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Meeting Minutes March 8, 2002

Celebrating Ten Years



Of Working Together 1991-2001

The New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association is an organization made up of railroads serving the Great State of New Jersey. The purpose of the Association is to address concerns and problems which face Short Line Railroads and to find means of mitigating problems and finding solutions through collective effort and cooperation.

Visit our website: www.njshortline.com

This month's meeting, Friday, March 8, 2002, was held at the Conrail offices in Mount Laurel. The Association would like to thank **Ron Batory** of Conrail for providing the room and lunch.

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Next Meeting: **Wednesday April 17, 2002 8:45am**

Location: **TransAction 2002, Tropicana Resort and Casino, Atlantic City**

Members NJSLRRA:

The recent Railroad Day on the Hill really showed how important it is for us to get the word out to our Representatives and Senators in both Washington and Trenton. Our message right now is a positive one, and as more people find out about us, the benefits will grow.

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Steven Friedland	M&E	973-267-4300
J R Wilson	NY & Greenwood Lake	973-743-5300
Gordon Fuller	M&E	973-267-4300
Bob Bailey	PJRR	201-434-8373
Joseph Iadanza	EJRR	201-339-4639
Kel MacKavanagh	Consultant	609-704-1270
Fran Hennessy	Norfolk Southern	215-591-3653
Jerry Madden	Manageering Associates/JM Cain	215-545-3900 PA 856-866-0500 NJ
John McCreavy	SMS/Penn Jersey Lines	610-260-2273
John Scullin	Conrail	856-231-2010
Tom Collard	SRNJ	609-871-8699
Ron Batory	Conrail	856-231-2003
Mike Allen	Allen Associates	732-936-9794
Paul Buxton	Raritan Central Railroad	732-225-1905
Fred Winkler	Winchester & Western RR	856-451-6400
Tony Macrie	Cape May Seashore Lines	609-884-5300
Jack O'Connor	Consultant	856-719-9062
Mike Brimmer	CSX	609-409-2039
John Kraemer	NS	540-985-6021
Greg Walter	NJDOT	609-530-8029
Tom Noon	FRA	732-438-6843
George J. Gott	Exel Transportation Services	908-475-3086
Jim Powderley	NYS&W	201-864-3529
Ralph Day	NYS&W	201-864-3529
Ted Matthews	NJDOT	609-530-9365
Ted Gajkowski		856-231-9365
Lawrence Kuhn	FRA	609-670-7815
Tom Egan	CSXT	617-783-6214
Len Kellermann	CSXT	904-366-4191
Tom Heilig	CSXT	518-767-6470
Larry DeYoung	Consultant	610-293-9098

The meeting started at 12:20.

Bob recognized Len Kellermann and Tom Egan of CSXT, as well as John Kraemer and Fran Hennessey of NS, and thanked them for their attendance. Ron Batory of Conrail was thanked for hosting the meeting and lunch, and he was recognized for his efforts to bring about a resolution process between CSXT and NS in the Shared Assets Area.

New Jersey Operation Lifesaver

Tom Heilig of CSXT and Frank Sewicki of the Connecticut State Police gave a presentation about the re-emergence of Operation Lifesaver in New Jersey. An active program before the CR merger, it had unfortunately fallen through the cracks during the last few years. The New Jersey organization has been revived by the CR, CSXT, NS, NJTransit, NYS&W, and the FRA, and they are looking for other Short Lines to join.

A copy of their presentation is attached to this month's minutes, which includes a membership form. Also attached is a copy of the new railroad trespass and vandalism law which the Short Lines have been successful in getting passed.

Post 9/11 Security Issues

John Rosko of the New Jersey State Police and Harold Neil of the NJDOT gave a presentation to the assembled about the security planning that has gone on since 9/11. The presentation included information about how threats would be evaluated and notification given to parties that could be subject to the potential threat. The Transportation Sub-Group of the Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force Infrastructure Advisory Committee is completing a report that will list the Best Practices of the Rail Industry in case of a threat, as well as areas that we consider targets. The NJ State Police Counter Terrorism Unit can be reached at (609) 530-5711, (609) 530-0108 - Fax, or counterterrorism@gw.njsp.org Any information provided will be confidential, and any help that the railroads can provide is appreciated.

