

LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER
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A Message from Chapter President Al Doddroe:

The next Lines West meeting will be held on **Sunday November 26, 2017, 1pm to 4:30 p.m.** The location is the **Upper Arlington Main library on Tremont road, Upper Arlington. Meeting room “B”.**

The business part of meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

The post meeting program will be led by Dick Wagner, NYC fan/”O Scale” modeler. Dick will speak on the New York Central in Columbus, and presumably its connections with the Pennsylvania Railroad. We should find his presentation interesting and informative, and if well accepted by our membership we will in the future look to present more programs of this type covering other Columbus railroads.

This will be our last meeting of the year, which brings up the subject of upcoming annual dues for 2018. We will accept dues payments for those who choose to pay early.

Member’s September visit to Dan Adair’s home:

At Chapter member Dan Adair’s home in Gahanna, we held our last chapter meeting in September. Lines West members enjoyed Dan’s interesting PowerPoint program on the PRR’s “Marietta Division”.

Dan did great job with his PRR history, as he knows the area first hand, which added a lot of interesting observations.

Dan’s large “HO” PRR layout has made big improvements since our last meeting there in September, 2012. See photos below.



Dan shows his power point program on 'The PRR Marietta Division'.
All photos this issue by Ron Widman.



Member Bob Albert admires scenery as Dan concentrates on a switch move.



Dan plays close attention to his modeling detail. His focused paint scheme is all PRR.



Dan takes great pride in his Pennsylvania Railroad 'HO Scale' layout.

The closing of Buckeye Steel Castings by Ron Widman:

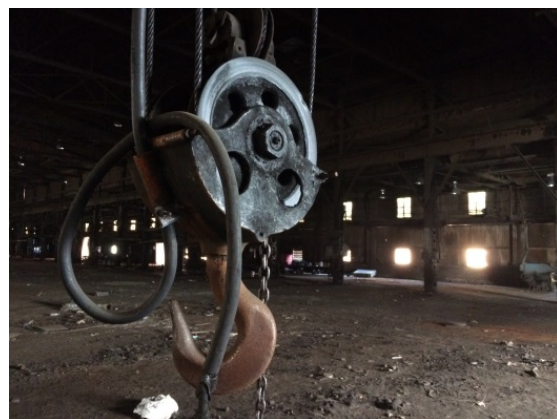


The last number of weeks I have been shooting photos at the now closed Buckeye Steel Castings Plant on South Parsons Avenue, in South Columbus. A buyer could not be found to continue the well over 100 years of plant operation. Buckeye was the Largest Steel Foundry Facility in North America with well over 70 acres of steel casting plant.

Buckeye, since the late 1800's, made castings for the railroad industry. Including freight car systems, components and 4-wheel trucks. AAR Type Knuckles, couplers (rotating & locomotive), side frames, bolsters, 6-wheel trucks, mass transit undercarriage systems in addition to their "The Z Knuckle". Buckeye could handle Industrial Castings from 100 to 100,000 lbs.



Bursts of sun-light brighten up empty plant.



The Coupler Building and the huge crane.



The now cavernous buildings could tell much history.



The original North building is solid plate glass.

Ron Widman will have some Buckeye Steel Castings sales brochures to hand out at the November meeting.