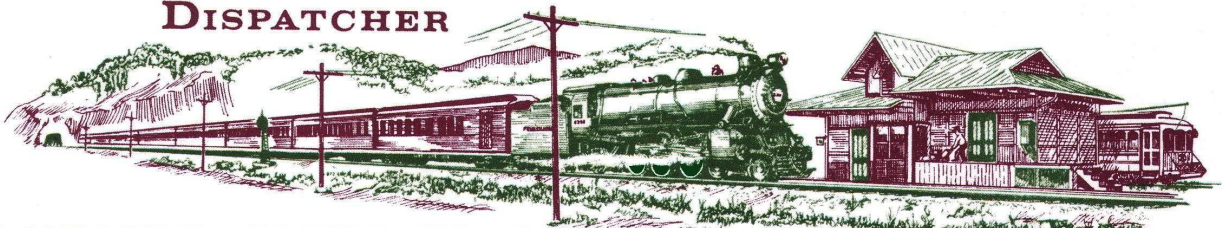


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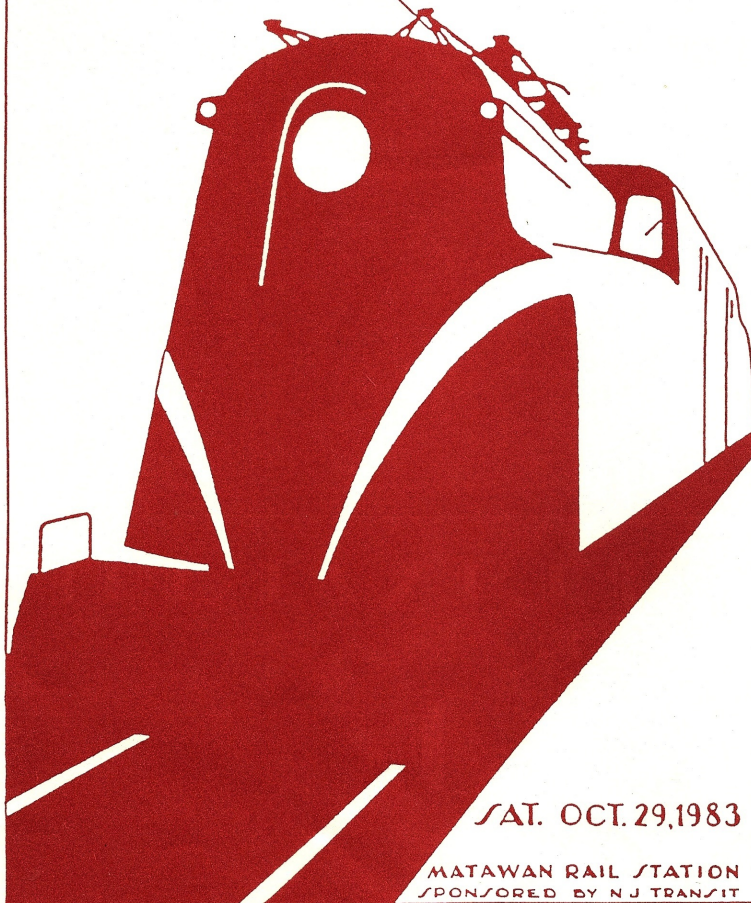
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SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE GG1 TICKET WILL BE ON SALE AT THE MATAWAN STATION  
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## THE POWER DIRECTOR

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

In accordance with Lancaster Chapter, National Railway Historical Society By-Laws, notice is hereby given of election of Chapter Officers for the year 2017-2018, to be held at the Regular Chapter Membership Meeting of the Lancaster Chapter, N.R.H.S. on Monday evening, October 16, 2017 at the Christiana Freight Station, 10 Railroad Avenue, Christiana, Pa., starting at 7:30 pm.

Any member in good standing who is interested in serving on the Chapter Board of Directors may be nominated from the floor at the October 16 meeting, or by placing your name in nomination by writing, before October 1, 2017 to: Chairperson, Nominating Committee, Lancaster Chapter, N.R.H.S., 10 Railroad Avenue, Christiana, Pa. 17509-1416.

**NOTE:** Any candidate for office, whether nominated in advance or at the Regular Chapter Membership Meeting must give his/her consent, in writing, to be a nominee.

### AUTUMN EXPRESS 2017



HUDSON RIVER LOOP



### AMTRAK NORTHEAST REGIONAL ADDS STOP IN ROANOKE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7, 2017, Amtrak MediaCenter – The Amtrak Northeast Regional will serve the city of Roanoke, Va. (RNK), beginning Oct. 31. Tickets are now available to purchase for travel to and from the city in the Roanoke Valley nestled in Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains.

The train will stop in downtown Roanoke at a newly-constructed passenger platform with a canopy located at 55 Norfolk Ave., SW. Public parking facilities are available

adjacent to the Roanoke station stop.

The Northeast Regional will extend from Lynchburg and provide a same-seat trip to and from Roanoke. The train will stop in Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Culpepper, Manassas, Burke Centre, Alexandria, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and other cities along the Northeast Corridor.

Customers will experience a comfortable and enjoyable way to travel on a national network serving more 500 destinations, and benefits such as no middle seat, and the ability to move about the train.

The Northeast Regional features Coach and Business Class offering outlets for mobile devices, and complimentary Wi-Fi. The Café Car offers sandwiches, salads, snacks and hot and cold beverages, including a variety of wine, beer and soda.

Amtrak has the friendliest baggage allowance in the travel industry. Customers can bring two bags and two carry-ons, collectively weighing up to 150 pounds, for free. Amtrak welcomes cats and dogs weighing 20 pounds or less for only \$25. Make sure to bring the appropriate carrier. Some restrictions apply.

Ticketing and reservations can be done on Amtrak.com, Amtrak mobile apps, or by calling 800-USA-Rail. Boarding documents can be self-printed, or customers using a smartphone or mobile device can present the eTicket to the conductor by opening a document in their email.

Amtrak, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and the city of Roanoke partnered to bring intercity passenger rail service back to the city for the first time in four decades.

### AMTRAK UNVEILS SIEMENS MIDWEST CHARGER

CHICAGO, Aug. 28, 2017, Railway Age - The first Amtrak Midwest Charger locomotives were unveiled Monday in Chicago, and have started revenue operations in Illinois and Wisconsin.

The Siemens SC-44 locos, purchased by a group of five state transportation agencies and maintained by Amtrak, carry the new Amtrak Midwest logo to promote the five-state network of connecting trains.



