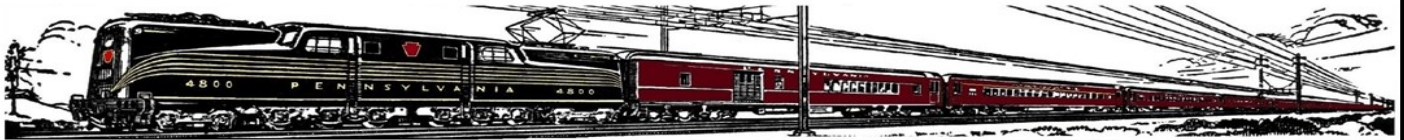


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Railway News Flash

By Steve Ferrell

Gathered from press releases and revised for this publication

September, 2026

- Amtrak plans to begin major work soon to rehabilitate the almost century-old Dock Bridge in North Jersey. The recently awarded key construction and project management contracts. The project will enhance safety and reliability for more than 200,000 Amtrak, New Jersey Transit and PATH customers with over 700 trains through this busy section of the Northeast Corridor. The Dock Bridge is a six-track, triple-span moveable lift bridge that crosses the Passaic River between Newark, NJ and Harrison, NJ.
- On August 8th, Amtrak finally closed Thorn Tower. The Closure will bring full bi-directional operation between Thorn and Paoli.
- On July 14th, officials of the B&O Museum announced that they were rebranding as the National Museum of Railroad History & Innovation, expanding its mission to preserve and interpret America's railroad heritage.
- Roger Harris, President of Amtrak, has stepped down on July 31st. His interim replacement will be Byl Herrman while the board of directors searches for a permanent replacement. Harris only served for one year after his predecessor Steven Gardner resigned in a surprise departure.
- The new Greenville Road Bridge opened on July 22nd after being closed for a year. The old bridge in West Cocalico Township in Lancaster County was replaced by a two-span concrete box beam bridge as part of the \$2.587 million project.

EXTRA: LOCAL NEWS



Photos taken on July 26, 2026, on route 441, south of Middletown, Pa at Royalton Recycling.

Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad is cleaning up their rail yard. The railyard is much cleaner than it had been under the supervision of Wendell J. Dillinger. (Reported and photographed by Steve Himpl).

After Wendell Dillinger died, M&H disposed of almost all the trolley equipment to other operators. They basically invited anyone to come and take what they wanted, including stocks of spare parts. That PCC was the last surplus item left but no one wanted it, so M&H called the scrapper. I think there is one piece remaining, which was built by Middletown Car Co., and that is why they kept it. (Reported by Dan Cupper).



THIS MONTH ON THE PENNSY**PRR, PRSL & LIRR EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER**

Source: Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society (permission of Christopher Baer, PRRT&HS).

Sep. 2, 1922 PRR operates a total of 883 trains and 6,587 cars at Penn Station, including 40 extras for Labor Day weekend; 300,000 people handled for new record; LIRR operates 35 extra trains from Penn Station.

Sep. 1922 PRR has built an automatic track cleaning car, No. 491503, which removes ashes, cinders and coal dust; used on pusher grades between Altoona and Johnstown. Sep. 1922 PRR has built an automatic track cleaning car, No. 491503, which removes ashes, cinders and coal dust; used on pusher grades between Altoona and Johnstown.

Sep. 25, 1927 PRR reduces local passenger service between Philadelphia and Lancaster and Philadelphia and Harrisburg because of highway competition.

Sep. 15, 1932 PRR begins van-type collection & delivery service in its own trailers in New York area; freight transferred to cars in Jersey City Yard; trucks use Cortlandt Street ferry to and from New York.

Sep. 24, 1932 Last run of Paoli-Frazer-West Chester passenger service, which is replaced by buses.

Sep. 12, 1937 PRR operates "Off the Beaten Track" excursion from Philadelphia to Baltimore, thence by steamboat Maryland to Love Point, and return to Philadelphia via Hillsboro, Clayton, and New Castle.

Sep. 27, 1937 PRR Board authorizes \$98.3 million to pay for New York-Washington electrification, electrifying freight lines to Potomac Yard, South Philadelphia, Perth Amboy, and Pavonia Yard (Camden), and to buy locomotives and MU cars.

