

The MSHC Newsletter

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SANTA and the Operation Toy Train Visited Maywood Station on December 11, 2010!

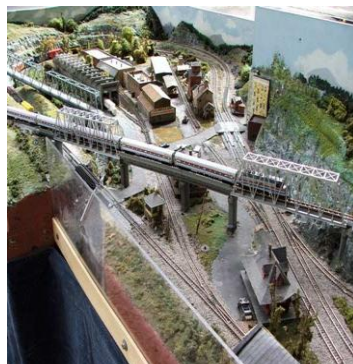
Santa arrived at Maywood Station on Saturday morning, December 11, 2010 onboard the **NJ Operation Toy Train** to collect toys for the **U. S. Marine Corps Annual Toys for Tots Drive**. The public was invited to bring unwrapped toys to be donated onboard the special train for the Toy Drive. After the train departed, Santa made his way into Maywood Station for his annual visit at the **9th Annual Santa at Maywood Station**. Santa greeted a huge crowd of enthusiastic children and their parents and a definite holiday vibe was in the air. Santa met with each good little boy and girl and each child received a "goody bag" courtesy of Myron Corporation, Operation Lifesaver, Atlas Model Railroad Company, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway and the Maywood Station Historical Committee. Each child attending was also given a free chance to win special raffle prizes including a BMW Roadster Child's Riding Car courtesy of Park Ave BMW; which was won by Ray Barbara; an H.O. scale Starter Train Set courtesy of Atlas Model Railroad Company, which was won by Luke Schwaiewedi; and an N scale Starter Train Set courtesy of Atlas Model Railroad Company which was won by Kelly Chen; and a Bachmann H. O. scale "Shrek" Limited-Edition Holiday Train Set, which was won by Mayur Patel. Santa said he's going to try to make a visit again next December but said everyone must remember to be good little boys and girls in 2011!



A little boy sits on Santa's lap as he tells his holiday wishes at the **9th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event held on December 11, 2010. (Photo by Rosemarie Kaminski)

"ANNUAL RAILROAD DAY AT MAYWOOD STATION was held on October 3, 2010

This year's *Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station* event was held on October 3rd. Great weather and large crowds enjoyed railroad historical societies, model railroad clubs and railroad memorabilia vendors participating with sales tables and displays on the station grounds; the Northern New Jersey N-Trak Club displayed their operating N-scale modular train layout; and Joe DeLuca, a retired employee of the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad and PATH displayed a variety of items from his railroad career. The event turned out to be one of the largest to date for the Maywood Station Museum with nearly 500 visitors in attendance.



At the **Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station** event on October 3, 2010, Joe DeLuca, a Maywood resident and retired Hudson & Manhattan Railroad and PATH employee (**top**) displayed a collection of historical items from his railroad career while the Northern New Jersey N-Trak Club (**bottom**) displayed their operating train layout and unveiled their Maywood Station modular section on their layout. (Top photo by Ed Kaminski; two bottom photos by Doug Earls)

The MSHC 2010 Year in Review

Overall, 2010 can be viewed by the membership of the Maywood Station Historical Committee as a somewhat quiet but steady year. Although we did not have a "major project" to work on this year, membership remained busy with many smaller projects including finishing up several details on New York, Susquehanna & Western S-2 #206; changing and enhancing displays inside the museum; and working on cataloging and archiving recent donations. A new display case was also added to the museum in 2010 and the museum's archive continues to grow.

