

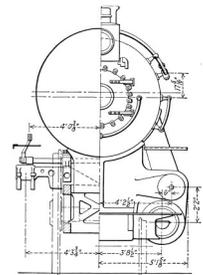


FROM THE HEAD END - Steve Staffieri, President

What a surprise!!! With the snow that was forecasted the night before the February meeting, it looked like the meeting was not going to take place.

I was constantly watching the weather channel. I decided *NOT* to watch the news channels, they spoke of a "blizzard" (I swear they live for disasters). So, through countless emails and phone calls, I finally made the decision to *have* the meeting the day before at 2pm. I would either look great or be an ass.

Well I woke up that Saturday morning, to find 4 inches on snow on my car, and the road was plowed. I said "oh boy" here we go. I cleaned the car off and headed to Drexel Hill. Well! I got the surprise of my life, I entered the PA turnpike and it was *DRY* totally! So was the "blue" route. I arrived to the church to see it had only snowed about 1½ inches. Yeah!! While we were getting the tables set up, the members arrived, more and more of them! We had 55 members show up!!! Just as a fail safe I cut the hoagie order back, and we only had 1 left! We had vendors, and the presentation was great to say the least! We even had a donated Gil Reid print as the door prize! It was a great meeting. Thanks to all you *braved* the weather, and to those who didn't make it.....you missed a great time! Oh yeah, I looked *great*!! Whew!



NOW on to business! At the time I am writing this message, our annual meeting committee is putting the final touches to the registration form. You might have it already. Please note all the "special" events planned for Thursday. Many of us are staying Wednesday night so we do not miss anything! I would recommend the same. It is going to be a great time!!

WE ARE STILL looking for help from you, our members, to help out at the annual meeting. Your support and help is needed. Whether it is at the registration desk or our chapter table, anything! Please see me, Al or Mark to offer your help.

Thanks.

- Steve Staffieri (interceptor92@verizon.net)

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On February 9, 2013 the Philadelphia Chapter held a scheduled meeting in Drexel Hill, PA. The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by President Steve Staffieri. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded meeting minutes. Highlights follow:

Membership Report – Treasurer Tom Lavin reported membership at 481 members, including 93 sustaining, 67 contributing, 13 organizational and 5 life members.

Entertainment Committee – Vice President Gus Minardi reported that the days presentation would be presented by George Huemrich, on the subject of his introduction to the Pennsy as a fireman on the PRSL/Management Trainee. Gus also told us that the next chapter meeting would feature a program presented by Al Giannantonio, entitled "Pennsy Potpourri."

Annual Meeting – President Steve Staffieri indicated that volunteers are still need to work the annual meeting. The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is also advertising the weekend of our meeting as "Super Pennsy Days." If you would be willing to give a presentation for the general public at the museum, contact Steve or any of the chapter officers. This would make the PRR and our society more visible to the general public.

CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 13, 2013

Drexel Hill Methodist Church
600 Burmont Road
Drexel Hill, PA

- **10:30 AM: Doors Open**
- **11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting**
Ron Hoess will discuss constructing Davis Tower
- **11:45 AM: Dining Car**
- **1:00 PM: Business Meeting**
- **Presentation**
Al Giannantonio - Pennsy Pot-Pourri

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PENNSYLVANIAN NEARS END

For seventy years passenger rail has traversed the marvel of Horseshoe Curve. Amtrak's Pennsylvanian's leg from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg and back is staring down the eye of extinction this October. Pennsylvania DOT must share costs with Amtrak, estimated at \$19.2 million to continue Pennsylvania portions of the route (Philadelphia to Harrisburg and Harrisburg to Pittsburg). The leg west of Harrisburg is being targeted for termination due to reduced ridership and rail travel time vs. car or plane. Advocates of continued service cite the need to extend electrification west of Harrisburg, which would shorten travel time and attract more passengers.

Contact Governor Corbett and state legislators in Harrisburg. Tell them why Amtrak's "Pennsylvanian" is important and that it should continue to run: (717) 787-2500 or www.bit.ly/pagovlet

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RAIL EXCURSIONS

Steam Returns to the Horseshoe Curve / Memorial Day Weekend (May 25, 26 & 27, 2013)

The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society will be operating Berkshire #765 excursions between Lewistown and Gallitzin, Pa during Memorial Day weekend 2013. Latest information is that all excursions are sold out. However, there will be three 160-mile round trips with the Horseshoe Curve in the route. No doubt a rare opportunity to ride or view. Additional information can be obtained at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society web page:

www.fortwaynerailroad.org (Contributed by PRR T&HS member -Robert Mergner-)

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