

# THE TRANSFER TABLE

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### **The Transfer Table**

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

There was no meeting since the release of the Summer newsletter.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 21. Presenter to be determined.

**We are still looking for volunteers to help car host at the Hurlock Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7.**

### **Chapter Officers**

President	Steve Barry
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### **Delaware Railroad groups on Facebook**

The following Facebook groups may be of interest to our members:

**Railroads of Delaware**

**Maryland and Delaware Railroad**

**Delaware Valley Railroading**

**Wilmington, DE Railroad History**

**Newark, DE Railroad History**

# Volunteers Needed

Wilmington Chapter members will again be train car hosts for the Hurlock Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct 7, 2023. Volunteers are needed. This is always a fun event and the more volunteers, the lighter the workload (i.e., you will get to take a break and leave the train to walk around the festival and grab lunch). If you can volunteer, please let Bruce know by emailing me at [wilmnrhs@yahoo.com](mailto:wilmnrhs@yahoo.com).



In 2017, SW900 in the Conrail Express livery was used on the west end of the consist. 2017 was a celebration of 125 years of incorporation for Hurlock, Md as noted on the attached banner. Five 1-hour round trips are run during the day. Wilmington Chapter members volunteer to be the train car hosts. Contact Bruce at [WilmNRHS@yahoo.com](mailto:WilmNRHS@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer this year.

Bruce Barry photo



Construction continues in late July on a new platform at Baltimore Penn Station which will serve Track 7, previously used for MARC train storage.

(Top Left photo)



Separately, the platform for Tracks 3/4 are being converted to high level, further improving the passenger boarding experience for MARC passengers. (Left middle photo)

Dave Warner photos

During several weeks in July and August SEPTA diverted Wilmington and Airport line service to the lower level of 30th St. Station to support track and signal work for its Southwest Connection effort. This photo shows a Newark/Wilmington train departing from Track 10. Philadelphia, PA.

Dave Warner photo





The CSX "Seaboard System" heritage locomotive, ES44AC number 1982, leads Jacksonville-North Bergen intermodal train IO32 running east through Wilsmere Yard on Aug. 27, 2023. CSX has released 6 heritage painted locomotives.

Michael Burkhart photo

Train 151 in Wilmington, DE on Monday, August 14, 2023. The Northeast Regional train arrives in Wilmington at 6:04 AM with a sunrise sky overhead.

Dave Warner photo





Steve and I attended Conrail Historical Society's 3rd Quarter Membership meeting at the SMS facilities at the Pureland Industrial Park in Bridgeport, NJ on Saturday, July 29, 2023. The members were provided access to the inside of their shops where ex-U.S. Army 0-6-0 steam engine #9 is being restored next to Baldwin AS-616 554. Access to their yard allowed members to view the various engines, passenger cars and cabooses kept on the premises. Highlight of the morning was a rare passenger train run over most of Pureland's industrial trackage using SMLS GP38-2 2003 formerly a PRSL GP-38 and Baldwin DS44-1000 PRR 9069. After lunch, a ride on SMS's passenger operation, the Woodstown Central Railroad where we travelled the entire line between Salem and Swedesboro. The Woodstown Central ride used Baldwin S-12, coach Oldmans Creek, and a restored Reading caboose.

Left photo. SMLS 2003 shows its former PRSL heritage with its bumped out cab.

Right photo. PRR DS44-1000 is on the west end of the passenger train at the Pureland Industrial Park.



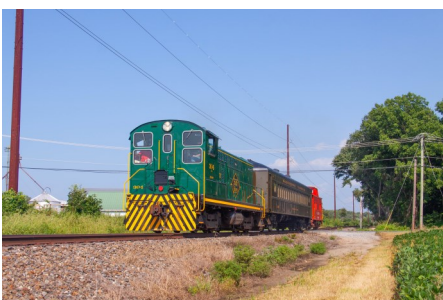
After the activities at the SMS shops, the members headed over to the Woodstown Central for a ride over former PRSL tracks through Salem County where the garden in the Garden State still exists. The tranquil ride goes through farm country where asparagus, corn, soy beans, peppers, tomatoes and corn can be seen growing in the fields.

**Top Photo left.** After a run on the line, a photo runby was provided where the new station will be located. The trip was the first time passengers were loaded at the new location. Currently, the Woodstown Central boards passengers in Woodstown near the route 40 crossing.



**Middle photo left.** After debarking the passengers, the trainset was run south to their storage location at Mannington Mills. The passenger train is about to cross Route 540 at Alloway Junction.

**Bottom photo left.** Almost to Mannington Mills, the passenger train has just crossed Acton Station Road.



All photos by Bruce Barry



## CHAPTER EVENTS

### 2023

Thursday	September 21	7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Presentation TBD
Saturday	October 7	9:30 AM	<b>Hurlock Fall Festival</b>	We will be car hosting this event. Meet at the Hurlock train station.
Thursday	November 16	7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Presentation TBD
Sunday	December 3	5 PM	<b>Annual Christmas Dinner</b>	Presentation by Steve Barry

### 2024

Saturday	February 10	10 AM	<b>Super Saturday Streetcar Charter XXX</b>	Starting location TBD
Thursday	March 21	7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Presentation TBD
Thursday	May 16	7 PM	Chapter Meeting	Presentation TBD

The Wilmington Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) meets at 7 PM at the Claymont Community Center on Green Street in Claymont, Delaware.

Visitors are always welcome. Admission to the regular meetings is free.

Check out our website (thanks to Dave Warner) at:

<http://www.WilmingtonNRHS.com>