



The Crusader

“Preserving the Past for the Future”

June 2013



Eye Catching MU Coaches Can be Viewed From Rt. 61

Two of the MU coaches in the RCT&HS collection, #9104 and #9131, have been repainted in Pullman Green and lettered “READING COMPANY”. This is actually the first time the RCT&HS has lettered READING COMPANY on Society-owned, former Rdg RR passenger cars. Other passenger cars so lettered in years past were either not Society-owned or were cars from other railroads disguised as RDG equipment. The MU coaches are not in operating condition at this time, and the paint job is not “museum quality”, but was done simply to cover up the rust and improve their appearance, especially from Route 61.

The lettering on #9131 was completed on June 25, and on #9104 on June 29. We have more cars that could use a quick paint job, but we could also use some donations toward the cost of paint which is about \$250 per car, even for the inexpensive material.



Above Photo: Reading MU cars #9131 and #9104 all dressed up on the “canal track” facing Rt. 61. Thanks to Rick Bates for a job well done. Photo by Rick Bates.



Wernersville Train Station Rededicated

On Saturday, June 8th the Heidelberg Heritage Society rededicated the former Reading station showcasing their restoration efforts. The station was originally opened for business on June 6, 1927.

Right Photo: This photo was taken by Pete Urbaitis who attended the ceremony



Pay Down the Loan Program

Receipts

Current Month: June, 2013 = \$522.00
Total: Nov, 2010 thru June, 2013 = \$28,327.72

Payments

Current Month: June, 2013 = \$500.00
Total: Nov, 2010 thru June, 2013 = \$28,300.00
Outstanding Balance = \$68,700.00

Hamburg Museum Track Fund

Receipts

Current Month: June, 2013 = \$20.00
Total: May 2007 thru June, 2013 = \$31,692.70

Payments

Current Month: June, 2013 = \$239.10
Total: May 2007 thru June, 2013 = \$29,044.53
Current Fund Balance = \$2,648.17

JUNE 25th GENERAL MEETING

President Duane Engle called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. there were 6 officers, and 33 members in attendance. A motion to accept the May 2013 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 June meeting of the BOD was held at 7PM on June 4th at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA. Topics of discussion and motions carried are as follows:

- **Financial** – Treasurer that the Hazelton Show grosses \$2,411
- **Museum** – The Long Range Planning Committee reported meeting soon to discuss the May membership meeting results and to recommend a project for fund raising. Jim Blake formally introduced the Munchkin Railway. Rich Tobin announced that electric is now available in the yellow room, bus barn, and the front of the finishing building. More cable is need to reach the Quonset huts.
- **MP&RE** – There was no report on car 15. We are working with the Strasburg Railroad and Riddle Environmental to have the asbestos removed from car 1189. A motion was passed to sign a hold harmless agreement with the Strasburg Railroad. The estimate for the removal has increased from the approved \$4,100. The board passed a motion to increase the expenditure amount to \$7,500. It is hoped to have this project completed by August.
- **Security** - The security task force announced that they have a donor for a perimeter fence. A deadline was given of the August board meeting to have an installation plan and volunteers ready to install the fence or the offer is off the table. The board is looking into installing a security system to the yellow room.
- **Fire Alarm** - The board is once again moving forward on installing a fire alarm system at the museum. Jim Adams and Rich Tobin will be gathering information to present to the board.
- **Miscellaneous** - A proposal will be sent to the Reading and Northern asking to trade our property in Schuylkill Haven for a piece of property adjacent to the museum property on the northwest side. A motion was passed to accept changes made to the Record Retention Policy as suggested by the Compliance Officer, Jim Blake.

The next general meeting of the Executive Board will be held in Strasburg, PA on July 2nd. The exact location will be determined but will most likely be at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. For a complete copy of the board meeting minutes please contact Jeff Smith at rcths.jsmith@dejazzd.com.

