

Modular Group

The Reading Company Technical and Historical Society is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the Reading Railroad. The modular group includes members interested in preserving the Reading through modeling.

Our HO scale layout consists of modules, mostly four or six feet in length, that highlight scenes once found along the Reading Railroad. Features include bridges, tunnels, rail yards, engine facilities, industries, agriculture, parks and recreation, and passenger operations.

Being of a modular design, the layout is flexible and can be assembled in lengths ranging from 60 to 140 feet. The width is fixed at 14 feet and height is three feet. The layout is DCC controlled and consists of a double track mainline with operating signals.



Above: This shows the layout at 130 feet in length at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania on July 2, 2009



Focusing on the time period from the 1940's to the start of Conrail in 1976 one can expect to see a variety of locomotives and rolling stock. Look for the Crusader, the famous stainless steel streamliner that made two round trips per day between Philadelphia and New York. Also featured is one of the Reading's Rambles of 1959 to 1964 pulled by a T-1, 4-8-4, steam locomotive. Freight trains of mixed consists and dedicated trains of the coal and steel industry are also modeled. A highlight of the day is the run of a 140 car coal train pulled by an ABBA set of diesel locomotives. One might even see a modern intermodal or double stack train being pulled by modern "what if the Reading existed today" locomotives.



Above: The intermodal terminal at Rutherford, PA was built in the 1990's. Here one can find modern engines in a "what if" Reading paint scheme.



Above: Operator Duane Engle runs a Reading Ramble through StoweYard near Pottstown, PA **Below:** This module represents one of the many farms located along the Reading system. **Bottom:** Fleetwood, PA



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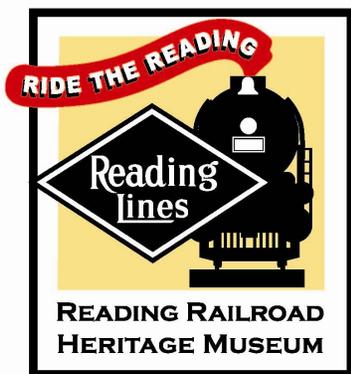
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2009 Schedule

- **May 14 - 17: Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville, PA**
- **June 11 - 14: Fairgrounds Square Mall in Reading, PA**
- **July 1 - 5: Reading Railroad Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, PA**
- **July 24 - 26: Iron Heritage Festival in Danville, PA**
- **October 9 - 11: Model Railroad Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, PA**
- **December 2 - 6: Pennsylvania Christmas Show in Harrisburg, PA**

Membership Info

In order to participate in the Reading modular group membership of the RCT&HS is required. Membership levels are as follows:

- ◆ **Individual, \$35 per year (\$45 outside USA):** Benefits of membership include free Reading Railroad Heritage Museum admission, subscription to the "Bee Line" quarterly magazine, monthly issues of the "Crusader" newsletter, voting privileges at Society meetings, and discounts on items at our museum store.
- ◆ **Family, \$43 per year (\$53 outside USA):** Provides the same benefits as Individual Membership, but only one copy of "Bee Line" and "Crusader" issued. (husband/wife, father/son, etc. please list all names).
- ◆ **Contributing, \$55 or more per year:** Provides the same benefits as described above, plus one complimentary copy of RCT&HS calendar.
- ◆ **Sustaining, \$100 or more per year:** Provides the same benefits as contributing membership and four guest passes to the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum.
- ◆ **Corporate, \$150 or more per year:** Provides the same benefits as sustaining membership, plus a monthly listing in the Crusader.
- ◆ **Full-time Student, \$15 per year:** Provides the same benefits as Individual Membership.

Ask for a membership form or visit our website.

"Preserving the Past for the Future"