

The MSHC Newsletter

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Maywood Station Acquires NYS&W #206

The Maywood Station Historical Committee has acquired original New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Alco S-2 #206. The diesel-electric locomotive was built in March 1942 for the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad (NYS&W) by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) in Schenectady, New York. The locomotive was multiple-unit equipped with a 1000 horsepower Seymour-McIntosh 539 engine producing a maximum tractive effort of 72,400 pounds while riding on B-B Blunt-style trucks. When built, #206 weighed 230,000 pounds and was built as ALCO serial number 69664.

NYS&W S-2 #206 is the sole survivor of a class of (6) original Alco S-2's that were owned by the NYS&W. All of the NYS&W S-2's were built between December 1941 and April 1942 and were numbered 202, 203, 204, 205, 206 and 208. As was NYS&W numbering practice for diesel-electric locomotives, those with even numbers (202, 204, 206 and 208) were multiple-unit equipped and could operate in tandem with other locomotives while those with odd numbers (203 and 205) did not have this feature and were restricted to operating alone as a single unit. All of the NYS&W S-2's were originally purchased for use in yard and local freight switching but the multiple-unit equipped ones could also be found occasionally in road freight service teamed with the NYS&W fleet of ALCO RS-1 road switchers.

NYS&W S-2 #206 had a long career on the NYS&W, which spanned 44 years from 1942 until it was retired in 1986. The locomotive was based out of the Little Ferry, New Jersey yard and earlier in its life, could often be found working locations between Jersey City, New Jersey and Paterson, New Jersey including the Lodi Branch, Passaic Branch and Edgewater yard. While on assignment, #206 was a frequent visitor passing Maywood Station as well as working the local industries in Maywood, New Jersey. However, by the late 1970's, #206 had been basically relegated to the role of Little Ferry shop switcher and very rarely strayed far from the yard limits.

In early 1985, the locomotive was rebuilt by the NYS&W, and through the efforts of the Bergen-Rockland Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, it was repainted into its original NYS&W maroon and gray paint scheme.

In the spring of 1985, the NYS&W acquired a portion of former Lehigh & Hudson River Railway trackage between Sparta, New Jersey and Warwick, New York and #206 was moved there to handle local freight customers on the line. Later in the spring of 1985, #206 suffered an engine failure and was sidelined. In 1986, the NYS&W officially retired #206 and in 1988, it was used as a trade-in credit for the NYS&W's new order of (4) B40-8 locomotives placed with General Electric. In 1989, General Electric donated #206 to the United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey (URHS) for eventual inclusion in a planned State of New Jersey Transportation Museum. In the early 1990's, the URHS occasionally moved #206 to several railroad related events and it was probably best known for its yearly appearances each September at the Hoboken Festival in Hoboken, New Jersey. In the late 1990's, the URHS placed #206 into storage in an unused yard at the Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) generating station in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey where it resided in anonymity out of public view in the hopes that a State of New Jersey Transportation Museum would materialize.

In the summer of 2006, the Maywood Station Historical Committee approached the URHS about the possibility of giving #206 a new life as part of the Maywood Station Museum, which the URHS embraced. In October 2006, MSHC members conducted their first work session at the PSE&G yard by performing brush cutting and securing #206. During 2007, work was also conducted on #206 as well other URHS equipment in the yard for an eventual equipment move to other URHS locations by the MSHC, URHS and other interested parties. It is anticipated that #206 will make its move to Maywood Station sometime in the spring of 2008. Once #206 arrives at Maywood Station, the MSHC plans to perform a full cosmetic restoration. As in the past, like our station restoration, museum and Caboose #24542, NYS&W S-2 #206 will have *no* taxpayer ramifications for residents of the Borough of Maywood. NYS&W #206 will be restored as a completely volunteer project *without any* Borough of Maywood funds. If you would like to get involved in the **Restoration of NYS&W S-2 #206** or become a member of the MSHC, please [Contact Us](#) and send us an e-mail or stop by the station during an Open House for more information. Maywood residency is not a requirement for membership.



MSHC members Tim Moses, Doug Earls, Tom Callan and Gus Aversa are shown inspecting NYS&W #206 at the PSE&G yard in Ridgefield Park, NJ on October 14, 2006. During the past year, MSHC members have been involved in preparing NYS&W #206 for its move to Maywood Station. (Photo by E. S. Kaminski)



A work session was held on January 27, 2008 to install ballast for the new panel track extension and beautify the grounds including tree trimming, brush cutting and landscaping. (Photo by Keith Smollin)



On January 13, 2008, the MSHC held a work session at Maywood Station to prepare the site for the upcoming move of NYS&W #206 into Maywood Station. Peter Scanel offered his assistance and brought his backhoe and graded the grounds as well as moved the "Coal Shed" into its new location. Looking toward Maywood Station, the grading work for the panel track extension for NYS&W #206 is nearly completed. (Photo by Tim Moses)



