

## 5. John Swanson's Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania



*It's just after 10:30 on a clear February 2<sup>nd</sup> as the northbound Train 6604 led by K4s 5366 pulls into the Punxsutawney, PA station. The groundhog has already had his "time in the spotlight" so to speak, and the locals are taking advantage of a rare sunny winter day.*

The above is a totally fictitious scene on John Swanson's Pennsylvania Railroad Cresson Branch. John was born and raised in Punxsutawney, PA and graduated high school with his wife, sweetheart at the time, Connie. The Cresson Branch ran between Cresson, PA and Punxsutawney during the early to mid-twentieth century, and although primarily a coal hauler, John has built his version of the branch to be more freight diverse. Thanks to some friends, this version of Punxsy has a monument to the world-famous rodent! **John Swanson**