



# The Crusader

*"Preserving the Past for the Future"*

September 2014

## Reading RR Modelers Meet II

The Reading RR Modelers Meet II is completed. Over the 3 day event, Friday-Sunday, Sept 26-28 we had great fun! Our attendance increased 33% to a total of 40 for the MEET-II. We'll take it!!

The event started on Friday afternoon with registration open at the Reading Heritage Museum. After a break for dinner, 3 layouts were available for tours. The Schulykill & Lehigh Model RR Club, The Reading Society of Model Engineers and Jim Hertzog. All three were great tours!

On Saturday was the "meat" of the MEET-II at Hamburg High School with 5 clinics, model displays and vendors. The models shown were fantastic in quality and in true Reading RR form! We also had another great lunch, put together by Jim and Carol Adams! Participants voted on their favorite models in 5 different categories. Your Best of Show winner was the "Dando's Breaker" built by Fred Phillips. After the presentation of awards, we gave out the door prizes. These were donated by Walthers, Model Railroader Magazine, Exact Rail, TCS-WOW decoders, Daylight Sales, Bachmann, Broadway Limited, Kato and Woodland Scenics. Other companies supported the event through other donations - Dixitrak, MTP-Model Train Products and the Reading Modeler.com. After another dinner break, several participants attended the Reading Modeler.com Users Conclave at the HQ hotel, the Hamburg MicroTel. Here we looked over the website and all of it's features and had some general model railroading and Reading RR discussions.

We wrapped up the event on Sunday with a rare tour of the shops at the Reading & Northern Railroad in Port Clinton. This was a great ending to the event, as we walked through the car shops, loco shops and the square roundhouse, seeing Reading RR T-1 2102! Many Thanks to the Reading & Northern for their hospitality!

But wait... there's more! Participants also got into the RCT&HS Fall Train show for free with their MEET-II badge! I'm sure many attended and hopefully found a bargain or two. As we departed the shop tours on Sunday, those present gave a resounding call for a MEET-III in 2015. Our Planning Team will be discussing that soon, so we can set our dates and make a formal announcement at the December RCT&HS meeting. A HUGE THANKS to the RCT&HS Board and members who helped with this event in any way! Thank-you for allowing me to be Chairman and give back to the RCT&HS with another successful event.

Sincerely,  
Barry Hensel, Chairman

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**MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 23<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL  
BUSINESS MEETING**

President Duane Engle called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. there were 5 individuals from the Executive Board, 33 members and 3 visitors in attendance. Duane welcomed the RAil representatives to the meeting. A motion to accept the August 2014 minutes as printed was made by Larry Mundell and seconded by Don Crabtree. The motion passed.

**RAil Presentation** – Promo video and event information. Dale Woodland commented on how this event will benefit the RCT&HS: This event will build community connections and public exposure as many locals do not know about our museum here in Hamburg.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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The September meeting of the Executive Board was held at 7PM on September 2nd at the Reading railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA. Major topics of discussion and motions carried are as follows:

- **Financial** – The treasurer presented the monthly report. John Greene and John Brown presented their monthly report on fund raising planning.
- **RAil Project** – Concerns about the RAil group and their planned project were discussed resulting in passing the following four part resolution: *First, there will be no expenditures of funds in excess of the RAil fund balance. RAil needs to name the RCT&HS as an additional insured on their liability insurance policy. Third, RAil must provide a guarantee to cover any financial obligations incurred beyond the RAil fund balance. Fourth, RAil needs to provide a written plan expressing exactly how this event is to operate including anticipated budget and timeline and what resources are required of the RCT&HS. RAil will be given three weeks to meet these terms.* President Duane Engle appointed John Brown, John Greene, Jim Adams, Karen Confer and Dale Woodland to meet with RAil to discuss the above resolution.
- **Museum** – Bill Hodson presented a Munchkin Railway report.
- **Membership Rate Changes** – The board passed a motion to present a recommendation to the general membership to increase to the individual, family, and contributing membership dues by \$5 for the 2015 membership year.
- **MP&RE** – Paul Payne presented a monthly report to the board.
- **Miscellaneous** – “lunch room” project inspection report, Lansdale Historical Society artifact loan request, the new rack card was reviewed, and other miscellaneous items of which there is nothing to report.

