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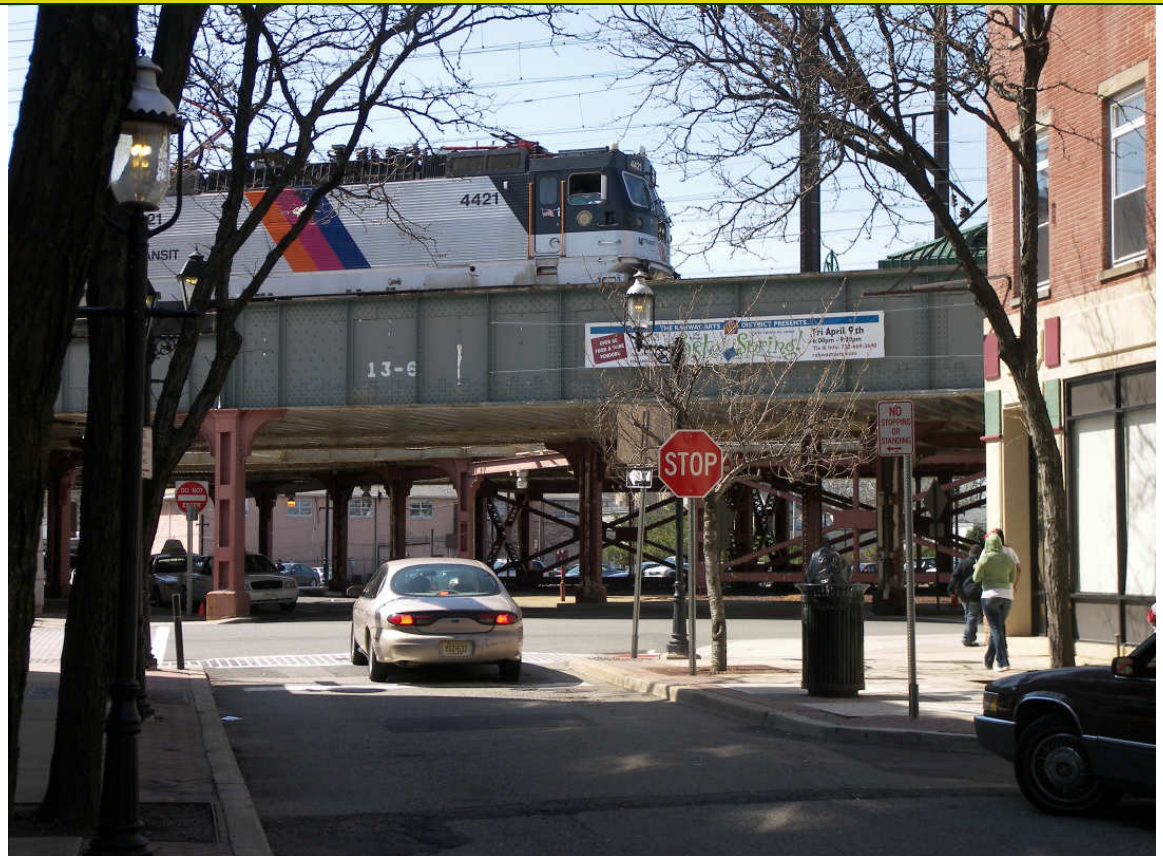
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**Next Meeting:**  
**May 6, 2010**  
**7:15 PM**



## PASSING THE TORCH . . . AGAIN

**Above:** NJ Transit ALP-44 No. 4412 prepares to depart Rahway, NJ with a northbound train for Penn Station, New York City on Good Friday afternoon, April 2, 2010. After nearly 20 years of service, the this ALP-44 and others are on the verge of retirement, gradually being replaced by new ALP-46s and PL42-ACs that are better suited for hauling the new bilevel coaches.



Rahway, NJ is on the former Pennsylvania Railroad's Philadelphia to New York main line and is six tracks across.

