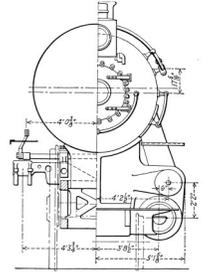




## FROM THE HEAD END

Now that the Holidays have been celebrated and the job of packing all those decorations away for another year are probably accomplished (I am still doing it). I am sitting here writing this blurb, while outside it is only 19 degrees! So needless to say my thoughts are of more “warmer” days. January is usually a rather dull month, with all the lights and stuff of the season not being there to look at. However, February is around the corner and so is our next meeting!



There are a few things to do in the interim. One such is the “Big E” train show in Springfield Mass. This show is the largest on the east coast and many of the manufacturers are there with the latest offerings in many modeling scales. I know many of our members go up there (including me). Granted it is a bit of a hike, but I am sure whatever you might be looking for is probably there! A great time, especially if you go as a group. Try the “Steaming Tender” Restaurant while you are up there. Great Food!! We also have the “Spring thaw” meet in Allentown, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. So while you are sitting there being bored by the month and the cold, you can still go out and do something. Hey, there is always that building kit for your railroad you’ve been putting off forever, or those three “chapter” Bowser cars you bought last month!!

With February being a hard month to predict the weather, sometimes the chapter meeting day gets messed up. We will try our best to keep the membership informed about any cancellation due to the weather. Naturally that would take place through the internet (see page #2 of this newsletter). PLEASE try to keep your friends/members who do not have internet access informed too. Last year we had a last minute decision to have the meeting and it turned out to be one of the best February meetings ever! Lets hope for good weather on the 7<sup>th</sup>!

*Steve Staffieri, President  
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### CHAPTER MEETING February 7, 2015

#### 11am: Modelers Meeting

Sleepers of the PRR in Interchange Service  
...presented by Paul Buckley

#### 2pm: Presentation

Pennsy’s Development of Electric  
Motive Power  
...presented by Al Giannantonio

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & eNEWSLETTER



Tom Lavin thanks all for prompt membership renewals received to date. If you have not yet renewed, please do so asap. Thank you for your continued interest in preserving PRR history.

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**CHAPTER MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA

- **10:30 AM: Doors Open**
- **11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting**  
Sleepers of the PRR in Inter-change Service  
  
Presenter: Dave Buckley
- **11:30 AM: Dining Car**
- **1:00 PM: Business Meeting**
- **2:00 PM: Presentation**  
Pennsy's Development of Elec-tric Motive Power  
  
Presenter: Al Giannantonio

**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

April 11, 2015

**2015 Annual Meeting**  
April 30 – May 3, 2015  
Penn State / Happy Valley  
State College, Pennsylvania

**BE A PRESENTER**

Presenters needed for Chap-ter and Modelers meetings. Please make contact through [news@philaprrths.com](mailto:news@philaprrths.com).

**PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER  
DECEMBER 2014 – MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The meeting was called to order on December 6, 2014 at 1pm by President Steve Staffieri. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded minutes. Highlights follow:

- **Membership**: Treasurer Tom Lavin reported that the chapter currently has 571 members, which is 98% of last year's total.
- **Correspondence**: Corresponding Secretary Ken Rideout reported that the chapter had received a request from a woman who was looking for someone who might be inter-ested in her father's machine tools. Let him know if you are interested.
- **Publications**: Al Giannantonio reported that a new issue of the "High Line" is in the works and will soon be in print.
- **Entertainment**: Gus Minardi reported that the meetings entertainment would feature a presentation by Mitch Dakelman, on the subject of "80 Years of the GG-1."
- **National Update**: Andy Hart reported that the "Keystone" should be in the mail. Renewals for 2015 will go out mid-December.
- **Elections**: Nominations had been closed at the previous meeting. The slate of officers was approved by acclamation. There will be one change; Russ Polo will take over as Vice President in 2015. Steve Staffieri indi-cated that since Russ will be VP and webmaster/ newsletter editor, we will be looking for someone to-take over the job of lining up the entertainment.

There was a round of applause for Gus Minardi, in appre-ciation of the job he had done during his term as Vice President.

**CHECK FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION**



Should weather result in cancellation of the February 7 meeting, notification will first be made to the Chapter's Facebook page.

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Depending on time of cancellation, notification may also be made on the Chapter's website and by email to eNews subscribers.

