

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## Maywood Station Gets a Baggage Cart

After 4 years of searching, Maywood Station Historical Committee members finally found an exact match of the original circa 1900-1920 baggage cart that was at Maywood Station. In late August 2006, MSHC member Ed Kaminski located the baggage cart for sale in Buzzards Bay, MA. After purchasing the baggage cart, MSHC member Matt Greco was able to secure a donation from YRC Worldwide Chief Executive Officer, William Zollars to transport the baggage cart on their Yellow Freight trucking division from Buzzards Bay to Maywood Station. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the baggage cart was delivered to the station by Yellow Freight and moved by MSHC members Ed Quinn & Matt Greco onto the trackside of the Maywood Station for display.

The circa-1910 baggage cart is quite large and measures 10-feet in length by 39-inches wide. The total height is 6-feet. It weighs almost 300 pounds! It's painted in the correct Railway Express Agency colors of dark green and red.

From the late 1800's through the 1970's, baggage carts were common at almost every railroad station that served long distant passengers or handled freight and Maywood Station was no exception. The MSHC is pleased to have been able to add this significant artifact to the Maywood Station restoration project and museum.



A view of the baggage cart taken during the September 24, 2006 Museum Open House. The baggage cart adds another item of authenticity to the Maywood Station restoration. (Photo by Gus Aversa)

## The General Lee Visits Maywood Station

Visitors to the September 24, 2006 Maywood Station Museum Open House were treated to **The General Lee**, from the hit 1970's TV series and recent movie, **The Dukes of Hazard**, and antique automobiles. The Open House was one of the largest held at the Maywood Station Museum thus far. Nearly 300 visitors attended the 3-hour event. Another antique car show will be planned during 2007. The MSHC wish to thank Tony Pizzanelli for bringing the **General Lee** to Maywood Station and George Lewer and Ed Quinn for the antique automobiles that were on display.



**The General Lee**, and antique automobiles were on display for visitors to inspect at the September 24, 2006 Maywood Station Museum Open House. (Photo by Gus Aversa)



On September 15, 2006, the MSHC presented a Certificate of Appreciation to William Zollars, Chief Executive Officer of YRC Worldwide. Recently, YRC Worldwide's Yellow Freight subsidiary transported an antique baggage cart from Buzzards Bay, MA to Maywood Station. The MSHC recognized Mr. Zollars efforts in arranging and donating the transportation. (Photo by Matthew Greco)

**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 2007 Open House dates and during the holiday season at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Nikki's Cards, 60 West Pleasant Ave. 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/>.



A view of the recently released 2006 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament. The ornament and previous year's releases will be available at the Maywood Station Museum on 2007 Open House dates as well as by mail order on the MSHC website.

**D. Wesley "Wes" Hoag Exhibit Shown at the November 12, 2006 Museum Open House**

A special exhibit of artifacts from the life of D. Wesley "Wes" Hoag was displayed at the Sunday, November 12, 2006 Maywood Station Museum Open House from Noon to 3pm. Mr. Hoag was born in Paterson in 1895 and resided in Maywood most of his life until passing away in 1970. He was a locomotive engineer for the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad from 1916 until his retirement in 1961 and a volunteer fireman at Peerless Company of the Maywood Fire Department from 1930 to 1970 as well as member of the Maywood Shade Tree Commission, the Maywood Square Club, the Masons Shrine and served as a Maywood Civilian Defense Block Warden during World War II. Throughout his life, Mr. Hoag collected numerous artifacts from his career on the railroad and the fire department and recently his family generously donated a collection of these items to the Maywood Station Museum. The Maywood Station Museum was pleased present this special exhibit in Mr. Hoag's memory at the November 12th Open House.



At the November 12, 2006 Maywood Station Museum Open House, a special exhibit was shown from the collection D. Wesley "Wes" Hoag. Shown is a portion of the many items that were on display at the Open House. (Photo by Joseph M. Katzenstein)



On October 19, 2006, all five 2nd grade classes from Memorial School in Maywood individually visited the Maywood Station Museum for a class trip. In the above photo, one of the classes is shown touring the inside of Caboose 24542. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



At the November 8, 2006 MSHC Membership Meeting, Maywood Hardware was recognized by the MSHC for their ongoing support of the Maywood Station restoration project and museum. In the photo, MSHC members Keith Smollin (far left) and Rob Pisani (far right) present framed Certificates of Appreciation to Barbara, Stephen and Henry Miller, proprietors of Maywood Hardware Co. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**Santa Visited Maywood Station on Saturday,  
December 16, 2006**

