



**THE  
PITTSBURGH AND MIDDLE DIVISION CHAPTERS  
WELCOME YOU TO THE 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD  
TECHNICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**APRIL 29 - MAY 3, 2015  
STATE COLLEGE, PA**



# SCHEDULE

## 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 29 - MAY 3, 2015 THE PENN STATER CONFERENCE CENTER HOTEL STATE COLLEGE, PA

### WEDNESDAY - APRIL 29, 2015

EARLY REGISTRATION - Blue Conference Reception Desk: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

### THURSDAY - APRIL 30, 2015

REGISTRATION - Blue Conference Reception Desk: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
STANDARD STEEL / PRRT&HS LEWISTOWN STATION & ARCHIVES TOUR - By Reservation Only: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Room 102CL: 8:00 - 10:00 PM  
PAINT COMMITTEE MEETING - Room 102CL: 10:00 - 11:00 PM

TIME	SENATE DINING 2/3	PRESIDENTS HALL 1	PRESIDENTS HALL 4	PRESIDENTS HALL 2/3
3:00 PM				<b>VENDOR SETUP NO SALES</b>
4:00 PM				
5:00 PM				
6:00 PM				
7:00 - 8:00 PM	<b>MODEL ROOM SETUP</b>	BEZILLA / RUDNICKI	VOLKMER	
8:00 - 9:00 PM		JORDAK	RAINEY	
9:00 - 10:00 PM		FREDLAND, Part 1	KELLER	
10:00 - 10:45 PM		FREDLAND, Part 2	SYME	

### FRIDAY - MAY 1, 2015

REGISTRATION - Blue Conference Reception Desk: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
NS JUNIATA LOCOMOTIVE SHOPS / ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD NHS TOUR - By Reservation Only: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
THE ARBORETUM AT PENN STATE / MOUNT NITTANY VINEYARD & WINERY TOUR - By Reservation Only: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
SELF-GUIDED MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUT TOURS - Separate Flyer at Registration Desk: 7:00 - 11:00 PM

TIME	SENATE DINING 2/3	PRESIDENTS HALL 1	PRESIDENTS HALL 4	PRESIDENTS HALL 2/3
7:00 AM				<b>VENDOR SETUP NO SALES</b>
8:00 AM				
9:00 - 10:00 AM	<b>MODEL ROOM</b>	FRANTZ	FISCHER	<b>VENDOR ROOM</b>
10:00 - 11:00 AM		PIERSON, Part 1 of 2	CONSOLI	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM		PIERSON, Part 2 of 2	GATWOOD	
12:00 - 1:30 PM		<b>LUNCH</b>		
1:30 - 2:30 PM		SMITH	HURST	
2:30 - 3:30 PM		RAINEY	GOEHRING	
3:30 - 4:30 PM		KELLER	FUNARO	
4:30 - 5:30 PM		FRANTZ	BEZILLA / RUDNICKI	
5:30 - 7:30 PM	<b>DINNER</b>			
7:30 - 8:30 PM	<b>MODEL ROOM THRU 10:00 PM</b>	CONSOLI	STONE	<b>VENDOR ROOM THRU 10:00 PM</b>
8:30 - 9:30 PM		PIERSON, Part 1 of 2	FISCHER	
9:30 - 10:15 PM		PIERSON, Part 2 of 2	NOBLE	

# SATURDAY - MAY 2, 2015

REGISTRATION - Blue Conference Reception Desk: After Annual Business Meeting - 12:00 PM

TIME	SENATE DINING 2/3	PRESIDENTS HALL 1	PRESIDENTS HALL 4	PRESIDENTS HALL 2/3
9:00 - 10:30 AM		PRRT&HS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING		
10:30 - 11:30 AM	<b>MODEL ROOM **</b>  "MEET THE MODELER" 2:00 - 3:00 PM  BEGIN REMOVING MODELS AT 3:00 PM	GATWOOD	SYME	<b>VENDOR ROOM **</b>  VENDORS MUST VACATE ROOM BY 4:00 PM
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM		<b>LUNCH</b>		
1:00 - 2:00 PM		FREDLAND, PART 1	NOBLE	
2:00 - 3:00 PM		FREDLAND, PART 2	STONE	
3:00 - 3:45 PM			HURST	
3:45 - 4:30 PM			MODELING COMMITTEE FORUM	
4:30 - 6:30 PM	<b>OPEN TIME</b>			
6:30 - 7:15 PM		CASH BAR		
7:15 - 8:00 PM		BANQUET DINNER		
8:00 - 8:45 PM		AWARDS & RAFFLE		
9:00 PM		<b>BANQUET PRESENTATION</b> Churella - "What Went Wrong on the PRR?"		

