



## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

### Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society

THE 1990 PRRT&HS ANNUAL MEETING  
AT  
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society, Inc. wishes to take this opportunity to invite you to the Philadelphia area and to describe some of the wonderful things there will be to see and do as part of your Annual Meeting visit. The last time the PRRT&HS met in Philadelphia was in 1979. Take advantage of attending an Annual Meeting with many varied activities located in a very busy rail center and historic area.

First, let's explore the facilities at the host hotel, the Sheraton Valley Forge. It is one of the largest hotels in the area, having been designed to handle large meetings such as ours. All sleeping rooms, conference and meeting rooms, etc., are interconnected by internal hallways. No one has to go outside to get to their room. There are several restaurants in the complex, ranging from an inexpensive coffee shop to a gourmet restaurant. There is even a Gay 90's show at one of them, Lily Langtry's. You might want to stay an extra night (special low room rate applies). A Sunday brunch is available.

The Annual Meeting offers a variety of activities of interest for everyone. The attached detailed schedules for the rail-oriented events and the Spouse's Program have a breakdown of what we have planned for you. The following is a summary of the Annual Meeting events:

- I. PROGRAMS. Six varied programs by experts on the topics being presented.
  - A. Take the Train to Atlantic City will be given by Frank Kozempel, noted rail historian, lecturer and author. Frank has contributed several feature articles to our chapter publication, The High Line, and, recently, an article on Atlantic City service to The Keystone.
  - B. Pennsy's Anthracite Adventure: The Schuylkill Valley will have Carl Landeck presenting the program. He has studied, walked the right-of-way and ridden the trains of the SV. Carl is our Philadelphia Chapter vice-president.
  - C. The Octoraro Branch Story will be narrated by Lou Whitely, who has had a lifelong interest in the branch. Lou was the author of the feature article about the Octoraro Branch that appeared in The High Line.
  - D. Modeling PRR Freight Cars will be in the capable hands of our own John Johnson; there is no one better on the subject. He will discuss various aspects of PRR prototype freight cars and how to model them using available kits and parts. Recently, John won the Best in Show award at a NMRA regional meet.
  - E. A Look at the PRR We Knew will be presented by Frank Tatnall, President of the NRHS Philadelphia Chapter. Drawing on his personal slide collection, Frank will take you back in time on the PRR.
  - F. PRR Films by Clarence Weaver. Clarence Weaver is scheduled to close out our program activity with his 16MM color films of the PRR in action. Of course that all time PRR classic, the "Ore Train", will be one of them.
- II. PRR LAYOUT VISITS. Home layout visits to five area HO scale PRR prototype model railroad layouts will be coordinated by Paul Backenstose. It will be an on-your-own tour with detailed maps and directions provided. Arrangements will be made for car pooling to accommodate those without autos. This will be a first for a PRRT&HS Annual Meeting.

- III. MODEL CONTEST. Again we will have the Model Contest, supervised by John Johnson. Bring a model for entry, and see if you can win. Once again, if there are enough entries of HO and O scale models in a particular category, there will be separate voting and the awarding of certificates and ribbons for each scale. Also, every person entering a model in the contest will receive their choice of a set of decals from the Middle Division. These are the most accurate PRR decals ever produced. Also in the Model Room will be an HO scale freight car display illustrating the history of more modern classes. In addition, there will be other memorabilia displays loaned by members.
- IV. VENDOR'S ROOM. The Vendor's Room will be bigger and better than ever. It is possible that a few PRR model railroad suppliers may be present to show new products. PLEASE NOTE THAT ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO THE VENDOR'S ROOM.
- V. BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING. These events give you the opportunity to meet and hear our National Officers.
- VI. SPOUSE'S PROGRAM
  - A. You can see from the detailed schedule that Helen Landeck and Marge George have a very comprehensive program planned for the spouses. Bring your spouses, and we will entertain them.
- VII. TRAIN TRIPS. There are two choices in this category.
  - A. The first is a nostalgic trip over the Octoraro Branch, using equipment that once was used on the branch, ex-PRR Gas Electric No. 4662 (subject to availability). Through the cooperation of the Wilmington and Western and Octoraro Railroads, the trip will operate as far west on the branch as track conditions permit. A truly unusual experience.
  - B. The second choice is a ride on the ex-PRR Schuylkill Valley between Temple and Hamburg, Pennsylvania. This piece of the SV north of Reading, Pennsylvania is operated by the Blue Mountain and Reading. They intend to use their two ex-PRR E8A diesels painted in the classic PRR five stripe, tuscan red paint scheme, on Sunday. Again, another unique opportunity!
- VIII. INFORMAL SLIDE SHOWS. During the Annual Meeting, at times to be announced, a meeting room with a Kodak 35 MM Carousel projector, a stack loader for single slides and a screen will be made available to members to show slides informally. You are encouraged to bring and show slides of PRR subjects that you think might be of interest to others.

