

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## **It's What We Do – The Maywood Station Museum**

For this issue, we've decided to take the opportunity to review what we do as an organization. The Maywood Station Historical Committee (MSHC) division of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society (NYS&WT&HS) operates the Maywood Station Museum and is chartered as a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 non-profit, educational and historical organization with a mission to preserve our railroad and cultural heritage through restoration and preservation, historical awareness, archiving and interpretation, museum open houses, meetings and special events. The MSHC's main objectives have been restore, revitalize and preserve the historic Maywood Station. The collective membership of the MSHC and NYS&WT&HS is nearly 500 members.

The MSHC was formed on May 29, 2002 by volunteers who wanted to save the 1872-built New York, Susquehanna & Western (NYS&W) railroad station at 269 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey after it became public that the Borough of Maywood had signed a demolition order on the historic building.

The NYS&W approved the proposed restoration project and enacted a long-term lease of the station with the MSHC. Beginning in July 2002, MSHC members embarked on a quest to fully restore the historic station. After over two years of dedicated hard work by MSHC members, the majority of the restoration was completed by September 2004. However, MSHC membership continues to work on additional restoration items to this day. On September 25, 2004, the Maywood Station Museum was officially opened to the public.

In 2005, the Maywood Station Museum expanded as the MSHC received a donation of a former Conrail/Penn Central caboose, which was restored by MSHC members and completed in 2006. In 2008, the MSHC received a donation of former New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Alco S-2 Locomotive #206. NYS&W S-2 #206 was cosmetically restored by MSHC members and was completed in 2009. To date, over 15,000 volunteer hours have been spent by MSHC members restoring Maywood Station, Caboose 24542 and NYS&W S-2 #206.

The Maywood Station Museum is operated and staffed by the volunteer membership of the MSHC. The main focus of the museum is concentrated on the history of Maywood Station and the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad and the roles they played in the development of the Borough of Maywood and the surrounding area.

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The museum collection contains hundreds of photographs, displays, documents, maps and artifacts covering the histories of Maywood Station; the NYS&W and local railroads; the Borough of Maywood; and the local region; which are changed periodically and designed to entertain and educate visitors of all ages as well as offer a virtual timeline to these subjects. Maywood Station is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and the State of New Jersey Register of Historical Places. In addition, the Maywood Station Museum is listed as a Historical Archive by the State of New Jersey. The Maywood Station Museum is also the official site of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society's archive, which contains 1000's of drawings, maps, track diagrams, photos, timetables, documents and records covering the history of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad.

Meticulous care has been taken by the MSHC to show the museum in a historical context. The museum features the original woodwork painted and stained in its original colors and original Maywood Station furnishings have been restored and displayed such as the potbelly stove, station agent's desk, chairs, telegraph keys and freight scale. Victorian-period original light fixtures and sconces adorn the ceilings and walls. Additional items have been painstakingly reproduced to the exact original specifications of over one-hundred years ago including the station benches and bay window area. The original and only Centralized Traffic Control board used by the NYS&W formerly located in the Broadway Paterson, NJ station was donated in 2010 and is now featured in the museum.

Visitors are invited to climb aboard Caboose 24542 and view additional displays and an operating model train layout. Also found on display on the station grounds is original 1942-built NYS&W Alco S-2 diesel locomotive #206, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the State of New Jersey Register of Historical Places.

The Maywood Station Museum is open to the public an average of eight times per year between April and December. Very popular each year is the *Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station* and the *Santa at Maywood Station* events. The Museum is also open by appointment for class trips, boys and girls scout trips, senior citizen trips and for other organizations and clubs as well as for movie and television filming, commercial props, photo shoots, etc. Since the museum opened on September 25, 2004, nearly 11,000 people have visited the Maywood Station Museum.

