Volunteer Event Successful

The Volunteer Appreciation event was held on Sunday, September 30. Nearly 50 RCT&HS volunteers and family members were treated to a ride on the Wanamaker, Kempton & Southern Railroad. They rode in former Reading Combine #408.

Afterwards, everyone returned to the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum for a buffet supper. The meal was topped off with a “Reading Lines” cake. Volunteers from many committees attended. President Duane Engle’s message was – thank you to all the volunteers who give their time and energy all year to preserving the history of the Reading Railroad!

Thanks to Greg and Barb Goodridge for preparing the delicious pork barbeque and all the trimmings. Thank you to Jim Adams and Jim Blake for being servers. Also thank you to Carol Adams, Rick Bates, and Duane Engle for their help in setting up.

Help Fund Archive Activities

A recent donation to the RCT&HS archives included several books which are already a part of our archives collection and are no longer available from our Museum store. Since we are always in need of money to continue the work of cataloging and storing archives materials, thus we are offering these books to our members with the hope that you will be generous with your donation to the archives work. Any amount received that is greater than the original RCT&HS selling price of the books will be credited as a tax-deductible donation to the RCT&HS archives.

Please send a note to “Book Sale, RCT&HS, PO Box 15143, Reading, PA 19612-5143” telling us which book(s) you are interested in, what purchase price you are offering, and your contact information. Do NOT send money now. The books will be awarded to the highest bidder and that person will be contacted by treasurer Jim Adams to arrange for payment and shipping. You will add some great books to your collection and the archives will receive some much-needed funds. You may express interest in any or all of the books. Your letter of interest and bid amounts must be received at the RCT&HS PO Box by November 16th.

- The Reading Railroad: History of a Coal Age Empire Volume 1 by James L. Holton Used; very good condition – small tear at bottom of dust jacket

- The Reading Railroad: History of a Coal Age Empire Volume 2 by James L. Holton Used; very good condition

- Steam Locomotives of the Reading and P & R Railroads By Edward H. Wiswesser; includes set of drawings and errata sheet. Used; very good condition

- Reading Terminal and Market: Philadelphia’s Historic Gateway and Grand Convention Center by Carol M. Highsmith and James L. Holton. Hardcover; used; very good condition - slightly torn dust jacket

- RCT&HS 1991 Calendar. Out of print and out of stock at the Museum store. The calendar is in excellent condition.

Note: Each book is signed by the author(s) and addressed to the former owner of the book.
SEPTEMBER 25th GENERAL MEETING

President Duane Engle called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM there were 6 officers, 35 members, and one visitor in attendance. A motion to accept the August 2012 minutes as printed was made by Dale Woodland and seconded by Greg Goodridge. The motion passed.

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

The September meeting of the BOD was held at 7PM on September 4th at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA. Topics of discussion and motions carried are as follows:

- **Financial** – John Brown shared a budget report. Jim Adams shared a general financial report. The board discussed the acquisition and management of gas cards for gasoline purchases. A motion was passed to make $400 available to move the donated fork lift to the museum and minor fork lift maintenance.

- **Museum** – Reviewed repairs needed for caboose #92832 and discussed a schedule to have them completed. There has been more trespassing and vandalism to equipment at the museum. New methods for securing the equipment will be implemented. A formal proposal to install a natural gas line to the yellow room was received. Carol Adams reported on museum happenings. Tim Widener submitted a written plan for the storage of LPG tanks at the museum.

- **Other** - Web site and eMessaging problems, car 1189 report, catching up on the Bee Line, approved the seasonal R&N coach use request, volunteer recognition event, Crusader model CD project, and track acquisition.

The next general meeting of the Executive Board will be held at 7PM at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA on October 2nd.

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

Thank you for your continuing financial support. The Annual Fund Campaign has brought in $10,500 to date. Discussions about the 2013 budget will begin at the October Board meeting. Any committee chair who envisions significantly different income or expenses next year from what we have experienced this year should contact me or any Board member.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
Mike Stehman mike90362@comcast.net

The golf tournament has been cancelled due to lack of response. Look on the web site under the fund raiser area for future announcements.

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

Reading Company Technical & Historical Society
Profit & Loss
August 2012

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RCT&HS FUND BALANCE REPORT 2012
8/31/2012

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TOTAL CASH ALL FUNDS          | $108,916.45 |
CASH CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH  | $6,213.38  |
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS      | $88,550.00  |

*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 Don Davis. The motion Passed.
We attended the Hamburg-er Festival in Hamburg on Sept. 1st, thanks to Bill Bubeck and Joby Pendleton for assisting me with setting up and manning the table. Our next big show is our train meet in Leesport on Oct. 7th. We will be attending a new show at the Reading Airport (Planes, Trains and Automobiles) on Saturday Oct. 20th. We will be at the Allentown train meet in November and the Christmas Show at Harrisburg and Fairlane Mall in December. Anyone interested in helping, please contact me.

