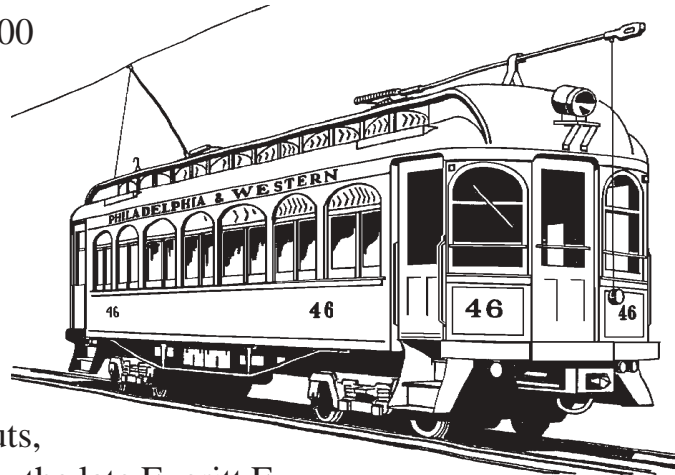


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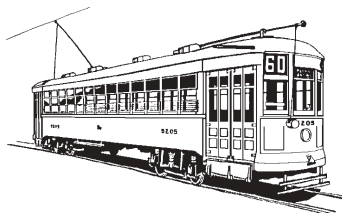
East Penn Traction Club

Modular Trolley Layouts

The *East Penn Traction Club* is a group based in the Philadelphia Delaware Valley, with over 300 members across the U.S. Their common interest is the history and modeling of electric powered rail transit vehicles, known more affectionately as trolley cars. The models actually take their operating current off of the miniature overhead wire, just as the real ones do. East Penn is perhaps best known for its adoption and promotion of modular layouts, having refined the standards formulated by the late Everitt F.



Wood in 1969. These standards allow individually-built, portable sections to be connected with each other. This concept allows the quick assembly of large layouts capable of complex operating possibilities. Modular layouts are well suited to the sharp curves, short trains and compact scenery typical of real electric transit lines. The layouts, built in 1:87 (HO gauge), 1:48 (O gauge), 1/2", and 3/4" scales, are familiar to those who have attended hobby shows along the East Coast, and have done much to introduce trolley, interurban, and rapid transit modeling to the general public.



In the spring of odd numbered years, the club sponsors the largest trolley-only model meet in the country; the next one being in May of 2011 at the Pavilion at Villanova University. (Check our web site, www.eastpenn.org, for the latest information on the meet.)

The meet draws the premier modelers and manufacturers from all over the country for a weekend of viewing models, layouts, films, photos, slides, model contests, and "how-to" clinics on subjects ranging from hanging trolley wire to modeling subway cars. In addition, the latest in trolley kits, parts, bodies, etc. are offered for sale as is prototype data such as photos and books. A popular yearly trolley calendar featuring

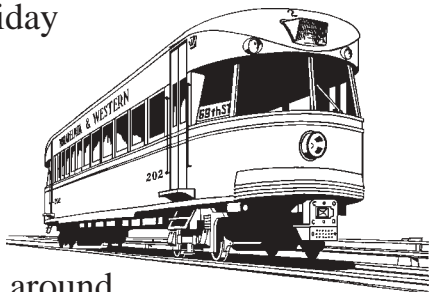


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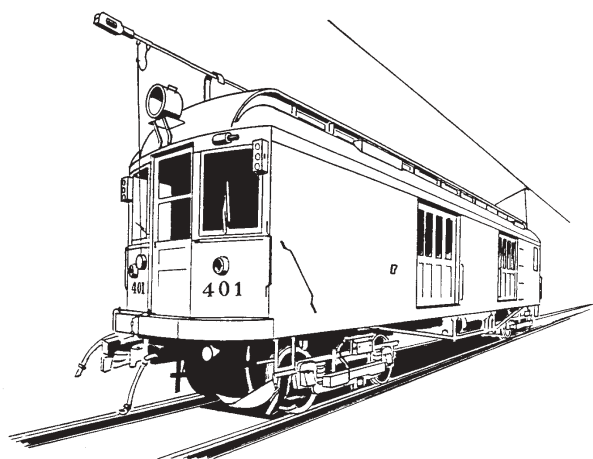


photographs of various local trolley lines is also produced by the club and sold to members and the general public.

The East Penn Traction Club meets the first Friday of every month from September through June. Meetings are typically held at various locations around the greater Philadelphia area. Members receive a monthly newsletter covering club activities and the location of the monthly meetings. Club dues are just \$10.00 for email newsletter delivery and \$15.00 for mailed newsletter delivery. If you would like to join our group, purchase our calendar, or just obtain more information, check out our web site at www.eastpenn.org or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:



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To learn more about trolleys and trolley modeling, you may wish to subscribe to one of the following periodicals. This list represents those periodicals which are currently in publication and deal exclusively with model or prototype trolleys. Other, more general railroad and model magazines also carry articles on electric rail vehicles from time to time. Check our web site or your local hobby shop for a complete listing.

Traction Prototype and Models
c/o Railhead Publications
P.O. Box 6579
Canton, OH 44706-0579
6 issues/year

Trolley Talk
P.O. Box 206
Amelia, OH 45102-0206
6 issues/year

Why TRACTION Club?

The term "traction" refers to the early name given to the use of electric motors to power trolley cars. During their time of invention, these motors came to be known as "traction motors". Therefore, the word traction has come to refer to the entire family of electrically-powered rail vehicles including streetcars, interurbans and rapid transit cars.

