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## THE POWER DIRECTOR

"NEWS FROM THE RAILROAD WIRES"



### AMTRAK SETS NEW RIDERSHIP RECORD

WASHINGTON - Oct. 10, 2012 - Amtrak carried more than 31.2 million passengers in Fiscal Year 2012 ending September 30, marking the highest annual ridership total since America's Railroad® started operations in 1971 and the ninth ridership record during the last ten years.

A year-over-year comparison of FY 2012 to FY 2011 shows ridership grew 3.5 percent to a new record of 31,240,565 passengers and ticket revenue jumped 6.8 percent to a best ever \$2.02 billion. In addition, Amtrak system-wide on-time performance increased to 83 percent, up from 78.1 percent and its highest level in 12 years.

"People are riding Amtrak trains in record numbers across the country because there is an undeniable demand to travel by rail," said President and CEO Joe Boardman. "Ridership will continue to grow because of key investments made by Amtrak and our federal and state partners to improve on-time performance, reliability, capacity and train speeds."

During FY 2012, ridership on the Northeast Corridor is up 4.8 percent to a record 11.4 million, state-supported and other short distance routes is up 2.1 percent to a record 15.1 million and long-distance services is up 4.7 percent to their best showing in 19 years at 4.7 million.

Also, FY 2012 produced other ridership achievements including new records for 25 of 44 Amtrak services, and 12 consecutive monthly records with July being the single best month in the history of Amtrak. Since FY 2000, Amtrak ridership is up 49 percent.

#### Amtrak FY 2012 Ridership Facts

- 25 of 44 Amtrak services set new ridership records
- Amtrak set 12 consecutive monthly ridership records; July was the single best month in the history of Amtrak
- Northeast Corridor had best year ever with more than 11.4 million passengers
- State-supported and other short distance routes had best year ever with 15.1 million passengers
- All 15 long-distance routes saw an increase in riders and combined had best ridership in 19 years with 4.7 million passengers
- From FY 2000 to FY 2012, Amtrak ridership is up 49 percent

Boardman noted ridership numbers for FY 2013 will get an early boost this fall when the extension of Downeaster service to Freeport and Brunswick, Maine begins Nov. 1, and Amtrak Virginia Northeast Regional service is extended to Norfolk, Va., starting Dec. 12.

Factors contributing to Amtrak long-term ridership growth include improved passenger services such as Wi-Fi and eTicketing, high gasoline prices, continued growth in business travel on the Northeast Corridor, the increased appeal and popularity of rail travel, dissatisfaction with congested highways and air travel, and effective marketing campaigns.

Amtrak intends to provide FY 2012 ridership information by state and station next week.

#### Ridership Highlights FY 2012 vs. FY 2011

##### Northeast Corridor (NEC)

The NEC between Washington and Boston had a 4.8 percent increase in ridership to its best year ever with more than 11.4 million passengers. Specifically, ridership on the Northeast Regional service is up 6.6 percent to a new record of more than 8.0 million and the high-speed Acela Express

is up 0.5 percent to its second-best year ever to nearly 3.4 million.

##### Northeast

Ridership on the Keystone Service (New York – Harrisburg) is up 5.8 percent to a new record of more than 1.4 million. Other ridership record setting routes include: Downeaster (Boston – Portland) up 4.3 percent to more than 541,000; Adirondack (New York – Montreal) up 5.3 percent to nearly 132,000; and Ethan Allen (New York – Rutland, Vt.) up 10 percent to more than 54,000. Routes with notable percentage growth increases include Vermonter (Washington – St. Albans, Vt.) up 5.5 percent to more than 82,000, Empire Service (New York – Albany) up 3.8 percent to more than 1.06 million and Pennsylvania (New York – Pittsburgh) up 2.2 percent to more than 212,000.

##### Chicago Hub / Midwest

The combined ridership on the Chicago-St. Louis corridor from Lincoln Service and Texas Eagle trains increased 11 percent to set a new record of more than 675,000 passengers. Other routes setting ridership records include: Hiawatha Service (Chicago – Milwaukee) up 2.3 percent to more than 838,000; Missouri River Runner (St. Louis – Kansas City) up 5.3 percent to nearly 196,000; and Blue Water (Chicago – Port Huron) up 1.1 percent to more than 189,000.

##### West Coast

San Joaquin (Bakersfield – Oakland) is up 7.2 percent to new record of more than 1.1 million riders. Capitol Corridor (San Jose – Sacramento/Auburn) up 2.2 percent also set a new record with nearly 1.75 million passengers.

##### Virginia and North Carolina

In Virginia, the Washington – Lynchburg service is up 14.1 percent to a new record of almost 185,000 and the Washington – Newport News service is up 11.9 percent also to a new record of nearly 624,000 passengers. In North Carolina, the Piedmont (Charlotte – Raleigh) set a new record of more than 162,000 riders and had the best percentage increase of all Amtrak routes at 16.2 percent.

##### Long-Distance Routes

All 15 Amtrak long-distance routes experienced an increase in passengers resulting in their best combined ridership numbers in 19 years. Routes setting new ridership records include: Lake Shore Limited (Chicago – New York) up 4.3 percent to almost 404,000; Texas Eagle (Chicago – San Antonio) up 12.8 percent to nearly 338,000; and City of New Orleans (Chicago – New Orleans) up 8.5 percent to more than 253,000. Routes with significant percentage growth in ridership include: the Empire Builder (Chicago – Seattle/Portland) up 15.8 percent to more than 543,000; Coast Starlight (Los Angeles – Seattle) up 6.5 percent to more than 454,000; and Cardinal (New York – Chicago) up 4.9 percent to more than 116,000.

