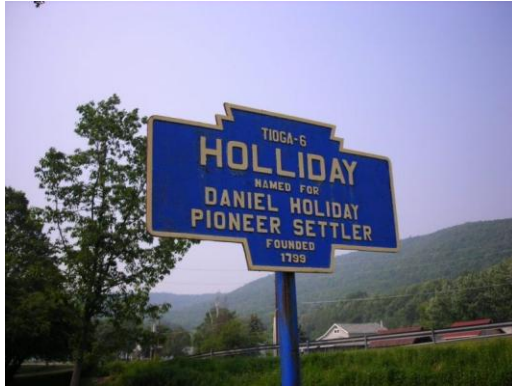




Dear Friends,



Happy HOLLIDAYs from the Keystone Marker Trust!!!
Holliday marker photo by Doug Kerr

As you can see from the list below, it has been a big year for the KMT.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE KMT in your end-of-year giving plans. There are many great projects underway, but they can't happen without your support. Additionally, funds are needed to:

- create and install marker tags on Keystone Markers to protect them from theft and market the KMT
- institute website enhancements, including a design-your-own marker page to allow marker purchasers to preview them
- purchase tools and supplies incidental to repairing markers, including badly damaged ones
- develop true-type fonts to streamline the laying out of new markers
- funds to assist with marker restoration when a partner cannot be found

Feel free to share the good news with other you think might be interested! Among KMT's many accomplishments for 2011:

FIRST PATTERNS IN SEVENTY YEARS Thanks to our partnership with Spring City Electrical Manufacturing, we now have the ability to recreate and restore badly damaged Keystone Markers in a historically accurate way for the first time in decades!

ESTABLISHING FONTS FOR TOWN AND STEAM MARKERS to assist in creating replacement markers and as part of our recordation/preservation mission

CADD RECORDATION OF MARKERS AND MARKER PARTS is the first professional recording of the design and construction of the markers. It has paved the way for our **APPROVAL OF BREAKAWAY MOUNTS** with PennDOT



RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH PUBLICITY We have had a great deal of articles published across the state about the Markers and KMT's efforts. A Wikipedia page is in creation. Additionally, our website continues to be a major repository of marker knowledge.

PENNDOT ADOPT-A-MARKER PROGRAM MOVING AHEAD PennDOT is increasingly recognizing the value of the markers and the service KMT provides and is looking to find ways to use both to its benefit.

PA MOST-AT-RISK LISTING To be announced soon, this recognition will greatly advance our advocacy efforts.

APPLIED FOR GRANT FOR NEW STREAM MARKER PATTERN We applied for a grant through the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage area, and matching funds through the Borough of Birdsboro, to install a new stream marker. Spring City Electrical Manufacturing has agreed to make NEW STREAM MARKER PATTERNS if we get this order

DISCOVERED AND RECORDED MANY NEW MARKERS of a wide variety of types. Many other markers have had their listings on our website verified and updated.

RESTORED MANY MARKERS. KMT Board members and other citizens have restored over a dozen markers this year. Jim Carn, recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution, is responsible for painting quite a few. Additionally, Jack Graham facilitated a very challenging restoration of markers in Elizabethtown. Erich Armpriester spearheaded the restoration of a marker in Lorane and presided over a highly successful rededication ceremony there in concert with the Township Historical Society. Justin Boyd and Mike Natale are working to restore the Greensboro markers. Erich Armpriester and Strasburg Railroad have volunteered to record and restore a damaged New Holland Borough markers. Markers in line for restoration or re-dedication next year include Birdsboro, Baumstown, Seyfert (2), Greensboro (2), New Holland Borough, Sanatoga (2), Leaman Plance, and elsewhere.

FIRST NEW MARKERS IN 70 YEARS Greensboro (2 markers) , Seyfert (2 markers) , and Collegetown (3 markers) are all getting new markers next year. Hay Creek may also receive a stream marker. Spring City and Paradise Township are considering new markers. Additionally, we are looking to partner to install markers in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia.

TWO NEW BALL FINIAL PATTERNS will allow castings to be produced after Christmas. We already have 2 orders.

COLOR ANALYSIS Christian Busch continues to move us forward in defining the most accurate colors for our markers

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TABLETOP DISPLAY was developed and displayed at the Statewide Heritage Conference in Harrisburg.

EQUIPMENT We are starting to build a shop of equipment to be made available to all KMT board members to restore markers. Erich Armpriester donated a portable generator for on-site repairs.

CREATION OF A KMT AWARD to recognize outstanding work in service to the Keystone Markers.