**Left:** Town Administrator Phillip Mishoe and Mayor Mac Martin unveiled Central's new historical marker sign commemorating the Peach Queen and Southern Crescent passenger trains at 5:30 PM last Thursday, April 22. The new sign is the third one on Main Street that proudly displays Central's heritage with the Southern Railway.

**Photos by Rob Seel**



# APPROACHING HEADLIGHTS

Upcoming Events for the  
**Central Railway Model & Historical Association**  
For other shows and events, please see the list at the end of the newsletter.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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May 6, 2010	<b>TBA</b>
June 3, 2010	<b>Program needed</b>
July 1, 2010	<b>Your Big Break!</b>
August 5, 2010	<b>Threat: Another New Hope &amp; Ivyland program by Rob unless someone steps up</b>
September 2, 2010	Annual Picnic, TBA
October 7, 2010	<b>Your clinic, perhaps?</b>
November 4, 2010	<b>Do I hear crickets?</b>
December 2, 2010	Christmas Dinner, TBA

**Open Dates:** Hurry and see Dale Reynolds to reserve your spot to tell us what you know (before he sees you!)

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY**

**MUSEUM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**MAY 8, 2010**

**JUNE 12, 2010**

**JULY 10, 2010**

**AUGUST 14, 2010**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2010**

**OCTOBER 9, 2010**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2010**

**DECEMBER 11, 2010**

## SCHEDULED EVENTS & SHOWS

**May 1 – 2, 2010**  
**SAVANNAH, GA**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Train Show**  
Sports Center, Armstrong Atlantic State Univ.  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
\$5.00, Children 12 and under & Military Free  
*Coastal Rail Buffs*

**June 12 - 13, 2010**  
**SPENCER, NC**  
**Rail Days 2010**  
North Carolina Transportation Museum.  
*More Info Coming*

**June 22 - 26, 2010**  
**SCRANTON, PA**  
**2010 NRHS NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**Endless Mountain Rails**  
Steamtown National Historic Site.  
[www.endlessmountainrails.com](http://www.endlessmountainrails.com)

**July 11 - 18, 2010**  
**MILWAUKEE, WI**  
**National Train Show & 75<sup>th</sup> NMRA National Convention**  
Midwest Airline Center.  
[www.nmra75.org](http://www.nmra75.org)

**Sept 18 - 19, 2010**  
**BRYSON CITY, NC**  
**Railfest 2010**  
Great Smoky Mountains Railroad.  
*More Info Coming*



**Mystery Photo!** Can anyone identify What this is and Where it is? Maybe even Mac won't know this one!



# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

By Glenn Nasworthy,  
Stationmaster

April 1, 2010

SERVES THE UPSTATE

## Regular Meeting at the Central Railway Museum

In the absence of the President the meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Keith at 7:15PM.

Twenty-one members were in attendance.

New members Al Costa and Greg Mathews were introduced.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the treasurer, Ron Keith reported that a budget for 2010 has been established. It is as follows:

Office supplies:	\$ 250
Insurance:	450
Building:	750
Curator:	300
Heritage areas:	1070
Bench work:	200
Electrical:	1000
Track:	1500
Scenery:	1500
Rolling stock:	300
Web site:	100
<u>Modular layout:</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	\$7620

Ron brought up that the dues paying period is now over.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Building:** No report

**Annual Train Show:** we have received a tax bill from the city of Easley

**Central Railroad Festival:** Ron reported everything is on go. All members are asked to show up Saturday morning the 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM to help with the portable layout, Thomas layouts and the museum house. Ron drew attention to the windows in the Function Junction building that member Margo Torelli has painted.

**Portable Layout:** Jim McInnis reported that a power bus has been put around the layout to enable lights being added.

**Monthly Program:** No report

**Lionel Room:** Jim Selton reported that they were doing some planning. He said that it would be possible to have some attic storage space above the Lionel room if the club wanted it. The general opinion was to do it as they rework the room.

