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Saturday, November 26



**Special Train**

LV. PAOLI . . . . .	10:35 am
" Daylesford . . . . .	10:37 am
" Berwyn . . . . .	10:39 am
" Devon . . . . .	10:41 am
" Stafford . . . . .	10:43 am
" Wayne . . . . .	10:46 am
" St. Davids . . . . .	10:48 am
" Radnor . . . . .	10:50 am
" Villanova . . . . .	10:53 am
" Rosemont . . . . .	10:55 am
" Bryn Mawr . . . . .	10:58 am
" Haverford . . . . .	11:00 am
" Ardmore . . . . .	11:02 am
" Wynnewood . . . . .	11:05 am
" Narberth . . . . .	11:08 am
" Merion . . . . .	11:10 am
" Overbrook . . . . .	11:12 am
AR. STADIUM . . . . .	11:40 am

**Special Train**

LV. TRENTON . . . . .	10:25 am
" Levittown- . . . . .	
" Tullytown . . . . .	10:33 am
" Bristol . . . . .	10:40 am
" Torresdale . . . . .	10:50 am
" Frankford Jct. . . . .	11:00 am

**Regular Train**

LV. CHESTNUT HILL . . . . .	10:46 am
" Highland . . . . .	10:47 am
" St. Martins . . . . .	10:48 am
" Allen Lane . . . . .	10:50 am
" Carpenter . . . . .	10:51 am
" Upsal . . . . .	10:52 am
" Tulpehocken . . . . .	10:53 am
" Cheltenham Avenue . . . . .	10:55 am
" Queen Lane . . . . .	10:57 am
AR. North Phila. Sta. . . . .	11:00 am
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LV. North Phila. Sta. . . . .	11:10 am
AR. STADIUM . . . . .	11:50 am

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## THE POWER DIRECTOR

"NEWS FROM THE RAILROAD WIRES"



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AMTRAK

### Amtrak Ridership Rolls Up Best-Ever Records

*30.2 million passengers and \$1.9 billion in ticket revenue for the fiscal year*

WASHINGTON – Amtrak carried nearly 30.2 million passengers in Fiscal Year 2011 ending September 30, marking the highest ridership total since the National Railroad Passenger Corporation started operations in 1971 and the eighth ridership record during the last nine years. Ridership versus the prior year is up by more than five percent – and ticket revenue is up by more than eight percent -- despite significant weather related disruptions in the Northeast, Central and Western U.S.

On Oct. 13 in St. Louis, Amtrak recognized a suburban St. Louis woman as the representative 30 millionth passenger. Rochelle Lathan rode the Texas Eagle from Alton, Ill., to Springfield on September 28, the day the 30 million passenger mark was reached. She is a mother of five, a student at Florissant Valley Community College and an Amtrak Guest Rewards member who travels frequently to Springfield and Chicago on the Lincoln Service and Texas Eagle trains.

"Amtrak truly is America's Railroad®," said Amtrak Board of Directors Chairman Tom Carper at the St. Louis event. "We were created by Congress to fulfill a vital national transportation need and to connect the nation in ways no other mode of transportation can. We have always delivered for the American people and we will continue to do so."

"Thirty million passengers is not just a statistic. That number is made up of real people who live real lives and use Amtrak for personal, business and recreational travel," said Emmett Fremaux, the head of the Amtrak Marketing and Product Development Department, who presented Ms. Lathan with an oversized Amtrak ticket and two 30-day rail passes.

"We thank all our passengers for choosing Amtrak and our state partners for working with us to develop the kind of service that attracts ever increasing numbers of riders," said Amtrak President & CEO Joseph H. Boardman. "Amtrak is fulfilling its national mission and is part of the solution to meet America's growing transportation and energy needs."

Carper, Boardman and Fremaux also thanked the railroad's nearly 20,000 employees for their work to set another record for ridership and revenue. With the exception of 2009 (12 months ending September 30, 2009), Amtrak has set records for every fiscal year since 2002.

"This is an accomplishment of many hardworking and dedicated people doing what it takes to run a railroad," said Fremaux. "It is a long list and includes Amtrak employees such as locomotive engineers, conductors and other onboard train crew, station staff, mechanics, track workers, K-9 security teams, and numerous other behind-the-scenes employees who work at Amtrak and at our local, state and federal partners."

Factors contributing to the continuing success of Amtrak include high gasoline prices, continued growth in business travel on the high-speed Acela Express trains with free Wi-Fi service – with more AmtrakConnectsm deployments coming soon on other services across the country -- the increased appeal and popularity of rail travel and effective marketing campaigns.

These gains came despite service disruptions due to hurricanes, tropical storms and record snows in the busy Northeast Corridor, record flooding in the Central U.S. and heavy construction that temporarily reduced train frequencies on the Chicago-St. Louis route. *[Edited from Amtrak News Release]*

### U.S. Department of Transportation Provides \$22 Million to Study Replacement Options for Susquehanna River Railroad Bridge on Northeast Corridor

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced \$22 million for the Maryland Department of Transportation to complete preliminary engineering and environmental work for replacement and expansion of the Susquehanna River Bridge on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC) that stretches from Boston, MA to Washington, DC.

"Coupled with previously appropriated NEC money totaling \$1.75 billion, the Obama Administration's historic investment in the Northeast Corridor will upgrade aging railways and drastically expand our transportation network's capacity for high-speed rail," said Secretary Ray LaHood. "In doing so, these projects are creating thousands of good-paying jobs and using materials made in the USA."

