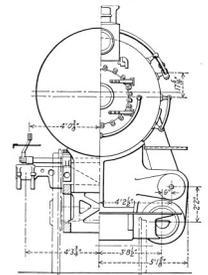




## THE HEAD END



Tis the season that model railroaders look forward to all year long and that is the open house season! Most of the local MRR clubs are open on various weekends from Thanksgiving to the second week in January. Besides the clubs, many private homes in a four state area are open all through November and early December. You can find a list of these homes and dates at, [modelrailroadopenhouse.com](http://modelrailroadopenhouse.com).



The Christmas season has always been the best time to introduce model railroading to our younger people. Even though this is an age of high technology, where iPhones and iPads are given to children at a very young age as a form of inspiration to stir their minds, but also as a type of pacifier to keep them busy. We as parents and grandparents can also introduce model railroading as an alternative to all this tech, where children can learn not only to use their minds, but also their hands to create something they can actually hold right in their hands and not just see on a screen. So for most of us that are out shopping this season, make sure you stop to pick up some toys like, “Thomas the Tank” Brio, and LEGO trains. And of course the “electric” train set for under the tree!! Hopefully as they get older they will look back on those gifts and be re-inspired to come back to model railroading when the stress of a long day in front of a computer screen is behind them.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!**

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## THE HIGH LINE / KEYSTONE CHRONICLES

Membership is encouraged to submit articles and modeling projects, for future High Line/ Keystone Chronicles. You do not have to write the article! Present your idea, convey your story and share your pictures.

Please contact Editor Al Giannantonio at: [news@philaprrths.com](mailto:news@philaprrths.com).

## 2016 – CHAPTER MEETING PRESENTERS

The Chapter is actively working to identify and schedule presenters for 2016/2017. Assistance is available to anyone who may need help preparing electronic presentations (notes and/or pictures into PowerPoint, loading slides to carousels etc...). Some of the best presentations are narrative. Also, please keep the Chapter in mind when attending presentations at other venues. If presentations are PRR appropriate and potentially of interest to the membership, please obtain the presenters contact information and pass on to the Chapter.

To present or share presenter information, please email Russ Polo: [news@philaprrths.com](mailto:news@philaprrths.com).

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**CHAPTER MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2015**

Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA

- 10:30 AM: *Doors Open*
- 11:00 AM: *Modelers Meeting*  
Lionel Christmas Trains
- 11:30 AM: *Dining Car*
- 1:00 PM: *Business Meeting*
- 2:00 PM: *Presentation*  
Pennsy's High Speed Railway & 1939 Worlds Fair

**CHAPTER EVENTS**

CHAPTER MEETINGS

February 13, 2016  
April 16, 2016

40th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

June 2016

**PRESENTATIONS / DECEMBER 5, 2015**

**MODELERS PRESENTATION**

“Lionel O Gauge Christmas Trains”  
Presented by Ed Kline and Bill Spanarelli

**FEATURE PRESENTATION**

”Pennsy’s High Speed Railway”  
Presented by Mitchell Dakelman

From New York to Washington, with a variety of power including P5s and E44s and of course the GG1. Mitchell’s slide show will also take a look at the Northern Central and Port Road.

A special bonus is a 20-minute film featuring the 1939 New York Worlds Fair!

**Extended Newsletter Content—Available On-Line**

The Philadelphia Chapter met on Saturday October 31, 2015. The fall weather was perfect and the days activities were very well attended. The Chapter store was stocked with 2016 PRR calendars, the National store had a good assortment of publications available and other vendor tables rounded out the day with other sought after items and publications.



Modelers Meeting—PRR P5a Electric



Michael Shaw, Presenter/Author  
“The Railroads of King of Prussia,  
PA: The Past Leads to the Future”