**American Flyer Room:** No report

**Museum Curator:** No report

### HO Layout:

**Bench Work:** Jim McInnis said they are waiting on some scenery work to be done so they can proceed with bench work.

**Track Work:** Some more turnouts have been made.

**Wiring:** Howard Gardner said the wiring is keeping up with the track work.

**Scenery:** Sandy Eustis reported they are working on the Sawdust Creek area.

**Rolling Stock.** They have four wood kits to be assembled.


### NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Eustis is going to do a program for the OLLI group at Clemson on Model Railroading. He plans to use the museum meeting room and asked for volunteer assistance with the program. It will be five Tuesdays starting in May. See him for details.

Remember that the Central Festival is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

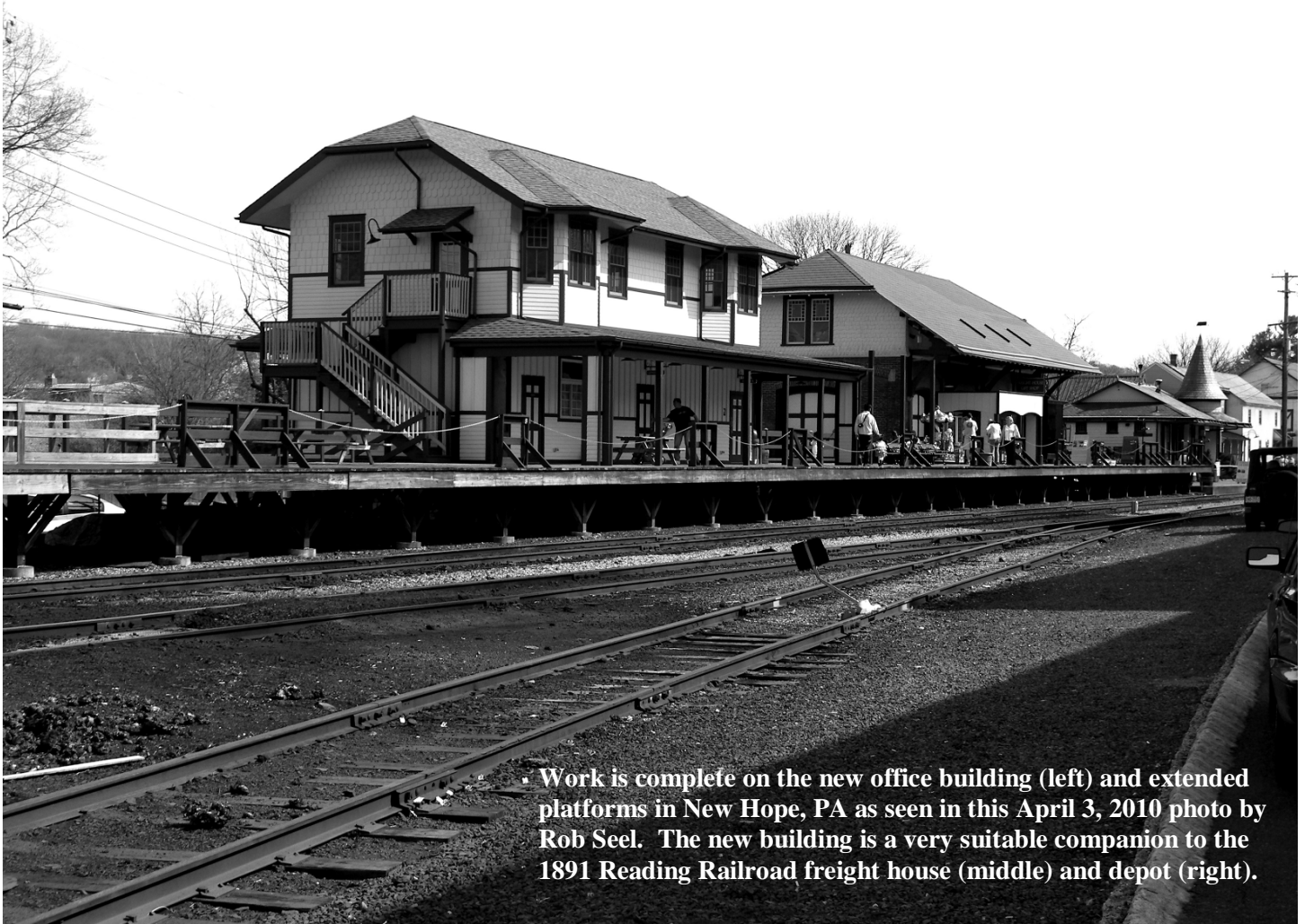
There is a South East Region NMRA meet in Alabama. See Al Costa or Howard Garner for more details.

