

# Harrisburg Chapter National Railway Historical Society

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“Hershey Trolley No. 7; Then and Now” will be the topic of an illustrated talk by Don Rhoads, Jr. and Bob Lawless to Harrisburg Chapter National Railway Historical Society on January 9 at Hoss’s Restaurant, 743 Wertzville Rd., Enola, PA. Business meeting and speaker begin at 7 pm, with a meal available as early as 5 pm. The dinner and meeting are open to the public.

Rhoads, a local historian, has authored a number of books relating to Lebanon County, PA history, including a history of Lebanon County railroads. He will recount Hershey’s trolley operation, which ran from 1904–1946, and Trolley No. 7 and its life on the Hershey Transit.

Lawless is a volunteer with the preservation group Friends of Hershey Trolley. He will discuss the Cincinnati Car Company, Trolley No. 7 on the Ephrata & Lebanon line and share insights into the restoration efforts to bring No. 7, back to life.

Both were co-authors along with others of a book titled *Hershey Transit* published by Arcadia Publishing in 2013

Based in Hershey, PA, Friends of Hershey Trolley is a committee of Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society. In addition to trolley No. 7, the group is also working to restore trolley No. 3 and the vintage Hershey Park (sic) electric train.

Harrisburg Chapter, one of over 135 chapters of the National Railway Historical Society, is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to studying railroad history and preserving significant local railroad artifacts. Major projects include: maintaining Pennsylvania’s official electric locomotive (GG-1 # 4859) as well as Pennsylvania Railroad wood-sided N6B caboose, and preserving and operating Harris Tower, a National Register of Historic Places structure.