

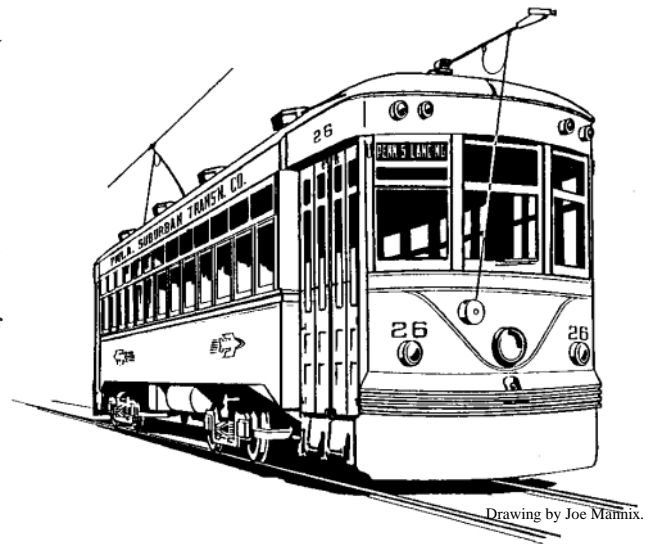
Philadelphia, PA

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. 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 the Spring of 2013. (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 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. To obtain more information, check out our web site at www.eastpenn.org.



If you would like to join our club, complete and return the application form below.



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 street-cars, interurbans and rapid transit cars.

EPTC Membership Application

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I hereby subscribe to the purposes, policies and duties of its members as described in the bylaws of the East Penn Traction Club. I also understand and agree to the admissions procedures and agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the East Penn Traction Club.

SIGN HERE: _____ DATE ____ / ____ / ____

Your membership in the East Penn Traction Club is provisional until voted on by the membership.

[] Check here to receive the club newsletter exclusively via email (and include a valid email address above.) If you have checked the box above, global dues are an economical \$10.00 per year. Otherwise, US dues are \$15.00 per calendar year to receive a mailed newsletter monthly except July and August. (\$18 per year Canada and Mexico, \$20 per year overseas) to cover postage expense.

Please enclose a check or money order for the appropriate amount, make payable to "East Penn Traction Club" and send to:

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