The Business Meeting was adjourned.

**Program:** Jim McInnis presented a program about painting figures for a layout. He brought brushes, paints and unpainted figures. Everyone painted some figures which will be used on the club layout. 

# SPRING BREAK HERITAGE TOUR MARCH, 26 - APRIL 4, 2010

By Rob Seel



• Work is complete on the new office building (left) and extended platforms in New Hope, PA as seen in this April 3, 2010 photo by Rob Seel. The new building is a very suitable companion to the 1891 Reading Railroad freight house (middle) and depot (right).

**There comes a time** in every father's life when the children are old enough to remember the places he takes his children on vacations and the significance of those places. This past spring I took advantage of my daughters' maturity (and still young enough ages to qualify for children's admission prices) and took them on a Heritage trip to the land of my childhood: North-Central New Jersey. We visited many sites associated with Continental Army encampments, George Washington's various headquarters, a few days in New York City, and Seel family haunts.

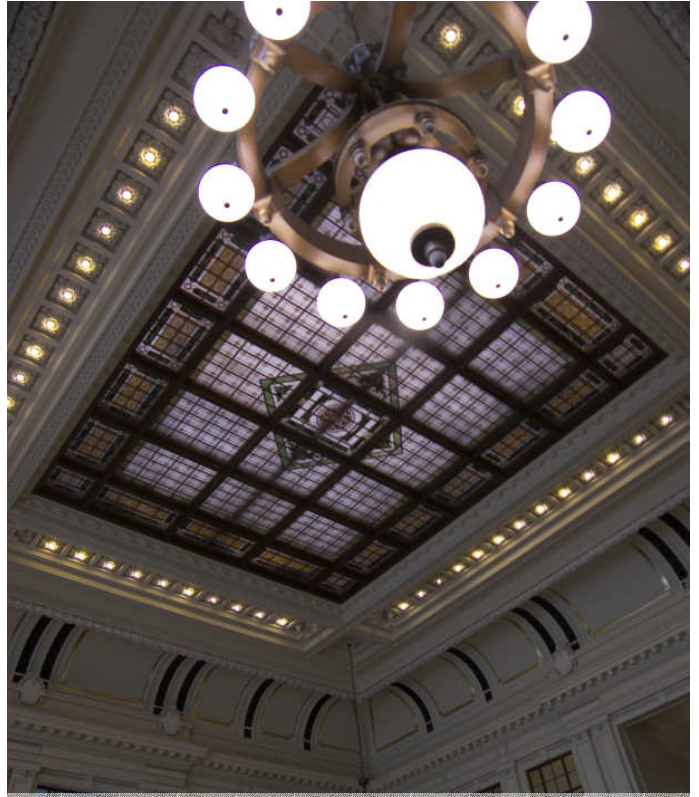
Naturally, we also took some time for railfanning throughout our meanderings. We rode trains of many

kinds including bright and clean Light Rail from Lincoln Harbor to Hoboken, aged and weary PATH trains from Hoboken to Penn Station, and snappy-new NYC subways all over Manhattan. We also took time to relax trackside by the old Northeast Corridor speedway to watch the full-size electrics race by faster than my camera's shutter speed. We witnessed state-of-the-art and historic diesel units from PL42ACs to GP30s. We also paid personal visits to a couple of sleeping dragons about to awake from winter hibernation. And yes, we even "took a Chance" on an amusement park Heisler masquerading as a 2-foot gauge CP Huntington 4-2-4T (with EMD trucks).