\*\* - Model Room & Vendor Room open after Annual Business Meeting

# SUNDAY - MAY 3, 2015

SELF-GUIDED MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUT TOURS - Separate Flyer at Registration Desk: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## BANQUET PRESENTATION

**What Went Wrong on the PRR? How the Nation's Greatest Railroad Became the Nation's Largest Bankruptcy - Albert J. Churella, Ph.D.** -- It is a well-known irony - and tragedy - of history that the company that symbolized the power of the railroad industry during the nineteenth century reflected the near-collapse of that industry during the twentieth century. While many historians have identified the factors that contributed to the PRR's difficulties during the 1950s and 1960s, the company's problems actually began as early as 1907. Based on the research and writing of his second volume of the PRR's history, Albert Churella will discuss the key issues that affected the railroad over the final sixty years of its corporate life.

## STAFF

**CHAIRMAN:** Richard Ader, Middle Division Chapter / Donald Coulter, Pittsburgh Chapter

**REGISTRAR:** Richard Ader, Middle Division Chapter

**PRESENTATIONS:** Donald Coulter, Pittsburgh Chapter

**MODEL ROOM:** George Stanley, Middle Division Chapter / Bob Meier, Pittsburgh Chapter

**VENDOR ROOM:** Frank Napoleon, Pittsburgh Chapter

**OPEN HOUSES:** Donald Coulter, Pittsburgh Chapter

**PROTOTYPE TOURS:** Richard Ader, Middle Division Chapter / Kenneth J. Kobus, Pittsburgh Chapter

**CULTURAL TOUR:** Pauletta Ader, Middle Division Chapter / Phyllis Coulter, Pittsburgh Chapter

**TREASURER:** Floris Lewis, Middle Division Chapter

**WEBMASTER:** Jerry Britton, Northern Central Chapter

**PRRT&HS LEGAL COUNSEL:** James G. Trope

**HOTEL LIAISON:** Delyn M. Walker, The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel

# MAIN PROGRAM

## PROTOTYPE PRESENTATIONS

**Mike Bezilla / Jack Rudnicki - When Empty, Return to PRR, Bellefonte, PA** -- An overview of the Bellefonte area's role in the growth of passenger and freight traffic for the PRR, with special emphasis on the area's emergence as an important source of limestone and lime for the steel industry in the Pittsburgh district.

**Ian Fischer - Stock Cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad** -- A review of the development of wooden stock cars, the steel-underframe stock car, the adaption of the 1923 ARA standard box car, and the conversion of boxcars into stock cars.

**Bob Fredland - An overview of PRR operations in the Chicago Area through Aerial Views, Part 1: Chicago**

**Bob Fredland - An overview of PRR operations in the Chicago Area through Aerial Views, Part 2: The Calumet Industrial Region**

**Dave Goering - Lewistown Yard**

**Vagel Keller - The East Broad Top Railroad Branch Lines**

**Bradford Ross Noble, DO, Chairman, The T1 Trust** -- The T1 Trust will present a brief history of the T1 class followed by a detailed account describing what has been accomplished to date and what is planned for the future regarding the construction of PRR 5550.

**George Pierson - The PRR Middle Division in Juniata County, PA: 1847 to 2012** -- An in-depth look at this section of the famous PRR Middle Division in central Pennsylvania. See how the PRR developed from its earliest days into the famous four-track Broad Way of Commerce. Every significant structure along this 30-mile stretch is covered with Port Royal, Mifflin and the coal wharf at Denholm receiving special attention.

**Greg Stone - The PRR Shops at Renovo, PA** -- The history, location and purpose of the shops, including the type and style of the structures, will be covered over a period of one-hundred years; the 1860's to the 1960's.

**Bill Volkmer - My Days at Enola Enginehouse**

## MODELING PRESENTATIONS

**Jack Consoli - PRR Diesel Modeling: Selected Topics**

**John Frantz - Creating and Applying Decals from a Professional Perspective**

**Steve Funaro - Modeling the PRR G22 Gondola**

**Elden Gatwood - Modeling PRR Boxcars: 1919 to 1968**

**Matthew Hurst - Modeling PRR Steam in the 1940's** -- Improving the prototype fidelity of Pennsylvania Railroad steam locomotive models with an emphasis on modern appliances and their applications. Matt will examine the implementation of the steel pilot, "Modernized Front", train phone and other appurtenances used on PRR's steam while giving a practical approach to better set models in a specific time period.

**Jerry Jordak - Modeling New Castle, PA in 1969: Building a layout based on the prototype** -- A historical look at New Castle, PA at the end of the PRR era combined with layout design ideas and lessons learned while recreating it in HO scale.