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

board meeting minutes please contact Jeff Smith at [rcrhs.jsmith@windstream.net](mailto:rcrhs.jsmith@windstream.net).

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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<b>Reading Company Technical &amp; Historical Society &amp; Historical Society Profit and Loss August 2014</b>	
	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Admissions	1,026.00
Donations	7,942.80
Membership Dues	98.00
Non Profit Income	125.00
Sales of Product Income	3,135.62
Special Events Income	568.61
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,896.03</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Inventory purchased for resale - COGS	17,981.94
Sales Expense - COGS	95.70
Shipping Expense - COGS	122.16
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$ 18,199.80</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ (5,303.77)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Member Services	800.00
MP & RE	1,128.19
Museum	3,238.27
Operations/Administration	2,089.59
Special Events	1,331.46
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,587.51</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ (13,891.28)</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Interest Earned	6.19
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 6.19</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 6.19</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (13,885.09)</b>

<b>RCT&amp;HS FUND BALANCE REPORT 2014</b>	
	<b>8/31/2014</b>
<b>General Fund (available)</b>	<b>-\$22,178.50</b>
Gen Fd Encumb BeeLine, Operation, Sales,Tax	\$52,535.50
<b>GENERAL FUND SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,357.00</b>
<b>Restricted Funds *</b>	
Museum Fund (available)	\$7,071.00
Museum Fund Encumbrance	\$25,543.91
<b>MUSEUM FUND SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,614.91</b>
Equipment Preservation	\$20,070.80
Modular Railroad	\$1,319.15
Endowment	\$2,101.36
Exhibit	\$2,476.74
Transit Bus	\$1,592.42
Archives	\$4,680.80
Munchkin Railroad	\$563.18
New Building	\$5,390.86
RAil Project	\$0.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,195.31</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$101,167.22</b>
<b>CASH CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH</b>	<b>-\$14,311.58</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS</b>	<b>\$59,300.00</b>
<small>*Funds that can only be used for stated purpose</small>	

Duane Engle commented on the large expenditure for sales inventory over the past few months. He commented that in today's model market we need to pre-order models which usually do not arrive on schedule. Unfortunately, several models that were on pre-order all came in at once which was not expected and could not be anticipated. We have been waiting on one model for over 5 years.

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

### **BUDGET & FINANCE**

John Brown 717-426-2238 JWBROWN929@AOL.COM

Preliminary work is beginning on the 2015 budget. If any committee chairmen anticipate significant changes in either income or expenses from 2014 please notify John Brown. As a reminder: Please use the sign-in sheets when working at the Museum. In case of an injury our insurance carrier will be checking the sign-in sheets for your name.

### **FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

John Brown 717-426-2238 JWBROWN929@AOL.COM

If you have not responded to the request for our Annual Fund drive, please reconsider. So far approximately \$8,700 have been contributed. There are many special events taking place in September/October. All are fund raisers. The events include wine tasting, train meet, Steel Wheels festival in Cumberland, AMTRAK excursion, RAiL weekend, King Frost parade.

Jim Adams reported that we made \$214 from the event at Hoss's last month.

### **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 still have a large quantity of Broadway Limited SW1500s in Reading and Norfolk Southern schemes with sound and the MTH Alco FA/FB sets in Reading, LV and PRR schemes both with and without sound. We still have a good number other model items available that were just released. They are available at the museum store and at sales events or check out the sales flyer that was in a past months Crusader.

Greg and Barb Goodridge, Jim and Carol Adams and myself attended the Hamburg-er Day Festival event at Hamburg on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. We were also at the Railroad Museum of PA in Strasburg Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for Model Railroad days with the NMRA. We did about \$1200 in sales there. Our next shows will be at the Reading Modelers Meet in Hamburg, the Steel Wheels Festival in Cumberland, MD, both the weekend of Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, our Train Meet in Leesport on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, the Allentown Train Meet on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and our big show at The PA Christmas Show at Harrisburg the week after Thanksgiving. If anyone can help with these shows please contact Greg Goodridge or Duane Engle.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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As of September 23 we have 45 new members and 825 renewals for a total of 870 members for 2014. Currently the membership breakdown is as follows: 568 Individual, Lifetime or Honorary, 106 Family, 118 Contributing, 55 Sustaining, 18 Corporate, and 5 Student memberships. We had a total of 942 members at this time last year.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING TASK FORCE**

Carol Adams 610-777-3764 [adamsjimca@comcast.net](mailto:adamsjimca@comcast.net)

Carol Adams held a question and answer session about the conceptual drawing and specifications of the rail car protection building. The purpose of this building is to provide cover for some of our collection as directed by the membership in a recent poll.

