



# The Iron City Express



The Pittsburgh Chapter of the PRRT&HS invites you to attend *The Iron City Express*, the 1996 PRRT&HS Annual Meeting, to be held May 2nd through the 5th, 1996 at the Days Inn, New Kensington, PA. A full schedule of activities including prototype railroad facility tours, layout tours, vendor room, contest and display room, informational programs and spouse's programs has been planned for your enjoyment. The tentative schedule and description of events follows. This information is as accurate as possible at the time of printing. All information is subject to change or corrections.

## ***Book of Pittsburgh PRR photographs to be printed!***

The Pittsburgh Chapter PRRT&HS in conjunction with the National PRRT&HS has produced a book commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Railroad. ***The Pennsy in the Steel City - 150 Years of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Pittsburgh*** is an 88 page soft-cover book which contains more than 250 black and white photographs with descriptions of scenes of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Pittsburgh area. All proceeds from the book support your Society. One free copy of the book is included with every paid registration. Extra copies of the book will be available in the vendor room. A flyer for the purchase of this book will appear in the summer 1996 *Keystone*. No inquiries beforehand, please.

### THURSDAY MAY 2ND, 1996

**Tour: USS Edgar Thompson Works / LTV Coke Plant** - (Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) \$25.00 per person, A limited number of tickets will be sold. You must be 18 years of age or older. Firm soled shoes required. No sneakers, tennis shoes, sandals, high heels or open toe shoes. No shorts, tank tops, short sleeved shirts, sunglasses or tinted eyeglasses. Women should wear slacks. Hard hats and safety glasses will be provided and are required to be worn. People not meeting dress requirements will not be allowed on the tour and money will not be refunded. You must provide information to United States Steel on who your employer is. A moderate amount of walking and some steps are required. Cameras are not permitted. In the morning we will visit the USS Edgar Thompson Steel Works in Braddock, PA where you may see blast furnaces, basic oxygen furnaces and the continuous caster. A stop will be made mid-day at a fast-food restaurant for lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will visit the LTV Coke Plant where we will explore the coke making process. This second part of the tour is almost completely outside, so come equipped for rain. The coke plant tour is a walking tour and will last about one to one and a half hours. Due to changing conditions in the industrial environment we can not guarantee that all parts of these two facilities will be included in the tour.

**Program: Conrail's Conway Yards** - (Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) By: Joe Jack, Conrail employee, Joe Jack has worked at Conway Yard for many years and has recorded numerous rare and unique occurrences there. Joe's photographs have been widely published in the railfan press. This slide presentation will give us a rare glimpse of the inside of post-merger Conway Yard.

**Hospitality Room** - (Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - free soft drinks and snacks), VCR, TV and railroad videos will be available at all times.

**Registration Desk** - Open various times daily. Message board available in Registration area. Changes to the Annual Meeting schedule will be posted in the Registration Area.

### FRIDAY MAY 3RD, 1996

**Tour: The PRR In Pittsburgh** - (Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) \$30.00 per person, A limited number of tickets will be sold. This is a bus trip covering PRR's five divisions in Pittsburgh, including Conway Yard, Pitcairn Yard, Pittsburgh Union Station and the three bypass routes around Pittsburgh. It will last approximately 8 ½ hours and includes a box lunch.

**Tour: National Aviary / Phipps Conservatory** - (Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) \$25 per person - includes admission fees, This is a bus trip to the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, a wildlife conservation center and zoo located on Pittsburgh's North Side beside Three River's Stadium. It features more than 400 birds of 250 different species and is one of the largest free-flight, walk-through exhibits in the world. The Phipps Conservatory located in Schenley Park has 2 1/2 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens with floral display rooms. Japanese Courtyard, Perennial, Victorian Rose, Aquatic and Children's Gardens are featured. We will stop mid-day on Pittsburgh's scenic south side for lunch on your own.