The 105 year-old Susquehanna River Bridge is a major rail choke point for passengers traveling along the NEC and requires significant and constant maintenance. Replacement and expansion of the bridge is a key component to the region's long term plans to drastically expand capacity, and improve reliability and on-time performance for high-speed and regional trains.

The NEC is Amtrak's most heavily traveled route, servicing both the high-speed Acela and Northeast Regional services, and carried more than 10 million passengers in 2010 with an expected increase of approximately six percent in 2011. Last month, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the NEC received \$449.94 million to upgrade electrical systems and tracks between Trenton, NJ and New York City, with an initial increase in top operating speeds up to 160 mph and future maximum speeds of 186 mph. Another \$294.78 million for New York's Harold interlocking, will alleviate major delays for trains coming in and out of Manhattan with new routes that allow Amtrak trains to bypass the busiest passenger rail junction in the nation.

Thirty-two states across the U.S. and the District of Columbia are currently laying the foundation for high-speed rail corridors to link Americans with faster and more energy-efficient travel options. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and annual appropriations have provided \$10.1 billion to put America on track towards providing new and expanded rail access to communities and improving the reliability, speed, and frequency of existing service. *[U.S. Department of Transportation]*

### Amtrak Replacing East River Tunnel Tracks

MTA Long Island Rail Road announced that Amtrak is beginning work the weekend of October 1-2 on a multi-year program for the full replacement of track in all four of its East River tunnels. MTA has urged Amtrak, which owns Penn Station, to perform this work to improve the reliability of train service linking Manhattan and Long Island points, as well as Northeast Corridor service between New York and Boston.

In May, an Amtrak train derailed in one of the East River tunnels due to a broken rail. The track damage resulted in a major disruption of LIRR service for almost a week as Amtrak crews worked around the clock to make repairs. Following this incident, inspections revealed significant water drainage issues inside the tunnels, LIRR said.

Over the course of the project work, which is expected to be completed by mid-year 2015, the total track structure in each tunnel will be replaced. New ties, continuous-welded running rail, stone ballast (rock), insulated joints, and impedance bonds will be installed for the length of each tunnel. Equally important, the drainage system throughout the tunnels will be

re-established with newly re-designed drainage improvements.

The work is being performed on weekends, since fewer trains operate through the tunnels than on weekdays with the demands of the peak periods.

#### [U.S. Department of Transportation Provides \\$13 Million to Relieve Major Northeast Corridor Rail Choke Point](#)

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced a \$13.3 million grant for the Delaware Department of Transportation to add a third track immediately south of the Wilmington, DE station. The additional track will eliminate a choke point on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (NEC), improving on-time performance, with increased schedule flexibility on Amtrak's high-speed Acela and Northeast Regional services, as well as local commuter rail service.

"The Obama Administration's historic investment in the Northeast Corridor will modernize its aging railways, dramatically improve its capacity for high-speed rail and create thousands of good-paying jobs by using materials made in the USA," said Secretary LaHood.

The project includes construction of 1.5 miles of a third track near Wilmington Station, two additional crossovers, and a bridge replacement that will help reduce congestion and deliver increased on-time performance. In addition to Amtrak's intercity operations between Washington, DC and Boston, MA, commuter trains operated by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) will also benefit from this additional track capacity, through improved reliability. Freight operations will be enhanced as a result of the greater dispatching flexibility within the NEC. The Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration will contribute a combined \$38.4 million to this project.

The NEC is Amtrak's most heavily traveled route, servicing both the high-speed Acela and Northeast Regional services, which carried more than 10 million passengers in 2010 with an expected increase of approximately six percent in 2011. [*U.S. Department of Transportation*]

#### [Delaware Could Get Amtrak Jobs](#)

Delaware has emerged as a front-runner in Amtrak's search for a new heavy maintenance center to service its fastest trains as the national carrier expands its high-speed rail networks.

State economic development officials said Friday they will propose a \$500,000 contribution to a rail company feasibility study focused on the heavy locomotive maintenance yards at Wilmington or another suitable spot in northern Delaware.

Amtrak would match the state outlay, slated to come to a vote by the Council on Economic Development Finance.

The center could eventually create 100 or more new jobs in the state, while also protecting Delaware's current passenger rail maintenance workforce.

"We basically asked the question: 'What is it we can do to get more business in Delaware repairing these cars and the like?' " Gov. Jack Markell said late Friday. "It's been a long conversation; there's not a commitment, but we believe that it's worthwhile to take this next step, to do a feasibility study."

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., a former Amtrak board member, said he had been encouraging Amtrak for years to consider Delaware as a maintenance center for its newest trains, despite a setback several years ago when the state missed a chance to handle Acela locomotives.

"You don't always get a second chance in life. In this case, we're going to get a second shot at this business," Carper said.

"Amtrak is now focused on doing this work on a preliminary basis in the current shops, with an open mind toward them making a significant investment in a new shop, and a fairly large shop, in Wilmington," Carper said.

Christina Leeds, media relations manager with Amtrak government affairs and corporate communications office in Washington, D.C., confirmed that the company planned to conduct a study with the Delaware Economic Development Office on a high-speed train maintenance site.

Delaware Economic Development Office Director Alan Levin said Amtrak had explored other locations, but is now concentrating on Delaware, where it has operations in Wilmington and Bear.