There were questions on the accuracy of the conceptual drawing produced by our architect, whether we should install HVAC, the safety of having a gravel floor vs. a concrete floor, and how often the building will be open to the public if at all.

As of now, the building is planned as a storage building and will not have heat or air conditioning. Plans are to have a gravel floor and to not use the building as museum display space. Planning committee members reminded everyone that the drawing we have is a conceptual drawing and does not necessarily represent what the final building will look like.

The committee goal is to plan a rail equipment protection building in an economical way and that the building will be built to code. Modifications can be made after the building is installed as money becomes available.

### **MUSEUM OPERATIONS**

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

Dale and Karen Confer continue to work with the RAiL group. We will need RCT&HS volunteers to help with the Friday evening October 24th Kickoff Party and the main event Sunday October 26th Noon to 6pm. We had our largest tour to date (69 people) on Wednesday evening September 3rd. Big thank you to John Funk, Eric Quimby and Tom Poserina for helping do tours. Our newly revised rack card has been printed. If you can help us replace any of the older cards in places you visit please help us. We continue to need more volunteers, especially now that the Munchkin Railway is up and operating. You may volunteer just for the Munchkin Railway which does not involve giving tours or working the cash register. Next exhibit Trees, Trains, Trees and Gingerbread will debut November 29th along with the return of our O Gauge layout. Beautification of the Munchkin Railway continues under the leadership of Bill Hodson. The sale of used videos has gone very well, if you would like to contribute bring them to the museum. If someone should ask we are not currently offering Boy Scout Merit Badge classes.

- **Artifact Curator (Karen Confer):** No report.

● **Munchkin Railway**

Bill Hodson 215-723-8292 [wrhodson66@gmail.com](mailto:wrhodson66@gmail.com)

The Munchkin Railway Station construction is basically completed with the shingling of the roof. The front is painted but some painting remains to be completed on the sides and rear. We will be extending the rail siding into the station so that the operators will no longer have to carry the cars in and out and place them on the track.

More screened topsoil has been delivered and spread in anticipation of tall fescue sod being applied. Tall fescue tolerates full sun and partial shade and has deeper roots than other grasses. Thank you to Mike Stehman and Tom Schucker for your help.

A Reading diamond has been installed in front of the station and some flowers will be planted this fall, but most of the gardening will wait until spring.

With the addition of Fred Phillips and Bob Francis, we now have 14 trained operators with 3 more lined up. Contact Bill Hodson (215-723-8292, [wrhodson66@gmail.com](mailto:wrhodson66@gmail.com)) if you are interested. There are some reading materials and about an hour of on-site training required. You need not be a docent to be an operator.

Tom Schucker ([tschucker@ptd.net](mailto:tschucker@ptd.net) or 610-530-0570) is still looking for donations of a few small trees like honey locust or the like and pressure-treated 4x4s (at least 4; long) for ties for the 2-footer track.

The "One-Tank Trip" feature on our Munchkin Railway by Karin Mallett of WFMZ Channel 69 will be delayed until spring.

Special thanks to Carl Rettstadt and Fred Phillips.

**MUSEUM BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Don Crabtree DONALDCRABTREEEXX@VERIZON.NET

We have discovered damage to the skylights in the bus barn most likely caused by hail. We are looking into how to remedy the situation.

**TRACK & GROUNDS**

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Track work is still ongoing when possible on the Canal track behind the museum in preparation of installing our switch. Ties are being replaced where the track was realigned. This work should be ongoing each Saturday except for days that we are having modular or sales shows. Mowing, site beautification and general site clean up are also ongoing. We can always use help in this area especially during the week if possible so that we are not working in areas where tours are being conducted. The following helped in the past month: Don Crabtree, Mike Smith, John Stoudt, Pat Thompson, Bill Sharmin and Duane Engle.