THE SIEMENS AMTRAK MIDWEST CHARGER ON DISPLAY IN CHICAGO ON AUGUST 28, 2017.

Siemens is building the Buy America-compliant SC-44 at its facility in Sacramento, to be deployed on state and Amtrak services in Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, California and Washington. The Midwest states will receive and own 33 of the 4,400-horsepower locomotives, which were purchased through \$216.5 million in federal funding and are being

assembled by Siemens in Sacramento.

The Charger is powered by a U.S.-made Cummins 4,400-hp QSK95 diesel engine, with a rated top speed of 125 mph. Siemens touts the Charger as the first higher-speed passenger locomotives to meet Tier IV emissions standards.

Delivery of all 33 locomotives is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. They will operate out of Chicago on Lincoln Service, Illini/Saluki and Illinois Zephyr/Carl Sandburg to and from Downstate Illinois; Hiawatha Service in Illinois and Wisconsin; Wolverine Service/Blue Water/Pere Marquette to and from Michigan, and Missouri River Runner between Kansas City and St. Louis.

"Our individual Amtrak Midwest routes are made even stronger by being part of a network of connecting trains, stations, and reservation systems, which are a product of our state partners working together under the Amtrak umbrella," said Michael Franke, Amtrak Senior Director - State Contracts. "These locomotives will power the Amtrak Midwest brand, bringing even better service to our customers."

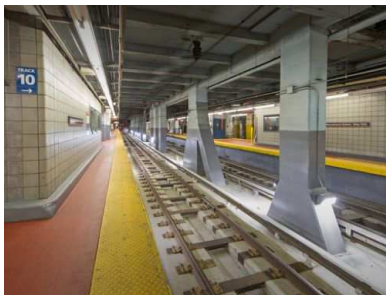
"We're building these locomotives in California, for the U.S., bringing the latest technologies to life for riders," said Armin Kick, Siemens Mobility Vice President for Locomotives. "These are among the nation's cleanest locomotives and we're proud to have not only worked closely with Amtrak and the state DOTs to bring these to the Midwest, but also our robust chain of suppliers from across the country."

### NEW YORK PENN STATION RETURNING TO "NORMAL" OPERATIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 2017, Railway Age - Amtrak engineering forces have completed an intense eight-week summer infrastructure renewal work at New York Penn Station, allowing for regularly scheduled Amtrak, NJ Transit

and Long Island Rail Road operations to resume Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The project was focused on "A Interlocking," where inbound and outbound trains accessing Penn Station from the Hudson River tunnels and the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) West Side Yard are routed through numerous station tracks and platforms. Work included total roadbed, tie, track and turnout replacement. Approximately 360 Amtrak employees worked around-the-clock to install 897 ties, 1,100 feet of rail, 1,000 tons of ballast, 7 turnouts, 4 complex diamond crossings, and 176 yards of concrete.



**RECENTLY COMPLETED, FULLY RENEWED TRACK 10  
IN NEW YORK PENN STATION - AMTRAK**

"This accelerated work was an enormous undertaking," said Amtrak co-CEO Wick Moorman. "We did it on time, on budget, and most important, safely. We thank passengers for their patience and flexibility, and our commuter partners, local governments and the states for their collaboration this summer. The work and support from our partners will result in greater reliability in

the future. I also want to specifically thank all of the Amtrak employees who were involved in this massive project. Without their skill, dedication and hard work, none of what we do would be possible."

"As we mark the conclusion of this intense two-month work period, we must remind everyone that much more work remains and that rebuilding our infrastructure is a continuous process," added Moorman. "We have more work planned throughout the fall, winter and into next year to improve other areas of track within New York Penn Station. Most of this work will be handled during our normal weekend maintenance periods and should not have major impacts on service levels. Now we need continued investment from the federal government, our railroad partners and the states to help us make the necessary improvements to infrastructure at Penn Station and all along the entire Northeast Corridor."

Amtrak said the renewal work "is one element of a plan to modernize stations, infrastructure and equipment on the Northeast Corridor. Amtrak's Penn Station concourse operations improvement study has begun and improvement projects for the restrooms, waiting areas and Acela Lounge in Amtrak's concourses are under way. New [high speed] trainsets [from Alstom Transport] will provide more frequency and smoother rides will enter service starting in 2021. Passengers will see refreshed Northeast Regional [Amfleet] coaches with new seats, carpet, improved lighting and other enhancements later this fall and in 2018, pulled by our new [Siemens ACS-64] electric locomotive fleet. The much-anticipated construction of Moynihan Train Hall is now under way and key projects of the Gateway Program to preserve and expand rail capacity into New York City are ready to begin construction."

Regularly scheduled Amtrak, NJT and LIRR services, including all previously announced modified routes at New York Penn Station as well as Amtrak Empire Service trains, which will be returning to Penn Station for all arrivals and departures following a temporary shift to Grand Central Terminal, resumed Tuesday, Sept. 5, with the exception of Amtrak's Crescent, which resumed regular operations between New York and New Orleans Saturday, Sept. 2.

#### **AMTRAK: DIESEL FLEET PTC-COMPLIANT BY DEADLINE**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, 2017, Railway Age - Working with Rockwell Collins, Amtrak plans to equip approximately 310 diesel-electric locomotives with Positive Train Control (PTC) technology to comply with the Dec. 31, 2018 federal deadline mandated by the amended Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

Amtrak has signed an agreement with Rockwell Collins to implement the



**THIS AMTRAK ILLUSTRATION SHOWS HOW PTC TECHNOLOGY WORKS USING LOCOMOTIVES, WAYSIDE EQUIPMENT, AND SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY - AMTRAK**

company's ARINC RailwayNet service, a hosted network, messaging and application platform designed to meet PTC requirements. RailwayNet will allow Amtrak's national diesel-electric locomotive fleet to interface with the PTC systems of host railroads. Under the agreement, Rockwell Collins will initialize the fleet to operate on 19 railroads, including commuter and freight lines that host Amtrak services, among them state-sponsored routes in the East and Midwest.

Amtrak is well along on PTC implementation. In December 2015, Amtrak activated ACSES (Advanced Civil Speed Enforcement System), its version of PTC for the Northeast Corridor, between New York and Washington, D.C. ACSES has been operational on the NEC's northern-most section, between Boston and New Haven, Conn., since 2000. ITCS (Incremental Train Control System, another version of PTC) has been operational since 2002 along 97 miles of Amtrak-owned right-of-way in Michigan and Indiana on the Chicago-Detroit corridor. In early 2016, Amtrak activated ACSES on the 104-mile Philadelphia-Harrisburg line, an extension of the NEC.