Co-mingled Hours of Service Issues

David Bucher and Mike Bull from FRA Region II spoke to the group about commingled service and some issues that have come up recently. The most important thing for everyone to remember is that if a person starts in a non hours of service position and has to cover an hours of service position later in his tour of duty, then his start time for hours of service is his original start time, not the time he starts serving an hours of service position. As always, proper paperwork helps keep everything straight, and if you have any questions, the FRA is happy to work with you.

CSXT Notes

Len Kellermann reported that the CSXT Short Line Meeting in Jacksonville will take place on December 8-10 at a place still to be determined. Also, Len said that Sig Curran has been appointed as a dedicated customer service for the Short Lines. He can be reached at (904) 279-4377.

NS Notes

John Kraemer reported that the NS Short Line Meeting will take place on June 2-4 in Roanoke. John also thanked the Short Lines for their input for the meeting. He also mentioned that the Thoroughbred Operating Plan is in effect, and that shipments will be moving on that plan for the foreseeable future.

New Member

The NJSLRRA welcomes the Raritan Central Railroad as a member. Their contact information is:

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Railroad Day on the Hill

Editor's Note: Even though it took place after the March 8th meeting, Railroad Day on the Hill deserves mentioning in these minutes.

On March 13th, the ASLRRRA, AAR, and Rail Suppliers Coalition held the fourth Railroad Day on the Hill. The large New Jersey contingent was joined by representatives from NS and suppliers during visits to nine of the thirteen Representatives, and both Senators. The issues discussed included HR 1020, which is the rail infrastructure bill, and the repeal of the 4.3 cent diesel fuel tax. We also expressed our support for Amtrak remaining a single entity. From our perspective it was a very successful day, and we thank all of the people who took time from their schedules to meet with us.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NJSLRRA WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 17, 2002 AT 8:45AM. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE TRANSACTION CONFERENCE AT THE TROPICANA RESORT IN ATLANTIC CITY.

ALSO, ON APRIL 16, THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE PRESENTING FRANK REILLY WITH THE 2002 BENJAMIN J. FRIEDLAND AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE SHORT LINE INDUSTRY DURING THE SUMPTUOUS LUNCHEON BUFFET AT TRANSACTION.

CHAPTER 413

AN ACT concerning interference with transportation facilities, amending N.J.S. 2C:33-14, P.L. 1970, c. 246 and P.L. 1991, c.335 and repealing R.S. 48:12-167.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.246 (C.2A:53A-16) is amended to read as follows:

C.2A:53A-16 Parental liability for certain acts of minor.

1. The parents of any minor who shall maliciously or willfully injure any property of a railroad, street railway, traction railway or autobus public utility shall be liable for damages in the amount of the injury to a limit of \$5,000, to be collected by the property owner in the Superior Court, together with costs of suit.

2. N.J.S. 2C:33-14 is amended to read as follows:

Interference with transportation.

2C:33-14. a. Interference with Transportation. A person is guilty of interference with transportation if the person purposely or knowingly:

(1) casts, shoots or throws anything at, against or into any vehicle, railroad car, trolley car, subway car, ferry, airplane, or other facility of transportation; or

(2) casts, shoots, throws or otherwise places any stick, stone, object or other substance upon any street railway track, trolley track or railroad track; or

(3) endangers or obstructs the safe operation of motor vehicles by casting, shooting, throwing or otherwise placing any stick, stone, object or other substance upon any highway or roadway; or

(4) unlawfully climbs into or upon any railroad car, either in motion or standing on the track of any railroad company in this State; or

(5) unlawfully disrupts, delays or prevents the operation of any train, bus, jitney, trolley, subway, airplane or any other facility of transportation. The term "unlawfully disrupts, delays or prevents the operation of" does not include non-violent conduct growing out of a labor dispute as defined in N.J.S.2A:15-58.

b. Interference with transportation is a disorderly persons offense.

c. Interference with transportation is a crime of the fourth degree if the person purposely, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another person or causes pecuniary loss in excess of \$500 but less than \$2000.

d. Interference with transportation is a crime of the third degree if the person purposely, knowingly or recklessly causes significant bodily injury to another person or causes pecuniary loss of \$2000 or more, or if the person purposely or knowingly creates a risk of significant bodily injury to another person.

e. Interference with transportation is a crime of the second degree if the person purposely, knowingly or recklessly causes serious bodily injury to another person.