Anyone that can help with any of this work, please contact Duane.

Paul Payne is looking for individuals interested in being on a email list to be notified when help is needed to remove track that has been donated. Please contact Paul at [pa-payne@ptd.net](mailto:pa-payne@ptd.net) if you are interested.

**EQUIPMENT RESTORATION AND MAINTANANCE RESTRUCTURING**

Paul Payne [papayne@ptd.net](mailto:papayne@ptd.net)

Baggage Car 1715: Project Leader: Don Crabtree  
2014 Goals - Have entire car in primer by season end. Continue to prep for paint. Still zeroing in on final paint colors.

Caboose 94074: Project Leader: Carl Rettstadt  
2014 Goals – Finish window repairs; Install finish flooring. Acquisition of finish flooring underway.

Caboose 92938 (Hershey): Project Leader: Carl Rettstadt  
2014 Goals – Seal roof, patch side, re-attach steps. Side and roof patching completed. Remaining step rivets removed. New bolts on order. Step mounting points prepped and painted. Research underway on new siding and roof materials.

LEMTU Roof: Project Leader: Rick Bates  
2014 Goals – Clean to metal, triple prime. Approx. 85% complete.

MU Cars: Project Leader: Mike Huber  
2014 Goals – Window repairs; Close roof openings. The (Septa) "F" end now totally in primer. Over ¾ of sides now prepped and primed.

Car 1189: Project Leader: Paul Payne  
2014 Goals: Move car to Hamburg, via rail. All fixed completed. UMLER registration the current hang-up.

FP7 900 Nose Painting: Project Leader: Rick Hoffmeister  
2014 Goals: Clean, prep and paint the nose portion. Nose base black and strips painting completed.

NW2 103: Project Leader: Paul Payne  
2014 Goals: Continue, if not complete rewiring. Battery box prepped and primed. Needs additional patch metal. Battery box paint received. Studying electrical systems.

FP7s at Steamtown  
Steamtown has conveyed an interest in having the units remain in Scranton.

Passenger Coaches  
Loan to Colebrookdale cancelled by blockage of rail transfer.

Misc.  
LEMTU undercarriage, tour side – final coat completed (Bill Sharman)

Committee Restructuring: Project Leader: Paul Payne ([papayne@ptd.net](mailto:papayne@ptd.net)). Committee staffed: Don Crabtree, Charles Murphy, Paul Payne. Only 6 surveys returned. Analysis underway.

NEEDED: Project Leaders, Project Helpers (both skilled and unskilled). If you want to assist with any of the above projects, please contact the Project Leaders directly, or the Committee Chairman.

WANTS & IDEAS: Got ideas or want something special restoration work done? Send your thoughts to the chairman.

### **PASSENGER OPERATIONS**

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There will be an excursion on the R&N in the Spring of 2015 with the new Reading Company inspired painted GP39RN locomotives. Look for information about this trip in the near future.

### **ACQUISITIONS**

Steve Schwartz 610-434-1289 [schwartzs@juno.com](mailto:schwartzs@juno.com)

Nothing new to report.

### **ARCHIVES AND PUBLICATIONS**

Rick Bates 610-647-9359 [rbates261@verizon.net](mailto:rbates261@verizon.net)

**Archives** - We received a large number of Archives donations during September 2014. Thanks to all of the following for: some timetables from Carl Swartz; various railroad paperwork and small artifacts from Robert G. Davis; a large collection of railroad books and some other items from Jim Laubach; recent railroad magazines and some vintage diesel locomotive advertising material from John Nevin; old issues of the Reading Railroad Magazine and a scrapbook from Emily Windle; some slides of T1 #2101 at the Reading Shops in 1978 from Jeremy Missimer, taken by his late father; some railroad magazines and books from Jim Rothermel; two framed sets of photos of the dedication of Reading harbor tug "Shamokin" from Edward McDowell; and last but definitely not least, from Jim Fels a collection of 20 boxes of Rdg RR records, collected by his father while working for the Reading.

