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The completed façade of the Storehouse and its lean-to stand tall in the Rockhill yard after the Fall Work Week efforts to complete the interior and exterior features of the lean-to were successful. – Dave Bulman photo

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John Thompson and Al Gallo install trim on the Storehouse lean-to door frames. – Dave Bulman photo

SEPTEMBER WORK DAYS PAY BIG DIVIDENDS

The September work weekend was held in Rockhill on 9/9 and 9/10. We had 21 volunteers on Saturday and 14 on Sunday, plus three working in Robertsdale. The September work week was held in Rockhill from Monday 9/18 to Friday 9/22. We had 10 volunteers on Monday, 17 on Tuesday plus one more in Robertsdale, 12 on Wednesday, 17 on Thursday, and 11 on Friday. The seven total work days and our dedicated volunteers allowed for significant progress to be made this month.

The FEBT Work Week attendees pose in front of No. 16 on Thursday, September 21st. – Nevin Byers photo



Boxcar 174 had the remaining new oak flooring boards planed and prepped for installation.

The track crew installed 48 more ties south of the Oddfellows Cemetery Road grade crossing, and replaced ties on the main line near the Blacklog Creek Bridge.

Ted and Evan Ivosevic load newly planed oak floorboards into Boxcar 174. – Al Gallo photo

One of the hopper cars in Robertsdale was prepped and painted black by a combined crew from Rockhill and Robertsdale.

New wooden support platforms were constructed for the two locomotive water spouts, and new lower door frames, doors, and transom windows were completed for the coal dock.



Before and after photos of the new coal dock doors, transom windows, gutters, downspouts, and above-door platforms constructed by Brad Esposito, James Roslund, Kari Roslund, and Craig Confair during the FEBT Fall Work Week. – Left photo on September 18th by Craig Confair, right on September 23rd by Brad Esposito

Combine 14 had new wooden platform steps cut, trial assembled, and primed, and one platform gate fitted. Interior details in the passenger compartment were reinstalled including clerestory vent covers and the drinking water container. End doors and siding received final paint.



Above: Mark Reese and Charlie Wootten work on fabricating the new platform steps for Combine 14. Left: The first new set of platform steps are trial assembled on Combine 14. – Al Gallo photos

New exterior doors and trim were installed and painted in the Storehouse lean-to, completing the exterior of the Storehouse project. Lean-to interior details including the manager's counter, paper and twine roll holders, and doors were installed. Finally, all remaining hardware was removed from the storage container and returned to the Storehouse and its lean-to. Check out the cover photo to see the progress made on the Storehouse lean-to.

The work week again included volunteer social activities including lunch each day at the RTM pavilion, a cookout Wednesday evening followed by vintage EBT movies from the Archives, and a group dinner at a local restaurant on Thursday.



If you'd like to help with these and other projects to restore the EBT, please come out and join us! Information on volunteering with us can be found at <https://febt.org/volunteer/>.
 – Dave Bulman

The interior of the Storehouse lean-to, in its reassembled state. – Dave Bulman photo

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

The following members volunteered in September in Rockhill Furnace or Robertsdale. Thanks to all FEBT volunteers for their dedicated efforts to preserve, restore, and interpret the EBT.

Bill Adams
 Dave Bulman
 Craig Confair
 Dave Dietz
 Al Gallo
 Mike Hoover
 Dave Johnson
 Joel Myers
 Mark Reese
 Justin Santichen
 Andy Van Scyoc
 Charlie Wootton

Donald Barton Jr.
 Roy Burnham
 Philip Coyle
 Frank R. Dziama
 Tyler Gardner
 Cliff Howell
 Daniel Lane
 John Quinn
 Bill Reynolds
 Tim Schindele
 Chris Wenger

Frank Benenati
 Jane Clarke
 Van Cresswell
 Jack Fornadley
 Bobby Goldby
 Steve Jackson
 Matthew Malkiewicz
 Tom Perman
 Julie Rockwell
 Dan Schmidt
 John Widmeyer

Victor Booth
 Pete Clarke
 Kevin Croyle
 Larry Fuchs
 David Hart
 Steve Jacobs
 Jeff Miller
 Tim Reams
 Rick Rourke
 John Thompson
 Scarlett Wirt

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! **October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29**

This fall, the EBT Foundation is excited to welcome Snoopy and Charlie Brown back to the East Broad Top Railroad for our second year hosting PEANUTS™ The Great Pumpkin Patch Express. WE NEED YOUR HELP in making this popular event a success!