"Based on our workforce, based on our central location within the Northeast, it makes sense to them as a potential site," Levin said. "They also own land as well in Delaware that could accommodate this facility."

Studies could take a year, however.

"There's more to it than just saying, 'We want to be here,' " Levin said. "They need to explore the location, what's underneath the ground, whether the site is proper and whether they can have track beds go to the site, how to get to the facility itself."

Carper said local unions contacted about the new maintenance center were able to reach unanimous agreement on provisions that would allow workers to handle more than one type of job in some cases -- a stumbling block that derailed the previous bid for the site.

"I think that it's gone from a gleam in somebody's eye to a real possibility," Carper said. He said he hopes Wilmington's shops can eventually become a regional maintenance hub for other transit rail systems as well. "It can still be derailed, but I think the chances of this actually happening are continuing to improve."

More than 400 people work at Amtrak's Bear yard off U.S. 40, a site that received \$58.5 million from the federal economic stimulus program in 2009 to refurbish aging or damaged passenger cars. About 500 work in the Wilmington locomotive maintenance shops. [*Delaware Online*]

#### [Amtrak Updates Policy on Train Travel by Unaccompanied Minors](#)

WASHINGTON – Updating the current policy, Amtrak is establishing 13 as the minimum age of an unaccompanied minor allowed to travel on its trains. The policy change took effect on Nov. 1.

Anyone age 12 and under must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older on the same travel itinerary. Unaccompanied minors ages 13, 14 and 15 may travel in accordance with specific procedures and conditions. Children 16 and 17 years of age are exempt from the policy.

Previously, Amtrak permitted children 8 through 14 years old to travel as unaccompanied minors and for passengers as young as 15 years old to accompany a child of any age.

"This is not a response to any incidents," said Jeff Snowden, Amtrak Senior Director of Service Delivery. "Rather, as record numbers of passengers are riding Amtrak trains, we are taking this action out of an abundance of concern for the comfort and safety of all our customers."

The passenger notice will be posted on Amtrak.com, at Amtrak stations and in the new Fall-Winter Amtrak timetable, which is also effective in November. [*Amtrak News Release*]



#### [2012 Canadian Pacific Holiday Train Schedule Eastern United States](#)

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train hits the rails again in November, visiting over 140 communities across the CP network.

Since the program's inception back in 1999, more than \$5.6 million and over 2.45 million pounds of food has been collected in Canada and the United States.

The goal of the Holiday Train is to collect food and money for local food banks and to raise awareness in the fight against hunger. At each event, the Holiday Train provides a box car stage, a line up of great musical talents and a corporate contribution to the local food bank. The community, in turn, is encouraged to donate food and funds, all of which

stays in the community.

*Times indicate train arrival*

*Show starts approximately 10 minutes after arrival*

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

##### **New York**

- Rouses Point – 10:30 p.m., Rouses Point Station

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

##### **Pennsylvania**

- Scranton – 5:45 p.m., Steamtown Railroad Museum, Lackawanna Ave.

##### **New York**

- Binghamton – 9:00 p.m., CP East Binghamton Rail Yard, Conklin Ave.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

##### **New York**

- Oneonta – 1:20 p.m., Gas Avenue Railroad Crossing
- Cobleskill – 3:45 p.m., Cobleskill Fire Department, 610 Main Street
- Delanson – 5:30 p.m., Main Street Railroad Crossing
- Schenectady – 7:00 p.m., Maxon Road
- Saratoga Springs – 9:05 p.m., Amtrak Station

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

##### **New York**

- Fort Edward – 12:35 p.m., Amtrak Station
- Whitehall – 2:20 p.m., Amtrak Station
- Ticonderoga – 3:50 p.m., Pell's Crossing, Amtrak Waiting Area, Route 74 (Fort Ti Road)
- Port Henry – 5:35 p.m., Amtrak Station, West side stop
- Plattsburgh – 8:00 p.m., Amtrak Station

*[Canadian Pacific Railway]*



#### **CSX, Amtrak, NYSDOT, FRA Reach Agreement for New York Rail Projects**

CSX, Amtrak, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration reached an agreement that allows \$91.2 million to be released for double tracking between Albany to Schenectady, NY and \$58.1 million for the Empire Corridor.

"High-speed rail is a key to upstate New York's economic future, and that future starts today," said Sen. Charles Schumer. "I pushed the parties to reach an agreement so that we could put hammer to nail and get these projects rolling down the tracks. I'm thrilled that everyone has signed off on this deal and can't wait to see the construction begin. We're going to create jobs and modernize our rail infrastructure that is going to be key to bringing even more jobs and economic opportunity to the Empire State."

The projects receiving funding appear below:

#### **Albany - Schenectady Second Main Track -- \$91.2 million**

The 17-mile corridor between Albany and Schenectady, NY, includes construction of double track, upgrades made to an existing controlled siding on the Empire Corridor, reconstruction of four interlockings, installation of two new interlockings, relocation of switches, signal system improvements, installation of signals for the second track, trenching/burying signal and power wires, correction of identified track deficiencies necessary to restore the existing track to a state of good repair, the repair/rehabilitation of 16 bridges, the potential replacement of one bridge, possible culvert repair/rehabilitation, improvements to three grade crossings and the installation of four-quadrant crossing gate warning devices at each crossing.

