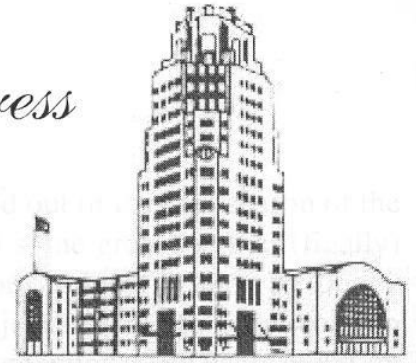


Empire State Express



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The meeting of the Chapter will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 8:00 PM at the Degraff Community Center, 139 Division St., North Tonawanda, NY.

RAILS ACROSS AMERICA

Join us as Mark Lewandowski, Jr. presents a review of railroading both contemporary and historic in a collection of slides he has assembled over the past several years. There will be something for everyone to enjoy...come and join us for an evening of great railroad pictures.



In late November 1941, New York Central unveiled its newly re-equipped Empire State Express. The gleaming streamliner with tavern-lounge-observation *Franklin D. Roosevelt* is shown here westbound on a publicity tour at Erie, PA just days before the debut of regular service on December 7th. That day became the '**Day of Infamy**'; Pearl Harbor. The course of history would be forever changed. *Collection MJ Lewandowski, Jr.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are definitely into the Fall season now. That last heat blast in September kind of hid where we were going, but we are past that now. I've got my sweater out. Are you ready?

Thanks to Greg Gerstung, Dennis Hurley and Steve Frey for hauling our "stuff" to and from the Central Terminal Show. Thanks also to Bob Andrycha and Becky for their help. We were set up in the usual corner kiosk and saw and spoke to lots of familiar folks and a few new faces. We debuted our 2019 Chapter Calendar and sold Gorge Books and magazines and came away with \$491.00. Central Terminal is a great place to spend the weekend.

There will not be a Fall Chicken Barbeque Fund Raiser this year. By this time of year people have had their fill of barbequed chicken and the poor sales results of the last few years fall edition are proof. We will try to arrange a fall trip instead, perhaps not this year, but maybe next.

The Museum will continue to be open whenever there are any of us there. We will continue with our restoration work until we can't get in anymore because of the snow. There are five of the big wooden sliding doors on the west side (facing Oliver Street) of the station. As of this writing, the number four door has been removed and repositioned. It is now on the number five door and the sad and unattractive number five door has been removed. The door space from number four has been studded in and a replica door face has been built into the opening with insulation applied and a replica door face built on the inside. This has created a solid wall while maintaining the appearance of a working door. This will allow us to open and close door number five for the first time. The interior space behind this door extends the full width of the building. This will be very handy for bringing in metal studs and cement board flooring for the archive room expansion.

We have engaged Niagara Construction of Lockport to acquire and install aluminum storm windows for EL-2 They will also paint the upper crown molding where it meets the roof. Work will continue as the season progresses. There is a lot of very old, very weathered wood up there. Some of will get painted, some will be replaced. The storm windows are coming and we expect that they will be installed this year. We will keep you updated.

We will be going to the WNYRHS train show at the Fairgrounds in November, and for that we could use some help both at the table and hauling and carrying in our stuff on Saturday morning.

Winter walk is coming early in December, we will be open for the day and decorated in the Holiday Spirit. The Lionel layout at the Museum has been rebuilt and some new equipment has been added. We hope the experience of seeing and running the trains will encourage the next generation of railfans to join us. Come and see it!

Please call Becky at 434 5665 if you can help out, either with the train show or Winterwalk or both. Help us reach out to the world for new members.

Until then, I'll see you at the meeting.