JOBS INCLUDE...

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- Game/Activity Attendants -
- Pumpkin Patch Attendants -
- Parking Attendants -
- Characters/Character Guides -
- Floaters -

STAFF T-SHIRTS AND TRAINING PROVIDED
CONTACT JONATHAN SMITH FOR MORE INFO!
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COMPANY STORE ITEM OF THE MONTH

EBT Three Springs Depot

The Three Springs Depot was built in 1877. During the life of the depot, it went through a number of changes. Pictorial records show in the early years it had a smokejack on the roof and the loading dock was only 2 feet high. The smokejack was at some point replaced with a chimney. Later, the loading dock was raised to about 3 feet high and the train order board was added on the roof.



This kit includes all of the parts to build the station at any stage of its life, or any combination the builder chooses. There is also a choice of skirting for around the loading dock. This HO scale model has a foundation footprint of 6½ x 4¾ inches. It is laser-cut basswood and plywood with resin detail parts. This model would make a great addition to your EBT model railroad!

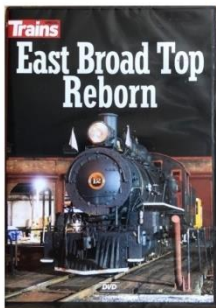
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FEBT COMPANY STORE NEW, BACK IN STOCK AND COMING SOON

New in the Company Store:

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from Trains Magazine
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Shipping \$7.50



Robertsdale Freight House
from Southwest Heritage Models (O)
\$85.00 Member Discount Applies
Shipping \$10.00



Also in Stock:

EBT Blacksmith Shop kit
from Banta Modelworks (HO)
\$120.00 Member Discount Applies



A BUSY SEPTEMBER IN ROBERTSDALE

Hold your horses, we'll get to the reunion soon enough.

First, I want to tell you a little about what's been happening in September.

We've had 91 visitors (and still one September weekend to go) so far this month. I hope that number impresses you; it should!

On 9/9 Andy Van Scyoc, Frank R. Dziama, and Rick Rourke came up and took almost all the rust and dirt off of one of the hopper cars in Robertsdale. See the pictures, the little bit of it that did not stick to them, they collected in a bucket. That was a long, hot day for them, so tell 'em thanks when you see them.



Above: The hopper crew prepping the steel of the car for paint during the September work session. – Dave Camisa photo

Left: Frank R. Dziama, Andy Van Scyoc, and Rick Rourke pose after prepping the hopper for paint. While it's mostly rust, some of what covers them is likely coal dust; fitting for working in Robertsdale. – Jane Clarke photo

Below: Frank Benenati shows off his handiwork after having replaced the OPO's back hose bibb on September 16th. – Roy Burnham photo



On 9/16 Frank Benenati came to replace the broken valve for the exterior hose hookup. This has been broken for quite some time, with the result that if we needed any water pressure at all (it had broken when in a partly open position) we had to connect a hose inside and run it through the museum to a door or window. Not ideal. Among other things, this caused us to not bother trying to clean the cleanable air filter for the HVAC system. Also, not ideal. Frank's dad was a plumber and trained him well. I think he was a little disappointed when he figured out that he didn't have to deal with 100+ year old pipes, "Where's the challenge?" he thought. Done, looking great, functioning great, and now you'll breathe well-filtered air when at the museum.

On 9/19 Frank R. Dziama and Larry Fuchs came up and painted that hopper. Bingo, it looks ready to roll. It won't, it's got lots of problems and that's why it's where it is, but it looks great. At least 1,000% better than the not-yet-done cars next to it.