[Amtrak]

### AMTRAK NAMES MICHAEL J. DECATALDO, JR. GENERAL MANAGER NORTHEAST CORRIDOR SERVICES

WASHINGTON - October 16, 2012 - Amtrak has named Michael J. DeCataldo, Jr., to the new position of general manager, Northeast Corridor (NEC) Services. He will have accountability for safety, customer satisfaction, ridership, on-time performance, and financial results for the Northeast Corridor business line. Mr. DeCataldo is currently Amtrak general superintendent, Northeast Division.

The NEC business line structure is part of the Amtrak Strategic Plan that will help America's Railroad® focus on performance improvements

customers, partners and employees can measure and take pride in. It includes the functions of the Transportation, Mechanical, and Engineering departments within a common business line for the corridor.

"Mike knows the railroad and has the leadership skills, experience and vision for this job. He understands Amtrak's business strategy and our Strategic Plan. His task is to put the plan into action within our highly complex operation," said Vice President of Operations DJ Stadler.

Mr. DeCataldo began his railroad career 38 years ago as a locomotive fireman for Conrail/Penn Central. He then worked at New Jersey Transit for 11 years in operating positions of increasing responsibility and joined Amtrak in 1995 as assistant general manager, Customer Services.

In addition to NEC Services, Amtrak is in the process of setting up business lines for long distance, state corridor, and commuter operations. [Amtrak]

#### AMTRAK LAUNCHES COMPANY HISTORY WEBSITE

WASHINGTON – Amtrak recently launched a new website promoting the company's history by opening its corporate archives to the public. The site is viewable at <http://history.amtrak.com>.

Readers can browse through or search the archives containing image, PDF, and video files on the company's history. Documents available include old brochures, company photos, historic press releases, and promotional films. Future updates are planned to add annual reports, Congressional testimonies, and ridership and revenue figures. Users can sort the files by geography, decade, or route name.

The collection archives have been compiled and organized in cooperation with the Special Collections Research Center at The George Washington University. [TRAINS News Wire]

#### CONNECTICUT RIVER BRIDGE MOVING AGAIN



OLD SAYBROOK, Conn. - Oct. 5, 2012 - Amtrak's drawbridge over the Connecticut River between Old Saybrook and Old Lyme, Conn., is opening again for watercraft. The bridge was stuck in the closed position since Sept. 30. The combination truss and bascule bridge, built in 1907, carries Amtrak Northeast

Corridor and Shoreline East commuter trains over the river. Rail traffic was unaffected by the malfunction, caused by a gear box failure

Repair parts for the bridge had to be specially crafted before they could be installed. The New Haven Railroad placed the Connecticut River bridge in service the same year as another bridge, which Amtrak is currently in the process of replacing, at Niantic, Conn. The Connecticut River bridge is high on the railroad's list of infrastructure renewal projects once funding becomes available. Although it was structurally rehabilitated in 1976 and had extensive track and electrical work completed in 1997 as part of the route electrification to Boston, the bridge has suffered periodic failures in both the up and down positions for the past 15 years. [Edited from TRAINS News Wire - Photo by Bob Johnston]



#### CN TESTING LNG-FUELED MAIN LINE LOCOMOTIVES

CN is testing two main line diesel-electric locomotives fueled principally by LNG (liquefied natural gas) in revenue service in northern Alberta, Canada.

The units are testing on the 300-mile run north of Edmonton to Fort McMurray, the rail gateway to the oil sands region of northern Alberta. Fueling and maintenance takes place in Edmonton.

CN retrofitted the diesel engines in two 3,000-horsepower Electro-Motive Diesel SD40-2 locomotives to run on LNG using conversion kits supplied by Energy Conversions Inc. (ECI) of Tacoma, Wash. ECI says the hybrid fuel

locomotive will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 30% and nitrogen oxide emissions by 70% over one locomotive duty cycle. The retrofitted locomotives, using 90% natural gas, with 10% diesel fuel for ignition, are paired with an LNG fuel tender—a specially equipped and protected tank car—between them. The tender, a former Union Pacific tank car, was upgraded by a unit of Chart Industries, Inc., New Prague, Minn. Chart is a supplier of cryogenic distribution and storage equipment to bulk and packaged industrial gas customers. LNG fueling is being provided by Encana Corp.



CN is also working with EMD, Westport Innovations Inc., and Gaz Métro Transport Solutions (GMTS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Gaz Métro) on a longer-term project to develop a "state-of-the-art" LNG locomotive paired with a "standardized railway tender." CN will provide two 4,300-hp SD70M-2 EMD locomotives for

the test program. EMD, in addition to the engine conversion, will supply technical expertise to integrate the natural gas engine, related components, and controls into the locomotive, including Westport™ high-pressure direct injection (HPDI) technology and LNG fuel system technologies. GMTS will develop natural gas liquefaction requirements and distribution systems. The LNG tender for this initiative will be jointly developed by the project partners.

CN says it "leads the North American rail industry in fuel efficiency, consuming close to 15% less fuel per gross-ton-mile overall than the industry average. CN's lower fuel consumption results in significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions." [William C. Vantuono - Railway Age]

#### 2012 CP HOLIDAY TRAIN SCHEDULE



Calgary, AB - Canadian Pacific is proud to announce that the 2012 Holiday Train program will be riding the rails to raise money and awareness about hunger issues in Canada and the US, one stop at a time. Again this year, the two trains will visit over 150 communities - beginning their journeys in Beaconsfield, QC, and Scranton, PA. With families continuing to turn to food

banks, the need is always present. Items such as infant formula, canned meats, and spaghetti sauce are in popular demand. Bring a non-perishable food item or money to your local event to support your local food bank.

For additional information, photos, a route map and downloadable pictures of the two trains visit: [www.cpr.ca](http://www.cpr.ca). Supporters can also join the Holiday Train on Facebook and follow the two trains on Twitter @CPHolidaytrain.

