Free Virtual Lecture - "The Railroads of Cornwall" by Mark Cain

Date: Tuesday, December 14th, 2021, at 7 p.m.

The Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace will continue their lecture series with a presentation entitled "The Railroads of Cornwall" by Mark Cain. Ever since the discovery of iron ore at Cornwall, there was difficulty shipping the ore as well as iron products produced by the local furnaces and forges. Shortly after the invention of the railroad, this marvel in advanced transportation was utilized at Cornwall, eventually growing into three separate rail operations. This talk will discuss the history of the Cornwall Railroad, the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, and the Cornwall Ore Banks Company's mine railroad.

Mark is a Cornwall native and has been fascinated with railroads as long as he can remember. As a kid he hiked and biked along a section of the Cornwall Railroad's mainline between Penryn Park and Mount Hope and wondered why there was a railroad in the middle of nowhere. Eventually the discovery of a map that showed the identity of this mystery rail line sparked an interest to find out more information resulting in almost two decades of research to date. While studying Electrical Engineering for two years at Penn State Berks, he worked part time for the Cornwall Furnace. After deciding that engineering was not the path for him, Mark began employment with a Class 1 railroad as an electrician servicing the electrical systems of locomotives. Over 13 years later, he is still with the railroad.

Mike Emery (CIF Administrator) will moderate a brief discussion at the end of the presentation.

This is an online lecture that will utilize the Zoom platform.

Space is limited, and registration is required. To register please go to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PM3QKym9SnC6JFQ9fHejcw

This presentation is offered at no cost to attendees, but donations are appreciated.