

# Trolley Lines

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**In conjunction with one of the open houses held by the Phillipsburg Railroadians, the Mack rail bus which shares the track with Car 2651 was backed out of the building. This view shows the rear of the rail bus stopped just shy of the "blue flag" protecting the end platform of 2651. Photo by Tony Hall**

## **Car 2651 Restoration**

The arrival of warmer weather brought with it a resumption of work sessions. The focus this year will be on completion of work on the west end of the car and the re-installation of the missing roof pieces. Over the winter Hank Kaminski used his wood working skills to fashion some of the more intricate elements along the sloping portion of the roof.

An inspection of the letter boards and window posts revealed that many of the wood screws were working loose

because their threads were rusted away. The deteriorated screws will have to be replaced to ensure the structural stability of the car. Replacement screws duplicating the originals have been obtained. The old screws are being removed one by one. Those which are in good condition will go back into place.

The appearance of the car was enhanced by a coat of black paint which was applied to the temporary (shop?) trucks on which Car 2651 now sits. We are actively pursuing the acquisition of a work car from another trolley museum. This will provide us with a pair of trucks with motors along with other components that we can use. The next issue of TROLLEY LINES should have more details about this car.

**NORTH JERSEY ELECTRIC RAILWAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT-2004**

BALANCE ON HAND AT THE CLOSE OF 2003 \$8720.08

**INCOME**

Excursions	\$1485.00	
Contributions	1150.30	
Dues	620.00	
Sales Tables-Train Shows	439.00	
Map restoration contributions	400.00	
Phillipsburg Donations	165.00	
Photo Sales	141.00	
Book Sales	119.00	
Publications	51.00	
T-shirts	40.00	
Total Income		\$4610.30

**EXPENSES**

Car Restoration Materials	\$1580.96	
Bus Charter Fee	1490.00	
Photo Processing	881.25	
Insurance	441.00	
Trolley Line Printing	381.88	
Museum Excursion Admissions	351.00	
Meeting Room	300.00	
Banner Purchase	255.00	
Display Case Materials	210.00	
Internet Service Fee	200.65	
U.R.H.S. Dues	150.00	
Postal Permit Fee	150.00	
Post Office Box Rental	136.00	
Stationery	119.65	
Advertising	75.00	
T-shirt purchase	66.55	
Check Printing fee	59.99	
Corporation Fee	50.00	
Compressor Repairs	27.05	
Postage	21.32	
Meeting Expenses	12.40	
Compressor Fuel	8.00	
Total Expenses		\$6967.70

Credit for check not cashed \$10.72

Net Loss for year (\$2346.76)

Balance on Hand - December 2004 \$6373.40

<b>Outstanding Funds (Cash Within Balance Designated for Projects)</b>		
Public Service Sweeper Restoration Fund	\$876.35	
Window Replacement Fund	170.00	
Total Cash Reserved		\$1046.35
Un-designated Cash Balance		\$5327.05

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Monthly meetings of the North Jersey ERHS are held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1731 Church Street in Rahway on the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. During periods of bad weather consult the website to see if the meeting is still scheduled.

### Financial Review

In 2004, the expenses for the North Jersey Electric Railway Historical Society exceeded revenues by \$2,346.76. Most of this was due to the fact that the dues renewal notices for 2004 were not mailed out until December, so most of the revenue from dues was not received until after the beginning of 2005. Our major source of revenue came from excursions on which we showed a small loss. Contributions from our members continued to be a major source of revenue. Remember that all contributions are tax deductible.

Our largest expense went for materials that were required for the restoration of Car 2651. On a positive note, we were able to reduce our monthly expenses by relocating our meeting room to a location with a lower rent.

### 2005 Dues Renewals

Despite our losses for 2004, we are holding the line on dues for 2005. Renewal notices are enclosed with this issue of TROLLEY LINES. At the close of 2003 we had 166 members, most of whom have paid their 2004 dues.

In response to questions that have been raised by members about the status of their dues, we are now posting that information on the upper right hand corner of the mailing labels. There are two numbers set up as follows: 456-04. The first number is your membership number and the second is the year that you last paid your dues. Those with 04 next to their membership number are paid up through 2004. When we receive your 2005 dues that number will be changed to 05. If your dues are not up to date, we urge you to pay the amount in arrears so that you can continue to remain an active member of the organization. Remember that our dues will continue at \$15 a year which is among the lowest for any similar organization in the area. For your convenience, the mailing label is also being applied to the membership renewal forms. Check the mailing label to determine if you are up to date. Those who do not have an "04" next to their membership number will be considered inactive and will be dropped from our membership rolls unless you send a payment to update your dues. We value our members and hope all will continue to support us.

### Publications News

Work on the "TROLLEY TREASURES -TRACKS OF TRIUMPH." book is nearing completion. The manuscript was sent to the printer and we hope to have it published by the fall. The response to our request for a \$100 loan from individuals to finance the printing costs has been very encouraging. Those who provided the loans will receive a free copy of the book and repayment of the loans from the revenue which is generated from the sale of the book.