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Scranton - Steamtown Railroad Museum, Lackawanna Ave. - 5:45 pm

Binghamton - East Binghamton Yard, Conklin Ave. - 8:30 pm

For the remainder of November, the Holiday Train will follow the route of the former Delaware & Hudson Railway visiting additional locations in the state of New York prior to entering Canada. [Canadian Pacific]



#### CSX ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

*Year-Over-Year Highlights:*

. Operating ratio was 70.5 percent

. Earnings per share increases to \$0.44 per share

. Employee safety and customer service near all-time record levels

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - October 16, 2012 - CSX Corporation (NYSE: CSX)

today announced third quarter net earnings of \$455 million, down 2 percent when compared to the \$464 million reported in the same period last year. Despite this decline, the company's earnings per share in the quarter were up 2 percent year-over-year to \$0.44 compared to \$0.43 in the third quarter last year. The contrast between the changes in net earnings and EPS is reflective of shares repurchased since last year's third quarter.

"CSX continues to respond well to moderating economic conditions and challenges in our domestic coal business," said Michael J. Ward, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "The company is driving strong safety, customer service and productivity results while building its capabilities for the long term."

While the company saw strong increases in export coal, intermodal and automotive shipments, total revenue in the quarter declined 2 percent when compared to the same period last year. This decline was driven by overall lower volume levels, a change in the mix of the company's business and lower fuel recovery.

However, strong productivity gains, coupled with adjusting resources throughout the business, allowed the company to offset external headwinds and deliver operating income of \$854 million, down 3 percent compared to last year. In addition, the operating ratio performed well, remaining stable at 70.5 percent for the quarter, versus 70.4 percent last year.

Looking forward, CSX still expects earnings growth and margin expansion for the full-year 2012. In addition, the company is still targeting a 65 percent operating ratio by 2015, although this has become more challenging in the current environment. [CSX]

#### [CSX, MARYLAND DOT IDENTIFY POTENTIAL BALTIMORE SITE FOR SMALLER INTERMODAL FACILITY](#)

CSX Corp. and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) have suspended a National Environmental Policy review process for four candidate sites chosen for a proposed intermodal facility in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., area.

But the Class I remains committed to developing an intermodal facility in the area, and to that end, has changed its evaluation to include the redevelopment of existing rail yards within the city of Baltimore, said CSX spokesman Bob Sullivan in a submitted statement, adding that the change was made with the support of Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

CSX and MDOT now have now identified one location as a potential site for a new, smaller intermodal facility: Mount Clare Yard, which is an active CSX rail yard in southwest Baltimore, he said.

"This proposed, state-of-the-art intermodal facility would utilize zero-emissions electric crane technology: the first of its kind at any East Coast port," said Sullivan. "Preliminary cost estimates for this project are approximately \$90 to 95 million. CSX and MDOT will share its costs."

In addition, CSX plans to spend about \$42 million on infrastructure enhancements to further position the Port of Baltimore for growth, he said.

Over the next year, CSX and MDOT will conduct engineering assessments to better understand the project's feasibility and costs, and then will focus on the permitting process.

"As we do in every intermodal terminal development project, CSX has assured the state and city that we will engage the public and, to the best of our ability, address any concerns," said Sullivan. "Our goal is have this terminal operational by 2015 to help the port accommodate anticipated growth resulting from the widening of the Panama Canal, while helping reduce highway congestion, creating jobs and supporting regional business development." [Progressive Railroad]

#### [MASSACHUSETTS PREPARES TO TAKE OVER CSX TRACK FOR COMMUTER-RAIL EXPANSION](#)

Sept. 19, 2012 - Earlier this week, Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray released a progress report on the state's efforts to transform its rail network as a result of its "historic" agreement with CSX Transportation to acquire

track.

Titled, "Transforming the Rail Network for Economic and Community Development," the report provides an overview of accomplishments since the CSXT agreement was signed two years ago. The compact is being finalized in two parts: the first was the initial closing in June 2010, and the second closing is scheduled for early October. The second closing will enable the state to take over 45 miles of CSXT track between Boston and Worcester, state officials said in a statement posted yesterday on Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick's website.

Assuming control of the track will support:

- An expansion of commuter-rail service to the Metrowest/Worcester areas via ownership and control of the rail line between Framingham and Worcester;
- The restoration of commuter-rail service to the South Coast via ownership of rail lines that run from Boston to New Bedford and Fall River;
- The raising of clearances on rail bridges from Westborough to the New York state line to accommodate double-stack intermodal trains; and
- The relocation of CSXT's operations from Beacon Park Yard in Boston to yards in Westborough, Worcester and West Springfield.

With the second closing, the transaction between CSXT and the state will be completed, with the state paying the Class I \$100 million for 45 miles of the Framingham/Worcester commuter-rail line between Boston and Worcester; 37 miles of lines running south from Taunton to Fall River and New Bedford; eight miles known as the Grand Junction, which runs from Allston, across the Charles River, through Cambridge, Charlestown, Everett and Chelsea; and two miles known as the Boston Terminal Running Track, which extends from Dorchester to South Boston, and includes the West First Street Yard. [Progressive Railroad]



#### [FRA SAYS POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL DEADLINE WON'T BE MET](#)

The Federal Railroad Administration says substantial progress has been made in establishing Positive Train Control (PTC) in the U.S., but acknowledges that the congressionally mandated deadline to do so, Dec. 15, 2015, will not be met.

In the Executive Summary of FRA's 50-page report to Congress, "Positive Train Control Implementation Status, Issues, and Impacts," FTA states, "Although the initial PTC Implementation Plans (PTCIP) submitted by the applicable railroads to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for approval stated they would complete implementation by the 2015 deadline, all of the plans were based on the assumption that there would be no technical or programmatic issues in the design, development, integration, deployment, and testing of the PTC systems they adopted.

