

Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society

Lines West – Buckeye Region Chapter

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The next chapter meeting will be on 15 December, 2019. We will meet at the Hilltop Branch Library, 311 South Hague Ave in Columbus. Library opens at 1 pm. Business meeting will commence at 1:30.

The post meeting program will be presented by Russ Thompson. He will be showing more of his photo collection of railroad subjects in the central Ohio region.

IN MEMORIUM

We recently lost two of our long time chapter members, Bert Kram and Ron Widman. Both had been in ill health for some time, however, we were honored to have both of them present at our last chapter meeting on 8 September. They were both dedicated members of our chapter, and will be missed!

Bert Kram passed away on 20 September. He was a highly regarded attorney with a local firm and did much work on railroad related litigation. He was a rail fan from an early age and was a member of the PRR T&HS, Nickel Plate Historical & Technical Society, and The C&O Historical Society. Bert was a contributor to our chapter through an article on railroad operations in his hometown, Frankfort, Indiana, and was a staff member when we hosted the annual meeting of the PRR T&HS in 2011.

Ron Widman passed away on 3 October. He was a charter member of the Lines West–Buckeye Region Chapter. He served as editor of the chapter newsletter and was an author of historical newspaper articles, including the

Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a U.S. Army veteran with service in Korea and Viet Nam. Ron was a talented photographer and following his military service he worked as a news cameraman/film editor/film archivist at WBNS-TV. During that time he was a recipient of an Emmy award and two Telly awards.

Meeting Agenda

We will hold our annual election of officers for the next calendar year. Any one desiring to hold an elected position, or to nominate and individual will have an opportunity to participate.

With Ron Widman's passing we are in need of a newsletter editor. This is an appointed position. It requires some computer skills to assemble a newsletter from various inputs and collaboration with the chapter secretary to get it out over the internet. We are looking for a volunteer for this important position,

A new dues year is coming up. We will accept dues for 2020 for any who want to pay ahead.

There will be space to display models, modeling projects and artifacts. Bring your modeling efforts, finished or in progress, for display.