NYS&W #206 is seen on February 3, 2008 at the PSE&G yard in Ridgefield Park, NJ awaiting the equipment that will bring it to Maywood Station sometime this spring. (Photo by Vincent Molodowec)



On January 25, 2008, a NYS&W track crew installed the panel track extension at Maywood Station. (Photo by Matthew Greco)



Maywood Station and Caboose #24542 are seen in the freshly fallen snow in a time-exposure photo taken at night on February 12, 2008. (Photo by E. S. Kaminski)

April 6, 2008 Museum Open House to Feature Vintage Hess Toy Vehicles

The Maywood Station Museum will have a special exhibit for our first Open House of our 2008 season on Sunday, April 6th from Noon to 3pm. The Open House will feature a display of vintage Hess toy vehicles from the collection of MSHC member Pat Reynolds. Hess gasoline stations have been releasing a different vehicle each holiday season since the 1960's, and in recent years, many of the earlier releases have become extremely sought after by collectors. A variety of Hess toy vehicles will be on display for the Open House.



The MSHC held its "6th Annual Santa at Maywood Station" event on Saturday, December 15, 2007. Crowds of children and their parents visited Maywood Station to meet and greet Santa. In the above photo, a happy little boy is seen having a chat with the "Old Jolly Elf". (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)



Santa listens to the wishes of one of the many children who visited him on December 15, 2007 at the 6th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event. (Photo by Rosemarie Kaminski)

Maywood Station 2007 Ornaments Are Still Available
Looking for a unique a neat gift idea anytime throughout the year? Well, we've got the answer!

The 6th in the series 2007 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament is in stock. Expertly designed by graphic artist and MSHC member, Veronica Bruno, the dated, polished-gold metal snowflake ornament celebrates the *135th Anniversary of Maywood Station, 1872-2007*, and features a laser-etched image of Maywood Station and the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway logo. The ornaments are available for \$6.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates and by mail order. Please visit our website at www.maywoodstation.com for more information or to place a mail order and to see photos of past releases in the series and their availabilities.



Graphic Artist and MSHC member, Veronica Bruno, has done it once again with a superb design for our 2007 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament. The gold polished-metal snowflake features laser-etched lettering and celebrates the 135th anniversary of Maywood Station, 1872-2007. The ornament measures approximately 3-inches in diameter. Past releases in the series have become collector's items.



MSHC member, Patrick Reynolds competed in the Annual ING New York City Marathon on November 4, 2007. This was Pat's third year in a row that he competed. This time, his son Brian and his girlfriend Whitney joined Pat in the 26-mile marathon. Pat finished in 36,299th place overall, 1456th place in his age group, with a time of 5:56:05. In the above photo, Pat (right) and his son Brian (left) are shown triumphantly crossing the finish line. Way to GO Reynolds family!!

Maywood Station H.O. and N Scale Models Available

Atlas Model Railroad Company H.O. (1/87th) scale and N (1/160th) 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 – tan/brown; gray/maroon; and pale green/dark green. The model is available for purchase at the Maywood Station Museum on 2008 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/>.

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 <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, 2007 and December 31, 2007 will be installed at the station in early spring 2008. Engraved bricks ordered between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 will be installed at the station in early fall 2008.

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 weekly work sessions and meetings, 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.nyswth.org/>.



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

2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates

The Maywood Station Museum will be open to the public in 2008 from **Noon to 3pm** on the following dates:

Sunday - April 6

Sunday - August 10

Sunday - May 18

Sunday - September 21

Sunday - June 22

Sunday - November 9

***Saturday – December 20 (Santa 10am to Noon)**

Additional events may also be added when appropriate.

MSHC Spring Meeting Schedule

Our twice a month work sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00pm at the station. Regular membership business meetings will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings six times per year. Notification of meeting dates will be sent in advance to MSHC members.

MSHC Membership News

The MSHC membership held their *Annual End of the Year Gathering* on Thursday, December 27th and wishes to thank Triboro Pizzeria for catering the event....In early January, Rob Pisani visited Sacramento, CA on business.....The MSHC welcomes aboard new member Jim Pepe.....Pat Reynolds continues to participate in qualifying marathons in anticipation of running in the *Annual ING New York City Marathon* in November. Pat and his wife Barbara also vacationed in Florida during early March....In late March, Ed Kaminski visited Hilton Head Island, SC for a business conference. Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney also honored Ed on January 18th at a luncheon for his contribution to the *Annual Bergen County Calendar* and presented him with a Certificate of Commendation.....The MSHC participated in the Jersey Central Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society's *Annual Clark, NJ Train Show* on Sunday, March 2nd by hosting a table with information on the Maywood Station Museum.....Tim Moses celebrated his 40th birthday on March 2nd. 40????!!!! Say it ain't so, Tim! Happy Birthday!

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