"However, since FRA approved the PTCIPs, both freight and passenger railroads have encountered significant technical and programmatic issues that make accomplishment of these plans questionable," FRA says.

FRA breaks down the "technical obstacles" into seven categories, including: Communications Spectrum Availability; Radio Availability; Design Specification Availability; Back Office Server and Dispatch System Availability; Track Database Verification; Installation Engineering; and Reliability and Availability.

Acknowledging significant private-sector efforts to meet the mandate, FRA notes, "To date, railroads have raised and expended more than \$1.5 billion of private capital to try and resolve these issues. The Federal Government has distributed \$50 million through the Railroad Safety Technology Grant Program. Solutions to these issues have either not been identified or cannot be implemented by the current December 31, 2015, deadline."

Congress passed the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, which included the mandate to install PTC on "each Class I railroad carrier and each entity providing regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation" on selected rail lines in risk-priority order, including lines

over which specific "poison- or toxic-by-inhalation hazardous materials" are transported.

The delays in implementing PTC as mandated have been anticipated by many, including within Congress itself. Earlier this year, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, working on renewal of surface transportation funding, recommended that the mandated deadline for PTC be extended by five years, from Dec. 31, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2020.

The PTC legislation passed by Congress was spurred in large measure by the high-profile collision in September 2008 of a Metrolink passenger train with a Union Pacific freight train in Chatsworth, Calif., which killed 25 people. [Douglas John Bowen - Railway Age]



#### [NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO INCREASE MAXIMUM SPEEDS FOR AMTRAK TRAINS BETWEEN NORFOLK AND PETERSBURG](#)

NORFOLK, VA. - In preparation for the start of Amtrak passenger rail service between Norfolk and Richmond in December, Amtrak will begin operating trains to qualify train crews at 79 mph beginning on October 5.

The trains will operate twice daily, Monday through Saturday. These trains will not be carrying passengers. The speed increase will be effective on Norfolk Southern's tracks between Portlock Yard in Chesapeake and downtown Suffolk, and between downtown Suffolk and Petersburg. Train speeds through downtown Suffolk will increase from 40 mph to 60 mph in the summer of 2013. Freight trains will continue to operate at the current maximum speed of 60 mph.

Track and warning signal improvements have been made to allow for the increases in train speeds. Motorists are reminded to obey railroad crossing signals and warnings and to use caution when approaching all highway-rail grade crossings. [Norfolk Southern Corp. and Progressive Railroading]

#### [NORFOLK SOUTHERN, NATIONAL RAILWAY EQUIPMENT TO SWAP LOCOMOTIVES](#)



**NS SD40-2 No. 3354 and SD60 No. 6647 lead 13 former Norfolk Southern locomotives at Altoona, Pa. They locomotives are part of an exchange with National Railway Equipment for 24 SD40-2s. PHOTO BY TONY KIMMEL**

and at VMV in Paducah, Ky. The first group to arrive on Norfolk Southern property included Nos. 3468, 3469, 3484, 3486, and 3490. All five locomotives were forwarded to the railroad's Chattanooga, Tenn., shop. They reportedly will be repainted and placed into service.

A hospital train of Norfolk Southern locomotives moved west from Altoona, Pa., consisting of 13 locomotives for National Railway Equipment. The locomotives all have NREX reporting marks and included EMD SD9s Nos. 55 and 56; EMD SW1500s Nos. 2215, 2221, and 2232; EMD SD38s Nos. 3800, 3805, 3811, 3816, 3817, 3818, and 3819; and RP-A4u slug No. 945.

Norfolk Southern spokesman Robin Chapman declined to comment on which locomotives were being released by the railroad in the trade.

[TRAINS News Wire]

#### [RAIL-DELIVERED SAND WILL MOVE FASTER THROUGH UPGRADED TERMINAL](#)

NORFOLK, VA. - Trains hauling sand used in extracting natural gas from

the Marcellus Shale formation soon will have the ability to unload five times faster thanks to a \$20 million upgrade at the Horseheads (N.Y.) Sand & Transloading Terminal (HOST).

Owned and operated by Carriage House Partners and RLB Holdings, HOST is in the final stages of constructing a 90,000-square-foot transloading building, scheduled to be completed by Oct. 8. HOST also broke ground this month on a second 90,000-square-foot transloading facility to be opened in 2013, and both buildings are designed for the storage of sand. When completed, these new facilities will allow Norfolk Southern trains to unload 100 freight cars within 48 hours. HOST is strategically located about two miles from Interstate 86 and covers more than 200 acres of a former military base.

Norfolk Southern has served the terminal since 2009, when the railroad unloaded 104 cars there. During 2010 and 2011, the number of cars increased to 1,800 and 2,600 respectively, while 1,400 cars have been unloaded through the first half 2012. [Edited from Norfolk Southern Corp.]



#### [PENN CENTRAL LAWSUIT ENDING AFTER 43 YEARS](#)

CLEVELAND (AP) — A lawsuit in Ohio over benefits for railroad workers may be coming to an end after 43 years with the awarding of \$14.7 million to a group of

Cleveland workers that now only has two surviving members.

U.S. District Judge Harvey Bartle in Philadelphia ruled in the case involving the former Penn Central Railroad. Bartle said American Premier Underwriters Inc., which now holds many of the former railroad's assets, must pay the workers, *The Plain Dealer* reported Sept. 13.

Although only two of the 32 original people who sued are alive, the others' estates are expected to receive awards, according to court records. If Penn Central paid the workers in 1968, it would have cost the company \$564,820, according to court records. Compounding interest has pushed the amount to \$14.7 million, the newspaper reported.

Attorneys representing the former railroad company could still appeal the decision. Attorney Michael Cioffi did not immediately return a call Thursday to his Cincinnati office.

One of the surviving workers, Phillip Franz, of Middleburg Heights, said it's hard to believe the railroad has fought them so long.