#### **Albany-Rensselaer and Schenectady Fourth Track/ Station Improvements - \$58.1 million**

Overall benefits for this project include increased schedule reliability, reduced congestion and interference between freight and passenger trains and increased capacity and efficiency, resulting in less delay and improved intercity passenger rail operations in this segment of the Empire Corridor. *[Railway Track & Structures]*

#### **CSX to Invest \$59 Million for Intermodal Terminal Expansion in Columbus**

CSX announced that a \$59 million intermodal freight terminal expansion is underway in Columbus, Ohio.

This terminal expansion is part of the National Gateway initiative, linking deep water east coast ports with Midwestern markets. The overall project covers six states and the District of Columbia and includes rail capacity enhancements and intermodal terminal capacity improvements. Earlier this year, CSX opened the cornerstone of the National Gateway, a new \$175 million intermodal terminal in Northwest Ohio.

"CSX's goal is to consistently provide the highest quality transportation service for our customers," said Wilby Whitt, president of CSX Intermodal Terminals. "We have a proud history of helping the Midwest thrive, and we believe this investment will help increase the benefits available in Central Ohio and beyond."

The Columbus terminal expansion will ready the region with the capacity needed for anticipated growth in business and continue to enhance the economical and environmentally-friendly rail intermodal service offered to customers.

The terminal expansion, which is part of the company's previously stated capital investment plans, includes a redesign of the site footprint, installation and realignment of tracks, reconfiguration of inbound and outbound truck gates, additional onsite parking, and three, high tech, rail-mounted, electric wide-span cranes. This investment expects to create over 400 construction related jobs over the course of the project here in Columbus.

The wide-span cranes will operate with zero emissions and regenerate power back to the terminal grid or to the electric utility.

Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman said the announced investment by CSX is great news for the local economy, not to mention the state.

"CSX's significant private investment in this expansion brings with it great opportunity for Columbus," Mayor Coleman said. "This is a solid example of how Columbus continues to lead in economic development opportunities in Central Ohio. CSX's investment strengthens the region's transportation infrastructure, and provides our businesses with access to more efficient, cost-effective green transportation."

Railroads are the most environmentally-friendly and energy efficient way to move goods on land. On average, railroads are three or more times more fuel efficient than the alternative. Trains can also move a ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a single gallon of fuel. A single train can carry the load of more than 280 trucks. *[CSX Corp.]*

#### **CSX Added to Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., - CSX Corporation announced that it has been added to the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) in recognition of its leadership in creating and adopting sustainable practices. CSX is an industrial transportation sector leader among 143 companies named to the North America list this year.

"Commitment to sustainable practices is a core focus for both our employees and our operations," said Michael J. Ward, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Transparency and accountability are critical to our business strategy, and being named to this prestigious index highlights our dedication to long-term sustainable performance."

The DJSI, a partnership between the Dow Jones Indexes and SAM Sustainability Assessments, are the first global and regional indexes to

track the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies. Each year, the DJSI invites the world's 2,500 largest companies to report on their sustainability performance across economic, environmental and social criteria. The indexes are a reflection of the overall economic performance of companies that have placed a large emphasis on environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

CSX's achievements in environmental performance include reaching ahead of schedule the company's voluntary goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by eight percent and launching a "Trees for Tracks" program to plant one tree for each of the 21,000 miles of CSX track. These successes were accomplished while the company delivered its best year ever in safety, operating income, operating ratio and earnings per share. To foster employee contributions to economic and community success, CSX has implemented an Emerging Leaders talent recognition and development program and contributes thousands of employee volunteer hours to local and national charitable organizations through CSX Service Days. [CSX Corp.]



### Metro-North: Looming Regional Rail Champ?

With a focus on ridership beyond traditional "commuter" flows, MTA Metro-North Railroad has slowly built its clientele up in its 28-year history. And while it has already notched the "most riders" title for one or two months recently, it now stands poised to become the largest U.S. regional passenger railroad in 2012, surpassing its sister Long Island Rail Road, the perennial champion.

Ridership growth of 2.1% on the Metro-North's New Haven Line from January through May helped push Metro-North past the LIRR's ridership totals for the period, according to figures prepared for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Board of Directors. LIRR ridership declined 1.5% during the period compared with 2010.

"Metro-North's consistent growth goes hand in hand with steady improvements in service, both in frequency, efficiency, and reliability," Metro-North spokeswoman Marjorie Anders said. "With an on-time performance of 98%, our customers know they can rely on Metro-North."

LIRR spokesman Salvatore Arena, by contrast, said the LIRR's decline is due to lingering recessionary forces that have affected Long Island more severely, as well as winter weather impacts.

For 2012, Metro-North predicts its three East-of Hudson River lines, the New Haven, Harlem, and Hudson, will provide 81.9 million rides, beating out Long Island Rail Road's projected 81.5 million rides. Metro-North also provides service west of the Hudson River to New York points on the Port Jervis and Pascack Valley lines, which originate at Hoboken Terminal in New Jersey. [Railway Age Rail Group News]



### Norfolk Southern 2011 Report Details Strengthened Connections Through Corporate Sustainability

NORFOLK, VA. – Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) has made significant strides in its corporate sustainability program, including achieving nearly 40 percent of its five-year greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal during the first year.

The company's progress is detailed in its fourth annual sustainability report, issued today on its environmental website, Footprints, at [www.nssustainability.com](http://www.nssustainability.com). The 2011 report describes the strategic efforts involved in reducing the company's carbon footprint and tracks ongoing initiatives to achieve industry leadership in fuel conservation, emissions reduction, efficient energy use, recycling, use of renewable materials, and environmental partnerships.

