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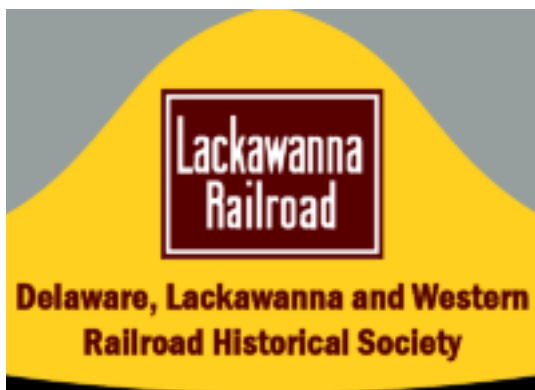
2022 Symposium,

September 30 thru October 2nd

Montclair Terminal



For 2022, your DL&WRRHS is teaming up with the Tri-State Railway Historical Society and BDP Holdings, Inc., to bring us to the newly restored Montclair Terminal. Built in 1912, this Terminal was intended to make a statement. And so will this Symposium as we celebrate its 110th Anniversary. This event also carries a theme of honoring DL&W architectural team member William Bottsford as we visit three structures upon which he worked and created the illustrations. Montclair was home to many DL&W officers and those of other major railroads, which helped warrant such a grand edifice. It's a perfect location for Lackawanna historians to visit east-end sites that were so important. And we'll get a tour of the Montclair Terminal like no other, as BDP Holdings prepares the area for a large redevelopment that will preserve the Terminal buildings while improving this part of Montclair. The DL&WRRHS will be the first outside group to use the restored Terminal building for a gathering.



The main event is **Saturday, October 1st** as we meet at the historic Montclair Terminal, 1 Lackawanna Plaza, Montclair, NJ, 07042. There will be artifact displays, a full day of presentations, a walking tour of the Terminal and a catered lunch and dinner.



The waiting room interior of the Montclair Terminal in 1912. The current restoration has brought life back to this space, once the pride of the DL&W..

Friday, September 30th, there will be a chartered bus tour of significant Lackawanna sites in Northwest New Jersey. The bus will depart the Montclair Terminal at 1 Lackawanna Plaza in Montclair at 8:00 A.M. SHARP. The tour will conclude at 4:15 P.M. at the Montclair Train Terminal. The itinerary includes visits to:

The station at Greendel, NJ, along the Lackawanna Cut-Off, recently under the care of the Lackawanna Cut-Off Historical Committee, will be our first stop. The DL&WRRHS will be the first formal guests for these new era at Greendel.

Next, we'll visit the Lake Hopatcong Station, which recently completed an award-winning restoration. The station will be open just for us, and be sure to use the urinal. It's original from 1912. While there, we'll also visit the nearly Lake Hopatcong Mu-

seum and its massive collection of pictures and displays related to the Lackawanna Railroad's role in the mining and tourism of that era.

Then we'll be off to Mountain Lakes, which is a sister station, which today operates as an upscale restaurant. We'll be there for the first Boonton Line westbound Train, No.1001. Mountain Lakes and Lake Hopatcong are sister stations, with similar design elements and stone work. Interestingly, both station and Montclair were illustrated L&W architect William H. Bottsford.



The stations at Lake Hopatcong (above) and Mountain Lakes (below) are sisters with similar design elements and construction.



Based on 40 bus passengers, the cost of the tour will be \$30 per person. This includes a stipend for the Lake Hopatcong Museum which is opening exclusively for us on that day. We must have at least 35 committed and paid participants for the bus tour to move forward with the trip. A price adjustment may be necessary depending on fuel prices and other circumstances.

Symposium agenda, Saturday, October 1st

8:30 A.M.: Registration

9:00 A.M. to Noon: Morning presentations

Noon to 1:00 P.M.: Luncheon buffet

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.: Afternoon presentations

4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.: Annual meeting of the DL&WRRHS

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Social hour with CASH bar

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Buffet dinner with keynote speaker, Mike Wikman, Tri-State's first President, DL&W Montclair Tower operator before going into engine service. Engineer on the 1979 Amtrak Train over the Cut-off, the last train to traverse the entire route to Scranton. You will not be disappointed!

Several vendor display tables will be allowed on Saturday, October 1st at a cost of \$20-\$25 per table. Please call (add name here and phone) for availability.

Presentation Schedule:

Dave Placek: Owner of Montclair Terminal, will talk about plans for the Terminal area and welcoming the attendees.