You, the reader, have an advantage over me as I write this. I have no idea what's in the rest of this newsletter, but I'm gonna guess that it's got lots of





information about the reunion and the scheduled events. So, rather than repeat that I'll just remind you that there's lots of stuff planned for Robertsdale on both Friday and Sunday. Some of which has never happened before. So, I hope you'll plan to be there.

Ironically, a color as dark as black can really brighten up the view of the Company Square. The northern-most hopper sits painted on the Scale Track, with hoppers 911 and 1033 south of it. – Al Gallo photo

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 6, 7, 8	FEBT	FEBT Fall Reunion
October 6	FEBT	FEBT Museum Archives Day
October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29	EBT	Peanuts Great Pumpkin Patch Express
October 14, 15	RTM	Pumpkin Patch Trolley
November 4, 5	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
November 24, 25, 26	EBT	Christmas in Coal Country
November 24, 25	RTM	Lights, Camera, Christmas Trolleys!
November 25	RTM	Santa's Trolley
December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-23	EBT	Christmas in Coal Country
December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16	RTM	Lights, Camera, Christmas Trolleys!
December 2, 9, 16	RTM	Santa's Trolley

<u>Hosts:</u> FEBT	Friends of the East Broad Top	www.febt.org
EBT	East Broad Top Railroad	www.eastbroadtop.com
RTM	Rockhill Trolley Museum	www.rockhilltrolley.org
BTACMHS	Broad Top Area Coal Miners Historical Society	broadtopminersmuseum.com

UPCOMING ROCKHILL FURNACE VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

The final Rockhill work session of the year is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th. Work session dates for 2024 will be posted to the website once they are finalized.

Please consider coming out for one or more of the sessions to help us continue preservation and restoration of the East Broad Top Railroad. If you are interested in participating in the Rockhill volunteer sessions, including track work, and are not on the current signup distribution, please contact Charlie Wootton, the Rockhill volunteer coordinator, at rhrestoration@febt.org. Visit our website at febt.org/volunteer for more information on all of our volunteer projects and how you can participate. – Dave Bulman (dbulman115@gmail.com)

FEBT MUSEUM SCHEDULE



FEBT Reunion Hours:

Friday, October 6th: 10 AM to 5 PM
Saturday, October 7th: Closed
Sunday, October 8th: 9 AM to 5 PM

Hours: 10 AM to 5 PM

October 14, 21, 28

Hours: 10 AM to 4 PM

December 2, 9, 16

SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you! We are nearing the completion of a very successful 2023 Friends of the East Broad Top fundraising campaign. The 2023 total as of September 21 stood at \$265,551.21. This marks a new high for our annual fundraising campaigns. This was achieved with 40 donations in September totaling \$7,315. Thank you to all contributors for your generosity!

2023 Fundraising Goal:

\$180,000

September Donations:

\$7,315.00

Campaign Total:

\$265,551.21

There are several ways to donate. Donations can be made online at <https://febt.org/campaign/> using the Company Store portion of the website, which accepts credit cards and PayPal payment methods to contribute. Donations may also be made by mailing a check, payable to FEBT, to:

FEBT Fundraising Treasurer
C/O Karen Bulman
P.O. Box 43063
Cincinnati, OH 45243

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Craig Confair

* - All donors listed represent donations received between August 22, 2023 and September 21, 2023. Donations received after September 21 will be reported in the November 2023 issue due to press time constraints.

- Karen Bulman and Dave Bulman

2024 – LOOKING FORWARD

Your generous support of the 2023 FEBT fundraising campaign, combined with the dedication of our FEBT volunteers, has enabled us to make great progress to preserve, restore, and interpret the East Broad Top. This year we've installed over 1,100 ties, and funded 1,500 more. In Rockhill we've rebuilt the Storehouse lean-to, rebuilt the Car Shop south end, and replaced large sections of the Boiler Shop and Locomotive Shop roofs. Restoration of Combine 14 and Boxcar 174 are both nearing completion. New railbikes have been delivered, and will soon be available for rides south from our FEBT Museum in Robertsdale, and the new FEBT Library has opened in the Old Post Office building. The Saltillo Station site survey and preliminary architectural drawings were completed. The EBT Archives & Special Collections Program has added over 1,100 items to the public site, and completed digitizing and indexing all of the Baldwin drawings relating to locomotives No. 14 and No. 15.

