

# *The MSHC Newsletter*

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## **The Brussels Blocks Project**

On July 3, 2006 masons from A. Lepore & Grandson Masonry braved the heat and humidity and completed Phase 2 of the installation of Brussels Blocks on the station grounds. Previously this past May, Phase 1 was completed along the driveway side of the station in an area of approximately 1350 square feet. Phase 2 began where Phase 1 ended and extends out from the rear of the station and connects to Maywood Station Caboose #24542 in an area of approximately 600 square feet. The area of Brussels Blocks installed in the two phases totals nearly 2000 square feet and improves the aesthetics of the station grounds while also offering 100% handicap accessibility inside and outside the station.

The MSHC thanks the masons from A. Lepore & Grandson Masonry for their professionalism and great work. A. Lepore & Grandson Masonry has performed all of the exterior brickwork since the beginning of the Maywood Station restoration in July 2002.



On July 3, 2006 masons from A. Lepore & Grandson Masonry completed Phase 2 of the installation of Brussels Blocks on the station grounds. The blocks now cover the driveway side of the station and connect to Maywood Station's Caboose 24542 further increasing handicap accessibility. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

## **A Chimney Vent is Added to the Station Roof**

A critical component that the MSHC has been recently striving to add to the station restoration project is to include a replica chimney vent on the roof peak. In the 1872 to 1920's period, the chimney vent was an item that was very prominent in all photographic coverage of the station but has been missing until now.

On July 3, 2006, workers from George Haag Construction Company fabricated a complete replica of the original Maywood Station chimney vent and installed it to the roof peak of the station. The gray chimney vent looks like an exact duplicate of the original Maywood Station one and adds to the project a key item thus far not included in the restoration.

The MSHC once again thanks George Haag Construction Company for giving a much-needed assist in our pursuit of historical accuracy.



Workers from George Haag Construction Co. install a chimney vent on the roof peak of Maywood Station on July 3, 2006. The chimney vent was fabricated to replicate one that was originally found on Maywood Station in the 1872 to 1920's period. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**Maywood Station Article Appears in September 2006  
Railroad Model Craftsman Magazine**

The September 2006 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman Magazine featured a lengthy article on Maywood Station including its history, recent restoration, museum and Caboose 24542. The article also contained historic photos, drawings and current views. RMC is distributed worldwide and has over 100,000 subscribers. The issue is on newsstands now.

**Maywood Station to be Featured in November 2006  
Vanity Fair Magazine**

On June 20, 2006, Vanity Fair Magazine through its agent, Herb Productions, contracted out Maywood Station for a daylong photo shoot involving several alternative rock and country music performers. The station and Maywood Station Caboose #24542 were used as backdrops for the feature. The photos will appear in their November 2006 issue.



At the June 25, 2006 Maywood Station Museum Open House, the Maywood Fire Department displayed their magnificently restored 1938 Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine for visitors to inspect. The vintage fire engine is shown in the station driveway shortly before the museum opened for the day. The MSHC wishes to thank Roy DeYoung, Frank Lichtenberger and Gary Holz of the Maywood Fire Department for helping to arrange bringing the Ahrens Fox to Maywood Station and for their assistance during the Museum Open House. (Photo by Matthew Greco)



An existing-light night photo of the back of Maywood Station taken on July 24, 2006. The new Brussels Blocks are shown prominently in the foreground. (Photo by Matthew Greco)



Ridgefield Park, NJ Cub Scout Pack 4, Weblo Den 2 members listen to MSHC member and Rochelle Park, NJ Boy Scout Troop 114 Assistant Scoutmaster, Ed Quinn, instruct them on railroad safety during their visit to Maywood Station on May 31, 2006. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



During July 2006, CSX detoured freight trains daily on the NYS&W past Maywood Station due to trackwork on their Northern NJ to Albany, NY mainline. Above is two CSX westbound road freight SU-99 being led by two CSX AC4400W's numbered 163 and 158 on July 11, 2006. (Photo by Matthew Greco).



Hector Hernandez welds a safety chain to a railing on Caboose 24542 at the July 19, 2006 MSHC work session. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)

**The 2006 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament is NOW AVAILABLE!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> in the series 2006 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament is now available and celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway. Graphic artist and MSHC member, Veronica Bruno once again designed this years dated, metal, polished-silver snowflake ornament which features laser-etched images of the NYS&W logo and Maywood Station. The ornament is available for purchase at the Maywood Station Museum on 2006 Open House dates and during the holiday season at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ and at the Our Town Newspaper offices at 250 Maywood Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Maywood, NJ. More information and online ordering can be found on the MSHC website at <http://www.maywoodstation.com/>.

**The MSHC Celebrates the NYS&W's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Open House at Maywood Station**

The Maywood Station Museum celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway at the Sunday, August 6, 2006 Open House. In 1881, the New York Susquehanna & Western was created through a reorganization of its predecessor, the Midland Railroad Company of New Jersey. The Maywood Station Museum hosted the anniversary event, which included exhibits on the New York, Susquehanna & Western's history, outdoor vendor tables featuring local railroad historical societies and local model railroad clubs, an Operation Lifesaver table, a large operating outdoor modular N-scale model railroad layout and two H.O. scale modules.

