

# The MSHC Newsletter

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

## Santa Made His Annual Visit to Maywood Station on December 20, 2008

Santa made a special visit to Maywood Station at the **7th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** on Saturday, December 20, 2008. This year Santa brought with him cold temperatures and 7-inches of Snow from the night before. The snow and cold didn't deter more than 150 families from attending the event and many commented about how the weather put them more in the holiday mood and how the station seemed like visiting the North Pole for their kids.

Santa met and greeted all the little boys and girls and each child received a "goody bag" courtesy of Myron Corporation, WellConnected Gifts, Operation Lifesaver, Atlas Model Railroad Company, PhibroChem, CNBC-TV, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway and the Maywood Station Historical Committee. Each child attending was also given a free chance to win raffle prizes including a BMW Child's Riding Car courtesy of Park Ave BMW, which was won by Rajeev Lamba; an LGB G-Gauge Starter Train Set courtesy of Silvergate Distributors, which was won by Andrew Wiesenfeld; and an H.O. Scale Starter Train Set courtesy of Atlas Model Railroad Company, which was won by Gerald Steinhauser.

The Maywood Station Historical Committee thanks all who attended this year's event and wish to give a special thanks to Tom Richards for his help and support. Santa expects to visit again this December but warned that everyone must remember to be good this year!



*A happy brother and sister sit with Santa and tell them their holiday wish lists at the **7th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** on December 20, 2008. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*



*While Santa was meeting children inside the station at the **7th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** on December 20, 2008, he was receiving help outside the station in the freezing temperatures from MSHC members who (left) handled crowd flow and handed out entry forms for the free raffles at the entrance door and (above) handed out the "goody bags" at the exit door. A coordinated effort by MSHC members assured a shorter wait outside to meet Santa and more time for each child to spend with Santa. (Both photos by Keith Smollin)*



### 2008 In Review – The President’s Report

The year 2008 proved to be quite challenging for the Maywood Station Museum. After a well attended first Open House of the season in April with a Hess Toy Truck exhibit, we encountered two lightly attended Open Houses with a Maywood Fire Department outside display in May followed by a fire department artifact exhibit inside the station in June. The reason for the low attendances most likely can be attributed to the fact we had appreciable rainfalls at both open houses. Attendance figures dramatically improved at the August Open House with our *Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station*. We had an estimated 300-400 people attend the station for this event. A very well attended Open House followed in September featuring a classic car display outside the station that included an original *General Lee* Dodge Charger from the 1970’s TV show *The Dukes of Hazard* and a promotional model car exhibit inside the station. In November, another well-attended Open House featured an antique locks and locking devices exhibit.

The year concluded on December 20<sup>th</sup> with the 7<sup>th</sup> *Annual Santa at Maywood Station* event. We did not know how this event would unfold after a 7-inch snowfall occurred the night before but it did not impact the visitor turnout and approximately 150 families met Santa. Several parents thanked us for “bringing in the snow this year” as it made the event feel holiday-like and the station look like the North Pole.

After the two weather-related “bumps” that occurred in our Open House season in May and June, we concluded 2009 with 1982 visitors. Since the Museum opened in September 2004, we have experienced the following visitor counts: in 2005 – 1621, in 2006 – 1967 and in 2007 – 2142. Although we saw a slight drop in the attendance figures for 2008, we did see a 12% increase in revenue from Open Houses and through donations.

Our most significant addition in 2008 happened in October with original NYS&W Alco S-2 Locomotive #206 arriving at the station for display. MSHC members immediately began prep work to ready #206 for winter, which included cleaning and removing rust, spot-priming and some painting. By late November, when the weather turned too cold to continue, MSHC members had #206 in a condition that had it ready for winter. Restoration work will continue in the spring once the weather warms up again. For now, visitors will see #206 in a multitude of colors including primer and a partially completed underframe but this will all change in a few months.

Significant changes also evolved inside the station museum and caboose. Three new display cases were added inside the station as well as several new displays. Work also continued on Caboose 24542’s train layout. The layout has become quite an attraction for visitors at the Open Houses and has prompted us to seasonally stock Atlas Model Company Train Sets at Maywood Hardware due to the many inquiries we have been receiving to purchase sets. The Maywood Station models also continue to be available year-round at Maywood Hardware and in the museum.

**(Continued above)**

### **(Continued from below)**

2008 also brought us another dubious distinction in May when we received the *Preservation Award in the Category of Education* from the Bergen County Historic Commission. This marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we have received an award in different categories from the County.

In 2008, we also continued to grow our membership with the addition of three new members. New members equal new input and helps keep the museum and our organization growing.

The year 2009 will be another challenging one for us. The year will mark our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a museum and we hope to mark the occasion with a celebration later in the year although we cannot predict how the slumping economy and rising energy costs will affect us. We have several new exhibits planned for 2009 and work will continue to restore Locomotive #206 as well as additional improvements inside the station and Caboose 24542. We hope everyone’s support of the Maywood Station Museum will continue so that we can continue to expand and bring forth new and ever changing offerings.

