



Trolley Lines

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The mighty Morris & Essex (ex-DL&W) soars above the heads of the vast multitude.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1112

CHATHAM FISHAWACK FESTIVAL June 14, 2014

This year's edition of the annual event featured among other things, a 5K run, band concert, kiddy rides, underpass mural unveilings and the spectacular Whistle Blow, an attempt to break the Guinness world record for such an event.

The weather was perfect, drawing the largest crowd that NJERHS has ever participated in.

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Growth of our Collections

By Bob Hooper President

Each year our collections continue to grow. Our streetcars and trolleys physically number seven: Two Public Service 2600-series cars (2651 and 2683 [later 5223]), two ex-NJT City Subway PCCs, veterans (#1 & #13), two ex-PSR snowsweepers (Double truck 5674 and Single Truck 5183) and ex-PSR Line Car 5221.

Plus, we have 4 PRR MP-54s, and two DL&W Edison cars stored at the Gilbert generating station in Holland Twp.

Additionally, our collection of archives and artifacts continues to grow. We have narrowed our official archives to books, postcards, negatives and photographs on NEW JERSEY electric railway subjects (trolleys, streetcars and heavy electric rail.

We are renewing the part of our mission to establish a museum space focused on Streetcars and Trolleys in New Jersey. More to come on this subject.

You will notice that the Trolley Editor will be devoting pages to articles on Electric Rail Museums. These are to capture their success and learn from their missions.

NJERHS 2015 Calendar
Featuring Public Service Fast Line images



\$10 plus \$5 mailing
or
Pick one up at the next meeting

2014 DUES

Enclosed with this issue of Trolley Lines Run #24 is the 2104 dues notice and solicitation. Your prompt attention is requested.

To get us back on schedule, the notice for the 2015 dues will be mailed with early 2015 Trolley Line run. The 2016 dues notice will be included in a fall run of 2015 Trolley Lines.



*Friends of the New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center
ANNUAL MEETING - May 17, 2014 Lakewood*



The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the NJTHC was held at the Lakewood Garage on May 17, 2014.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1058



PSCT Bus # J411, a 1955 GMC TDH "old look", rests in the garage pending completion of a total overhaul.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1042



The J411 engine has been rebuilt and is awaiting a new radiator to come.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1041



Bob Hooper & Ken Miller participate in a lively caucus aboard #E313

Tony Hall photo DSCN1061

The NJTHC Bus Fleet is the largest operating antique fleet in the country.



The Holloway BEAVER is one of the rarer models in the collection.

Tony Hall photo DSCN 1047

Chatham Festival June 14, 2014



The crowd was large, loud and active. Everyone enjoyed the Fishawack activities

Tony Hall Photo DSCN1122



One of several large murals mounted on the NJT railroad overpass abutments includes a Morris County Traction Co. trolley car.

Tony Hall photo DSCN 1148



Gerry Geilser (left) Curator of the Chatham RR Museum greeted all comers to the train station displays.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1118



As is NJERHS' custom, we provided our trolley bell. Everyone enjoyed a good ring!

Tony Hall photos DSCN 1137 & DSCN 1159



Bill Keigher manned our information and sales table.

Tony Hall photo DSCN 1112



Not John Phillip Sousa, but a highly talented & qualified musician leads the band, providing a buoyant musical background to the festival.

Tony Hall photos DSCN 1151 & DSCN1152

Phillipsburg Union Station: "Friends" continues interior restoration under the leadership of Ken and Ann Miller.



The wall in the Men's room has been completed and the drinking foundation hung.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00601



The ceiling in the Main Waiting Room has received its plaster undercoat.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1108



The ticket cabinet temporarily occupies the landing of the DL&W side stairs.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1110



Bob Hooper inspects the freshly plastered ceiling.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1109



Bob points to the station location on the map of area railroads.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1111



The wall on the Ladies Room side has been partially completed and the windows have been restored.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00611

2651 Progress – Repaired Bonnet Reinstalled

Bob Hooper, Hank Kaminski, Carl Hosler and Jim Tomczyk discuss how.....



#1 How do we get this from down here to up there, without a place to stand?



#2 Start by building a trestle!

Tony Hall photo DSCN1084



#5 Now all together guys...

Tony Hall photo DSCN1095



#6 Push ...push...lift!

Tony Hall photo DSCN1097



#9 Fitting a reluctant bonnet takes some determination

Tony Hall photo DSCN1105



Hank Kaminski works at finishing the window posts.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00784

2651 Progress – Repaired Bonnet Reinstalled

...they are going to get the bonnet high enough to install it on the roof safely without a place to stand.



#3 Let's see...Place plank A on beams B & C.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1085



#4 I don't know. It fit on the drawing.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1088



#7 That looks like it is secure.

