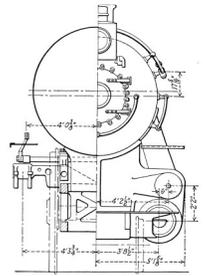




## THE HEAD END

It seems like we we're pretty lucky this winter, considering the mild weather we had. Our February meeting had another great turnout, I believe 85 members. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Michael Froio's presentation!

Plans are being put together for Philadelphia Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet (Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> at Georgine's Restaurant in Bristol PA from 1-5pm). Your board members will be meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to work together to make this celebration something very special. Every member attending the banquet will leave with a special gift. But that is a surprise! Soon after the Board meeting in April, we will be sending all of you an invitation with a form that will need to be filled out and returned with your payment for the banquet. All the details will be explained at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, on our website, and also in the form we send out to you. Try to save the date, we are going to have a great time!!



Do to the uncertainty with the hotel we reserved (the Lancaster Host is currently for sale) for the 2017 PRR T&HS Annual Meeting in Strasburg, we had to post-pone the Strasburg Annual Meeting until 2019. This is due to the fact that all other hotels large enough to hold our annual meeting were already booked. So we get a break to host for another 3 years. But I already have the caterer we used in 2013 and the main hall of the Railroad Museum of PA reserved.

Speaking of Annual Meetings, you will be pleased to know that the PRR T&HS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Annual Meeting will be held in Altoona PA! Like our own 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, this will also be a very special celebration promising everyone a time they will never forget. Including a "very special way" to travel back and forth to the celebration from Philadelphia. Like I said, if you think the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Strasburg was great, wait till you see what we are planning for our 50<sup>th</sup> !!

With all this celebrating, it is good to be a member of the PRR T&HS! See you on April 16<sup>th</sup> !!

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

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER "40TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET" JUNE 12, 2016

On June 12, 2016, The Philadelphia Chapter will celebrate its 40th year of continuous efforts in sharing and preserving the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Chapter members will mark this anniversary at a celebratory banquet on June 12, 2016 (1pm - 5pm) at: Georgine's Restaurant / 1320 Newport Road / Bristol, PA 19007. Registration information will follow.

## SHARE YOUR PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER HISTORY

Seeking photo contributions from past Chapter events, meetings, outings etc... The cumulative collection will be presented during the "40th Anniversary Banquet."



- Please submit via email to [news@philaprrths.com](mailto:news@philaprrths.com)
- Please specify: Photographer, Approximate Date & Location/Event.

Credits will be applied to images. Images may be used on Chapter website, Newsletter or Chapter publications.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I want to thank all members who renewed. Your response was great We are at 95% renewed, a record at this time of the year. To those that haven't renewed, please do so ASAP. We have great things happening, starting with our April Chapter meet; the National Annual Meeting in May and our 40th Anniversary banquet in June. Fantastic happenings!! But you gotta renew to join in the fun!! - **Tom Lavin, Treasurer / Membership Chairman**

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## CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 16, 2016

Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA

- 10:30 AM: Doors Open
- 11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting
- 11:30 AM: Dining Car
- 1:00 PM: Business Meeting
- 1:30 PM: Presentation

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NATIONAL MEETING PRRT&HS

May 19-21, 2016 / Camp Hill, PA  
[2016.pensyrr.com](http://2016.pensyrr.com)

### 40th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

June 12, 2016 (1pm-5pm)  
Georgines Restaurant / Bristol, PA

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

June 2016 (To Be Determined)

## PRESENTATIONS / APRIL 16, 2016

### MODELERS PRESENTATION

“100 Years of American Flyer Trains”  
Also known as “S” Gauge, or “Modelers Gauge”...  
Attendees please bring models (Need Not be PRR).

### FEATURE PRESENTATION

“The Wreck of The Broker”  
*The Story of New Jersey’s Deadliest Train Wreck*  
A Presentation by Gordon Bond

The story of The Broker can be told in two parallel and contrasting narratives. One is the physical and emotional pain of the victims and visceral experiences of witness and rescuers. The other narrative is the more technical analysis of the subsequent investigations, animated as much by politics and strong personalities as engineering and physics.

Gordon Bond will be giving a summary of his research, to date, in preparation of his upcoming book (due out tentatively in early 2017).

## CHAPTER MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2016

The Philadelphia Chapter met on Saturday February 13, 2016. The days events began with the 11am Modelers Meeting. Modeling Committee Chairman Paul Buckley presented, “**Metroliners and the Trains that Followed.**” Attendees were treated to details and scale models of various generations of Amtrak passenger equipment (power and coaches).

Days events continued with members and guests enjoying conversation and lunch in the Dining Car. The chapter meeting was the next order of business, followed by feature presenter Michael Froio.

The lecture, “**Continuing a Legacy - Photographing the Pennsylvania Railroad,**” was very well attended. Michael’s presentation was highly anticipated and more than exceeded expectations!

The Philadelphia Chapter expresses thanks and appreciation to Michael for spending the day with us. Learn more about Michael Froio’s projects [here...](#)

## 2016 MEETING PRESENTERS

The Chapter is seeking presenters for 2016/2017 chapter meetings. Please keep the Chapter in mind when attending presentations at other venues. To present yourself or share presenter information, please email Russ Polo: [news@philaprrths.com](mailto:news@philaprrths.com).