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AN AMERICAN CLASSIC COMES HOME!



Having arrived in Boonton on 24 June 2015 directly from our short term storage site at the headquarters of Silk Road Transport in Arkport, NY, Number 13 still displayed her NJT livery and logos. Yet to come is the transformation to the PSNJ Cream over Orange design in commemoration of the great mistake made by PSNJ in failing to equip the Newark City Subway with PCC cars upon the system's opening in 1935, when these cars were newly available and state-of-the-art.

First order of business was removal of assorted roof hardware and appliances, followed by the stripping of the current paint design in preparation for exterior body restoration by Star Trak, Inc. NJERHS volunteers will complete the paint removal through the Fall of 2015.

Built in 1946 by St. Louis Car Company for Twin Cities Rapid Transit as #332, #13 came to PSNJ in 1954 whereupon it was painted in a somber PSNJ grey, followed by basic white designs until retired by NJT in 2002 along with the rest of the PCC fleet. (More about Newark PCC livery in a future Trolley Lines issue.) New Jersey Transit wisely invested in state-of-the-Art LRVs for the remaining City Subway service, which subsequently underwent two significant expansions. Lucky #13 had been one of seven given by New Jersey Transit to Friends of the New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center.#13 and #1 were then presented to NJERHS. Hats off to New Jersey Transit and to Friends.

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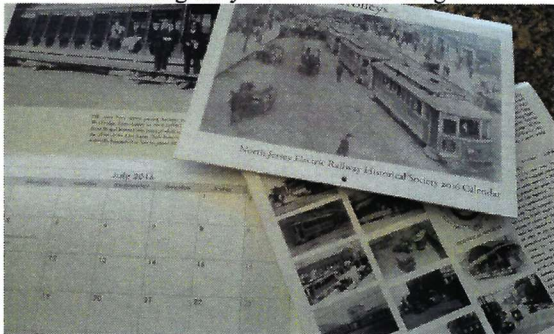
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NJERHS 2016 Calendar
Featuring early Public Service images



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

Organizational Updates

By Bob Hooper President

Fund Raising for the RAHWAY TROLLEY CAR GALLEY & CAFÉ IS NOW UNDER WAY.



Treasurer needed!

We are in need of a person or persons to serve as the Treasurer. This involves bill paying, dues collection, monthly financial reporting, etc.

Call Bob Hooper 908-337-7118

Trolley Lines Volume 12 will consist of only two issues 1&2.

2016 DUES

The 2016 Dues Notice is included in this Trolley Lines run. With increased costs, we have been forced to raise dues to \$25.



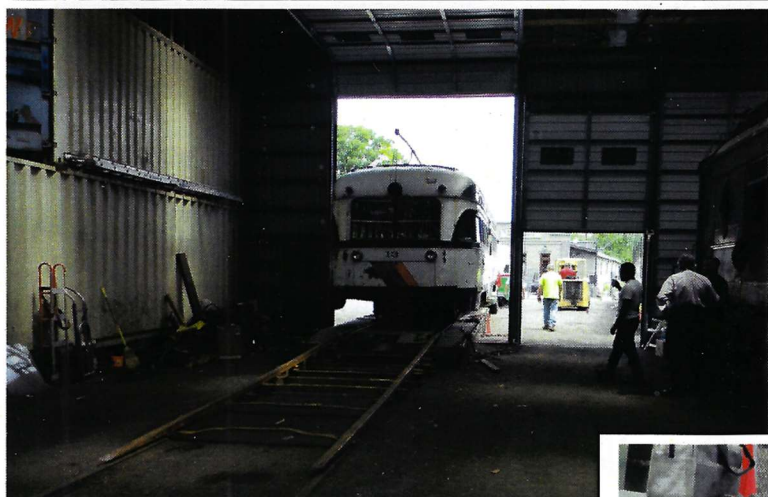
PCC 13 Arrives at Star Trak's Boonton Site – 24 June 2015

All photos by Tony Hall except as noted.



