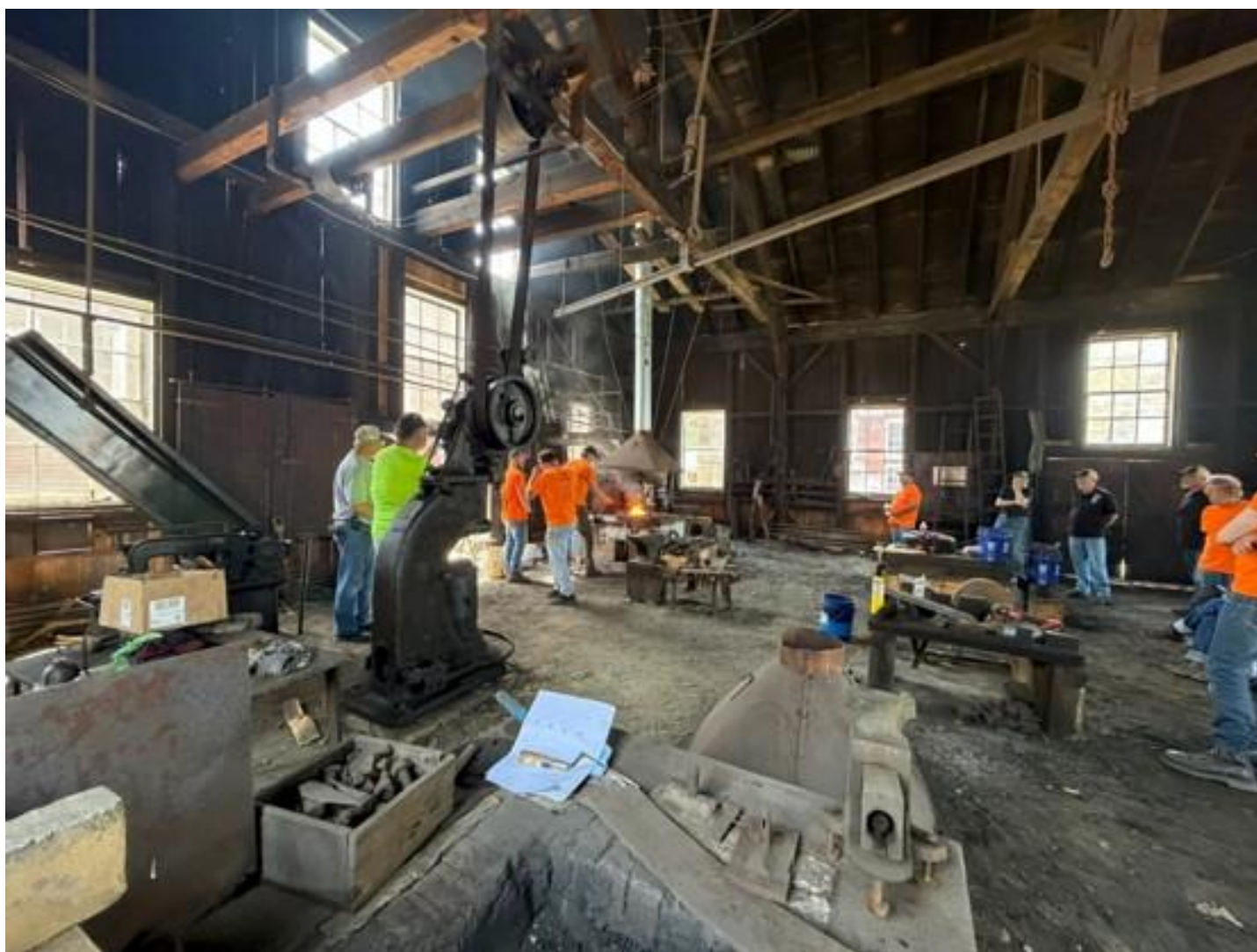




FEBT Volunteers gather to see the Blacksmith Shop forge return to operation at the end of the Spring Work Week. The Blacksmith Shop restoration has been a project of the Next Gen Easties, and is achieving tangible results. – Bobby Goldby photo.

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Saltillo Station and track glow under the full moon and platform light in a scene made possible by the FEBT campaign – Dave Bulman photo

JUNE 2026 RESTORATION EFFORTS

May wrapped up with the work weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, followed immediately by the spring work week from Monday, June 1 to Friday, June 5. We were a bit more spread out this session, with crews working at Saltillo on track and the station in addition to the usual activities in Rockhill. We had a good turnout, with a total of 31 adult volunteers on Saturday, plus eight Young Easties to start the week. On Sunday, we had 19 volunteers.