3. Section 1 of P.L. 1991, c.335 (C.2C:33-14.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.2C:33-14.1 Vandalizing railroad crossing devices, property; gradin of offenses; graffiti.

1. a. Any person who purposely, knowingly or recklessly defaces, damages, obstructs, removes or otherwise impairs the operation of any railroad crossing warning signal or protection device, including, but not limited to safety gates, electric bell, electric sign or any other alarm or protection system authorized by the Commissioner of Transportation, which is required under the provisions of R.S.48:12-54 or R.S.48:2-29, or any other railroad property or equipment, other than administrative buildings, offices or equipment, shall, for a first offense, be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree; however, if the defacement, damage, obstruction, removal or impediment of the crossing warning signal or protection device, property or equipment recklessly causes bodily injury or pecuniary loss of \$2000 or more, the actor is guilty of a crime of the third degree, or if it recklessly causes a death or serious bodily injury, the actor is guilty of a crime of the second degree.

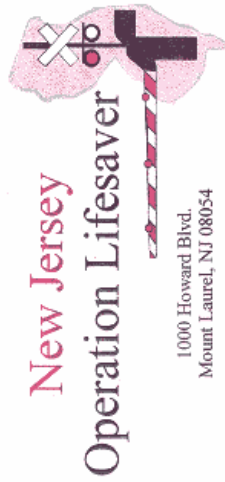
b. A person convicted of a violation of this section that involves an act of graffiti may, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Court, be required to pay to the owner of the damaged property monetary restitution in the amount of the pecuniary damage caused by the act of graffiti and to perform community service, which shall include removing the graffiti from the property, if appropriate. If community service is ordered, it shall be for either not less than 20 days or not less than the number of days necessary to remove the graffiti from the property. As used in this section, "act of graffiti" means the drawing, painting or making of any mark or inscription on public or private real or personal property without the permission of the owner.

Repealer.

4. R.S.48:12-167 is repealed.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 8, 2002.



Board Members

State Cord. -- Bill Fanelle NJ DOT

Co-Cord - Tom Heilig CSXT

Chairman - Ron Nace Conrail

Secretary - Drew Keelan NJT

Treasurer - Gary Kamboorian CSXT

Members - Betsy Stern NJT
Tom Noon FRA
Harry Barnes Amtrak
Al Hoffman NJT
Jim Powderley NYSW
Steve Byrnes Conrail
Mike Flanagan NS RR

NJ OL

- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month
- Locations vary (each agency takes a turn as host)
 - Meeting Room Only
 - Meeting time (10am – 12pm)

NJ OL

Why should the Short lines join??

- Strength in numbers
- Common problems
- Expertise of existing members
- Info on laws, stats, etc.
- Partnerships with Law Enforcement

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Current Projects

- 501C3 – Non Profit Status
- GCCI - Monmouth County
- OLI - Grants for Equipment
- Recruitment Drive
- TransAction 2002

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State – Stats

Population (2000) - 8,484,431

Drivers (2000) - 5,654,973

CSX – Stats

Crossings (Public) - 58 (Private) - 5

Route Miles - 649

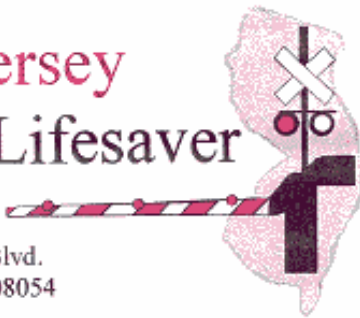
Crashes (2000) - 7 (2001) - 2

Trespass (2000) - 4 (2001) - 4

% per million - Crashes (2001) - .35

- Trespass (2001) - .47

New Jersey Operation Lifesaver



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Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Affiliation: _____

Work Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Hours you expect to volunteer towards NJ OL activities: _____

Are you currently an OL Presenter?: _____ Card # _____