"PTC is a set of highly advanced technologies designed to enhance rail transportation safety by automatically stopping a train before certain types of incidents occur," said Amtrak Senior Manager of Positive Train Control George Hartman "We are dedicated to ensuring our locomotives are enabled with this important safety technology."

#### **AMTRAK CHICAGO UNION STATION GREAT HALL WORK UNDERWAY**

Skylight to be restored and protected, water damage repaired

CHICAGO, Sept. 25, 2017, Amtrak MediaCenter - In about a year, customers of Amtrak, Metra and other users of Chicago Union Station will enjoy a Great Hall painted in its original colors, made brighter by a restored and protected skylight with improved lighting in a \$22 million project.

The work, now underway and self-funded by Amtrak, is designed by architect Goettsch Partners (GP) and contractor Berglund Construction to minimize disruption to the flow of people through the station, which is the fourth busiest in the national Amtrak network. The construction team devised a creative solution to maintain access to the Great Hall by using a suspended working deck and swing stages, in lieu of much scaffolding, to allow customers to move freely below.

A crane erected on Clinton Street is being used to move materials through the building and above the Great Hall. The painting and plaster repairs have been divided into phases, to further provide full customer access to the Great Hall during the repairs.

The Great Hall at Chicago Union Station, completed in 1925, was designed by Daniel Burnham and successor firm Graham, Anderson, Probst & White. The centerpiece of the Great Hall is a 219-foot-long skylight that soars 115 feet above the floor. Over the decades, it has deteriorated due to water damage and flaws within the original design.

Working with Amtrak, a team from GP, Klein & Hoffman and Environmental Systems Design completed an extensive investigation of the space within

the Great Hall to determine the extent of repairs needed while respecting the historic nature of the building. The investigation concluded the original barrel-vaulted skylight was not designed to adequately keep water out and no longer met current codes, so an extensive upgrade was necessary.

In order to maintain the historic appearance of the skylight from within the Great Hall and to overcome the complications of the existing drainage system, the team will construct a modern energy-efficient, skylight above the historic skylight. The new skylight will protect the historic skylight with a new drainage design and maintenance system.

When finished, natural light into the Great Hall is expected to increase by about 50 percent by replacing the 2,052 pieces of glass in frames that had been made bigger over the years in a failed effort to prevent leaks in the historic skylight. The panes will be transparent, rather than the wire-embedded glass that was used previously. The new skylight will have 858 panes of clear, high-efficiency glass, five feet above the historic skylight.

Once the skylight and roof work has been completed, ensuring that the Great Hall will remain dry, the historic skylight – along with water-damaged plaster and stone – will be restored. The finishes will include the return of the historic paint colors to the walls and ceiling.

While the work is performed, customers will notice less light in the Great Hall because of the suspended deck and scaffolding erected in the areas around the room, including the balconies, grand staircases and the passage between the Great Hall and the Station Concourse.

As Berglund goes forward, it will work with the ACE Mentor Affiliate of Chicago, which has a 14-year partnership with Chicago public high schools and a special focus on recruiting minority and female students. These groups are significantly under-represented in the construction and design industry and in professional occupations overall.

The plan, approved by local and state historic preservation agencies, is to complete the project by late 2018.



### **SIEMENS SHIPS FINAL TRAINSET FOR BRIGHTLINE**

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., Sept. 28, 2017, Progressive Railroading - Siemens

has completed and shipped its fifth trainset for the future Brightline passenger-rail service in Southeastern Florida.



Dubbed BrightRed, the trainset is now making the more-than-3,000-mile journey from Siemens' manufacturing plant in Sacramento, California, to South Florida, Brightline officials said in a press release yesterday.

The unit is the final trainset for Brightline's first phase of passenger-rail service between Miami, Fort

Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. After the train arrives at the railroad's operations facility in West Palm Beach, the testing and commissioning process will begin.

"The voyage of BrightRed across the U.S. is an exciting milestone as we gear up to launch service later this year," said Brightline Chief Executive Officer Dave Howard.

Brightline's trains are composed of two diesel-electric locomotives and four

stainless-steel coaches. The locomotives will be compliant with the Environmental Protection Agency's Tier IV emissions standards.

Service on Brightline's first phase was slated to launch in August, but it's now expected to open by the year's end, the *Miami Herald* reported last month.



### **CSX PROMOTES SAFETY NEAR RAILROAD TRACKS THROUGH 'RAIL SAFETY WEEK'**

*Unprecedented public-safety initiative delivers critical, life-saving information to drivers, pedestrians, schools and rail passengers*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 25, 2017, CSX News Release - Safety is CSX's highest priority, and this week the railroad is partnering with the non-profit Operation Lifesaver, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), other freight railroads, Amtrak, commuter rail-service providers, customers and law enforcement agencies across its 23-state network to raise awareness about how to be safe around railroad tracks. Through public events, informational displays and social media messages during the week of Sept. 25-30, CSX is working to reduce the number of crossing accidents in the communities where it operates.

"The safety of our employees and the communities where we operate is CSX's top priority, and one collision involving a vehicle or pedestrian is one too many," said Sean Douris, chief of police for CSX. "Our goal is zero accidents, and we believe education is the best tool to prevent these types of incidents. CSX is committed to reaching as many people as possible with the information they need to keep themselves safe around railroad tracks."

A person or vehicle is hit by a train about once every three hours in the U.S., according to Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI), a national educational organization dedicated to rail-safety awareness since 1972. While the number of collisions each year has dropped 83 percent in the past four decades, federal statistics show 265 people died in 2016 in collisions with trains.

The goal of Rail Safety Week is to reduce these types of collisions and save lives by raising awareness about how to safely cross railroad tracks. Throughout the week, CSX representatives will join in this national initiative and focus on directly reaching drivers, pedestrians and rail passengers with important rail-safety tips.

"We are proud to participate in the very first Rail Safety Week," said Douris. "The scale of this safety outreach, in partnership with other railroads, non-profits and law enforcement agencies, is unprecedented in the rail industry. Working together to share life-saving information with the communities where we operate, we have the opportunity to make a significant impact on rail safety in our country."

CSX has developed a comprehensive Rail Safety Week plan designed to reach people of all ages and amplify rail safety messages through a grassroots social media campaign. The plan includes:

'Safety blitzes' at grade crossings where CSX representatives partner with local law enforcement agencies to reach drivers and pedestrians with safety information.

Passenger rail station outreach focusing on rail passengers, in partnership with commuter rail service providers and Amtrak.