Sep. 1, 1942 New Greenwich Yard (South Philadelphia) with capacity of 4,500 cars placed in service east of Stadium; electrification removed between west end of new yard near Stadium to Old Greenwich Yard.

Sep. 1942 New PRR schools at 30th Street Station for training college women to staff city and railroad ticket offices graduate their first classes; a third school is to be established at Penn Station.

Sep. 1942 Last of sixth lot of 20 GG1's, No. 4928, built at Juniata.

Sep. 16, 1947 PRR dieselizes freight trains LCL-1 and CG-8 with EMD 6,000 HP A-B-B-A units; both trains extended to Chicago; LCL-1 runs from Harsimus Cover to 55th Street; CG-8 from 59th Street via Columbus to Greenville.

Sep. 1947 Semi-automatic machine for washing GG1's placed in service at Sunnyside Yard; uses barney car to push GG1 through acid bath and wash.

Sep. 25, 1952 Tower clock removed from Broad Street Station and placed in storage; later given to Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania and incorporated into its facade.

Sep. 27, 1952 Last run of PRR local passenger service between Parkesburg and Lancaster, Pittsburgh-Cleveland local No. 318-323, and mail & express train No. 19-24 between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh (mail put on trucks).

Sep. 1957 James M. Symes (President, PRR) visits Robert R. Young (Chairman of the Board, NYC) at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York and outlines proposal to merge PRR and NYC.

Sep. 13, 1962 LIRR Board authorizes purchasing 6 coaches and 2 1,500 HP Alco road switchers from the Delaware & Hudson Railroad; have leased 30 MU cars from the Port Authority.

Sep. 26, 1962 PRR Board authorizes contracts for the demolition of Penn Station and the construction of foundations for new Madison Square Garden.

Sep. 2, 1967 Post Office Dept. removes RPO from Broadway Limited and most other PRR long distance trains west of Pittsburgh; only remaining New York-Pittsburgh-St. Louis RPO is on No. 31-32, The "Spirit of St. Louis"; loss of \$495,000 annual revenue eliminates only steady source of earnings left.

Sep. 21, 1967 PRR operates world's longest and heaviest freight train ever run to that time; 341-car, 35,805-ton ore train from Whiskey Island, Cleveland, to Mingo Jct., Ohio; total of 25,000 locomotive horsepower with three units at the head end and five mid-train slave units; train is 1.8 miles long; it pulls 10 drawbars en- route.

Sep. 11, 1972 600-series locals resume service to Harrisburg after electrification is restored after Tropical Storm Agnes, replacing buses from Lancaster.

To the New Tracks in Penn Station's Long Island Railroad Concourse

By Steve Ferrell

A lot of my Ride with me Steve trips have not completely fulfilled their promise this year. In May, our trip to Gladstone included a promise from myself that we would many show horses along the way. Unfortunately, it was rainy that day and the horses were inside. My group was skeptical. The rest of the trip was fine and we had a great lunch at the Gladstone Tavern...

Then in July 2026, we planned to head up to the new Tracks Restaurant opening at its original location in the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Concourse at Penn Station in New York. We had originally planned to go up in March, but Bruce Caulfield, the owner, was not ready to open at the time. Instead, we went to his new location at the Long Island Railroad terminal in Grand Central Terminal, which was located underground.

We kept rescheduling and finally he said he would be open by July 15th. We all bought our Amtrak tickets and were looking forward to a great meal. Well, a few days prior he said he would not be open, but he would bring over lunch buffet style from his Grand Central Location. Then, he said he could not do that, due to the over 100-degree temps it would be difficult to move the food over and would instead provide complimentary lunches for our group from Chick-Fil-A. He had wanted us to come up and check out his memorabilia for the new tracks before hanging them up.

Arriving at about noon we toured the restaurant, which was still finishing construction, and met the Bruce, the owner, and his newly hired General Manager. We got a tour of the facility, and they were in the process of finishing up the construction and getting the kitchen ready. We enjoyed our free lunch, and then Bruce had a surprise for us. His friend is the Station Master at both Penn Station and Grand Central for the Long Island Railroad. He gave our group a great tour of the control room for the Long Island Railroad. This indeed made the trip quite worthwhile.