**\* Sunday, October 3 is ANNUAL RAILROAD DAY AT  
MAYWOOD STATION from Noon to 3pm!**



The MSHC once again participated in Maywood's Annual 4th of July Parade held on July 3, 2010. In this view, MSHC members Vince and Joe Molodowec pedal their handmade two-man tricycle along the parade route towing a float with an operating model steam train. Following behind them is MSHC member Ed Quinn and his wife Marie with their classic car. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



NYS&W #142, a 2-8-2 "Mikado-Type" steam locomotive, powers the NYS&WT&HS's "Mine Train" train ride at Phillipsburg, NJ on July 9, 2010. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



MSHC members Vince and Joe Molodowec are seen here towing a float behind their handmade two-man tricycle during Maywood's Annual 4th of July Parade on July 3, 2010. Seated at the rear of the tricycle are Kayleigh Kaminski and Matthew Greco who distributed candy patriotic items along the parade route. (Photo by Ed



In July of each of the past two years, the NYS&WT&HS have hosted "A Day Out With Thomas" events at the Phillipsburg, NJ train ride operations location. The Thomas locomotive is brought in for the events each year and is actually an 0-6-0 operating steam locomotive. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



The two-man tricycle and float, one of the two MSHC entries in Maywood's Annual 4th of July Parade makes the turn along the parade route off of Maywood Avenue and onto West Pleasant Avenue on July, 3, 2010. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



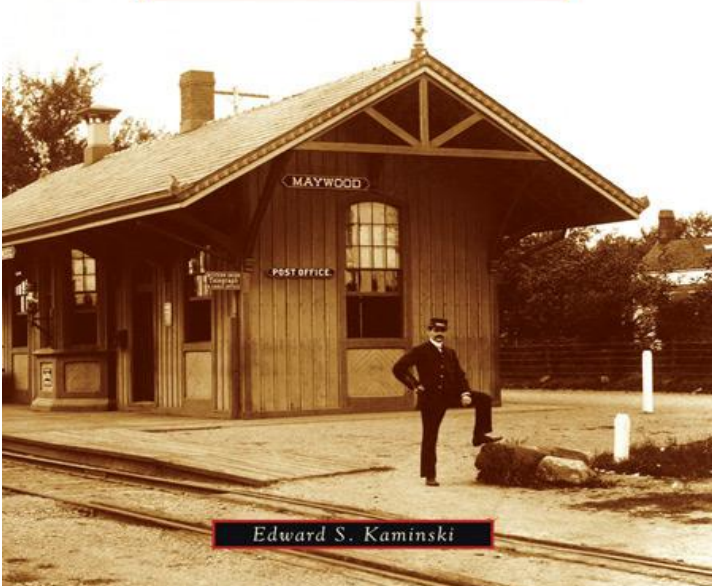
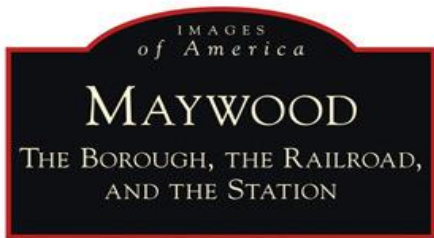
Bergen County Clerk Kathleen Donovan visited Maywood Station at the June 27, 2010 Museum Open House. Ms. Donovan is also running for the Bergen County Executive position in the November elections. She is seen here in this photo chatting with MSHC member Ed Quinn. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)



MSHC member Ed Quinn and his wife Marie ride their classic car along the parade route during Maywood's Annual 4th of July Parade on July 3, 2010. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**A New Book!**

A new book entitled **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** has been written by historian, author and Maywood Station Historical Committee President, Edward S. Kaminski and published by Arcadia Publishing Co. The 128-page book 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. The book contains over 200 quality images with detailed captions and is available for \$22.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All proceeds from the sales of books through mail order on the Maywood Station Museum website and at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates, including the author's royalties, will go toward further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



Maywood Station was visited by Bergen County Clerk Kathleen Donovan at the June 27, 2010 Museum Open House. In this scene, Ms. Donovan (center) enjoys the displays inside Caboose 24542. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)

**Maywood Station O-Scale Models!**

First it was the H.O. (1/87<sup>th</sup>) scale models.....then it was the N-scale (1/160<sup>th</sup>) scale models.....now.....Atlas Model Railroad Company has released the **Maywood Station O-Scale Model Kit!**

Maywood Station™ is the prototype for this museum-quality, laser-cut, O-scale (1/48th) craftsman-type model kit produced by Atlas Model Railroad Company. The model is a full scale replica of the actual Maywood Station™ built in 1872 by the New Jersey Midland Railroad (predecessor to the present-day New York Susquehanna & Western Railway) in Maywood, New Jersey. Stations built to similar Victorian-era designs could be found at one time in small towns and suburbs of larger cities on railroads across the United States.

