

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

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June 2019 Chapter Meeting:

The Next Lines West meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 9, 2019, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**
at the Upper Arlington Main Library, Meeting Room B –

**2800 Tremont Road
Upper Arlington, Ohio**

As usual, the business meeting will start at 1:30pm.

The after meeting program will be presented by **Ron Widman**. His subject will be *The Last Days of Columbus Steel Castings*. Ron has photos taken during October and November 2017, before the factory, on South Parsons Ave. was dismantled. Photos of Ohio area PRR related topics will also be shown.

Bring your models, photos and artifacts

As always, we encourage members to bring in models, photos and artifacts for display at the gathering.

BRADFORD RAILROAD MUSEUM

The Bradford Railroad Museum is putting on their annual **Railroad Heritage Festival** on Saturday, June 1st. This is an all-day event with additional attractions beside the Museum and BF Tower.

To remember the 75 year anniversary of the D Day invasion they will have a display of military vehicles from World War II to the Gulf War. There will also be re-enactors from the 101st Airborne Division, Thomas the Train and Carillon Park Ride, a drone race and a number of attractions for children.

They are asking for our support. While this will not be a chapter event attendance by any of us will be appreciated. Chapter members going to the festival should wear their Lines West shirts to show support, and to advertise our chapter.

You can check out the Bradford Railroad Museum website –

<https://www.bradfordrrmuseum.org/> .



Photos From the Camera of Ron Widman



2019 PRRT&HS Annual Meeting, Strasburg R.R. Backshop Tour.



Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, PRR #7002 on display.



The annual banquet was held in the Rolling Stock Hall, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.



Example of Buckeye Steel Casings Locomotive Tender truck made by Buckeye Steel. Washington Court House display of C&O #2776.

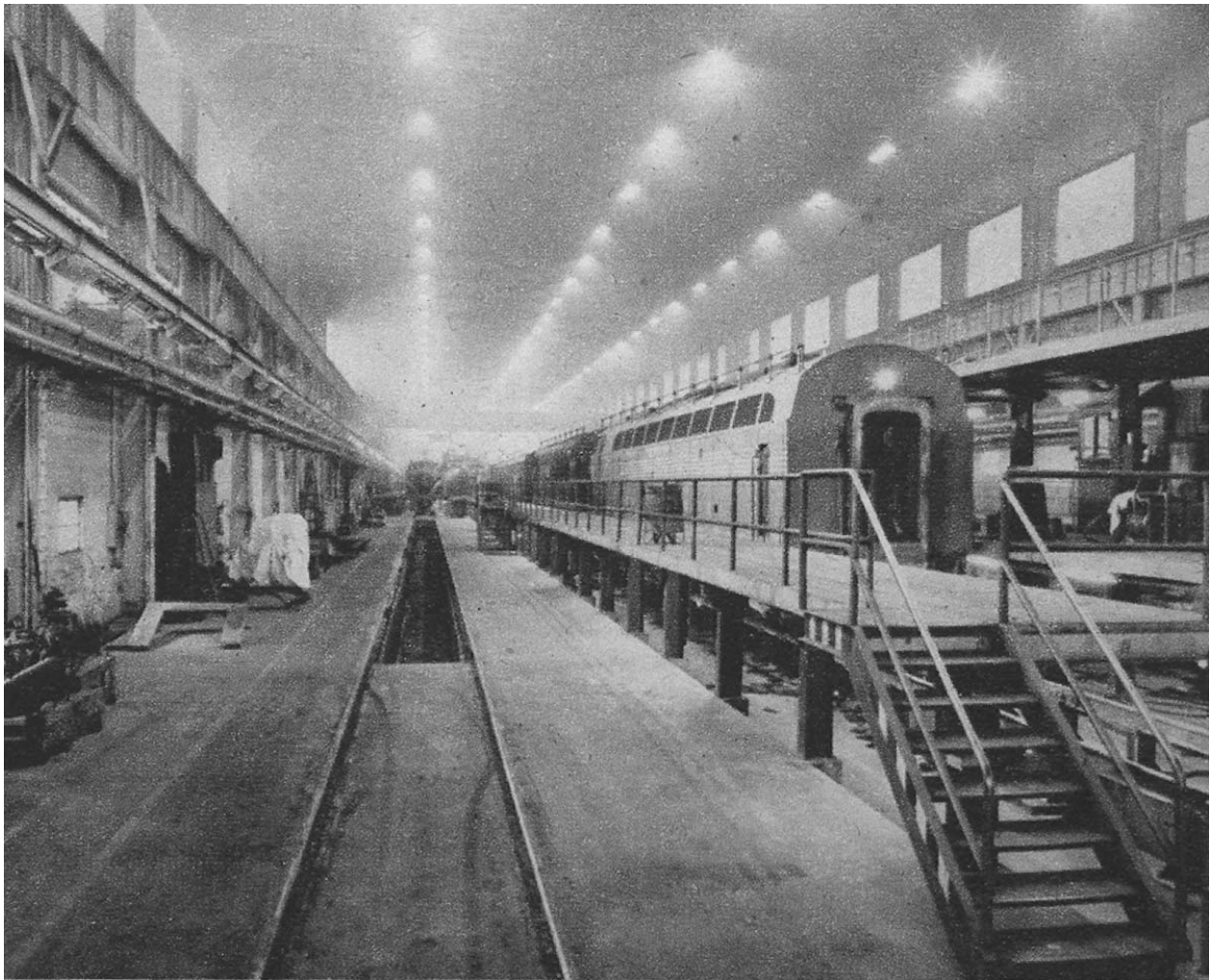
The Columbus 20th Street Shops – From Steam to Diesel

In 1955 the Columbus Dispatch published an article describing the conversion of the Pennsylvania Railroad's 20th Street Shops from steam to diesel maintenance. Following are the photos that accompanied the article.

