

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## Maywood Station Museum Celebrated its 5th Anniversary at the October 4, 2009 Open House

At the October 4, 2009 Museum Open House, the Maywood Station Historical Committee celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maywood Station Museum. The museum originally opened on September 25, 2004 after over ten-thousand volunteer hours were spent by the MSHC restoring the landmark station starting in June 2002. Before the Museum Open House, a new historic marker was unveiled at Maywood Station signifying its status as being listed on the National Register and State of New Jersey Register of Historical Places. Also, a dedication of New York, Susquehanna & Western ALCO S-2 Locomotive #206 was conducted to celebrate its recent placement on the State of New Jersey Register of Historical Places. The MSHC acquired the locomotive in October 2008 and has been working on restoring it since.



## Vintage Candy Container Exhibit Was Featured at the November 15, 2009 Museum Open House

The November 15, 2009 Maywood Station Museum Open House featured a special exhibit of vintage Candy Containers from the collection of Douglas Dezso. The Candy Containers, made mainly of glass in the early 1900's through 1950's period showcased a variety of examples including trains, automobiles, trucks, gas pumps, lanterns and other types. Mr. Dezso is noted as one of the world's foremost authorities on the subject of vintage Candy Containers and authored the book, *A Collector's Guide to Candy Container's - Identification & Values*.



*Doug Dezso poses with part of his Vintage Candy Container exhibit at the November 15, 2009 Museum Open House. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)*



*At Maywood Station's 5th Anniversary Open House on October 4, 2009, Maywood Mayor Tim Eustace (left) breaks a bottle of champagne on the coupler of NYS&W S-2 #206 during a dedication of the locomotive in recognition of being placed on the State of New Jersey Register of Historic Places. (Photo by Keith Smollin) Maywood Station Museum members (above) pose on NYS&W S-2 #206. From left to right are Keith Smollin, Dave Ferrari, Mayor Tim Eustace, Sid Denny, Gus Aversa, Ed Quinn, Doug Dezso and Ed Kaminski. (Photo by Rosemarie Kaminski)*

## **The MSHC 2009 Year in Review**

I'm pleased to report that Maywood Station Historical Committee has concluded our best year since the opening of the museum on September 25, 2004. Fortunately, the depressed economy has not prevented visitors from attending open houses and experiencing all of the museum offerings. We set our all-time highest attendance total in 2009 with 2289 visitors. Our previous totals were year 2008 – 1982, year 2007 – 2142, year 2006 – 1967 and in year 2005 – 1621. Aside from the 8.7% increase in visitor attendance over 2008, the museum saw a 46% increase in revenue from museum open houses. Each of the museum's scheduled six Sunday open houses from April through November were well attended as was our **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** in December. Highlights of the year included MSHC member Ed Quinn's U. S. Coast Guard exhibit at the April and May open houses, Maywood Day in June, Annual Railroad Day in August, the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maywood Station Museum in October and MSHC member Doug Dezso's Vintage Candy Container exhibit in November. We already have several new exhibits planned for our 2010 museum open schedule and new displays will be added throughout this upcoming winter.

In early April, we released the **Maywood Station Story** documentary on DVD and it won **The County of Bergen Historic Commendation Award in the Category of Education**. The DVD has been received extremely well by the public and we've had to have it re-run twice due to demand. This was followed with word in June that New York, Susquehanna & Western S-2 Locomotive #206 was nominated by State of New Jersey Historic Preservation Office for placement onto the State of New Jersey Register of Historic Places. NYS&W S-2 #206 was formally added on the State of New Jersey Register of Historic Places on September 10<sup>th</sup> and a dedication was held at the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maywood Station Museum Open House. NYS&W S-2 #206 is currently being considered for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. MSHC members have worked tirelessly restoring NYS&W S-2 #206 since October 2008 when it was moved to Maywood Station.

2009 also brought numerous additions to the museum's collections and several displays inside the station were changed. Inside Caboose #24542, the majority of the scenery on the operating model train layout was completed and at the October 4 open house, an 89-car coal train was run marking the longest train yet operated for visitors.

Looking ahead to 2010, we will be continuing the restoration of NYS&W S-2 #206 and have some new projects on the drawing board. We also expect to further change displays inside the museum and in Caboose #24542.