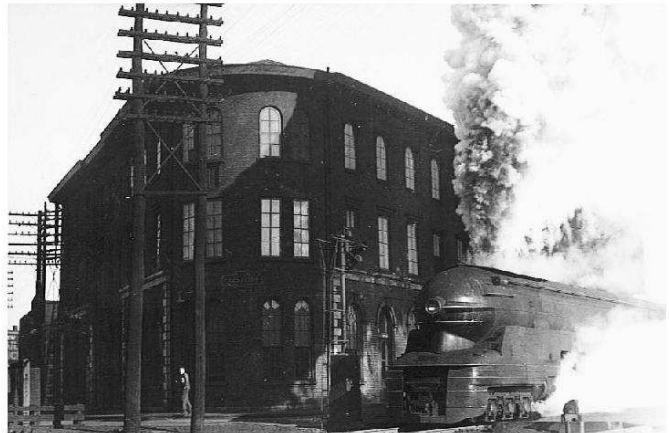
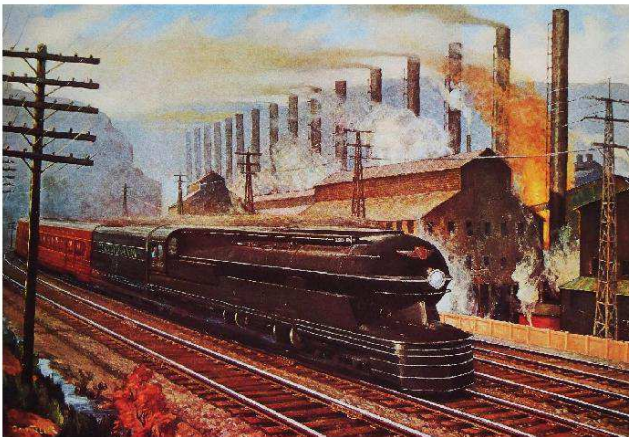
Jim Ball