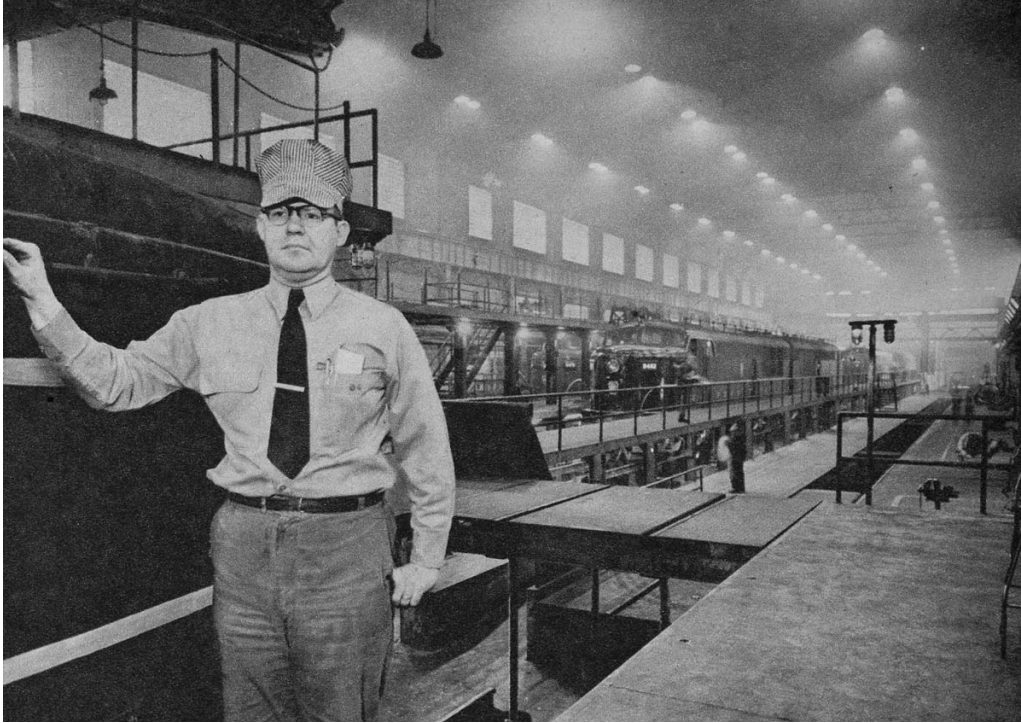
While many of us watched this conversion from the outside, not many actually got inside the large complex at 20th Street. Here is a peek inside during the start of the diesel era.

To read the entire article go to –

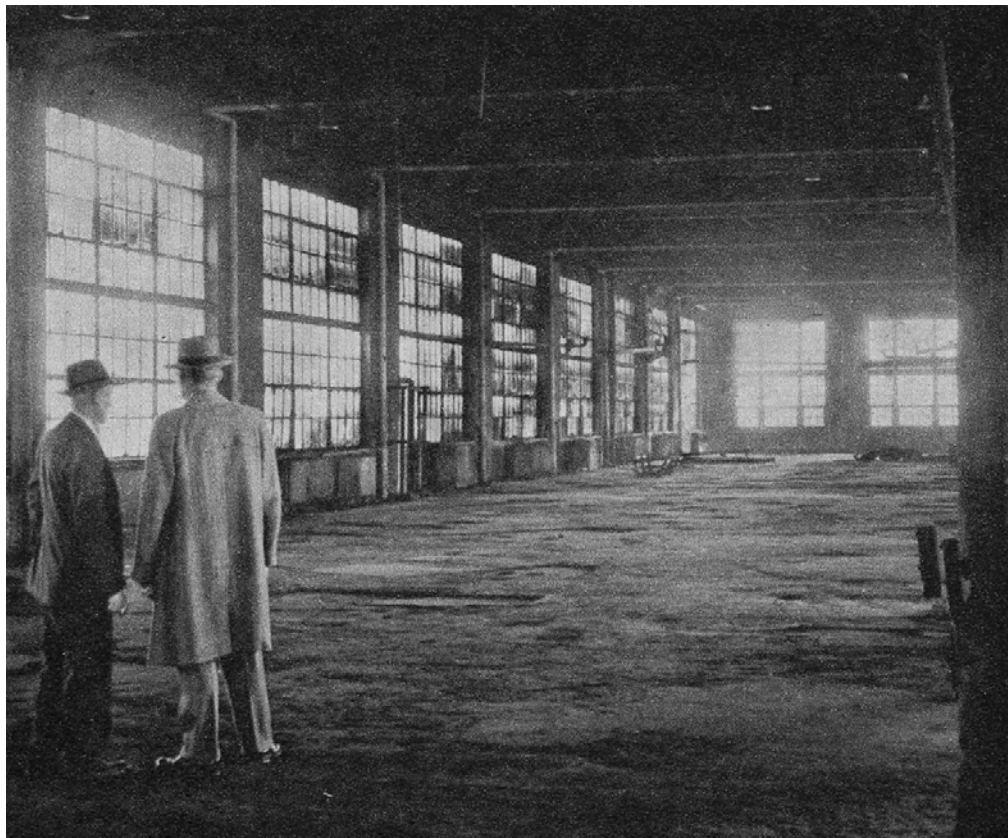
http://www.columbusrailroads.com/new/?menu=05Steam_Railroads&submenu=15Pennsylvania_Railroad&submenu4=401955%2020th%20Street%20Shops