I want to thank all of our membership for continuing to take pride in maintaining and preserving Maywood Station and continuing to set goals to improve the museum. I also want to thank all of those who continue to support the Maywood Station Museum.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

- Ed Kaminski



*NYS&W S-2 #206 is shown in this time-exposure night photo taken on September 16, 2009. The 1942-built locomotive has been restored to its 1950's era paint scheme by MSHC members. A decision is expected in the near future on its application to be placed on the National Register of Historical Places. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)*



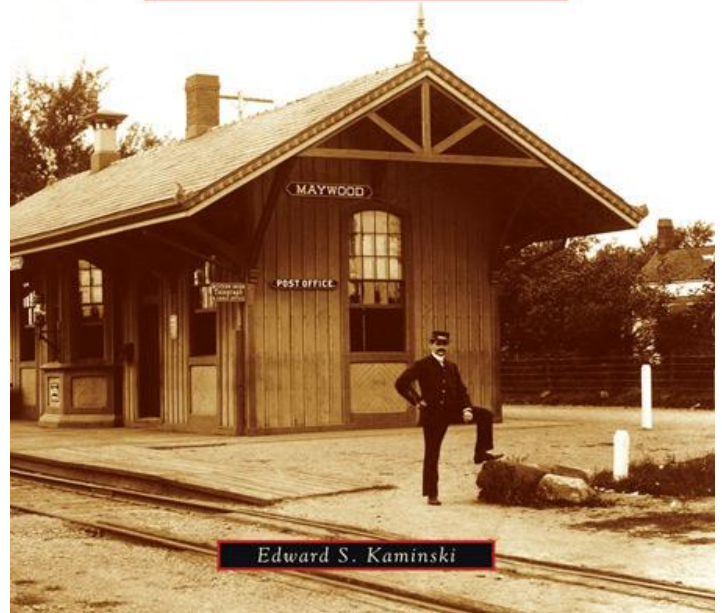
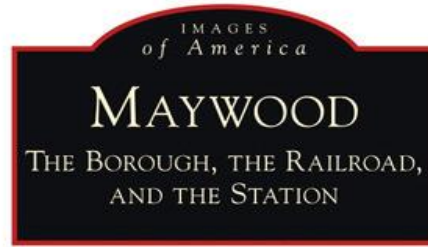
*As has become a tradition at the meeting nearest to Halloween each year, MSHC members come dressed for the occasion and prizes are awarded for best costume. From left to right in this October 27, 2009 view are Ed Kaminski, Joe Katzenstein, Vince Molodowec, Jim Schmitt, Joe Molodowec and Ed Quinn. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)*



*At the Maywood Station Museum October 4th Open House, the museum was presented with a donation of items for the museum from Louis, Douglas and Henri Dezso including a hammer that was used by Louis's father on the New York Central Railroad in the 1930's and a metal lunch box used by Louis's uncle on the Ulster & Delaware Railroad in the 1920's. Pictured from left to right is Ed Kaminski receiving the donation from Douglas Dezso and Louis Dezso. (Photo by Henri Dezso)*

**Announcing a New Book!**

A new book, entitled **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad and The Station** has been authored by historian and Maywood Station Historical Committee President, Edward S. Kaminski. The 128-page book is scheduled for release by Arcadia Publishing on January 25, 2010. The book traces Maywood's history from a farming community through its population and industrial growth brought on in part by the coming of the New Jersey Midland Railway in 1872. Separate chapters include The Borough of Maywood, The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in Maywood; and Maywood Station including its role in the development of Maywood and its recent restoration and museum with over 200 quality images and detailed captions. The Maywood Station Museum is accepting pre-publication orders now. **AS A MAYWOOD STATION MUSEUM EXCLUSIVE - all advance orders received before January 15, 2010 will be SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR and will ship on or about January 25, 2010.** Books are available for \$22.00 each and to reserve a copy, please visit [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All proceeds from the sales of books through mail order on the Maywood Station Museum website and at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates, including the author's royalties, will go toward further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