Rail safety presentations at schools and community organizations.

Rail safety outreach and giveaways at college campuses near CSX tracks.

Targeted social media campaigns for areas on the CSX network that experience heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic crossing the tracks.

Social media messages, materials and hashtags for employees, customers and community members to share and help spread the word about rail safety. Materials are available at: [www.csx.com/railsafetyweek](http://www.csx.com/railsafetyweek)

The launch of two new rail safety public service announcement videos created by Wide Angle Youth Media, a Baltimore, Md., non-profit that uses

media arts education to engage young people. To watch and share videos, visit: [www.csx.com/RailSafetyStories](http://www.csx.com/RailSafetyStories)

Each year, CSX dedicates considerable time and resources on raising awareness about how to safely cross railroad tracks through our Play It Safe program, which involves non-profit partnerships, community outreach and various sponsorships. For more on this program, visit [www.beyondourrails.org](http://www.beyondourrails.org).

**CSX RAPIDLY RESTORES SERVICE FOLLOWING HURRICANE IRMA**  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 21, 2017, CSX News Release - CSX rapidly restored service throughout the areas affected by Hurricane Irma and continues to show improvement on key service metrics as the railroad advances its implementation of Precision Scheduled Railroading.

CSX President and Chief Executive Officer E. Hunter Harrison today said, "I'm extraordinarily proud of our team of dedicated railroaders, who worked tirelessly to prepare for and respond to the impacts of Hurricane Irma. Thanks to the dedication of these individuals, CSX was able to quickly and safely restore service to its customers, while continuing to make progress in the transition to our new operating model."

Following Hurricane Irma, which struck Florida on Sunday, Sept. 10, with devastating winds and flooding, CSX re-established rail service in most of the southeast U.S. within hours, into and out of northern Florida within 24 hours, and throughout the vast majority of the state within one week. Restoring service required clearing nearly 8,000 fallen trees from obstructed tracks and deploying hundreds of generators to operate railroad signals and crossings in response to widespread commercial power outages. Prior to the storm, CSX evacuated more than 1,500 rail cars from the State of Florida, and held nearly 200 trains and thousands of cars to avoid damage from the hurricane.

Despite the impacts of Irma, key service metrics show that CSX's operational performance continues to improve. Terminal dwell times have decreased for seven consecutive weeks, while train velocity has steadily increased over the last four weeks, excluding localized hurricane impacts.

"We're back on our feet and committed to fully implementing our new operating model," Harrison said. "We remain confident that Precision Scheduled Railroading will provide lasting benefits to our customers, our employees and our shareholders."

In addition to restoring rail operations, CSX also has been active in helping communities and individuals recover from the impacts of Hurricane Irma through charitable contributions and in-kind donations to local, state and national relief agencies. Among them, CSX has contributed \$100,000 and up to \$50,000 in in-kind transportation services to Feeding Florida, to provide food and supplies to residents of the state affected by the recent storm. CSX also has worked with the State of Florida to expedite critical shipments of propane, animal feed and other commodities essential for residents of the peninsula.

"CSX is committed to the wellbeing of the communities in which we operate," said Harrison. "We are honored to partner with Feeding Florida to support Irma relief efforts throughout the state."



**FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY**  
**RANKS #1 AMONG INTERMODAL/RAIL**  
**PROVIDERS**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – August 16, 2017, FEC Press Release - Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway outranked all other rail/intermodal service providers for outstanding performance in Logistics Management's annual Quest for Quality survey. The Quest for Quality Awards are the gold standard for customer satisfaction and performance excellence for carriers, ports and logistics providers worldwide.

"What makes the Quest for Quality Awards stand out in the market is the fact that the winners are determined by the readers of Logistics Management—the buyers of logistics and transportation services who put

these carriers and service providers to work around the clock and the around globe," said Michael Levans, Group Editorial Director of Peerless Media, LLC., the publisher of Logistics Management.

The Quest for Quality poll is the most extensive of its type conducted in the transportation and logistics industry. Each year, the poll studies the importance of key criteria when evaluating and using transportation and logistics service providers, including rates, and ranks transportation and logistics service providers based on key evaluation and purchase criteria. The survey received over 5,400 responses from top freight decision makers.

"Our goal is to be the premier transportation solution into and out of Florida and to provide service excellence to all our customers," said FECR President and CEO Jim Hertwig. "We believe that customers are the lifeblood of our business, so we are absolutely thrilled to have them recognize our efforts. We sincerely thank Logistics Management and our customers for bestowing this prestigious award upon us."

The railway will formally accept the award during an awards gala at the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) annual conference in Atlanta on September 26th.

LM's Annual Quest for Quality Awards is the culmination of a six-month research project conducted by Peerless Research Group (PRG). For more than three decades, LM's Quest for Quality has been regarded in the transportation and logistics industry as the most important measure of customer satisfaction and performance excellence.



**NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRACK WORKERS,**  
**CONTRACTORS INJURED AFTER MOW**  
**COLLISION**

BLUEFIELD, W.Va., Aug. 29, 2017 - Norfolk Southern officials are investigating an incident in southern West Virginia that sent five track workers to a local hospital after two maintenance-of-way (MOW) machines collided on Monday.

Railroad spokesman Jonathan Glass tells *Trains* News Wire that five maintenance-of-way workers were taken to the Bluefield Regional Medical Center on Monday, including two NS employees and two contractors. The four individuals were treated and released on the same day, but a fifth worker remained in the hospital Monday night.

"A fifth worker, an NS employee, was held overnight for observation," says Glass.

That worker was supposed to be released on Tuesday, but the railroad was unable to confirm that as of Tuesday afternoon.

Glass says the incident involved a collision of two on-track maintenance-of-way machines.

"The accident occurred on track east of Bluefield on Monday at about noon," says Glass.

The area in question is located on NS' Christiansburg District mainline, a former Norfolk & Western territory connecting Bluefield, W.Va., with Roanoke, Va.