The Maywood Station Museum, for the first time, opened their Caboose #24542 for public inspection. The caboose has been under restoration by group members since May 2005 and visitors were given the opportunity to tour the inside and view the progress.

Over 300 visitors enjoyed the interactive event. Children in attendance were given NYS&W logo soft baseballs and railroad calendars courtesy of the NYS&W Railway. Operation Lifesaver provided children additional complimentary items including coloring books and pencils. After the Open House, all of the visiting organizations remarked that they would like to be involved in a similar-themed event at Maywood Station next year.

The Maywood Station Historical Committee wishes to thank the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society; Northern New Jersey N-Trak; the Garden State Model Railroad Club; Shortline Hobbies; the New York, Ontario & Western Historical Society; Atlas Model Railroad Company; Operation Lifesaver; and the Sussex County Model Railroad Club and the NYS&W for participating in the event. The MSHC also wishes to thank Tony Pizzanelli and Triboro Pizzeria of Maywood, NJ for providing food and beverages for the event.



*The 2006 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament.*



*Railroad Historical Societies, Model Railroad Clubs and other organizations participated in the NYS&W 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on August 6, 2006. (Photo by E. S. Kaminski)*



*A view of the Northern NJ N-Trak Club modular N-scale operating train layout at the NYS&W 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House on August 6, 2006. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*



A view of the H.O. (1/87<sup>th</sup>) scale model of Maywood Station. The model is also offered in N (1/160<sup>th</sup>) scale and is available in 3 different paint schemes originally found on Maywood Station.

### **Engraved Bricks Available**

The Maywood Station Historical Committee will continue to accept orders for additional engraved bricks. Bricks ordered between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006 will be placed at the station in the Spring of 2007. To date, nearly 800 engraved bricks have been installed at the station. Ordering forms are available at the station during Museum Open House dates or by going to our website - <http://www.maywoodstation.com/> for a printable form. All proceeds go towards to further preservation and maintenance of Maywood Station. The members of the Maywood Station Historical Committee sincerely thank all who have supported us and purchased an engraved brick thus far.

### **Membership in the MSHC**

The Maywood Station Historical Committee is 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 New Jersey and National Registers of Historical Places. Membership in our organization includes participation in our bi-monthly meetings and weekly 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 and Historical Society by applying for membership with them. Dues are \$25 for individuals per calendar year and helps support the preservation and maintenance of all NYS&WT&HS/MSHC sites, equipment and operations. Membership applications are available at the station on Museum Open House dates or online at <http://www.nyswth.org/>.

### **Maywood Station H.O. and N Scale Models Available**

Atlas Model Railroad Company H.O. (1/87) scale and N (1/160<sup>th</sup>) scale models of Maywood Station are now available. The models accurately depict the station and include the brick pathway, benches and fencing. They are available in 3 different paint schemes that were originally found on the station – beige/brown; gray/maroon; and green/brown. The model is available for purchase at the Maywood Station Museum on 2006 Open House dates and seven days a week at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood. Built-up versions of the H.O. scale models are priced at \$38.00 each and kit versions are priced at \$22.00 each. Built-up versions of the N-scale models are priced at \$28.00 each and kit versions are priced at \$18.00 each. More information and online ordering can also be found on the MSHC website at <http://www.maywoodstation.com/>.

### **2006 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates**

The Maywood Station Museum will be open to the public in 2006 from **Noon to 3pm** on the following dates:

<b>Sunday - April 2</b>	<b>Sunday - August 6</b>
<b>Sunday - May 7</b>	<b>Sunday - September 24</b>
<b>Sunday - June 25</b>	<b>Sunday - November 12</b>
<b>*Saturday – December 16 (Santa 10am to Noon)</b>	

Additional events may also be added when appropriate.

### **MSHC Fall Meeting Schedule**

Our weekly work sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings each month starting at 7:00pm at the station. Regular membership business meetings will be conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening of each month beginning at 7:30pm. Notification of any changes will be sent in advance to MSHC members.

### **MSHC Membership News**

Rob Pisani attended the National Model Railroad Association Convention for his company in Philadelphia, PA during the first week of July....In early July, Vincent Molodowec attended a locksmith convention and training classes for his company in Las Vegas, NM....Matt Posthumus accepted a job with Sperry Railcar Services....Noted photographer, Ray Wetzel presented the MSHC with his "East of the Hudson River" slideshow at the July 12<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting....NYS&W Executive Vice President, Nathan Fenno, toured the station on July 14th....On July 15th, Matt Greco and Ed Kaminski went fishing for fluke down the Jersey shore and Matt caught a clam. However, they tried again in late August off of Wildwood, NJ and did much better....Pat Reynolds put a new fence up at his house. It was the most he's worked since 1979....Joe Katzenstein and his wife Diane vacationed for two weeks in Colorado in August.

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