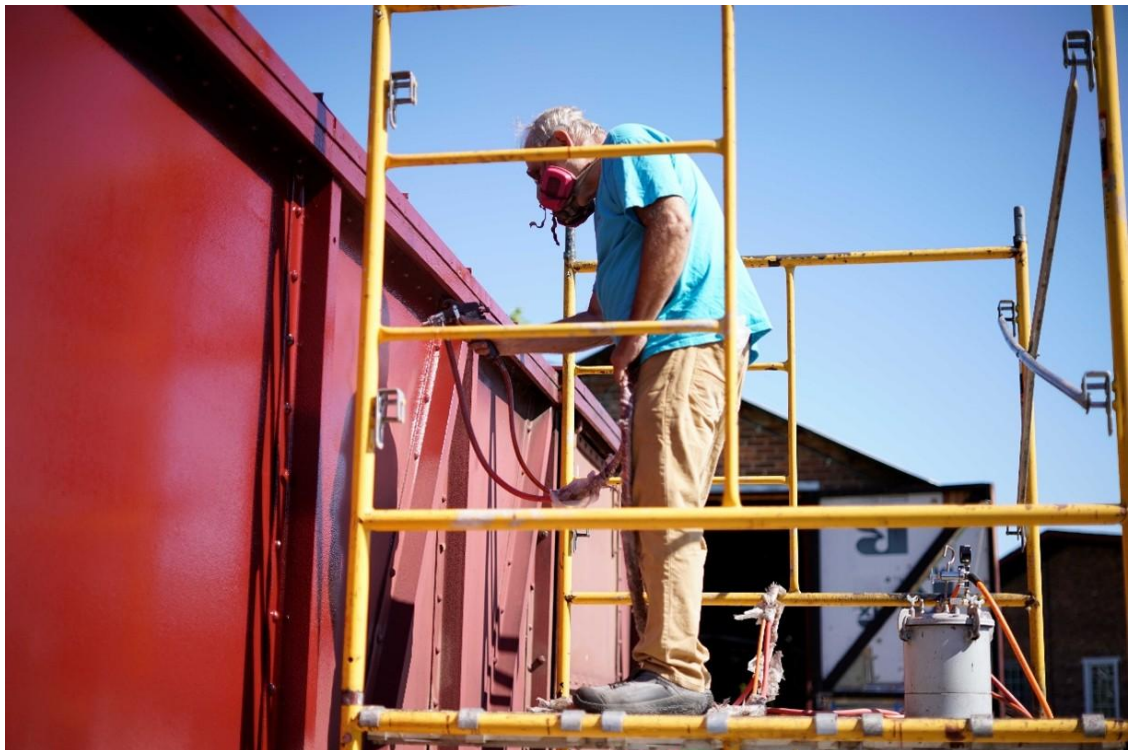
During the week we had a total of 48 volunteers participate, with a daily high of 33 on Thursday.

Lunch was provided each day for a donation in the Rockhill Trolley Museum pavilion. On Sunday, many of our volunteers knocked off early to enjoy the 3:00 ice cream train to Colgate Grove. Wednesday evening featured our volunteer cookout, followed by a great interactive presentation by EBT Archivist Julie Fether and Archives Technician Amelia Kasdorf on photos added recently to the archive collection. (see more details on Page 9). The seven straight days of good weather and many volunteers resulted in great progress on a variety of projects.



Above: FEBT volunteers listen to Archives Technician Amelia Kasdorf describe a newly digitized photo from the FEBT Archives collection. – Al Gallo photo

Below: Steve Jacobs sprays red paint on Boxcar 174. – Al Gallo photo



The Boxcar 174 crew applied the final red paint to the roof and all sides, plus black on handrails and other hardware.



The Combine 14 crew completed many details, including painting the baggage compartment floor, final window installation, seat installation, installation of the baggage door opening guards, and lots of caulking and paint touchup.



The Storehouse crew drilled and installed new 8"x4" center posts and installed the remaining stock rack rods and studs, completing the first floor framing. New replica siding was then installed on the south wall most of the way to the roof. Staining of the new wood inside the first floor was started.

Above: Chuck Geletzke touches up exterior paint on Combine 14. – Al Gallo photo

Left: Jim Witmer, Nick Pautler, and Alex Brown install new siding on Storehouse 2. – Dave Bulman photo

MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE

The Friends of the East Broad Top membership is up to
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The "Glass Rattlers" window crew reached a major milestone with the installation of the Locomotive Shop south wall upper window. With this complete, every window in the main shop complex building (Boiler House, Machine Shop, Boiler Shop, Locomotive Shop, and Car Shop) has now been restored since the effort began 24 years ago! The team also installed windows in the Foundry, painted the final window trim on the Roundhouse west wall, and continued restoration of sashes in the Carpentry Shop.

The Next Gen Easties crew made exciting progress in the Blacksmith Shop. A new exhaust pipe was installed over the recently restored forge and a new blower installed. This allowed the forge to be lit and used for the first time in many decades. The team demonstrated “heating and beating” to a group of other volunteers gathered in the Blacksmith Shop.

The Saltillo Station team continued installing interior siding and quarter round trim. A new train order post with internal channels for the signal actuating chain and electric line was fabricated and installed. Additionally, the uniquely-sized exposed studs for the ticket partition wall were cut to the original dimensions, and decorative corner chamfers routed where appropriate.

The combined EBTF and FEBT track crews were busy all week (see Gene’s article on Page 7), replacing ties on Track 6 in the Rockhill Yard during the weekend, and building track at Saltillo all week. By the end of the week, approximately 2000 feet of the station siding and main line were completed. On Friday afternoon, the track crew and other volunteers from Rockhill enjoyed speeder rides on the freshly-completed Saltillo track. It was the perfect way to wrap up a fun and productive week. – *Dave Bulman*



Top: Jim Seville paints the window trim on a window on the west wall of the Roundhouse. – Al Gallo photo

Center: Jared Ughetto, Alex Cook, and Wyatt Kindler assemble the new exhaust pipe for the blacksmith pipe forge. – Al Gallo photo

Bottom: Craig Confair installs siding in the Saltillo station waiting room. – Al Gallo photo

YOUNG EASTIES' SECOND EVENT STAYED ON TRACK



If you remember, last month's article about the Young Easties was in a weird place. The article was written before the second Young Easties session, but published after. As such, the article was lacking details for the day. Ideas for the day included track work, train rides, and regauging U.P. Big Boy to narrow gauge. Meatloaf said it best, two out of three ain't bad.

The Young Easties accomplished track work, took a train ride. The day was fabulous. Eight energetic teens spent several hours replacing 15 ties in Track 6. All worked very hard, enjoyed the bad Dad jokes, and reveled in the perfect Spring weather. Their clothes showed evidence of their work and they beamed with pride showing off their schmutz (dirt) covered clothes, hands, and faces. The day ended with a ride in the cinder car behind locomotive No. 16 and if any kid wasn't dirty, that ride added just the right amount of soot. Thanks to Gene Tucker and Doug Davenport for hard work and expert supervision.

