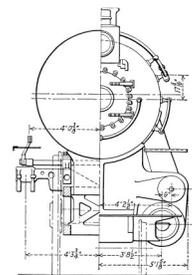




**FROM THE HEAD END - Steve Staffieri, President**

Three weeks ago, I took a trip with a couple of friends to Altoona PA, to see the Altoona museum, "Horseshoe Curve", Gallitzin tunnel and other various train sights in that area.

I had the opportunity to stay at the Station Inn in Cresson PA. And I have to say I had a great time there. This Bed and Breakfast sits directly across from the NS main line and the whole front of the inn on the first floor is a porch where you can watch trains traveling East and West all day and night (if you want). There are rockers and chairs lined up on the porch with electric, and WIFI for a laptop. People come from all over the country to watch and photograph trains. There is even a "live" webcam on the corner of the inn, that can be seen on the inn's website. The Station Inn is owned and run by Tom Davis. He makes you feel quite at home. Inside the lobby/great room are photos, books, videos etc... all over the place for you to enjoy! He also serves a great breakfast!



Now I realize many of you have already been there, but I am sure there are many who have not. So, if you have a love for watching trains and/or taking photos of them, it is a great place to stay. Besides you are right there at the "curve", and various railroad museums. PRR history everywhere!

NOW, I did see one thing on our trip that made me sad (and frankly a little angry). Everyone knows of the saga about PRR K-4 #1361 and how the Railroaders Museum in Altoona PA wanted it there and finally got it there (in a million pieces). But the really sad thing is that the tender for the K-4 was basically finished up at Steamtown, but never painted. Well when I was looking at some of the equipment in the "yard" at the Altoona museum, there it sat, the tender for the K-4 not protected in "bare" metal, RUSTING. A lousy fate for the engine that used to sit on "Horseshoe Curve"! What would it have cost to prime it, or cover it, or build a temporary shelter for it, while they waited for the completion of the roundhouse.

Maybe this newsletter will reach someone out there and "wake" someone up.....before it gets any worse.

- Steve Staffieri ([interceptor92@verizon.net](mailto:interceptor92@verizon.net))

PS On behalf of myself and the board of directors of the Philadelphia Chapter of the PRR T&HS, our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who have suffered from the destruction of hurricane "Sandy".

**OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

On October 27, 2012 the Philadelphia Chapter held a scheduled meeting in Drexel Hill, PA. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Steve Staffieri. Vice President Gus Minardi recorded the meeting minutes. Highlights follow:

**Treasurers Report** – Treasurer Tom Lavin reported chapters finances. In addition the Philadelphia Chapter added two (2) new members, bringing total chapter membership to 572. Membership renewals will be out in December and new membership cards will be issued to all renewing members. There will be a question on the renewal form asking if the member would like to have their newsletter e-mailed, which will reduce printing and mailing costs.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Secretary Ken Rideout reported that the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania issued, to the Philadelphia Chapter, a "Certification Of Adoption" as a thank you for its E-6 Atlantic donation.

**Special Recognition** – President Steve Staffieri, on behalf of the Philadelphia Chapter, presented Al Buchan a plaque, in recognition for all Al has done for both the National Chapter and the Philadelphia Chapter. The Philadelphia Chapter also bestowed Al, a lifetime membership.

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**CHAPTER MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2012**

**Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA**

- *10:30 AM: Doors Open*
- *11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting  
To Be Announced*
- *11:45 AM: Dining Car*
- *1:00 PM: Business Meeting*
- **Presentation:**  
PRR's Northeast Corridor 50  
Years Ago - Presented by Chap-  
ter Member Michael Weinman.

**CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

**February 9, 2013  
April 13, 2013**

**OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED**

**Entertainment Committee** – Post meeting, Gus Minardi thanked Ted Xaras who gave an excellent and comprehensive presentation of "Old Broad Street Station." Ted used 2 slide projectors to show different views of the station from its inception up until it was torn down in 1952. Ted also displayed some great remnants from the station, such as "A" Tower Sign, a section of switch levers from "A" Tower and actual pieces of the building itself that were saved from the wrecking ball. Special thanks to Ken Rideout for his assistance in making Ted's presentation happen.

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