

New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association

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Meeting Minutes October 12, 2001

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.

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This month's meeting, Friday, October 12, 2001, was held at the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Training and Conference Center in Ewing, New Jersey. The Association would like to thank **Ted Matthews** of the NJDOT for providing our meeting room.

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Next Meeting: **Friday, November 16 2001, 10:00am**
ASLRRA will be presenting their new safety training program.

Location: **NJ DOT Training and Conference Center**
23 Scotch Road
Ewing, New Jersey
(In the rear of the shopping center at the corner of Scotch Rd
and Parkway Avenue, ~1/2 mile from NJDOT Headquarters)

Members NJSLRRA:

There is no doubt we are living in a different world now.

However, one thing that has not changed is the need for us to use our common sense as we go about our lives.

S.R.F.

Attending:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company/Organization</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
Steven Friedland	M&E	973-267-4300
Tom Collard	SRNJ	609-871-8699
Jerry Madden	Manageering Associates/JM Cain	215-545-3900 PA 856-866-0500 NJ
Michael Allen	Allen Associates	609-683-0756
Leon Shilton	Allen Associates	732-747-8530
John McCreavy	Canadian Pacific	610-832-9181
Tom Noon	FRA	732-438-6843
Lawrence Kuhn	FRA	609-670-7815
Ted Gajkowski	CSXT	609-409-2034
Tom Egan	CSXT	617-783-6214
Fran Hennessy	NS	215-591-3653
Kel McKavanagh	Consultant	609-704-1270
Tom Washbon	NS	215-209-4216
Jack O'Connor	Consultant	856-719-9062

Correction from the previous meeting's attendance list:

Mark Bennett from CSX was at our August 24 meeting, and I truly regret accidentally leaving him off the list in the minutes.

On a serious note, we do wish Mark all the best with his upcoming retirement, and thank him for all of his help over the years.

The meeting commenced at 10:30am

September 11

Our sympathies and condolences go out to all affected, both directly and indirectly, by the events of September 11. The meeting started with a moment of silence to honor all of those lost and injured.

Collection for the NJSLRRA September 11 Fund

The Association has raised \$6250.00 to benefit the victims of the September 11 tragedies, and would like to thank the following companies for their contributions:

Port Jersey Railroad
SMS Rail Services
Morristown & Erie Railway Inc.
Muller Bohlin Associates Inc.
Assemblyman Alex DeCroce
New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp.
Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla & Rutter LLP
Southern Railroad of New Jersey

We are still accepting donations, and they should be sent to:

NJSLRRA
c/o Morristown & Erie Railway Inc.
PO Box 2206
Morristown NJ 07962-2206

Future of the ASLRRRA

Bob thanks all who submitted comments on the course the ASLRRRA should take, and asks if there are any further points that should be brought out, especially concerning the role that Chambers, Conlon, and Hartwell should play in the Association, that they be submitted to him as soon as possible.

CSXT Short Line Caucus

Bob had a phone conference with the CSX Short Line Caucus on October 9, and CSX reported that they hope by our next meeting that they will have set up a resolution process for issues concerning Conrail and the two parent railroads. Bob cautions that while this process is needed and will give us answers, that members should understand that while the answer will not always be yes, we will be getting answers.

CSXT Short Line Workshop

The 2001 CSXT Short Line Meeting will be held at the World Golf Village this year on December 2-4. The tentative schedule is very similar to the workshops of years past, with golf and tennis on Sunday followed by the Short Line Caucus meeting and reception. Monday's program will have presentations by the CSX business groups, a picnic lunch, and the annual trade show and meetings in the afternoon, followed by dinner with keynote speaker Michael Ward. On Tuesday the focus is more on operational and technology issues, and the workshop ends with lunch.

NJ Tax Meetings

(Editor's Note: I have asked John Fiorilla to write about the Class II Tax meetings that took place on October 8 and 9.)

On October 9 members of the NJSLRRA, CSX, NS and Conrail met with representatives of the New Jersey Division of Taxation in Trenton to discuss a proposed revision to the way Class II railroad real estate (real property other than the main stem and passenger properties used for railroad purposes) is valued and taxed in New Jersey. Prior to the meeting on October 8, a meeting was held at Conrail's Philadelphia offices to discuss a proposal drafted by Kerry Carnahan, Director of Property Taxes, to value real estate using a Unit Method of value instead of the current across the fence appraisal method. The Unit method is based upon Net Railroad Operating Income and certain allocations of income factors. On October 9 the proposal was discussed in detail with the State which is studying it closely. The Class I's and the M&E, on behalf of the Short Lines, will do calculations under the proposal and let the State know what their taxes will be, taking into consideration a 15% capitalization rate for short lines. The parties hope to have a new procedure in place prior to years end. JKF

Security Issues

Reprinted from the October 15 ASLRRA *Views & News*

AAR DRAFTS LIST OF "INDICATORS OF TERRORISM"

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) is putting together a list of "Indicators of Terrorism" to help railroad employees increase awareness of suspicious activities on railroad properties. Employees are encouraged to look for:

- * 25-35 year old males extremely interested in specific railroads and resources
- * People soliciting detailed railroad information in casual situations
- * People showing up immediately prior to a train arriving and departing immediately after it leaves
- * People who are in the wrong place or dressed inappropriately along the rail line
- * Suspicious vehicles, motorcycles or mopeds at crossings and along the right-of-way
- * Automobiles that move with you along your route
- * Unusual occurrences like disconnected brake hoses and abnormal signals

Now while most of the above description sounds like the typical railfan, there are some serious points that should be made. All of our railroads have places, that if compromised in some fashion would severely affect our operations, as well as the operations of our customers. The AAR has suggested that we take extra precautions with our operations, and some shipments are being

routed or handled differently to enhance security.

One simple precaution that we can all take is checking identification, and making sure that our crews and personnel have both proper identification and paperwork. The FRA has offered to help if we have any security questions, and a call to them should get you quick answers.

The one thing we should not do is something in the name of security that compromises safety. In New Jersey especially, with our emergency services a little strained at the moment, the last thing we need is a major train incident.

The next NJSLRRA meeting will take place on November 16, 2001 at the NJDOT Training and Conference center at 23 Scotch Road, Ewing. The meeting will start at 10:00am, and the ASLRRA is scheduled to present their new safety training program.