"We recognize that our continued ability to thrive as a business is connected to the health of our communities, our environment, our employees, and our economy," notes CEO Wick Moorman. "In

acknowledgment of this common future, we are strengthening our connections with communities and the environment to ensure that the impact we leave – social, economic, and environmental – will be a positive one for years to come."

Blair Wimbush, vice president real estate and corporate sustainability officer, writes that the company made gains in its four areas of primary focus. Chief among them was reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 3.9 percent per revenue ton-mile of freight in 2010. The goal is to lower emissions by 10 percent per revenue ton-mile by 2014, with a focus on improving the fuel economy of its locomotive fleet, the railroad's largest source of emissions. In addition, the company improved the energy efficiency of its office and railroad facilities, saw an increase in employee-led recycling programs, and launched an initiative to plant more than 6 million trees in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley, which will serve as a model for future carbon mitigation efforts

"Looking ahead, we're mindful that we can do something beyond fuel-efficiency gains to have a positive impact on the environment and the communities we serve," Wimbush said. "We've decided to make reforestation a central component of our carbon mitigation strategy."

Moorman praises employees for the sustainability advances: "Our corporate success – whether in safety, service, or sustainability – is a reflection of the dedication, talent, and hard work of our people. They are the connections that make our network strong now and for future generations." [Norfolk Southern Corp.]



### Silverliner Update



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As of September 30 there were 45 Silverliner V's on the property, as follows: Single Cars #701 and 703-716, and Married Pairs #801-826 and 829-832. No word on Married Pair 827-828.

There are now 17 Silverliners shown as retired: Budds #201, 204, 205, 206, 208, 251 and 257, plus St. Louis #220, 222, 224, 228, 231, 232, 233, 234 and 237. This list can be expected to grow at a rather fast pace as the new Silverliner V's are delivered and accepted for service. The following cars are shown as "inactive": Budds #201 and 9011, as well as St. Louis 238. Two St. Louis (former "Airport") cars, #235 and 239, are in active service again. No further scrapings have taken place since #214 last spring. [Frank Tatnall - Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS CINDERS]

## THIS MONTH ON THE PENNSY

### PRR, PRSL & LIRR EVENTS IN NOVEMBER



**Nov. 1, 1894** - Clock 8 feet in diameter placed in operation on first floor facade of Broad Street Station south of Filbert Street. Now graces the facade of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg, Pa.

**Nov. 26, 1898** - Blizzard hits New York-Philadelphia area; LIRR blocked; suburban service at Philadelphia suspended; trains between New York and Philadelphia run 4 hours late.

**Nov. 30, 1901** - Pres. Roosevelt and other dignitaries travel in 3-car special train to attend Army-Navy Game at Franklin Field in Philadelphia; Roosevelt occupies Pres. Cassatt's private car No. 60; PRR operates 22 other special cars in two trains to game from Washington.

**Nov. 29, 1903** - PRR stops running through New York-Washington trains in and out of Broad Street Station and stopping instead at West Philadelphia Station; protests voiced by Travelers' Protective Association and various civic and business groups.

**Nov. 10, 1908** - PRR "Farmers' Special" leaves Broad Street Station on three-day tour of eastern Pennsylvania; first of PRR farm education trains operated in cooperation with state agricultural schools.

**Nov. 2, 1913** - New double-track, masonry-faced concrete arch bridge opens over Schuylkill River on Connecting Railway in Philadelphia; old bridge taken out of service for rebuilding.

**Nov. 13, 1918** - PRR Board authorizes 3rd & 4th tracks between Gwynns Falls and Loudon Park, Md.

**Nov. 10, 1923** - PRR moves 22,907 people to Harvard-Princeton game at Princeton in 28 specials from Penn Station, 6 from Jersey City, 6 from Philadelphia and 6 from Washington, 42 trains in 3 hours; Princeton has 30 tracks in 3 yards; overflow stored at Monmouth Jct.

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

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

**Nov. 1937** - P5a No. 4702 is rebuilt with traction motors on engine trucks, increasing HP to 5,310; reclassified as P5b; not duplicated.

**Nov. 10, 1943** - PRR acquires trackage rights over CNJ between Farmingdale and West Earle, N.J., to gain access to new Earle Naval Ammunition Depot.

**Nov. 10, 1948** - PRR Board authorizes \$2.9 million to resume work on Philadelphia Improvements by completing lower level of 30th Street Station.

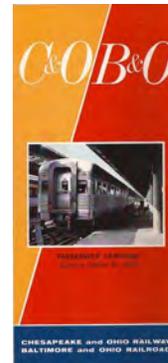
**Nov. 1953** - Last Class E6s 4-4-2 No. 5218 retired.

**Nov. 5, 1958** - PRR discontinues complimentary wall calendars as an economy measure.

**Nov. 6, 1963** - Chairman Saunders in first press conference at Hilton Hotel in New York discusses projected improvements; says PRR will "improve our public relations and show a far greater interest in the demands of our shippers and patrons ... We are going to provide more courteous service and be more sales-minded."

**Nov. 30, 1967** - PRR announces that first two Metroliner cars to be delivered have reached 164 MPH on test track between "COUNTY" and "MILLHAM" in New Jersey.

