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Remembering Dave Augsburger

Anyone interested in the anthracite railroads has seen photographs by Dave Augsburger. From the early issues of **Flags, Diamonds and Statues** magazine, Dave's images have depicted the history of our favorite railroads.



Photo by Olev Taremae

Dave was born near Gettysburg, PA, and graduated from Quakertown High School in 1948. He passed away on February 13, 2020 at the age of 89.

He started making railroad photographs about 1959 and amassed many memorable images. A significant portion of these were focused on the anthracite railroads.

Dave's six decades of photography resulted in an extensive collection of slides and

negatives representing not only the famous anthracite railroads but those of connecting lines, and railroads across the US, Canada, Europe, and even South Africa. His work was consistently high quality, and always captured the context of the train in its surroundings. His slides and photos have been published in books and magazines and have inspired many other photographers through the years

Dave was especially known for his deep knowledge about the Lehigh and New England Railroad.

Dave presented his photos and knowledgeable commentary at numerous ARHS events.

Through the generosity of Dave's family, ARHS has been assigned as the custodian of his photographic collection. We will continue to use his work in future publications to inform and entertain current and future generations of railfans.

About one hundred of his photos are available in the society's on-line archives.

A selection of images, called "Dave's Diamonds" have recently been posted to the ARHS Facebook site.



Dave's most recent book, **Lehigh Valley with Dave Augsburg: Alco, Baldwin and EMD Switchers**, is still available from the Society's web store.

Anthracite Railroads Modeling

by Charles Liggett

ARHS Model Projects

LV high-hood Alco RS-11 in HO

A very limited number of Rapido LV RS-11 models (#7640 and #7643) in the bright red paint scheme are available for sale at train meets and on the ARHS web site. Act now to get this model of a distinctive Lehigh Valley locomotive.

ARHS LV SW8 Dynamic Brake Details (HO)

Several Lehigh Valley "pups" lasted into the Conrail era and were repainted. If you're modeling the 1980s, you need our kit to replicate these units. See the society's web site to order.



Photo by David Kruschwitz

Industry Notes

(Models and information from other organizations or manufacturers)

K4 Decals Offers Decals in Multiple Scales

If you're looking for decals for freight cars of BCK, CNJ/CRP, LNE, Lehigh Valley, Lackawanna or Reading, check out this new supplier. For example, they have the billboard on black lettering scheme for LNE's ARA/X29 style boxcars.



Photographer unknown

New CNJ Video from John Pechulis

Along the Jersey Central - Volume 5 looks at operations between Jersey City and Scranton, in the late 1940s and into the 1960s.

Segments include the High Bridge Branch under steam in 1947 and with diesel power in the 1960s. The mainline between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton is also covered. Some views from excursion trains round out the program. Mike Bednar narrates.

Future Project Ideas

If you have ideas for future modeling projects, in any scale, contact us through the web site at: <http://www.anthraciterailroads.org/contact-us/>

Additional volunteers for the modeling committee are welcome.

Model spotlight:

This HO scale model of the CNJ's eastbound passenger shelter at Dunellen, NJ was built by Alan Mende.



Photo by Alan Mende

Share your favorite model! Send a high-res photo and description to extra@anthraciterailroads.org
Models in all scales are welcome

ARHS Meetings

As many of you are aware, the ARHS Board of Directors decided to cancel the March 13th members meeting in Quakertown in response to the current pandemic of COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”) sweeping the world and U.S.

ARHS is taking prudent steps to protect its membership during the COVID-19 pandemic and is adhering to the guidance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to refrain from group meetings. At the present time all membership meetings will be cancelled until state government restrictions on group meetings are lifted. ARHS will update its website and Extra with a new membership meeting schedule when it is appropriate to do so. In the meantime, stay in good health.

ARHS Announces Plans for Book Sale in July

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions, hold the date – July 11, 2020, for another great sale of used railroad books at the Society’s Lehigh Gap location. There will be special pricing on all books ranging from 50 cents to \$25.00. No reasonable offer refused!!!

