



THE HEAD END

I hope every one of you had a wonderful Holiday and you are all looking forward to bigger and better things in 2017!

With all the book signing, book sales, special donations and door prizes happening in the last two meetings, we all forgot one big item on the usual agenda, ELECTIONS!!! OOOOPS!

I know all of you are used to seeing our five lumps up there on the stage. But there may be an individual who might want to step up and take the place of one of our lumps! I know that all of the current board members are willing to stay in their positions for another year. But that doesn't mean someone else could offer their services too! Nominations and elections will be held at the February meeting.

We have been slow working on the Steamtown trip, basically due to lack of people willing to help put this all together. So this may happen in the Spring or it may be pushed back to the Fall. We are still looking for members to help with this, especially someone who may have worked with the NMRA bus trip to Steamtown a number of years ago. We have 60-80 members who on average attend our meetings, surely there is a member or two willing to help. Please see someone on the board to volunteer. Thank you.

On the National's end, the PRR T&HS instituted a \$50,000 matching donation challenge to the RRM of PA at the dedication of #460 for the preservation of five PRR engines in preparation for their relocation into the new roundhouse, scheduled to start this spring. Well, by the end of December they had over \$54,000 in donations, easily meeting our challenge. I knew that this cause would bring a great response, especially with the saving of the K, L and M class engines slowly deteriorating in the yard. BUT, even though this is a large sum received so far, it is still slightly less than half needed for this \$250,000 project. So PLEASE continue to donate to this wonderful cause!! Save the PRR!!

As always with all February meetings, please keep a watchful eye out on the Phila chapter web site, in case of a last minute meeting cancellation due to inclement weather. Russ will post up to date reports in case of ice or snow. For those who do not use the internet, either call another member for web site information or just use your better judgment. Safety first.....

Hope to see you on February 11th!

Steve Staffieri, President / (interceptor92@verizon.net)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues Renewals after March 15, 2017 are subject to a \$5 dollar late fee. To avoid late fees, please renew now. If you need a replacement renewal form, please reach out to us at: news@philaprrths.com.

Tom Lavin (Treasurer / Membership Chairman)



CHECK FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER CHAPTER MEETING CANCELLATION



Should weather result in cancellation of the February 11, 2017 meeting, notice will be posted at the following locations:

1. Philadelphia Chapter on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/philaprrths) (www.facebook.com/philaprrths)
2. Philadelphia Chapter eNEWS Distribution
3. Philadelphia Chapter [Website](http://www.philaprrths.com) (www.philaprrths.com) - may not occur if last minute

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**CHAPTER MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2017**

Drexel Hill Methodist Church
600 Burmont Road
Drexel Hill, PA

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPTER MEETINGS

April 29, 2017

NATIONAL MEETING

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

Host: Washington DC Chapter

PRESENTATIONS / FEBRUARY 11, 2017

MODELERS MEETING

“GG1’s - Paint & Colors”

Discuss and view GG1’s in its many paint and colors over the years of PRR service. O and HO scales will be displayed. Attendees are encouraged to bring their models for display and discussion.

FEATURE PRESENTATION

“Over The Hill (....and Around The Curve!!)”

Presented by John Kilbride



John Kilbride will provide a program on the Pennsylvania Railroad's effort to conquer the Allegheny Mountains. The presentation will begin with the building of the Allegheny Portage Railroad up to pre-Norfolk Southern operations.

MODELERS MEETING - DECEMBER 3, 2016

Days events began at 11am with chapter member Gus Minardi sharing his story of how he found and developed his life long interest in the PRR and modeling.

Gus displayed samples of four trains (Ore, Coal, Truc-Train and mixed freight) which he’s recently modeled.



Ore, Mixed Freight, Coal and Truc-Train Modeling by Gus Minardi



G39A Ore Jenny - modeling by Gus Minardi