

To the members of the PRR T&HS, and all the riders on the Pennsylvania Inspection Trip to Altoona.

It is with deepest regret and sorrow to inform all that despite the tremendous effort on the part of Bennett Levin, who I am forever grateful, Amtrak has decided not to honor the agreement that we already had with them.

I will contact every rider who paid to ride this train by phone, and return all funds that were sent to the society for the trip.

A huge amount of time, money and effort has been spent putting this trip together on the part of Mr Levin, the PRR T&HS, and myself. This is definitely not the last that will be said about all of this, and my sincere apologies to those who made their plans and reservations to be a part of our 50th annual meeting celebration, and will not be attending due to the trip cancellation, especially those from outside the US. I hope that even though this train will not be running, you still may consider coming to Altoona to experience the railroad history out there, along with what our society has planned for those 4 days.

Thank you,

Steve Staffieri

Pres PRR T&HS