Upcoming Modelers Meet

The ARHS will co-sponsor the 2020 Prototype Modelers Meet in Hamburg, PA. Scheduled for September 18-20, 2020, this event features a model display, clinics, and interaction with some of the most skillful modelers of anthracite railroad structures and equipment. See details at:

<http://www.readingrrmm.com>

Restoration News

ARHS F units

As noted in the previous issue, the model 567B prime mover in our ARHS B unit is a very high-maintenance item, due to the design of the several

large O rings. The restoration team is looking for ways to remediate this situation.

The team is planning to continue repairs on our ex-Lehigh Valley boxcar at Steamtown.

We don’t yet know Steamtown’s plans for excursions in 2020.

O&W Historical Society is Restoring a GE 44-ton Locomotive

The Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society is working to restore NYO&W locomotive #105 to operating condition. GE 44-ton locomotives are relatively inexpensive to repair and operate. The team has repaired one radiator (there are two) as of December 2019, to support limited operation. To operate the locomotive, the next steps are to install batteries and filters.



Photo by Norman Barrett

Do you have a favorite museum or non-ARHS restoration project? Please send us a link and brief description.

Other Information Sources – ICC Valuation Maps

ICC valuation maps were created by all railroads in the USA between 1913 and the mid-1930s. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) required information about each company’s assets as a part of ratemaking. The National Archives are slowly digitizing these documents, part of record group

134. Start by looking for a “System Index Map” for your railroad of interest. The collections for some small railroads are fully digitized, but those for larger railroads are incomplete.

Read about the digital collections, starting at:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/help/usin-g.html>

Note that copies of some of these maps have been circulated in the railfan community over the years.



Photo by Rich Jahn

What’s your favorite library or archive for anthracite railroad materials? Send us a link and brief description of what you’ve found.

Help Wanted - ARHS Train Shows

By Kermit Geary

Attend a train show for free. We really need the help. Volunteers are needed to help staff sales tables at train shows. ARHS members tell people about the Society, and help them buy models, books, posters, etc. Sale proceeds support ARHS projects and help in keeping dues reasonable. No special skills are needed. Please contact Kermit Geary (kgjr1554@earthlink.net) if you are interested in helping with any of these shows.

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Lehigh Valley Regional Train Show, Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Road (Palmer Township), Easton, PA

<https://www.lehighlines.org/chrin-flyer.html>

January 30-31, 2021

Amherst Railway Society, Eastern States Exposition Fairground, 1305 Memorial Av., West Springfield, MA

<http://railroadhobbyshow.com/>

Member Research Requests

Looking for 1960-80s color photos looking towards South Mountain. I am modeling the Bethlehem Union Station area, and I want to put together a realistic background that doesn't include the modern construction in that neighborhood. Contact Glen Larimer, golarimer@gmail.com.

Photos wanted for short story on the Reading's Lebanon & Tremont Branch that ran north from Lebanon, PA to Suedburg and Pine Grove. Please contact Bob Wise, golarimer@gmail.com.

Photos and information wanted for article on the Reading's train-on-branch signals. Please contact Bob Wise at email above.

I'm looking for a photo or two of the CNJ's original class of 62000-series 8-panel rib-side hopper cars. I'm looking for the original series that were built in 1913 by Standard Steel Car Company. These are listed in the January 1954 CNJ list of equipment. Contact Alan Mende, golarimer@gmail.com.

If you are researching some aspect of the anthracite railroads (for modeling or other purposes), please send info to the editor.

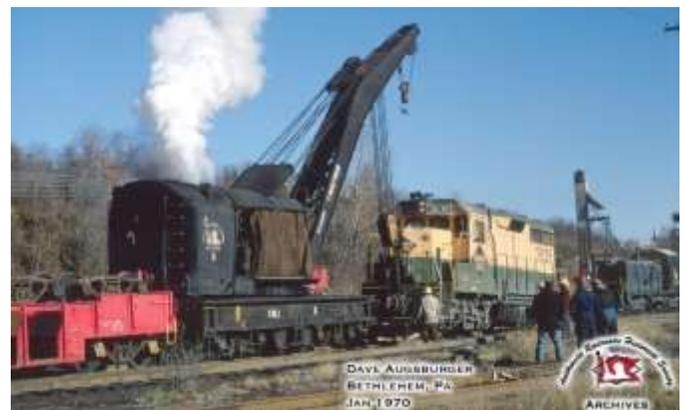


Photo by Dave Augsburg