

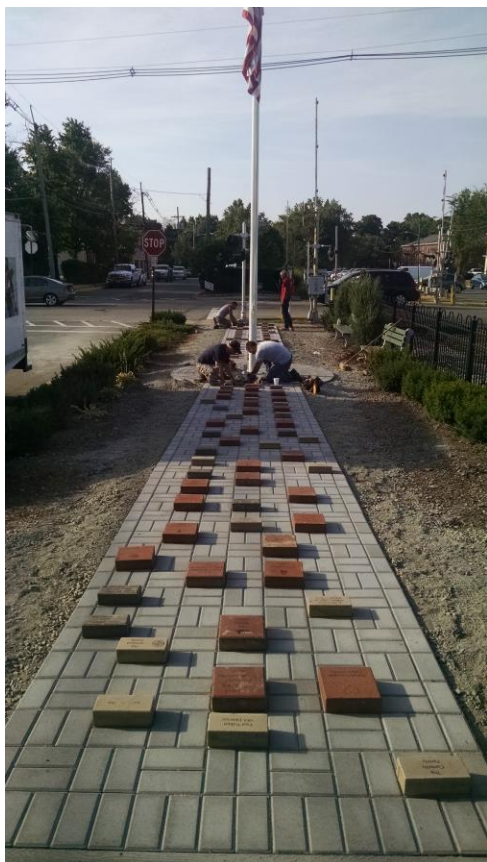


THE VRA DIGEST

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"So close, only the paycheck is missing!"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT *By Carolyn Hoffman*



The engraved pavers being fitted into the nearly complete walkway

Our annual Santa Claus Train Ride returns to Glen Rock this year on November 29, 2014. Once again we will be running 4 trains at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Positions are open for Car Hosts, Elves, Santa, other costumed characters, and parking lot staff.

Signs and banners are going out over the last week, along with paper fliers. More fliers will be available at the station for anyone who can put them out. A

big thank you to KC & Carol Smith for running all over with banners the weekend of November 1!!

The walkway at 80 Royal Ave is completed and looks fantastic. Unfortunately we have had a few of our bushes die due to the transplant, but they can be replaced. Downes Tree Service has offered mulch to us, free of charge, we just need to come pick it up. This will be used down either side of the walk.

Continuing the theme, we will have a workday on Saturday, November 15, beginning at 9 am. KC Smith as head of the Hawthorne Station Committee will be leading the day's efforts. Hopefully the building can be power washed, the windows cleaned, and the interior cleaned in preparation for the upcoming holiday events.

After the work session we will have our 4th quarter membership meeting at 7 pm. Being that it is the last meeting of 2014, we will need to begin identifying candidates for the Executive Committee as well as one Board of Directors position. ☒

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Date Change!

*Saturday, November 15
7 pm at Hawthorne Station*

Upcoming Events:

Work Session

Saturday, Nov. 15
9:00 am

Santa Train - Glen Rock

Saturday, Nov. 29

Operation Toy Train

Stops at Hawthorne Station
Saturday Dec. 6, 10:20 am

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URHS Report

On Sunday, September 21, 2014 the URHS held its (now) annual Transportation Heritage Festival in the Boonton Yard. Once again, the event was a resounding success! This year the URHS unveiled the New York Central 4083 in beautiful Century Green, the last surviving engine of its kind to ever wear the color. Also new this year are the restored GG-1 #4879 and a former hospital car from the US Air Force Strategic Air Command hospital car.

The SAC Car was used all day by Bill McKelvey for various movies and presentations. Visitors also enjoyed tours through the NYC #43 and world-famous Hickory Creek

cars, as well as several other pieces of equipment throughout the yard.

On the evening before the URHS sold spaces for a special nighttime photo shoot in the yard. Attendees got a sneak peek at the new equipment and the chance to take unique photos lit by various means.

As many of you may have seen already, the URHS also welcomed home #3372 after a long time away. The last U34CH made its way to Boonton on October 29 to be restored there. Fundraisers are ongoing for this project. Shirts with the project's logo are available for purchase as well as other levels of patronage are available at www.urhs.org



Other Events....

Operation Toy Train kicks off again on December 6th with a trip up the NYS&W from Rochelle Park to Butler. The train will be parked in Hawthorne from 10:20 am to 11:00 am that morning.

Also that day is Hawthorne's Santa Parade through town. The parade kicks off at 10 am and should be finishing near the Station at about 10:45. We are speaking with the Chamber of Commerce to find the best way to tie the two events together.

Donation of toys can be made at any of the stops listed here!

Also keep an eye out for news on upcoming projects! I am going to start using the Yahoo group HEAVILY for announcements and events. If your email is not updated please do so.

The VRA has some exciting things coming our way... Stay tuned!

Thank you all,

Carolyn Hoffman

VRA President

NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN RAILWAY		
Saturday, December 6, 2014		
Town	Location	Time (Arrival - Departure)
Rochelle Park	150 Rochelle Avenue	9:00am - 10:00am
Hawthorne	80 Royal Avenue	10:20am - 11:00am
Wortendyke	Newtown Road & Greenwood Road	11:10am - 11:40am
Wyckoff	399 Main Street	11:45am - 12:45pm
Oakland	Route 202 & West Oakland Avenue	1:00pm - 1:30pm
Pompton Lakes	1 Station Plaza	1:45pm - 2:45pm
Butler	Butler Museum - Upper Main Street	3:00pm - 3:45pm

MIDDLETOWN & NEW JERSEY RAILROAD		
Sunday, December 7, 2014		
Town	Location	Time (Arrival - Departure)
Warwick	Chase Bank Parking Lot - 21 South Street	9:00am - 10:00am
Sugar Loaf	Anne Marie's Country Deli - 1398 Kings Highway	10:20am - 11:15am
Campbell Hall	Route 207 & Neelytown Road	12:05pm - 12:50pm
Montgomery	Rowley Lumber Parking Lot - 40 Railroad Ave	1:15pm - 2:15pm
Walden	Corner of Hepper St & Grant Street	2:35pm - 3:20pm



Volunteer Railroaders Association

Hawthorne Station

Restoration Project

80 Royal Ave, Hawthorne NJ 07506

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4" x 8" Engraved Brick – Grey \$75.00 (1 – 3 Lines, 18 Characters and Spaces)

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*Hawthorne Fire Dept. / *Hawthorne Ambulance Corps. / *Hawthorne Bears

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