



Dear AC&Y Railroad Historical Society Members and Friends,

Our presence at Railfest 2009 was an unprecedented success! We not only exceeded expectation on sales with the Company Store, we promoted a lot of positive Public Relations. Sales were especially strong with our series of AC&Y decals and AC&Y Station model kits. Our customers spoke highly of our product's quality and detail. At our table, we had a two page handout. The handout contained a brief history of the AC&Y and a separate membership form. During the weekend, over 150 of these handouts were distributed. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and speak with so many of you, and I received a lot of enthusiasm on our Society's future. The weather was cool, but sunny and Railfest drew a steady stream of train fans both days. The crowd was a nice mix of dedicated fans, modelers and folks just out to do something with their kids. This says a lot for the continued good health of the Railroad hobby, especially competing with a national train show the same weekend. The success of this event was due in no small part to the gracious support of our volunteers. I want to personally thank and in no particular order: Ed Kirstatter, Carl Lantz, Larry McClure, Stan Rydarowicz for help manning the table and Ralph Rizzo, who helped with publicizing the show. Finally I would like to especially thank my wife Melanie Peacock for leading this event. Although, we all teased her as she learns the difference between a covered hopper and a fishbelly hopper, she is extremely organized and professional. Due to the success and confidence Melanie earned doing this show, she has accepted the Board of Director's appointment to the Company Store's Manager. Melanie is working with our webmaster Ralph and hopes to reopen the Company Store on our website very soon!

Cheers,

Robert Peacock  
President - AC&Y Railroad Historical Society

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