**READING & NORTHERN TO CHOP HIGH-**  
**HOOD NOSES ON EX-SOUTHERN GP38s**

PORT CLINTON, Pa., Sept. 27, 2017, *Trains* News Wire - Reading & Northern continues to add to its locomotive roster to keep up with growing business on the 320-mile northeastern Pennsylvania short line. The railroad's latest acquisitions are three EMD GP38-2s, purchased at a Norfolk Southern equipment action in Roanoke, Va. Ranging from 38- to 43-years old, NS Nos. 5139, 5184, and 5256 will become RBMN (Reading & Northern's reporting marks) Nos. 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Built for the Southern Railway, all three feature high, short hoods and have crew work stations set up for the locomotives to run long hood-forward. Until its merger with Norfolk & Western in 1982, Southern specified high,

short hoods on its road units from both EMD and General Electric. R&N CEO and owner Andrew M. Muller Jr. says that the three will not receive the railroad's green and yellow colors until they are given chopped noses and are reconfigured for short hood-forward operation. Until that time, they will carry NS black, with the former owner's markings painted out. Reading & Northern practice is to have low-nose locomotives lead mainline freights, so the GP38-2s will cover yard and branchline local assignments until they are modified, Muller says.

This is the second time that R&N has picked up NS units. In 2016, the Pennsylvania line purchased four NS former Southern EMD MP15 locomotives. During the past three years, R&N also acquired six GP30s of Santa Fe heritage. R&N classifies them as GP39RN units. Although a few long out-of-service units are being scrapped, the new additions continued to add to the railroad's active roster, which now numbers 38 diesels, one 4-6-2 steam locomotive, and three Budd Rail Diesel Cars. The all-EMD diesel fleet ranges from 800 hp SW8 switchers to 3500 hp SD50 freight units.



#### NJ TRANSIT UPGRADES SAFETY GEAR AT STATIONS

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 25, 2017, *Trains* News Wire - The replacement of stub-end tracks at Hoboken Terminal, in Hoboken, N.J., the advancement of a new speed control system, and inward-facing cameras are a few examples of new safety improvements at NJ Transit in the past year, railroad officials say.

NJ Transit and its contractors have replaced stub end tracks at Hoboken with new sliding friction bumper blocks. The new bumpers are have also been installed at the Atlantic City (N.J.) Rail Terminal and Meadowlands (N.J.) station.

The railroad has also installed a new speed control system for trains in the terminal area approaching the end of the platform at Hoboken Terminal. The new changes are in response to the upcoming one-year anniversary of the Hoboken Terminal incident.

On Sept. 29, 2016, a NJ Transit commuter train derailed at the Hoboken Terminal and crashed into the famous New York-area train station. One person was killed and more than 100 other people were injured. The incident, which remains under investigation, caused significant damage to the terminal building.

NJ Transit officials say they have also equipped nearly 84 percent of its trains with forward-facing cameras and more than 73-percent of the fleet with inward-facing cameras. Other safety enhancements include increasing screenings for sleep apnea, increased penalties for cell phone infractions that include 90-day work suspensions, and other safety measures.

The railroad also requires conductors to ride in front of the trains, along with the engineer, when entering terminals in Hoboken, New York Penn Station, Atlantic City, Princeton, Gladstone, and Meadowlands in East Rutherford, all in New Jersey



#### MARYLAND OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND ON PURPLE LINE LIGHT-RAIL PROJECT

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Aug 28, 2017, *Railway Age & Progressive Railroadng* (Edited) - The Maryland Transit Administration on Monday broke ground on the \$2-billion Purple Line light rail line connecting the Washington suburbs, the largest public-private transit project in the United States.

A host of officials led by U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao joined executives from the Maryland Department of Transportation, lead constructor Fluor Corp. and Purple Line Transit Partners Meridiam Infrastructure Purple Line, LLC, and Star America Purple Line, LLC, at the ceremony in Hyattsville, Md.

The groundbreaking was capped by the signing of the FTA's Full Funding Grant Agreement of \$900 million from its Capital Investment Grant Program.



The Purple Line includes 21 stations. Passenger service is scheduled to begin in early 2022.

The 16-mile route will run from Bethesda to New Carrollton, Maryland. The line will provide a direct connection to the

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Red, Green and Orange lines, as well as Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC), Amtrak and local bus services.

Fluor, which is participating in the 36-year life cycle of the \$5.6-billion, project, is the managing partner of the design-build team, Purple Line Transit Constructors, which also includes Lane Construction and Traylor Bros. Fluor also leads the post-build Purple Line Transit Operators with Alternate Concepts, Inc., and CAF USA, Inc., for 30 years of operations and maintenance services.



#### CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE UPGRADES HEADED TO PHILADELPHIA'S SUBURBAN STATION

PHILADELPHIA - August 17, 2017, SEPTA Press Release - Enhancing the journey for Philadelphians, commuters and visitors in one of the busiest transit hubs in the city, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and Intersection are teaming up to deliver new digital services-Wi-Fi, interactive information kiosks and device charging-to customers in Suburban Station.

The more than 25,000 customers who are served by Suburban Station each day now have access to free gigabit high-speed Wi-Fi, ten new interactive kiosks that offer real-time transit information, interactive wayfinding and maps, and two device charging stations that will be installed soon.

In addition to the Suburban Station upgrades, Intersection will deploy nearly 300 new interactive digital displays with real-time train updates across subway and commuter rail lines. This initiative will provide riders with information to ease their commutes and advertisers with more opportunities to reach their audiences.

"We are delighted that this partnership brings huge benefits to our riders at no cost to taxpayers," said SEPTA's General Manager, Jeffrey D. Kneuppel. "From high-speed Wi-Fi to device charging, to interactive directions, to better access of real-time information and alerts-it's a win-win to continually think about how we can modernize our customers' experiences."

"Our mission at Intersection is to ease and enrich people's journeys through their cities, and this partnership with SEPTA does exactly that at zero cost to SEPTA or its customers." added Scott Goldsmith, President, Cities and Transit, at Intersection. "Together with SEPTA and our transit partners around the country, we look forward to finding new and innovative ways to bring critical value to customers, cities and brands."

## THIS MONTH ON THE PENNSY

### PRR, PRSL & LIRR EVENTS IN OCTOBER

**Oct. 4, 1899** - LIRR orders all trainmen to address women as "Madam," not "Lady."

**Oct. 22, 1904** - PRR announces it will demolish train shed at Broad Street Station and replace it with platform canopies as part of plan to enlarge station.

**Oct. 11, 1909** - Experimental Brill gasoline railcar arrives at Smyrna, Del.,

makes test run from Smyrna to Wilmington and return; then goes into service on Smyrna Branch, replacing a locomotive and coach.

**Oct. 1914** - PRR abandons old Shire Oaks and Coal Bluff stations on Monongahela Division and establishes new Shire Oaks station 0.26 miles south of old station.

**Oct. 23, 1919** - New engine house, machine shop, power house and service buildings open at Stark Yard near Canton, Ohio.