"Anyone you tell about it laughs at you," Franz said. The other worker is ill. "Finally, they will get what they deserved," said lawyer Carla Tricarichi, who has represented the workers since the 1980s. "They really believed in this and believed that they were wronged."

Tricarichi worked the case with her father, who died in 2000, and took out a line of credit on her home to pay for some of the mounting expenses that she and other lawyers believe it is one of the oldest in the country.

The case docket is filled with nearly 19,000 filings, orders and memorandums.

Franz and the others worked for the New York Central Railroad at various sites in Cleveland. New York Central merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1968 to form Penn Central. Workers said the merger agreement promised they would keep the seniority, pay and health care benefits they had with their old companies, but they alleged they lost everything and sued Penn Central in 1969.

The company argued that the men were employees of Cleveland Union Terminal Co., which ran a passenger station and a terminal used and paid for by several train lines, including New York Central.

A federal judge in Ohio in 1976 ruled that the workers were New York Central employees and deserved benefits and seniority, but the case has gone back and forth between arbitrators, judges and appellate panels.

American Premier in 2007 pushed the case to Philadelphia, alleging that the workers claims were wiped out through bankruptcy proceedings.

[The Plain Dealer - Cleveland, Ohio]

## THIS MONTH ON THE PENNSY

### PRR, PRSL & LIRR EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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

**Nov. 27, 1910** - Pennsylvania Station, New York, opens for PRR trains at 12:01 AM; 100,000 view building; Manhattan Transfer station opens; PRR ceases operation of New York cab fleet between ferry terminals and hotels.

**Nov. 13, 1920** - PRR operates 38 special trains for 47,365 passengers to the Yale-Princeton game at Princeton; 25 from New York, 6 from local points between Jersey City and New Brunswick, 6 from Philadelphia, and 1 from Trenton; returning are 32 trains; operate on 3-10 minute headway.

**Nov. 2, 1930** - All remaining outbound steam trains from Broad Street Station to northern and western points rerouted through upper level of 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station instead of West Philadelphia Station.



PRR No. 1120 BUILDERS PHOTO  
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**Nov. 23, 1940** - K4s No. 1120 streamlined at Juniata Shops for The South Wind; tender No. 5439 streamlined Nov. 29.

**Nov. 15, 1950** - ICC approves abandonment of PRSL between South Seaville and Woodbine, N.J.

**Nov. 1960** - Pres. Greenough announces PRR has ordered 2,500 70-ton hoppers and 1,000 ore jennies to be built at

Samuel Rea Shops.

**Nov. 1, 1967** - LIRR inaugurates "Silver Streak"; commuter train from Northport to Hunters Point Avenue without stop at Jamaica; uses five of 15 ex-NYC long distance coaches rebuilt with 3-2 seating.

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## TIMETABLE 11-12

For Lancaster Chapter News,  
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**Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012**

**Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am.** Turn your clocks BACK one hour.

**Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012**

**Gaithersburg Model Train Show and Railroad-Transportation Artifacts Show and Sale** at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, Md. Info: [www.gserr.com](http://www.gserr.com).

**Monday, Nov. 5, 19, 2012**

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad is offering steam locomotive engineer experiences to railfans who wish to enjoy the thrill of running 2-8-0 steam locomotive No. 734. For additional information or reservations, please contact: Carl Franz at: [cmfrr@aol.com](mailto:cmfrr@aol.com) or call: 1-240-720-8686.

**Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012**

**Election Day** - your vote can make a difference!

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11, 2012**

**First Frost Train Meet** at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agricultural Hall, 302 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, Pa. 18104. Info: [www.allentowntrainmeet.com](http://www.allentowntrainmeet.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11, 2012**

**Roanoke Chapter, NRHS Amtrak Excursions** to Abingdon and Shenandoah, Va.. Info: [www.RoanokeNRHS.org](http://www.RoanokeNRHS.org).



**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012**

**Veterans Day** - thank a Veteran for the freedoms we enjoy today. Originally named Armistice Day, it celebrates the end of World War I fighting on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. Fly the flag!

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012**

**Public Lecture: "The Unique Railroad of the World: Why the Pennsylvania Railroad was Different from all of the Others.** Albert Churella, associate professor of Social and International Studies at Southern Polytechnic State University, will speak about his recently-published book, The Pennsylvania Railroad, Volume 1: Building an Empire, 1846-1917. This book drew on Hagley collections. Copies will be available for purchase at the lecture. Lecture will be held in the Soda House at 7:00 pm. Free. Use Hagley's Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware. Reservations are requested, 302-658-2400. Info and directions at [www.hagley.org](http://www.hagley.org).

**Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012**

**Atlantic Division TCA Train Meet** at the Plumber's Union Hall in Philadelphia, Pa. Info: Bob Lubonski - 856-608-9265 or [sas@scientificapparatus.com](mailto:sas@scientificapparatus.com).

**Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012**

**Thanksgiving Day.**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23, 24, 25, 2012**

**Santa's Express** on the West Chester Railroad to Glen Mills. Info: [www.westchesterr.com](http://www.westchesterr.com).

**Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012**

**Santa's Surprise Trains** on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad. Reservations recommended. Info: [www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/](http://www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/)

**Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012**

**Polar Bear Express** on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad. By reservation only. Info: [www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/](http://www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/)

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25, 2012**

**Santa Claus Express** on the Wilmington & Western Railroad powered by a steam locomotive. Reservations suggested. Info: [www.wvrr.com](http://www.wvrr.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25, 2012**

**Greenberg Train & Toy Show** at the NJ Expo Center, Edison, NJ. Info: [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com).

**Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012**

**2012 Model Train Open House** at the Columbia Historic Preservation Society, 21 N. Second St., Columbia on the 2nd floor. Handicap chairlift available. Lots of HO operating trains on a 1000 square foot layout. Train videos on TV. Free admission. Info: [www.columbiahistory.net](http://www.columbiahistory.net).

**Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012**

**"Holiday Limited"** from Scranton to Gouldsboro-Pocono, Pa. by Steamtown National Historic Site. All other Steamtown Holiday trains are SOLD OUT. Info: [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

**Sunday, Nov. 26 and Dec. 2, 9, 2012**

**Christmas Tree Train** on the West Chester Railroad. Ride the train and cut your tree at Wiggins Tree Farm. Info: [www.westchesterr.com](http://www.westchesterr.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2, 2012**

**Greenberg Train & Toy Show** at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md. Info: [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 2012**

**Santa's Express** on the West Chester Railroad to Glen Mills. Info: [www.westchesterr.com](http://www.westchesterr.com).

**Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012**

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23

*Polar Bear Express* on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad. By reservation only. Info: [www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/](http://www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/)

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012

*Christmas Lights Trolley Trip* by the Wilmington Chapter, NRHS. Leaves from Elmwood at 5:00 pm. Info: [www.railroadphotographer.com](http://www.railroadphotographer.com).

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 2012

*Santa's Surprise Trains* on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad. Reservations recommended. Info: [www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/](http://www.mhrrailroad.com/schedule/)

Various Days, Dec. 14-23, 26-30, 2012

*Holiday Light Express* on the Wilmington & Western Railroad using a PRR Doodlebug. Reservations suggested. Info: [www.wvrr.com](http://www.wvrr.com).

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29-30, 2012

*Greenberg Train & Toy Show* at the Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pa. Info: [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com).

Jan. 12-13, 2013

*NRHS Winter Board of Directors' Meeting* in Williamsburg, Va.

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26-27, 2013

*2013 Railroad Hobby Show* by the Amherst Railway Society at the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, Mass. 01089. Info: [www.AmherstRail.org](http://www.AmherstRail.org).

Saturday through Saturday, May 18-25, 2013

*Lancaster Chapter, N.R.H.S. "North To Alaska" trip.* Info: Dennis Allen 717-786-4932 or Ron Irwin 717-299-6405 between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm. Registration deadline is December 31, 2012.



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717-687-8628

Through Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012

Exhibit: The Role of Railroads in Pennsylvania During the Civil War.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 - 1940s Swing Dance

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3-4, 2012 - Trains & Troops

Saturday, Dec 1 and Dec. 8, 2012 - Home For The Holidays

Saturday, Dec 1 and Dec. 8, 2012 - Polar Express Parties

### The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's 2012 Photo Contest is open for submissions!

Your photo of railroad people, places or equipment in Pennsylvania could be among the winning images. It's easy to enter the photo contest, so round up your photos — taken in 2012 — and get started today!

Contest rules and an entry form are listed on the Museum's website, for your convenience. Prizes of \$100 each will be given to the winning entries in all three categories — railroad people, railroad places and railroad equipment — in the adult division and in the youth division.

All photo contest entries will be displayed at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in a spring 2013 gallery exhibit, either as a framed photograph or as part of a video slide show.

Best of luck! We can't wait to see how you've captured the beauty, the vitality and the diversity of railroading in Pennsylvania in 2012!

The deadline for entries is Thursday, January 31, 2013. Photographs will be judged on their uniqueness, creativity and technical merits.



## **The Road To Paradise**

STRASBURG RAIL ROAD

SPECIAL EVENTS

[WWW.STRASBURGRAILROAD.COM](http://WWW.STRASBURGRAILROAD.COM)

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3-4, 2012 - Trains & Troops

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 - Murder Mystery Dinner - Monster Mashed

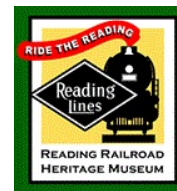
Friday - Sunday, Nov. 16-18, 2012 - Day Out With Thomas

Friday - Sunday, Nov. 23-25, 2012 - Santa's Paradise Express

Friday Evening, Nov. 30, 2012 - The Night Before Christmas Train

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 2012 - Santa's Paradise Express

Friday Evening, Dec. 7, 14, 2012 - The Night Before Christmas Train



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610-562-5513

Through Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 - Exhibit: "Pulling for the Union: The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad in the Civil War"

the Civil War"

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 through Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013 - Exhibit: Christmas Trains and Vintage Toys.



Nov. 29, 1862 - Catawissa Railroad night passenger train discontinued.

Nov. 22, 1880 - Reading General Manager John E. Wooten (1823-1898) notifies Junction Railroad that they will begin handling B&O passenger cars to New York; asks that they pass over the Junction Railroad in about 15 minutes; Junction Railroad Superintendent Oliver E. McClellan refuses to promise any minimum time.

Nov. 7, 1890 - Port Reading Railroad organized to build from Bound Brook to Staten Island Sound and give Reading its own outlet for coal to New York Harbor.

Nov. 18, 1912 - New passenger station opened at East Falls.

Nov. 6, 1984 - Historic Reading Terminal in Philadelphia closes.



### OCTOBER, 2012

#### 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 15, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Tom Shenk with 46 members, a cute pup named Nellie, and 3 guests present. President Tom Shenk led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** President Tom Shenk asked for a motion to approve the August Membership Meeting Minutes. Steve Himpl approved the motion and Evan Russell seconded the motion. The August Membership Minutes were approved as printed in the *Lancaster Dispatcher*. President Tom Shenk also asked for a motion to approve the September Minutes. Marlin Geesey approved the motion and Janice Russell seconded the motion. The September Membership Minutes were approved as printed in the *Lancaster Dispatcher*.

**MEMBERSHIP:** First Vice-President Ron Irwin announced new members Sandy and Arie Benzel. Also in attendance was guest Joel Altland. Ron announced that National made a mistake on the membership renewals, showing RailCamp Scholarships donations instead of Local Chapter Donations. Members will be receiving a letter from National about the correction.

