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LOCAL AUTHOR SIGNING BOOKS DURING AMTMA OPEN HOUSE

ALTOONA, PA, November 11, 2009—Local historian and author Dennis P. McIlnay will be signing copies of his books, *The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City* (2007) and *Juniata, River of Sorrows* (2003) during an open house Thanksgiving weekend.

“More than anything previous, McIlnay’s book has brought one of the important stories of our region to life,” says club President Richard Mitchell. “Too few realize the importance of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Horseshoe Curve to both our region and nation in World War II and how dangerously close we came to a crippling terrorist attack by the Nazis.”

The book signing happens on the second day of the organizations popular open house at the Rockway Building 2817 Industrial Avenue, 3rd. floor. Hours for the event are Saturday, Nov. 28 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 29, 12 noon to 4 p.m. McIlnay will be available during Sunday hours.

The history of the AMTMA extends back to 1972 when a predecessor club was formed. The current organization, whose goal it is to permanently establish a model train museum in Altoona, was formed as a 501c(3) corporation in 2000. AMTMA can be found on the web at www.altoonatrains.com. The club also has displays at Lakemont Park attracting thousands of visitors each holiday season.