THE ONE, THE ONLY...
BIG ENGINE
THE
PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
S1 6-4-4-6
TONY SCHILL

Part 2 A Gallery of S1 photos

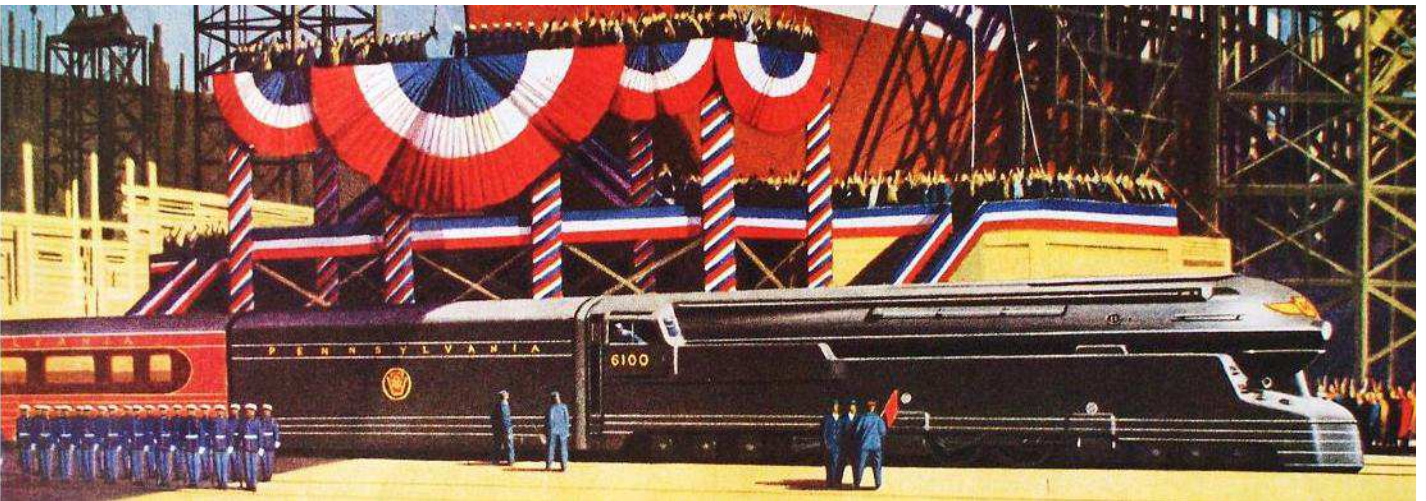
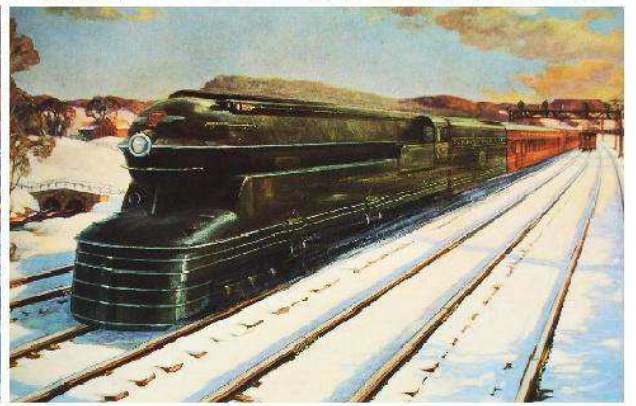
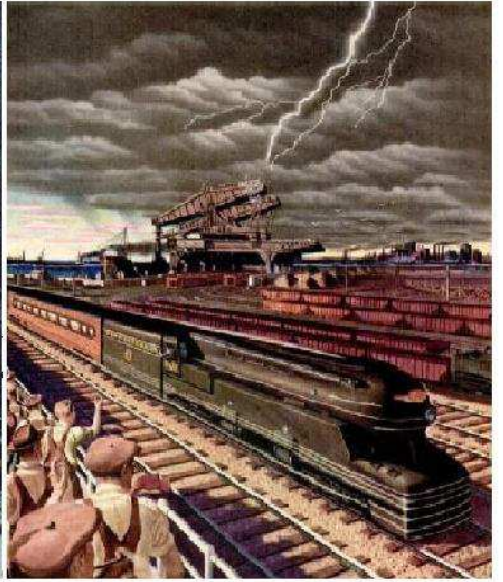
The Pennsylvania Railroad chose to feature the S1 on their famous calendars for 1939, 1940 and 1941, as well as in numerous brochures and other advertising. Interestingly, the calendars and much of the advertising all showed the locomotive in somewhat hilly terrain and on a four-track line, which pretty much described the railroad's mainline in Pennsylvania west of Harrisburg—where the engine never operated. The view below at top left is of a westbound train passing the great Edgar Thomson steel works at Braddock, east of Pittsburgh. "ET" was the first steel mill in America



CRESTLINE

CHICAGO





Here is the largest steam passenger locomotive of its type in the world – operating under its own power on a roller bed at the Railroad Exhibit

“BOBCAT” SPOTTED AT THE STATION

Photos by Greg Gerstung

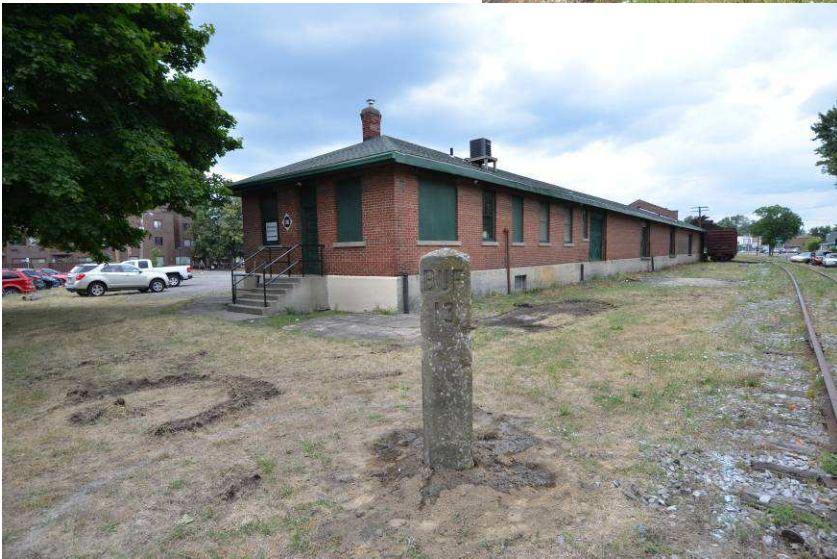
Earlier this summer, a part of northern Amherst had bear sightings, and those caused much consternation among the populace of that locale. But low and behold, our station saw a ‘bobcat’ this summer..... no, not the four legged variety from a nature preserve out for a prowl, but rather the ‘mechanical type’ and thanks to the efforts of several volunteers, it accomplished a great deal of productive work as you can see in Greg’s photos of July 21, 2018. Volunteers included Steve Frey, Al LeTeste, Greg Gerstung, Jim Ball and Bob Andrycha.

