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LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

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The President's Corner

Lines West-Buckeye Region Chapter Meeting

The next chapter meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, 12 June 2022**

The meeting will take place at the **Grandview Public Library,
1685 W. First Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212-3301.**

The library opens at **1 PM**. We will start the meeting at **1:30 PM**. This will be the usual business meeting followed by a program presented by Jim Kehn and Bill Brubach on the Lincoln Funeral Train. They have done this program for other organizations and beside being of historical interest, the train did run a portion of the trip on PRR right of way.

As we will be using the large meeting room there should be adequate space to display models you have constructed, as well as artifacts of railroad history, so bring in your stuff to show off!

I attended the annual PRR T&HS meeting in Harrisburg, Pa 12-14 May and gave the Board of Directors an update on our preparations to host the meeting next year. We will be getting into final preparations soon for that meeting and will need volunteers to help out. Expect to hear from the planning committee requesting volunteers in the next few weeks.

The meeting in Harrisburg looked to be a success. Preliminary figures showed about 227 registrations plus over 50 family members/guests and 40 vendors. The organizers expressed satisfaction with the registration process. They felt the on-line membership renewal and meeting registration process worked well. The goal of the society is to conduct as much society business online as possible which will cut down on the cost of mailing paper forms, etc. The old way of paper forms via USPS will still be available for those who do not use computers.

The Bradford Railroad Museum's **Railroad Festival is June 4th, 10 am to 4 pm**. While we will not be having a chapter meeting there, we support their efforts and encourage our members to attend. There is an admission charge to help support the museum. Information can be found at www.bradfordrrmuseum.org.

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Phil Rowe (1950-2022)

By Jim Kehn



Phil Rowe was an active participant in the things he enjoyed. In spite of a number of health problems he would show up at Buckeye Chapter and NMRA Division 6 meetings.

We are going to miss his smiling face and his sense of humor.

His last model railroad project was working on an O scale PRR Class A depot kit.

Phil was an active O scale 2 rail modeler and loved PRR electrics.

His O scale models have been inventoried and sold to an estate dealer. This is not an easy task for a modeler's widow, so it is something you all should give a thought to doing. Just what will happen to my stuff?

We will have some of Phil's railroad items for sale at the June meeting. There will be some Morning Sun books, replica builders' plates, framed artwork, and a Stoddard K4 front end decorative artwork.

I hope Phil and his numerous friends who have passed before him are having a wonderful time in that PRR in the sky! Rest in peace, Phil.

To view the Phil Rowe Obituary, click here →

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/grove-city-oh/phil-rowe-10691288>

The Old Depot

One of the oldest photos of railroading in Columbus, Ohio, is a shot of the 1852 Union Station taken during the Civil War. Member Russ Thompson recently came upon a 1907 copy of the Columbus Railroad Men's Monthly Bulletin, published by the YMCA, that has an article describing the photo.

Thanks to Russ Thompson for sharing this very rare document.



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The Old Depot.

Very few readers of the BULLETIN will recognize the photo herewith produced. None of the younger generation can locate the buildings in this cut, and none of the older for that matter, excepting those who lived in Columbus or came into the city some thirty or more years ago. This is a photograph of the old union station, the second one before the one now in use. It was located on High Street just North of what is now

You will notice that the railroad tracks cross the street on a level and that there are old horse cars running on High Street,—the terminal being the depot for the north end of the street car line. The old lamp posts would be an object of notice these days as well as the old passenger coaches and hacks.

The depot employes are lined up in front of the depot to have their picture taken, but they cannot be recognized. At the time his picture was taken Mr. Joe Webb, from whose photo-



THE OLD UNION STATION, COLUMBUS.

Naghten Street, but at the time this photograph was taken Naghten Street was called North Public Lane. The National Hotel seen in the picture is what is now called the Davidson Hotel, located at Naghten and High Streets. This hotel was raised at the time the viaduct was built and two additional stories put thereon. This entire picture is quite an interesting study for people of today, for it shows how our city has grown,

graph we secured this cut, was transfer clerk in the little baggage room on the south side of the depot. This baggage room is the little shed extension noticed in the picture. His job was to transfer the mail from this depot to the one across the street used by the old Piqua road, now the Indianapolis Division of the Pennsylvania Lines. This road had its own separate depot and the government hired Mr.

Charles Lauer, the father of the present Chief of our City Fire Department, to transfer the mail between these two depots.

Mr George Wright was at that time general baggage agent and is one of the men in the picture. Another one is Mr "Pat" Loomis, a noted passenger engineer on the old Bee Line, and Mr Cane, a common character about the depot, who lived where the Columbus Transfer Company is now located. The other shed extension to the depot was used by the Adams Express Company North of the depot on High Street—or the Worthington Pike as it was called then—is the coach shed of the Little Miami Railroad, now the Cincinnati Division of the Pennsylvania Lines, and near it is the car shop of the same road where Mr M. P Ford, for a number of years president of our Association, was master car builder. In the days of this old depot Mr Barney McCabe, now station master, was a detective for the different railroads using the depot.

When this depot gave way to its successor in the winter of 1874 Mr McCabe was made station master, and has held that position continuously up to the present time.

This old depot had three tracks 150 feet long, and was considered a fine station in its day. On the south side of the depot in the little extension, which is noticed by the omnibus and hacks, was located the telegraph office, ticket office and ladies' waiting room. The om-

nibus shown in the picture belonged to the Hawk Omnibus Line, which was doing a flourishing business at that time.

In the grocery and meat store on High Street near the National Hotel was employed the father of Mr Burt Woodward, of the Pennsylvania Lines.

Mr McCabe says that this old depot was built in 1852, and was used until it had to give way to the depot just before the one now in use, which was occupied in the winter of 1874. This depot was at the extreme north end of the city, and was considered by many people at that time

as out in the country. The cemetery was located on North High Street where is now located the North market house. You will notice in the background Neil's Woods, through which a large creek ran.

We are indebted to Mr Webb of the Union Line for this picture of the past, and desire to thank him for lending us his photograph which he prizes so highly.



The entire eight pages of the 1907 Columbus Railroad Men's Monthly Bulletin are available →

<http://www.columbusrailroads.com/new/pdf/rt%201907%20ymca%20newsletter.pdf>

On the Web

Facebook – a new Facebook Group - **PRR Cleveland Akron and Columbus Railroad** – was recently added to the list of Facebook Groups of interest to rail buffs. The group has had a strong start and continues to have interesting C&AC posts. You will find the group at → <https://www.facebook.com/groups/703211684209703>

YouTube - *The 16mm Railroad Movies of John M. Prophet III* – movies taken of Pennsylvania steam starting in the mid-1930s. There is extensive footage of PRR track pans and Horse Shoe Curve with narration by Mr. Prophet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHxbg4-bskw&t=19s>

Hilliard 1914



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Dayton Union Station



Photo by Detroit Publishing, 1904

Dayton Union Station was new in 1901 when an article, *New Union Passenger Station at Dayton Ohio*, was published in the Engineering News. Click to read the article →

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