



## THE HEAD END

Well here it is, fall at least, its the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. I am waiting for the cold snap. But with the next couple of days reaching 90 degrees, I guess the “snap” will have to wait.

I want to thank all of those who attended “Heritage days” at the RRMofPA on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Along with the National, there were four society chapters with exhibits and walking tours. Our society was well represented! I believe we showed those at the museum we can do our part to support the history of the PRR!

I know many of us are looking forward to going on the bus trip to Steamtown on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. It will be a great time! It has been years since I’ve been up to see it myself. Long overdue.

The PRR T&HS window stickers that we had available at the last annual meeting were returned to the printer, to be remade. I received them the day before I left for Camp Hill and I noticed that the color was not correct, but it was too late to send them back. I just got the final proof from the printer and they are correct. The “chapter store” will have them for the Oct meeting. NOTE\*\* Anyone who purchased one of these stickers at the Annual Meeting and have not used it, may return it for one of the new ones.

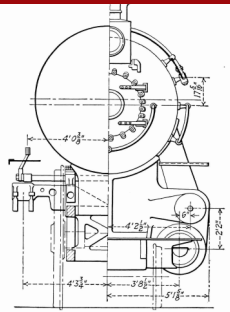
Also, 2018 PRR Calendars will be for sale at the October meeting, we will have the same amount as last year, which sold out quickly. So get yours while you can.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Annual Meeting plans are moving along quickly. One of the hotels we booked sold out in less than a month!

Remember, this is a FULL three day event with clinics starting on Wednesday night. The vending room will be “open” at 12pm on Thursday and run till 4pm Saturday. A shuttle bus will be going to the other three hotels all three days while we are in Altoona. Along with the “special” Bennett Levin train. We will be touring the NS Juniata repair shops on Thursday morning, a train ride on the Everett RR on Friday and much, much more!! Make your plans!

See all of you on October 21<sup>st</sup>! No costumes needed this year!

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## RAILROAD HERITAGE DAYS – September 9 & 10, 2017

The PRRT&HS, Philadelphia and other chapters participated in “Railroad Heritage Days” at the Railroad Museum of PA on September 9 & 10, 2017. The Philadelphia Chapter showcased PRR history while working with local modelers, interacting with the public, selling merchandise (chapter store) and successfully signing on a number of new chapter members.



David Wartell (pictured far left) a Philadelphia Chapter member and Railroad Museum docent, gives an in depth tour of PRR H6sb #2846 to a museum visitor.

A number of Chapter members also spent time learning about locomotive controls and operations from David. Very much appreciated!

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## CHAPTER MEETING OCTOBER 21, 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

December 9, 2017  
February 10, 2018  
April 14, 2018

### STEAMTOWN TRIP

October 7, 2017

### NATIONAL MEETING

May 9-12, 2018  
Altoona, PA

## PRR BRADDOCK INN

CSX Transportation recently painted the Collis P. Huntington Railroad Historical Society's *Braddock Inn* passenger car to its original Tuscan red livery.

The *Braddock Inn* (21-roomette sleeper, built in 1949 for the PRR) originally served on the PRR *Iron City Express*. Later laying down miles with NJ Transit and Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC).

The *Braddock Inn* will debut as part of the "New River Excursion," this October.

More... [www.newrivertrain.com](http://www.newrivertrain.com)

## PRESENTATIONS / OCTOBER 21, 2017

### MODELERS PRESENTATION

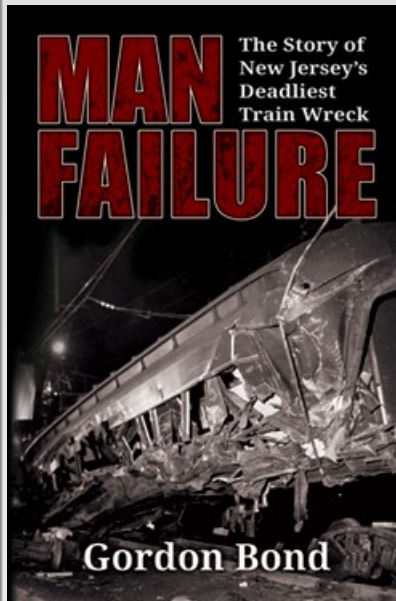
"Prototype Modeling: Lessons from the Stifftown and Chestnut Hill Branches"  
Presentation by Ron Hoess

### FEATURE PRESENTATION

#### "The Broker Crew"

Presentation by Gordon Bond

(Author of "Man Failure: The Story of New Jersey's Deadliest train Wreck")



On the drizzly evening of February 6, 1951, the Pennsylvania Railroad express passenger train known as "The Broker" derailed in Woodbridge, New Jersey, killing 85 and injuring hundreds in what remains the state's deadliest train wreck.

Historian and author Gordon Bond has written a comprehensive book about this tragedy, "Man Failure: The Story of New Jersey's Deadliest Train Wreck." The title reflects how, ultimately, the wreck was a consequence of what we today would call "human error"—what they called "man failure" in 1951.

But who were these men? What were their careers like?

What were their careers like? Who were they as human beings? In his latest talk, "The Broker Crew: The Railroad Men of New Jersey's Deadliest Train Wreck," Bond explores the lives and careers of The Broker's engineman, fireman, and conductor and how the tragic night of February 6, 1951 changed them forever.

Copies of "Man Failure: The Story of New Jersey's Deadliest Train Wreck" will be available for purchase and signing for \$30.00 each.