If you know of a teen (ages 13-18) who loves railroads and wants to be a part of something unique, encourage them to register for the next session (July 18). Information about registration can be found at <https://febt.org/youngeasties> or contact Tim Schindele at YouthVol@FEBT.org. – Tim Schindele

Above: Young Easties insert a tie into Track 6 in the Rochill Yard during the May 30 Young Easties event. – Tim Schindele photo

Right: Just as we adults tend to do, the Yong Easties take advantage of the opportunity to photograph an operating steam engine as she comes through the Rockhill Yard. – Tim Schindele photo



FEBT'S TRACK CREW: DOIN' WHAT WE DO BEST

FEBT's track gang has been busy. Since last month's report, we've engaged in the construction of something like 2,000 feet of track.

Our Work in Saltillo

During FEBT's Spring Work Week (Monday through Friday, June 1 through 5), the station siding was completed, and construction of the main leading southward toward the station was also completed. These two tracks are joined by a newly-constructed switch, which was built in late May. These two tracks total about 1,800 feet of rail. They are fully gauged and spiked. To celebrate our accomplishments, the railroad brought a speeder down to Saltillo for celebratory rides over the station siding and the main on Friday, June 5. Looking ahead, construction of a new NARCO switch is scheduled for work to begin on Thursday, June 25. It will be north of the newly-constructed switch connecting the station siding and the main.



Our Work in Rockhill

During the FEBT Work Weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, tie work on Track 6 in the Rockhill Yard got done. A group of FEBT's program for teens, known as Young Easties, also took part in this effort, working a bit north of the adults and separate from them. Between the two groups, 30 ties were installed, and the west rail was spiked down. This work, which continued work done during April's Work Weekend, will – when completed – allow movement of some freight cars that have been stranded for some time.

On Tuesday, June 16, nine FEBT personnel joined the railroad's staff members Henry Long and Zane Esposito in the reconstruction of the Coal Tipple track. This track had received some work a few years before, but part of the track had to be removed as to install the fire suppression system in the lower level of the coal tipple. Improvements to the track's ballast and drainage were also required. Work to install the fire suppression system was well enough along to allow reconstruction of the track. In addition, the railroad's full-time staff had completed improvements to drainage in the track's structure. Getting these two steps done allowed the track

Top: The main line and station siding tracks are installed in Saltillo. – John Quinn photo

Above: The track crew works on Track 3 at the coaling dock on June 16. – Gene Tucker photo

to be reconstructed. The track has now received ballast, tamping, and surfacing. It is about 200 feet long.

A Look Behind the Scenes: Our Personnel

An often-overlooked aspect of our work is the role of the railroad's full-time staff members, track foreman Henry Long and Zane Esposito, whose work makes possible the accomplishments that improve the railroad's welfare and future. The brains (and the guiding light) behind this enterprise is Henry Long, who plans the work, and who figures out what will be needed to get it done. Things like surveying the right-of-way, ordering materials, staging of materials at work sites, and so forth, are among the many things that he does to facilitate the preparatory steps that spell success in our work.



The EBTF/FEBT Track Crews connect the Saltillo station siding to the newly built north switch in the main line during the Spring Work Week. – Al Gallo photo

Zane Esposito, who joined the crew about a year ago, assists with all of the above. Zane has excellent instincts for working track. He's learned quickly, now possesses a considerable body of knowledge and skills, and is invaluable to the effort.

FEBT personnel are the junior partners in all of this. It's our role to help the staff members, to follow their direction, and to augment the work force, in order to serve as a "force multiplier" for the tasks we take on.

Our FEBT track crew consists, currently, of some sixty or so members. We have personnel who range in age from 18 to 84 (I told the 84-year-old, not long ago,

that I wanted to be like him "when I grow up"). Our folk come from a quite a distance (as far away as North Carolina, Colorado and Tennessee), and as nearby as Saltillo and Rockhill. We've had women join us (one daughter of one of our crew members proved to us that she could set a spike as well as anyone!), and we welcome more to become active.

As I manage the members of the crew, I'm aware that we have about four "constituencies." One group are mainly midweek workers. Another group are weekend attendees, working during FEBT Work Weekends, mostly. Still others are those who live at a distance, and whose involvement is limited, mostly, to our Spring and Fall Work Weeks. Still another group is comprised of people who can assist only occasionally, or who want to keep abreast of what we're doing and what we're planning. Of course, there's some crossovers between these four groups.

During this reporting period, 30 people assisted. During the Work Week, 19 were present. We're always delighted to welcome new members. Recently, we've welcomed Brent Kendrick and Dick Hoffman to our numbers. Welcome aboard, Dick and Brent.

I like to say that whatever time, effort, and expertise a person can bring to our efforts is always welcome. Then, I add, "it's all good." Indeed, it is. We couldn't do what we do without the presence and energy of all of those who've been mentioned in these paragraphs. We can't say "thank you" enough.

Department of Corrections: In last month's column, a photo of a crew member with a string trimmer didn't include a caption. The person in the photo is Joel Myers, who was helping to clear the track in Three Springs in preparation for the town's annual Memorial Day Weekend festival. – Gene Tucker

EBT ARCHIVES CELEBRATES RAILROAD PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN HUNGERFORD

For July's online exhibit, the East Broad Top Archives and Special Collections is featuring a series of about 100 color transparency slides, most of which were taken by John Boyd Hungerford Jr. (December 12, 1897 - May 3, 1975) in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Donated in 2025 by Tom and Barbara Moungovan, the Moungovon Collection (EBTF.2025.19) offers a rare opportunity to see both ends of the line, in color, during the final years of the East Broad Top's freight operation, as well as early Kovalchick-era images. Moreover, these slides illustrate the close-knit network of rail photographers and John Hungerford's impact on the entire rail photography community, especially inspiring interest in the eastern narrow gauge during the 1950s.

A quick Google search on John Hungerford reveals a prolific career as a newspaper publisher, rail photographer, and author ([John B Hungerford Jr., Find a Grave](#)). Hungerford traveled the world taking rail pictures, journeying to Australia to photograph the New South Wales Government Railways ([Where Was John Hungerford?](#)). His primary interest, however, was in the narrow-gauge rails of the U.S., spending extensive time in Alamosa with the Rio Grande and writing three books on narrow-gauge lines: *Hawaiian Railroads* (1963), *The Slim Princess: The Story of the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge* (1956), and *Narrow Gauge to Silverton* (c. 1958) ([Thrift Books, John B. Hungerford](#)). He had such aspirations for the EBT, too.



