

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## NYS&W #206 Arrives at Maywood Station!

The Maywood Station Historical Committee has acquired original New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Alco S-2 #206, which was donated by the United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey and formerly in their collection. On October 14, 2008, the historic locomotive was moved into Maywood Station by the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway. An NYS&W track crew built a temporary panel track and realigned their mainline track to connect with Maywood Station's display track where Maywood Station Caboose #24542 is currently located. The locomotive will be on display and cosmetically restored by the Maywood Station Historical Committee. NYS&W #206 is the last survivor of the NYS&W's class of Alco S-2 locomotives built in late 1941 to early 1942 and is the only one of this type locomotive to be restored and on display to the general public in the State of New Jersey. Upon NYS&W #206's arrival at Maywood Station, MSHC members have immediately commenced restoration efforts with the goal of readying the locomotive for winter. The MSHC hope to have NYS&W #206 cosmetically restored sometime in 2009.

The MSHC wish to thank Nathan Fenno, Jim Howarth, Tom Charette, Bill Bloomfield, Frank Ignacio and Jim Thomas and members of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway train and track crews for their assistance in moving NYS&W #206 to Maywood Station. The MSHC also thank Steve West of American Railcar Industries, Tennille, GA and Mike Barbato of Hempel Coatings for their donations of the paint that will be used to restore NYS&W #206.



The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway track crew checks NYS&W #206 after being moved into Maywood Station on October 14, 2008. (Photo by Gus Aversa)

## Vintage Lock Exhibit Was Featured at the November 9, 2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House

The Maywood Station Museum Open House on November 9, 2008 featured an exhibit of antique locks and locking devices courtesy of Maywood Station Historical Committee member Vincent Molodowec. In addition to the special exhibit - artifacts, photographs and items of historical significance were on display in the Maywood Station Museum and Caboose #24542 was open featuring its operating model train layout.



An exhibit of antique locks and locking devices courtesy of MSHC member Vincent Molodowec was shown at the November 9, 2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



Some examples of the antique locks and locking devices that were on exhibit at the November 9, 2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House. (Photo by Keith Smollin)

**The General Lee, Classic Cars and Promotional Car Models Were Featured at the September 21, 2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House**

A **General Lee** Dodge Charger from the 1970's television series **The Dukes of Hazard** plus additional classic cars were on display on the station grounds at the Maywood Station Museum Open House on September 21, 2008. Inside Maywood Station, a special exhibit courtesy of Douglas Dezso featuring Promotional Model Cars was shown. The plastic model cars were specifically made as promotional items for car dealerships in the 1950's to early 1990's period to give out to potential customers who were contemplating buying one of the actual cars. They came painted with the exact color that the real car was offered in and all the specifications were embossed on the bottom. Some had friction motors, others even came as banks. These were highly collectible by executives and car buffs of those eras. The heyday of these model cars was the 1960's. Today they are very rare and highly collectible, especially those in their original boxes.



Visitors got the opportunity to inspect and look under the hood of a **General Lee** Dodge Charger from the 1970's television series **The Dukes of Hazard** at the September 21, 2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House. (Photo by Keith Smollin)



The September 21, 2008 Maywood Station Museum Open House featured a Promotional Model Car exhibit by Douglas Dezso. Doug is seen in the photo with his exhibit during the Open House. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



NYS&W #206 and Maywood Station Caboose 24542 are seen on November 9, 2008. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



MSHC members Mike Szymanski and Joseph Katzenstein work on cleaning up and priming NYS&W #206's underframe on October 19, 2008. (Photo by Ed. Kaminski)



MSHC members Tim Moses, Michael Litvin, Rob Pisani and Doug Earls are shown sanding and priming NYS&W #206 on October 26, 2008. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**MSHC Member Ed Quinn Remembers 50 Year Anniversary of Bayonne, NJ Tragedy**

Fifty years ago, on September 15, 1958, Central Railroad of New Jersey Train #3314 from Bay Head, NJ to Jersey City, NJ with approximately one-hundred people on board running at 42mph ran through and open drawbridge in to Newark Bay. Two locomotives and the first two passenger cars plunged into 35-foot water while a third car remained hanging off the bridge partially submerged. Two other cars remained upright on the bridge span.

Forty-eight people died in the tragedy including retired New York Yankees all-star George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, an Allied Chemical director, the Mayor of Shrewsbury, NJ, a U. S. Army secret courier and a 4-month old baby. Investigators determined that the engineer, Lloyd Willburn, went through three red signals, didn't see that the bridge was raised for a passing boat and didn't apply the train's brakes until it was about seven-feet from the open draw. Investigators concluded that all warning equipment was in working order. Mr. Willburn also perished in the crash. Fifty years later, the exact cause of the wreck is still unknown. It was, and still is, one of the worst train crashes in the history of the Northeast.