**Publications** - Bee Line 2010 #3&4 is finished and has two feature articles, the first by Bill Stafford on Rocklyn station on the W&N Branch, and the second by Rick Bates, Part 2 of our Reading Iron Horse Rambles series. The next Bee Line, issue #3&4 for 2011 is fully written and now beginning the printing process. We are now pulling together material to finish the backlogged issues for 2012.

### **CALENDAR**

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

Calendar is now on sale for \$12.95 (members price \$11.65). Color advertisement in November 2014 Railpace Magazine.

### **MODULAR**

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

No report.

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

Intermountain is accepting pre-orders for Reading HO Scale FT's.

Steve Schwartz reported that a Reading 0-6-0 camelback in G scale is out by Piko. An N scale blue liner by Imperial Hobby Productions is in production. They can be viewed on their web site at: <http://ihphobby.tripod.com/rseries/rdgmu.html>. Bill Cauff reported that MTH is re-doing an O scale T-1.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Steve Gilbert 610-781-2100 [SGRDG179@aol.com](mailto:SGRDG179@aol.com)

No report.

### **MAILING**

Ken Riegel 610-777-4555

No report.

### **SAFETY**

This committee is in need of a chairman. If you are interested, please contact President Duane Engle.

### **TRAIN MEET**

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

Tom reported that the train meet is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> and that we are looking for help.

### **WEBSITE AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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Mike Martin 215-681-7428 [michael.s.martin26@gmail.com](mailto:michael.s.martin26@gmail.com)

No report.

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

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Tonight Mike Smith - Donald Wise slides 50th Iron Horse Ramble; Oct - Paul Kutta, White Pass & Yukon ; Nov. - Olev Taremae- The R&N ; Dec - Dale Woodland, Railroading in the Winter of 2013-2014. As always looking for suggestions for new programs.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**Minutes are continued on the next page.**

## NEW BUSINESS

- Tonight's coal bucket contained \$114.02.
  - John Funk reported that the American Flag we fly at the museum is faded and becoming worn out. John volunteered to get us a new flag.
  - Dale Woodland reported that there was a request by a couple who wanted engagement photos at the museum this past Tuesday. Thanks to the Funks who helped us out. Dale also reported that he was asked to put together a train themed Christmas tree to be displayed at the Pearl S. Buck house in Bucks County and agreed to do it.
  - The Confers reminded the membership that they will be attending an annual Holiday Railfest event in Southampton, PA on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. They would welcome your company if you are free.
  - Steve Swartz distributed flyers for the Allentown First Frost Meet on Nov. 8-9 and the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Lehigh Valley Regional Train Show and Expo scheduled for Sept. 28.
  - Don Crabtree reported on the A5a wonderings.
  - Bill Lange reported that the Valley Forge National Park will be holding a Railroad Day on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Greg Goodridge reported that he and Barb will attend the Hatboro train Show along with Bill Hodson on December 6th.

- John Greene reported that the borough of Lansdale has plans to purchase and restore the former Reading Railroad freight house in Lansdale. They have asked the RCT&HS if we would partner with them by providing artifacts for display.
- Mike Smith announced that CNJ #113 will be attending the Schuylkill Haven Borough days this weekend (9/27).
- A vote was taken to approve the recommendation by the board to increase the dues for individual, family, and contributing membership by \$5 for the 2015 membership year. John Adams made the motion and Dale Woodland seconded the motion. They vote was 24 to 7 and 1 abstention in favor of the dues increase.

## CLOSING

Due to limited time, the entertainment has been postponed until next month.

John Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Don Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed and President Duane Engle adjourned the meeting at 9: 17 PM.

**The next Meeting of the RCT&HS, Inc. will be held at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA**

**from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m. on: October 28, 2014.**

### Hamburg Museum Track Fund

#### Receipts

Current Month: September, 2014 = \$230.00  
Total: May 2007 thru September, 2014 = \$33,589.70

#### Payments

Current Month: September, 2014 = \$828.43  
Total: May 2007 thru September, 2014 = \$31,016.71

### Pay Down the Loan Program

#### Receipts

Current Month: September, 2014 = \$598.50  
Total: Nov, 2010 thru September, 2014 = \$38,304.59

#### Payments

Current Month: September, 2014 = \$600.00  
Total: Nov, 2010 thru September, 2014 = \$38,300.00

**Excursion Tickets For Sale:** The RCT&HS has acquired two coaches worth of tickets for an AMTRAK fall foliage trip from 30th Street Station in Philadelphia to Harrisburg via Reading on November 8th.

