## The MSHC Newsletter

## Published by the Maywood Station Historical Committee for its Members and Friends

## <u>Santa Made His Annual Visit to the Maywood Station</u> Museum on December 14, 2013!

Santa made a special visit to the Maywood Station Museum for the 12th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event on December 14, 2013. The morning snow increased the holiday cheer as eager crowd of young ones waited for the jolly red elf's arrival and to visit him. Santa met with each good little boy and girl and every child received a bag of treats courtesy of Myron Corporation; Operation Lifesaver, TD Bank, Children Are Creative, Atlas Model Railroad Company; the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway; and the Maywood Station Museum. Each child attending also was given a free chance to win special raffle prizes including a BMW Roadster Child's Pedal Car courtesy of Park Ave BMW, which was won by Dominic Coe and an HO-Scale Train Set courtesy of Atlas Model Railroad Co., which was won by Finn Vurili-Monaco. Recording Artist, Anker, acoustically performed holiday songs and DeeJay John Brown entertained the crowd before and between Anker's sets. Santa said to be good little boys and girls this year and he'll see you again next December!





The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa at the Maywood Station Museum event was held on December 14, 2013. Dominic Coe, winner of the free raffle of BMW Roadster Childs Pedal Car is seen above enjoying his new ride. (Both above photos by Ed Kaminski)

## Annual Railroad Day and a Free Concert was held on October 6, 2013

Annual Railroad Day at the Maywood Station Museum and an Outdoor Free Concert as part of the Maywood Station Museum Backyard Summer Concert Series Sponsored by Park Ave Acura was held on Sunday, October 6, 2013. The museum hosted vendor tables featuring railroadiana and model railroad merchandise on sale on the museum grounds. A free outdoor concert was performed by songwriter/recording artist David W. Jacobsen and MSHC member "DeeJay" John Brown entertained the crowd. It was an enjoyable and well-attended event as well as a great way to spend and early autumn afternoon at the historic Maywood Station Museum.





Annual Railroad Day and a free outdoor concert by David W. Jacobsen as part of the Maywood Station Backyard Summer Concert Series sponsored by Park Ave Acura were held at the Maywood Station Museum on October 6. 2013. (Both above photos by Ed Kaminski)

## MSHC Member Kevin Quinn on TV Show "EXTREME COLLECTORS" With His Toy Train Collection

Back in March, 2013, I received an email from Bob Amling that he received from Ms. Catherine May. Catherine was looking for a train collector that would be interested in their new television show called Extreme Collectors. I spoke to Bob about it and then called Catherine in Toronto, Canada. The name of her television company, Architect Films, is something that I would become quite familiar with over the next 2-1/2 months. That's about how long it took to set up the logistics for shooting my train collection for her TV show. I had sent her about 30 pictures of my collection (pre & post World War II) in which she picked for starters about a dozen different pieces that interested her. Some of the pieces she picked out were my 1931 standard gauge BLUE COMET, a 1912 #10 INTERURBAN, a 1918 #156 O gauge engine, a set of STEPHEN GIRARD cars, a 1913 set of 180/181/182 cars, #5 & #6 1915 standard gauge steam engines, a 1915 #29 DAY car, a #300 HELL GATE BRIDGE, a 1959 #58 rotary snow plow, a 1956 #2360 CONGRESSIONAL set and my 1947 #726 steam engine. There were also more trains included by the end of the TV shooting. I helped her with the research and information on about a dozen she picked as well as information about the history of the hobby and the manufacturers that made the models. Catherine was fascinated with my information and was a little overwhelmed at first, not realizing the extent and history of train collecting. At one point in one of our phone conversations I told her that an entire television series could possibly be devoted to the hobby of train collecting. After all the research and logistics we settled upon dates in June for the shooting.

On the morning of June 3rd, the director, Michelle, arrived at my house. After introductions, she sat me down and we went over all the information that I gave them. Michelle then in turn explained to me how this would work. She gave me tips about being on camera and what to say and what not to say. While I was being educated in the filming world, her crew of six had taken over the house. Equipment was staged in the garage then moved throughout the house. Lighting was set up, wire and cables stretched, sound checks taken and cameras were set up and we started filming. June 3rd was a twelve-hour day of filming. Michelle and her crew were very professional and very respectful of my house and most importantly, my train collection. They were impressed with the enormity and how I had the collection displayed. They were shocked even more when I told them that what they were filming was only a portion of my collection. The host of the show, Andrew Zegers, was blown away when he first walked in and saw the train collection. Andrew, Michelle and I got along real well. There was laughing and fun even though this was a job to them.

One of Michelle's toughest jobs was to keep me in line. Her next task was getting me to open up about the hobby I enjoy so very much. She tried very hard to pull out my personal feelings about the hobby and how it affected me from the time I was a three year old playing with trains to the grown-up adult with a very large and expensive collection.

