



Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society
The Train Station
Bellefonte, Pa 16823

April 2011

Spring is just around the corner and we hope that you will renew your membership or join the BHRS (our fiscal year runs from April 1 – March 31). Please join to support the organization so that we may once again regain operating status and provide Bellefonte and surrounding communities with an enjoyable local train experience and bring to the public local history on how railroads helped build Centre County.

It has been an exciting year with the rides we've sponsored on Jeff Pontius' beautifully restored vintage railcars. The Santa Express run was a success beyond anything we could reasonably expect. If you weren't able to enjoy any of those rides, don't despair, as we're already scheduling Fall Foliage and Santa Express runs for 2011. Watch the website at www.bellefontetrain.org for updates.

Work continues towards bringing the rail diesel cars to meet FRA regulations. Four of the long-awaited emergency windows have been being installed in RDC 9167. Clouded windows are being replaced. A speeder was purchased hoping for runs on our track in the Lemont area. A new committee has been formed to help restore the static display of the old Bellefonte Central caboose and snowplow in Talleyrand Park. Again, watch the website for updates.

In closing, think about providing more than monetary support to BHRS. When we are operational again our budget will increase a considerable amount and we'll need many heads and hands to stay healthy. We constantly seek new funding sources, persons willing and capable to actually operate the RDCs, knowledgeable repair and maintenance support, event overseers, etc. There are a lot of new ideas being discussed at our monthly meetings (first Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, Train Station) and we'd like to see some new faces. So, come to a meeting and bring a friend or two!

With warmest sincerity,

Dan Durachko (President); Ken Dishman (Vice President); Jeff Stout (Recording Secretary); Susan Hochreiter (Corresponding Secretary); Andy Richards (Treasurer)