If you elect to do your own railfanning on Sunday and wish to ride ex-PRR trackage now operated by SEPTA, we can help you. Our committee is preparing a railfanning guide for annual meeting attendees. Famous Paoli, where your trip can begin, is only a few miles away. It is also possible to travel to Atlantic City by train.

Center City Philadelphia is less than twenty miles away, a short ride down the Schuylkill Expressway. For those of you who would prefer to do other than railfanning on Sunday, perhaps this would be a pleasant alternative. There is much to see and visit in the historic and waterfront area. Also, there are two major area shopping malls one mile from the Sheraton.

The net proceeds from this Annual Meeting will be donated to the Archive Fund and Lewistown Station Projects. So please plan to attend our 1990 Annual Meeting; you will enjoy it and benefit the Society.

The Committee  
Herb George  
Chairman



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## THE 22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRRT&HS

May 4th, 5th, 6th, 1990

SHERATON VALLEY FORGE HOTEL  
North Gulph Road and First Avenue  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

### SCHEDULE OF RAIL-ORIENTED EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1990

- 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Registration
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Vendor Set-up
- 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Vendor's Room Open (Admission to Convention Registrants only)
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Model/Display Room Open
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM - The Octoraro Branch Story -  
by Lou Whitely
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Home Layout Tours  
Visits to five area PRR model railroads  
Drive yourself or car pooling
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Modeling PRR Freight Cars -  
by John Johnson
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM - Model/Display Room Open
- 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM - A Look at the PRR We Knew -  
by Frank Tatnall

#### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1990

- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Registration
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Business Meeting
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Vendor's Room Open (Admission to Convention Registrants only)
- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Model/Display Room Open
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Take the Train to Atlantic City -  
by Frank Kozempel
- 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM - Pennsy's Anthracite Adventure:  
The Schuylkill Valley -  
by Carl Landeck
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Pick up Models
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Banquet
- 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Outstanding Films on the PRR -  
by Clarence Weaver

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1990

- 9:00 AM  
(LEAVE HOTEL)
- Fan Trip  
Wilmington and Western  
Ex-PRR Gas Electric No. 4662  
(subject to availability)  
Operating on the ex-PRR Octoraro  
Branch. Bus transportation  
provided to and from Railhead.
- 12:00 Noon & 2:00 PM -  
(LEAVE TEMPLE, PA.)
- Alternate Fan Trip  
Blue Mountain and Reading  
Scheduled round trip from  
Temple, PA. to Hamburg, PA.  
and return. Operates on  
Ex-PRR Schuylkill Valley  
Trackage. Drive yourself  
to and from Railhead.

SPOUSE'S PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1990

- 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM - Informal Get-Together to  
(Spouse's Hospitality renew acquaintances and make  
Room Available new ones.  
from 1:00 PM) - Chinese Auction -  
Bring a \$5 wrapped gift to  
participate.
- Register Craft Show Items.  
Can be train-related or not.  
(to be judged by popular vote)
- Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1990

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Bus Tour To Brandywine River Museum  
and Dupont's Longwood Gardens.
- 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM - Informal Get Together.
- 8:30 PM - Family Fun for all ages with  
a performance by "A Couple of Swells."  
Bring your children if they are  
with you.

