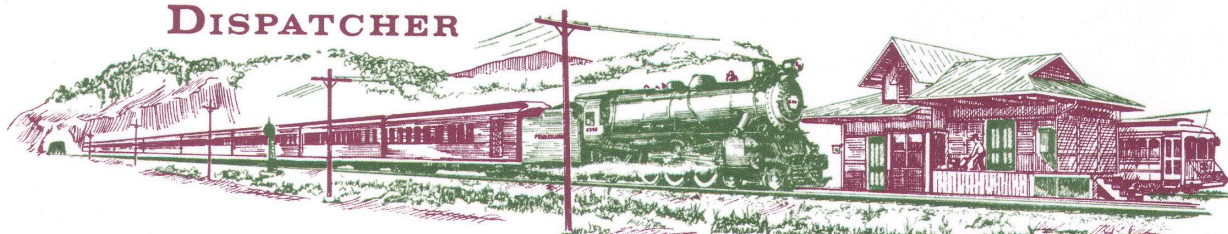


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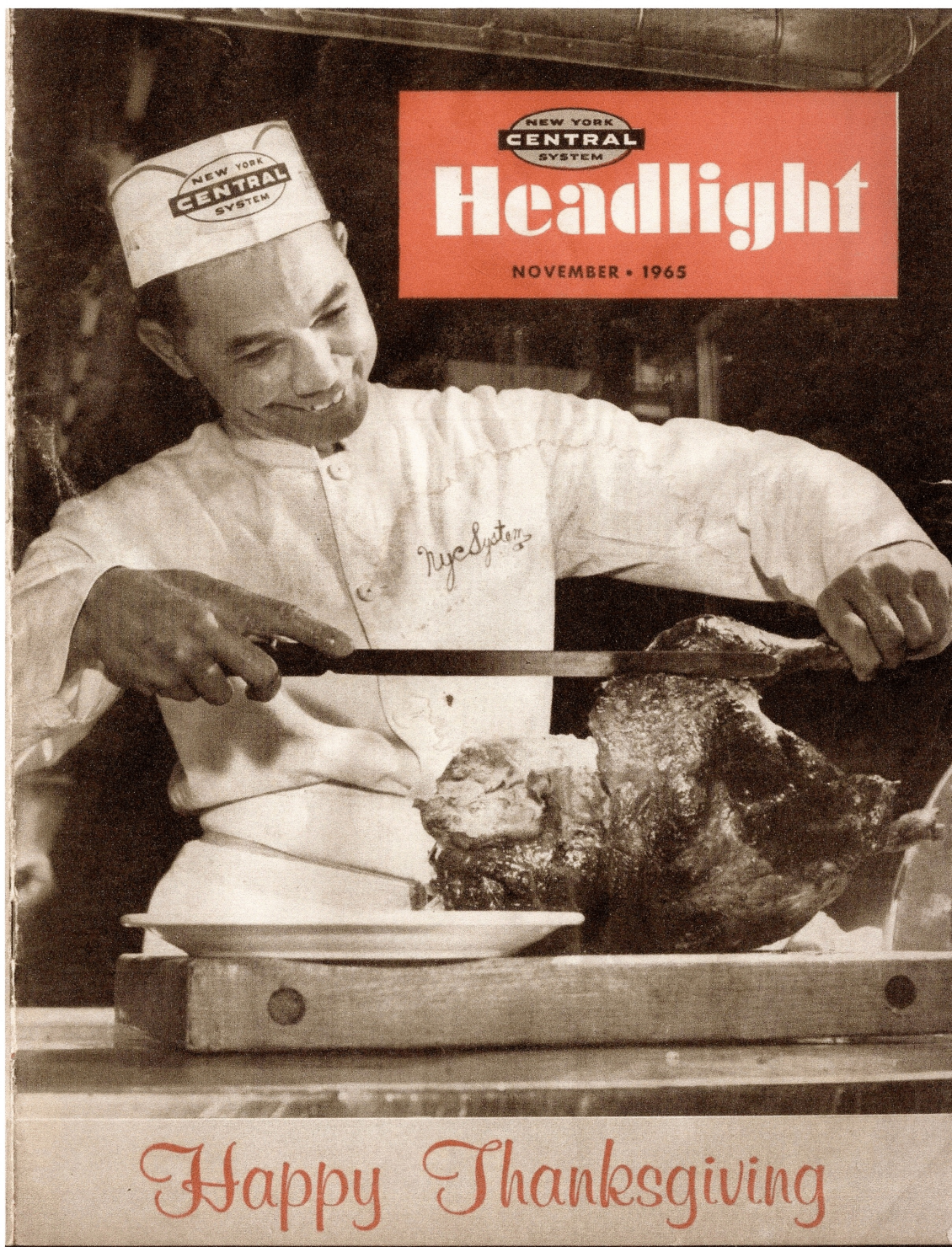
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By
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Amtrak Launches New Website For Virginia Services

Amtrak recently launched a new Web site at AmtrakVirginia.com to better provide information on all of the new services in the commonwealth of Virginia, including the new Northeast Regional trips. (See *October Dispatcher*) [*Progressive Railroading*]

Firearms Amendment Could Undo Amtrak Fiscal Year 2010 Funding

On September 16th, The Senate voted 68-30 to prohibit federal funding to Amtrak unless it allows licensed gun owners to check their weapons as checked baggage aboard Amtrak trains by early next year.