Group entering Tracks – Photo by Dan Murray



View of some of the Memorabilia and the group eating lunch – Photo by Jane Ferrell



Eating our Chick-Fil-A lunch at the bar at Tracks- Photo by Jane Ferrell

To the New Tracks in Penn Station's Long Island Railroad Concourse (continued)

We could not take pictures of the Control Room because of terrorist issues (since 9/11).

We had enough time after the tour to thank Steve and Bruce and walk to Moynihan Hall for our ice cream at Davey's before boarding our Amtrak Keystone train home.



Above: Steve, the Long Island RR Station Master, and Bruce Caulfield getting group ready for the tour of the Long Island Railroad control center – Photo by Jane Ferrell

TRACKS

RAW BAR & GRILL

RAW BAR

see specials menu for details

EAST COAST OYSTERS

your go-to classic from cold atlantic waters 3.50 each

WEST COAST OYSTERS

a pacific kiss with every slurp 4.50 each

LITTLENECK CLAMS

tender, juicy, slightly sweet 2.50 each

TOPNECK CLAMS

big, bold and briny 2.75 each

SHRIMP COCKTAIL (5)

served with our zesty house-made cocktail sauce 18

TUNA TARTARE

diced ahi tuna, avocado, sesame, srirachi mayo, tortilla strips mp

SUSHI

ROLLS

spicy tuna 16 spicy salmon 16 california 13

shrimp tempura 15

POKE BOWL

choice of salmon or tuna, avocado, seaweed, shallots,

wasabi mayo, pickled chilies over rice 23

SOUPS/ CHILI

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

our award winning chowder for over two decades 12

SOUP OF THE DAY

changes daily - see specials menu 10

BEEF & BEAN CHILI

served with sour cream, diced onion & melted cheese 12

APPETIZERS

MARYLAND CRAB CAKES (2)

jumbo lump crabmeat served with

chipotle aioli & zesty slaw 18

CHICKEN WINGS (10)

choice of buffalo, bbq, sweet chili or mango habanero

served with blue cheese, celery & carrots 19

FRIED CALAMARI

Point Judith calamari with remoulade or marinara 17

TRACKS NACHOS

beef chili, cheese, guacamole, jalapenos, sour cream,

pico de gallo over our house-made tortilla chips 17

HOME STYLE CHICKEN TENDERS

choice of teriyaki bbq, honey mustard or buffalo sauce 15

BAJA FISH TACOS (3)

grilled fish, cabbage, pickled onions in a corn tortilla 17

SHRIMP TACOS (3)

onion, cabbage, pineapple habanero sauce

in corn tortilla 19

HOUSE-MADE TORTILLA CHIPS

with guacamole 12 with salsa 10

GET CHEESEY!

MOZZARELLA STIX (5)

served with a side of house-made marinara sauce 15

LOADED QUESADILLAS

cheese, poppers & onions, guacamole & pico de gallo 15

3 CHEESE MAC & CHEESE 15

Add Protein: chicken 6 shrimp 8 lobster 12

SIDE CAR

vegetable of the day 6 • beer battered onion rings 6

roasted baby potatoes 6

hand cut fries 6 (add old bay 1.00 • seasoned cross tracks fries 6

pretzel sticks (3) beer cheese sauce or mustard 12 • zesty slaw 6

SALADS

choice of dressing: balsamic vinaigrette, blue cheese,

ranch, caesar, chipotle ranch, oil & vinegar

TRACKS HOUSE SALAD

mixed greens, radicchio, tomatoes,

toasted chickpeas, cucumber & avocado 15

CAESAR SALAD

chopped romaine, shaved parmesan, garlic croutons

with our signature caesar dressing 15

PENN POWER BOWL

quinoa, tomatoes, teriyaki glazed tofu, toasted

chickpeas, avocado, carrots & cucumber 16

SOUTHWEST SALAD

romaine, tomatoes, black beans, corn, cilantro,

pickled jalapenos tortilla strips 18

Add protein:

grilled tofu 6 chicken 6 salmon 12 lobster 12 steak 15

HANDHELDS

GRILLED CHICKEN & AVOCADO

house-made pesto, toasted bun, lettuce, tomato,

onions & pickle 20

FRENCH DIP

thinly sliced steak, caramelized onions, melted cheese,

horseradish mayo, au jus, toasted baguette 23

MAINE LOBSTER ROLL

served in a split top bun Maine style (chilled)

or Connecticut style (warm) mp

NASHVILLE HOT CHICKEN

lettuce, tomato, onion, chipotle mayo 19

CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP

grilled chicken, croutons, parmesan, caesar dressing 19

TBM

tomato, basil, mozzarella, balsamic glaze, toasted baguette 19

TRACKS BURGERS

TRACKS CLASSIC BURGER (1/2 LB)

char-grilled, lettuce, tomato, onion & pickle, toasted bun 19

BRUCE'S BURGER

swiss cheese, sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions

on a toasted brioche 21

IRON HORSE BURGER

hardwood smoked bacon, cheddar, caramelized

onions & hickory BBQ sauce on a toasted bun 23

THE ORIENT EXPRESS

premium wagyu beef, melted gruyere & dijonaise

sauce on a toasted brioche with truffle fries 30

Burgers & handhelds: with choice of cross tracks or hand

cut fries, sub vegetable, side salad, onion rings 2.00

Toppings:

caramelized onions 1.00

american, cheddar, swiss, mozzarella or blue cheese 2.00

hardwood bacon 1.00 bacon jam 3.00 avocado 4

ENTREES

GRILLED ATLANTIC SALMON

with rice, vegetable of the day, dill cream sauce 27

LINGUINE WITH CLAMS

served with white wine garlic sauce or zesty marinara 24

STEAK FRITES

grilled steak, chimichurri sauce, choice of fries 29

CAJUN SHRIMP PASTA

zesty cajun sauce, onions & peppers over linguine 27

TRADITIONAL FISH AND CHIPS

two beer battered fish filets, house-made

tartar sauce & choice of fries 23

CHICKEN PARMESAN & LINGUINE

the all time classic 27

Above: The menu for when Tracks opens on August 3rd, 2026

Riding the Baltimore and Ohio from Philadelphia and Jersey City (with bus connections to New York City)

By Stephen Ferrell

with images from the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Library and Archives and James R. Rose

Part One: Route through Philadelphia

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had many named and notable trains operating from the New York area (Jersey City) via Washington D.C. to Chicago and St. Louis. While the B&O took four hours longer to Chicago than the Pennsylvania Railroad's and New York Central's trains, they exceeded both companies in their comfort, ride, and amenities. Additionally, Baltimore and Ohio used diesel-electric locomotives on their long-distance fleet from the late 1930's onward.

After World War II the B&O restored and streamlined existing heavyweight cars to provide a smoother ride. Services offered included a barbershop aboard. Indeed, the B&O was well known for their great onboard food service, another nice perk.

This article will describe how this railroad traveled from Philadelphia to the New York City area at Jersey City's Communipaw Terminal. Along the way, the B&O traveled on Reading Railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jersey's tracks.

It should be noted that when they reached Philadelphia their trainsets were a little shorter, with several sleepers from Chicago and other cars removed from the consist at Washington on their journey to New York. The B&O traveled from Washington then Baltimore up to Philadelphia on tracks (single-tracked often) that paralleled the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Baltimore and Ohio trains arrived at the B&O Station (sometimes known as the Chestnut Street Station) in Philadelphia at 24th and Chestnut Streets. Designed by Frank Furness, this station was built in 1888. While service here ended in 1958, the station was damaged by a fire, then stood unused until 1963. Today there is a historical marker at the former station location (This single-track line still exists and is used by CSX for freight services).

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• DE LUXE COACHES!
• FRIENDLY LOUNGES!
• STEWARDESS-NURSE!
• RADIO!
• REGULAR COACH FARES!
• COACH SEATS RESERVED IN ADVANCE, NO CHARGE!

*In Service between Chicago and Washington

And here are other special features of The New Columbian—all yours at regular coach fares

"SLEEPY HOLLOW" SEATS
Their upholstery molds itself to your figure; you can tilt the backs, adjust the foot rests.