BUDGET & FINANCE

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Thank you for your continuing financial report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Reading Company Technical

& Historical Society

Profit & Loss

May 2013

	Total
Income	
Admissions	463.00
Archives Research	50.00
Donations	2,853.93
Membership Dues	1,616.00
Sales of Product Income	3,689.50
Total Income	\$ 8,672.43
Cost of Goods Sold	
Inventory purchased for resale - COGS	593.40
Sales Expense - COGS	96.85
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 690.25
Gross Profit	\$ 7,982.18
Expenses	
Member Services	2,972.61
MP & RE	890.04
Museum	4,390.80
Operations/Administration	1,297.35
Special Events	238.82
Total Expenses	\$ 9,789.62
Net Operating Income	-1,807.44
Other Income	
Interest Earned	8.05
Total Other Income	\$ 8.05
Net Other Income	\$ 8.05
Net Income	-1,799.39

RCT&HS FUND BALANCE REPORT 2013

5/31/2013

General Fund (available)	\$7,264.31
Gen Fd Encumb BeeLine, Operation, Sales,Tax	\$47,952.55
GENERAL FUND SUB-TOTAL	\$55,216.86
Restricted Funds *	
Museum Fund (available)	\$5,888.93
Museum Fund Encumbrance	\$21,888.62
MUSEUM FUND SUB-TOTAL	\$27,777.55
Equipment Preservation	\$19,863.70
Modular Railroad	\$2,339.21
Endowment	\$1,944.20
Exhibit	\$783.98
Transit Bus	\$1,622.94
SUB-TOTAL	\$26,554.03
TOTAL CASH ALL FUNDS	\$109,548.44
CASH CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH	-\$2,144.26
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS	\$69,200.00

*Funds that can only be used for stated purpose

A question was asked about the 5th anniversary event. The 5th anniversary event is reflected in the donations category. Jim Adams stated that calculating just dollars and cents, we lost \$83 this day.

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

SALES

Duane Engle 610-929-5661 rcths.dengle@juno.com (for mail order questions contact Dave Heffner at 717-290-1493 daverj1@verizon.net)

We have combined sales and modular shows at The Railroad Museum of PA in Strasburg July 2nd to July 7th with set up on Monday July 1st starting at 9 am till 5 pm and a new show at Edison, NJ (a Greenberg Show) on August 10th and 11th with set up on Friday August 9th in early afternoon. Anyone that can help with any of these shows please let me know.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Mike Stehman mke90362@comcast.net

No report.

MEMBERSHIP

Melanie Zimmerman 717-445-6301 membership@readingrailroad.org

As of June 24 we have a total of 56 new members and 797 renewals which brings us to a total membership of 853 for 2013. We had 828 members at this time last year. Currently the membership breakdown is as follows: 558 Individual, Lifetime or Honorary, 93 Family, 122 Contributing, 57 Sustaining, 20 Corporate, and 3 Student memberships.

Renewal postcards will be mailed out soon to the 2012 members that have not renewed for 2013.

MUSEUM OPERATIONS

Dale Woodland 215-723-5848 RDG803@yahoo.com

The Pottstown Mercury Newspaper has contacted us about our Civil War Exhibit. We need more docent volunteers in the summer for scheduling flexibility. The Hamburg Middle School Tours were very successful. They expect to return next year. A big thank you to Carol and Jim Adams, John Funk, Stephanie Smith, Duane Briscoe, Dave Heffner, and Tom Brown for serving as guides. Thanks also to Tom Brown, Sam Herb and John Funk for conducting the Reading Children's Home Tour June 14th. The Travel Channel filmed at the museum on Wednesday June 19th for a Dead Files episode which will air in October. Dale was interviewed as an expert on railroading in the late 1800's for the show. We discussed opening the LEMTU for special tours only. Plexiglass barrier will be lowered or removed as a docent will always be in the car during tours. Next group tour is July 23rd (Tuesday) 10AM. The Reading Railroad Modelers Meet will use the museum October 4, 2013 from 6-10PM. We discussed Ideas for Eagle Scout projects: benches and picnic tables, landscaping the Munchkin Railway, bird viewing platform. We brainstormed ways to increase attendance at the museum: Suggestions -small themed events - these will enable free press, guest speakers, contacting organizations like church social groups, retirement homes, NRHS chapters, retiree groups, and lantern tours during evenings. We could at least get them on our mailing lists and encourage them to list our events in their newsletters. John Brown volunteered to oversee the effort to contact groups but he needs help to get