**Vendor Room - Ballrooms C & D** - (Setup Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - vendors only - with vendor badge), (Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - open to all registrants with badge), (Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - tear down), A total of seventy tables are available. Some tables are 8' X 30" and some are 6' X 30". Tables will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis with the 8 foot tables being assigned to the earliest registrants first. Both size tables are the same \$15 price. Please specify if electricity is needed, or if you prefer to be beside another vendor or along a wall. To be a vendor you must be a member of the National PRRT&HS and must register for the Annual Meeting. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to donate a door prize, to be awarded after the banquet with the donor recognized. There will be only one entrance to the vendor area with security and badge check provided by a uniformed guard during business hours. Vendor room will be locked at all other times. Only vendors and their helpers will be allowed into the vendor area during setup time. A maximum of two vendor helpers who are not family members will be allowed. Vendor area must be cleared by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday to allow for banquet setup.

**Program: Railroad Lighting, Lanterns and Memorabilia** - (Friday 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) By: Russ Lowden, Russ and several other members of the Penn-Ligonier Railroad Club from Latrobe, PA will present a light-hearted program on railroad lighting, lanterns, keys, locks, timetables, signal indications and railroadianna. Many fine examples of these items will be shown, mostly from the PRR. More than 100 items covering five display tables will be shown. Don't miss this amusing and witty look at railroading.

**Program: Lost Railroad Structures of Western Pennsylvania** - (Friday 7:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.) By: Rich Ballash, This 1 3/4 hour slide show contains 470 photographs of many depots, towers and regional rail structures that are now gone. Narrated in stereo, it is fast moving, unique and interesting. More than 75% of the material is on the PRR. The tour covers the area between New Florence and the Ohio Line.

#### SATURDAY MAY 4TH, 1996

**Tour: Grove City Factory Shops** - (Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) \$15 per person, Over 90 manufacturer's outlet stores including women's, men's and children's apparel, ~~cosmetics and perfume~~, housewares and linens, handbags and accessories, specialty shops and a food court, lunch is on your own, 50 miles north of Pittsburgh by tour bus.

**Annual PRRT&HS General Membership Business Meeting** - (Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

**Program: PRR Cabin Cars** - (Saturday 10:30 a.m. to Noon) By: Bob Johnson, This slide show will be a detailed look at PRR cabin cars. The various cabin car classes will be described "from Na to N8." Many old and rare views of early and unusual examples will be shown.

**Program: Hulett Unloaders of Whiskey Island** - (Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.) By: Chip Syme, Conrail engineer, Chip Syme will be showing two trays of slides of the Hulett Unloaders at the C&P Ore Dock in Cleveland, Ohio. He will describe the design and operations of the unloaders up to the closing of the dock a few years ago. Seldom seen views from on and inside the unloaders and ships will be presented from his personal trips to the dock.

**Program: Structures of the PRR in the 50's and 60's - From East to West** - (Saturday 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.) By: Rich Ballash, Rich has created a slide and sound program that takes the audience from Penn Station in New York to Union Station in St. Louis and to Chicago. Rich will present 250 views of Pennsy depots, towers and trains on the System's main lines and branches. He has assembled these classic scenes in geographical order, packed a pre-recorded script with details, then set the whole thing to music in stereo in a whirlwind tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

**Contest and Display Room** - (Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Contest entries accepted beginning 10:00 a.m. Saturday, pick up entries between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday. A craft show and contest will be held along with the railroad model show and contest. Two categories will be open for crafts entries, railroad related and non-railroad related. Model categories include: steam locomotive, electric locomotive, diesel locomotive, passenger equipment, freight equipment, cabin car, maintenance of way equipment, structures and dioramas and "Best of Show."

**PRRT&HS Contest Rules:** Models must be of PRR design, build or ownership, but may be lettered for other railroads as second hand equipment. Models should be displayed on a piece of track. Track may be mounted as desired by entrant. Descriptive material may be placed with the model as long as the name of the entrant is not visible. ~~No full or partial trains may be entered in any category. M~~ ~~u~~ ~~ed~~ ~~or~~ semi-permanently coupled rolling stock and locomotives are permitted to be displayed together. All entrants will be required to fill out an official entry form and sign the release. Models may be entered and displayed during the hours set forth in the program. The model display chairman may arrange the display position of any model as he or she sees fit. Photographs may be mounted as the entrant desires, but should be capable of being hung if the need arises. Any mounting device such as easels must be provided by the entrant. Complete official contest rules, entry forms and ballots will be available in the contest room during the meeting. You must be registered for the Annual Meeting to enter contests.

