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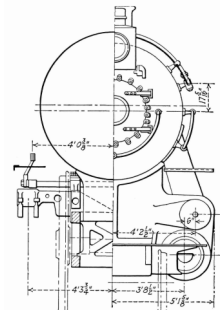
As the cold of winter is all around us, at least there is some relief from it all. This past weekend was the Big E show in Springfield Mass. Unfortunately, I did not make it, but I know of a few that did (especially those “Jersey guys”). The turnout was huge at it always is, just to show this interest in model railroading is not fading by any means.

Now, we have to look forward to the National’s Annual Meeting this coming May in Altoona. This will be another great time to look forward to too! Can’t wait to see the progress on 1361!

We had a great turnout at our last meeting, the “in person” attendance has been strong along with the large group of “virtual” attendees.

We are also now posting some of the presentations on the chapter website (www.philaprrths.com/video) for all to enjoy. I want to thank Russ for the excellent job he has been doing to make this all a reality.

So, I look forward to seeing all of you in March!



Steve Staffieri, President

ZOOM MEETING SIMULCAST - MARCH 2, 2024



The Philadelphia Chapter will simulcast the days events on the Zoom meeting platform.

[eNEWS Subscribers](#) will receive the Zoom Meeting link, by email, one day prior to the scheduled meeting..

The Meeting link will also be posted on the chapter [Website](#), prior to the meeting event.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER IS NOW ON YOUTUBE



The Philadelphia Chapter is now posting previously recorded “Modelers Meeting” and “Feature Presentations” on YouTube.

Complete information is available on the chapter website at (www.philaprrths.com/video).

Please note that not all presentations are recorded, in accordance with each presenters instructions and/or licensing requirements. However, there are currently a number of presentations available on the Philadelphia Chapter’s YouTube channel and the remaining backlog will be added in the coming weeks.

There are multiple ways to check and/or be notified when new videos are added.

1. Check the chapters website at: www.philaprrths.com/video
2. Chapter email notifications. If not already receiving, subscribe at: www.philaprrths.com
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CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 2, 2024

Drexel Hill Methodist Church
600 Burmont Road
Drexel Hill, PA

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

Day events will be simulcast on
Zoom. Complete details:
www.philaprrths.com/events

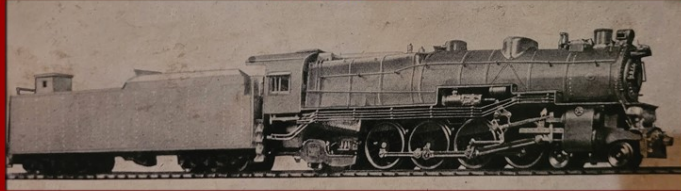
MODELERS PRESENTATION



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RESTORING A PRR M1a BRASS LOCO

Modelers Presentation by: Ed Seyerlein
March 2, 2024



Modelers Meeting: 11am / Business Meeting: 1pm / Feature Presentation: 2pm
Drexel Hill United Methodist Church / 600 Burmont Road / Drexel Hill, PA
Zoom Simulcast: www.philaprrths.com

Chapter member Ed Seyerlein presents restoration of a Gem Guild (DH-103) PRR M1a brass locomotive. Presentation will discuss how to make 50 year old brass engines operable on today's layouts. Will also review model accuracy, painting, variations and weathering techniques.

FEATURE PRESENTATION



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THE SPIRIT OF ALTOONA

Feature Presentation by: Joe DeFrancesco
March 2, 2024

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Joe DeFrancesco, Executive Director of the Altoona "[Railroaders Memorial Museum](http://www.railroadersmemorialmuseum.org)," will present with a focus on the development of the K4 class using the Altoona Test Department's scientific methods. Exploring the K4 design and 1361's career. Discussion on the 1361 as a memorial to railroaders of Altoona and the Pennsylvania Railroad. Restoration plans, progress, and the tracks ahead.



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