

LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER

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News from Chapter President Al Doddroe:

The next Lines West-Buckeye Region Chapter meeting will be **Sunday, 26 Feb. 2017, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Hilltop Branch**. The address is **511 S. Hague Ave**. This is near the corner of Hague and Sullivant Ave, behind the BP station on the corner. Traffic on Hague Ave is still southbound only. Northbound entry off Sullivant Ave. is by Powell Ave, just west of the BP station.

The agenda for this meeting will be the annual election of officers, conducted by Lines West member Bert Kram. Bert will accept nominations at the meeting.

("Bert, a retired trial lawyer, was local counsel for the Pennsylvania R.R. beginning in 1967. He later represented the Penn Central and Conrail, as well as other railroads, including the Akron, Barberton Belt; Columbus Union Depot Co.; Detroit Union Belt; the Ohio Central; Detroit, Toledo & Ironton; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie; CSX; Norfolk Southern; and others. He represented those carriers in hearings and trials before state and federal courts, the PUCO, legislative committees, and local governmental agencies. Among the types of cases were those involving real estate; railroad operations; environment; geotechnical [landslides, etc.]; personal injury and property damage; freight loss and damage; and import/export issues. Bert's early interest in the PRR began while growing up in Frankfort, IN [Mile Post 78.6 on the PRR's Louisville and Indianapolis & Frankfort branches], where a cordial PRR local crew allowed Bert and a friend to ride along in their H-10sa, Alco 1913. Editor.")

There are no other new issues to discuss at this time.

The after meeting program will be presented by Alex Campbell with a power point/slide show - *The N&W Railroad in Columbus*. This should give us a look at the interaction between the PRR and N&W. Alex has done research on railroads in Columbus and has an excellent website. See it at columbusrailroads.com.

The annual meeting of the PRR T&HS is coming up soon; 17-20 May in Camp Hill, Pa. This will be the last meeting at this location for several years. Plans are to meet in Altoona, Pa next year followed by Penn State University the next year.

2017 Local Chapter dues are payable at the meeting. \$10.00 per year.

Also, we have space in the meeting room to display models, collectibles and Pennsylvania Railroad history items.



PRR Bowling Champs 1940-41 Gold Metal. Bradford Railroad Museum.

Chapter Photo's, 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW.

All photos by Ron Widman, Editor, Lines West Newsletter



In May, Lines West members traveled to Camp Hill for Annual PRRT&HS meeting. Pete & Al stopped by Huntingdon to see the historic "Hunt" tower.



Archivist Charlie Horan instructed members about the PRRT&HS Archives in Lewistown.



Local Railroad devotee enjoys 'double stack' passing.



Interesting "Port Columbus" keystone sign for sale.



Member Mike Crosby won 'Best of Show' with his superb diorama of the Ft. Wayne, 1926 Winter Street Coal Dock.



Member Eric Porch, w/hat, retired engineer, enjoys the fine design and modeling of this unique PRR coal dock.



June we traveled to Bradford to see the PRR history.



"BF" tower was saved with hard work and dedication.



Dean Saul, Piqua, explains "BF" tower operations.



The Bradford Museum displays PRR history.



Marilyn Kosier talks with member Russ Thompson.



Bradford Museum display of PRR history items.



Gary Salzgeber opened his PRR HO layout to members.



Gary has a finely detailed and busy PRR layout.



The PRR 1894 Depot in Urbana was newly restored in 2007 and is now The Depot Coffee House.



Just East of the PRR depot sits the rare and historic PRR NX23, WWII Cabin car from the 1940's. Also restored in 2007.

Thanks to Alex Campbell for his technical support with the newsletter.