



By D. W. Seidel

MAY 2003

APRIL MEETING

The monthly meeting of the MDTC was convened by Chairperson D R Wertz.

Was held Thursday, April 3, 2003 at the Bavarian Hall, Altoona, PA. Those present were pleased to see J M McCartney return after his recent illness. Thoughts, prayers and best wishes are also extended to F A Gerhart as he battles his current illness.

J C Conlon gave a financial report for the MDTC, noting recent donations to survivors of members who have passed away.

There are no formal 'minutes' as there was no substantive topic for discussion. Members enjoyed an evening of conversation and fellowship.

Secretary D W Seidel was absent due to prior commitment.

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Congratulations to J C Conlon for another of his excellent historical articles on old Altoona, which appeared in the Sunday, April 20, 2003

edition of the Altoona Mirror. John recalled the early years of Altoona when the circus visited the city via the mainline of the PRR.

classic MINCEMEAT A second look at the single-panel strip by Altoonans Joe Servello and Bill Moffitt that first appeared in the Mirror 15 years ago



"WAKE UP HENDERSHOT—IT'S QUITTING TIME!"

From the Art of Joe Servello, Altoona PA. *Is this anyone we know from the Middle Division?*



ROSE TOWER-Juniata- March 28,1953 following damage by fire. Seven employes on duty at the time escaped uninjured.

May 11, 1968 charter granted to the Horseshoe Curve Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, Altoona, PA. The origins of Railroader's Memorial Museum, Altoona, PA evolved from this organization which is celebrating 35 years in Altoona

during the month of May. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except for special social occasions. Meetings at regular times are at 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall of Railroader's Memorial Museum.

RAILROADER'S MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Re-opened for the regular season on March 29th and 30th 2003. The original museum building, known in recent years as 'Building B' has been re-named, in entirety, MEMORIAL HALL. All plaques of railroaders formerly located in one room of the building, are now relocated to the main exhibit room of the building.

Alphabetization of the plaques is no longer possible, however, and in the near future a computer terminal will be available to locate a person's name, similar to the Vietnam Veteran's memorial. Memorial Hall will continue to house additional exhibits from the museum's archives on a rotating basis. Special events listed on the museum's revised website are:

May 11 – Mother's Day Buffet in Memorial Hall and you will also be able to plant a flower for 'mother'. Tickets \$15.00 adults, \$8.00 children. Call 814-946-0834 for reservations.

June 21 – Tribute to Firefighters. Come see what they do! In this regard, the City of Altoona has placed a tank car on the museum property with the City of Altoona logo. The car will be used for training exercises for Altoona Firefighters on the museum property.