this done. We could host a NARCOA event (speeder owners) - Mike Stehman will look into this. Trains & Trees will be the exhibit to follow the current Members Treasures Exhibit. Carol Adams will curate this project. We will invite local groups to decorate small artificial Christmas Trees with a railroad theme. The display will also include a gingerbread station house contest. The exhibit would run concurrent with the O Gauge layout display. Steve Gilbert is asking for help with scenery for the layout. Dale will update the Docent Information sheets and include cell phone numbers. Jim Blake will solicit a group to operate the Munchkin Railway. We hope to have it running each weekend at the museum and will look into renting it out to malls and community special event activities. We want to make it available for birthday parties. Jim was added to the voting members of the MOB. Our suggestions to Long Range Planning Committee include: a pole barn for equipment displays with twenty-foot track centers and a building/space for social events (RCT&HS and community groups). We will ask whoever owns the land between the museum and Route 61 to spruce it up. There was a suggestion to paint the exterior of MU #9123 and offer tours of it and the relief train coach. Rick Hoffmeister will replace Duane Briscoe on the MOB Committee.

LONG RANGE PLANNING TASK FORCE

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Thanks again to the members who commented at the May meeting.

The long range planning committee recommends a rail car protection building as the project for the professional fundraising effort to be led by Fred McKillop.

MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE

John Corbit 610-781-1939

A motor on the AC system burned out and was replaced.

TRACK & GROUNDS

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

We spent most of our time this month on grounds work and mowing. We can always use help in this area. There wasn't any track work done this past month however we will be continuing with this work on some Saturdays during the summer. Paul Payne is still looking for more track that we can remove. We are also looking into fencing the entire property. Anyone that can help with any of this work, please contact me.

MOTIVE POWER AND ROLLING EQUIPMENT

Tim Weidner 610-780-0497

- Duane Engle reported that Car 15 is now ready to ship and passed the NS inspection. There is no word on when the car will move.
- Rick Bates reported that two of the MU coaches in the RCT&HS collection, #9104 and #9131, have been repainted in Pullman Green and lettered "READING COMPANY". See front page for the full story.

PASSENGER OPERATIONS

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No report.

ACQUISITIONS

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We are working on a possible donation. Hopefully we will have good news soon.

ARCHIVES AND PUBLICATIONS

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◆ Archives

Many thanks to all of the following for Archives and Museum donations during June: two crew taxi logbooks from Tamaqua from David Landrey; a wood emblem rescued from the Union News Stand in the Outer Station after it burned, from Bill Stouffer; some recent railroad magazines for the Library from John Nevin; a box of various RdgCo artifacts and paperwork from David Johnston; a very large 1913 system map of the Reading and the CNJ, prepared as part of the P&RC&I divestiture case, from Fred Phillips; a box of railroad magazines and other items from Mike Smith; and some books and magazines from Paul Kutta. We handled about 10 requests for information in June. Sorting work continues in the Archives on a time-available basis by Rick Bates and Duane Briscoe. Progress in sorting the Archives is being slowed down by a lack of funds to buy archival supplies. For example, right now, for the maps and drawings, to fill some recently donated map cabinets; we could use fifty 36x48-inch map folders which cost \$15.00 each, and a couple hundred smaller size map folders which cost about \$10 each. Plus we could immediately spend about \$1,000 on envelopes, sleeves, and boxes to organize more of our photos and negatives. If you're interested in helping us out on this, you can use the "Pay-Down-The-Loan" envelopes included in this newsletter to also send a donation for Archives supplies.

◆ Publications

All members should have received Bee Line 2010 #1&2 by now. Work continues on the last Bee Line for 2009, issue #4. Please note these issues are being produced out of sequence, but that we will get them all done one of these days.

CALENDAR

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

The 2014 calendar will be ready for Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's Reading Days in July.