These efforts complement the amazing progress made by the EBT Foundation this year. Steam returned with the completion of engine No. 16. New passenger cars were put in service. Colgate Grove was rebuilt. The right-of-way has been cleared and graded from the PA Route 475 crossing south to Jordan Summit, and clearing of the ROW has been done to Southern Huntingdon High School, just north of the Pogue bridge.

These combined efforts bring us to an exciting place as we look forward to 2024. With the tourist trackage and the Rockhill complex in the best condition in decades, we can begin to shift focus to resurrecting track and facilities that have been dormant or lost for decades. And we have unprecedented momentum from our 2023 fundraising. Stay tuned for the announcement of our 2024 fundraising campaign at the FEBT Reunion on Saturday October 7. You will also receive a fundraising letter soon with more details on the campaign.

There are multiple ways to donate. Donations can be made online at the FEBT Company Store, store.febt.org/donate, which accepts credit cards and PayPal payment methods to contribute. Donations may also be made by mailing a check, payable to FEBT, to:

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– Karen Bulman and Dave Bulman



Top: The south end of the Car Shop in May 2022.

Above: The south end of the Car Shop again in September 2023, after your efforts to rebuild it. – Craig Confair photos

TRACK REPORT: BUILDING (REBUILDING) & MAINTAINING

Two major themes emerge from this month's report where the track gang is concerned: Building (rebuilding) and maintaining.

We continued the railroad's march southward, if only a little bit, in late August and September. The switch located just north of the IOOF Cemetery Road crossing (which is the southernmost switch in the Rockhill yard) was completely redone. Rail was pulled off, the surface was graded, new ties were laid down, and the whole thing was put back together again. After all that was done, the track surface was leveled and tamped. As part of this work, the siding leading to Track 3 from the switch (the switch is in Track 2, the main track) had some initial work done to redo it, as well.

The crossing itself was also redone. The same process applies here, too: rail was pulled out, the surface was graded, new ties were laid out, and the whole thing was put back together.

Building (Rebuilding)



After that, forty-eight ties were installed in the main south of the crossing during the September Work Weekend on September 9th. Those ties were spiked up on Monday of the September Work Week. Once stone is applied to this area, and the track is leveled and tamped, over 200 feet (reaching a point 1,100 or 1,200 feet south of the coal tipple) of newly-rebuilt track will be added to the serviceable track that the railroad can use.

Top: An in-progress view of the Oddfellows Cemetery Road grade crossing rebuilding. – Dave Johnson photo

Above: Tim Schindele, Larry Fuchs and Mark Reese offload ties south of the IOOF Crossing, while Gene Tucker, Tyler Gardner, and Tom Perman prepare cribs in the background. – Matthew Malkiewicz photo

Maintaining

Track 2 (the main) gets a lot of use these days, and especially so when the railroad is operating five days a week. To support that activity, the track crew installed thirty-seven ties on the north (27 ties) and the south side (10 ties) of the Blacklog Creek bridge (located north of the station) during the Work Week. Work to strengthen the track structure will continue in the days ahead.

Challenges (to be overcome)



To do its work, the track gang needs the following:

Stuff: We need ties, spikes, tie plates, bolts, and other hardware. We now have on hand the bolts, spikes and tie plates that will be used for redoing the track south of the PA 475 crossing. These supplies were purchased with funds provided by a recent grant by FEBT (thanks to your generosity, which makes this progress possible!). What we have very little of currently is ties. Neither the railroad's principal supplier, nor its secondary supplier, have relay ties at the moment. So, a third option is being pursued.

People: We are blessed to have a steady number of active volunteers (see the list below). But, the truth is, the number of those coming to lend their help is dropping off. (This trend is also visible in the other areas of FEBT's current efforts to support the railroad.)