**Oct. 28, 1924** - Pres. Rea announces that PRR is abandoning merger talks with Norfolk & Western.

**Oct. 26, 1929** - Old alignment through Tome Institute station near Port Deposit abandoned and siding on track elevation built in 1927 converted to main line.

**Oct. 24, 1934** - New Atlantic City Terminal dedicated with cornerstone ceremony; set to coincide with birthday of Mayor Harry Bacharach, who initiated city redevelopment efforts and for whom boulevard on former PRR right-of-way is named; station, which cost \$250,000, will not be completed until about Jan. 1, 1935.

**Oct. 28, 1939** - Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad agrees with Rehoboth, Del., to remove the track in Rehoboth Avenue from the west side of the canal to the Boardwalk and to build a new freight station west of the canal; track was no longer needed because of the discontinuance of passenger service.

**Oct. 18, 1944** - Motive Power Dept. prepares a performance curve showing the proposed Class V1 turbine locomotive outperforming all PRR conventional steam locomotives and even the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's 2-6-6-6 "Allegheny" Type at all speeds over 25 MPH.

**Oct. 13, 1949** - PRR agrees with the Budd Company to allow it to test its new Rail Diesel Car (RDC) demonstrator No. 2960 between New York and Washington and other routes for a charge of \$1.87 per mile.

**Oct. 15, 1954** - Hurricane Hazel, packing 94 MPH winds, disrupts service in electrified territory by downing wires from 3:00 PM to 12:00 N on Oct. 16; 125 interdivisional trains delayed an average of 0:45; maximum delays on Northeast Corridor of up to 10 hours; Virginia Ferry Corporation ferry Princess Anne is blown ashore at Kiptopeke but is freed in about 5 hours.

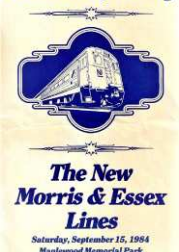
**Oct. 1, 1959** - TrucTrain (TOFC) trains begin using Baltimore and Washington tunnels after completion of project to increase clearance and installation of gantry track at Pennsylvania Ave. curve in B&P Tunnel; 1-2 courses of tunnel's brick lining removed.

**Oct. 6, 1964** - First Lady Lady Bird Johnson (1912-2007) leaves Washington on a four-day whistlestop tour to New Orleans; occupies PRR open-platform observation-parlor No. 7125 *Queen Mary*, which is repainted red, white and blue.

**Oct. 1, 1969** - PRSL Board sells 10 used RDC's to the State of New Jersey for \$1 to be rehabilitated.

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**Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7-8, 2017**

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**Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7-8, 2017**

**Delaware Train Show & Octoberfest Toy Show 2017** at the Nur Shrine Center, 198 South DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720. Adm: \$5.00, under 12 free, Early

**Great Scale Model Train and Railroad Collectors Show & Railroad Marketplace** at the Cow Palace, Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd. Timonium, Md 21093. Info: [www.http://www.gsmts.com](http://www.gsmts.com)

**Thursday - Sunday, Oct. 12-15, 2017**

**NMRA Mid-Eastern Region Susquehannock Convention** at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Info: [www.mer2017.org](http://www.mer2017.org)

**Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 14-15, 2017**

**Amtrak 2017 Autumn Express** from NY-Penn Station to Selkirk, NY via the River Line and returning on the Hudson Line. Fare: \$169.00. Info: [www.Amtrak.com](http://www.Amtrak.com)

**Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 16-18, 2017**

**Train Show and Sale** at the Commonwealth Fire Hall, 2045 North Sherman St., York, Pa. 17402. Info: Barry King, 717-424-1308, E-Mail: [KingKodak@hotmail.com](mailto:KingKodak@hotmail.com)

**Monday-Friday, Oct. 16-20, 2017**

**Train Show and Sale** at the Reliance Fire Hall, 1341 West Market St., York, Pa. 17404. Info: Barry King, 717-424-1308, E-Mail: [KingKodak@hotmail.com](mailto:KingKodak@hotmail.com)

**Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 17-19, 2017**

**Billy Budd Model Train Meet** at the Days Inn, Arsenal Rd. & Route 30 (334 Arsenal Rd), York, PA 17402. Adm: Free, open to the public.

**Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 19-21, 2017**

**TCA York Train Show** at the York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, Pa. 19404. Info: [www.easterntca.com](http://www.easterntca.com)

**Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017**

**Meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the PRRT&HS** at the Drexel Hill Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, Pa. Info: [www.philaprrths.com](http://www.philaprrths.com)

**Thursday - Saturday, Oct. 26-28, 2017**

**2017 NRHS Fall Conference**, Advisory Council and Board of Directors' Meetings in Kansas City, Mo. Info: [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

**Thursday - Saturday, Nov. 2-4, 2017**

**The Fine Scale Model Railroader Expo** at the Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, Pa. and The Courtyard by Marriott Altoona. Info: [www.modelrailroadexpo.com](http://www.modelrailroadexpo.com)

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017**

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

**Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 11-12, 2017**

**First Frost Train Meet** at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex), 302 North 17th St., Allentown, PA 18104. Info: [www.allentowntrainmeet.com](http://www.allentowntrainmeet.com)

**Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017**

**Meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the PRRT&HS** at the Drexel Hill Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, Pa. Info: [www.philaprrths.com](http://www.philaprrths.com)

**Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 9-10, 2017**

**Shoreline Model Railroad Club Train Show** at the Atlantic Christian School, 391 Zion Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08205. Adm: \$5.00, under 12 free. Info: Dick Yard at 609-641-5315 or e-mail Dennis Weiss at [Trains1971@comcast.net](mailto:Trains1971@comcast.net)



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**Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017** - Garden Railways Tour

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017** - 1940s Swing Dance  
**Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 4-5, 2017** - Trains & Troops  
**Saturday, Dec. 2 & 9, 2017** - Home for the Holidays  
**Saturday, Dec. 2 & 9, 2017** - Christmas with the Conductor Parties



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**Various Saturdays thru Nov. 11, 2017** - Wine & Cheese train  
**Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017** - The Great Train Robbery  
**Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017** - Strasburg Spooktacular  
**Wednesday thru Friday, Nov. 1-3, 2017** - LO&S Motor Car  
**Monday thru Wednesday, Nov. 6-8, 2017** - LO&S Motor Car  
**Friday thru Sunday, Nov. 17-19, 2017** - Day Out With Thomas  
**Friday thru Sunday, Nov. 24-26, 2017** - Santa's Paradise Express  
**Thursday & Friday, Nov. 30- Dec. 1, Dec 7-8,14-15, 21-22** - The Night Before Christmas Train  
**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017** - Christmas Tree Train  
**Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2-3,9-10,16-17, 2017** - Santa's Paradise Express



**SEPTEMBER, 2017**  
**CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

The "Annual Chapter Picnic" Membership Meeting of the Lancaster Chapter, National Railway Historical Society was held at the Christiana Freight Station, Christiana, Pa. on Sunday, September 24, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by President Tom Shenk with 32 members and 1 guest 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. Evan Russell approved the motion and Steve Himpl seconded the motion. The August Membership Minutes were approved as printed in the Lancaster Dispatcher.

