

## Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society

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### Lines West - Buckeye Region Chapter.

Announcing our next meeting to be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Marion, Ohio Depot 1- 4:30pm. Lines West & Marion Depot member Pete White will be on hand to explain the operation of Marion's "AC Tower" along with the many operating signals, controls and model boards that are on display in the Marion R.R. history collection.

The business meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. followed by an interesting history program by Lines West member & News Letter Editor Ron Widman. The subject of Ron's program will be to show video interviews of past Lines West member Dick Jacobs, filmed in 2008 and 2009. Dick was a strong history talented member who wrote and researched numerous articles for the Keystone on the PRR. Dick's, a retired COTA bus driver, avid interest was in the P.R.R. history. His archive P.R.R. history collection featured a J1 whistle, keystone and nice timetable collection, to name a few.

So, fire up your boilers and plan to steam onward to our June 7, 2015 meeting at the historical Marion Depot and "AC Tower". Bring your camera and as you may know, Marion has busy freight action throughout the day. If you have not seen or toured through Marion's "AC" tower, plan to do so. It is a real "Gem of Rail History" as Lines West member Pete White has spent countless hours painting and seeing to the animated operation of the historical tower that sits high above ground, on iron stilts.

Modelers & Rail Artifact collectors. There is lots of table space in the meeting room. This is a good chance to display models you have constructed, built, assembled, etc.. Completed models are welcome as well as works in progress. History artifacts on display always show well and are seen with great interest. Bring you models & items for show!



One of the numerous model boards on display at the Marion Depot. If you like prototype railroading Marion has much history to learn about. Don't miss the historic Marion depot and the many displays to study and absorb! Photo by Ron Widman

**MARION UNION STATION ASSOCIATION 532 WEST CENTER STREET MARION, OHIO SEE MAP ON WEB SITE.**



Marion AC Tower. Restored by Pete White & other Marion members.



Marion AC Tower. June 2013. 5 photos by Ron Widman.



Marion Depot. A lot of hard work was put into making it shine.



Signals-Controls display inside.



Controls-Model Boards & Signal.

====PRRT&HS 2015 Annual Meeting @ State College & Lewistown Junction archive tours.====



Tours at PRRT&HS Archives @ Lewistown Junction.



Historian Bob Johnson gave tours and explains the archives to members.



PRRT&HS members focus on passing freight. 4 photo's Ron Widman.



The very energetic archivist Charlie Horan, introduces Lewistown Station to PRRT&HS members.





Prototype presentations were well delivered & attended by members.



The annual banquet was packed with members. Chapter President Al Dodroe and member Pete White are seen at the front table.  
2 photos by Ron Widman.



PRR Erie & Ashtabula Division Coal Warf, along I-80 @ Girard.  
Return trip we saw this concrete coaling structure from freeway.  
The Keystone Autumn 1986. Photo by James J.D. Lynch, Jr.  
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Regarding our brand new Lines West Buckeye Region Chapter shirts. They can be ordered via Jim Kehn, our chapter secretary. Jim's wife did a splendid job on the entire shirt, name, chapter and etc.. These low cost, outstanding, \$25.00 chapter shirts can have your name displayed on the front, just let Jim know exactly how you want your name printed. First, First & Last or ??? Some of us wore them at the annual meeting in "Happy Valley" and nice comments were said by other PRRT&HS members. The added shirt pocket is a nice addition to the attractive looking 'Lines West Chapter' shirt.



Three photos by Ron Widman.



2015 Annual Meeting @ State College. Vender room was busy. Member Bob Watson & wife @ table.



Railfan's are gathered at the Marion Union Station. Waiting for trains to pass through town. 6/2013.

**See you in Marion on June 7, 2015.**