Engine No. 16 by Crossing in Robertsdale. 1955.– EBT Archives photo, EBTF.2025.91.15, Tom and Barbara Moungovan Collection, John B. Hungerford photo

According to fellow photographer John Krause, Hungerford was planning to write a book on the EBT (which unfortunately was not accomplished before his death), and had been Krause's inspiration for visiting Rockhill ([Orbisonia Obsession](#)). In a 1975 issue of *Railfan* magazine, Krause recalled meeting Hungerford in a motel in Alamosa in 1954. As reported by Krause, rail photographers then frequently dismissed the eastern narrow gauge, favoring those where one could "smell the Aspen and see snow-capped peaks." Hungerford, however, encouraged Krause to "stop by and get interested in the EBT," phoning C.R. Wilburn and organizing his fellow photographer's visit to Rockhill. Having been so taken with the railroad, Krause made another nine productive trips to the EBT before 1956, taking many well-known photographs during that time and introducing other notable rail photographers to the railroad.

John Hungerford's photographs of the EBT's common-carrier and early tourist days are valuable both for their contribution to the understanding of the railroad and for their visual quality. The slides, the earliest dating to 1949, remain largely unfaded and capture an array of engines, cars, employees, buildings, and parts of the historic line. A few of the images in this collection were taken after Hungerford's death during the later Kovalchick-tourist years, and the photographer remains unknown. As always, information you have regarding these images is welcome! We hope you enjoy this significant collection!

<https://ebtarchives.catalogaccess.com/exhibits/55>. – Amelia Kasdorf



Orbisonia, PA (Caboose 27 and 28, Coach 5, and Engine No. 14). July 31, 1949. – EBT Archives photo, EBTF.2025.19.27, Tom and Barbara Mounovan Collection, John B. Hungerford photo

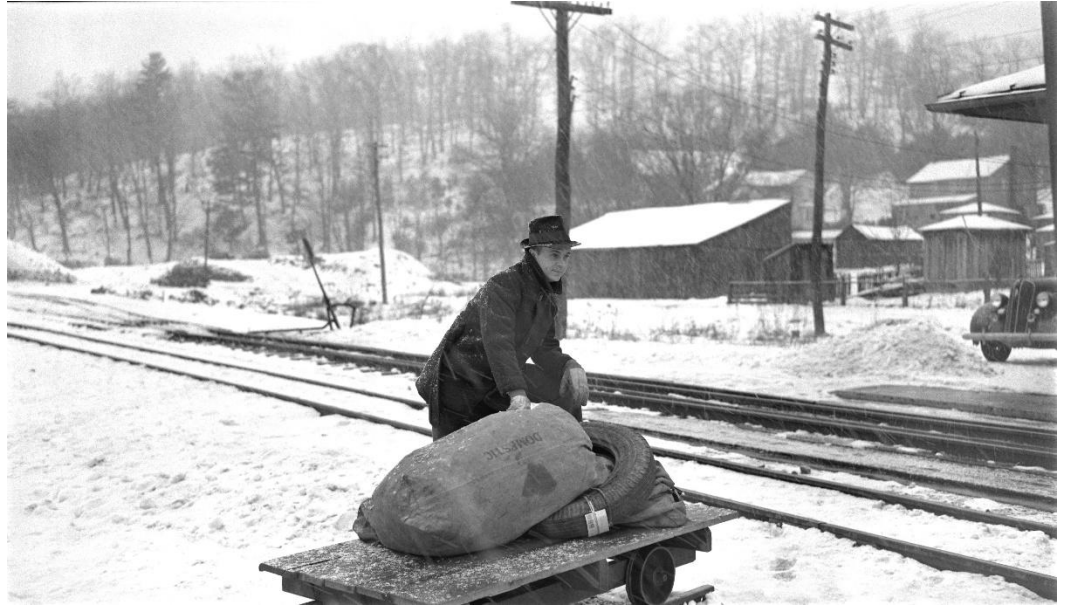
MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TRANSITION

FEBT is in the process of modernizing how we manage our membership roster. While much of this should be invisible to you it will drive some changes such as how an expiring membership is handled. It will also make an auto-renew feature possible.

As we make the transition there will be a period at least a month when membership transactions will be unavailable. We expect this to all occur in late July into August and will provide much greater detail in our August Newsletter. We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.— *Andy Van Scyoc*

ROBERTSDALE NOTES FROM JUNE

We've had a good month since I last wrote. The museum had 48 visitors during that time. We gave many walking and railbike tours. This past Saturday was one of our "Archives Days." Julie Fether brought up lots of items from the Archives for everyone to look through. What caught my eye? A map showing a track labeled "Mule Barn" to (original) Mine #9. Wait, I know I've seen photos showing that Mine #9 used electric mine motors to move cars. Ah, Bill Adams was there and looked it up. The answer is that "new #9" used electric, but "old #9" used mules. So many things for us still to learn (or be reminded of).



On June 13 there was an event for former EBT and coal company employees or their descendants. The event was centered at the railroad, but several of that group came to Robertsdale. Host Rob Wilhite wrote this, "Several descendants visited and shared pictures and stories, including one guy whose grandfather was the station agent in Robertsdale. One gentleman who lives in the area (not a descendant) stopped by and shared some pictures and clippings of mines that used to be along the Joller branch. Some of his clippings included payroll sheets showing various deductions including company store payments." Jane added this, "Kevin Potts Leisher came and shared a photo (from *Trains*, Aug 1941) of his grandfather. R.D. Potts, who was the Robertsdale station agent and one of the EBT's youngest employees. Here he is waiting for the M-1 to pick up the mail." Host Hans Plugge added this, "One of the gents on descendants' day had a pic of his grandfather and a lock on the wye by the big oak. So, I recreated the pic for him and his cousin."