Amtrak amendments offered on the Senate floor that adversely impact the passenger rail carrier are hardly a novel threat to Amtrak's existence, the but firearms amendment, offered by Sen. Roger Wicker, (R-Miss.), would terminate Amtrak funding after March 30, 2010, if the national rail passenger carrier fails to accept guns as checked baggage by that time.

Amtrak spokesman Cliff Black, interviewed early Wednesday before the Senate vote, said the railroad would face a fiscal Hobson's choice under such an amendment. "It would be very expensive; accommodating firearms would require that they be properly secured," Black told *Railway Age*.

Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) concurred with Black's assessment after the vote. "In order to receive any federal funding under this amendment, Amtrak would have six months to build a process for checking and tracking firearms," said Murray, who voted against the amendment.

"It would have to find the manpower necessary to screen and guard firearms, and it would have to purchase the equipment necessary. Now, there is nothing in the underlying appropriations to pay for any of that. So this amendment is going to put a severe burden on them, and if they do not comply, Amtrak will shut down," Murray said.

A second amendment by Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.) would have recommended elimination of any unspent Amtrak funds from the current fiscal year appropriations law and the Recovery Act, according to the National Association of Railroad Passengers. But by late Wednesday Ensign had not offered the amendment for consideration, NARP said. [*Railway Age Rail Group News*]

Study Predicts Nearly 500,000 Ohio Rail Riders

As the deadline to apply for a piece of \$8 billion in stimulus funding for passenger rail service approaches, Ohio officials have cleared a major hurdle with the delivery of a ridership study that projects annual demand for rail service at nearly half a

million Ohioans, the *Dayton Business Journal* reported.

Amtrak sent copies of a draft report to the Ohio Department of Transportation and its Ohio Rail Development Commission. ODOT said the report will be part of an application for between \$250 million and \$400 million in stimulus funding that will be submitted before an Oct. 2 deadline. Ohio is looking to build a "3C" passenger rail system that would run from Cincinnati to Cleveland through Dayton and Columbus. That rail system would be tied into the Chicago Hub Network, which connects with Toledo, Louisville, Ky., and Indianapolis and would serve as a gateway to the western U.S.

Amtrak in the study of Ohio's proposed 255-mile corridor says about 478,000 passengers would use the service annually if such a system were up and running this year. The company cites a heavy concentration of colleges along the corridor as a "major component for success."

Annual revenue from the service, including ticket sales, is projected at \$12 million annually based on the initial ridership projection. The annual cost to run the system is projected at \$29.2 million, with Amtrak recommending a state subsidy of \$17 million.

Getting the rail system up and running likely will mean about \$343 million in infrastructure, track and signal upgrades and maintenance facilities and about \$175 million for five train sets, meaning a potential total investment north of \$500 million. Amtrak in the report cautioned that railroad operators in the state haven't yet agreed to host passenger service, though talks are ongoing.

Amtrak in the report singled out Columbus as an extremely complex segment of the route, with some of the highest rail traffic congestion in Ohio. As a result, a big challenge for the city likely will be maintaining the flow of freight traffic upon adding passenger service. The city has proposed new tracks and platforms beneath the Greater Columbus Convention Center, the company said.

Amtrak is expected to accept changes and revisions to the study and submit a final report this year. [*Railway Track and Structures*]



Canadian Pacific Announces 2009 US Holiday Train Campaign

Canadian Pacific's brightly decorated Holiday Train returns to the rails in late November, raising food, money and awareness for food pantries across North America. Last year, the Holiday Train helped raise more than \$500,000 and 250,000 lbs of food and there is greater need this year.

Canadian Pacific is proud to support communities where we operate, raising more than \$4 million in funds and two million

pounds of food in the Holiday Train's first decade," said CP President and CEO Fred Green. "Each year, the Holiday Train's message gets stronger and the impact on our employees and in communities becomes more meaningful."

At each stop, Canadian Pacific provides a brightly decorated train, a box car converted into a stage, great musical talent and a corporate contribution to the local food pantry. The community, in turn, rallies together at this free event - donating food and funds, all of which stays in their community.

Noting that food shelf visits have grown by 40% this year in Minnesota, Second Harvest Heartland spokesperson, Joan Wadkins, praised the Holiday Train hunger relief outreach, adding that "half of those visits are from families with children, and many of them are first time users of the food shelf."

"The Holiday Train is a great treat for families, and a great partner in reminding us that some of our neighbors -- particularly now -- are actually missing meals," said Wadkins. Last year, the St. Paul stop generated more than \$10,000 in donations, and more than \$90,000 in grocery products delivered to hungry families.