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On the afternoon of June 9th, the second crew arrived to shoot the remaining items. This was a different crew. They shot all the close ups and details of me and the collection. They filmed just about every item in my collection. They even mounted a camera on my unfinished layout and filmed trains running. They had a blast, even after their camera shifted and derailed a flat car and trains next to it. The camera man's name was lan, who was also from Canada. Ian told me about his childhood playing with trains that his dad had gotten him. He was very excited when he found the exact set he had as a child on my shelves. Needless to say, that set got plenty of camera time too. After six-hours of filming and playing with trains, it was a wrap. They had shot enough film of me and my collection for their show.

I credit my father Ed and my Uncle Jerry with starting me on the incredible adventure of train collecting. I also credited my wife, Renee, with putting up with me and my trains. Those who know me recognize that's not an easy task. I learned a lot on how a TV show is produced and they learned a lot about our great hobby of train collecting. This was a great experience and opportunity for me. Episodes of *Extreme Collectors* can be seen on *Slice Network* on Monday evenings at 9pm. – *Kevin Quinn* 





MSHC member Kevin Quinn (above, right) with lan "the Camera Man" and filming (above) for the segment of the **Extreme Collectors** television show.

## The Maywood Station 2013 Holiday Ornament is Available NOW!

Each year since 2002, the Maywood Station Historical Committee has released a dated, limited-edition, holiday ornament. The Maywood Station 2013 Holiday Ornament marks the 12th issue in the series and was officially released at the Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station event on October 6, 2013. The 2013 Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornament is red stocking with sparkling beveled crystals on the front and a silver-polished metal back with laser-etched "Maywood Station Museum 2013" lettering. Each ornament measures approximately 3inches high by 2-inches wide and also includes a decorative ribbon for hanging. The ornament is handcrafted by noted ornament manufacturer Gloria Duchin with lettering designed by graphic artist and Maywood Station Historical Committee member Veronica Bruno. The 2013 ornaments are available for \$6.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order. Starting November 1st of each year, ornaments are also available for purchase through the holiday season at Nikki's Card & Gift Shoppe, 60 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Moon Doggie Coffee Roasters, 108 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; and at the Our Town Newspaper, 25 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ.

## **AVAILABLE HERE!!**

## Maywood Station Museum 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Limited Edition 2013 Holiday Ornament

This year's ornament is a handcrafted silver metal Christmas Stocking with sparking beveled crystals on the front with laser etched "Maywood Station Museum 2013" lettering on the back with a decorative holiday ribbon for hanging.



Price \$6.00 each

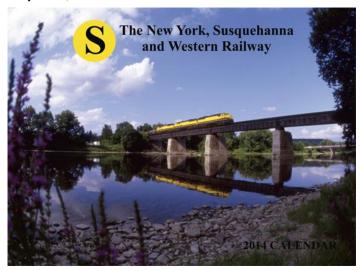
All Proceeds go to further preservation and maintenance of historic Maywood Station
Visit the Maywood Station Historical Committee website at: <a href="https://www.maywoodstation.com">www.maywoodstation.com</a> and follow us on Facebook.



Front and back view of the **Maywood Station Museum 2013 Holiday Ornament**.

## <u>The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway 2014</u> <u>Calendar is Available NOW!</u>

The 2014 large format, all-color, New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway calendar is available from the Maywood Station Museum. The calendar contains colorful past and present images of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway. The opened calendar measures 12 wide X 18" high and each of the fourteen images (one for each month and the front and back covers) measures 9" high X 12" wide. Two additional images are contained on the inside front cover. The calendars are available for \$11.00 each while supplies last at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order. We also accept checks or money orders for calendars at \$14.00 each (includes 1st class postage and handling) made out to "Maywood Station Museum", 108 Stelling Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607.



The front cover of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway 2014 All-Color Calendar.

<u>Scenes from the "Annual Santa at the Maywood Station Museum Event"</u>.......(All photos by Ed Kaminski)











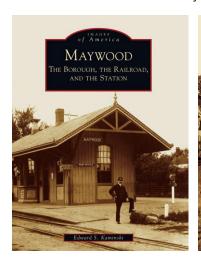


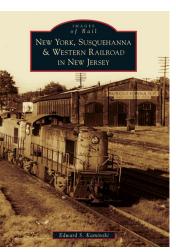


MSHC member John Brown recently was invited to a Sirius XM Satellite Radio event and met the band Earth, Wind & Fire. John (2nd from right) is shown posing for a photo with members of the band. (Photo by Diane Brown)

## <u>Available Now!! - Maywood & NYS&W in New Jersey</u> Books!

The Maywood Station Museum Store now has available two books written by historian, author and Maywood Station Historical Committee President, Edward S. Kaminski and published by Arcadia Publishing Company. Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station traces Maywood's history from a farming community through its population and industrial growth brought on in part by the coming of the New Jersey Midland Railway in 1872. Separate chapters include The Borough of Maywood; The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in Maywood; and Maywood Station including its role in the development of Maywood and its recent restoration and museum. New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey, traces the history of the railroad from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century through the 20th century and covers the complete route of all its mainline track and branches in New Jersey. Each 128page book contains over 200 quality images with detailed captions and are available for \$22.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order through our website at www.maywoodstation.com. All proceeds will go toward further preservation maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.







