

LINES WEST – BUCKEYE REGION CHAPTER PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TECHNICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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==NEXT CHAPTER MEETING==

Our next chapter meeting will be **Sunday, 23 February 2014, 1pm-5pm** at the Lane Road Branch, Upper Arlington Library, 1945 Lane Road, Upper Arlington. You will recall we have had past winter meetings at this Lane Road Library Branch in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

The scheduled meeting time is from 1p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 1p.m. Library opens and room set-up; 1:30 p.m. Chapter Business meeting; 2 p.m.[*approximate*] after business meeting program. 4:30 p.m. room clean up; 5 p.m. Library closes.

Our meeting will consist of usual topics plus annual election of officers.

After meeting program by member Russ Thompson. Russ plans to show 8 m.m. movie film that he has acquired. The locations are primarily in the North East part of the U.S.

Modelers do you have any modeling efforts recently completed or currently in the works? Bring your project to display to the rest of our membership.

REMINDER. DUES ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE FOR FORM.

****Special PBS Documentary on Pennsylvania Station, 8 p.m. Feb. 18, 2014****

Also, any PRR artifacts you may have and would like to share with the membership, this would be a great time to display them as well. *Some interesting Ohio PRR history:*

Two former PRR buildings of the same blueprints are still used and erect, in Ohio.

The following four exposures are of crew quarters built by the PRR in the early 1950's.

The first exposure is in Crestline, was called the Crestline PRR YMCA and is still standing. The building is now used by CSX and is located on West Bucyrus Street.

The second exposure is in Columbus, was also built and used by the PRR for crew quarters. Building located on Saint Clair Avenue, just north and west of the Saint Clair Ave., PRR roundhouse and 20th Street locomotive facility. This brick building is now owned by a Columbus church and is a very active complex by local church members.



Crestline former PRR YMCA, 1950, is used by CSX on West Bucyrus Street.



Columbus building now owned by church on St. Clair Ave.

A most interesting feature built by the PRR during construction at both locations was a concrete Keystone build above each entrance way, door.



The concrete PRR Keystone was cast just above the entrance door, as seen in this view of the Columbus PRR crew building, now a church on St. Clair Avenue.



The Pennsylvania Railroad left their Keystone trademark in concrete.
It has stood the test of time for over 60 years.

*Four photos by Ron Widman, PRRT&HS Lines West-Buckeye
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