Scott Lupia: Owner of KV Car Shops, presenting on Modeling the DL&W places and equipment

Dave Rush: DL&W station sign making and type-styles (Son and grandson of DL&W steam men, he made station signs and lettered tenders for the Lackawanna Railroad in his youth).

Theodore Xakellis: History of various Morris & Essex Train Stations

Kent Loudon: DL&W imagery with audio recordings of the Andover Junction and Denville Tower.

Keith Smollin/Chuck Walsh- Lackawanna Cut-Off advocacy group discussing the Greendell Station restoration plans.

Mike Del Vecchio: Moderator. Tri-State's longtime president Mike Del Vecchio will summarize

evolution of rail history groups in New Jersey relative to the Lackawanna. And he'll briefly talk about Tri-State's role in the restoration of the Montclair Terminal project.

Keynote/Dinner Banquet Speaker:

Mike Wikman, Tri-State Rail's first President- a DL&W Towerman at Montclair Tower in 1955 before going into engine service, working later for EL, CNJ, Amtrak and numerous short lines. Engineer on the 1979 Amtrak Train over the Cut-off, the last train to traverse the entire route to Scranton. Gifted speaker with a tremendous memory, coming to us from San Antonio.

Displays and their owners:

Gerry Geisler- Hardware display with signs and more authentic artifacts marked DL&W than you ever knew existed!

Scott Lupia -- Modeling the Lackawanna

Dave Rush -- Station signs

Mike Del Vecchio - various

SUNDAY, October 2nd See the easternmost end of the Lackawanna this day. We plan to provide a guide, but this tour is dutch treat using existing NJ-Transit schedules and fares. Our plan includes:

1. Riding NJ Transit from the Bay Street-Montclair rail station to Newark-Broad Street, whose station has been restored and is on the register of historic places.

2. Ride the train to the magnificently restored Hoboken Terminal, where the original ferry slips are again in use for today's NY Waterway ferries.

3. Ride the NY Waterway Ferry to the World Financial Center in New York City to see DL&W corporate headquarters building at 140 Cedar Street (90 West Street). This walking tour will include the famous "Oculus," and Freedom Tower and the site of 50 Church Street, the area where every major railroad had a downtown office. While

we cannot access 140 Cedar Street due to expense and security, a handout will show the building and its location, and Lackawanna's location within the building, something rarely seen by Lackawanna historians.

4. Ride back to Hoboken on NY Waterway and see the restored "ERIE-LACKAWANNA" sign on the ferry terminal along with the restored and working clock tower.

These trips will be on regular working NJTransit scheduled trains, which usually use 40-year-old Arrow III MU's, which are the silver electrics that replaced the Edison-era m.u.s in 1983.

Symposium rates and fares

The Saturday events are being offered in 2 packages:

Daytime events, including coffee, soft drinks, and water, plus gratuities to servers will be \$30 per person (waiting for pricing from the caterer)

Evening events, including the dinner buffet and the keynote speaker, Mike Wikman plus coffee, soft drinks, and gratuity for the servers is \$50 per person.

A discounted rate of \$70 is being offered for those registering for both events on Saturday.

Symposium Lodging

You need to make hotel reservations on your own at: This is CONFIRMED

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
265 NJ Route 3 East
Clifton, NJ 07014
973-778-6500

When reserving your room, mention the "Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Historical Society" to get the preferred discounted rate.

The hotel has set aside 15 Double Rooms at \$124/night plus tax. They also have 5 King rooms at \$134/night plus tax.

The hotel is willing to increase the number of rooms depending on how many book reservations and subject to availability.

The hotel is approximately a 15-minute drive to the Montclair Train Terminal- traffic permitting.

Other hotels in the area:

1. The MC Hotel, 690 Bloomfield Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042- 973-329-5500. Walking distance to the Montclair Terminal but pricey at over \$200/night.

2. The Cambria Hotel West Orange, 12 Rooney Circle, West Orange, NJ 07052- 862-233-4980, a 12-15-minute ride to Montclair.

3. Residence Inn by Marriott West Orange, 107 Prospect Ave, West Orange, NJ 07052- 973-669-4700, a 12-15-minute ride to Montclair.

4. Courtyard by Marriott West Orange, 8 Rooney Circle, West Orange, NJ 07052- 973-669-4725, a 12-15-minute ride to Montclair.

5. Wilshire Grand Hotel, 350 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 07052- 973-731-7007, a 12-15-ride to Montclair.

6. Westminster Hotel, 550 West Mount Pleasant Ave, Livingston, NJ 07039- 973-533-0600, a 10-12-minute ride to Montclair.