Public attendance figures to the museum's 2010 schedule of seven open houses between April and November and the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** on December 11th set a new record. This year we experimented and reduced the usual Sunday three-hour open house schedule from six dates to four while adding three Wednesday evening two-hour open houses to the schedule. The museum never tried Wednesday evening open houses in the past and I'm happy to report that they worked out very well and we saw exceptionally good attendance at each one. For the year, the Maywood Station Museum schedule of seven open houses and the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event drew 2351 visitors. This represented a 1% increase from 2009's total of 2289 visitors and matched up well against previous totals of 1982 in year 2008, 2142 in year 2007, 1967 in year 2006 and 1621 in year 2005. The museum saw a 34% increase in revenue from open houses as compared to year 2009, which was 46% higher than year 2008. The new book, **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** and continued good sales from Museum Store items such as **The Maywood Station Story DVD**, holiday ornaments, calendars and Maywood Station models contributed to much of the revenue gains as well as general donations.

Some highlights of 2010 included New York, Susquehanna & Western S-2 #206 being formally placed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 19th. The locomotive was previously placed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places on September 10, 2009. At the **Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station** event on October 3, Bergen County Executive, Dennis McNerney, presented the Maywood Station Museum with a proclamation honoring the work that the museum's volunteer membership has accomplished. The event that day also marked one of the museums largest to date with close to 500 visitors in attendance.

Year 2010 also brought many new additions and donations to the museum including the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad's original Centralized Traffic Control Board and Telegraph/Telephone circuit board; various railroad paperwork; railroad hardware; and photographs. Some of these items will be worked on through the winter months and appear in the museum in 2011.

We look forward 2011 and invite you to visit and experience our museum for the first time if you haven't in the past, or come and visit us again and see history.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!
- Ed Kaminski .



Large crowds waited patiently to meet Santa inside Maywood Station at the 9th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event on December 11, 2010. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



Luke Schwaiewedi was the lucky winner of one of the free raffle drawings at the 9th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event on December 11, 2010 as he won the H. O. scale Starter Train Set courtesy of Atlas Model Railroad Co. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)



On December 11, 2010, NJ Operation Toy Train stopped at Maywood Station before the 9th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event to collect new, unwrapped toys for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Toy Drive. Crowds are shown in this photo donating toys onto the train. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)



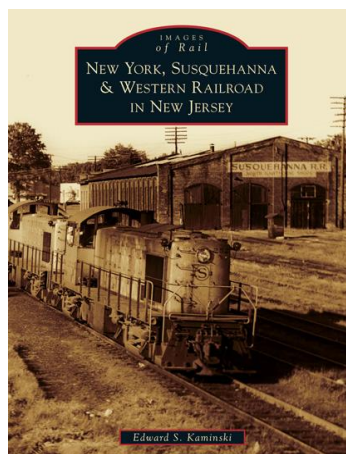
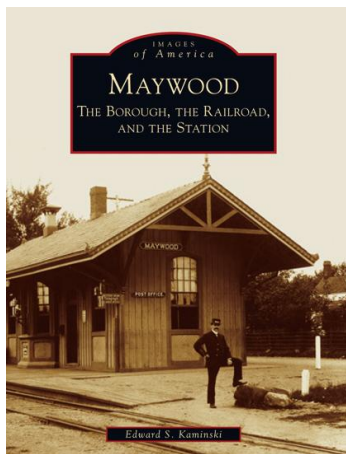
Samantha Gaffney on vocals and Kayleigh Kaminski on guitar entertain visitors waiting to see Santa inside Maywood Station at the 9th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event on December 11, 2010. (Photo by Rosemarie Kaminski)



On December 4, 2010, Giannina Florez and Christopher Gomez booked the Maywood Station Museum for a "Save the Date" photo shoot for their upcoming wedding. The couple is shown posing inside Maywood for one of the photos. Permission must be obtained in advance from the Maywood Station Historical Committee for anyone wishing to conduct photo shoots on the station grounds. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

Available Now!! - Maywood Station & NYS&W in New Jersey Books!