A diverse array of musicians will headline the US Holiday Train stage this year. Join Prescott and Adam Puddington with their blend of country, rock and blues for the American tour. Blues-rocker Shaun Verreault lends his virtuosic vocals and guitar to the tour from November 28 – December 6. Genre defying Wisconsin singer/songwriter and guitar wizard Willy Porter rounds out the tour December 7 to 18.

"Across North America, wherever there are people who are in need of food, there are communities dedicated to feeding that need" said Verreault. "The Holiday Train helps communities help each other, not just during the holiday season, but year round and I'm honored to help supply the soundtrack to such an inspiring program."

Over 40 American cities, towns and villages will experience the Holiday Train spirit, starting in Scranton, PA on November 28 (from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Steamtown) and concluding in Carpio, ND on December 17. For the first time, the US Holiday Train will visit South Dakota communities where the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation, a CP subsidiary, operates. Complete schedule details, downloads, pictures and video for the 2009 Holiday Train can be found on www.cpr.ca.

[Canadian Pacific Railroad]



CSX Gets Local Backing For D.C.-Area Rail Upgrades

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Policy Board, a regional transportation board, Wednesday approved plans to help fund CSX efforts to expand and improve freight capacity in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The Board approved a letter supporting federal grant applications to help cover the estimated \$160 million cost.

Concern remains within the board that CSX has not supported improvements to passenger rail needs within the board's territory, prompting the board to add language in its letter seeking commitments from the Class I carrier. CSX track is used

by Amtrak, Virginia Railway Express, and Maryland MARC trains. CSX has stated that the 13 planned improvement projects in the area would benefit freight and passenger operations. Many of the projects raise clearances for double-stack trains, potentially relieving current bottlenecks and resultant congestion for both freight and passenger moves, CSX has said. *[Railway Age]*

CSXT, Massachusetts Hammer Out Multi-Year Transportation Agreement

The commonwealth of Massachusetts and CSX Transportation recently reached a multi-year transportation agreement. Under the pact, the commonwealth will purchase the property rights of the Boston-Worcester line from CSXT, opening the door for additional commuter-rail service on the route and providing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) control of dispatching and line maintenance.

The agreement also calls for:

- CSXT and the commonwealth to increase bridges' vertical clearances along a mainline between I-495 and the New York state line to accommodate double-stack trains (Massachusetts will be responsible for raising highway bridges and the railroad will be responsible for lowering tracks);
- the commonwealth to help CSXT relocate its Beacon Park Yard operations in Boston to facilitate redevelopment efforts;
- the commonwealth to purchase the New Bedford-Fall River line from CSXT, as well as obtain the Boston Terminal running track, West First Street Yard in south Boston and the Class I's ownership of the Grand Junction secondary line; and
- the parties to work together to install positive train control, and operate freight and passenger trains in exclusive windows as often as possible.

In addition, CSXT will help defray MBTA's liability insurance cost and pay the deductible on a liability insurance policy if an accident occurs and the Class I is considered at fault because of "willful misconduct," according to a prepared statement.

"In addition to [providing more] commuter service, the plan will give the commonwealth a double-stack freight-rail route that will help alleviate congestion on Massachusetts highways," said CSX Corp. Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Ward. *[Progressive Railroading]*

New CSX Intermodal Services Link Buffalo with Major East Coast Ports

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 25 CSX Intermodal (CSXI) has begun two new international services that link Buffalo, N.Y., to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) and Philadelphia, Pa. The services, which started Monday, September 21, utilize the new CSXI Buffalo Terminal opened in 2008, with the support of the New York Department of Transportation and Erie County, increasing CSXI's presence in the Buffalo and Toronto markets.

On-dock service destined for Buffalo from the Elizabeth Marine Terminal (EMT) at the PANYNJ will be available on the second day after departure; Buffalo traffic destined for EMT will be available on the third day. This new service also qualifies for current incentives being offered by the PANYNJ to support on-dock rail solutions. One incentive offers shippers \$25 for each

container hauled by rail this year over their 2008 totals for rail use. A second incentive offers an additional \$25 per container for new intermodal on-dock services.

The Buffalo-Philadelphia service will provide third-day availability southbound and fourth-day availability northbound.

CSXI President Jim Hertwig said the services are part of CSXI's efforts to help shippers "seize the opportunities presented by long-term trends shaping freight flows today, like all-water routes to the East Coast and regional intermodalism." Hertwig added that CSXI already offers intra-regional on-dock service at the PANYNJ to the CSXI Stackbridge Terminal in Worcester, Mass., and similar services at other East Coast ports.

"We commend CSX Intermodal for its efforts to introduce new shorter-haul services at East Coast ports that will allow ocean carriers to leverage the many advantages of rail when moving goods to their final destination," said Gordon Dorsey, Senior Vice President, USA Operations Manager for Maersk Line. "Maersk Line continues to strive for new solutions for our customers to ensure the best possible product reliability and value proposition. This new CSXI service allows us to provide committed service to our East Coast and Canadian customers."