**Banquet and Awards Ceremony** - (Saturday, Cash Bar 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Banquet 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Awards Ceremony / Raffle Drawing 7:30 p.m.) cost \$25.00 per person, choice of Roast Sirloin of Beef or Roast Chicken. Dinner includes appetizer, salad, potato, vegetable, desert, roll, coffee, tea.

**Raffle** - A framed 16 by 20 inch black and white authenticated photographic print by renowned photographer, Todd Webb is to be raffled off. The photograph of steam-era PRR 28th Street Yard in Pittsburgh will be on display in the Registration Area. Tickets are \$2 for one, and \$5 for 3, as a donation to the Society. Winner will be drawn after the Awards Ceremony Saturday night. If you will not be attending the drawing, be sure to put your name, address and telephone number on the back of each of your raffle tickets. If a ticket is drawn without a name and address on the back, and the owner does not claim the prize in person at the banquet, ~~the owner forfeits the right to the prize and another ticket will be drawn.~~

**Program: The PRR Monongahela Division** - (Saturday 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) By: Jack Consoli, This slide presentation will cover the Mon Division past and present. The main line from Pittsburgh to Brownsville, PA plus the associated branches will be covered. Jack will concentrate on the PRR era, but will supplement the historical information with views from recent years. Topics will include physical plant, operation, equipment used, industries served and historical background.

**Program:** - (Saturday 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) An alternate Saturday evening program is planned for those that have had enough of or just aren't interested in the PRR. Topic to be announced at the meeting.

### SUNDAY MAY 5TH, 1996

**Tour: Self-Guided Model Railroad Layout Tour** - On your own, maps, times & details provided at the meeting. Name badge must be worn. Tentatively scheduled for Friday night and Sunday morning/afternoon. We plan to feature a selection of club and home layouts of various scales and types.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. At least one member per family must be a member of the PRRT&HS to attend the Annual Meeting. Registration includes spouse and family. There is no "one day" registration price available.
2. There is no smoking in any meeting, display, banquet or display room, tour vehicle or home layout.
3. You must wear your name badge for entrance to any Annual Meeting room, event or tour.
4. All times and events are subject to change, substitution or cancellation. Ending times of tours and programs are approximate. All bus tours leave from and return to the front main lobby entrance of the Days Inn. All guided tours are by air conditioned tour buses. You must ride on the bus for these activities, you may not drive your own vehicle to any activity other than the self-guided layout tour.
7. The Pittsburgh Chapter PRRT&HS is a small chapter and would ask your help in staffing the registration table and model room. Please indicate on your registration form if you would be willing to volunteer one hour of time. Thank you very much!
9. There will be no waiting lists for tours or the banquet. All available tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis as they are available.
10. Cancellation Policy: Registration fee, tour tickets, banquet tickets and vendor table fees are non-refundable after May 1, 1996. Refund requests must be received by the registrar in writing before this date.
11. If you do not receive a confirmation post card within two weeks of mailing in your registration form, please contact the registrar.
12. Information on local restaurants, directions, shopping, transportation to the airport and train station, etc. is available from the Days Inn at the telephone and address listed below.
13. The banquet is not included with registration. Purchase banquet tickets separately.
15. Please contact the hotel or registrar if you have concerns about handicapped access or services.
16. All programs will be presented in Ballrooms A & B. Vendor room will be in Ballrooms C & D.
17. A limited number of tickets are available for all activities. If an activity is sold out or canceled, you will be notified on your confirmation post card. The fee will be refunded at the meeting.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Please contact the Days Inn for room reservations. You may call for reservations at (412) 335-9171. Be sure to mention the PRRT&HS to get the convention rate. You may FAX your reservation request to (412) 335-6642. You may mail reservation requests to: Days Inn New Kensington, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, PA 15068. *Do not include reservation requests with your Iron City Express Registration form!* The PRRT&HS room rate is \$50 per night, single or double occupancy. *Directions to the Days Inn - New Kensington:* Exit the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Exit 5, Allegheny Valley. After passing through the toll booth take the ramp to the right heading toward Pittsburgh. Go 3/4 mile. Just past the Ames Department Store turn right at the traffic light on to Route 910. In 1/4 mile there is a ramp to the right which takes you on to State Route 28 North. Go approximately 6 1/2 miles north on Route 28. Take Exit 14 off of Route 28 toward Tarentum / New Kensington, State Route 366. The Days Inn New Kensington is located on State Route 366, 1 1/2 miles south of State Route 28, exit 14, at the south (upper) end of the Tarentum/New Kensington Bridge (George D. Stewart Memorial Bridge) on the left. Most major credit cards are accepted. The Days Inn is a two story motor inn with 111 rooms, interior corridors, heated pool, dining room, cocktails, free movies, safes and cable TV. There are additional fees for a microwave oven or refrigerator. There are smoke detectors in all rooms and non-smoking rooms are available. The entire hotel is air conditioned. Check-in time is 2:00 p.m., check-out time is noon. If you would like to arrive several nights earlier or stay a few nights after the Annual Meeting is over, the hotel will honor the \$50 convention rate. If the Days Inn -New Kensington is full, alternate room accommodations are available at the Days Inn - Harmarville, located directly at Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit 5. The convention rate at the Days Inn - Harmarville is \$52 per night. For reservations at the Days Inn - Harmarville call (412) 828-5400, or write to: 6 Landings Drive, Harmarville, PA 15238.

