



## NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING

President Duane Engle called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. there were 7 officers, and 29 members in attendance. A motion to accept the October 2012 minutes as printed was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by Bill Hodson. The motion passed.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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The November meeting of the BOD was held at 7PM on November 6th at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA. Topics of discussion and motions carried are as follows:

- **Financial** – Additional insurance was purchased to cover the value of loaned items used in the current display at the museum. The cost of this insurance is \$200 for approximately 4 months.
- **Museum** – Received a verbal report from the Long Range Planning committee, discussed roof repairs needed to parts of the finishing building, and artifact storage and cataloging.
- **Miscellaneous** – Bee Line production, car #1189, car #9001 acquisition, electrical project updates, RBHTA bus status report, MP&RE open house, Schuylkill Haven property, GHB Crusader model, RCT&HS train meet, selling of ground up brick material, track laying costs, car 15, FP7 inquiry, 2013 Reading Modeler event request, and Paul Paine's thank you request for recently acquired rail.

The next general meeting of the Executive Board will be held at 7PM at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA on December 4th.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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RCT&HS FUND BALANCE REPORT 2012		10/31/2012
General Fund (available)		-\$12,466.26
Gen Fd Encumb BeeLine, Operation, Sales, Tax		\$73,940.72
<b>GENERAL FUND SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$61,474.46</b>
<b>Restricted Funds *</b>		
Museum Fund (available)		\$4,061.42
Museum Fund Encumbrance		\$26,385.52
<b>MUSEUM FUND SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,446.94</b>
Equipment Preservation		\$17,612.16
Modular Railroad		\$1,228.53
Endowment		\$1,858.30
Exhibit		\$421.26
Transit Bus		\$1,765.76
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$22,886.01</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$114,807.41</b>
<b>CASH CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH</b>		<b>\$497.16</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS</b>		<b>\$87,250.00</b>

\*Funds that can only be used for stated purpose

## Reading Company Technical & Historical Society Profit & Loss October 2012

	Total
Income	
Admissions	735.00
Donations	4,532.31
Grants	1,675.00
Membership Dues	288.00
Sales of Product Income	7,069.59
Special Events Income	2,598.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,897.90</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Inventory purchased for resale - COGS	4,384.14
Sales Expense - COGS	1,916.73
Shipping Expense - COGS	70.85
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$ 6,371.72</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 10,526.18</b>
Expenses	
Member Services	299.00
MP & RE	1,334.65
Museum	2,248.35
Operations/Administration	4,130.95
Special Events	1,382.55
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,395.50</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,130.68</b>
Other Income	
Interest Earned	11.70
Sales Tax Discount	2.45
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 14.15</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 14.15</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,144.83</b>

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

### BUDGET & FINANCE

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Thank you for your continued financial support. The books for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter were audited and found to be in order.

### SALES

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We were at the Allentown train meet on November 10 and 11, sales totaled about \$2800. Our next shows are the Christmas Show at Harrisburg November 28 to December 2 and Fairlane Mall at Pottsville December 13 to 16. Anyone interested in helping, please contact me.

## **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

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No report.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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As of November 20 we have 67 new members and 878 renewals for a total of 945 members for 2012. Currently the membership breakdown is as follows: 641 Individual, Lifetime or Honorary, 104 Family, 121 Contributing, 56 Sustaining, 18 Corporate, and 5 Student memberships. We had a total of 976 members this time last year. We also have 29 members for 2013.

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

## **MUSEUM OPERATIONS/CURATORS REPORT**

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Paul Troutman 610-926-4919 ptrout@epix.net

We are arranging advertising for Toy Display and Arctic Express Parties. Stephanie Smith is planning our Arctic Express parties for December 8 and 15. We need volunteers to operate the O Gauge layout during December and January. The exhibit to follow our current exhibits will be "Members Treasures". This would be a showcase of items from the personal collections of RCT&HS members and would include model trains, photos, paintings, art, and memorabilia related to the Reading Railroad. Submit your list of possible contributions to Dale. So far no one has volunteered any items. We are thinking of inviting guest curators to plan exhibits the remainder of 2013. Suggestions for ways to celebrate the museums 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013 are welcome.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING TASK FORCE**

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The Association of Rail Museums has merged with the Association of Tourist Railways to form the Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museum. The purpose is to strengthen their work with the US Congress and the FRA to benefit the members, to increase safety of visitors and volunteers at member facilities, and to share advertising.

Don't forget to use ShopforMuseums.com whenever you order on-line merchandise. Enter your favorite museum (Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, of course) and then enter the store where you want to place your order. Hundreds of stores participate and give a percentage of your purchase to the museum.

