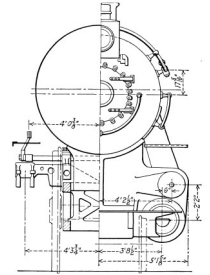




**FROM THE HEAD END - Steve Staffieri, President**

Greetings to all! With the Holidays behind us, as well as open houses for the model railroad clubs, it is time to look for what we have coming in 2012. Besides the "Super Bowl" and other games I am sure some of you will be watching, plus a few train shows, we need to focus on making plans for our own "Super" 2013 convention. I am hoping, at the next few meetings, that many of you will have suggestions and ideas for this convention. Remember all ideas/suggestions are needed and should be brought forward for consideration. Also, I would like those of you who want to come forward and help, to do so as soon as possible.

On another thought, please use care in case of bad weather for the February meeting. Use the web site ([www.philaprrths.com](http://www.philaprrths.com)) or the contact emails in the newsletter to verify the meeting status. See you there!



**DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

On December 10, 2011 the Philadelphia Chapter held a scheduled meeting in Drexel Hill, PA. The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by President Steve Staffieri. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded the meeting minutes. The highlights follow:

**Treasurers Report** – President Steve Staffieri presented the report as prepared by Treasurer Tom Lavin, who was unable to attend the chapter meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Secretary Ken Rideout presented the correspondence report to the membership.

**Sales** – John Tancredi reported that a complete chapter sales update would be provided at the February meeting. Dave Scott also reported that 2012 is the last year that the large format Pennsy calendar will be published.

**Publications** – Al Giannantonio reported that *The High Line* double issue was shipped and should have been received by the chapter membership. The next issue is already under way.

**Entertainment Committee** – Gus Minardi informed the membership that the presentation, following the business meeting, would be presented by John Teichmoeller on the subject of postwar PRR hopper cars

**Web Site** – Mark Cole said that he could post any meeting cancellations news on the chapter web site.

**National Update** – Al Buchan reported that the renewal forms should go out shortly. Further, the air conditioning system at Lewistown was complete. Three bids were received for the fire suppression systems but all were higher than expected. The committee is investigating other options. Also, Al reported that the PRRT&HS Visa credit card is now available. Lastly, Al reported that the society was having a book sale to thin out the inventory of old titles in storage.

**National Meeting 2013** – Steve Staffieri said that the 2013 National meeting will be hosted by our chapter during the week of May 15, 2013 and will be held at the Lancaster Host. The vendors' room is on the ground floor and all the other activities are in the same general area.

**Officer Elections** – President Steve Staffieri opened the floor to nominations, none were made. On a motion made by Al Buchan and seconded by Russ Yeakel the membership voted to close nominations. This was followed by a motion to re-elect current officers, made by Tom Doyle and seconded by Charlie Horan. The current board members were re-elected for one additional term.



**FEBRUARY 11, 2012 CHAPTER MEETING**

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**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

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

- **10:30 AM: Doors Open**
- **11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting**  
Ron Hoess presents "Open Loads by the Book - Part II"
- **11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Dining Car**
- **1:00 PM: Business Meeting**
- **Presentation:** Chapter Member Frank Kozempel - PRR/PRSL

**CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

February 11, 2012  
April 21, 2012  
June 2012 (Pennsy Days)



**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**

**R E N E W      N O W**  
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Please renew by March 15, 2012 to avoid a late fee assessment. Renewing on time maintains your membership in good standing and assures receipt of future publications, such as *The High Line*. If you did not receive a renewal form contact Treasurer Tom Lavin at 856-824-1504 or Email: [tvlavin@comcast.net](mailto:tvlavin@comcast.net)

**RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PA - EVENTS**

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania has published its 2012 events.

Of note are events and activities pertaining to the **ROLE OF RAILROADS IN PENNSYLVANIA DURING THE CIVIL WAR** (Saturday, April 21, 2012 through Sunday, December 30, 2012). Museum exhibits will tell the story of how the contributions of Pennsylvania's railroads proved vital to the Union's eventual victory. Visit the museum's website at: [www.rrmuseumpa.org](http://www.rrmuseumpa.org)

*Contributed by PRRT&HS member -Sheila Dorr-*

**PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 17-20, 2012 - Camp Hill, PA**

<http://2012.pennsyrr.com>

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