[CSX Transportation]



NS Praises Crescent Corridor State Partners

Norfolk Southern Corp. has commended its Crescent Corridor state partners, including Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, for supporting the Crescent Corridor program designed to increase NS' freight transportation capacity and mobility in the eastern U.S.

"On behalf of Norfolk Southern, I thank our partners for their farsighted support of the Crescent Corridor," said NS CEO Wick Moorman (pictured at left) in a statement. "The Crescent Corridor is a tremendous economic advantage for the states and the nation. It will stimulate jobs, tax revenue, and business growth, while delivering substantial public benefits for communities and customers. Governors Ed Rendell, Tim Kaine, Bob Riley, Haley Barbour, and Phil Bredesen are leading the way in showing how public-private partnerships can create safe, affordable, green solutions to America's transportation infrastructure challenges."

NS says lead state Pennsylvania submitted "The Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Application" to apply for federal stimulus money under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program.

The application seeks \$300 million in support of new independent intermodal facilities at Memphis, Birmingham, and Franklin County, Pa.; and the expansion of intermodal terminals in Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Track improvements in the five partner states will include 10 passing tracks, 557 individual speed improvements, and 393 miles of track improved with upgraded rail, NS says.

The Crescent Corridor stretches 2,500 miles, linking New Orleans and Memphis with northern New Jersey. In their TIGER application, the five partner states described the Crescent

Corridor as "one of the single largest additions of new freight transportation capacity in America since the Interstate Highway System. Building the last long haul intermodal freight distribution supply chain is one of the best transportation investments of our time."

NS says the improvements planned will generate \$326 million in tax revenues to states and communities, divert 1.3 million long-haul trucks from Interstate highways, generate \$146 million in accident avoidance savings, reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 1.9 million tons, generate \$575 million in congestion savings, generate \$92 million in highway maintenance savings, and offer fuel savings of 169 million. *[Railway Age Rail Group News]*

Batteries ARE Included: Norfolk Southern Unveils Experimental Electric Locomotive

ALTOONA, PA. – With U.S. Dept. of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Congressman Bill Shuster in attendance, Norfolk Southern Sept. 28th unveiled the latest in alternative energy locomotive technology at its Juniata Locomotive Shop in Altoona, Pa. NS 999 is a prototype 1,500-horsepower switching locomotive that relies solely on rechargeable batteries for power.



"At Norfolk Southern we strongly subscribe to the view that sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint are solid business objectives that also provide enormous benefits to the communities we serve," said CEO Wick Moorman. "By utilizing regenerated kinetic energy of the train and with no diesel exhaust emissions, NS 999 achieves those goals. This prototype locomotive was developed by Norfolk Southern, with the help of an incredibly creative partnership, including the U.S. Dept. of Energy, the Federal Railroad Administration, and The Pennsylvania State University, for which we are grateful. We must also recognize Congressman Bill Shuster, as without his active interest and participation in this project NS 999 would still be merely a concept."

"Today, the transportation sector currently accounts for just under a third of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, more than half of nitrogen oxide emissions, and almost three-quarters of our petroleum consumption. We need to change that," said Secretary LaHood. "By working together to develop alternative energy sources and innovative technologies like this electric locomotive, we will make transportation more sustainable and energy-efficient."

“Historically, Pennsylvania has had a tremendous history in railroading, and it remains my belief that our state can still have a bright future in rail if we take advantage of dynamic partnerships between the private and public sectors like the one that produced this locomotive,” said Congressman Bill Shuster, the Ranking Republican on the Railroads Subcommittee. “What Norfolk Southern and Penn State are doing with Congress and Secretary LaHood’s support is truly significant and will help usher in a new generation of green locomotives fueled by American ingenuity. Let’s not forget about the great work done by the Juniata Locomotive Shop employees who did a superior job producing this engine. I am proud to have worked to secure funding for this project, and I look forward to seeing it working the rail lines soon.” Congressman Shuster secured \$1.3 million in federal funding for the NS 999 project.

NS 999 is an entirely electric locomotive that uses a lead-acid energy storage system comprised of 1,080 12-volt batteries to operate in railroad switching applications without the use of a diesel engine and with zero exhaust emissions. The plug-in locomotive also can regenerate dynamic braking energy through a system provided by Brookville Equipment Company. The recovered dynamic braking energy continually replenishes the energy storage system, and uses this recovered energy for tractive effort in rail operations. The batteries are carefully monitored and controlled through an elaborate battery management system to assure safety and maximum battery life, and when fully charged NS 999 is able to operate three shifts before recharging is required. [Norfolk Southern Corp.]

Nov. 1923 - Truck pick-up-and-delivery of local freight begins between Overbrook and Downingtown; provided by Scott Bros. Company under contract.

Nov. 1, 1928 - Group of PRR officials makes brief circling flight in first Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc. Ford Tri-motor from Crescent Airport in Camden, New Jersey.