SEMI-PRIVATE SMOKING LOUNGES
Something new in coach travel—ideal for family groups and parties.

NEW-STYLE DINING CAR
With "suspended" tables and unusual seating arrangement. A modern setting for an old-fashioned meal.

OBSERVATION LOUNGE
Glamorous as a club, informal as a family gathering. Here are newspapers, magazines and a desk for writing letters.

MODERN WOMEN'S REST ROOMS
With settings of chrome and porcelain, full-length mirrors and foam-rubber revolving chairs.

Advertisement touting the fine service on the B&O railroad.



Left: B&O rail yard located south of the Chestnut Street Station

Right: Baltimore and Ohio Chestnut Street Station, Circa 1910.



Riding the Baltimore and Ohio from Philadelphia and Jersey City (continued)

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Left: Descriptions of consist of each of the B&O trains.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad paralleled the Pennsylvania Railroad from Wilmington into Philadelphia. The routing that the B&O took after stopping in Philly is an interesting one: After leaving Philadelphia's Chestnut Street Station, the line entered the Fairmont Park tunnel under the Eakins Oval in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This line still exists and is used today by CSX freight trains.)



Above: Looking across the Schuylkill River at the Station with the shed to the south. 30th Street station is across the bridge in the background and one block north.

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Note 1.—For the convenience of travelers not using motor coach train connections, frequent ferry service is operated between Liberty Street Station and Jersey City Terminal (C. of N. J.).

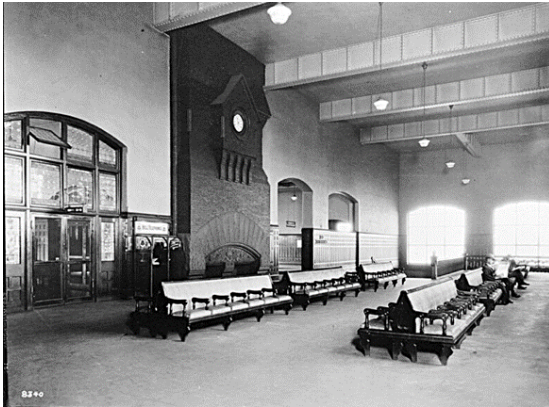
Note 2.—Private automobiles may drive to trainside at Jersey City (C. of N. J.) on payment of ferry charges. Passengers desiring to exercise this privilege may do so by telephoning MURRAY HILL 3-4400. Extension 21, or by notifying the ferry collector when tendering ferry vehicle ticket.

Note 3.— For connecting service between Annapolis, Md., and Baltimore, Md., see Baltimore & Annapolis R.R. For connecting service between Baltimore and Fort Meade, see Table 2.

Note 4.—Taxi and Bus service available between Aikin and U. S. Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md.

Left: Schedule for the Baltimore and Ohio New York area bound named trains in 1952.

Riding the Baltimore and Ohio from Philadelphia and Jersey City (continued)

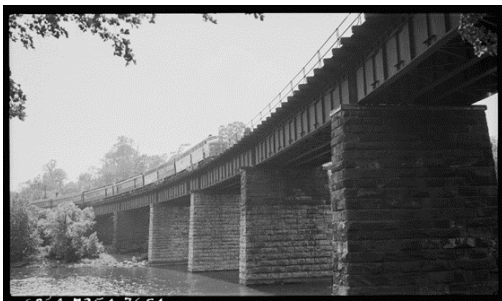


Left: Interior of B&O's Philadelphia Station

Right: Art Museum Tunnel. The B&O was on the right and Reading was on the left. View is heading southbound.



Exiting the tunnel, the line traveled along the east bank of the Schuylkill River through Park Junction, where it connected to the Reading Railroad and continued up the east bank. At a curve of the river, the line crossed over to the west bank of the Schuylkill over the Columbia Bridge. On the west bank the line continued north to CP River where crossed the river again on the Blue Line Bridge to East Falls. Both River and East Falls were controlled from FS Tower in West Falls. The trains tackled the Falls Grade of the Richmond Branch to CP Nice where it paralleled the Reading Trunk from the Reading Terminal and then joined the line toward Wayne Junction.