**A Holiday Tradition Continues** - Santa made his 5th annual visit to Maywood Station on Saturday, December 16, 2006 from 10am to Noon to meet and greet all children and listen to their holiday wishes. As the MSHC has come to expect each year, a huge turnout of parents children visited the station to see Santa. All children attending received a "goody bag" of treats courtesy of Myron Corporation, WellConnected Gifts, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway, Operation Lifesaver and the Maywood Station Historical Committee. Each child attending also was given a chance for free raffle prizes including a child's BMW Z-6 Pedal Car courtesy of *Park Ave BMW*, a complete G-Gauge Starter Train Set courtesy of *LGB America Corporation*, and a complete H.O. Scale Starter Train Set courtesy of *Atlas Model Railroad Company*. The winner of the BMW Z-6 Pedal car was Jenna Silverman, the winner of the LGB G-Gauge Starter Train Set was Matthew Tieleman and the winner of the Atlas H.O. Scale Starter Train Set was Jonathan Becker. The MSHC is pleased to host *Santa at Maywood Station* each year and look forward to next year's event.



Visitors are shown waiting to enter the station for the "5<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa at Maywood Station" on Dec. 16, 2006. The crowd was so large for this year's event that there was a 45-minute average wait to see Santa. (Photo by Hector Hernandez)



The happy winner of the free raffle for the Atlas Model Railroad Company H.O. Scale Starter Train Set is shown holding some of the models from the set with Santa at the "5<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa at Maywood Station" on December 16, 2006. (Photo by Hector Hernandez)

**George Haag Remembered**

The Maywood Station Historical Committee lost a good friend and member on November 16, 2006 when George Haag suddenly passed away at the age of 59. George first became involved with the MSHC in late July 2002. He had been observing the early progress that the MSHC had been accomplishing with restoring Maywood Station and offered his assistance. George owned Haag Construction Company and within a week he sent over one of his crews and applied a new roof on the station and stabilized it. During the next 4 years, George and his crews would periodically assist the MSHC on other projects including the bay window rebuilding, the ADA bathroom construction, applying the slate floor, grading the grounds and rebuilding the interior of Caboose 24542. Over the past 4 years, many of the members of the MSHC got to know George beyond his professional career and we all looked forward to his occasional appearances during our Wednesday evening work sessions or during Museum Open Houses. Always an intelligent and colorful person, George could always find a solution to any problem. The members of the MSHC called George "The General", after World War II General George Patton known for his "take charge approach".

George will be sorely missed by the MSHC as well as in the town of Maywood, which he truly loved. Our condolences extend to his wife Fran, son Danny and their family and friends. Rest in peace, George.



On June 20, 2006, *Vanity Fair Magazine* contracted the MSHC to use Maywood Station for a photo shoot of Grammy winning and Grammy nominated "alternative country" musicians. The feature appeared in their November 2006 issue. Artists appearing in the shoot included Patty Griffin, Ryan Adams, Alejandro Escovedo, Tift Merritt, Steve Earle and Dan Zanes. In the photo, musician Ryan Adams takes a break during one of the photo shoots. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



On November 27, 2006, Rochelle Park Boys Scout Troop 114 visited Maywood Station as part of the requirements in earning their Railroad Merit Badges. (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/>.

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**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).**

### **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 2007 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/>.

### **2007 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates**

The Maywood Station Museum will be open to the public in 2007 from **Noon to 3pm** on the following dates:

<b>Sunday - April 15</b>	<b>Sunday - August 5</b>
<b>Sunday - May 20</b>	<b>Sunday - September 23</b>
<b>Sunday - June 24</b>	<b>Sunday - November 11</b>
<b>*Saturday – December 15 (Santa 10am to Noon)</b>	

Additional events may also be added when appropriate.

### **MSHC Winter 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**

American Railcar Leasing CEO Todd Emro and Regional Sales Manager, Robert Rodino toured the station on October 3<sup>rd</sup>....On October 14<sup>th</sup>, MSHC members Gus Aversa, Doug Earls, Tom Callan, Tim Moses and Ed Kaminski assisted the United Railroad Historical Society in clearing brush at the museum equipment storage yard in Ridgefield Park, NJ....In late October, Rob Pisani visited China on business....On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Pat Reynolds competed once again in the 26-mile Annual New York City Marathon. Pat finished the race in 5 hours, 16 minutes shaving nearly 30 minutes off his last year's finishing time....On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Walter E. Zullig, Jr. presented a slideshow of his photographs to the MSHC at Maywood Station. The presentation marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that Mr. Zullig showed his outstanding historical photography at Maywood Station. A photo of Maywood Station by Ed Kaminski appears in the 2007 *Bergen County Calendar*. Ed also took the cover photo that appears in the 2007 *Vermont Rail System Calendar*.