MEMBERSHIP

Melanie Zimmerman 717-445-6301 rcths.membership@juno.com

As of September 25 we have 66 new members and 874 renewals for a total of 940 members for 2012. Currently the membership breakdown is as follows: 636 Individual, Lifetime or Honorary, 104 Family, 121 Contributing, 56 Sustaining, 18 Corporate, and 5 Student memberships. We had a total of 976 members at this time last year. We also have six members for 2013.

We are accepting renewals for 2013. The dues are: Individual - $35 ($45 outside USA), Family - $43 ($53 outside USA), Contributing - $55, Sustaining - $100, Corporate - $150, and Student - $15.

LONG RANGE PLANNING TASK FORCE

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

The RCT&HS has received $1675 from the Hamburg Southgate Neighborhood Façade Project to reimburse the Society for half the cost of the brick pointing on the 3rd Street side of the Museum. Thank you to Angela Kase and the Elm Street Neighborhood for approval of this grant.

The RCT&HS and its educational arm, the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, have been members of the American Association of Museums (AAM) for several years. We have benefitted from the organizations publications utilized its consulting services. Now the group is changing its name to the American Alliance of Museums. The new name is believed to allow the organization to move from being a trade association to a group with a strong voice to promote museums. New benefits and structure are designed to enhance its accessibility and commitment to promoting best practices in museums of all sizes.

MUSEUM OPERATIONS/CURATORS REPORT

Dale Woodland 215-723-5848 RDG803@yahoo.com
Paul Troutman 610-926-4919 ptrout@epix.net

We are continuing our nation-wide search for a new curator. We have discussed several possibilities for new exhibits after January 31, 2013. We have a Home School Group tour with 68 people, scheduled for Friday October 26 between 9 and 11:30AM. Discussed Whistle Blow event in October but felt there isn’t enough lead time for publicity. We will begin planning an anniversary party for the museum as next April is our 5th anniversary. The whistle blow can be part of that event. Anyone with suggestions for the event is invited to contact Dale.

MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE

John Corbit 610-781-1939

The outside painting is complete and roof repairs were made.

TRACK & GROUNDS

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

We continued with grass cutting, weed spraying and general grounds clean up this past month. 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 (no one has come forward to help with this). Paul Payne will be leading a group to remove track in the East Petersburg area. Current plans are to clear the track of brush on Oct. 1st remove the track on Oct. 3rd and load and deliver to Hamburg on Oct. 4th. I am also preparing to do more track construction at the museum. Anyone that can help with any of this work, please contact me.

MOTIVE POWER AND ROLLING EQUIPMENT

Tim Weidner 610-780-0497

Tender #90691

- Painting complete, Lettering to be done yet.
- Approx. 24 staff-hrs/wk

Fishbelly and Offset hoppers 66418 and 63921

- Prep work for finish painting continues
- Need to find lettering diagrams and good quality photo for each car to get restorations accurate.

NW2/#103

- Rewiring continues.
- Batteries removed. Box cleaned and bad metal removed.
- Metal replacement started, box repainting to be done.
- 2 of 6 relays rebuilt to date
- Installation of new protective systems underway
- Current target to restart the locomotive is Spring of 2013.
- Approx. 100 staff-hrs/wk

GP7/#621

- Cylinder casketing replacement and cylinder liner cleanup
- Engine block cleaning continues, Remaining four liners are clean and last four heads require some clean up before reassembly.

RS3/#485 Undercarriage painting

- Cleaning continues
- Approx. 3 staff-hrs/wk

Power Distribution (Battery Charging and local power)

- 103 will be first done. AC panel mount fabricated and in place on 103, conduit system to be run yet.
- To be added as part of rewiring effort.
- Some shelving installed, and loco parts organization underway.
- Approx. 50 staff-hrs/wk
Shop Talk (online MPRE newsletter)
- Next edition written and awaiting upload to server for distribution.
- To sign up, email mpre.rcths@att.net if you want to sign up for shop talk
- Note: No funds for paper copies at this time.

Fork Lift
- Received, but tilt cylinders severely leaking and will be resealed.

Key Obstacles:
- Information
- In need of good photos of HTss, HTv, HTc hopper cars. If you can help please contact us at 610-780-0497 or email us at mpre.rcths@att.net
- In need of good photos of the Fire Train tender 90691.
- Volunteers: If anyone is interested in helping please contact us at 610-780-0497 or mpre.rcths@att.net we have a large variety of projects for any range of skill sets to be able to help contribute.
- Funding: Will add list of small project and parts costs to Shop Talk as a means of soliciting small donations.