**CHAPLAIN:** Chaplain Doris Geesey read "The Gift of Life." On behalf of the Chapter, Doris sent a sympathy card to the Howard S. Fox, Jr. family in care of the Grace United Church of Christ. A memorial contribution was made to the Lebanon "Rails to Trails" as requested in his obituary.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer Richard Rutledge gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of September.

**TRIPS:** Ron Irwin announced the upcoming Chapter Trip to Bellefonte, Pa. is this Saturday, October 20, 2012. Dennis Allen presented a check from this year's trips in the total of \$9000.00 to the Chapter on behalf of the Trip Committee. Dennis Allen also announced that the 2013 Chapter Trip will be to Alaska. The trip will be Saturday, May 18, to Saturday May 25, 2013. We will be flying to Seattle, Washington to board the cruise ship. Flyers for the trip will be mailed out shortly.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Nominating Committee chairman Kevin Crouse announced the following offices and officers for the 2012-2013 year: President - Tom Shenk; First Vice President - Ron Irwin; Second Vice President - Glenn Kendig; Secretary - Donetta Eberly; Treasurer - Richard Rutledge; Editor - Ed Mayover; Historian - Evan Russell; Chaplain - Doris Geesey; 1st Director at Large - Cindy Kendig; 2nd Director at Large - Tom McMaster; National Representative - Fred Kurtz. Fred Kurtz had written authority to be elected the Chapter's National Representative. Harold "Smoke" Shaak will be on the National Board of Directors. President Tom Shenk asked for any nomination from the floor. There were no nominations. President Tom Shenk asked for a motion to close the nominations and the slate of offices for the 2012-2013 year stand as announced by Kevin Crouse. Steve Himpel made the motion to close the elections. Doris Geesey seconded the motion. The chapter membership agreed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tom Shenk announced the new Chapter Board will hold a Board meeting on Monday, November 12, at the Christiana Freight Station at 7:30 p.m. Tom Shenk announced the Chapter Banquet will be held Friday, November 16. Social hour will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the family style meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. Ed Mayover announced the speaker for the Banquet will be Mr. Roger D. Thorne. He will give a program on German POWs passing through Paoli. Tom announced the Chapter Bylaws must be updated to change the National Director position to National Representative. Fred Kurtz said he will have a rough draft by next month. Tom reported the caboose floor cost was \$1276.00, including removing and installing the complete caboose floor. The work was done by Levi Riehl Construction (the same company that did the renovations on the Station). Steve Himpel will be repairing some holes in the metal cabinets and doors on the caboose. Steve also sold \$66.00 worth of sales items to chapter members at tonight's meeting. Joan Shearer passed around a 2013 sign-up sheet for the kitchen. If anyone is interested in signing up, contact Tom or Joan. Cindy Kendig announced that Thursday, November 29, will be decorating for Christmas at the Christiana Freight Station. Tom announced the Lancaster Amtrak Station would like to have a History display at the Station. Also, Tom had some ideas for "away" meetings: Manheim Trolley and West Chester Railroad. Tom announced that Amtrak had 31.2 million passengers last year. That's an increase of 6.8 percent and 2.02 billion dollars. Mary Ellen Lubitz thanked everyone for all the cards, prayers, and support she received after her husband Arthur's death.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The chapter meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. for the program. The program was presented by Larry Eastwood entitled "Delaware and Hudson-1967-1990-Bridge Line to Northern New England."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: DONETTA M. EBERLY - SECRETARY



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### OPERATION LIFESAVER REMINDS YOU...

As you travel to visit family and friends this Thanksgiving, *Don't Get Stuck on the Track!* 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. For safety, leave at least 15 feet between the rear of your vehicle and the nearest rail. Do not shift gears while crossing.



### LESS THAN CARLOAD SHIPMENTS LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

#### CHICAGO-NEW ORLEANS PULLMAN TRIPS SET



CHICAGO - Oct. 8, 2012 - Pullman Rail Journeys, a division of Iowa Pacific, has set fares and dates for the first Chicago-New Orleans round-trips of its restored sleeping, dining and lounge

cars on the rear of Amtrak's City of New Orleans.

The company is planning departures from Chicago on Oct. 29 and Nov. 2, 6, 10, and 14. Return trips from New Orleans are scheduled on Oct. 31 and Nov. 4, 8, 12, and 16. Two types of accommodations are offered in the three lightweight sleeping cars: a standard bedroom for two with upper and lower berth for \$1,950, and a master bedroom for two with a fixed lower double bed for \$2,850. There is no single occupancy rate, but fares for the two October trips, designated as "training trips," are 50 percent off.

Prices include all meals and beverages, served in an ex-Santa Fe full-length dome car, and the Pontchartrain Club round-end observation car that once operated as a parlor car on the Illinois Central's Chicago-St. Louis Daylight. None of the five cars were regularly assigned to the IC's all-Pullman Chicago-New Orleans Panama Limited, but all have been repainted in the railroad's classic brown and orange colors.

The service is being positioned not as a luxury train serving gourmet meals, but as a careful restoration of a first class train with "plush accommodations and superb service from attentive porters and stewards" presiding over "classic American dining." One modern trapping: free wifi.

Ed Ellis, president of Iowa Pacific, tells Trains News Wire that additional dates will be announced after the October-November trips are evaluated. Reservations, trip information, answers to frequently-asked questions, and a slide show of the car interiors are now available at [www.travelpullman.com](http://www.travelpullman.com). [Bob Johnston - TRAINS News Wire]



### WELCOME ABOARD!

New Chapter members Sandy and Arie Benzel.  
Thanks for joining!