↓With its rear end already inside the building, #13 is ready for unloading from the SILK ROAD low-boy flat trailer.

↑RTY #2743 patiently awaits loading as NJT #13 is unloaded from the Silk Road trailer.



↓Rubick's cube must surely be child's play for the guys from SILK ROAD and STAR TRAK as they deftly reposition huge pieces of heavy equipment in an impossibly tight space in order to load RTY #2743 onto the trailer's front end. Nick Ball makes sure it is clear.

↑“Easy boys,” as #13 creeps down the temporary ramp under many watchful eyes. The process was controlled by playing out a cable from the winch located at the rear of the flat trailer.





←Who says “Pretty young women are not attracted to trolley men?” Here’s proof to the contrary. This bevy of beauties showed up and graciously consented to decorate #13 for this shot.

→Under the watchful eye of Ray Clauss, #13 is eased backward off the trailer. His expert vigilance prevented a minor problem from escalating into a derailment. Ray moves even faster than our shutter!



←In order to facilitate loading RTY#2743, #13 was located to the far end of the shop so that the RTY PCC could be repositioned for loading onto Silk Road’s trailer.

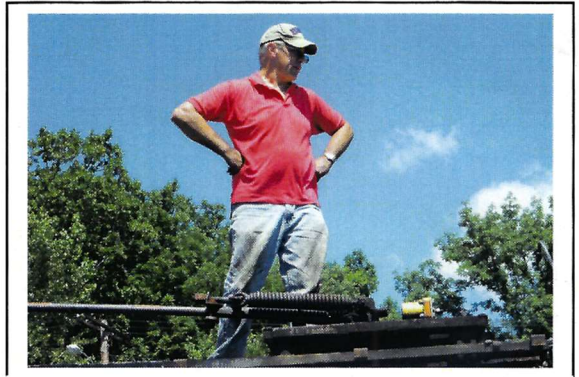
→Well after dark, #2743 is finally loaded aboard the Silk Road trailer. The driver double checks his chains for a dawn departure for Rock Hill, PA.



Preparation begins for Body Work and Painting



↑Hank Kaminski watches as Jim Tomczyk slides the aftermarket pantograph frame onto the fork lift owned by Star Trak with Nick Ball at the controls.



↑Jim surveys the problems of how to best position the trolley pole assembly in preparation for the clearing the roof.



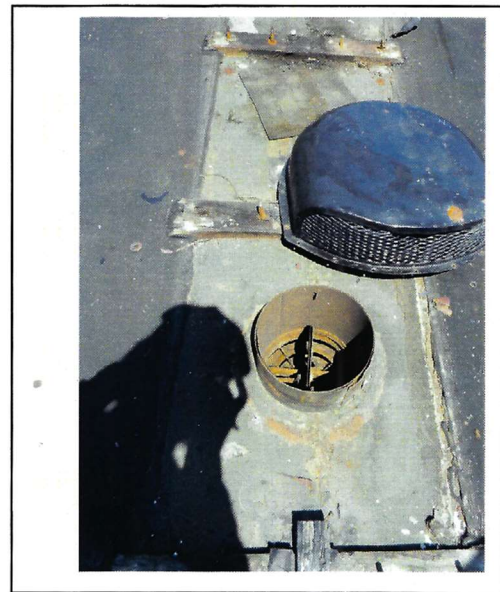
↑Nick gingerly lowers the trolley assembly to the ground without a scratch or a hernia.



↑With a gorgeous autumn sky as a back drop, Bob begins the removal of the cowl fairing which protects the multiple inlets to the ventilation system as well as the trolley pole.



↑With most of the roof fixtures removed, the needed restoration is revealed. The wooden insulating supports showed significant deterioration and will be replaced.



