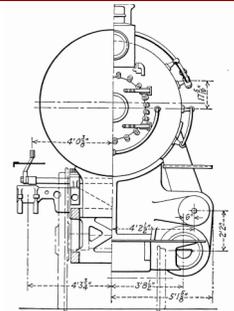




## THE HEAD END

Its been a “roller coaster” ride dealing with this weather. Just when you think winter was behind us, it comes back with a vengeance. Let’s hope it is all behind us now so we can look forward to exciting events like our Annual Meeting in Camp Hill this May.

The “Iron Ore Special” train trip, planned for this annual meeting, is just about sold out. So I hope those who wanted to go have made their plans to do so. If not you had better hurry up before its to late! Al Gianantonio has been working very hard for months, making arrangements with the local railroad group and Jeff Pontius from the Penn Valley Railroad, so we all will have a great time. Our sincere gratitude goes out to him!



This years’ Annual Meeting at Camp Hill will be the last time for at least 5 years. There has been speculation that it was getting “old and repetitive,” so we will be moving around to make it more enjoyable to our members, especially next year which will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PRR T&HS in Altoona PA.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the RRMofPA, we will be part of their Heritage Day weekend that will focus on the Pennsylvania Railroad. There will be clinics and walking tours, along with displays and guest speakers. I realize that this is the weekend we usually have our meeting in Drexel Hill, so when our board meets next month we will come up with a plan on when to have the September meeting.

John Kilbride has agreed to be in charge of the Steamtown bus trip we are planning for our Phila chapter members. Updates as they become available. Thanks, John.

If you haven’t noticed by now, the Boy Scouts have been handling the “dining car” at our meetings lately. They have been doing a great job, along with helping us set up the tables and chairs for the meeting. We appreciate them doing this, so when you see them, give them a big “thank you.” There is a railroading merit badge for the scouts and we are looking for member(s) to offer help to those young men to get that badge.

So, we hope to see all of you at our April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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## OVER THE HILL AND AROUND THE CURVE

The February 2017 feature presentation was presented by chapter member John Kilbride. “Over the Hill and Around the Curve” covered the Pennsylvania Railroad’s effort to conquer the Allegheny Mountains and its many years dominating the route.

John began the story with the Allegheny Portage Railroad, the first railroad constructed through the Allegheny Mountains in central Pennsylvania. The presentation continued with the formation of the Pennsylvania Railroad and construction of the Horseshoe Curve. Discussion and images featured the PRR, Penn Central and Conrail on the Horseshoe Curve.

Thank you John for your time and effort preparing and presenting to the membership!

## PRR FLATCAR DONATED TO STEWARTSTOWN RAILROAD

PRR F30A flat car #473822, built in the Pit Carian shops in 1934, was recently donated to the Stewartstown Railroad by Norfolk Southern. It was reported that the car will be rehabilitated for use as an open-air excursion car. More info at Stewartstown Railroad’s Friends site: [www.stewartstownfriends.org](http://www.stewartstownfriends.org)

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## CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 29, 2017

Drexel Hill Methodist Church  
600 Burmont Road  
Drexel Hill, PA

- 10:30 AM: Doors Open
- 11:00 AM: Modelers Meeting
- 12:00 PM: Dining Car
- 1:00 PM: Business Meeting
- 1:30 PM: Presentation

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NATIONAL MEETING

May 18-21, 2017  
Radisson Penn-Harris  
Camp Hill / PA

Host: Washington DC Chapter

### RAILROAD HERITAGE DAYS

September 9-10  
Railroad Museum of PA  
Strasburg / PA

## PRESENTATIONS / APRIL 29, 2017

### MODELERS MEETING

#### “Pensy Steam Locomotives”

Discuss and view all steam locomotive classes in PRR service. Attendees are encouraged to bring their models for display and discussion. All scales welcome.

### FEATURE PRESENTATION

#### “Creative Commissions” / Michael Froio



Michael is a professional photographer, and Associate Professor at Drexel University and has been working on a long-term photographic project titled, From the Mainline: A Contemporary Survey of the Pennsylvania Railroad. His work combines historical research with contemporary imagery to present a creative documentation of one of the most important railroads in

American history. Froio will discuss how his original works lead to commissioned work for contemporary railroads undertaking major infrastructure improvement projects. Michael will discuss the technical challenges, equipment, and logistics of the location-based work. Through previously unreleased images, videos and plenty of behind the scenes views, the presentation illustrates what was required to accomplish a cohesive and creative documentation of classic large-scale railroad engineering projects.

## MODELERS MEETING – FEBRUARY 2017

The February 2017 modelers meeting, “GG1’s - Paint & Colors” discussed the GG1 and its many paint schemes and colors over the years in PRR service. O, S and HO scales were displayed.



GG1 maker light (modified into lamp) and GG1 number board, discussed by Paul Buckley.



GG1 HO and O scale operating models