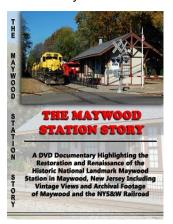
The Maywood Station Museum is now on Facebook please visit and "like" our page! Also "follow" the Maywood Station Museum on Twitter!



The New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society offers seasonal train rides and excursions operated out of Phillipsburg, New Jersey along the scenic Delaware River. Popular train rides and excursions include the The Polar Express; A Day Out With Thomas; The Easter Bunny Train; The Mine Train; The Pumpkin Train; The Wine Train; The Dinosaur Train; and others. Please visit the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society website at <a href="www.nyswths.org">www.nyswths.org</a> for a full schedule of train rides, excursions, events, ticket ordering, attractions and additional information. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

#### **Maywood Station Museum Store**

The Maywood Station Museum has available numerous merchandise items in the Museum Store on Open House dates or they can be ordered online on our website at www.maywoodstation.com. These items include the awardwinning DVD documentary The Maywood Station Story; Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station and New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey books; Atlas Model Railroad Company HO and Nscale models of the actual Maywood Station™; Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornaments and Pens; Maywood Station Museum T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Windshirts and Caps: NYS&W Railway Caps; NYS&W Railway Miniature Clocks; NYS&W Railway Calendars; NYS&W Railway Lithographs and Postcards; NYS&WT&HS Calendars; Engineer Hats; Children's Train Whistles; Children's Pull Toy Trains; and Atlas Model Railroad Company Train Sets. All proceeds help support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.





Among the items available in the Maywood Station Museum Store are the award-winning DVD Documentary, **The Maywood Station Story**, and HO and N-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™.

## Membership in the MSHC

The Maywood Station Historical Committee is an allvolunteer, 501C3 non-profit, educational and historical society dedicated to the preservation, education and maintenance of the 1872-built New York, Susquehanna & Western railroad station in Maywood, NJ. The station is listed on the National, State of New Jersey and Bergen County Registers of Historical Places and is listed as a State of New Jersey Historic Archive. Membership in our organization includes participation in our meetings and work sessions; periodic e-mail updates on station news and events; discounts on MSHC merchandise; and our quarterly newsletter. It is a requirement that all MSHC members must join our parent organization, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society. Dues are \$25 for individuals per calendar year and include The Reflector Magazine and the annual all-color calendar as well as help support the restoration, preservation and maintenance of all NYS&WT&HS/MSHC sites, equipment and operations. Membership applications are available at Maywood Station Museum Open House dates or online http://www.nyswths.org/.

# The Maywood Station Museum will be closed for the winter months of January, February and March 2014.

A complete schedule of Open House and Event dates will be announced on our website this winter.

#### Winter 2014 MSHC Membership Meeting Schedule

The membership of the MSHC meets twice monthly for work sessions at Maywood Station on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm. Membership Business Meetings will be held quarterly starting at 7:30pm. Membership will be notified in advance of each meeting date. New members are always welcome.

## **MSHC Membership News**

Wendy and Roger Cummings visited relatives in Tennessee in mid-October......Gus Aversa won the annual "Best Halloween Costume" at the October 30th membership meeting of the MSHC......Pat Reynolds ran in the ING New York City Marathon on November 5th. This was the sixth year in a row that Pat has completed the marathon.....Dave Ferrari visited Milwaukee on business in early November......Gus Aversa performed onstage in various roles and as Captain Smith in Maywood & Music adaptation of the Titanic in mid-November ..... Rob Pisani visited China on business in mid-November.....An Erie Railroad concrete milepost marker "Jersey City, NJ 22/Haverstraw, NY 16" has been restored and added to the Maywood Station Museum grounds..... Ed and Rosemarie Kaminski have been selected appear in an episode of the TV show Man Cave. Filming is expected to occur sometime in February.....Keith Smollin and his fiancé Bonnie's wedding date will be March 2014......Restoration work on the Semaphore pole has been suspended for the winter months and will resume when warmer weather comes back in the spring......The Sunday, November 10th Museum Open experienced a higher than normal visitor attendance for a date without any events taking place as over 200 people visited the museum.....Tickets for the NYS&WT&HS's annual Polar Express train rides went on sale on August 1<sup>st</sup> and within 24-hours all 28 trips were completely sold out one day later on August 2nd.....The MSHC held its "Annual Night Before Thanksgiving Gathering" on Wednesday, November 27th.....The MSHC's "Annual End of Year Holiday Party" was held on December 18th......

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