Passenger Operations
Dale Woodland 215-723-5848 RDG803@yahoo.com
Special steam charter on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad Saturday September 22, 2012 was cancelled due to low ticket sales. We are extending the FP7’s display permit at Steamtown until April 2013.

Acquisitions
Steve Schwartz 610-434-1289 schwartzsj@juno.com
No report.

Archives / Publications / Calendar
Rick Bates 610-647-9359 rbates261@verizon.net
- Archives
We received the following donations the past month: from Kent Herzer, a set of shipment notification postcards for the Wilbur Chocolate Co back in Reading days; from Robert Derr, a collection of 50 RdgCo Electrical Department drawings; from Roland Behle, three cartons of railroad books and pictures; a set of railroad magazines from Jim Rothermel; some railroad magazines and books from Paul Kutta; and some RdgCo paperwork from John Greene. The Archives Committee also handled about 20 requests for information in September.

- Publications
Work continues on the next Bee Line. We have received promises of articles from additional writers. Submitting articles that are complete with photos, drawings, and accurate text will help get the Bee Line caught up.

- Calendar
The Year 2013 Reading Railroad calendar has been completed and it features all pictures by noted photographer Dave Augsburger. Please contact the Sales Committee to purchase calendars because the Calendar Committee does not have the calendar inventory.

Modular
Jonathan Barket 570-366-1533 jono1920@aol.com
No report.

Modeling
John Greene 215-721-3006 greene@netcarrier.com
Currently, the GHB, 75th anniversary, HO scale, Crusader Train Sets should be shipped from China in October. The RCT&HS has been working with GHB to produce a CD containing society information and an electronic updated reproduction of our 1987 Bee Line featuring the train. You can order these train sets through the RCT&HS at a special member’s only price. The set features the steam engine and five car set. Sets containing only cars will be available through other retailers.

Public Relations
Looking for a chairperson.

Mailing
Ken Riegel 610-777-4555
The mailing took place on September 14th.

Safety
Looking for a chairperson.

Train Meet
Chuck Race 610-777-2053
We are looking for help to set up for the October 7 train meet in Leesport, PA. There are still tables available at a 3 for the price of 2 special.

Convention Committee
John Greene 215-721-3006 jgreene@netcarrier.com
Our next annual convention will be April 6, 2013. Program ideas are needed. Please contact John Greene to volunteer or make suggestions.

Website and Correspondence
Norman O. Mueller 610-446-6651 rcths.questions@verizon.net
Mike Sakal 610-777-3288 msakal@comcast.net
No report.

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

Old Business
- Don Davis reminded the membership to please use your pump perks card at Redners. Last month the RCT&HS received $478 for submitted Redners tapes. Thank you and keep it up.
Mike Stehman reported that the members site is up and running again.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jim Adams reported that Bill Sharman suffered a heart attack. A sympathy card will be sent.

- Dale Woodland reported that CSX is rebuilding the Stony Creek Branch. Also, former Reading #3001 has been working in the area again and NS (Reading) #1067 has been cleared for service and is waiting assignment at Enola.

- Tonight’s coal bucket contained $129 and 10 pay down the loan envelopes.

**CLOSING**

Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed and President Duane Engle adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

**Sightings**

Member Frank Mellott spotted ex CR nee RDG 1507 an SW900 active on a private railroad serving the Leetsdale, Pa Industrial Park. On August 11 it was moving loaded NS hoppers from a rail barge transfer to a connection with NS a quarter mile or so away. The current owner is unknown. It is listed in Jay Reed’s Comprehensive Guide to Industrial Locomotives, 3 rd ed, and is at the same location but has changed owners.

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**Hamburg Museum Track Fund**

Receipts
Current Month: September, 2012 = $45.00
Total: May 2007 thru September, 2012 = $30,889.70

Payments
Current Month: September, 2012 = $0.00
Total: May 2007 thru September, 2012 = $23,196.15
Current Fund Balance = $7,693.55

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**Pay Down the Loan Program**

Receipts
Current Month: September, 2012 = $585.00
Total: Nov, 2010 thru September, 2012 = $21,044.72

Payments
Current Month: September, 2012 = $600.00
Total: Nov, 2010 thru September, 2012 = $21,000.00
Outstanding Balance = $76,000.00

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**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-
Mark Your Calendars

- October 20: Sales at the Planes, Trains, and Automobile Event in Reading, PA
- October 23: General Meeting of the RCT&HS at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA
- November 10: Sales at the First Frost Train Meet in Allentown, PA
- November 28 - December 2: Modular and Sales at the PA Christmas and Craft Show in Harrisburg, PA
- December 8 and 15: Arctic Express Parties at the RRHM in Hamburg, PA
  (bring your children or grandchildren - details next month)

Save Your Redner’s Tapes