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# LANCASTER CHAPTER, N.R.H.S. ANNUAL BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16, 2012



**HISTORIC REVERE TAVERN**

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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RETURN TO THE HISTORIC REVERE TAVERN FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL EVENING WITH GREAT FOOD, THE FRIENDSHIP OF YOUR FELLOW CHAPTER MEMBERS AND AN OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL PROGRAM. AND DON'T FORGET THE FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES!

**PROGRAM SPEAKER – MR. ROGER D. THORNE, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS - TREDYFFRIN EASTTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**“WHEN NAZI PRISONERS PASSED THROUGH PAOLI”**

ONE OF THE LITTLE-KNOWN STORIES FROM WORLD WAR II IS THAT, FROM 1943 UNTIL 1945, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR (PWs) ENTERED THE UNITED STATES THROUGH ONE OF THREE AMERICAN PORTS. THEY WERE THEN TRANSPORTED, UNDER HEAVY GUARD, BY RAILROAD TO CAMPS THROUGHOUT THE NATION, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD WAS PERHAPS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS EFFORT. THOUSANDS OF PRR TRAINS, TRAVELING UNDER SECRET ORDERS, PASSED INCOGNITO THROUGH THE UPPER MAIN LINE COMMUNITIES OF BERWYN AND PAOLI AT FULL SPEED TO UNSPECIFIED LOCATIONS IN THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY. AND HARDLY ANYONE IN CHESTER COUNTY EVEN KNEW THIS WAS HAPPENING. IN HIS PRESENTATION, MR. THORNE WILL USE MANY RARE PHOTOGRAPHS, OBSCURE RAILROAD CORRESPONDENCE, AND DETAILED, EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS TO TELL YET ANOTHER STORY OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ROLE OF THE RAILROADS IN WINNING THE WAR ON THE HOME FRONT.

**SOCIAL HOUR / FAMILY STYLE MEAL / DOOR PRIZES**

**6:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL HOUR**

**7:00 PM - FAMILY STYLE MEAL**

**FOLLOWED BY THE PROGRAM PRESENTED BY MR. ROGER D. THORNE**

**THE BANQUET COST FOR 2012 IS \$25.00 PER PERSON**

**LAST CALL FOR TICKETS - ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 2, 2012**

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**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
**OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND**



**CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION, DECEMBER 15 - 16, 2012**

**Lancaster Chapter, N.R.H.S., will have a Sales Table for the Open House Weekend**

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 3:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

**Family Children's Party - 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Train Displays, Visit from Santa, Children's Activities, Free Hot Dogs and Drinks for Children**

**Hay Rides starting at 5:00 PM**

**Lancaster Chapter, NRHS Sales Table - Purchase Last Minute Gifts**

**Popcorn - Hot Dogs - Snacks - Drinks will be available**

***See Christiana Borough's Annual "Light Up Christmas" Christmas Lighting Contest***

***Hay Rides Around Town Sponsored by the Christiana Lions Club***

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

**Freight Station Decorated for Christmas - Train Displays**

**Popcorn - Snacks - Drinks will be available**

**Lancaster Chapter, NRHS Sales Table - Purchase Last Minute Gifts**

**OPEN HOUSE FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 5:00 PM - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 5:30 PM**

**Please Bring Cookies/Snacks or a Covered Dish to Share**

**Chapter will provide Plates and Drinks**



**DELAWARE & HUDSON RAILWAY ALCO PA No. 17 ON THE ADIRONDACK AT  
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### UPCOMING LANCASTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

## NOVEMBER

**NOVEMBER 12, 2012 - MONDAY, 7:30 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2012 - FRIDAY, 6:00 PM - HISTORIC REVERE TAVERN, PARADISE, PA - ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2012 - THURSDAY EVENING, 7:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Decorate the Freight Station and Christmas Tree for the Holiday Open House. Bring your favorite Train Ornament to hang on the tree.

## DECEMBER

**DECEMBER 15, 2012 - SATURDAY, 3:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

The Christiana Lions Club will have Santa for the area children and families. Everyone is invited. Saturday night Hay Rides to see the Christiana Christmas displays - a fun-filled evening for the entire family!

**DECEMBER 16, 2012 - SUNDAY, 1:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**OPEN HOUSE FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM, MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 5:00 PM & CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 5:30 PM**

Doors open at 1:00 PM. Regular Chapter Membership Meeting at 5:00 PM, with our Annual Chapter Christmas Party at 5:30 PM. Please bring cookies, snacks or a covered dish to share. There's no better way to get into the festive holiday spirit!

## CHAPLAIN CONTACT INFORMATION

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**IF YOU KNOW OF A CHAPTER MEMBER WHO IS SICK, LOST A LOVED ONE OR HAS A NEW BIRTH IN THE FAMILY, PLEASE CONTACT DORIS.**



To get into the spirit of Election Day, here's the Adlai Stevenson Special passing Lititz, Pa. at 11:11 am on October 28, 1952. Wilbur Chocolate Company is to the right of the train. The Lititz train station is on the left. This is believed to be the last passenger train to run over the Reading & Columbia Branch. Collection of Josh Musser via Reading Railroad Online.

### A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This holiday, Thanksgiving, when we traditionally give thanks for our many blessings, friends and family, I would like to personally thank, first and foremost, all of our loyal Lancaster Chapter members, who make this the great Chapter that it is. Thanks also, to the Kitchen, Trip and Nominating Committees, whose members tirelessly donate their time to provide services to the Chapter. Thanks to the Production Team, who copies and mails your monthly *Lancaster Dispatcher* - and to Fred Kurtz, our Webmaster, who faithfully maintains our website and distributes the eDispatcher. Thanks to Steve Himpsl for his efforts in restoring our Chapter caboose, Conrail No. 21153. And to my fellow Board members, who make the decisions that ensure the future of the Chapter. And, finally, special thanks to all of those who work behind the scenes for the good of the Chapter. We couldn't do it without you! Happy Thanksgiving and THANKS for all that you do!

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE**

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