The Maywood Station Museum Store now has available two new books written by historian, author and Maywood Station Historical Committee President, Edward S. Kaminski and published by Arcadia Publishing Company. **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** 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. **New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey**, traces the history of the railroad from the late 19th century through the 20th century and covers the complete route of all its mainline track and branches in New Jersey. Each 128-page book contains over 200 quality images with detailed captions and are available for \$22.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order through our website at 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, will go toward further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



On November 19, 2010, the Maywood Station Museum was the setting for wedding photos by newlyweds David Graetz and Nancy Massaro. Permission in advance from the Maywood Station Historical Committee is necessary for any photo shoots on the station grounds. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

Maywood Station Museum 2010 Holiday is Released!

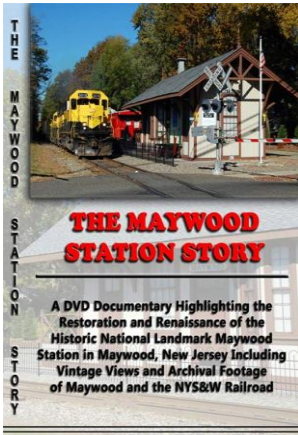
Each year since 2002, the Maywood Station Historical Committee has released a dated, limited-edition, holiday ornament. The 9th in the series, 2010 release was officially released at the *Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station* event on October 3, 2010. This year's ornament is a handcrafted gold-polished metal steam locomotive featuring Santa waving from a steam locomotive with laser-etched "Maywood Station Museum 2010" lettering. The ornaments are available for \$6.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order at www.maywoodstation.com. During the holiday season, 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; and The Our Town Newspaper offices at 19 West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ. All proceeds will go toward further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



The 2010 Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornament

Maywood Station Museum Store

The Maywood Station Museum has available numerous merchandise items in the Museum Store on Open House dates and by mail order through our website at www.maywoodstation.com. These include the award-winning DVD documentary *The Maywood Station Story*; the *Maywood – The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station* Book; Atlas Model Railroad Company HO, N and O-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™; Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornaments and Pens; Maywood Station Museum T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Windshirts, Caps and Jackets; NYS&W Railway Caps; NYS&W Railway Miniature Clocks; NYS&W Railway Calendars; NYS&W Railway Lithographs and 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 are the award-winning DVD Documentary, *The Maywood Station Story*, and HO, N and 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 meetings and 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 & 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.nyswths.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 \$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 www.maywoodstation.com. All orders are tax-deductible and will be confirmed by mail with a donation letter. Engraved bricks ordered between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 will be installed at the station in early spring 2011. Engraved bricks ordered between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 will be installed at the station in early fall 2011.

2011 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates

Museum Open House Dates for 2011 will be announced shortly on our website – www.maywoodstation.com and on the Maywood Station Museum Facebook page. 2011 Museum Open House dates will also appear here in the spring issue of the MSHC Newsletter.

Winter 2011 MSHC Membership Meeting Schedule

The membership of the MSHC meets 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. Membership will be notified in advance of each meeting date.

MSHC Membership News

Ed Kaminski's latest book, *New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey*, was released by Arcadia Publishing on November 22.....Rob Pisani and his wife Dana vacationed in California during late September and Rob visited Chicago on business in late October.....Unfortunately, a freak foot injury sidelined Pat Reynolds from participating in the *ING Annual New York City Marathon* in early November. After a four-day hospital stay, Pat recovered but had to forego running temporarily. Pat had participated in the marathon each of the past two years.....Keith Smollin is taking an MBA course in history at William Paterson University.....Michael Litvin is continuing his studies at Bergen Community College.....After nearly ten years in his backyard, Tim Moses dismantled his *Preakness Valley* G-scale model railroad this fall.....Wayne Shortman, a long-time model railroad industry employee with Atlas Model Railroad Company and Deluxe Innovations and a friend of several MSHC members passed away after a battle with ALS on November 5.....Doug Earls attended the Steinbier Brewfest in Northampton, PA on November 6.....The MSHC's "*Annual Night Before Thanksgiving Gathering*" was held at the station on November 23.....During the week of November 30, Doug Earls was stationed in Alabama with his company's mobile environmental testing lab.