Tony Hall photo DCSN1100



#8 Like the margarine of old, 2651 looks better with its bonnet on it.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1103

-----NEW TERRITORY-----



New territory: out the west end of the building as we push to expand our range. We just need a longer extension cord!

Bob Hooper photo DSC00173



2651 makes it to the switch frog on the west end of the building.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1225

2651 Restoration – Door Motors, Bonnet Fitting & Photos



Jim Tomczyk shows off the cleaned rack and pinion gear for the door engines

Tony Hall photo DSCN1083



**“Dr.” Tomczyk tells another patient
“Open wide. This won’t hurt a bit.”**

Tony Hall photo DSCN1184



Tony gets ready to take another shot.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00767



Using his precision claw hammer, Hank Kaminski makes meticulous adjustments to the bonnet plate extensions he has fabricated.

Tony Hall photo DSCN1356



Norfolk Southern always provides a lot of entertainment.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00176



With the increased flow of heavy unit oil trains, safer and improved cars have been put into service.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00177



Oil unit trains are so heavy NS adds a distributed power pusher to east bound trains.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00179



31 Aug' 14, Tony traveled to Danbury CT.



Two NH electric mu combines (washboards) cars (4671 & 4673) converted to wire work cars are on display
Tony Hall photo DSCN1252



Aerial view of Danbury yard May 2007 showing the restored station at lower left.
DRM Photo



Joy & Howland Blackiston enjoy a guided tour of the McGinnis painted NH FL9 #2006 and NYC FL9 #2013 in classic gray.
Tony Hall photo DSCN1259



Howland realizes a boyhood dream of being in the engineer's seat of a powerful E-8!
Tony Hall photo DSCN 1262



The fully functional turntable forms the center piece for the museum, viewed here from the RS-1 cab.
Tony Hall photo DSCN1249



The right rails must be found, otherwise you're on the ground.
Tony Hall photo DSCN1243



NH 9673 an ALCO RS-1 provides short rides in the yard.
Tony Hall frame from DSCN1251

2014 Mass Transit & Trolley Model Convention

Saturday October 11, 2014

On Saturday October 11, 2014, the NYC Model Transit Association held their annual meet at the Rutgers University. Featuring operating layouts, a model contest, vendors of all sorts and four vintage NJTHC buses, a good time was had by all in attendance.

These photos present only a brief view of the meet. See more stills and videos at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/transitmodeler/sets/72157648326830650/>

Watch for the announcement of next year's meet. You don't want to miss it!



Tony Hall (left) and Ira Deutsch man the NJERHS sales tables for the Trolley Meet in the Rutgers gym annex.

Bob Hooper photo DSC0748



Tom O'Kane (left) and Bent Larsen braved the weather to show off the NJT 5036 an MCI which is part of the NJTHC Bus fleet.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00754



As one would expect, Subway models were well represented at the Meet. Here, "Q" cars arrive at an elevated station platform. Note the fully wired trolley loop at street level.

Transit modeler photo15341810758



M720, a 1958 TDM5108 in Public Service colors. It is noteworthy as being an early suburban-type bus during the old look era, one of four buses brought to the meet by the Lakewood crew of the NJTHC.

Bob Hooper photo DSC00753



Conduit powered trolley model delivering passengers to the ERIE's NYC ferry terminal.

Transitmodeler photo15341736460



NYC Third Avenue models were a favorite at the meet, even in 'N' scale.

Transitmodeler photo15528481835

URHS Transportation Festival – BOONTON - Sunday September 20, 2014



The crowd arrived early at the gate of URHS Boonton Restoration Yard
Tony Hall photo DSCN 1275



The volunteer staff had to get off to a quick start on this Sunday morning!
Tony Hall photo DSCN1277



Girl Jam wowed the crowd.
Ken Brown photo



E-L3574 (DL&W 2574) Subscription parlor car owned by Whippany Rwy Museum, removed from service in 1984, is being restored by Star Trak.
Tony Hall photo DSCN1268



The Red Oak Country Boys played a rockin' "Wabash Cannonball".
Tony Hall photo DSCN1335



Ex-SEPTA 2743, owned by Rock Hill Trolley Museum, is in the shop for restoration and painting into the classic PRT green and cream.
Tony Hall photo DSCN1344



Kids of all sizes enjoyed the Trolley Loop.
Tony Hall photo DSCN 1332



Even in this time of computer games, the trolley still exerts its fascination!
Tony Hall photo DSCN1340

There are times when words are superfluous...
URHS' Restoration funding has brought 2 GG-1s and an EMD E-8 back to their operational colors along with many other pieces of equipment.

... This is one of those times !!!

Tony Hall photo DSCN1269