**Lee Rainey - Modeling Mount Union** -- For many years Mount Union was the largest shipping point on the Pennsylvania Railroad's Middle Division, due in no small measure to the traffic generated by the East Broad Top Railroad. Coal, brick, lumber, leather, textiles, furniture, feed and flour, grain and fresh vegetables, petroleum products, chemicals, sand and stone, and merchandise for the local grocers all passed in and out of Mt. Union on a daily basis, creating a remarkable prototype setting showcased in this clinic through period photographs.

**Bruce Smith - Etched Brass Parts for Modeling** -- The use of etched parts to super-detail models. Examples of etched parts and how to use and assemble them will be provided. In addition the creation of custom etched parts by the modeler will be discussed.

**Chip Syme - How a Railroader Details and Operates His Model Railroad**

**Elden Gatwood / Jack Consoli - Modeling Committee Forum** -- Hear what new PRR model projects are in the works (those that are not top secret), share your opinions on what you'd like to see next, and show your appreciation for the efforts of these volunteers that are helping the manufacturers give us the best PRR models we have ever had.

## MOTOR COACH TOURS

**Standard Steel / PRRT&HS Lewistown Station & Archives Tour** - By Reservation Only  
Thursday, April 30, 2015: 9:00 AM Departure (Two Buses)

**NS Juniata Locomotive Shops / Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS Tour** - By Reservation Only  
Friday, May 1, 2015: 8:00 AM Departure (Two Buses)

**The Arboretum at Penn State / Mount Nittany Vineyard & Winery Tour** - By Reservation Only  
Friday, May 1, 2015: 9:00 AM Departure (Handicap Accessible Bus)

## SELF-GUIDED MODEL RAILROAD LAYOUT TOURS

Area layouts will be open for visits by Annual Meeting attendees on Friday evening and Sunday during the day. Please remember to wear your PRRT&HS name badge. Flyers are available at the registration desk.

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## NEARBY...

**PRRT&HS Lewistown Station: 150 Helen Street, Lewistown, PA 17044**

For those wishing to drive to Lewistown, the station will be open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The archive rooms **WILL NOT** be open other than for the scheduled tours.

**Railroaders Memorial Museum: 1300 Ninth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602**

The museum is dedicated to revealing, interpreting, commemorating and celebrating the significant contributions of railroaders and their families to American life and industry. The museum also operates the visitor center at Horseshoe Curve National Historic Site.

**Allen Street Grill: 100 West College Avenue, State College, PA 16801**

Traditional and contemporary American cuisine, late night specials. With an incredible view of the gates to Penn State and its famous Mall, our porch is the place to dine in downtown State College.

**Kildaire's Irish Pub: 538 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801**

Ireland's Pubs are much more than simply places for drinking - they are Social Experiences: theater, debating room, and family room. Our aim at Kildaire's is to create a truly Authentic Traditional Irish Pub. Throughout our pubs we've displayed Irish bric-a-brac that represent Irish music, brewing traditions, literature, sports, and history.

**Primanti Brothers: 130 Hiester Street, State College, PA 16801**

Joe Primanti opened a cart in Pittsburgh's Strip District selling sandwiches to hungry truckers who were coming and going at all times of the night. The rest is history... and arrived in State College in 2014.

**Tavern Restaurant: 220 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801**

Relax among rare and historic Pennsylvania lithographs and memorabilia at The Tavern. Fresh seafood, veal, and prime rib are our specialties. Serving dinner from 5:00 PM seven days a week.

**Berkey Creamery at Penn State: 119 Rodney A. Erickson Food Science Building, University Park, PA 16802**

Most visitors to the Berkey Creamery at Penn State know only of its famous ice cream, sherbet, and cheeses sold at the store or over the Internet, but what they don't know is that it is the largest university creamery in the nation.

**Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center: 800 E. Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803**

The Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center is a state-of-the-art Visitor Center with staff servicing hundreds of visitors, as well as local residents, each day. Guests can find out what's happening in the area and pick up brochures on Central PA Businesses, attractions and outdoor recreation. The pet-friendly Center features state-of-the-art interactive tourism network kiosks, wireless internet service, a large brochure/information area, an exhibit gallery, auditorium, retail, vending area. The Center is open and staffed seven days a week.

**Penn State All Sports Museum: The Museum is located at the southwest corner of Beaver Stadium.**

Past the time-honored bell tower of Old Main, beyond the cool marbled hall of academia, and outside the venerated field of Beaver Stadium, the legends of blue and white are gathered to tell their stories. At the Penn State All-Sports Museum, visitors encounter, firsthand, the athletic history and heritage of one of the greatest universities in the nation.

**Front Cover:**

EF15 #9532 leading a westbound freight past Slope Tower at Altoona, January 22, 1949. The 24th Street turntable can be seen above the locomotive. Tom Lyman photograph, courtesy William E. Burket.

# HOTEL LAYOUT - PUBLIC ROOMS

## Garden Level