On September 15, 2008, the Bayonne Historical Society held a memorial service remembering those who lost their lives in the horrific wreck of Train #3314. One of the participants at the service was Maywood Station Historical Committee member Ed Quinn, who was a teenage apprentice seaman when the call came into the Coast Guard station on Staten Island 50 years ago. "I wasn't even supposed to be there, but they needed every available pair of hands", recalled Ed, who retired in 1998 as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Station in Sandy Hook, NJ. "I wanted to dive in to rescue people but it would have been stupid with the extreme current and all the other boats around although I had hoped I could possibly find one more survivor. I spent forty-one years in the Coast Guard. I've been to disasters with FEMA, including Hurricane Katrina and the horrible flooding in the Midwest this past summer but that day in Newark Bay was by far the worst."

At 9:45am September 15, 2008, a memorial service was held on the Bayonne waterfront near the site of the disaster. Boats on site sounded their horns at 10:01am, the exact time of the disaster and wreaths were laid in the water. Ed Quinn was there and participated by laying a wreath in the water. After the memorial service, maps and memorabilia related to the wreck were on display at the Bayonne Public Library. Another memorial service was held at 6:30pm in the Library Courtyard and presentations followed about the wreck and rescue. Ed Quinn spoke about his recollections and displayed a memorabilia exhibit for those attending the remembrance.

*(Some excerpts from "A Day Bayonne Can't Forget" by Judy Peet in the September 14, 2008 issue of The Star-Ledger have been used in this article)*

**\*SANTA AT MAYWOOD STATION is Saturday, December 20 from 10am to Noon!**

**Maywood Station 2008 Ornaments Available NOW!**

Looking for a unique a neat gift idea anytime throughout the year? Well, we've got the answer!

The 7th in the series, 2008 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament, is in stock. We've done something different this year – the ornament is an embossed glass ball that has been hand crafted by Kristen Kaminski, the 15-year old daughter of Maywood Station Historical Committee member Ed Kaminski. Each dated ornament contains an image of Maywood Station and no two ornaments are alike. The ornaments are also personally signed by the artist increasing their collectability.

The ornaments are available for \$7.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates. They are also available through the holidays at:

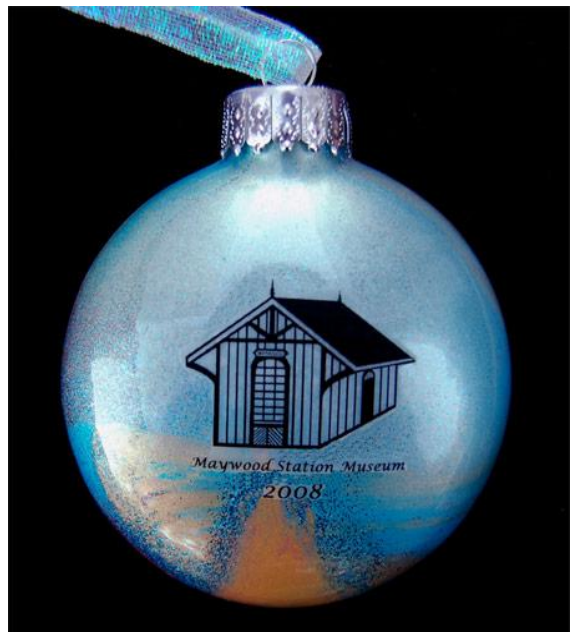
**Maywood Hardware**, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ

**Nikki's Cards**, 50 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ

**The Our Town Newspaper**, 25 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ

Sorry, mail ordering will not be offered this year due to the delicate nature of the ornaments. Please visit our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com) for more information and to see photos of the 2008 ornament, past releases in the series and their availabilities.

All proceeds from the sale of the 2008 Maywood Station ornament go to further preservation of the Maywood Station Museum.



15-Year old artist, Kristen Kaminski, the daughter of Maywood Station Historical Committee member Ed Kaminski, has individually hand-crafted our 2008 Maywood Station Holiday Ornaments. Each dated 3-inch glass ornament features a colorful, uniquely embossed design, with an image of Maywood Station and a ribbon for hanging on your tree or for. Each ornament is also personally signed by the artist, which will surely increase the collectability. Past releases in the series have become collector's items.

### **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 \$75 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/>.

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

### **MSHC Membership News**

Rob Pisani visited China in mid/late September and Milwaukee, WI in mid-November on business trips.....In early October, Ed Quinn suffered a heart attack and underwent triple by-pass surgery. After rehabilitation, Ed went home on November 2nd. Ed is recovering very well and was present at the November 9th Museum Open House .....On October 26, Pat Reynolds completed the U.S. Marine Corp. 26-mile Marathon in Washington, DC with a 5-hour, 55-minute finish.....In early November, Tim Moses vacationed at Disney World.....The 7th Annual **Santa at Maywood Station** will be held on Saturday, December 20th from 10am to noon.....The MSHC's "*Annual End of the Year Gathering*" will be held on Monday, December 29th.....Mike Szymanski purchased an engraved brick for the station in memory of Chow K. Lam, the only resident on Maywood to have died in the World Trade Center attack of September 11, 2001.....Matthew & Kristine Greco became the proud parents of Michael Gary Greco who was born on December 3rd. Congratulations to mom and dad!!!