The “bobcat” is readying some vintage mileage and whistle markers for “planting” in the secured equipment area on the west side of the station.



BOBCAT...continued

Steve Frey is steering the milepost marker into place on the east (right of way) side of the station. This is an authentic Erie RR marker which once stood about a half mile north along the now removed tracks.



Lastly, a vintage milepost marker '111' is planted on the Oliver Street side of the station. It just happens that our postal address is '111 Oliver'. Many thanks to those volunteers who made this all happen.

SOME RAILWAY STATION VIEWS IN LONDON, ENGLAND - Part 1

Photos by Jon Rothenmeyer



Kings Cross, London, August 26, 2018



Kings Cross, London – London & North Eastern, August 26, 2018



Kings Cross, London, August 26, 2018



St Pancras, London. Eurostar service to the Continent departs from this magnificent station. August 26, 2018
Next month we will see more of Jon's London & southwestern England railway scenes.

STEAM & DIESEL EXCURSIONS THIS FALL

The Buffalo, Jamestown & Cattaraugus Scenic Ry. has announced a series of enjoyable short excursions out of Hamburg, NY on the former Erie RR (later EL, then Conrail) branchline that today is operated by the Buffalo & Southwestern. Here is the lineup of trips for October and November.

October 6 diesel hauled trip Hamburg (Scott & Union St.) to Eden NY

October 13-14 several excursions hauled by steam locomotive Viscose #6, Hamburg to Eden NY



October 27-28, two excursions hauled by steam locomotive Viscose #6, Hamburg to Eden NY. Includes Halloween celebrations for children.

November 10-11 Veterans Day weekend trips hauled by steam locomotive Viscose #6 depart from Hamburg (specific destination not listed).

More information, train times and ticket sales are online at <https://www.bcjrailroad.com/>

With a single coach in tow, 0-4-0 Viscose #6 chugs across a farm field near Cherry Creek NY, October 28, 2007. John C. Dahl



And as always, don't forget our old friend, the Arcade & Attica. Unfortunately steam locomotive No. 18 is out of service this Fall; foliage excursions north to Curriers on weekends will be hauled by vintage center cab diesels. Detailed information online at <https://www.aarailroad.com/>

Take a train ride and help keep our local excursion railroads alive and healthy!

Center cab No.112 readies for the return to Arcade at Curriers NY, October 7, 2006. John C. Dahl

ON THE TRACK AHEAD

November's program will be hosted by Tony Schill. December will feature our annual Members Night. Start getting those photos, old or new, ready now to share with your friends at our December holiday gathering

CHAPTER CALENDAR

- OCT 12 Regular meeting, at Degraff Community Center, 8 PM. Program by MJ Lewandowski
- NOV 9 Regular meeting, at Degraff Community Center, 8PM. Program by Tony Schill.
- NOV 17-18 WNYRHS Train Show, Hamburg, NY Fairgrounds. Chapter table needs volunteers.

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