PRIZE OR OTHER DONATION _____

HOLE SPONSORSHIP
LEVEL GOLD - $100.00 ___

SILVER - $50.00 ___

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PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO RCT&HS AND MAIL TO THE ABOVE PO BOX (MARK ON ENVELOPE [GOLF TOURNAMENT]) OR CALL LARRY MUNDELL @ 610-777-5490 FOR PICK-UP

THANK YOU

Preserving the Past for the Future