Above: Robertsdale Station Agent R.D Potts waits with the mail in the early 1940s. – William Moedinger photo
Right: A museum guest poses with his mine lantern – Roy Burnham photo

Host Roy Burnham sent a picture of a guest with this explanation, “This is an antique miner's flame safety lamp, specifically a model manufactured by the Wolf Safety Lamp Company.” What fun!

What’s coming up in July? I particularly want to point out that Saturday, July 18 will be the 2nd annual Robertsdale/Wood Heritage Day. This is a chance for us to give back to the community. It features speeder rides from the EBT, BBQ chicken lunch at the firehall, special tours, and all our usual tours and exhibits. New this year will be a tour of the Italian Cemetery by Ron Morgan, which the Broad Top Area Coal Miners Museum recently refurbished. Host Hans Plugge will give a demonstration of a surveyor’s transit and will offer a hands-on activity. See the ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

Days with events are fun, but regular old normal days give you the chance to spend more time enjoying what the museum has to offer. The museum has many informative displays, walking tours, railbike tours, and many folks enjoy just sitting and talking with hosts about whatever topic is on their mind.

The museum is open every Saturday. If Saturdays don’t work for you, get together a group (even a small group) and ask if we can open on a day that would work for you. Yes, we can (or at least can try to) do that.

And don’t forget to visit the Miners Museum while you are in Robertsdale. Robertsdale, what a place! – *Pete Clarke*

FOUND IN COLLECTION

A recent Facebook post raised several questions about the telephone pole used in this year’s EBT250 exhibit at the FEBT’s Museum in Robertsdale. Good questions!

The crossbars containing insulators are a historic artifact “found in collection” as museum people like to say. This designation simply means that the item is in our collection but we don’t know how it got there. Is it historic? Yes. Did it come from EBT property? Probably. Is the pole an original artifact? No, it was purchased for the exhibit to safely mount the crossbars. Are those insulators original to the cross-bars? Almost certainly not. The variety of insulators installed on our crossbars suggests that someone collected and installed them. We left them in place because the different insulator colors and styles are fascinating and we think they look great!

The EBT250 telegraph exhibit in the FEBT Museum on its debut day of May 1, 2026. – Doug Davenport photo

For more information on the exhibit check out these resources from the archives:



Do You Recognize This Artifact?

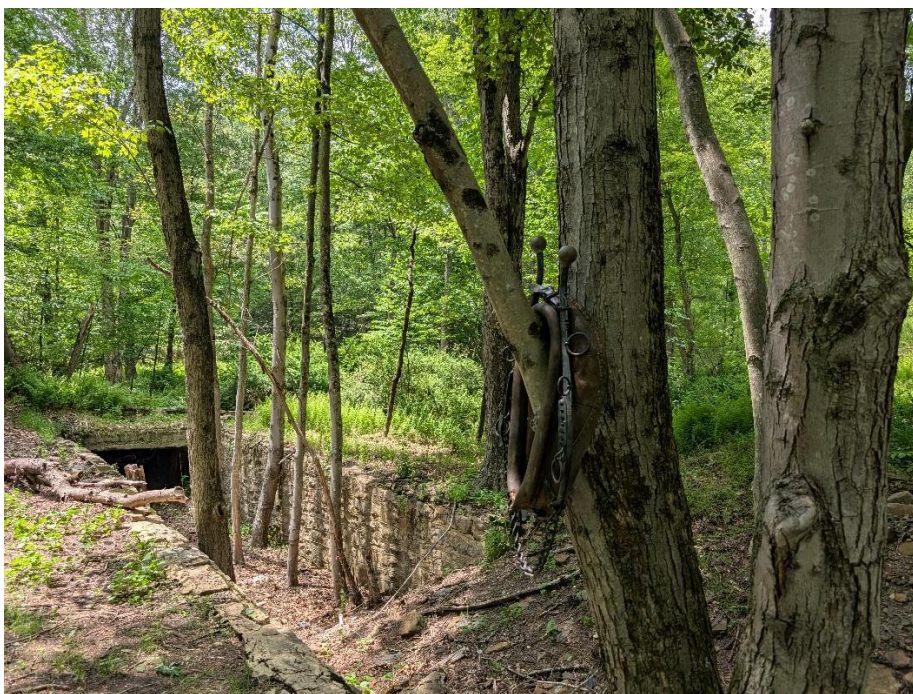


It appears to be a beautifully restored mule collar. We'd like to think it was an original EBT mule collar, collected from one of the EBT mule barns at some point long ago, proudly displayed on a wall in someone's home, and then donated to the FEBT.

In reality, we don't know. Our Robertsdale Museum hosts recently found it hanging from a tree limb by the portal of Mine #5 in Robertsdale. All we know for sure is that it appeared sometime between May 31 and June 6, 2026!

The most valuable artifacts are those that come with a history. The history lets us be sure an artifact is EBT-related and helps to tell the story of the railroad and coal company.

If you have EBT artifacts to donate, we appreciate them all no matter what path they took to get to us. But if you can tell us what you know about the artifact, it will improve our understanding of the railroad's history. We must have some information about each item before we can display it. To donate an artifact, please stop by any Saturday in Robertsdale that the museum is open, or contact us at FEBTCollections@gmail.com to make other arrangements. And if you must leave the item there when we're not open, we'd really appreciate it if you could leave your contact information so we can follow up to learn more. – *Scarlett Wirt*



Above: A close-up view of the mule collar. – Jane Clarke photo

Left: The collar was found near the Mine 5 opening. – Jane Clarke photo

JUNE FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The 2026 Campaign continued to steam ahead thanks to our many generous donors. June donations totaled \$32,285 in 81 donations, our highest June total ever. This brings the 2026 Campaign total to \$413,634, keeping us ahead of last year's record-setting pace. This month also marked a major milestone for the overall FEBT campaign, as we exceeded \$2 million in donations since February 14, 2020. Your continued support has allowed us to accomplish so many amazing things to restore, preserve, and interpret the EBT. Donations beyond the initial goal will be used to accelerate the March to Saltillo and other key EBT restoration needs. FEBT appreciates your help to support its goals of restoring, preserving, and interpreting the East Broad Top Railroad. Thank you!

