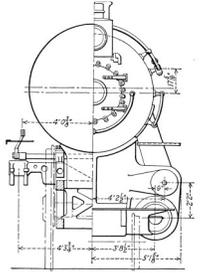




FROM THE HEAD END - Steve Staffieri, President

I was glad to see that everything ran well during the last meeting, while I was flying my way back home from Missouri.

While I was out there I found the Mark Twain hobby shop in St Charles Mo. It was a well outfitted hobby shop. While I Was at this store I was given a business card for Brian Post. He was a DCC installer and a member of the Gateway division of the NMRA. So later I gave him a call with the hopes of maybe seeing some private model railroads. I was invited to visit a large 26x52 Sn3 railroad owned by Randy Meyer. They were planning for a visiting "op" session but they were very friendly and made my son and I very welcome. The railroad was really nicely finished and the background scenery painting was unbelievable, a beautiful railroad. I was invited to other railroads, however do to time restrictions this was the only railroad I had time to visit. But it was worth the trip.

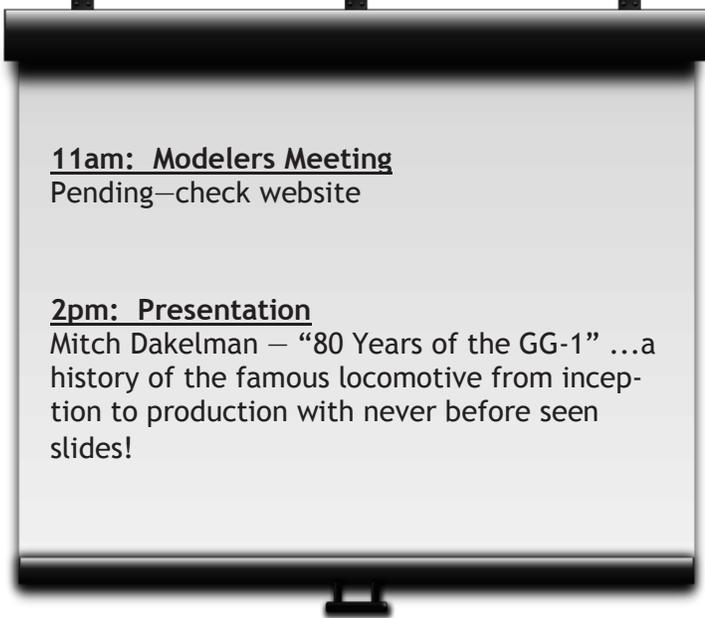


So for those traveling, stop at the local hobby shops or contact local NMRA groups to visit other railroads that you might never see again. And in similar fashion, when we are contact by visiting fellow model railroaders we should show the same courtesy.

I look forward to seeing you all again in December, I understand I am still your president.....

Steve Staffieri
(interceptor92@verizon.net)

**CHAPTER MEETING
December 6, 2014**



11am: Modelers Meeting
Pending—check website

2pm: Presentation
Mitch Dakelman – “80 Years of the GG-1” ...a history of the famous locomotive from inception to production with never before seen slides!

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL



2014 Chapter membership is currently at 570, which included a 98% renewal rate. Welcome to David Bittner (#2293), our newest member!

Enclosed with this mailing is the Chapter Membership Renewal and return envelope. The hard copy newsletter was included to newsletter opt-outs because the mailing was necessary. Implementation of opt-out requests will begin with a future newsletter, possibly January 2015.

If you did not recently receive or lost your membership card, notify Treasurer Tom Lavin for a replacement.

CHAPTER MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2014

Drexel Hill Methodist Church
600 Burmont Road
Drexel Hill, PA

- **10:30 AM: Doors Open**
- **11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting**
Pending—Check website
- **11:30 AM: Dining Car**
- **1:00 PM: Business Meeting**
- **2:00 PM: Presentation**
"80 Years of the GG-1"

Presenter: Mitch Dakelman

CHAPTER MEETINGS

February 7, 2015
April 11, 2015

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

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

Members may opt-out of the
hardcopy mailed newsletter
by emailing
news@philaprrths.com.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order on October 25, 2014 at 1pm by Vice President Gus Minardi. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded meeting minutes. Highlights summarized below:

- President Steve Staffieri could not be at the meeting due to travel.
- Chapter member Paul Buckley is taking over the modeling committee. Anyone willing to give a presentation should contact Paul.
- Fred Monsimer presented at the Modelers Meeting, giving an update on progress being made by the GATSME Model Railroad Club (www.gatsme.org).
- Gus Minardi reported that the meetings entertainment would feature a presentation by Greg Pritchard, on the subject of "Pennsy Stations along the Philadelphia Main Line."
- Andy Hart reported National membership renewals at 90% and that the dues remain the same as they had been for the last 10 years, at \$35.
- Dave Scott reported the national web site had been taken down by a computer virus and was in the process of being restored.
- Member Sheila Dorr reported excursion news about the Colebrookdale Railroad. Running between Pottstown and Boyertown on a Reading branch, using a PRR locomotive and cabin car. More information at www.colebrookdalerailroad.com.
- Vice President Gus Minardi reminded attendees that he was not running for re-election, having soon completed 4-years at the vice president position. Other officers had indicated that they would be willing to continue. On a motion made by Steve Moylan, seconded by Al Giannantonio, Russ Polo was nominated for Vice President. Steve, Tom, Fred and Ken were nominated for re-election, and nominations were closed. Elections will take place at the December 6, 2014 meeting.

RED ARROW PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN TRANSIT TROLLEY

The Newtown Square PA Railroad Museum Association have received, for free, a 1949 Red Arrow Philadelphia Suburban Transit (PST) Trolley. The trolley is currently located in Connecticut and could be moved to the Newtown Square PA Railroad Museum at a cost of \$5,000. There is a March 1, 2015 deadline to raise needed funds and build track to receive the trolley.

For more information contact: Newtown Square PA RR Museum (P.O. Box 21, Newtown Square, PA 19073)
or online at www.newtownsquare-railroadmuseum.org