- Ed Kaminski



*Maywood Station is seen decorated for the holidays in this time-exposure night photo taken on December 16, 2008. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*



*NYS&W #206 is seen during the first snowfall of the winter season in this time-exposure night photo taken on December 16, 2008. Restoration work on the locomotive will continue when warmer comes weather this spring. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*



Maywood Station Caboose 24542 is seen during the first snowfall of the winter in this time-exposure night photo taken on December 16, 2008. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



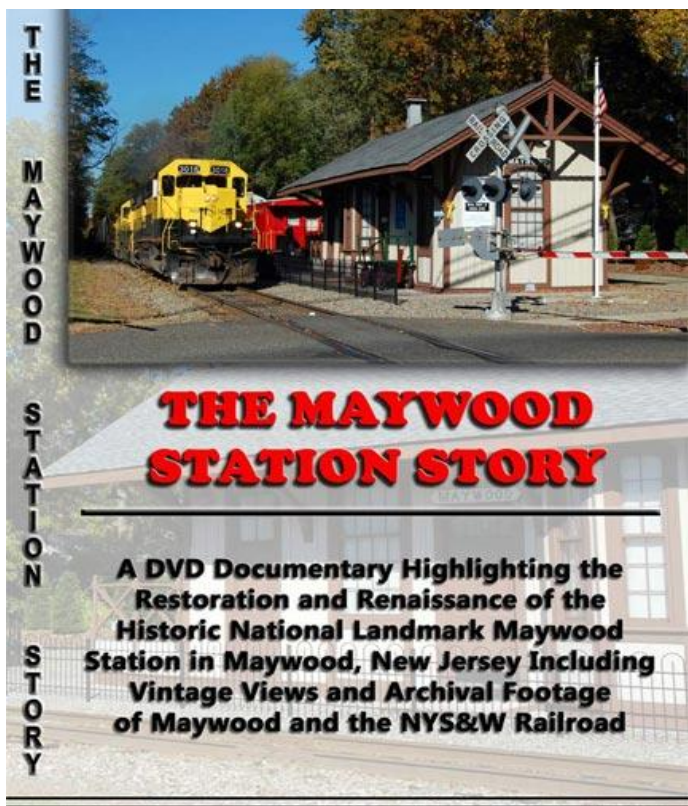
On October 26, 2008, MSHC member and retired Maywood Police Chief Patrick Reynolds completed the U.S. Marine Corps. 26-mile Washington, DC Marathon in 5-hours, 55-minutes. The above photo shows Pat passing our nation's capitol.

**"THE MAYWOOD STATION STORY" is Ready to be Told and is NOW Available on DVD!!!!**

The Maywood Station Historical Committee is pleased to announce the release of a 35-minute documentary telling the story of the Maywood Station restoration and museum. The professionally produced documentary is narrated by Carl Quintanilla news anchor of CNBC's *Squawk Box* and NBC's *Weekend Today Show*.

The documentary explores the formation of the Borough of Maywood and the coming of the railroad; Maywood Station through the years and its functions; the rescue of Maywood Station from imposing demolition; the restoration by the Maywood Station Historical Committee; the creation of the Maywood Station Museum; the additions of Caboose #24542 and original New York, Susquehanna & Western Locomotive #206. The documentary also features vintage original movie footage of Maywood and many historic never-seen-before still photographs of Maywood, Maywood Station and the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad.

**The Maywood Station Story** DVD is available for \$18.00 each at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Nikki's Card & Gift Shoppe, 50 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Hair Construction, 223 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Giuseppe's Gourmet Deli, 245 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Loose Caboose Hobby Shop, 298 Palisades Avenue, Bogota, NJ; and The Big Little Railroad Shop, 63 West Main Street, Somerville, NJ and at the Maywood Station Museum on 2009 Museum Open House dates. The DVD is also available by mail order on the MSHC website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All proceeds will go to further preservation and maintenance of the Maywood Station Museum.



### **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, NJ. 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/>.



*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 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, 2008 and December 31, 2008 will be installed at the station in early spring 2009. Engraved bricks ordered between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009 will be installed at the station in early fall 2009.

### **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/>.

***THE MSHC NEWSLETTER is published quarterly by the Maywood Station Historical Committee, a division of the 501C3, non-profit, New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society, Inc., 108 Stelling Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607***

***For more information on the Maywood Station Historical Committee, please visit us on the web at: <http://www.maywoodstation.com/> or e-mail us at: [info@maywoodstation.com](mailto:info@maywoodstation.com).***

### **2009 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates**

The Maywood Station Museum will be open to the public in 2009 from **Noon to 3pm** on the following dates:

**Sunday - April 19**

**Sunday – August 16**

**Sunday – May 24**

**Sunday – October 4**

**Sunday – June 28**

**Sunday – November 15**

**\*Saturday – December 19 (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 held our "Annual End of the Year Gathering" on December 29th.....Vincent Molodowec participated in the Annual New York City Bike Run on December 31st.....The January 1st morning broadcast of **The Weather Channel** featured photos of Maywood Station taken the night before in the snow by Ed Kaminski.....Rob Pisani visited Germany while traveling on business during the first week of February.....Joe Katzenstein and his wife, Diane, vacationed in Florida during mid-February.....The MSHC had a table display again this year at the March 1 Train Show at Mother Seton High School in Clark, NJ. The event was well attended as usual.....**The Maywood Station Story** documentary DVD was released on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The MSHC held a Press Night with the media in advance of the release of the DVD at Maywood Station on March 4th. The DVD is available through several merchants in Maywood and at the Maywood Station Museum. See the above article for more information .....Work sessions to restore NYS&W S-2 #206 will start up once again when warmer weather sets in this spring....The MSHC welcomes aboard new member Sheldon Neal.