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1990

- For those whose spouses  
are riding on the fan trips and  
would like to do something in a  
group see Helen Landeck or Marge George.

THE 22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRRT&HS  
REGISTRATION FORM WORK SHEET  
(KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS)

Registration (Member) (See Notes 1 and 2)	\$25.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Registration (Non-Member) (See Notes 1 and 2)	\$30.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Vendor Table (████████)	\$20.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Banquet Ticket	\$27.50	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Chicken		No. _____	
Roast Beef		No. _____	
Spouse's Bus Tour	ADULT \$15.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Includes Bus and	CHILD \$ 7.50	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Admission to Brandywine (6 to 12 yrs) River Museum and Longwood Gardens			
Octoraro Branch Fan Trip	\$60.00	No. _____	Pay When Notified
Includes Bus To and From Railhead (Limited to 50) (See Note 4)			
Blue Mountain and Reading			Pay on Sunday At Temple
Fan Trip	ADULT \$ 7.00	No. _____	
SENIOR CITIZEN	\$ 6.00	No. _____	
CHILD	\$ 5.00	No. _____	
			TOTAL COST \$ _____

PLEASE READ NOTES ON REVERSE SIDE

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(Detach and send in this Portion)

PRRT&HS 1990 ANNUAL MEETING  
REGISTRATION FORM  
(SEND IN BY APRIL 6, 1990)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (Member)	\$25.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Registration (Non-Member)	\$30.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Vendor Table (████████)	\$20.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Banquet Dinner Ticket	\$27.50	No. _____	Total \$ _____
Chicken		No. _____	
Roast Beef		No. _____	
Spouse's Bus Tour	ADULT - \$15.00	No. _____	Total \$ _____
CHILD - \$ 7.50		No. _____	Total \$ _____
(6 to 12 yrs)			
Octoraro Fan Trip (Limited to 50)	\$60.00	No. _____	Pay When Notified
____ Yes, I want to be assigned to the Blue Mountain Trip if Octoraro Trip is full.			
____ No, I do not want to be assigned to Blue Mountain Trip if Octoraro Trip is full.			
Blue Mountain and Reading Trip		No. _____	Pay At Temple
			TOTAL COST \$ _____

-PLEASE ANSWER HOTEL & LAYOUT TOUR QUESTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE  
-MAKE OUT CHECK OR M.O. TO "Philadelphia Chapter - PRRT&HS" AND MAIL  
WITH THIS BOTTOM PORTION TO: Phila. Chapter - PRRT&HS, P.O. Box 523,  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

NOTES - PLEASE READ:

1. There is no registration charge for your spouse or child under 18.
2. Registration does not include Banquet Tickets - they must be purchased separately for each person, including children, attending the Banquet.
3. Make certain you send your hotel reservation and deposit directly to the Sheraton using the form provided.
4. If your registration is received after the limit of 50 is reached, you will be assigned to the Blue Mountain and Reading Trip unless you note otherwise on your registration form. If you are among the first 50 registering for the Octoraro Branch Fan Trip you will be notified to send in the price of the trip tickets.
5. Make out check or money order for registration to "Philadelphia Chapter - PRRT&HS" and send it and your completed Registration Form (bottom of this page) by April 6, 1990 to:  
Philadelphia Chapter - PRRT&HS  
P.O. Box 523  
Woodbury, NJ 08096
6. Net proceeds will go to the Archive Fund and Lewistown Station Projects.

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS - YOUR ANSWERS  
WILL HELP US IN PLANNING

HOTEL INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying at the Sheraton

LAYOUT TOURS

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We (give total number of people \_\_\_\_\_)  
will attend the Layout Tour.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We (give total number of people \_\_\_\_\_)  
will attend the Layout Tour and will  
need a ride.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We (give total number of people \_\_\_\_\_)  
will attend the Layout Tour and I can  
give \_\_\_\_\_ other people rides.

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