

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## Santa Visited the Maywood Station Museum on December 15, 2007

Santa once again made his long trek from the North Pole for his annual appearance at the Maywood Station Museum on Saturday, December 15, 2007 and was greeted by crowds of excited children and their parents. As is our custom, "goodie bags" were provided to all children attending, which were courtesy of Myron Corporation, WellConnected Gifts, Atlas Model Railroad Company, Operation Lifesaver and the Maywood Station Historical Committee. Each child was also given a free raffle chance for a grand prize. The winners of the grand prizes were Joshua Tran, who won the BMW Child's Riding Car courtesy of Park Ave BMW; Danny Kiely, who won the G-Gauge Starter Train Set courtesy of LGB of America Corporation; and Alessandra Thomas, who won the H.O. Scale Starter Train Set courtesy of Atlas Model Railroad Company.

As always, *Santa at Maywood Station* was enjoyed by the many children and parents who attended and the MSHC takes great pleasure in being able to offer this unique event to the public. The MSHC would like to thank Maywood Borough Administrator Thomas Richards for his continued participation and support. The MSHC looks forward to arranging to have Santa visit again next December.....so you better be nice and behave this year!



The excited winner of the free raffle for the BMW Child's Riding Car at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa at Maywood Station is shown taking his new car for a test ride. To view addition photos from this years event and from the past years, please visit the "Event Photos" pages on our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). (Photo by Rosemarie Kaminski)

## Wedding Photo Shoot at Maywood Station!

Recently, Maywood Station has started to become in demand as a site for commercial photo shoots or as a background "prop". The pristine condition of the restored station and Caboose #24542 lend themselves easily to creative photography.

On October 20, 2007, the Maywood Station Historical Committee had another "first" as Kai Husemann of Maywood and his bride Leah arranged with the MSHC for the use of Maywood Station and Caboose #24542 for their wedding photos. The newlyweds wanted a "non-traditional" location for their photos and Maywood Station offered a "unique charm". The weather was beautiful and the MSHC wishes the newlyweds good health and much success!



Newlyweds Kai Leah Husemann pose for one of the many photos taken of them at Maywood Station on their wedding day, October 20, 2007. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**Vintage Miniature Car Exhibit Was Featured at the November 11, 2007 Museum Open House**

A special exhibit of vintage *Matchbox*, *Hot Wheels* and *Johnny Lightning* miniature cars courtesy of Douglas Dezso and Maywood Station Historical Committee member Ed Kaminski were featured at the November 11, 2007 Maywood Station Museum Open House. In the 1960's, *Matchbox* cars gained popularity and competing companies like Mattel soon followed by introducing their *Hot Wheels* line. In the ensuing years, quite a demand for vintage miniature cars has developed and they are much sought after by collectors. The exhibit contained numerous examples of automobiles, trucks and hot rods from the 1950's through the 1970's and sparked a lot of childhood memories for visitors to the Open House



*A view of a portion of the vintage Matchbox, Hot Wheel and Johnny Lightning miniature vehicle exhibit on November 11, 2007 Maywood Station Museum Open House. (Photo by Joseph Katzenstein)*



*Rochelle Park, NJ Cub Scout Tiger Den 1, Pack 188 visited the Maywood Station Museum for a group tour on November 17, 2007. Shown are the scouts and their den leaders posing for a photo with Maywood Station Caboose #24542. (Photo by Gus Aversa)*

**The Year in Review - President's Report**

As 2007 comes to close, I'd like to thank our membership for all the hard work they've done and for the many accomplishments we've had this past year. While the majority of the visible exterior work has been accomplished, we continue to make improvements inside the station and inside Caboose #24542 as well as we have been working hard on archiving a vast collection of drawings and photographs. In fact, a major archiving project involving the sorting, scanning and cataloging several thousand historic drawings was started last December and completed this October. We also kept busy displaying and archiving many new artifacts, which were donated by individuals this past year.

2007 brought several challenges and some surprises. We ended the year with 2142 visitors to the Maywood Station Museum – our best year ever! The total surpassed 1967 visitors in 2006 and 1621 visitors in 2005, the museum's first year of operation. These totals are based on the number of visitors to our regularly scheduled 7 open house events per year. As you can see, we are experiencing exceptional growth and seeing about 25% more visitors than we did in our first year, just 2 years ago. We had some great 2007 Museum Open House events – a Vintage Camera Exhibit, Maywood Fire Department Day, our Annual Railroad Day, a Vintage Car Show, a Vintage Candy Container Exhibit, a Vintage Miniature Car Exhibit and our Annual Santa at Maywood Station. Add to this the numerous Boys and Girl Scout tours and special group tours for various organizations. I'm grateful to our group of members who staff our open houses and special tours and do it with such professionalism. The success of our open houses and special tours relate directly to our ability to cover our costs of operating the museum and permit us to continue to provide a valuable resource for the public.

