



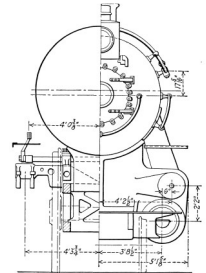
**FROM THE HEAD END - Steve Staffieri, President**

Hello to all! With the mild winter we had and the coming of Spring, I am sure some of you are looking forward to doing a little “rail-fanning” at your favorite spots. Maybe some of you have gone to a local train show or “open houses” in the area. At any rate I hope you are all shaking of those Winter “blues”.

Since the February meeting your “board” members have been working on different ideas for our National Convention in 2013, and we are always looking for input from you the members of our chapter. Please email me if you have anything in mind. Suggestions are always accepted!

I also want to thank John Tancredi for all the work he has done for over 10 years handling our chapter store. We are currently looking for someone to run the “store” at the chapter meetings only. John’s other duties will be split up. He will still promote the club for us when he goes to some train shows and we appreciate that. See you all in April!!

- Steve (interceptor92@verizon.net)



**FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

On February 11, 2012 the Philadelphia Chapter held a scheduled meeting in Drexel Hill, PA. The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by President Steve Staffieri. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded the meeting minutes. Highlights follow:

**Treasurers Report** – Treasurer Tom Lavin reported the chapters finances. Membership renewals for 2012 have reached 462, to date. There were additional renewals received which are being processed and were not yet in the total count.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Secretary Ken Rideout shared a mailing from the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania which listed 2012 scheduled events.

**Sales** – John Tancredi was unable to attend the meeting. Steve Staffieri announced that John wishes to step down from the position of Sales Committee chairman. Anyone interested in assuming this role, please contact Steve.

**Publications** – Al Giannantonio reported that he had one article in progress for the next issue of the *High Line*. Further, there have been numerous stories written about the K4, so this article would focus on the “other K” classes; the K2 and K3. Lastly, additional material is needed and welcome for the next issue.

**Modelers Committee** – Ron Hoess reported that the February 11, 2012 modelers meeting featured loads for flat cars and gondola cars. The April modelers meeting will feature weathering.

**Entertainment Committee** – Gus Minardi informed the membership that the presentation, following the business meeting, would be “Pennsy Potpourri,” presented by Frank Kozempel.

**Newsletter** – Russ Polo reported that the newsletter is being maintained to one page (front/back) to control printing and mailing costs, while getting out the essential information for those members who may not be able to attend the meetings.

**Web Site** – Mark Cole reported that the chapter web site had been updated and additional changes are planned. Anyone with content to be added to the web site should see Mark.

**National Update** – Andy Hart reported that about two-thirds of the members of the national had renewed so far. Please remember you can also renew your national membership through the web ([www.prrths.com](http://www.prrths.com)).

**Annual Meeting 2013** – The 2013 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Philly chapter during the week of May 15, 2013. Committee’s are forming, please contact Steve Staffieri if you are interested in participating in planning/operation.

**CHAPTER MODELERS MEETING**

**FIRST ANNUAL WEATHERING CLINIC @ 11AM / APRIL 21, 2012**

Ron Hoess reviews strategies for weathering and demonstrates a number of easy techniques for making your Pennsy rolling stock look more aged. Anyone who would like to bring an example of their weathered rolling stock and discuss their weathering techniques is encouraged to do so.

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 21, 2012

Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA

- **10:30 AM: Doors Open**
- **11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting**  
Ron Hoess presents: "1st Annual Weathering Clinic"
- **11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Dining Car**
- **1:00 PM: Business Meeting**
- **Presentation:** "Pennsy Metroliner Service on The Northeast Corridor" by chapter member Bob Watson.

## CHAPTER MEETING DATES

June 9, 2012 (PRR Museum)

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN HERITAGE UNITS



Pennsylvania Railroad

Celebrating its 30th Anniversary, Norfolk Southern (NS) is honoring its predecessor railroads by painting 19 new locomotives in commemorative schemes. All locomotives (GE ES44AC and EMD SD70ACe)'s are expected to be in service across the NS system by June 1, 2012. The Pennsylvania Railroad will be represented by a GE unit.

The first (NS #8098) rolled out in "Conrail Blue" on March 15, 2012.

Central of Georgia Railway - GE, Central Railroad of New Jersey - EMD, Conrail - GE, Delaware Lackawanna & Western - EMD, Erie - EMD, Illinois Terminal Railroad - EMD, Interstate Railroad - GE, Lehigh Valley Railroad - GE, New York Central Railroad - EMD, Nickel Plate Road - GE, Norfolk Southern Railway - EMD, Norfolk & Western Railway - GE, Pennsylvania Railroad - GE, Reading Company - EMD, Savannah & Atlanta Railway - EMD, Southern Railway - GE, Virginia Railway - EMD, Wabash Railroad EMD and Penn Central - EMD (added to original 18 Heritage Units).

Source: *Norfolk Southern News Release - March 1, 2012*  
and PRRT&HS member -Sheila Dorr-

## PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING

May 17-20, 2012 - Camp Hill, PA  
<http://2012.pennsyrr.com>

The Philadelphia Chapter (PRRT&HS) periodically publishes this newsletter to provide the membership with Chapter and related news. Contributions are encouraged and may be submitted for consideration, space permitting, by email to: [phillyprnews@yahoo.com](mailto:phillyprnews@yahoo.com)

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