**CHAPLAIN:** In the absence of Chaplain David Stambaugh, Tom Shenk reported Editor Ed Mayover had a stroke and is recuperating at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center in Middletown, Delaware since September 14. Charlie Jones was air lifted to a Philadelphia Hospital for a blood clot on his lung. Helen Shaak was in Ephrata Hospital for five days for a severe kidney infection and is home again. Smoke Shaak has been recuperating at home since he slipped on a roof at a job site. Smoke has been doing physical therapy and is waiting for his doctors to schedule surgery on his shoulders. Chapter member David Kerchner's wife, Barbara passed away.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Richard Rutledge gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of August.

**TRIPS:** Glenn Kendig thanked Tom Shenk for putting together the weekend Rail Adventure trip to West Virginia and Western Maryland on Friday, September 15 to Sunday, September 17, 2017.

**CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION:** Glenn Kendig thanked chapter member Doug Henry for making it his mission to attack the weeds at the Freight Station and get them under control.

**VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW:** Cindy Kendig announced a Vendor and Craft Show will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Christiana Freight Station from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the third year for this Chapter fundraiser. If anyone can help on the morning of the Vendor Show to help carry in the vendor and crafters supplies, be at the Station at 7:00 a.m.

Cindy is also taking donations of food to sell at the Show as well as monetary donations. Cindy will have a sign-up sheet at the Monday, October 16th Chapter Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tom Shenk reminded chapter members that any member can run for positions on the Board of Directors. Lou Hauck announced "Steam a Rama" will be held Thursday, September 28 to Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Windsor, Pa.

**UPCOMING DATES:** Tom Shenk announced that Saturday, November 18 will be the chapter's Annual Banquet. The Banquet will be in the afternoon and be held at the Four Seasons Golf Club. Tickets will be available for sale at the Monday, October 16th Chapter Meeting. Tom Shenk announced the Chapter might do a joint banquet (with another chapter) next year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Doris Geesey gave the blessing and the Chapter Membership Meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m. for the picnic.

Respectfully submitted by Donetta M. Eberly Secretary



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

**SIEMENS**  
**ALSTOM**

**SIEMENS AND ALSTOM ANNOUNCE**  
**"MERGER OF EQUALS"**

FRANKFURT, Sept. 27, 2017, Railway Age and *Trains* News Wire - It's official: Siemens AG and Alstom SA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding "granting exclusivity to combine mobility businesses in a merger of equals." The combination is largely viewed as a move to remain competitive in a global market in which Chinese rolling stock manufacturers have gained considerable market share. Based on how the merged company, "Siemens Alstom," will be structured and named, Siemens is the lead company, with 6 of 11 board members.

The Wall Street Journal broke the news that the two companies were in merger talks on Sept. 23. At the time, Siemens had been in talks with Canada's Bombardier, Inc. about merging their railway businesses. Siemens did not comment on whether its discussions with Alstom meant talks with Bombardier had stalled. But according to reports, there will be no further discussions with Bombardier. That development, plus preliminary import duties the U.S. Commerce Department levied on Bombardier's C Series jetliner, caused the company's stock to drop the most in almost two years.

Bombardier Transportation announced on Sept. 25 that the company's Management and General Works Council signed a general company agreement formalizing the transformation strategy for its German sites that will result in 2,200 job losses.

Following is the official announcement from Siemens and Alstom, released Sept. 26 at 3:55 EDT:

Today, Siemens and Alstom have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to combine Siemens' mobility business including its rail traction drives business, with Alstom. The transaction brings together two innovative players of the railway market with unique customer value and operational potential. The two businesses are largely complementary in terms of activities and geographies. Siemens will receive newly issued shares in the combined company representing 50% of Alstom's share capital on a fully diluted basis and warrants allowing it to acquire Alstom shares representing two percentage points of its share capital.

"This Franco-German merger of equals sends a strong signal in many ways. We put the European idea to work and together with our friends at Alstom, we are creating a new European champion in the rail industry for the long term. This will give our customers around the world a more innovative and more competitive portfolio," said Joe Kaeser, President and CEO of Siemens AG. "The global marketplace has changed significantly over the past few years. A dominant player in Asia has changed global market



dynamics, and digitalization will impact the future of mobility. Together, we can offer more choices and will be driving this transformation for our customers, employees and shareholders in a responsible and sustainable way," Kaeser added.

"Today is a key moment in Alstom's history, confirming its position as the platform for the rail sector consolidation. Mobility is at the heart of today's world challenges. Future modes of transportation are bound to be clean and competitive. Thanks to its global reach across all continents, its scale, its technological know-how and its unique positioning on digital transportation, the combination of Alstom and Siemens Mobility will bring to its customers and ultimately to all citizens smarter and more efficient systems to meet mobility challenges of cities and countries. By combining Siemens Mobility's experienced teams, complementary geographies and innovative expertise with ours, the new entity will create value for customers, employees and shareholders," said Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alstom SA. "I am particularly proud to lead the creation of such a group that will undoubtedly shape the future of mobility."

The new entity will benefit from an order backlog of €61.2 billion, revenue of €15.3 billion, an adjusted EBIT of €1.2 billion and an adjusted EBIT-margin of 8.0%, based on information extracted from the last annual financial statements of Alstom and Siemens. In a combined setup, Siemens and Alstom expect to generate annual synergies of €470 million latest in year four post-closing and targets net-cash at closing between €0.5 - €1.0 billion. Global headquarters as well as the management team for rolling stock will be located in Paris area and the combined entity will remain listed in France. Headquarters for the Mobility Solutions business will be located in Berlin, Germany. In total, the new entity will have 62,300 employees in over 60 countries.

As part of the combination, Alstom existing shareholders at the close of the day preceding the closing date, will receive two special dividends: a control premium of €4.00 per share (in total = €0.9 billion) to be paid shortly after closing of the transaction and an extraordinary dividend of up to €4.00 per share (in total = €0.9 billion) to be paid out of the proceeds of Alstom's put options for the General Electric joint ventures of approximately €2.5 billion subject to the cash position of Alstom.