We are also working to catch up on the publication of TROLLEY LINES. As can be seen by the cover date on this issue we still are behind. Our goal is to get four issues out by the end of this year.

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the North Jersey ERHS:

Jerome M, Lutin – Holland, Pennsylvania  
Raymond C. Griffith – Chester, New Jersey  
Bruce Payeur – New Haven, Connecticut  
Paul Williams, Atlantic City, New Jersey

### 15 Year Members

We are pleased to recognize the following who will celebrate 15 years of membership in the North Jersey ERHS during 2005:

Richard L. Bowker  
Charles M. Leemans

## 10 Year Members

The following members have belonged to the North Jersey ERHS for ten years:

Thomas W. Casey  
George Conrad.  
Thomas R. Flag  
G. W. Herkner  
Richard Sachs  
Rev. Patrick R.C. Wilhelm

## 5 Year Members

The following members have belonged to the North Jersey ERHS for five years:

Joe Beim  
Richard Evans  
Thomas D. Gallo  
William P. Greenwood  
James Guthrie  
Michael Hunter  
Cliff Kranish  
Charles L. Lawesson  
Eliot J. Lewiskin

## 5 Year Members (Continued)

Allen G. Nelson  
Thomas G. Thompson  
William Toikka

## New Jersey Transportation News

The following list shows the disposition of the NJ Transit PCC cars:

### To the San Francisco Municipal Railway:

Cars 2, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23

### To Bayonne:

Cars: 4, 7, 13, 15, 24, 25, 26 and 28

### Scrapped after wrecks or fires in New Jersey:

Cars: 8, 18, 29 and 30

### To the New Jersey Transportation Heritage Center:

Cars 5, 6 and 10

### To the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

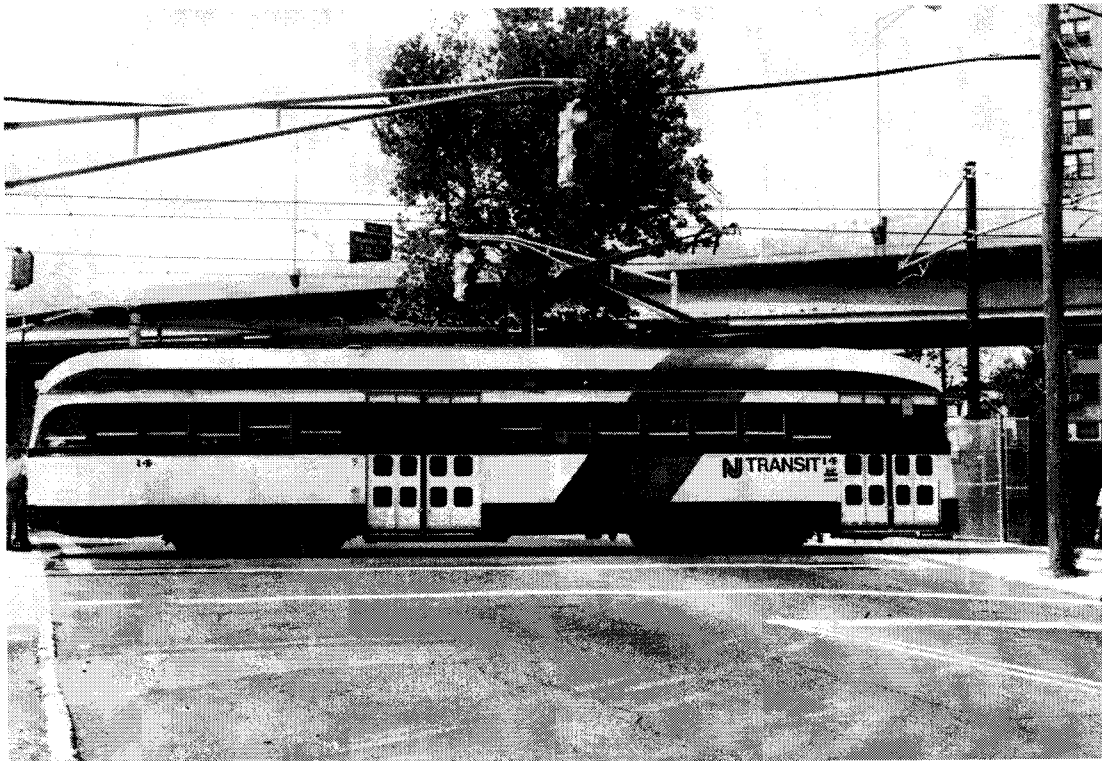
Cars 3 and 27 (Car 3 restored by the Minnesota Transportation Museum (MTM), Car 27 sold to Shore Line Trolley Museum in Connecticut by MTM)

### To the City of Newark:

Car 1

### Retained by NJ Transit:

Car 16 (Used as a work car at the Bloomfield Vehicle base facility)



Car 14 crosses Orange Street on the last day of PCC service in the Newark City Subway. Later it would make the last revenue run on the line. This was one of eleven cars that have been sold to the San Francisco Municipal Railway. *Frank S. Miklos photo*