The Long Range Planning Committee is preparing a mailing to all members which will be sent in January. This will be the first of several ways that information and suggestions will be collected as the master plan is revisited. Please watch for the special mailing and plan to participate.

## **MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE**

John Corbit 610-781-1939

There have been some repairs made to the finishing building roof.

Our finishing building electrical project is getting closer to completion. The overhead wire has been installed between the museum building and the finishing building. The compressor room work is 95% complete. Soon power will be supplied to the finishing building.

## **TRACK & GROUNDS**

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More site work and grading was done. We have begun getting things ready for constructing a track next to the canal track that runs along the rear of 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 and Lettering Complete.
  - Subsequent open house draw approx. 20 visitors and several potential new members.
- Fishbelly and Offset hoppers 66418 and 63921
  - Repainting underway
  - Interior of 66418 painted to preserve metal
  - Welding work on 63921 complete
  - Still need to find lettering diagrams and good quality photo for each car to get restorations accurate.
- NW2/#103 Rewiring continues.
  - 2 of 3 main contactors cleaned, repainted, and ready for re-assembly.
  - Relay rebuilding on hold pending contactor completion.
  - Large component panel disassembled for cleaning
  - Installation of new protective systems continues. All parts acquired.
  - Current target to restart the locomotive remains Spring of 2013.
  - Approx. 100 staff-hrs/wk
- GP7/#621 Cylinder gasket replacement and cylinder liner cleanup
  - Engine block cleaning continues. Some cleaning remains for last four heads.
- RS3/#485 Undercarriage painting
  - Effort suspended due to focus on #103
- Power Distribution (for Battery Charging and local power)
  - 103 will be first done. To be added as part of rewiring effort.
  - AC panel mount fabricated and in place (on 103), conduit system yet to be run.
- Box Car Re-organization - Structural problem with 24" shelving resolved and planking installed.
- Shop Talk (online MPRE newsletter)
  - Writing/editing of 3rd issue (on #103 relay rebuild ing) underway.
  - To sign up, email [mpre.rcths@att.net](mailto:mpre.rcths@att.net) if you want to sign up for shop talk
  - Note: No funds for paper copies at this time.

- FP7's
- Fork Lift - Main cylinders leaking less severely. Reseal kit has been ordered.
- **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 [mprc.rcths@att.net](mailto:mprc.rcths@att.net)
  - Volunteers, if anyone is interested in helping please contact us at 610-780-0497 or [mprc.rcths@att.net](mailto:mprc.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**

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No report.

### **ACQUISITIONS**

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No report.

### **ARCHIVES AND PUBLICATIONS**

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#### ◆ Archives

Many thanks to all of the following for Archives donations during November: 3 railroad books from Thomas Evanick; some railroad books and other items from Richard Johnston in memory of his late brother Curtis Johnston; some Reading RR paperwork and a sign from Howard Macauley; some vintage modeling magazines from Bill Hodson; and some paper items from Bill Cauff, Jr. We also handled about 10 requests for information in November.

#### ◆ Publications

A Bee Line has been completed and turned over to the Mailing committee for mailing. This Bee Line has a cover date of Year 2012, Issue #3. But don't worry about the backlogged issues; we will produce them as soon as possible. Another issue will hopefully go to the printer in December, and we have received several promises for more articles. Submitting articles that are complete with photos, drawings, and accurate text will help get the Bee Line caught up.

### **CALENDAR**

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John Greene 215-721-3006 [jgreene@netcarrier.com](mailto:jgreene@netcarrier.com)

The Year 2013 Reading Railroad calendar has been completed and it features all pictures by noted photographer Dave Augsburg. Please contact the Sales Committee to purchase calendars because the Calendar Committee does not have the calendar inventory. We are reviewing themes for the 2014 calendar.

### **MODULAR**

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

The modular bus has been emptied and sold. The trailers are loaded for the Harrisburg show. We will set up the Harrisburg show on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The show runs from November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MODELING** -John Greene 215-721-3006 [greene@netcarrier.com](mailto:greene@netcarrier.com)

The production step of the GHB International HO Crusader train sets is complete and they will be shipped from China shortly. The RCT&HS is sold out of these sets and will not be getting any more. If you are interested in one of these sets, contact your favorite hobby supplier.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Some repairs have been made to the A5a. We were in the Lansdale Parade on Nov 17, and will participate in Southampton for a show on Dec 8.

### **MAILING**

Ken Riegel 610-777-4555

No report.

### **SAFETY**

No report, in need of a chairman.

### **TRAIN MEET**

Chuck Race 610-777-2053

Chuck Race has resigned from the Train Meet committee. We are in need of a replacement.