For a reservation, please contact Jim Adams (not after 9PM) at 610-777-3764 or email Jim at [adamsjimca@comcast.net](mailto:adamsjimca@comcast.net)

Tickets are for sale on a first come first serve basis.

- Option 1: Motor coach from Reading to 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station and train ticket: \$175.00 (54 seats available)
- Option 2: Train ticket only: \$145.00 (80 seats available)

The ticket price includes a donation to the RCT&HS/Reading Railroad Heritage Museum.

## Mark Your Calendars

- October 25: King Frost Parade Hamburg, PA
- October 24 and 26: RAil Events at the RRHM in Hamburg, PA
- October 28: General Meeting of the RCT&HS at Trinity Bible Fellowship Church, Rt. 73, Blandon, PA
- November 8th: AMTRAK excursion between Philadelphia and Harrisburg via Reading  
  
Sales at the First Frost Train Meet in Allentown, PA
- December 3 - 7: Modular and Sales at the PA State Christmas Show in Harrisburg, PA

**Save your Redner's Tapes**

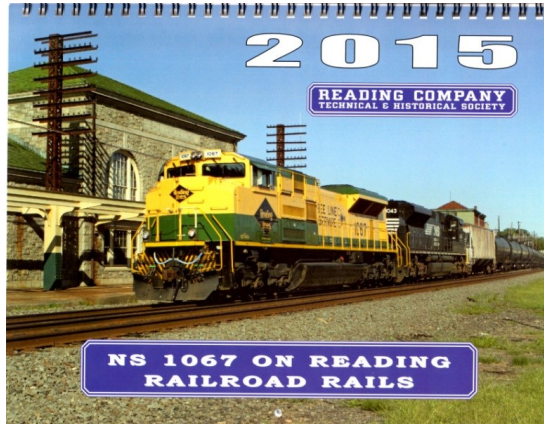
## A5a Fall Schedule

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| <b>Oct 18</b> | <b>Boyertown Halloween Parade</b>           |
| <b>Oct 25</b> | <b>Hamburg King Frost Parade</b>            |
| <b>Oct 26</b> | <b>Upper Perk Halloween Parade</b>          |
| <b>Oct 29</b> | <b>Blandon Church Event (Duane Engle)</b>   |
| <b>Nov 1</b>  | <b>Valley Forge National Park Train Day</b> |
| <b>Nov 2</b>  | <b>Robesonia Halloween Parade</b>           |
| <b>Nov 22</b> | <b>Lansdale Parade</b>                      |
| <b>Dec 13</b> | <b>Southampton Station Society</b>          |



# *RCT&HS Year 2015*

## Reading Railroad Calendar



The RCT&HS Year 2015 railroad calendar is now available. To celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012, the Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS) had twenty locomotives painted into the paint schemes of its predecessor railroads. Since rail lines of the former Reading Company play a key role in the NS system, one of its new EMD SD70Ace locomotives was painted into a Reading Railroad paint scheme. The RCT&HS was contacted by NS to obtain paint diagrams and paint chips to make sure that the new paint scheme was accurate. The new paint scheme followed the paint diagram used for the five EMD SD45 locomotives delivered to the reading in 1967 with a modification similar to the lines of Alco C630 #5308 in the frame area. The new locomotive was numbered 1067 on NS's roster. Interestingly, when the numerals are reversed the number becomes 7601 which was the number of one of the Reading's SD45's. The "Queen Bee", as the Reading unit has been nicknamed, has traveled over home rails at least seven times to date. The theme of this year's calendar is NS 1067 ON READING RAILROAD RAILS featuring 13 color photographs of the locomotive on the former Reading Company Main Line, Norristown, East Penn, and Lebanon Valley Branches.

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