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Annual Meeting  
May 2 - 5, 1996  
Days Inn  
New Kensington, PA**

Tentative Schedule - Times and events are subject to change, substitution or cancellation

	8AM	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9PM		
<b>THURSDAY MAY 2ND</b>	Edgar Thompson Steel / LTV Coke Plant Tour										Conway Yard Program					
	Registration Desk										Hospitality Room					
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<b>FRIDAY MAY 3RD</b>	Vendor Setup		Vendor Room Open						Vendor Room Open							
	Registration Desk															
	Aviary / Phipps Tour								Locks & Lanterns Program		Lost Structures Program					
											Hospitality Room					
	PRR in Pittsburgh Tour										Model Railroad Clubs Open <i>(Tentative Schedule)</i>					
<b>SATURDAY MAY 4TH</b>	Registration Desk										Cash Bar		Banquet and Awards		Monongahela Division Program	
	Annual Meeting		Cabin Cars Program			Hulett Program		PRR Structures Program								
	Vendor Room Open								Vendor Tear Down		Alternate Program					
	Contest Room										Pick Up					
	Grove City Shopping Tour															
<b>SUNDAY MAY 5TH</b>	Model Railroad Clubs and Home Layouts Open <i>(Tentative schedule)</i>															



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The 28th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society

May 2-5, 1996 Days Inn - New Kensington, PA

	Price Each	How Many	Total
<b>MEMBER REGISTRATION:</b> \$25 per family includes spouse and children, PRRT&HS members only	\$25 per family	<b>XXXX</b>	
<b>NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION:</b> \$55 per family Includes spouse and children, includes 1 year PRRT&HS membership.	\$55 per family	<b>XXXX</b>	
<b>USS STEEL / LTV COKE PLANT TOUR TICKET</b>	\$25		
<b>THE PRR IN PITTSBURGH TOUR TICKET</b>	\$30		
<b>AVIARY / PHIPPS TOUR TICKET</b>	\$25		
<b>GROVE CITY FACTORY SHOPS TOUR TICKET</b>	\$15		
<b>BANQUET TICKET: Roast Sirloin of Beef</b>	\$25		
<b>BANQUET TICKET: Roast Chicken</b>	\$25		
<b>VENDOR'S TABLE:</b> \$15 per table	\$15		
<b>Grand Total \$ =</b>			

Payment must accompany registration form and be in US funds, no cash, checks payable to "Pittsburgh Chapter, PRRT&HS". Mail registration form and payment to: The Iron City Express, P. O. Box 27041, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Send hotel reservations directly to the Days Inn, New Kensington, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, PA 15068, Reservations (412) 335-9171, FAX (412) 335-6642. List names below as you would like them to appear on your name badge(s):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PRRT&HS MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse, children, or vendor helpers will be attending, list their names here for name badges:

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I will volunteer one hour of time for staffing the registration desk or model room.

Vendors:  I am willing to donate a door prize

Vendors: List special requests here: (electricity, prefer beside another vendor or along a wall, etc.)

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