The FEBT Track Crew works with the EBT Foundation Track Crew to replace ties in the main line between the Blacklog Creek bridge and the sewage plant grade crossing during the FEBT Fall Work Week. – Al Gallo photo.

We in the track department like to think that we have more fun than anyone at the railroad. (Please, let us live with our illusions...we know others also have lots of fun doing good things for the railroad's future and well-being.) How about devoting some time to our work?

Exchequer: (Money) Thanks to your generosity, FEBT's fundraising has been spectacularly successful. Having the funds to buy needed items, and to make grants to the railroad, speeds up the process of rebuilding and advancing the railroad's welfare. We can't say "thank you" enough.

From the "Credit Where Credit is Due" Department
We are blessed to have personnel who are talented, hard-working individuals. Some of them also have wonderful senses of humor (always a delight!).

Giving credit where credit is due, then, the following assisted in midweek sessions and at the September Work Weekend session on September 9th: Daniel Lane, John Quinn, John Widmeyer, Phil Coyle, Van Cresswell, Chris Wenger, Dave Johnson, Victor Booth, Joel Myers, Tim Schindele, Justin Santichen, Mark Reese, Tyler Gardner (new – welcome!), Tom Perman, and Larry Fuchs.

Assisting during the Work Week were: Phil Coyle, John Widmeyer, John Quinn, Joel Myers, Larry Fuchs, Dave Hart, John Thompson, Mike Hoover and Jack Fornadley.

Thanks, one and all!



The FEBT Track Crew works with the EBT Foundation Track Crew to replace ties in the main line just south of the Blacklog Creek bridge and the Track 3 switch during the FEBT Fall Work Week. – Al Gallo photo.

2023 FALL REUNION INFORMATION

October 6, 7, & 8 in Robertsdale & Rockhill, PA

Reunion will feature numerous activities:

- Photo freight train
- Railbike, speeder, & handcar rides
- Walking tours
- Banquet dinner
- Locomotive Restoration Program
- Company Store
- Miners Museum
- Shop tours

For the most up-to-date information see <https://febt.org/event/febt-fall-reunion-2023/>

Friday, October 6 in Robertsdale, PA

- Registration/check-in starts at 1:00 PM in the Robertsdale Volunteer Fire Dept.
- FEBT Museum open from 10 AM to 5 PM
- Miners Museum open from 2-5 PM

Saturday, October 7 in Rockhill Furnace, PA

- Train & trolley rides
- Photo freight train
- Registration starts at 10 AM at Rockhill Elementary School
- FEBT Company Store at the school
- Building tours, including the machine shop and roundhouse
- Speeder rides
- Clinics
- Fundraising auction – donations needed!

Sunday, October 8 in Robertsdale and Rockhill Furnace PA

- In Robertsdale:
 - FEBT Museum open from 9 AM to 5 PM. Ride the handcar and railbikes
 - Miners Museum open from 1-4 PM
- In Rockhill:
 - Building tours, speeder rides, food vendors
 - Ride the trains and trolleys

FEBT Fall Reunion Online Registration

<https://store.febt.org/>
Log in and sign up
TODAY!

Early registration will help us gauge crowd size. **Please help us by registering early through the FEBT Company Store!** Registration will be \$40 and will be available at <https://store.febt.org/> starting Sept 1st. On-site registration will be offered on Friday & Saturday. **Registration includes all tours and programs, one regular train voucher, and banquet dinner.**