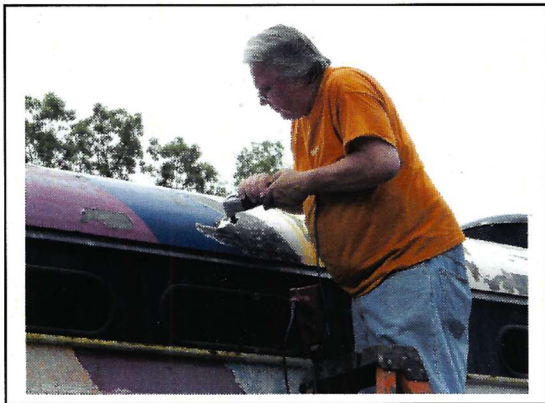
↑Removing the rear ventilator outlet reveals the air flow regulating mechanism beneath.



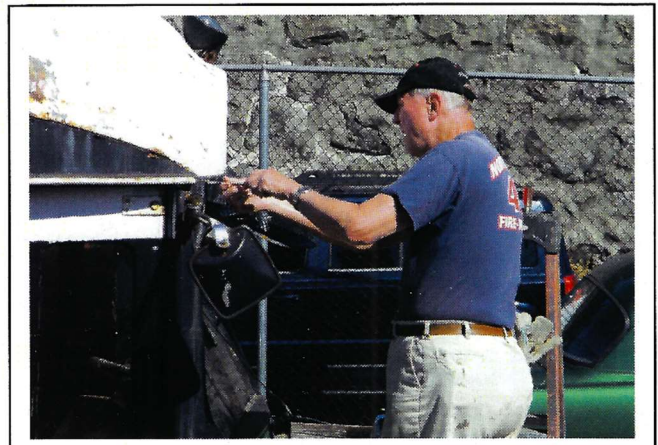
↑Hank and Bob support Jim as he advances the removal of the hated“eyelid”.



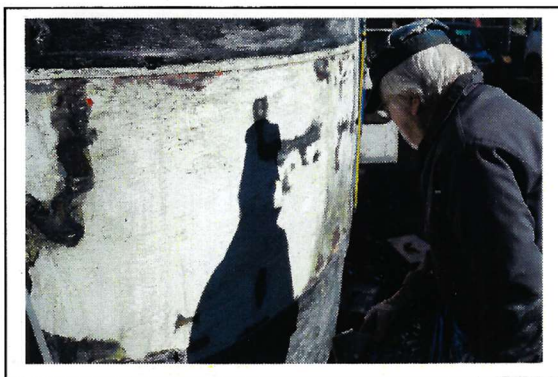
↑An optimist certainly, but not an ophthalmologist, Bob Hooper nevertheless performs surgery on the eyelid.



↑**Celebrity sighting!** Jim “Himself” Greller catches the fever. The widely noted transit professional and advocate took Tony’s power chisel and put in a full day atop #13 under the broiling autumn sun. Maybe Jim Griller?



↑Hank Kaminski, our expert cabinet maker, doubles on the vise grip, helping remove the “eyelid”, a safety appliance installed by NJT after several incidents.

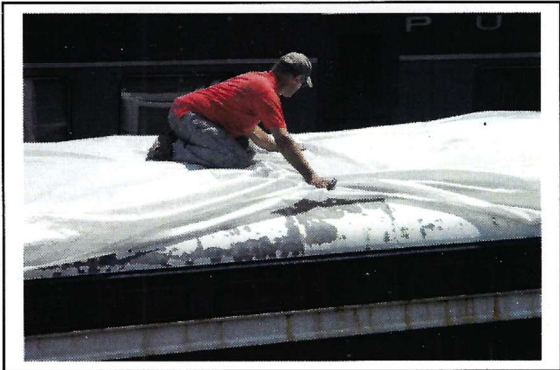


↑Diminutive Tony Hall casts a nevertheless long shadow as he labors under his life's curse of endlessly removing paint from worn out streetcars. *Photo: Bob Hooper*