Nov. 4, 1933 - Last runs of PRSL passenger service over ex-PRR lines between Woodbine Jct. and Harbor Branch Jct. (Cape May) and between Wildwood Jct. and Wildwood, New Jersey.

Nov. 28, 1937 - New "PARK" Interlocking placed in service at Parkesburg, Pa.

Nov. 10, 1942 - Eleven cars of 125-car westbound freight derail east of Downingtown at 3:08 PM; tank car of benzene takes fire, closing main line for 9 hours.

Nov. 16, 1947 - *Freedom Train* draws 7,000 visitors at Harrisburg, Pa. Passenger Station.

Nov. 12, 1952 - PRR board meets in Pittsburgh, first time meets outside of Philadelphia; announces \$47 million program to upgrade freight service and freight yards, including rebuilding of Conway as principal yard on PRR, new car shop at Hollidaysburg, moving scrap dock from Conway to Hollidaysburg, and faster schedules.

Nov. 27, 1957 - Last run of a PRR steam locomotive, IIsa No. 4271, in revenue freight (coal drag) service from Cresson to Altoona; last regular steam operation over Horseshoe Curve.

Nov. 8, 1961 - PRR and NYC announce reopening of merger negotiations.

Nov. 1966 - Four Dept. of Commerce Pioneer III MU cars begin test runs between New Brunswick and Trenton; reach 152 MPH but show instability at high speeds.

Christopher T. Baer, Hagley Museum and Library via Philadelphia Chapter, PRR&HS - Used with permission

THIS MONTH ON THE PENNSY

PRR, PRSL & LIRR EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 25, 1854 - Philadelphia & Sunbury Railroad opens between Shamokin and Mount Carmel, Pa.

Nov. 21, 1864 - West Chester Railroad trains begin using West Chester & Philadelphia Railroad station in West Chester, operating over new connecting line.

Nov. 15, 1874 - New PRR book of rules approved on July 8 put into effect; uniform rules for all of Lines East replace separate rules of predecessor companies.

Nov. 19, 1885 - Town meeting at Wayne, Pa., rejects PRR proposal to change the station name to Ithon.

Nov. 1, 1900 - New eastbound classification yard east of Juniata Scales at Altoona opens for eastbound coal traffic.

Nov. 12, 1907 - Tests of PRR experimental electric locomotives and New Haven Class EP-1 electric locomotive to ascertain lateral stress on rails begin on a seven mile tangent between Clayton and Franklinville, N.J., on WJ&S.

Nov. 24, 1912 - *Pennsylvania Special* renamed *Broadway Limited* with all-steel consist and schedule lengthened from 18 hours to 20 hours.

Nov. 1917 - Villa Maria, Pa. station on West Chester Branch renamed Immaculata.

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TIMETABLE 11-09

For Lancaster Chapter News, see "INSIDE THE BACK PAGE"

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Sentimental Journey Slide Show by Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter, NRHS. 10-5 at the Italian American Citizens Club, Oak Street, Pittston Twp., Pa. Tickets \$20 advance order only - includes admission, lunch, dessert, soft drinks and door prize entry. Check or money order to Ed Philbin, 36 East Cole St., Pittston, Pa. 18640 before October 25. Info: Ed Philbin at edlvrr@gmail.com or 570-954-7981.

Monday, November 9, 2009

Photo Freight on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad featuring 2-8-0 No. 734. Numerous photo stops including Helmstetter's



Curve. All proceeds benefit the John Helmstetter Farm Fund to help John recover from the fire that destroyed his barn and animals. Info: www.helmstetterfarm.org.

Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15, 2009

First Frost Train Meet by the Allentown Train Meet Associates at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agriplex, 17th & Chew Sts. Info: www.allentowntrainmeet.com.

Friday, November 20 through Wednesday, December 23, 2009

North Pole Express on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad. Info: www.newhoperailroad.com.

Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22, 28-29, 2009

The Santa Express! on the Cape May Seashore Lines between Tuckahoe and Richland, NJ on Conrail's freight-only Beesleys Point Secondary Track. Info: www.capemayseashorelines.org.

Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28, 2009

Santa's Surprise Trains and Polar Bear Express on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad. Info: www.mhrrailroad.com.

Friday, November 27 through Sunday, November 29, 2009

Santa's Paradise Express on the Strasburg Rail Road. Potbelly stoves gently warm the passenger cars as you travel with Santa. Sing Christmas carols along with musicians as they stroll from car to car. If you listen carefully, you may even hear the sounds of ringing bells. Info: www.strasburgrailroad.com.

Friday, November 27 through Sunday, November 29, 2009

Santa's Express on the West Chester Railroad between West Chester and Glen Mills, Pa. Info: www.westchesterr.com.

Friday, November 27, 2009 through Sunday, January 3, 2010

Holiday Festival of Trains at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, Md. Holiday celebration of toy trains and model railroading layouts. Info: www.borail.org.