The businesses of the two companies are largely complementary. The combined entity will offer a significantly increased range of diversified product and solution offerings to meet multi-faceted, customer-specific needs, from cost-efficient mass-market platforms to high-end technologies. The global footprint enables the merged company to access growth markets in Middle East and Africa, India, and Middle and South America where Alstom is present, and China, the United States and Russia, where Siemens is present. Customers will significantly benefit from a well-balanced larger geographic footprint, a comprehensive portfolio offering and significant investment into digital services. The combination of know-how and innovation power of both companies will drive crucial innovations, cost efficiency and faster response, which will allow the combined entity to better address customer needs.

The Board of Directors of the combined group will consist of 11 members and will be comprised of 6 directors designated by Siemens, one of whom being the Chairman; 4 independent directors; and the CEO. In order to ensure management continuity, Henri Poupart-Lafarge will continue to lead the company as CEO and will be a board member. Jochen Eickholt, CEO of Siemens Mobility, shall assume an important responsibility in the merged entity. The corporate name of the combined group will be Siemens Alstom.

The envisaged transaction is unanimously supported by Alstom's board (further to a review process of the preparation of the transaction by the Audit Committee acting as an ad hoc committee) and Siemens's supervisory board. Bouygues fully supports the transaction and will vote in favor of the transaction at Alstom's board of directors meeting and at the extraordinary general meeting deciding on the transaction to be held before July 31, 2018, in line with Alstom board of director decision. The French

State also supports the transaction based on undertakings by Siemens, including a standstill at 50.5% of Alstom's share capital for four years after closing and certain governance and organizational and employment protections. The French State confirms that the loan of Alstom shares from Bouygues SA will be terminated in accordance with its terms no later than 17 October 2017 and that it will not exercise the options granted by Bouygues. Bouygues has committed to keep its shares until the earlier of the extraordinary general meeting deciding on the transaction and July 31, 2018.

In France, Alstom and Siemens will initiate Works Councils' information and consultation procedure according to French law prior to the signing of the transaction documents. If Alstom were not to pursue the transaction, it would have to pay a €140 million break fee. The transaction will take the form of a contribution in kind of the Siemens Mobility business including its rail traction drives business to Alstom for newly issued shares of Alstom and will be subject to Alstom's shareholders' approval, including for purposes of cancelling the double voting rights, anticipated to be held in the second quarter of 2018. The transaction is also subject to clearance from relevant regulatory authorities, including foreign investment clearance in France and anti-trust authorities as well as the confirmation by the French capital market authority (AMF) that no mandatory takeover offer has to be launched by Siemens following completion of the contribution. Closing is expected at the end of calendar year 2018. The transaction was prepared under the review of an ad-hoc committee.

In the U.S., both companies are growing their respective shares of the passenger market with Alstom ramping up tooling and production in Hornell, N.Y., to fulfill a nearly \$2 billion order with Amtrak for high speed trainsets for the Northeast Corridor. The first of Alstom's Avelia Liberty train sets are expected in 2019. Amtrak declined to comment on the merger. Siemens, meanwhile, supplied more than 70 locomotives for Amtrak and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority service on the NEC. It has also nearly sewn up the market for new orders on passenger diesel-electric locomotives by delivering its Charger locomotives to several states on Amtrak-served state-sponsored routes, as well as complete trainsets for Florida's Brightline. Nearly all of Siemens' U.S. work is completed at shops in Sacramento, California.

### THIS MONTH'S BANNER PHOTO

New Jersey Transit No. 958, an ex-Amtrak E60, at South Amboy, New Jersey on February 18, 1985 - M. G. Lovis photo.

### OPERATION LIFESAVER REMINDS YOU...

#### OLI: U.S. RAIL-TRESPASS CASUALTIES UP NEARLY 13 PERCENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, 2017, Progressive Railroading (Edited) - Although the number of people injured or killed in vehicle-train collisions is on the decline, the number of pedestrian deaths and injuries in rail-trespass incidents is on the rise, Operation Lifesaver Inc. (OLI) announced yesterday.

In 2016, 1,104 people were hurt or killed in vehicle-train collisions, marking a 13.7 percent decrease compared with 2015 statistics, according to preliminary Federal Railroad Administration data released by OLI.

However, 980 pedestrians were killed or injured walking on or near tracks — a 12.9 percent increase over 2015.

### A NOTE OF THANKS



I would like to sincerely thank my friends for their calls, cards, prayers, candles and concern during my recent hospitalization. Your kind gestures were most appreciated - Ed Mayover.



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### **UPCOMING LANCASTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

#### **OCTOBER 16, 2017 - MONDAY, 7:30 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Chapter Friend Frank Tatnall returns with an interesting program entitled *A Century Under Wire*, highlighting the Pennsylvania Railroad's electrification on the Main Line between Broad Street Station and Paoli. This meeting is a "must" for all Pennsy fans!

#### **OCTOBER 21, 2017 - SATURDAY, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW**

We still need monetary and food donations. Anything will be greatly appreciated as this is a fund raiser for our Chapter. We have chicken corn soup, hotdogs, chips, and muffins so far. If you donate food items please package separately and what price to put on the item. Come out and start your Christmas shopping. We have 28 vendors coming with unique items. Questions can be directed to Linda Himpel or Cindy Kendig.

#### **NOVEMBER 18, 2017 - SATURDAY, 2:00 PM - FOUR SEASONS GOLF CLUB - ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET**

Complete information and order form is on Page 11 of this issue of *The Lancaster Dispatcher*.

#### **NOVEMBER 30, 2017 - THURSDAY, 7:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Decorate the Freight Station and Christmas Tree for the Holiday Open House and Christmas. Bring your favorite Train Ornament to hang on the tree. This is a fun-filled activity to usher in the Holiday Season. Input from the Chapter Membership for the design and set-up of the train display would be greatly appreciated - see Glenn Kendig for further information.

#### **DECEMBER 9, 2017 - SATURDAY, 3:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STA. - CHRISTIANA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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 light displays - a fun-filled evening for the entire family!

#### **DECEMBER 10, 2017 - SUNDAY, 1:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Open House from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Enjoy the Station decorated for Christmas, popcorn, train layout and holiday displays.

#### **DECEMBER 18, 2017 - MONDAY, 7:30 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please bring cookies, snacks or a covered dish to share. There's no better way to get into the festive holiday spirit! No business meeting - just food, fun and holiday merriment! We have the Santa Claus Seal of Approval!

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