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## TIMETABLE 11-11

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**Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sentimental Slide Journey** by the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter, NRHS at the Jenkins Township Fire Company, 2 Second St., Jenkins Township (Pittston), Pa. Info: Ed Philbin 570-954-7981 or Tony Verbyla, Jr. 570-760-5344.

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-6, 2011**

**Roanoke Chapter, N.R.H.S. Fall Foliage Amtrak Excursions** from Roanoke, Va. to Abingdon/Bristol, Va. and Bluefield, W.Va. Info: [www.RoanokeNRHS.org](http://www.RoanokeNRHS.org).

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 a.m.** - Turn your clocks BACK one hour and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

**Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011**

**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).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12-13, 2011**

**First Frost Train Meet** at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agricultural Hall, 302 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, Pa. 18014. Info: [www.allentowntrainmeet.com](http://www.allentowntrainmeet.com).

**Friday through Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 2011**

**Norfolk Southern Exhibit Car** on display at the Strasburg Rail Road.

**Friday through Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 2011**

**Day Out with Thomas** on the Strasburg Rail Road. Info: [www.strasburgrailroad.com](http://www.strasburgrailroad.com).

**Friday through Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 25-27, 2011**

**North Pole Express** on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad. Ride the rails with Santa, Mrs. Claus and a host of holiday revelers for a truly unique holiday experience the whole family is sure to enjoy! Children and adults of all ages are invited to ride the special holiday train, sip hot cocoa and enjoy cookies while Santa visits with each child and presents them with a special gift. Also onboard, local musicians play & sing Christmas carols for all to enjoy and participate in. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas as well. Professional Photo packages available onboard. Info: [www.newhoperailroad.com](http://www.newhoperailroad.com).

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011**

**Keystone Division TCA Train Meet** at St. Philip's Parish Hall, Rts. 741 and 999, Millersville, Pa. Info: Ron Morris at 610-670-6829 or [RonTrain@ptd.net](mailto:RonTrain@ptd.net).

**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011**

**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).

**Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25-27, 2011**

**Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 2011**



**Santa's Paradise Express.** Strasburg Rail Road will welcome a very special visitor this November and December. That's right, Santa himself will climb aboard and visit with families as they travel down the tracks to Paradise, PA and back. As a special treat,

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**Nov. 1983** - Conrail purchases \$2 million Track Geometry Car.

**Nov. 15, 1991** - Philadelphia Coal Pier 124 closes.

**Nov. 18, 1995** - Bethlehem Steel closes main plant.

**Nov. 8, 2008 (NS)** - SO Tower set ablaze at 4:00 am by arsonists.

children ages 3 to 11 will receive a gift from Santa and his helper. After the train ride, children are treated to storybook readings of holiday classics. Visitors of all ages can also enjoy a ride aboard the Tinsel Trolley, a self-propelled motor car. Info: [www.strasburgrailroad.com](http://www.strasburgrailroad.com).

**Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25-27, 2011**

**Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 2011**

**Santa's Express** on the West Chester Railroad. Jolly Old St. Nick will be Onboard the Heated, Lighted, and Decorated Train with a Treat for All the Kids-Featuring Holiday Entertainment. Trains Depart Market Street Station at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Adult Fare: \$20.00, Children: \$12.50 (Ages 2-12 yrs), Toddlers (not in parent's lap): \$5.00. Info: [www.westchesterr.com](http://www.westchesterr.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-4, 2011**

**Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2012**

**Open House** at the Schuylkill Valley Model Railroad Club, 400 S. Main St., Phoenixville, Pa. 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Info: [www.svmrrc.com](http://www.svmrrc.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 2011**

**Santa Claus Express** on the Wilmington & Western Railroad. Info: [www.wvrr.com](http://www.wvrr.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 2011**

**The Santa Express** on the Cape May Seashore Lines. Info: [www.capemayseashorelines.org](http://www.capemayseashorelines.org).

**Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26, 2011 & Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011**

**Holiday Express** at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pa. Info: [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26-27, 2011**

**Greenberg's Train and Toy Show** at the New Jersey Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ 08837. Info: [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com).

**Thursday through Saturday, Dec 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 2011**

**North Pole Express** on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad. See listing for Nov. 18-20, 2011. Info: [www.newhoperailroad.com](http://www.newhoperailroad.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, 2011**

**Greenberg's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Train and Toy Show** at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093. Info: [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com).

**Sunday, Dec. 4 & 11, 2011**

**Christmas Tree Train** on the West Chester Railroad. Take a ride on the heated coaches and pick your own tree at Wiggin's Tree Farm. Also enjoy hot chocolate, coffee and other breakfast pastries. Trains Depart Market Street Station at 8:00 am. Info: [www.westchesterr.com](http://www.westchesterr.com).

**Thursday Evening, Dec. 8, 15, 22, 2011**

**The Santa Express** on the Cape May Seashore Lines. Info: [www.capemayseashorelines.org](http://www.capemayseashorelines.org).

**Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11, 2011**

**Greenberg's Train and Toy Show** at the Lancaster County Convention Center, 3 East Vine St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603. Info: [www.GreenbergShows.com](http://www.GreenbergShows.com). *The King of Prussia show on these dates has been cancelled due to facility renovations.*

**Monday through Friday, Dec. 19-23, 2011**

**North Pole Express** on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad. See listing for Nov. 18-20, 2011. Info: [www.newhoperailroad.com](http://www.newhoperailroad.com).

**Friday Evening, Dec. 23, 2011**

**The Santa Express** on the Cape May Seashore Lines. Info: [www.capemayseashorelines.org](http://www.capemayseashorelines.org).