Friday, November 27, 2009 through Sunday, January 10, 2010

A Brandywine Christmas at the Brandywine River Museum. The museum celebrates the season with fabulous holiday displays including an extensive O-gauge model railroad. Info: www.brandywinemuseum.org/calendar_events.html.

Saturday, November 28 and Sunday November 29, 2009

Schuylkill Valley Model Railroad Club Open House at 400 S. Main Street, Phoenixville, Pa. from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Info: www.svmrrc.com.

Friday, December 4, 2009 through Sunday, December 6, 2009

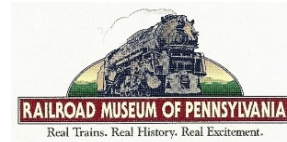
Day Out With Thomas on the Strasburg Rail Road. Info: www.strasburgrailroad.com.

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Friday, January 8 through Sunday, January 10, 2010

Winter NRHS Board of Directors' Meeting at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, SC - hosted by the Charleston Chapter.



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Through Thursday, December 31, 2009

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Through Thursday, December 31, 2009

Railroads and the American Industrial Landscape; Ted Rose Paintings and Photographs

Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, 2009

Trains & Troops

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Taking The Swing Train 1940s Dance

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Spirit Of Giving Day

Saturday, December 5 and Saturday, December 12, 2009

Home For The Holidays and Polar Express Parties



Riding the Reading....

Reading Company events in November

Nov. 22, 1834 - First meeting of Philadelphia & Reading stockholders.

Nov. 6, 1885 - Reading, B&O and Baltimore & Philadelphia Railroad sign agreement for joint lease of Schuylkill River East Side Railroad and traffic contract granting B&O use of Bound Brook Route.

Nov. 8, 1909 - New freight yard opened at 12th & York Streets, Philadelphia.

Nov. 14, 1909 - New station opened at Mt. Carmel Jct.

Nov. 11, 1928 - Reading announces it will electrify its Philadelphia suburban lines to Lansdale, Langhorne and Chestnut Hill.

OCTOBER, 2009

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: The Regular Membership Meeting of the Lancaster Chapter, National Railway Historical Society was held at the Christiana Freight Station, Christiana, Pa. on Monday October 19, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Glenn Kendig with 46 members and 2 guests present. President Kendig led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Glenn Kendig made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Tom Shenk approved the motion and Marlyn Geesey seconded the motion. The September membership minutes were approved as printed in the *Lancaster Dispatcher*.

MEMBERSHIP: In First Vice-President Fred Kurtz's absence, Glenn Kendig reported that the dues notices from National will be mailed the first week of November.

CHAPLAIN: Chaplain Doris Geesey read the chapter membership a poem entitled "The Little Porch." Doris reported that Alfred H. Eldredge, Jr. recently passed away. She sent his family a sympathy card. She also sent John Irwin a planter and get well card for his back surgery. Doris reported Walter Pogue had a pacemaker put in and was in attendance at the chapter membership meeting. Doris received a thank you card from John Irwin for his recent back surgery. If anyone has any information on any chapter members, pass it along to our Chaplain.

TREASURER: Treasurer Toady Kennel gave the Treasurer's Report for September.

BUDGET: Glenn Kendig went over the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 year with the chapter membership. After some discussion, Steve Himpls made the motion for the chapter membership to approve the new budget. David Stambaugh seconded the motion. The chapter membership voted unanimously to approve the new budget.

NOMINATIONS: Nominating Committee Chairman David Stambaugh announced the offices and officers for the 2009-2010 year: President-Thomas Shenk; First Vice-President-Fred Kurtz; Second Vice-President-Glenn Kendig; Secretary-Donetta Eberly; Treasurer-Leora Kennel; Editor-Ed Mayover; Historian-Evan Russell; Chaplain-Doris Geesey; First Director at Large-Cynthia Kendig; Second Director at Large-Tom McMaster; National Director-Harold Shaak. John Swiegart made a motion that the Secretary cast the ballot and the officers will stand as announced by Nominating Committee Chairman David Stambaugh. Dale Kerchner seconded the motion. David Stambaugh made the motion to close the ballot. Charles Hirschmann seconded the motion.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Smoke Shaak announced that he will be attending the Board of Director's meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on October 21-25, 2009.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tom McMaster announced recognition should be given to Cindy Kendig for all her time and work she puts into renting and decorating the Freight Station for the chapter. Cindy Kendig is decorating the Freight Station for Christmas on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping decorate, contact Cindy. Tom announced Saturday, November 7th will be a work day at the Freight Station to work on the caboose. If anyone would like to come and help that day, other than the caboose, there are other items that need to be worked on. The Freight Station Open House for Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th. If anyone is interested in setting up a train display (any gauge), contact Glenn. The fence around the caboose will be installed as soon as Glenn contacts Amtrak. Amtrak wants to have someone on site while the fence is being installed. Final plans have to be made for the Board of Directors meeting being held in Lancaster next year. The Committee will need volunteers. The selling price of the Strasburg Rail Road tickets will be 50% of the standard fare, rounded up to the next dollar. It was suggested that the chapter have a policy on the

donation of Strasburg Rail Road tickets. The chapter will be preparing an Application for charitable reasons, to be reviewed before disbursing any tickets.

