

In the April 2023 issue of the on-line Trolleyville Times, George Huckaby published the following announcement:

## **NOTICE TO ALL TROLLEYVILLE FANS!**

Trolleyville began publication on the Internet in June 1998, which would make it 25 years old in June 2023. During that time, there have been many changes in the way the Internet is operated and the methods used to develop web sites. Our aim in the beginning was to encourage manufacturers to make injection-molded models of the current urban transit fleet.

We were somewhat successful in getting HO scale traction models made by both Bachmann, Bowser and Con-Cor in the early 2000s. We were so close to a HO scale model of the Siemens S-70 in 2019 when the COVID-19 pandemic struck and disrupted everything.

The bottom line is that after all these years, it is time for me to pass Trolleyville to someone else. I will be in negotiations this month with the webmaster of the web site of a very well known traction club to take over or absorb the contents of the site. Nevertheless, this could be the final issue of the Trolleyville Times.

George Huckaby

Trolleyville Webmaster

## **BACKGROUND**

George Huckaby is the proprietor of Custom Traxx, a vital source for traction modeling supplies, especially for HO modelers. George established and maintained the Trolleyville website for 25 years, which contains important instructional materials, and published Trolleyville Times, a monthly electronic publication with news of model and prototype traction and modeling advice. He serves in an advisory role to Bowser Manufacturing and has been heavily involved in Bowser's development and manufacture of highly quality HO scale traction models. George is a native of the Philadelphia area, having attended St. Joseph's University. He was President of the Metropolitan Philadelphia Railway Association, a vibrant organization that held monthly meetings and operated frequent and memorable fantrips. MPRA was a pioneer in publication of traction-related periodicals in the 1950's and 1960's. Following service in the US Air Force, George relocated to Los Angeles, where he and his wife live. George is a leader in the Southern California Traction Club, which regularly displays its modular traction layout at local and regional shows. He is also an active member and Past President of the Orange Empire Railway Museum (now Southern California Railway Museum), which preserves and operates historic trolleys of the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Railways. George is a longtime East Penn member and regular attendee at our biennial Meet, where he and Custom Traxx have a prominent presence.

## **EAST PENN TRACTION CLUB**

The East Penn Traction Club web site ([www.eastpenn.org](http://www.eastpenn.org)) is happy to announce that we will be archiving copies of the Trolleyville Times going back to 1998. We also will be maintaining the Schoolhouse repository for articles on electric railway modeling and for recording electric railway prototype facts that can be used for modeling purposes.