



THE HEAD END

This year has really flown by. We're getting ready for the December meeting already!

During this meeting we will have nominations and elections for your board members. Everyone has agreed to stay on for another term, but that does not mean that you should just sit there and go along with the same members running the chapter for you.

There may be others on the floor who might think that it is time for a change or at least a modification of the 5 elected board members.

So, now is YOUR time to say something. So make sure your voice is heard at this meeting!

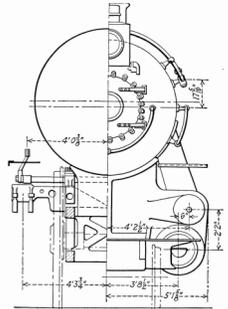
This past week or so, I have been helping a friend and member with the dismantling of his HO railroad. He is planning to move to a different type of home and I have to tell you its not fun doing this. I enjoyed the times spent working on it and seeing how it progressed over the years. But know its time to say goodbye. For those who have seen my own railroad, this is something I am NOT looking forward to experiencing! Anyway when you see me with two tables of "stuff" to sell at this meeting, you will know why.....I guess this happens to everyone eventually.

Many people have asked about the Bennett Levin train trip for the 50th anniversary. Bennett has been in communication with Amtrak and NS about permission rights, along with acquiring the PRR first class cars and coaches. There will be no Amtrak coaches on this ride!! WOW what a photo opportunity!!

Remember with the Holidays approaching, this is the perfect time to introduce that "young in" to the wonderful world of model railroading. Nothing like a train under the tree!

See you on the 9th!!

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



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



It's that time again - "Membership Renewal."

As I type this, the 2017 edition of "The High Line" is in the mail and this is only one of the benefits of membership.

On December 9, 2017 will have our second meeting since the summer break. The days events will begin with the modelers meeting, followed by lunch, business meeting and then a guest presenter.

We also had an excellent bus trip to Steamtown (Scranton, Pa) this past October. As you can see we have a lot happening.

In the Spring our parent organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Altoona, Pa. There is a possibility that you may be able to take a train ride from Philadelphia to Altoona for the meeting. But you can't go or get "The High Line" unless you renew your membership. Please do so today.

Thank you,

Tom Lavin, Treasurer

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**CHAPTER MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 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

February 10, 2018
April 14, 2018

NATIONAL MEETING

May 9-12, 2018
Altoona, PA

PRESENTATIONS / DECEMBER 9, 2017

MODELERS PRESENTATION

“Open Topic”

Members are requested to bring pictures or models of current projects and/or acquisitions. Plan on spending a few minutes showing and telling. All scales are welcome. This meeting will not be moderated.

FEATURE PRESENTATION

**“Action Along the New York & Long Branch”
Presentation by Mitch Dakelman**

The NY&LB was operated with both Pennsylvania Railroad and Central Railroad of New Jersey trains. Pennsy trains left either Penn Station New York and Exchange Place in Jersey City. South Amboy was a focal point as that was the location where most engine changes took place, and there was an engine terminal there. Likewise, the CRNJ ran trains from their Jersey City terminal and entered the NY&LB at Perth Amboy. In late April 1967 Jersey Central trains were re-routed via the all Pennsy route beginning in Newark. Over the years ownership changed to Penn Central, Conrail and finally New Jersey Transit, operating the well patronized North Jersey Coast Line. Mitch will present a variety of images covering these eras, including many newly discovered pictures from the later Richard Forest, who loved photographing the NY&LB.

If time permits, Mitch has a 16mm color film of NY&LB trains at the end of steam operations.

STEAMTOWN / OCTOBER 7, 2017



John Kilbride, trip chairman (seated right) checks the squad in before the ride home.



Baldwin switch engine #26. Note the special number “26.2” in honor of Scranton City Marathon (10-7-17).