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Announcements

- FEBT 2023 Reunion Registrations Now Available!** Registrations for the 2023 FEBT Reunion to be held October 6-8 are available for FEBT members and their families here at the Company Store. Please log in to your Company Store account, or create an account if you don't have one. If you are a member in good standing, a link to the registration page will appear at the top of the Product Categories box on the left.
- Moved? Is your address incorrect?** Please log in and correct it in Account / View or change entries in my address book. Thank you!
- Latest Timber Transfer available for download!** A file containing the Fall 2023 issue of *Timber Transfer* in high-resolution can be downloaded now for free for FEBT members only. Log in and check out the sidebar on the left side of the page!
- 2023 Fundraiser Campaign Launched!** For the 2023 restoration season, FEBT is launching several important projects across the East Broad Top Railroad. Our goal is to build on the momentum of the 2022 Restoration Fundraiser, which ended with a total over \$247,000, and to raise \$180,000 in 2023. Click [here](#) to donate. Thank you for your continued support!
- Purchase new FEBT memberships and membership renewals** for existing members here at the Company Store. You can use your credit card, PayPal account, or check to purchase a membership or membership renewal for one or more years. Log into your Company Store account or create an account if you have none, then click [new memberships](#) to become a new member, or click [renew your membership](#) to renew an existing membership, or click [gift membership](#) to purchase a membership gift for someone else.

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Downloads (Members Only)

Annual business meeting to be held on October 6th at the Robertsdale Fire Dept. at 6 PM.

- FEBT President Andy Van Scyoc, other board members, and restoration-crew leaders will update members on the organization's many activities.
- Pizza will be available for a free-will donation before the Business meeting.



2023 Fall Reunion Model and Photo Contest

For more information about the Fall Reunion contests, contact Andy Van Scyoc by e-mail at FEBTreunion@gmail.com.

General rules

Any FEBT member who is a Reunion registrant may enter the model and photo contests. No model or photo that has ever won an award in a previous FEBT contest may be entered.

Photographs

- Must feature the EBT or related restoration activities.
- All photos must be mounted on/in a mat board no larger than 11 by 14 inches; the photo may be any size but not exceed the size of the mat.
- **New!** Panoramic and wide-format photos. The max size for mat board is 30 x 14 inches.
- No picture frames or glass/Plexiglas covers may be used.
- No more than two photos may be submitted by a single entrant in each category.
- Only the photographer can enter a photo.
- Color and black-and-white photos must be entered in one of these categories:
 - Classic Original: photos with minimal alterations beyond cropping.
 - Artist's Choice: entries may have any manipulations and enhancements done to achieve the desired end.
- The *Timber Transfer* editor may present an Editor's Choice Award.


Models

- All models must be based on subjects directly related to the EBT.
- No limit to the number of models entered by each entrant.
- There must be at least two models entered in a category for a contest to be declared. (No award will be given in any category in which a contest is not declared.)
- Categories may be combined to ensure a contest.
- Supporting documentation may be displayed with any entry, as long as the entrant's name does not appear on any of the documentation.
- The model contest categories are as follows:
 - Locomotives – Any self-propelled equipment except maintenance-of-way speeders;
 - Rolling Stock – Any revenue freight or passenger equipment; any nonrevenue equipment primarily intended for track or lineside maintenance.
 - Structures and Module/Dioramas – Any building or other structure, either railroad-related or lineside; and any structure or structures that are mounted on a base which depicts a scene, with or without track.
 - "What If" – Any model depicting a facet of the EBT had history played out differently (had the EBT standard gauged, carried on past 1956, etc.)
- **Special restoration program model contest**


This award recognizes the model that best represents a project undertaken by our restoration volunteers. The award consists of a special plaque created by our Rockhill Furnace restoration crew. This special award will be based on the popular vote of current restoration volunteers. – *Andy Van Scyoc*

REVISED REUNION SCHEDULE

The FEBT 2023 Fall Reunion schedule released on September 14th has been revised. Please use this version for your planning purposes. As of this writing, there are still morning freight train and M-1 ride tickets available for purchase. M-3 rides have sold out for this event. Please visit <https://eastbroadtop.com/events/fall-reunion/> for train tickets during this event.



