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The occasional newsletter of the  
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Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

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John Baxter and 1138 from the collection of John Swindler

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## Track 22 Project

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What's a summer without a major construction project at the Museum? Last summer, we had the reconstruction of the tracks and floor in the old Founders Car barn. Temporary inconvenience but oh what an improvement! This year, Track 22 in the Galbraith Car Shop will be getting the same sort of treatment. The existing track will be demolished and then rebuilt in the center of that bay of the shop and a concrete floor installed. The two existing garage doors will be replaced with a new power-operated roll-up door matching the relocated position of the track. Track 22 will also be reconstructed all the way up to the West Shelter so as to both match the new door location and reduce the existing steep grade. Once complete, the Track 22 side of the shop will become the main streetcar restoration bay for long term projects such as West Penn 832. Track 21 will be focused on routine inspection, maintenance and running repairs.

The Track 22 project will kick-off in early June when we start reconstruction of the track by the West Shelter. The sidewalk at that location will be closed for several weeks while the track is rebuilt and a new concrete sidewalk is poured. During that time, pedestrian traffic between the Museum Store and Richfol will need to detour via the crossing by the substation. Then, once the sidewalk at West Shelter is restored, the sidewalk across the front of the shop building will be closed for the duration of the project. The project schedule predicts that everything will be back to normal by Labor Day.



## Coin Changer Parts

Bruce Wells

Lynde-Ordway Company still makes and repairs Johnson Coin Changers. They have all the original equipment and parts.

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## Safety and Security

Whose job is it to make sure our guests, rare artifacts, and volunteers stay safe and secure? Everyone. It would seem easy to point to crew members scheduled on any particular day and accuse them of not putting the ropes across the open doorways to the original carbarn or forgetting to lock the door to the Trib Total Media Trolley Display Building, but many others have access to those areas and may be the ones who are at fault.

Does this sound like we are having problems? YES! Ropes are not being strung across the open doors. Who would blame a visitor for wandering in unescorted? This puts them and our collection at risk. It does not take long for someone to take a roll-sign or ad card. Put up the ropes every time you leave the doors open. Do not park a car half way out of the building, this leads to more problems than can be imagined in case of an emergency.

Crew members are leaving cars unattended in the yard behind Richfol Shelter with doors open, once again inviting guests to wander in where they could easily put their hand somewhere where they may get electrocuted. They may fall exiting the car. Do your job and secure the trolley. Doors must be closed on any unattended vehicles and the reverse key placed in the substation.

At the end of the day, all cars must be parked with their windows and doors closed. All poles should be off the wire and the compressor switch turned off. Double check any cars with battery switches. Fill out the carbarn closure form. If you are using a car after hours, please observe the same procedures.

At the TTM-TDB, get in the habit of relocking the door as soon as you open it. Use the hook to fasten the door open and when you close it at the end of the tour it will already be locked. You may be engaged in conversation with a guest and easily forget to lock it. By locking a door as soon as you unlock it, that is prevented. Double check as we have been having too many issues with people leaving it unlocked.

When closing the track doors at the TTM-TDB (and original carbarn), pull down on the chain and make sure the latch at the top is secure. The door should not be able to be opened when it is in the correct position. Lastly place the metal rods into the floor. Unfortunately if this is not done correctly and it gets windy, the doors sway at the top and the alarm is set off. This means someone has to leave home and check it out.

Safety is our number one concern. It is the job of every volunteer to make sure our guests and fellow volunteers have a great experience.

Everyone must make safety their number one priority.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY MUSEUM ASSN.  
PRESENTS  
A SURPRIZE FANTRIP

JUNE 16, 1963

This trip turned out to be a surprize more to us than to anyone else. It seems that after the flyers were sent out, we found that we could not have the "surprize car." Our cars for today are 1400 and 1472. 1400 was selected because of the odd paint job as well as the fact that it is the first of the series. It was delivered on 2/10/42 and placed into service on 2/18/42 along with seven other 1400's. 1472 was chosen because of the rather new paint job and new wheels. It was delviered on 3/30/42 and placed into service on 4/2/42.

Our trip today will include trips to all three PRC car houses. We want to remind you to be alert for such things as cars being shifted and inspection pits. It goes without saying that anyone caught pilfering parts will be removed from the car and prosecuted.

If you have any suggestions or questions about the trip, don't hesitate to ask a member of the trip committee. They can usually be found sitting immediately behind the motorman. The Secretary (look behind the center doors) has a complete line of PRMA publications for sale.

TIME POINTS

Lv. South Hills	9:00 AM	Lv. 4th & Smithfield	1:30 PM
Lv. Penn Station	9:15	Lv. Perry & Charles via 21	1:35
Ar. Wilkinsburg via 66	9:50	Lv. W. North Ave	1:40
Ar. Craft Ave. CH via 75 & 76	10:30	Lv. Keating CH via 10	2:00
Lv. Fingal St., 40	11:05	Ar. 5th & Liberty via 10/15	?
Lv. Beltzhoover loop	11:35	Lv. Talbot Ave. via 67	3:40
Ar. Brentwood loop via 47	11:55	Ar. 3rd & Ross via 67 & 55	4:25
Ar. 4th & Smithfield	12:20 PM	Lv. Brrokline Loop	4:45
** LUNCH STOP	** **	Ar. South Hills Jct.	5:00

Subject to change without notice. Not responsible for delays due to autos.

We have trips scheduled for July 12 (night trip), August 3, September 17, (night trip), and October 27. The August trip will cover all Second Avenue lines in both directions, as well as the South Hills lines slated for conversion.

HAPPY TROLLEYING

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John Swindler collection