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

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The annual convention is April 6, 2013 at the Hamburg American Legion Bingo Hall. Programs include the following: Kurt Bell - *Reading Doylestown Branch*, Tom Paserina - *Reading Station Post Cards*, Dale Woodland - *Reading diesels in Philadelphia*, Carl Rose - *Pullman Sleeping Cars on the CNJ, Reading, DL&W and LV*.

### **WEBSITE AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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Mike Sakal has resigned as our Web Master and eCrusader manager. If you are interested in this position or know of someone who is please contact any board member. This will also be the last eCrusader unless we can find another manager who can send mass emailings. If you currently receive the eCrusader, expect the next newsletter in the US mail.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Lee Schultz 610-845-2414 and Rick Bates

We are taking nominations for the RCT&HS board of directors. The 2013 elections will include 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Treasurer, and two directors. These positions are currently held by John Brown, Jim Adams, Jonathan Barket, and Karen Confer (filling in for Tom Brown) respectively.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Dale Woodland (215) 723-5848 [RDG803@yahoo.com](mailto:RDG803@yahoo.com)

Tonight "Train Accidents and the Nickel Plate Story" by Tom Poserina, December – Dale Woodland "Diesels Down Under". I am Planning for 2013's schedule. Your suggestions are welcomed. I have four months scheduled so far.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Steve Gilbert reported that the O - scale layout at the museum is 12 X 26 feet and has three levels. Each level will feature a different time period in O - gauge railroading. Included in the display is a Christmas tree with antique lights. We are looking for old C-6 replacement bulbs. If you have any to donate call Steve at 610-781-2100 or drop them off at the museum. Help is needed for setting up accessories, wiring, scenery, and buildings. Additionally, help is needed to operate the layout during museum hours. Thank you to the following volunteers: Bill Krug (G&K Hobbies in Reading), Glen Franz (Fryer's 5&10 in Orwigsburg), the regular Tuesday RRHM volunteers, Jim Adams, Rick Bates, Spencer Watts, John Stoudt, Eric Quimby, Paul Skavarla, and Paul Troutman.
- Mike Smith reported that on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> he had worked 40 years on the railroad. He plans to retire in May of 2013. Mike shared some stories with the members.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Pete Urbaitis reported that The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees International League baseball team has a new name: the RailRiders. This name was the winner of an On-Line write in contest.
- Kent Herzer reported that Rule's Model Trains in Manheim, PA will close its doors at the end of the year after being in business for more than 50 years.
- Greg Goodridge reported that the Stewartstown Railroad will be torn up and sold.
- Tonight's coal bucket contained \$125.00 plus 10 pay-down-the-loan envelopes.

## CLOSING

Gary Saggio made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed and President Duane Engle adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

## Editor's Notes

- If you have a camera and attend an RCT&HS event or are able to document news items related to the Reading Railroad, I am looking for you. As you can see, I have started to include photos in the Crusader. Please feel free to send photos along with a small description of the event or interesting news item. If you do not have a digital camera, that is OK as I can scan prints into my computer for use in the Crusader. Photos not used in the Crusader may be used on our web site. Thank you.

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## Pay Down the Loan Program

### Receipts

Current Month: November, 2012 = \$939.00  
Total: Nov, 2010 thru November, 2012 = \$22,713.72

### Payments

Current Month: November, 2012 = \$1,000.00  
Total: Nov, 2010 thru November, 2012 = \$22,700.00  
Outstanding Balance = \$74,300.00

## Hamburg Museum Track Fund

### Receipts

Current Month: November, 2012 = \$25.00  
Total: May 2007 thru November, 2012 = \$30,939.70

### Payments

Current Month: November, 2012 = \$231.00  
Total: May 2007 thru November, 2012 = \$23,791.50  
Current Fund Balance = \$7,148.20

## Mark Your Calendars

- December 8 and 15: Arctic Express Parties at the RRHM in Hamburg, PA
- December 13 - 16: Modular and Sales at the Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville, PA
- November 20: General Meeting of the RCT&HS at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA

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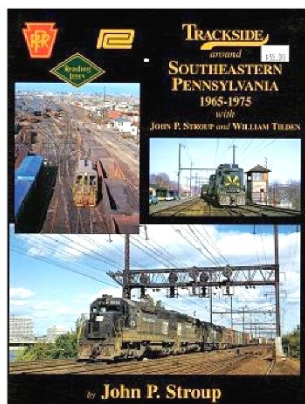
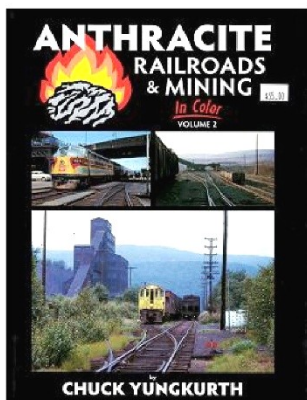


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