



THE HEAD END

The sightings of those yellow school buses indicate that the summer is slowly coming to a close, even though at this writing it is 90 degrees outside.

The long awaited bus trip to Steamtown is Oct 7th. The registration letter is being mailed today so some may have it in hand before you receive this newsletter. We have seating for 100 members and their guest so please send you reservations back as soon as you can, to guarantee a seat on one of the buses. It will be a great time for all!!

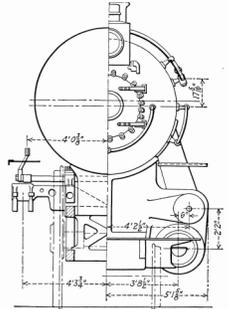
Before the Steamtown trip we have Heritage Days at the RRMofPA on Sept 9th and 10th. The focus for Heritage Days will be the PRR. The national will have a few tables along with at least 4 chapters also being represented. Peter Lerro will also be there selling his great railroad art. With the Strasburg across the street you can have a day or two of nothing but train fun!!

Remember there is NO meeting at the Drexel Hill church for September, so come out and spend the day at the museum!

Looking ahead we have the 50th anniversary of the PRR T&HS in Altoona this coming May. There will be many things to do in Altoona beside those who take Bennett Levin's train trip to get there. Activities will start on Weds evening and the vendors area will be open for the members on Thursday after noon. The times will be posted soon. So you may want to reserve a room for Wed night too, or else you may miss something. The Blair County convention center is a beautiful place to have this event and we basically have the whole center for the society.

Make your reservations quickly as the hotel blocks for the PRR T&HS are filling up fast! See you at the RRMofPA on Sep 9th.

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RAILROAD HERITAGE DAYS – September 9 & 10, 2017

At the April 2017 chapter meeting, membership supported attending Railroad Heritage Days at the Railroad Museum of PA (September 9-10, 2017), as a substitute to holding a September chapter meeting.

The national PRRT&HS will be represented along with four chapters, including the Philadelphia Chapter. As such, the National and Chapters will participate in showcasing the PRR, selling merchandise and soliciting new memberships. We'll also be working with local modelers and interacting the with the public. Look for the PRRT&HS near the "John Bull."

Chapter members are encouraged to attend and represent the PRRT&HS. Please dress with society wear and/or membership name tag (if you have either).

Preserving the history and memory of the PRR and its operations in the Philadelphia area is the mission of the Philadelphia Chapter. Lets use this opportunity to promote our mission while supporting the Railroad Museum of PA!

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300 Gap Road
Strasburg, PA 17579

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPTER MEETINGS

October 21, 2017
December 9, 2017
February 10, 2018
April 14, 2018

STEAMTOWN TRIP

October 7, 2017

NATIONAL MEETING

May 9-12, 2018
Altoona, PA

STEAMTOWN TRIP / OCTOBER 7, 2017

The Steamtown trip is open to all Philadelphia Chapter members in good standing (current with membership dues). All members should have received a trip mailing, prior to receiving this newsletter. If you did not receive the trip mailing, please contact the chapter board: news@philaprrths.com

Chartered "deluxe motor coach" will depart from the parking lot of the Bensalem Presbyterian Church (2826 Bristol Road, Bensalem PA) promptly at 9:00am. We will proceed directly to Scranton in time for the elective "Scranton Limited" and/or trolley rides museum visit, both "elective" offerings of the trip. We will depart for home at 5:00pm. Base Fare and Elective costs are documented in the aforementioned trip mailing.

Due to limited bus capacity, the trip is offered to all current Chapter members plus one guest on a "first-come, first served" basis. **Registration deadline is September 8.** (Additional requests for seats will be wait-listed and confirmed after 9/8 if space remains.)

Attendees are responsible for their lunch meal. There is a picnic area at the park. (There are no convenient food establishments on site or nearby). **No alcoholic beverages permitted!**

On behalf of the trip committee, I look forward to a mutually rewarding day with you at Steamtown. (Questions you may have can be emailed directly to the trip chairman John Kilbride at: jktrr@msn.com)

AMTRAK AUTUMN EXPRESS — October 14 & 15, 2017

Indications thus far, is that Amtrak will be running a 2017 Autumn Express, tentatively scheduled for October 14 & 15, 2017; operating over the West Shore Railroad (NYCRR). Watch for official Amtrak news release in coming weeks for confirmation, itinerary and pricing.

PRRT&HS 50th ANNUAL MEETING — May 9-14, 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be a four day event with an "optional" train trip leaving from 30th Street Station Philadelphia to Altoona. The train will leave on Wednesday May 9, 2018, returning on Sunday May 13, 2018 and will include a trip around Horseshoe Curve.

This trip will be restricted to 250 passengers and will be available thanks to the generosity of Bennett Levin and his equipment. More information will be available soon.

The annual meeting location is the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona PA. Due to the size of local hotels we have "blocked" rooms at four locations. There will be shuttle buses, courtesy of the PRRT&HS, running to all three outside hotel locations, to and from the convention center. All hotels have handicapped rooms available. It is advised to make reservations ASAP as this annual meeting will be a record breaker! Hotel information is available on the chapter website at: WWW.PHILAPRRTHS.COM