TRIPS: Glenn Kendig thanked Ron Irwin and the Trip Committee for getting the Tioga Central Railroad trip together. There were 87 adults and 6 children on the trip. The profit to the chapter from the Tioga trip is around \$1054.54. Dennis Allen also announced that the group going on the Mexican Rivera trip will be leaving October 23rd and returning November 3rd. The Trip Committee is working on some new ideas for future trips. Lou Hauck went with Red Lion bus tours to Johnstown and Horseshoe Curve on Sunday, October 18th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Glenn announced that Tom Shenk needs volunteers to help put the newsletter together. Tom announced that he is still looking for a Kitchen Coordinator to run the kitchen. Glenn thanked Clair and Joan Shearer, Eileen and Louis Stoll for working in the kitchen for this month. Tom Shenk announced a fundraiser is being held at Hoss's in Lititz (Airport Road and Lititz Pike) on Monday, November 16, 2009. Chapter members can purchase meals and 20% of the check goes to the chapter. Tom will put a coupon which must be redeemed at Hoss's in this month's newsletter.

Tom Shenk reminded everyone about the chapter's Annual Banquet on Friday, November 20th. The guest speaker will be Dennis McInay.

ADJOURNMENT: The chapter meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m. for the program. The program was presented by Al Giannantonio, former Baldwin employee and past President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society. The program was on the History of the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Respectfully Submitted: Donetta M. Eberly - Secretary

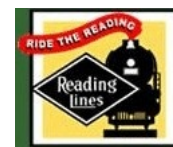


**LESS THAN CARLOAD
SHIPMENTS**
LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS



**FRA Provides \$4 Million For Relocation of
Dillerville Yard**

In late-September, the FRA awarded \$4 million to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to relocate Dillerville Yard in Lancaster as part of the Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program grants.



**Ex-Reading Company Business Car No. 15
Donated To Reading Company Technical &
Historical Society**

The RCT&HS recently received ex-Reading Company business car No. 15. The car was found to be in very good condition; however, there are still some issues to be addressed. Car 15 will need some hotel fittings and has an incomplete set of cutlery that will need to be filled out to make the railcar fit for entertaining. Some improvements will be needed in the car's toilets and aspects of Car 15's wiring can be improved. The car is only rated at 90 mph, so it won't be

allowed on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, but it can still travel Amtrak across the rest of the country. Due to the limited passenger capacity of a business car, it will be more difficult to generate revenue - but day trips or paired with another higher capacity railcar, such as a lounge/sleeper or coach, will enhance Car 15's marketability. *[The Crusader]*

Demonic Train and Engine Numbers

To the superstitious, the number "666" may have a demonic meaning. It's interesting to note that Amtrak's Keystone Service hosts a train number "666" providing weekend service between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, Pa.

The Reading Company had a GP-7 years back numbered "666." A certain engineer who was an ordained minister refused to accept this engine for an assignment simply because of its engine number alone. I heard it's nickname was "the Beast."



And then there's Conrail No. 6666, ex-Erie Lackawanna No. 3681, an Electro Motive Division Model SD45-2 built in November 1972, and nicknamed "the Superbeast."

[Chapter Member Jack Neiss]

DISPATCHER THANKSGIVING COVER PHOTO

Sharp knife ready to slice into savory turkey signals time for Thanksgiving dinner on New York Central's dining cars. Chef Henry Franklin is shown getting in practice for the carving chores on the feast day. *[New York Central System]*

THIS MONTH'S BANNER PHOTO

Amtrak's *Acela Express* speeding passengers home for the holidays. The *Acela* HSEL (High-Speed Electric Locomotive) is rated at 6250 H.P., with a locomotive at each end of the trainset. The name *Acela* comes from a combination of the words acceleration and excellence. More than 10 million passengers have traveled on the fleet of 20 *Acela Express* trains since revenue service began on December 11, 2000. The fastest train in North America is the *Acela Express*, which travels at a normal speed of 150 mph on a 35-mile portion of its route between Boston and New Haven. Otherwise, its top speed is generally 135 mph between Boston and Washington, DC.



OPERATION LIFESAVER REMINDS YOU...

As you visit family and friends this holiday season, *Don't Get Stuck on the Tracks!* Before you cross, be sure there is room on the other side to completely clear the tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by *at least 3 feet* on each side.

THANKS!

The Lancaster Chapter Board of Directors thanks David Stambaugh, Lou Hauck and Steve Himpl for volunteering to serve on this years' Nominating Committee. Good Job!



Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Closing of Historic Reading Terminal in Philadelphia, Pa.

November 6, 1984



The Lancaster Chapter, N.R.H.S. Board of Directors wishes a Very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving to all of our Chapter Members and Friends.