MODULAR

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

Work continues on several modules and new racks at Hamburg. Work sessions are still held mostly on Sunday afternoons. We have a lot of modifications taking place including scenery updates, wiring improvements, and module reconstruction. Anyone who can help, please let me know as we are looking for additional talent to keep our layout impressive for all to see. Plans are in the works to debut new modules during some of the upcoming shows. We

have combined sales and modular shows at The Railroad Museum of PA in Strasburg July 2nd to July 7th. At this show, we had a record breaking length at 154' long. Some of the new modules are the Hess refinery including the lift bridge and the new Hershey Chocolate plant modules. There will be a new show at Edison, NJ (a Greenberg Show) on August 10th and 11th with set up on Friday August 9th in early afternoon with a planned length of 96' long. To make sure this show happens and is a success, we are currently in need of assistance for both setup and teardown, as well as staffing. Anyone that can help with this show please let me know as soon as possible. If we do not get enough help, we may have to cancel this show.

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

Steve Swartz reported that Bachmann is coming out with trailer on flatcar models in Reading.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Steve Gilbert 610-781-2100 SGRDG179@aol.com

See enclosed flyers about the upcoming golf tournament fund raiser. We are looking for volunteers, donations, sponsors, and players.

MAILING

Ken Riegel 610-777-4555

No report.

SAFETY

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This month we roped of the embankment east of locomotive #6300, replaced a push bar on the metal door to the bus barn, repainted the milk car trucks setting between the museum and the finishing building, and installed 3 first aid kits in the museum store, bus barn, and modular room.

Also, all unused propane tanks have been removed from the property.

TRAIN MEET

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No report.

WEBSITE AND CORRESPONDENCE

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No report.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Tonight – Reading Memories, Paul Kutta; July – Shadows of the Royal Blue, the Rebirth of RBM&N 425 DVD; August – The Reading's Alco RS3's, Dale Woodland; September – Some Pennsylvania Shortlines, Paul Kutta; October – Escapades of NS/ RDG 1067, Dale Woodland; November – The Reading's Echo Valley, Dave Augsburger; December – Reading Baldwin Diesels Dale Woodland.

OLD BUSINESS

- Security Task Force (Paul Payne) – The task force feels confident that we can install the perimeter fence

ourselves. The Tuesday Crew has declined over concerns about the physical requirements vs. their ages, so I'll seek help from the younger generation. Paul Paine might be able to donate some of his company resources if they have any idle time. There are a lot of questions that need answered, e.g., permits, property lines, ground conditions, etc.. We will try to get as many answered as we can before the August BOD meeting.

- Don Davis reported that the RCT&HS received \$591.31 from the "save it tapes". Please do not send us tapes that are older than 3 years as Redner's will not accept them. Thank you for participating in this important program.
- Steve Gilbert reported that he plans for the museum's holiday train display to be completed by the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. We need to start planning for this now and start working on the layout.
- Mike Martin reported that the WK&S is holding a 50th anniversary celebration this Sunday June 29.
- Steve Schwartz made comments on the new tourist trains running on the Northern Central RR in New Freedom, PA.
- Tonight's coal bucket contained \$131.00 and 10 pay down the loan envelopes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pete Urbaitis reported that the Wernersville train station rededication had good weather and was well attended.
- Dale woodland stated that the Reading heritage unit visited Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and Delaware this month.
- Rick Bates – Chester Valley Branch rail trail with a new bridge crossing Valley Forge Road.

CLOSING

Dale Woodland made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pete Urbaitis seconded the motion. The motion passed and President Duane Engle adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.

Members Exchange

For Sale: Stewart, HO scale, Reading A-B-A F7 set. They are DCC and run great! One A unit has an Athearn body. \$150.00. Call Bill Bubeck at 570-385-0226

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

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Mark Your Calendars

- July 23: General Meeting of the RCT&HS at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA
- August 9 - 11: Modular and Sales at a Greenburg Show in Edison, NJ
- October 4-5: Reading railroad Modelers Meet I at the RRHM and Hamburg High School in Hamburg, PA
- October 5: RCT&HS Train Meet at the Leesport Farmers Market in Leesport, PA
- October 12: RCT&HS Golf Fund Raiser at the Willow Hollow Golf Course in Leesport, PA

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