2026 Campaign Goal:

\$350,000

June Donations:

\$32,285

Campaign Total:

\$413,634 – 118.2%

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* - All donors listed represent donations received between May 22, 2026 and June 21, 2026. Donations received after June 21 will be reported in the August 2026 issue due to press time constraints.

The 2026 Annual Campaign began October 1, 2025 and will run through September 30, 2026. Campaign details were revealed on October 4, during the FEBT Reunion. You may donate online (credit card and PayPal accepted) at the FEBT Company Store, <https://store.febt.org/donate>. If you prefer to send a check or money order payable to FEBT, address it to:

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Thank you for your generous support! – *Karen Bulman and Dave Bulman*

JUNE CAMPAIGN-FUNDED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

There was plenty of new progress in June, all enabled by your campaign donations. The March to Saltillo continued with track construction of the Saltillo station siding completed from Main St. to the north switch, and the main from the station to beyond the north station siding switch. All of these track materials were funded by the FEBT campaign. See Gene's track article on Page 7 for more details.

Progress also continued at Saltillo Station. Interior siding and trim purchased with campaign funding continued to be installed, with the freight room and waiting room nearing completion. Tongue-and-groove beadboard for the agent's office ceiling was purchased and delivered to the station.

Storehouse 2 in Rockhill moved forward with delivery of new 8" x 4" center posts. Installation of these allowed the stock rack assembly to be completed. Once this was done, the new siding on the south wall could be installed, and most of this wall was completed by the end of the work week.

The East Broad Top Railroad Archives and Special Collections team was busy this month with a variety of activities.

The EBT Archives released a special exhibit to honor the generations of EBT employees and their families. These images are not from a single featured collection,



Above: Siding work in the Saltillo Station waiting room is nearing completion. – Dave Bulman photo

Below: New center posts, completed stock racks, and new replica siding have been installed on Storehouse 2. – Dave Bulman photo



but rather a curated collection of employee photos already digitized and accessible:

<https://ebtarchives.catalogaccess.com/exhibits/54>. The Archives also participated in the EBT Descendants Reunion accepting donations of photographs and other archival materials brought by former EBT and RI&CCo. employee family members for scanning. Nine donations were accepted including rare EBT employee paystubs, two “Official Dues Stamp Books” for Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, and an 1873 EBT Rules Book (the earliest seen by the Archives team!).

Archivist Julie Fether and Archives Technician Amelia Kasdorf shared a new slide collection being prepared for public access with FEBT volunteers during their June Work Week evening presentation. The Tom and Barbara Mounsgovan Collection features photographs by known railroad photographer and author, John B. Hungerford. FEBT volunteers and Foundation Track Foreman, Henry Long, had a great time identifying locations of many of the color images taken of the EBT in 1955. The collection is released for the July exhibit [see article on Page 9].



EBT Track Foreman Henry Long and Archivist Julie Fether review Henry's copies of ICC Valuation track maps from 1917 to determine the exact location of one of the slides featured at the FEBT Work Week evening presentation for volunteers. – Al Gallo photo

Fourteen donations were accepted for the FEBT collections, including donations from the EBT Descendants Reunion and four donations were accepted for the Foundation collections, including rare footage of a 1951 fan trip.

Primary funding for the EBT Archives activities comes from the FEBT campaign.

Your continued support of the 2026 Campaign will provide needed track materials for the March to Saltillo, allow the completion of the Saltillo Station, continue building restoration in Rockhill Furnace, continue to fund the East Broad Top Railroad Archives and Special Collections activities, support the restoration of locomotive No. 15, and support other projects to preserve, restore, and interpret the EBT.

The 2026 Campaign runs until September 30, 2026. You may donate online (credit card and PayPal accepted) at the FEBT Company Store, <https://store.febt.org/donate>. If you prefer to send a check or money order payable to FEBT, address it to:

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FEBT COMPANY STORE FEATURED ITEMS

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Over 100 years old, the Carpenter Shop (or Carpentry Shop)(HAER building #33) in the Rockhill Furnace yard served as the base for the railroad's "Bridge and Building" crew. They specialized in keeping the EBT's windows, doors, facilities, and bridges in working order. Most of the building was actually used for storage while about one-quarter was used for smaller carpentry work. Features of the kit include:



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JUNE VOLUNTEERS

The following members volunteered from May 22 to June 21 in Rockhill Furnace, in Robertsedale, along the line, or remotely to support FEBT. Thanks to all FEBT volunteers for their dedicated efforts to preserve, restore, and interpret the EBT.

Bill Adams	Stacey Batovsky	Lawrence Biemiller	John Bowie
Sue Briggs	Alexander Brown	Dave Bulman	Karen Bulman
Roy Burnham	Jane Clarke	Pete Clarke	Jim Colby
Chris Coleman	Craig Confair	Chris Connacher	Alex Cook
Walt Culver	Doug Davenport	Ray Davidowski	Ralph Davidson
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Kevin Lekas	Doug Linebaugh	Mathew Malkiewicz	Hannah Marchok
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Joel Myers	Kevin Nolish	Sam Painter	Nick Pautler
Tom Perman	Dave Phillips	Hans Plugge	Rich Poletto
John Quinn	Jon Radder	Lee Rainey	Becky Reese
Mark Reese	Bill Reynolds	Blake Rimmey	Rick Rourke
Tim Schindele	Russell Semen	Jim Seville	Elaine Snider
Blair Stewart	Roger Stier	John Thompson	Jim Troup
Deb Tucker	Gene Tucker	Lamar Tyson	Jared Ughetto
Dick Ullery	Andy Van Scyoc	Mike Wahler	Bill Wheeler
John Widmeyer	Chuck Wikert	Norm Wilcox	Rob Willhite
Scarlett Wirt	Jim Witmer	Brian Wolfe	Charlie Wootton
Steve Zuby			

WE LOVE A PARADE!: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FEBT FLOAT IN THE AMERICA'S 250 PARADE

FEBT will celebrate EBT history the with a float in the Huntingdon County America's 250 parade. Huntingdon County has selected Orbisonia/Rockhill Furnace as the site of the America's 250 parade, and the FEBT needs you to help!



