

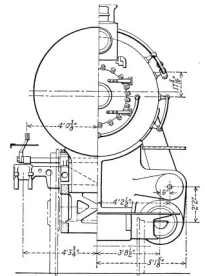


## FROM THE HEAD END - Steve Staffieri, President

I was glad to see that the joint meeting with the Philadelphia Division of the NMRA this past September was such a great success!! Our “guests” hosted the modelers meeting and it was well run. There is a possibility that this “joint” meeting may become an annual thing.

John Dunn (and the Jersey guys) ran the “dining car” and everyone seemed very pleased with everything. It was their first time and I thought they did a great job!! I want to personally thank all those involved with running the dining car. It is great to see people willing to donate their time to help the chapter.

I unveiled the new X-31F HO scale “commemorative car” for the 2013 annual meeting of the PRRT&HS. It was well received!! And, it is made in the USA! Montoursville PA to be exact. Thanks to Lee English and Bowser for the excellent job. These cars will not be sold before the annual meeting in Strasburg, but you will be able to “pre order” one when you send in the form for the annual meeting.



A photo of the boxcar will be on the chapter site and the annual meeting website. Quantities are limited.

See you all of you at the Oct 27 meeting! Costumes optional.

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

## SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On September 15, 2012 the Philadelphia Chapter held a scheduled meeting in Drexel Hill, PA. The meeting was called to order at 1pm by President Steve Staffieri. Recording Secretary Frederick Monsimer recorded the meeting minutes. Highlights follow:

**President** – President Steve Staffieri welcomed the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) to and thanked them for hosting the Modelers Meeting. This cooperation is good for both groups and could be repeated at a future meeting.

**Membership** – Treasurer Tom Lavin reported the Chapter membership at 568 with 580 total on the distribution list for publications (this includes other historical societies and organizations). The paid membership has increased by 20 from the previous year at this time.

**Sales** – Mark Cole reported that a Chapter online store is in the works. President Steve Staffieri added that the storage of Chapter publications have been moved to a new location, which is more weather-friendly. A complete inventory will be completed shortly.

**Modelers Committee** – Ron Hoess thanked Dave Messer for a great presentation on modeling refrigerator cars at the 11am Modelers Meeting. Additional thanks to the Philadelphia Division NMRA for having their meeting in conjunction with our modelers meeting.

**Entertainment Committee** – Vice President Gus Minardi thanked Russ Yeakel for the meetings entertainment, photos that he took during his years as an engineer on the railroad. October 27 meeting entertainment will feature a presentation by Ted Xaras on the Broad Street Station. If you know of someone who would be interested in presenting at a future meeting or if you would like to give a presentation, please contact Gus.

**Annual Meeting** – Steve Staffieri reported that a commemorative HO scale convention car will be issued. There will only be 300 and will not be available until the convention. The convention car can be pre-ordered on the convention registration form. Any cars not sold via pre-order will be available at the meeting. The registration form will be in the winter issue of *The Keystone*.

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**CHAPTER MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2012**

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

- *10:30 AM: Doors Open*
- *11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting*  
Review of *Walthers* "Overbrook Tower" & thoughts on modeling PRR towers.
- *11:30 AM: Dining Car*
- *1:00 PM: Business / Meeting*  
Chapter Member Ted Xaras presents the Broad Street Station.

**CHAPTER MEETING DATES**

December 8, 2012  
February 9, 2013  
April 13, 2013

**SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED**

**National Update** – Andy Hart reported that membership in the national organization (PRRT&HS) was still 62 short of last year. However, renewals were still coming in. Lastly, national dues have not increased and remains at the same level for several years.

**Publications** – Al Giannantonio reported that the next *Keystone* was in progress and that additional material is always welcome.



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