Here, then, is a pictorial on how I spent my spring break in the land where trains live.

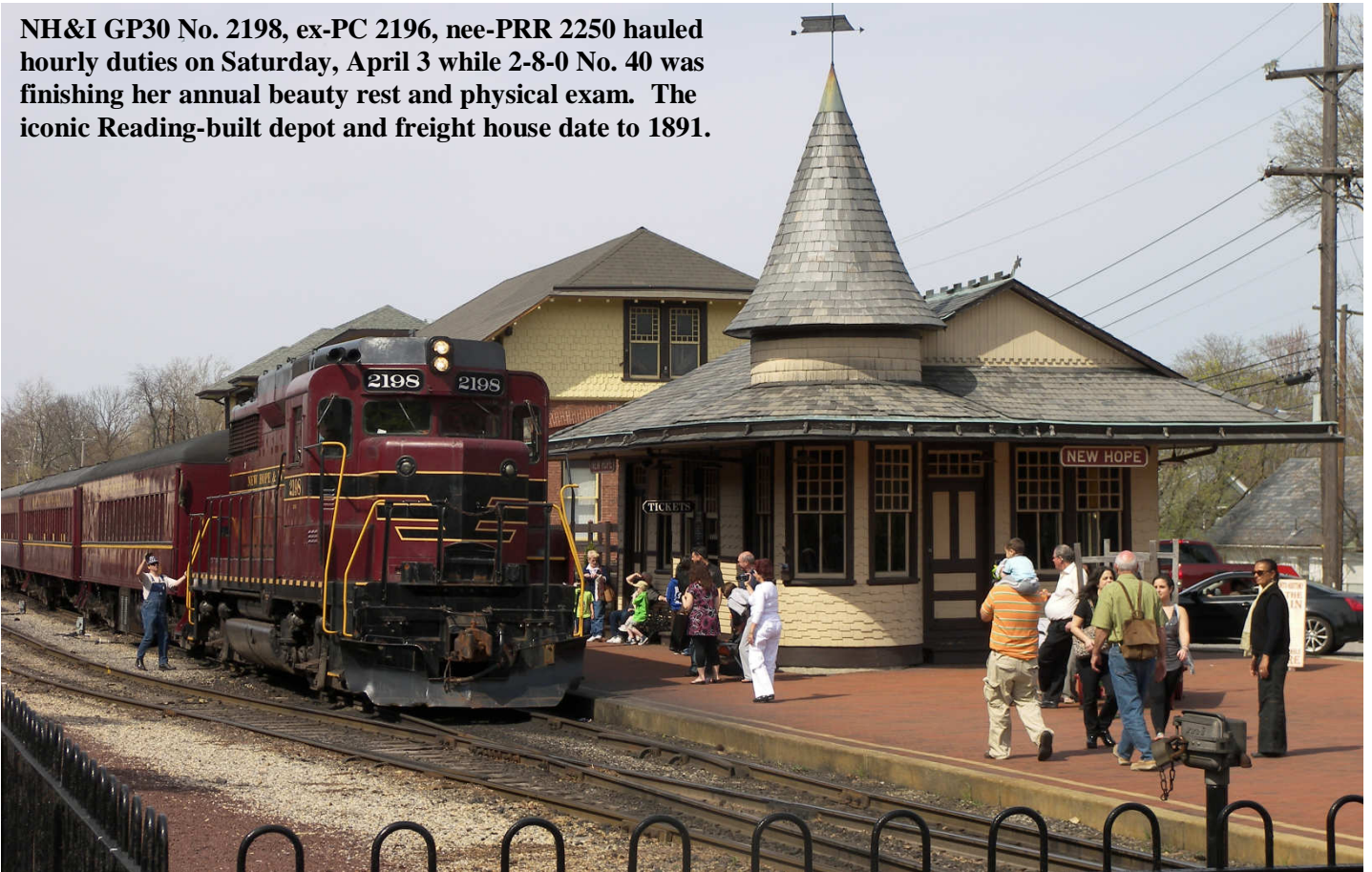


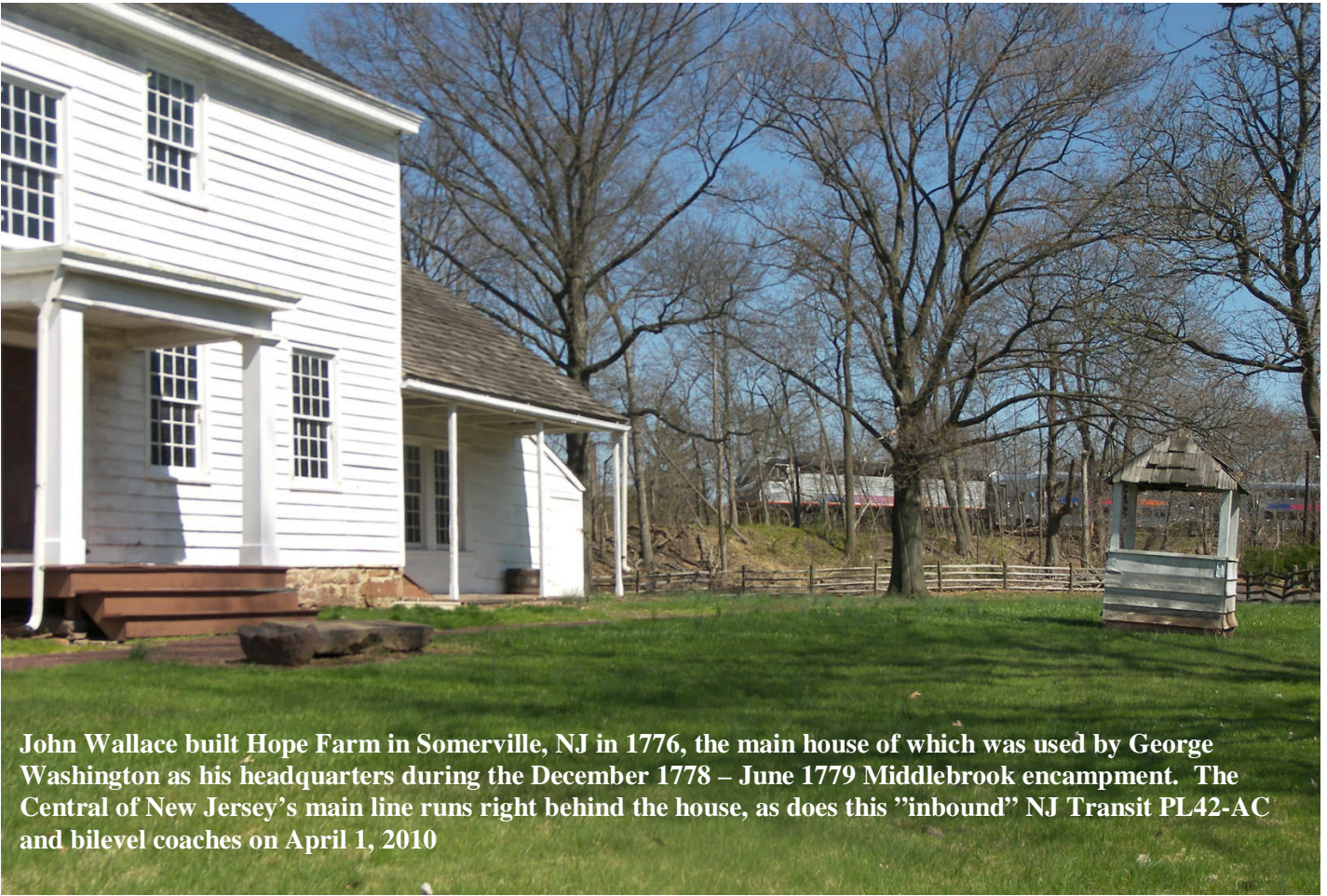
The marble staircase in the concourse of Grand Central Terminal still makes a majestic impression on March 29, 2010, just as it did in its 1913 debut.