Left: Passenger train crossing the Schuylkill River on the Blue Line Bridge in 1955.

Wayne Junction was an important stop as passengers accessed it through the Reading's network of electric train service in the northern suburbs. The B&O Trains continued east on the Tabor Branch on a high fill to Nicetown Junction. Here the B&O followed the Philadelphia and Newtown Connecting Railroad to Olney where it briefly joined the Newtown Branch. At Cheltenham Junction the B&O trains used the New York Shortline joining the New York Branch at Neshaminy Falls. The line was then routed on the former New York or Bound Brook Branch tracks (later called the Reading Railroad's Trenton Line) and on the now named SEPTA's West Trenton line. The West Trenton line currently is the end of SEPTA passenger service and electrification. However, both the Reading and the B&O traveled northeast from here through New Jersey to Bound Brook Junction and on to Jersey City and Communipaw terminal.



An E7 An E7 hauled passenger train at Wayne Junction 1n 1949.

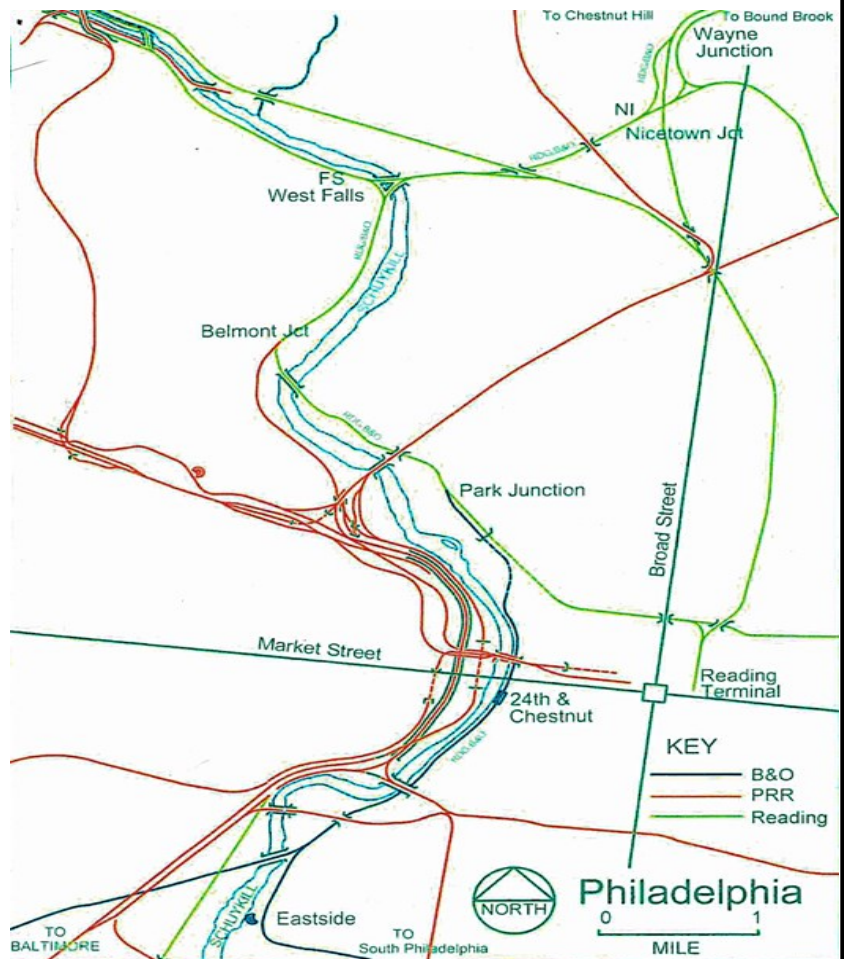
Riding the Baltimore and Ohio from Philadelphia and Jersey City (continued)

Right: Baltimore & Ohio's Royal Blue train with and E7 at Bustleton, PA on the former NY Short Line



This is the end of part one. Part two will describe the routing of the B&O (and Reading) trains through New Jersey to Jersey City and B&O's bus connections to New York City.

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and architect.