**Monday through Saturday, Dec. 26-31, 2011**

**North Pole Express** on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad. See listing for

Nov. 18-20, 2011. Info: [www.newhoperailroad.com](http://www.newhoperailroad.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8, 2012**

**2012 NRHS Winter Conference** at Williamsburg, Va.

**Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012**

**The Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet** at Merchants Square Mall, 1901 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, Pa., 18103. Info: [www.valleygoto.com](http://www.valleygoto.com).



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**RAIL TRAFFIC CONTROL: Managing the Crossroads of Commerce**

**Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011**

**1940s Swing Dance**

**Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-6, 2011**

**Trains & Troops**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 and 10, 2011**

**Home For The Holidays**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 and 10, 2011**

**Polar Express Parties**



**Nov. 17, 1896** - Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company incorporated under general laws of Pennsylvania as reorganization of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.

**Nov. 12, 1911** - New alignment placed in service at Lafayette.

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

**Nov. 9, 1936** - Agreement date with Baldwin for testing a diesel-electric locomotive on Reading trackage.

**Nov. 14, 1948** - Reading inaugurates *The Schuylkill* making two round trips between Philadelphia and Pottsville.

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



**OCTOBER, 2011**

**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 17, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Tom Shenk with 57 members 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 Himpsl approved the motion and Marlin Geesey seconded the motion. The August Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the *Lancaster Dispatcher*.

**MEMBERSHIP:** First Vice-President Fred Kurtz announced a new chapter member - Evan Russell Jr. He is the son of chapter members Evan and Janice Russell. Fred reported there were no new changes to the

membership numbers. Fred announced that dues notices will be sent out the beginning of October. There was a problem and the notices were delayed by a couple of weeks. Fred announced he will be stepping down from his Officer's position of First Vice-President. Ron Irwin will be taking over the First Vice-President position. Fred will continue to oversee the chapter website and work on the changes and updates to the Chapter Bylaws. If anyone is interested in receiving the *Lancaster Dispatcher* newsletter on-line, contact Fred. Fred also announced all Board Member officers will have an e-mail address through the chapter website. If any chapter members are interested in an e-mail address through the chapter website, contact Fred.

**CHAPLAIN:** Chaplain Doris Geesey read "A Loving Heart." Doris announced she sent a card and planter on behalf of the Chapter to Arthur Lubitz. He had a tumor on the brain and during surgery he had a stroke and is still hospitalized. If any chapter member is interested in sending him a get well card, his address is: 1251 Malleable Road, Columbia, Pa. 17512-9431. Doris sent an encouragement email message to Wendell Seybolt for cataract surgery and for a severe nose bleed he had while on the Chapter trip in September. Doris also sent a get well card to Grace Evans, who fell at the Magnolia nursing home and broke her finger. Dennis Allen reported Richard Brenner is having respiratory problems.

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

**TRIPS:** Dennis Allen presented the Chapter with a check for \$9600.00 profit from the chapter trip in September. Dennis also announced the next chapter trip will be set for September 1 to September 9, 2012. Highlights of the trip include riding five railroads, touring six state parks, Channel Island, Yosemite, Joshua Tree, and Death Valley. Dennis announced the price per person for this trip will be \$1795.00. Ron Irwin is working on the flyer for the trip and as soon as all of the details are worked out, the flyers will be mailed out.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Nominating Committee Chairman David Stambaugh announced the following Offices and Officers for the 2011-2012 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 Director-Harold(Smoke)Shaak. Fred Kurtz made the motion to open the nomination from the floor. Steve Himpf seconded the motion. Gerald Futej made the motion to close the nominations from the floor. Fred Kurtz seconded the motion. The chapter membership agreed and the Offices stand as announced and read by President Tom Shenk. Dennis Allen made the motion to close the elections. Dale Kerschner seconded the motion.

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Smoke Shaak announced the next Director's Meeting will be held in Wilmington, Delaware the end of October. Tom Shenk announced the Lancaster Chapter bylaws will be in line with National's bylaws. Fred Kurtz will make the necessary changes to the bylaws and the Chapter Board will take the bylaws to the Chapter membership for approval.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tom Shenk announced Amtrak carried 30.2 million passengers for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2011. This is the highest total of passengers ever recorded. The ticket revenue is about \$1.9 billion and is also a record. Amtrak has over 83,000 passengers every day. Glenn and Cindy Kendig announced their church is getting new chairs and the chapter purchased some of their old chairs for the Christiana Freight Station. Joan Shearer is looking for volunteers to sign up for the kitchen for next year (2012). If interested, contact Joan or Tom. Tom Shenk announced if anyone is interested in taking out books, tapes, or DVD's, they can be checked out of the Chapter Library for a small fee. The fees will offset the costs of maintaining the Library. Steve Himpf reported the caboose needs the wiper assembly replaced and reflective strips added. Steve also reported an application was sent to TRAINS