↑Jim Tomczyk joins in the paint removal

COVERING UP

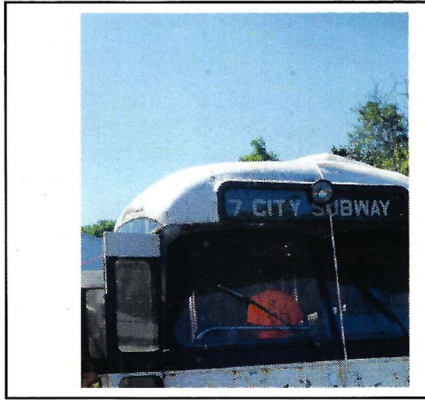


Jim and Bob smooth out some wrinkles in our then-new tarpaulin as they cover the newly opened roof.



Bob, seen here on the ground, installs and adjusts the many bungee cords deployed to discourage the tarp from becoming a sail.

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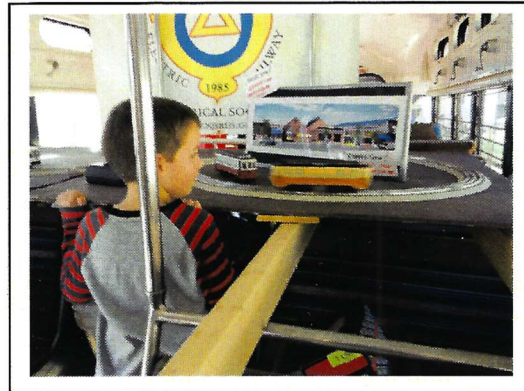
The unrestored front dash of #13 presents a somewhat battered appearance, but restoration was already well underway.
Photo: Bob Hooper



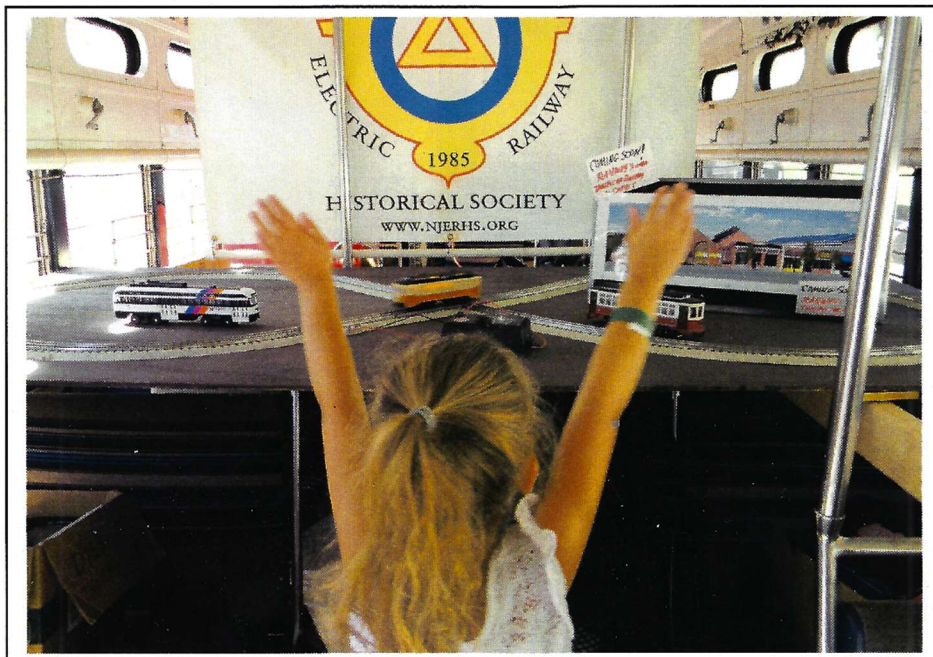
Temporarily vacant, the operator's position provides an inviting location for all prospective operators.
Photo: Bob Hooper



Visitors to our sales table were surprisingly numerous and sales were brisk.



Young men are not immune to the mystique of the trolley, as this not-so-young editor can still recall.



This young lady gives an exuberant "V" sign as the RAHWAY car hits the frogs.
Note the PCC within a PCC!