The FEBT parade float will represent the EBT's history with an EBT handcar, and volunteers representing the FEBT's preservation efforts through the years will march beside it. If you're an FEBT member there's a place for you in the parade, whether you help decorate the float, ride on it, or walk beside it!

Join us in an incredible lineup of marching bands, emergency equipment, floats, twirlers, community groups, and historical displays. Whether you participate in the parade or pull up a lawn chair to watch, don't miss this milestone event.

The parade is scheduled for Monday, August 3, at 6pm, beginning in Orbisonia and ending at the EBT.

Click here to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044DA4AF2EABFF2-64635848-febt/170187878#/>, and contact Scarlett Wirt for more information (febtcollections@gmail.com, 865-617-0319). – *Scarlett Wirt*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Host	Event
July 4	EBT	4 th of July at the EBT
July 11	RTM	Car Cruise-In
July 18-20	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
July 18	FEBT	Young Easties Work Session
July 18	FEBT/BCACMHS	Robertsdale-Wood Heritage Day
July 18	EBT	Trackside Tastes & Tunes
July 19	EBT	Ice Cream Train
July 25, 26	RTM	Stuff the Trolley
August 15-16	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
August 15	EBT	Trackside Tastes & Tunes
August 16	EBT	Ice Cream Train
August 30	EBT	Trackside Tastes & Tunes
September 5	EBT	Clash of the Axemen
September 10-13	EBT	Central Pennsylvania Ragtime & American Music Fest.
September 12	FEBT	Young Easties Work Session
September 12-13	FEBT	Rockhill Work Session
September 12	EBT	Trackside Tastes & Tunes
September 14-18	FEBT	Rockhill Work Week
October 3	EBT	Broad Top Brews Train
October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31	EBT	Pumkin Patch Express
October 10	FEBT	FEBT Museum Archives Day
October 18	FEBT	Young Easties Work Session
November 27, 28, 29	EBT	Christmas in Coal Country
December 4-6, 11-13, 18-20	EBT	Christmas in Coal Country

Hosts: FEBT
EBT
RTM
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Week of June 29th



REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE | WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

Northbound Excursions to Colgate Grove
Shop Tours: 10:15 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM, 2:45 PM
Diesel: Wed-Thu • Steam: Fri-Sun
Kids ride free Wed and Thurs (see website for details)

Departures
10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM

Special Experiences

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH Saturday

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with steam train rides, family activities, food trucks, special excursions, and evening fireworks.

Activities Begin
10:30 AM

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

McCartney's RV • The Caboose • Orbisonia Hardware • G&H Anderson Excavating
• Sandy Ridge Market • Sandy Ridge Express • George's Used Cars

HOSTLING TOUR Friday-Saturday

Spend a morning around the turntable and get an in-depth look at how our crews prepare Steam Locomotive #16 for a day of service.

Start Time
7:30 AM

LOCOMOTIVE RIDE Friday-Sunday

Hop aboard Steam Locomotive #16 for a ride on the tender along our historic right-of-way.

Departures
10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM



Gallery Exhibition The East Broad Top Railroad Matthew Malkiewicz



Friday, July 3 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 11 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Huntingdon County Historical Society
106 Fourth Street, Huntingdon, PA

July 4 Celebration

At The East Broad Top

Celebrate America's 250th with
Trains • Food • Family Activities • Fireworks



July 4, 2026

Events
(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Steam Train Departures**
 - North: 10:30 AM - 12 PM - 1:30 PM
 - South: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Food Vendors**
All Day
- Family Activities**
All Day
- Speeder/Handcar Rides**
Fun for the Whole Family
- Shop Complex Tours**
10:15am - 11:45 PM - 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
- M-1 Motorcar**
2:15 PM (All Track Excursion) 4:15 - 6:15 PM (Northbound)
- Fireworks Display**
Best viewed from the East Broad Top Grounds