magazine for their 2011 Preservation Award of \$10,000. If the Chapter receives the Award, it would be used to redo the interior of the caboose. Tom reported the basement at the Christiana Freight Station was wet from the recent floods. Items stored in the basement were brought up and are being gone over to see if any items are salvageable. Tom and Glenn stained the decks at the Christiana Freight Station. Tom Shenk thanked Glenn and Cindy Kendig for all the work and time they put into the Christiana Freight Station. Cindy takes care of all the preparations for the rentals of the Station. Tom announced the March 2012 Chapter Meeting will be held on a Sunday. Tom announced perhaps the January, 2012 Chapter Meeting program could be a presentation on the Chapter's *America the Beautiful* trip in September. Tom announced the next Board Meeting will be held Monday, November, 14 2011 at Tom's Travel Time office. Tom Shenk announced the Annual Chapter Banquet will be held Friday, November 18, 2011. There are some changes this year from previous banquets held at Shady Maple Restaurant. The Chapter will still be in a private dining room, but we will get our full buffet meal from the buffet lines instead of having the buffet served in the private room. Some of the door prizes are: Dutch Apple (dinner and show), Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway (2 seats), Rainbow Dinner Theatre (2 seats), Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania (3 sets of 2 tickets), American Music Theatre (2 seats), Kitchen Kettle Village (gift certificate), Nissley Vineyards, Sight & Sound (2 seats), Conrail Mugs, B & O Museum in Baltimore (2 tickets), Altoona Railroad Memorial Museum (2 tickets), Wanamaker, Kempton and Southern (family 4 pack) El Sarrano (gift certificate). Next years' Annual Banquet will be Friday, November 16, 2012 at the Revere Tavern. Peggy Sweigart suggested the Chapter apply for the National grant again this year. Tom Shenk reported he submitted the Lancaster Chapter information and a photo to National's website. Major restoration projects included in the information Tom sent were: Christiana Freight Station, the Clock at the Amtrak Train Station, GG-1 No. 4800, "J" Tower, the FP-7 engines, and the Chapter's current project, the Conrail N7E Caboose No. 21153, which is on site at the Christiana Freight Station. Smoke Shaak announced the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley chapter is having a "Sentimental Slide Journey" show at the Jenkins Township Fire Company on November 5. If anyone is interested in attending the show contact Smoke for more details. Richard Rutledge announced East Broad Top Railroad will be extending their season of activities. Check their website for the new schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chapter Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM for the program - *Trolleys of the Liberty Bell Route - Lehigh Valley Transit Company* given by Dale Woodland.

*Respectfully Submitted: Donetta M. Eberly - Secretary*



**OPERATION LIFESAVER REMINDS YOU...**

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





# LANCASTER CHAPTER, N.R.H.S. ANNUAL BANQUET

## FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

THE SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD - PRIVATE ROOM ON RESTAURANT SIDE

129 TODDY DRIVE, EAST EARL, PA 17519

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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RETURN TO THE SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL EVENING WITH GREAT FOOD, THE FRIENDSHIP OF YOUR FELLOW CHAPTER MEMBERS AND A TERRIFIC MULTI-MEDIA PROGRAM AS ONLY STEVE BARRY CAN PRESENT. AND DON'T FORGET THE FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES!

SOCIAL HOUR / FULL BUFFET MEAL / DOOR PRIZES

6:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM - FULL BUFFET MEAL

FOLLOWED BY A MULTI-MEDIA PROGRAM PRESENTED BY STEVE BARRY, EDITOR OF RAILFAN & RAILROAD MAGAZINE

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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND



**Christiana Freight Station, December 17 - 18, 2011**

***LANCASTER CHAPTER, N.R.H.S. WILL HAVE A SALES TABLE FOR THE OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND***

## ***Daily Schedule***

### ***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 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, N.R.H.S. 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 18 - 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM***

Freight Station Decorated for Christmas - Train Displays

Popcorn - Snacks - Drinks will be available

Lancaster Chapter, N.R.H.S. Sales Table - Purchase Last Minute Gifts

***NEW TIMES: 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



## **"INSIDE THE BACK PAGE"**

### **UPCOMING LANCASTER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

#### **NOVEMBER**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2011 - MONDAY, 7:30 PM - TRAVEL TIME OFFICE - FIRST MEETING OF 2011-2012 CHAPTER BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2011 - FRIDAY EVENING - ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET AT THE SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD**

We return to the Shady Maple Smorgasbord, one of the Chapter favorites, with a fantastic program presented by Steve Barry. Full Buffet meal, fellowship and door prizes round out the evening. Banquet will be held in a Private Room on the Restaurant Side.

#### **DECEMBER**

**DECEMBER 1, 2011 - 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 17, 2011 - 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 18, 2011 - SUNDAY, 1:00 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION >>> TIMES HAVE BEEN REVISED <<<**

**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! *The times have been revised to give all chapter members the opportunity to enjoy the Membership Meeting and Annual Christmas Party.*

#### **JANUARY, 2012**

**JANUARY 16, 2012 - MONDAY, 7:30 PM - CHRISTIANA FREIGHT STATION - REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

#### **DOWN THE TRACKS IN 2012**

We expect to have an exciting variety of programs featuring presentations from Amtrak, Norfolk Southern, Genesee & Wyoming's York Railway and our own Members, who will take us back to the vintage years of the Southern Pacific's *Daylight* and on one of the final runs of the Denver, Rio Grande and Western's *Rio Grande Zephyr*. Further information will appear in the *Lancaster Dispatcher*.

#### **CHAPLAIN CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Doris Geesey

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*Please keep our Chaplain informed of member news.*



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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE**

THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE LANCASTER CHAPTER, N.R.H.S. WILL BE HELD AT THE SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD, 129 TODDY DRIVE, EAST EARL, PA 17519 ON FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 2011, STARTING AT 6:00 P.M.

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