



The Railway Flyer

Fall 2024

Public Meeting

Our next public meeting will be held on Thursday September 19th beginning at 7pm at the Heritage Discovery Center, 100 Lee Street, Buffalo, NY. Following a brief business meeting, the Society will present a program on the history of railroads in and around Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier over the past 175 years.

President's Message

Winter, a couple heavy snow falls, and the waiting for Spring to come. Then it was here with so much to get done. Summer came in hot and humid; the work list kept growing. Now The Erie Country Fair signaled the coming of the end of summer, yet the list, the list of everything we need to do remains. Priorities of projects have been discussed, outlined, hashed over yet we are at a standstill. The frustration is felt by all the Trustees, and I am sure by you, the members. What are the priorities? What is on the list I will share.

My priorities and I believe the priorities of the Trustees are to:

- Maintain the financial health of the Society, protect it from risks and liabilities.
- Preserve and display historically significant railroad artifacts.
- Make available to the interested public information about the employment, the industrial importance, and the effect on everyday life that the railroads have had and continue to have.

To this end your Society has collected thousands of employment, shipping and real estate records. Tens of thousands of pictures, slides, movies and videos. Maps, drawings and blueprints of famous and little-known railroad properties and equipment. Many collections are one of a kind and irreplaceable examples of railroad history.

Yes, we own two preserved passenger depots. The BR&P (B&O) passenger depot and freight station in Orchard Park and the Lehigh Valley passenger station in Williamsville. Both sites border on "Rails to Trails" hiking paths that are heavily used by the public. Both stations are polished gems of their communities presenting educational opportunities as well as social gathering venues.

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