The steam locomotive erecting shop converted to diesel maintenance. Photo taken in 1955.



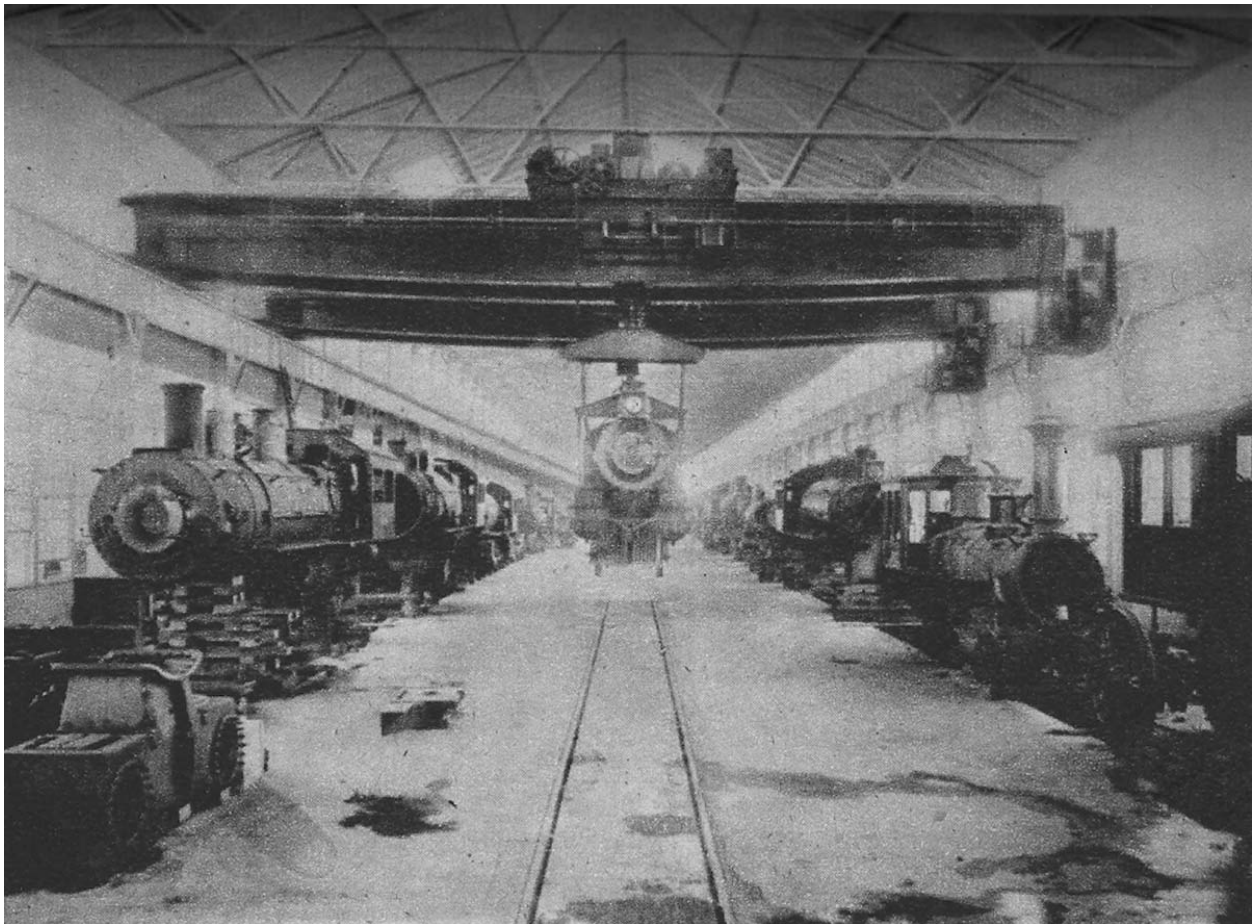
W.H. Wonnell one of the few men still working at the 20th Street Shops.



In 1955 entire floors at the shops were empty.



189 dead locomotives stored at Columbus in 1955.



A 1903 photo of the busy erecting shop in the steam era.