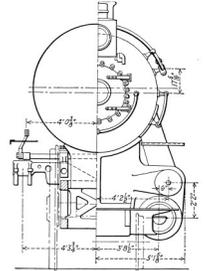




## THE HEAD END

Here I am, sitting in my train room writing this little blurb for you to read. I have been thinking and reflecting about our next meeting and I am also very much anticipating the annual meeting in Happy Valley at the end of April. However, I am constantly being reminded that winter is not quite over yet, especially with eight inches of snow everywhere! I am sure it has been a long cold winter for all of us, but it is time to think about warmer times and getting out!



I have been eagerly checking the National Society's web site to see if the actual application for the annual meeting has been posted, so far nothing. You might even see a familiar name in the "proxy" vote column, but that is all I am saying right now. There is also a very nice article in Model Railroader about Ed Swain's "Middle Division" HO railroad, in the April magazine. I just wish they could have put a "plug" in for the PRR T&HS. Articles similar to Ed's that mention the National Society (and especially our Phila Chapter) are a very important tool in finding new and interested members for the future of our societies. This is something for all to keep in mind if any members are ever approached by a magazine whether it be for a modeling or prototypical interview.

This next meeting you will notice a different group running the "dining car". Dan, the church's custodian, along with several other church members, will be running it for the April meeting with the hopes of taking over completely. Dan's son, who is a caterer, will be helping in the making of the hoagies. I am asking all who attend the April meeting to please be both patient and understanding with the volunteers working the kitchen, until they have things settled in the "dining car." I am very pleased and grateful that someone offered to do this important job for the chapter, especially since no one from the rank and file offered to do so. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!!

Steve Staffieri, President / ([interceptor92@verizon.net](mailto:interceptor92@verizon.net))

### CHAPTER MEETING / April 11, 2015

#### 11am: Modelers Meeting

The F Unit and its Variations on the PRR.  
...presenter *Les Souder of The First State Model R/R Club of Dover, Delaware.*

#### 2pm: Presentation

PRR & PRSL Experiences  
...presenter *George Huemrich*

### RR STATIONS TOUR / JUNE 3-6, 2015

Railroad Stations of South Central PA tour, based in the Harrisburg, PA area and presented by the Railroad Station Historical Society. The tour will focus on the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Reading Railroad stations and structures. The tour will be guided by PRRT&HS member Jim Kelling and the banquet keynote will be PRRT&HS member Dan Cupper.

For registration information contact:  
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**CHAPTER MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2015**

Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA

- **10:30 AM: Doors Open**
- **11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting**  
The F Unit and its Variations on the PRR .  
  
Presenter: Les Souder
- **11:30 AM: Dining Car**
- **1:00 PM: Business Meeting**
- **2:00 PM: Presentation**  
PRR & PRSL Experiences  
  
Presenter: George Huemrich

**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

**2015 Annual Meeting**  
April 30 – May 3, 2015  
Penn State / Happy Valley  
State College, Pennsylvania

**BE A PRESENTER**

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**PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER  
FEBRUARY 7, 2015 – MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The meeting was called to order on February 7, 2015 at 1pm by President Steve Staffieri. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded minutes. Highlights follow:

- **Treasurer:** Treasurer Tom Lavin reported that emailing newsletters, to those who opted in, and printing fewer extra copies of the *High Line* has reduced costs.
- **Sales:** Mark Cole is seeking volunteers to staff the chapter table at the national meeting in May. Mark also would like to create an index of all back issues and articles in the *High Line*. If anyone has such an index or would like to assist in creating, please contact Mark.
- **Publications:** Al Giannantonio reported that a new issue of the “*High Line*” should be completed soon.
- **Entertainment:** Russ Polo reported that the days presenter would be Al Giannantonio, on the subject of “Pennsy’s Development of Electric Motive Power.”
- **National Update:** Andy Hart reported that the national society was at 75% membership renewals, to date. He also mentioned that the cutoff for the national meeting room rate would be in March, so don’t delay when you get the registration form.
- **Walk Ons:** Al Giannantonio informed membership about the new director, Jeffrey Bliemeister, of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Further, construction of the roundhouse is expected to begin in late summer or early fall 2015. The E-6 restoration should be done in 9-12 months, at which time it will temporarily go inside rolling stock hall until the roundhouse is completed.

Steve Staffieri thanked Gus Minardi, Russ Polo, Charlie Wahl and Steve Moylan for running the dining car. We are looking for new volunteers, please contact Steve.

**CHECK FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION**



Should weather result in cancellation of the April 11 meeting, notification will first be made to the Chapter’s Facebook page.

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