In 2007, we made great progress inside Caboose #24542 and the basic scenery portion of the operating train layout is moving along. Caboose #24542 has become a major attraction at our Museum Open Houses for young and old alike.

However, the year 2007 has come with a loss for us. In August, Walter Rich, President, Chairman & CEO of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway passed away. Walter was a great supporter of Maywood Station and he continues to be missed by all of us. We wish Nathan Fenno much success as their new President.

As we look forward to 2008, we have several projects ongoing and on the drawing board including an acquisition of a historic piece of railroad equipment that we will embark on restoring. The outlook is great for another successful Maywood Station Museum Open House season and we and our sister organization, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society are both in excellent shape. Here's to a great New Year to our members, their families, our friends and our supporters! – Ed Kaminski

**Vintage Candy Container Exhibit Was Shown at the September 23, 2007 Museum Open House**

A special exhibit of vintage Candy Containers from the collection of Maywood resident Douglas Dezso was featured at the Sunday, September 23, 2007 Maywood Station Museum Open House. The Candy Containers, made mainly of glass in the early 1900's through 1950's period showcased a variety of styles including trains, automobiles, trucks, gas pumps, lanterns and other types. Many of these once common collectibles have now become very rare and are sought by collectors worldwide. Mr. Dezso is one of the world's foremost authorities on the subject of vintage Candy Containers and has authored the book *A Collector's Guide to Candy Containers - Identification & Values*. The MSHC wishes to thank Mr. Dezso for a wonderful exhibit that was very much enjoyed by all who visited the museum for the open house



*A special exhibit of Vintage Candy Containers from the collection of authority, Douglas Dezso, was the highlight of the September 23, 2007 Maywood Station Museum Open House. Shown in the above photo is Mr. Dezso with various vintage candy containers from his collection, which were on display for the open house. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*



*The Nutley, NJ Cub Scouts visited the Maywood Station Museum for a tour on September 22, 2007. In the above photo, MSHC member Ed Quinn, who is also a Rochelle Park Scoutmaster, teaches the cubs and their parents about railroad history and the history of Maywood Station. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*

**The 2007 Maywood Station Ornament Has Arrived!!**

Looking for a unique stocking stuffer this holiday season or a neat gift idea or the rest of the year? Well, we've got the answer!

The 6th in the series 2007 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament is now 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 as well as through the holiday season at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Nikki's Cards, 60 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood NJ; and the Our Town Newspaper offices at 250 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ. Please visit our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com) for more information or to place a mail order and to see photos of past releases in the series.



*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 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maywood Station, 1872-2007. The ornament measures approximately 3-inches in diameter. Past releases in the series have become collector's items.*



**FRIGHTENING!** At the October 24, 2007 MSHC meeting, members were encouraged to wear their best Halloween costume. The "Best in Show" honors went to (left to right) Jim Schmitt, Matt Greco and Joe Katzenstein who are shown posing with Maywood Station's very own "Steve the Conductor". This just might become a new tradition for us! (Photo by Tim Moses)

### **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 models are 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 bi-monthly work sessions and meetings, 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 (1/87<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.*

### **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 Winter 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 conducted six times per year on Wednesday evenings. Notification of meeting dates will be sent in advance to all MSHC members.

### **MSHC Membership News**

Joe Katzenstein and his wife Diane vacationed in Florida in early October....Rob Pisani and his wife Dana vacationed in California during mid-October. Rob also visited China on business in early November.....During mid-October, Tim Moses visited Ohio on business.....Pat Reynolds once again competed in the Annual ING New York City Marathon on November 4th. This year, his son Brian and his girlfriend Whitney joined Pat in the 26-mile marathon. Pat finished in 36,229th place overall, 1456th place in his age group, with a time of 5:56:05. His son Brian finished in 34,485th place overall, 2679th place in his age group, with a time of 5:32:56 and Whitney finished in 37,951th place, 2517th place in her age group, with a time of 6:49:49. Way to go Reynolds family!!!!.....In early November, Tim Moses and Doug Earls went to Binghamton, NY to retrace their steps from a rail photography expedition they made there 20 years ago.....Douglas Dezso donated a large new display case to the museum, which will allow many new artifacts to be shown.....Maywood Hardware, 39 W. Pleasant Ave., Maywood is offering HO Scale and O-27 Gauge Train Sets this holiday season. A portion of the proceeds will go to the further preservation of Maywood Station.

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