

PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2006 ELECTION CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

Jim Homoki – Office: President

Jim Homoki is a founding member of the PCRRHS and has served as President this past year, as well as a Trustee for two years. He has contributed articles to the POST, and has worked with the Model Committee to assist manufacturers with various model projects. Jim's interest in Penn Central and electrified railroading can be traced to growing up within view of the trains at MP 38.5 on the New York Region mainline, now part of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. He is currently recreating some of those memories with an early Penn Central themed layout.

Dave Hopson – Office: Vice President

I've been an avid Penn Central railfan since I was young. Born and raised in Philadelphia, I grew up watching the B&O/Chessie, The Reading Company, but the major railroad was the Penn Central Transportation Co. I took commercial art as a major in high school which was right along the PC mainline.

My goal is to boost the image of the PC Society and establish better communications between the NYC, P&LE, and NH societies. I have already have a great relationship with the PRR Society and PRRT&HS president. Al Buchan. I will work hard to serve the PC Society.

Chuck French – Office: Secretary

Chuck French is a founding member of the PCRRHS and presently holds the position of Secretary. He's a former Penn Central locomotive fireman/engineer and is still working as a locomotive engineer for Amtrak with over 37 continuous years of engine service. He's held numerous positions for his BLE&T union local Division 752 in Albany, NY including president, vice president, chaplain, assistant local chairman and he presently holds the position of guide. Chuck also is an avid collector of Penn Central railroadingiana.

Michael Beverley – Office: Treasurer

Michael Beverley is a founding member of the PCRRHS and presently holds the position of Treasurer. He's a locomotive engineer for Amtrak out of Albany, NY with over 28 years in the railroad industry. He's been President, Vice President, Alternate Secretary/Treasurer and is the current Secretary/Treasurer of the BLE&T Division 752 in Albany, NY. He models O Gauge and collects many types of railroadingiana, including Penn Central.

Jerry Jordak – Office: Trustee

Jerry is a founding member of the PCRRHS and has served as trustee and webmaster since its formation, and he coordinated the 2005 PCRRHS convention in Cleveland. Jerry is employed as a Unix systems administrator in the IT department of a large national bank, and in his spare time he enjoys railfanning and working on his Penn Central-themed HO scale model railroad. As a railroad photographer and writer, Jerry has been published in several magazines, including Railfan & Railroad, Railpace, and the PCRRHS POST.

Gene Fusco – Office: Trustee

Gene Fusco lives in Fort Collins Colorado, but that has not lessened his interest in the Penn Central railroad or his participation in the Society. Gene is a Founding member of the PCRRHS, and to date has attended all of the annual conventions. Gene is currently a PCRRHS Trustee.

Gene was originally from Katonah, New York, living less than a mile from the Harlem Line. He has been an avid model railroader for over 30 years, and models the Penn Central railroad at his Colorado home. His main interests are motive power and heavy electrics. Several of his modeling efforts have won national awards and have placed the Penn Central worms in the model railroad press. In addition to his own modeling work, he has been active with his local model railroad club serving multiple terms in each of the elected offices over a 16 year time span. He is currently serving his third non-consecutive term as President. Recently, Gene has had the opportunity to start his own business, Rail Yard Models, which is involved in the manufacture of Craftsman style model railroad kits. When not running his new business, he spends time photographing trains around the mountains and plains of Colorado and Wyoming.

Jim Hebner – Office: Trustee

Jim Hebner is a founding member of the PCRRHS and served as President for the first five years of the society. Currently he holds one of the PCRRHS Trustee positions. He has been the POST editor since Issue 1, Volume 1.

Jim first started taking photographs of the Penn Central on the Hojack Line in Upstate New York. He is 20 years into a 40-year construction of a Penn Central layout of the Hojack Line.

He also owns and is restoring Penn Central N10 caboose 24014. The caboose is operable on the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway in Nelsonville, Ohio.