Right: Map of B & O and Reading lines through Philadelphia –
Map by James R. Rose

**LANCASTER CHAPTER, INC., N.R.H.S.
ANNUAL BANQUET
FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2026**

JOIN US AT THE GATHERING PLACE, MOUNT JOY, PA FOR A WONDERFUL EVENT WITH GREAT FOOD AND THE FRIENDSHIP OF YOUR FELLOW CHAPTER MEMBERS. MAKE THIS YOUR FIRST EVENT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

6:00 PM - DOORS OPEN - NO EARLY ENTRY

6:30 PM - DINNER SERVED—FAMILY STYLE

7:30 PM PROGRAM: This year's Lancaster Chapter's Annual Banquet Speaker will be Stanley F. Bowman, rail enthusiast. Stan was born in West Philadelphia, and grew up in neighboring Delaware County in the 1950's. One of his favorite memories is riding the two trolley lines in Lancaster in the fall of 1946. In April of 1953 he began photographing the trolleys of the Philadelphia Suburban Transportation Company, the Red Arrow Line's.

Stan is a member of the N.R.H.S., the East Penn Traction Club and a few other local historical societies.

Stan's program will focus on the Conestoga Traction Co. trolleys and all trolleys that operated in Lancaster County.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET COST FOR 2026 IS \$35.00 PER PERSON

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING OR YOU MAY MAIL THIS COUPON.

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UPCOMING LANCASTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 — SATURDAY, 10:00 PM—4:00 PM CHRISTIANA HERITAGE DAY. TROOP REENACTMENTS, WAGON AND TRAIN RIDES, SPEEDER RAIL CAR EXHIBITS, HOUSE TOURS AND MORE. FOOD TRUCKS AND BBQ DINNERS.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MONDAY, 7:00 PM. BOARD OF DIRECTOR PLANNING MEETING AT THE FREIGHTHOUSE.

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 - SUNDAY, 3:00 PM ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC AT CHRISTIANA FREIGHT HOUSE
10 RAILROAD AVENUE, CHRISTIANA, PA 17509
BBQ CHICKEN AND DRINKS PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH AND YOUR PLACE SETTING. BRIEF MONTHLY MEETING TO FOLLOW.**

OCTOBER 19, 2026 - MONDAY, 7:30 PM. LANCASTER CHAPTER FREIGHT HOUSE.

NOVEMBER 13, 2026 - FRIDAY, 6:00 PM ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET AT THE GATHERING PLACE (See page 10)

**CHAPTER MEETING - ANNUAL STRASBURG RAILROAD TRAIN RIDE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2026**

The August 2026 meeting of the Lancaster Chapter of the NRHS featured our traditional annual train ride at the Strasburg Rail Road, Sunday, August 16th. A small number of members attended, due to inclement weather and storm warning forecast.

The group gathered at the SRC for a 4:00 PM trip to Paradise and back. As in 2025, the train was greeted by a heavy downpour and gusty winds as we returned to the Strasburg station. The group quickly exited our open-air car and entered a closed coach.

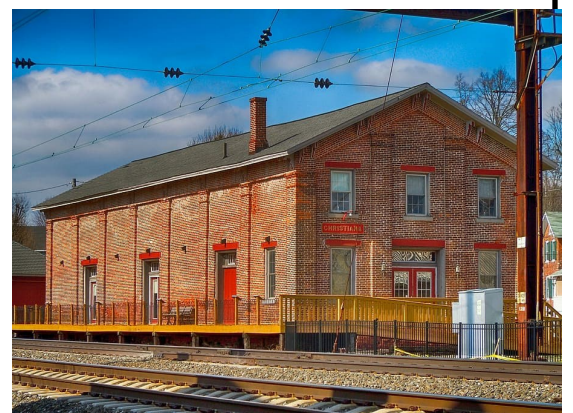
President Tom Shenk called a very short meeting to order, due to the weather.

Richard Rutledge gave a quick treasurer's report.

Steve Himpsl gave a brief summary of other upcoming events also published in this newsletter (above).

Members were reminded of the September 21st annual Chapter picnic at the Christiana Freight House at 3:00 PM.

There were no formal minutes taken for the meeting.



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