**2023 FEBT Fall Reunion and
WMRHS Annual Convention
October 6th-8th
in Huntingdon Co., PA**



Friday, October 6, 2023 in Robertsdale, PA

10:00	10:00 - 5:00 FEBT Museum Open / Handcar and Railbike rides					
11:00		11:00 Mine Tour - with museum host				
12:00		1:00 Mine Tour - with museum host				
1:00		3:00 Expanded Mine Tour with Pearson & Case			1:00 - 6:00 Registration at Robertsdale Fire Hall	1:00 - 5:00 Broad Top Coal Miners Museum Open
2:00						
3:00						
4:00						
5:00	5:00 Museum Dedication					
5:30	5:30 Saltillo Station Update with John Bowie					
6:00	6:00 - 7:00 FEBT Annual Business Meeting Robertsdale Fire Hall	6:00 - 7:00 WMRHS Business Meeting Broad Top Coal Miners Museum				
7:30	Program Broad Top Area Coal Mining with Ron Morgan Robertsdale Fire Hall					

ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION

Friends of the East Broad Top, Inc. (FEBT) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, historical, and educational society dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the East Broad Top Railroad National Historic Landmark in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. It was organized in 1983 and now boasts over 2,000 members. FEBT publishes an award-winning magazine, *Timber Transfer*, and a monthly e-newsletter, and operates a museum in Robertsdale PA, the EBT's southern terminus. See febt.org/ for more information.



2023 FEBT Fall
Reunion and
WMRHS Annual
Convention



Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Rockhill Furnace, PA

8:00	8:00					
9:00	Photo Freight	9:00 - 11:00				
10:00	10:00 M-1 10:50 M-3	Shop Open House				
11:00	11:00 Regular Train	11:00 "Maps - Early History of the EBTRR and the RI&CC" With Pearson, Case, & Keller	09:00 - 12:00 Registration at Rockhill Elementary School	09:00 - 12:00 Contest Registration at Rockhill Elementary School	09:00 - 12:00 Auction dropoff at Rockhill Elementary School	9:00 - 4:00 Archives Display in Station Baggage Room
12:00	12:00 M-1 12:50 M-3					
1:00	1:00 Regular Train	1:00 2024 Fundraising Campaign Launch		12:00 - 4:00 Contest Voting	12:00 - 5:00 Silent Auction Bidding	
2:00	2:00 M-1 12:50 M-3	2:00 - 4:00 Shop Open House	2:00 Liberty Liner Run at RTM			
3:00	3:00 Regular Train					
4:00						
5:00		5:30		5:30		
6:00		FEBT Banquet Dinner		WMRHS Banquet Dinner		
7:00		Three Springs Fire Hall		Orbisonia Fire Hall		
7:30		7:30 Live Auction / Contest Awards Rebuilding #16 and #15 with CMO Dave Domitrovich Rockhill Elementary School				

1983 Friends OF THE EAST BROAD TOP 2023 40th ANNIVERSARY

2023 FEBT Fall Reunion and WMRHS Annual Convention



Sunday, October 8, 2023 in Rockhill Furnace and Robertsdale, PA

8:00	8:00	9:00 - 5:00 FEBT Museum Open / Handcar and Railbike rides / Archives display	10:00 Expanded Mine Tour with Pearson & Case	10:00 - 3:00 Bricktown Model Railroaders Association Open House Mt. Union, PA	
9:00	Photo Freight				
10:00	10:00 M-1				
11:00	11:00 Regular Train				
12:00	12:00 M-1		1:00 Mine Tour - with museum host		1:00 - 4:00 Broad Top Coal Miners Museum Open
1:00	1:00 Regular Train		3:00 Mine Tour - with museum host		
2:00					
3:00	3:00 Regular Train				
4:00					

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the East Broad Top Newsletter is a monthly digital-only periodical. Started in 2020, it is intended to keep members and donors apprised of what the organization has done and will be doing. The FEBT Newsletter is distributed by email to the current list of members and donors, and is a privilege of contributing to the FEBT's cause of preserving, restoring, and interpreting the East Broad Top Railroad for current and future generations. The editor can be contacted at Newsletter@febt.org. Previous issues of the FEBT Newsletter may be found at febt.org/newsletter. Press time for information submitted is 8:00 PM Eastern time on the 25th of each month. Events occurring after the 25th, such as donations and memberships, will be considered part of the following month's information.



A 24" x 36" print of this photo is one of the items available during the auction on Saturday of the Fall Reunion. – Matthew Malkiewicz photo