RDC "Meet" at Wildwood Junction, New Jersey

LANCASTER CHAPTER NRHS ANNUAL BANQUET

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009

Program Speaker – Dennis P. McIlroy

Dennis McIlroy is author of *“The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City”*. The book tells the true story of the Nazi plot to destroy the Horseshoe Curve rail site near Altoona in World War II. The book is also about the FBI’s arrest of suspected Nazi sympathizers during the war, including 225 people in Altoona. The book also describes founding the Pennsylvania Railroad and building the Horseshoe Curve. – See banquet order form on previous page.

We are back at Revere Tavern

Route 30, Paradise

GPS - 3063 Lincoln Highway, Paradise PA 17563

Social Hour / Family-Style Meal / Door Prizes

6:00 PM Fellowship Social Hour

7:00 PM Family-Style Dinner

Followed by the Program

The banquet cost for 2009 is \$25.00 per person.

**Tickets will be available at the October 19th Chapter Meeting,
Or you may mail this coupon along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.
All ticket orders must be received by November 9th.**

Name _____

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**LANCASTER CHAPTER NRHS
HOSS'S COMMUNITY NIGHT – GROUP # 5889
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

HOSS'S COMMUNITY NIGHT

Present this Coupon on Monday, November 16, 2009
At Hoss's Lititz Location (100 W Airport Road at Lititz
Pike – Near Lancaster Airport) Hoss's will Donate 20%
of your total check paid to:

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*Where your family **wants** to eat*

Hoss's will donate 20% of the check total to the Lancaster Chapter

Where: Hoss's Restaurant – 100 W Airport Road, Lititz PA 17543

When: Monday, November 16th -- Hoss's is open to 9:00PM

*Support the Chapter and have a great meal
Present this coupon when ordering and paying your check
Please join us Monday evening November 16th
Thank you -Questions call Tom Shenk – Day 394-7000 -- Cell 314-4448*

Please bring this top half of page to Hoss's Monday

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

SAT, NOV 07	STATION & CABOOSE WORK DAY – 9:00 AM CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION
MON, NOV 09	BOARD MEETING – 7:30PM RIDGEWAY TRAVEL OFFICE
MON, NOV 16	HOSS'S RESTAURANT – HAVE A GREAT MEAL & SUPPORT THE CHAPTER 100 W. AIRPORT ROAD, LITITZ PA 17543– SEE ABOVE
FRI, NOV 20	ANNUAL BANQUET – 6:00 PM REVERE TAVERN ORDER FORM ON BACK OF THIS PAGE
THU, DEC 03	DECORATE THE FREIGHT STATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS – 7:00PM OPEN HOUSE SET UP AND FREIGHT STATION DECORATING

“INSIDE THE BACK PAGE”

UPCOMING LANCASTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

November 07, Saturday – Caboose Work Day – 9:00AM – Christiana Freight Station

Please come out Saturday morning and help – all skills are needed

November 09, Monday – Board Meeting – 7:30 PM – Ridgeway Travel Office – 1st session of the new board

November 16, Monday – **HOSS’S FUND RAISER** – HOSS’S RESTUARNT – SEE PREVIOUS PAGE

November 20, Friday – Annual Banquet – 6:00 PM - Back at Revere Tavern - See order form in newsletter.

ANNUAL BANQUET – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

REVERE TAVERN – PARADISE

Dennis P. McIlroy – Author of “The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City”

REVERE TAVERN - GPS - 3063 Lincoln Highways, Paradise PA 17563

ORDER FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER – TICKET DEADLINE NOVEMBER 09

We are accepting donations for door prizes. Contact Tom Shenk during the day at (717) 394-7000.

December 03, Thursday – Decorate the Freight Station – 7:00PM – Christiana Freight Station

Decorate for the Holiday Open House

Decorate the Chapter Christmas Tree – Bring your favorite Train Ornament

You may also bring your ornament to the Banquet

December 14, Monday – No Board Meeting in December

December 19, Saturday – First day of the Holiday Open House – 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Family Children’s Party – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Children’s Activities, Free Hot Dogs and Drinks for Children

Continuing 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Hayrides Starting at 5:00 PM - Lancaster Chapter NRHS Sales Table

Popcorn – Hot Dogs – Snacks – Drinks are Available - See Christiana Borough’s Annual "Light Up Christiana"

Christmas Lighting Contest - Hayrides Around Town Sponsored by Christiana Lions Club

December 20, Sunday – Holiday Open House continues – 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Freight Station Decorated for Christmas – Train Displays

Popcorn – Snacks – Drinks are Available – Lancaster Chapter NRHS Sales Table

December 21, Monday – Our Annual Holiday Party – 7:30 PM – Christiana Freight Station

Bring Cookies / Snacks (Finger Food) to Share – Chapter will Provide Plates and Drinks

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Please keep our chaplain informed!

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Banquet of the Lancaster Chapter, NRHS will be held at the Revere Tavern, 3063 Lincoln Highway - Route 30, Paradise, Pa. 17563 on Friday Evening, November 20, 2009, starting at 6:00 P.M.

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