**O-Scale Model Kit Features Include:**

- Full scale replica of the 1872-built Maywood Station™
- Separate window glazing
- Separate platform base
- Many small detail parts including roof finials
- Approx. finished size (including base): 18.5" x 9.5" x 9"

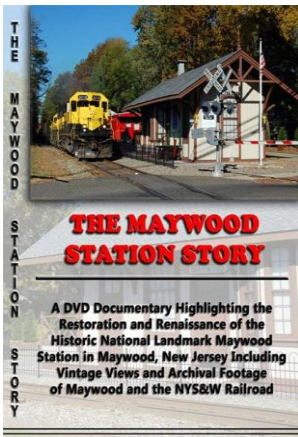
The O-Scale Maywood Station™ Model Kits are available for \$125.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates and seven-days a week at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood NJ. The Kits are also available by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All proceeds go to further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



The Atlas Model Railroad Company Maywood Station™ O-Scale Laser-Cut Model Kit

### **Maywood Station Museum Store**

The Maywood Station Museum has available numerous merchandise items in the Museum Store on Open House dates and by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). These include the award-winning DVD documentary *The Maywood Station Story*; Atlas Model Railroad Company HO, N and O-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™; Holiday Ornaments; Maywood Station Museum Pens; Maywood Station Museum T-shirts, Polo Shirts and Windshirts; Maywood Station Museum Caps and Jackets: NYS&W Railway Caps, NYS&W Railway Lithographs; NYS&W Railway Miniature Clocks; NYS&W Railway Calendars; NYS&W Railway 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, N and O-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™.

### **Membership in the MSHC**

The Maywood Station Historical Committee is an all-volunteer, 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 on Museum Open House dates or online at <http://www.nyswths.org/>.

### **Engraved Bricks Are Still Available**

The MSHC will continue to accept orders for engraved bricks that will be incorporated into the brick platform that surrounds Maywood Station. Engraved bricks are available in two sizes – 4" X 8" for \$55 each and 8" X 8" for \$250 each. Ordering forms are available at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates and a printable ordering form with more information is available on our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All orders are tax-deductible and will be confirmed by mail with a donation letter. Engraved bricks ordered between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 will be installed at the station in early spring 2011. Engraved bricks ordered between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 will be installed at the station in early fall 2011.

### **2010 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates**

The Maywood Station Museum will be open to the public on the following dates and times in 2010:

<u>Sun., April 18</u> – Noon - 3pm	<u>Sun Oct. 3</u> – Noon - 3pm
<u>Wed., May 26</u> - 7pm - 9pm	<u>Sun., Nov. 7</u> – Noon - 3pm
<u>Sun., June 27</u> – Noon- 3pm	<u>Sat. Dec. 11</u> - 10am - Noon (Santa at Maywood Station)
<u>Wed., Aug. 4</u> – 7pm - 9pm	
<u>Wed., Sept. 8</u> – 7pm - 9pm	

### **Fall 2010 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. Members will be notified in advance of each meeting date.

### **MSHC Membership News**

On Sunday, June 20th, Pat Reynolds was an Ambassador and participated in the *10k Prostate Awareness Run* in New York's Central Park.....Jim Schmitt and his wife Donna enjoyed *The Eagles* concert at the new Meadowlands Stadium in June.....Pat Reynolds attended the *Sting with the London Philharmonic Orchestra* concert at the PNC Arts Center in July.....Rob Pisani attended the National Model Railroad Association's annual convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on business in mid-July.....The restoration of the MSHC's New York, Susquehanna & Western Alco S-2 #206 was featured in the August 2010 *Trains Magazine* monthly "Preservation" section, which celebrated the preservation of the historic locomotive. The average monthly readership of *Train Magazine* is nearly 200,000 subscribers.....In early August, Vince Molodowec attended a locksmith convention for his company in Tampa, Florida.....In late August, Matt Greco visited New Orleans to produce a segment for CNBC's *Squawk Box* on the economical impact of Hurricane Katrina, 5 years after the devastation. Matt also visited New Orleans 9<sup>th</sup> Ward District, the scene of the heaviest damage.....Jim Schmitt vacationed at Long Beach Island, NJ during the first week of September.....The new Maywood Station Museum windshirts have arrived just in time for fall!

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