**The Maywood Station 2009 Holiday Ornament is Available NOW!**

Each year since 2002, the Maywood Station Historical Committee has released a beautiful dated, limited-edition, holiday ornament. The 8th in the series, 2009 issue, is a pewter steam locomotive that is laser-printed and dated **Maywood Station Museum 2009**. The ornaments are handsomely handcrafted for us by noted ornament manufacturer Gloria Duchin with lettering designed by graphic artist and Maywood Station Historical Committee member, Veronica Bruno. The 2009 holiday ornament is priced at \$10.00 each and is available at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). Ornaments can also be purchased at Maywood Hardware, 39 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; Nikki's Card & Gift Shoppe, 60 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood NJ; Hollywood Liquors, 40 West pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ; and The Our Town Newspaper offices at 19 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ. All proceeds go to further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



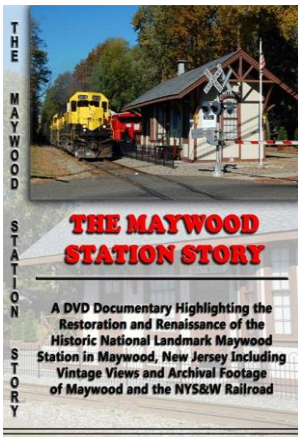
*The 2009 Maywood Station Holiday Ornament*



*On June 27, 2009, The Kikeara Image Group conducted a modeling photo shoot at Maywood Station with permission of the MSHC. Model Paige Morgan is shown in one of the photos taken at the shoot. Maywood Station continues to be a popular venue for locations scouts looking to shoot movie scenes and commercials as well as modeling and wedding shoots. (Photo by Kinu Sloss)*

### **Maywood Station Museum Store**

The Maywood Station Museum has available numerous merchandise items at the Museum on Open House dates and by mail order on our website [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). These include the award-winning DVD documentary *The Maywood Station Story*, Atlas Model Railroad Company H.O. (1/87th) scale and N (1/160th) scale models of the actual Maywood Station, Holiday Ornaments, Pens, Lithographs Maywood Station Museum T-shirts, Maywood Station Museum Polo Shirts, Maywood Station Museum Caps, Maywood Station Museum Jackets, NYS&W Railway Caps, NYS&W Railway Miniature Clocks, NYS&W Railway Calendars, NYS&W Railway Postcards, NYS&WT&HS Calendars, Engineer Hats, Children's Train Whistles, Children's Pull Toy Trains and Atlas Model Railroad Company Train Sets. All proceeds help support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



*Among the items available in the Maywood Station Museum Store is the award-winning DVD Documentary, **The Maywood Station Story**, and N-scale and H.O. Scale models of the actual Maywood Station.*

### **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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### **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 [www.maywoodstation.com](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, 2009 and December 31, 2009 will be installed at the station in early spring 2010. Engraved bricks ordered between January 1, 2010 and June, 2010 will be installed at the station in early fall 2010.

### **2010 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates**

Museum Open House dates for the year 2010 will begin in April and a schedule will be announced shortly on our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com) . For the months of January, February and March, the museum will be open by appointment only for groups of 10 or more people. Please send us an e-mail at [info@maywoodstation.com](mailto:info@maywoodstation.com) to make arrangements.

### **Winter 2010 MSHC Membership Meeting Schedule**

The membership of the MSHC will meet twice monthly for work sessions at Maywood Station on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm. Membership Business Meetings will be held quarterly starting at 7:30pm. Members will be notified in advance of each meeting date.

### **MSHC Membership News**

In October, Joe Katzenstein and his wife Diane vacationed in both Canada and Florida.....Rob Pisani and his wife Dana vacationed in California in early October.....Michael Litvin started his first semester in September at Stevens Institute of Technology.....Keith Smollin is attending William Paterson University continuing his post-Masters education in History.....Pat Reynolds and his wife Barbara vacationed in Florida in mid-October..... Pat also competed in the annual ING New York City Marathon on November 1<sup>st</sup> completing the 26-mile run with a time of 5 hours and 13 minutes, which was 3 minutes faster than his finish time last year..... At the meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>, some of membership came in Halloween costumes, which has become a tradition at the meeting closest to Halloween and prizes were awarded. Ed Quinn was selected as "Best in Show" for his pirate outfit and Joe Molodowec was selected as "Most Original".....Jim Schmitt's self-published book, *Historic Rails of the New York, Susquehanna & Western*, was released in mid-November.....The MSHC held its *Annual Night Before Thanksgiving Gathering* on Wednesday evening, November 25th.....