More activities and train departures online

★ Book your adventure now at eastbroadtop.com ★

Two Historic Railroad Experiences • One Day

See Big Boy 4014 in Huntingdon County • July 8



Then,

Ride the East Broad Top Railroad

Mountain Twilight Excursion
5:00 PM • Rockhill Furnace, PA

FEWER THAN 30 SEATS REMAIN

PENNSYLVANIA
THE GREAT AMERICAN GETAWAY

ADMISSION
\$3 KIDS 5 & UNDER FREE

FOOD TRUCKS
5:30PM
THE HOG HUSTLER
BATTERED & FRIED
HEETER'S SWEET TREATS
POOL PARTY
7:30PM-9:30PM

JULY 9TH
THREE SPRINGS COMMUNITY POOL

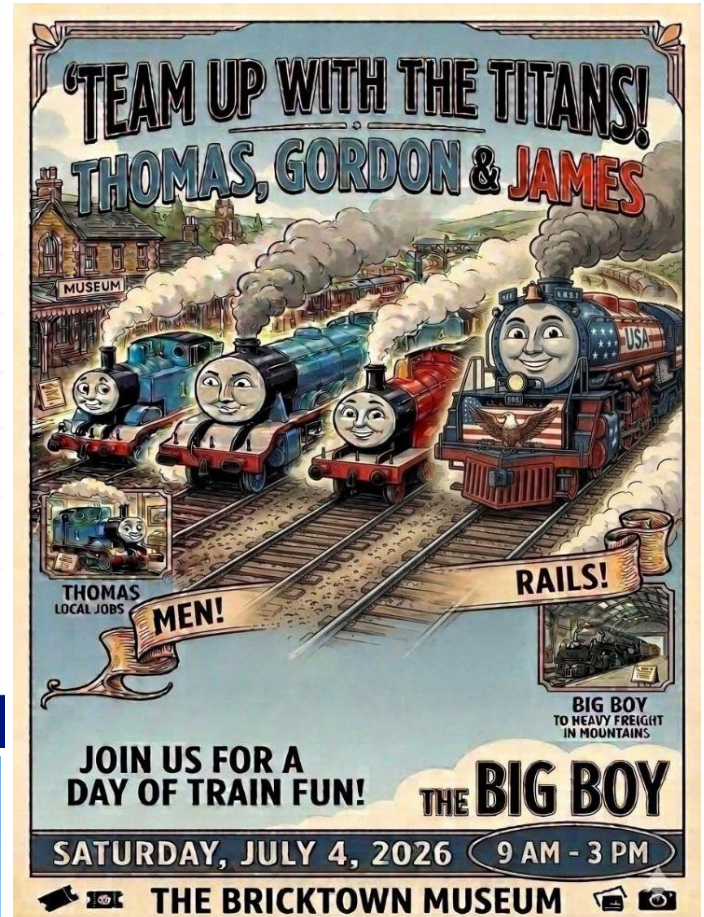
10% OF FOOD SALES BENEFIT FRIENDS OF THREE SPRINGS COMMUNITY POOL

BATTERED & FRIED
"No scales or tails"
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'TEAM UP WITH THE TITANS!'

THOMAS, GORDON & JAMES



RAILS!

MEN!

THOMAS LOCAL JOBS

BIG BOY TO HEAVY FREIGHT IN MOUNTAINS

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF TRAIN FUN!

THE BIG BOY

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026 9 AM - 3 PM

THE BRICKTOWN MUSEUM

CAR CRUISE-IN & Trolley Rides



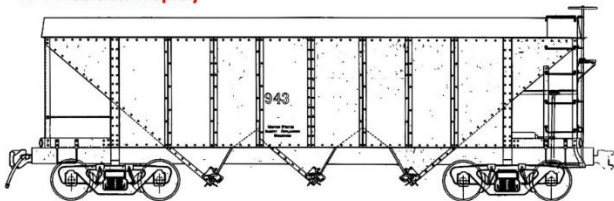
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
11 AM - 4 PM

430 Meadow Street
Rockhill Furnace, PA 17249

**Second Annual Robertsdale-Wood
Heritage Day
July 18, 2026
from 10 AM to 5 PM**

Featuring:

- EBT speeder rides from Robertsdale to (near) Wood
- Railbike and walking tours
- Special Tours:
 - Italian Cemetery at 12:30 PM
 - St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Wood at 2:00 PM
 - Mine #6 site in Wood at 3:00 PM
- Lawn Games, picnic area
- Surveyor's transit demo and hands-on activity
- Activities at the FEBT Museum and Coal Miners Museum
- Community-wide yard sales
- Chicken BBQ at the RW&BT Fire Hall, starting at 11:30 AM
- Firetruck display



Brought to you by: Friends of the EBT Museum, Broad Top Area Coal Miners Museum, RW&BT Fire Company, and the East Broad Top RR.

STUFF THE TROLLEY



IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR
HUNTINGDON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY!



VISIT ROCKHILL TROLLEY MUSEUM AND DONATE TO SHELTER
PETS IN NEED WHILE THEY WAIT FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES.



**SATURDAY, JULY 25 & SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026
11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**

EACH VISITOR THAT DONATES CAN PURCHASE A ½ PRICE TICKET TO RIDE ALL DAY!
(DISCOUNTED FARE: ADULTS \$6.00 – CHILDREN 2 AND OLDER \$5.00 – CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE)

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

PET SUPPLIES	CLEANING SUPPLIES
• CAT LITTER ◦ (UNSCENTED; CLUMPING/NON-CLUMPING) • PURINA KITTEN FOOD • PURINA NATURAL CAT FOOD • CAT TOYS • CAT NIP, CAT NIP BUBBLES • PURINA ONE DOG FOOD • HARD DOG TOYS • HARD DOG CHEWS ◦ (I.E. BULLY STICKS) • MARTINGALE COLLARS	• ODOBAN • WHITE VINEGAR • GLASS CLEANER • DAWN DISH DETERGENT • DRYER SHEETS • LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT



Jingles the Trolley
Elf will join the
volunteers and
visitors to help
support shelter
pets!

**ROCKHILL
TROLLEY MUSEUM**
WWW.ROCKHILLTROLLEY.ORG

430 MEADOW STREET
ROCKHILL, PA 17249



UPCOMING ROCKHILL FURNACE VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

We are making great progress on restoration projects in Rockhill and other locations, but there is much more to be done. We have a dedicated group of volunteers, but we can always use more to help with our many projects. If you'd like to help with these and future projects, please consider joining us!

The next Rockhill Restoration Work Weekend will take place Saturday, Sunday, and Monday July 18, 19, and 20. The remainder of the 2026 Rockhill schedule is on our website at <https://febt.org/volunteer/>. Please consider coming out to help us continue to preserve and restore the EBT. If you are interested in participating in the Rockhill sessions, including track work and are not on the current signup distribution, or if you have questions or suggestions about volunteering please contact Dave Bulman, the FEBT Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@febt.org. – Dave Bulman

FEBT MUSEUM SCHEDULE

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Every Saturday, through October 31, 2026.





Inspiration taken from an Archives & Special Collections John Krause photograph during the recent Descendants Reunion weekend. 70 years and 69 days apart.

Top: East Borad Top No. 17 2-8-2, Last Run, April 6, 1956 – EBT Archives photo, EBTF.2025.11.145, John Krause photo

Left to Right:

James A. 'Buz' Pheasant (fireman)

Drue Coyler (engineer)

Steve Painter (front brakeman)

Henry Steninger (conductor)

Charlie Hooper (rear brakeman)

Archives Team, June 14, 2026.

Locomotive No. 16 – Matthew

Malkiwewicz photo

Left to Right:

Scarlett Wirt (collections custodian)

Estelle Miller (Juniata College FEBT intern)

Chloe Dunn (Juniata College FEBT intern)

Sue Briggs (granddaughter of Steve Painter)

Amelia Kasdorf (archives technician)

Julie Fether (lead archivist)



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 2,200 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.

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.