Hoboken Terminal is still in the midst of massive renovations and restorations. The DL&W built the rail and ferry anchor in 1903.

NH&I GP30 No. 2198, ex-PC 2196, nee-PRR 2250 hauled hourly duties on Saturday, April 3 while 2-8-0 No. 40 was finishing her annual beauty rest and physical exam. The iconic Reading-built depot and freight house date to 1891.





**John Wallace built Hope Farm in Somerville, NJ in 1776, the main house of which was used by George Washington as his headquarters during the December 1778 – June 1779 Middlebrook encampment. The Central of New Jersey’s main line runs right behind the house, as does this "inbound" NJ Transit PL42-AC and bilevel coaches on April 1, 2010**



**A few short minutes after the above inbound train passed, PL42-AC No. 4020 pulls its "outbound" consist past the Wallace House on its way to terminate in Raritan, NJ.**



Amtrak and NJ Transit have cut back about twenty years' of overgrowth along the right-of-way, so picture taking is a lot easier now! All photos on this page, and many more, were taken during a twenty-minute period, parked at the Ford dealership across NJ Hwy 27 in Colonia, NJ, around 6:30 in the evening. Between the two carriers, there is a train blasting through (up to 120 mph) every seven minutes or less at most times during the day.

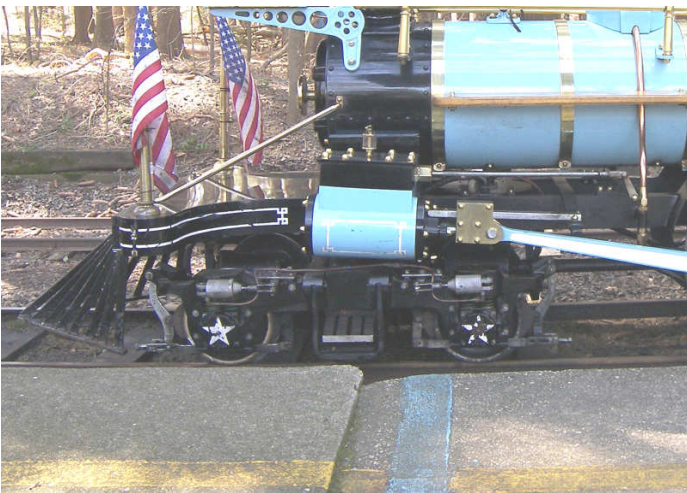




**Upper and lower left:** The Central Railroad of New Jersey abandoned its line across the Raritan River South Branch in Neshanic Station in 1957 due to deterioration and repair expenses. The Amerman Mill next to the bridge and the old CNJ depot are now private residences. Even as a youngster I thought this would make a great scene to model.

**Upper right:** The Black River & Western's 2-8-0 No. 60 (nee Colorado Great Western No. 60) is a 1937 ALCO that's been out of service since 2000. It is just about finished being rebuilt and is awaiting FRA inspection to return to steam this summer.





Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, NJ is not a big zoo, but it has been a family favorite for generations. And, one of the more popular attractions has always been the train ride: an out-and-back, reverse loop ride that lasts about 15 minutes. The zoo operates two train sets built by Chance Industries (now Chance-Morgan) of Wichita, Kansas. These train sets have been in production since 1961 and run on gasoline, diesel, or propane, depending on the engine specified. Mechanically, it is a Heisler, with an idler driver that spins for cosmetic appeal. On our visit, April 2, 2010, the older, red train gave away its secrets, since the drive wheels were missing (upper left). It is also curious to note that on these 4-2-4T locomotives the lead and trailing trucks resemble EMD Blombergs, not usually seen on steam locomotives of the 1863 variety. Still, it was a very nice ride, achieving road speeds of up to 10 mph. This is the second Chance Huntington I've ridden; the first still operates at Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park in Lancaster, PA 