

Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society
LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

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The President's Corner

LINES WEST - BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER MEETING
1-4 p.m., Sunday, 26 March 2023

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

The library opens at 1 pm, with our meeting starting at 1:30 pm
in the large meeting room.

After the meeting Dan Adair will do a power point presentation on a
Lines West Branch Line.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At a previous meeting I had stated that I want this to be my last year as Chapter President, and that I will not stand for re-election for another term. That remains my intent. I believe it is time for some "new blood" with fresh ideas that can get this chapter moving in a more active direction. From a personal standpoint, my wife has some health issues that will likely not improve, which is going to require more attention from me for her care in the future which will limit my time for any chapter duties.

While I cannot speak for them, our Secretary and Treasurer have also said that they feel they have served in their positions long enough. If that remains true, we will also be looking to fill those positions at the election of officers at the end of the year.

It is getting close to time for anyone interested in serving to express your interest. Currently our attention is devoted to hosting a successful annual meeting in May. I will write about the officers' duties and responsibilities in the summer newsletter.

Al Doddroe, President
Buckeye Region Chapter

Chapter Officers

Al Doddroe, President
Chad Cook, V-President
Jim Kehn, Secretary
Dick Briggs, Treasurer



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Walter Stafa – 1936-2023
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MEMBER

It is hard to capture the essence of a person in the lines of an obituary. Sure you can give the name: Walter Joseph Stafa, the dates: 1936-2023, even the family: Wife; Norma, Sons; Thomas (Beth), James (Molly) and Phil (Angela), Grandkids: Emily, Zyg, Sallie, Israel, Isabella, Braylon, Jaylynn, but those are just the facts.



Who he was is the important part. Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend, Coworker. He was driven by an inquisitive mind, one that sought out knowledge, but rarely forgot it when found. His superpower was fixing things, be it a mainframe computer (his career), an old mechanical cash register (a hobby) or the electromechanical parts that made an old streetcar run. Though able to speak at length about many subjects, his Love was Railway History. In the end, what we will miss is his laughter, his wit, his wisdom, his advice and his humanity.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Walter to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum at

<https://pa-trolley.org/support/ptm-donation-form/> .

The Pennsylvania Railroad in the 19th Century

Motive Power Development on the Pennsylvania Railroads System – 1831-1924, by Paul T. Warner is based on articles from the “*Baldwin Locomotives*,” a Quarterly Magazine issued by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. It covers locomotives from the beginning to the 1923 Class M1, 4-8-2.

http://ppolinks.com/hoboken32340/2014.013.0131_Motive_Power_Dev_Penn_RR_System_1924.pdf

Painting of Pennsylvania Railroad Locomotives, by C. H. Caruthers. Published in the 1900 *Railroad Gazette*. Before 1866 PRR locomotives were painted in a variety of colors. After 1866 paint scheme standards were introduced. It took several years before the standardization was complete. C. H. Caruthers watched this all take place as he records in this article.

<http://www.columbusrailroads.com/new/pdf/kurt%20bell-1%20pr%20ps%20the%20rr%20gazette%208-31-1900%201500.jpg>

