

# NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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## *MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2013*



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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We want to thank Ron Batory and Karen Rosella of Conrail for hosting the meeting and providing lunch for everyone.

We want to especially thank **Ray Stahl** for his help with all of the audiovisual equipment during the many years we have been meeting in Mount Laurel. Ray is retiring on March 27 after 41 years at Penn Central and Conrail. He has seen many information technology changes during these 41 years. **Thank you, Ray! Enjoy your retirement!**

Thanks, too, to Dan Lyons for helping with the audiovisual setup for this meeting.

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**Location:** Tropicana Resort Hotel, Casino, and Conference Center,  
Atlantic City, NJ

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>March 14, 2013</b>	<b>Railroad Day on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC</b>
<b>April 17-19, 2013</b>	<b>TransAction 2013, Atlantic City, NJ</b>
<b>April 27-30, 2013</b>	<b>ASLRRA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention, Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>May 29, 2013</b>	<b>NJSLRRA Meeting, Mount Laurel, NJ</b>
<b>June 17-19, 2013</b>	<b>NS Annual Short Line Meeting, Roanoke, VA</b>
<b>Sept. 8-10, 2013</b>	<b>ASLRRA Eastern Region Meeting, Norfolk, VA</b>

## MEETING ATTENDEES

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## MEETING MINUTES

NJSLRRA President Bob Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. After a safety briefing and a round of introductions, there was a moment of silence for the late Bill Herkner; Bill passed away on February 14, 2013. Bill retired from NJ TRANSIT several years ago. Bob said that Bill was a great guy who had helped the NJ short lines, especially the Cape May Seashore Lines, the Morristown & Erie, and the Southern Railroad of New Jersey.

### **1. Nisus Corporation: Improving Strength, Safety & Sustainability with Borate and Copper Naphthenate Treatments (Tony Chambers, Nisus Corporation).**

Tony Chambers described the advantages of using Copper Naphthenate (QNAP) and DOT(Diosodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate) Borate Wood Preservative (Cellutreat) for the preservation of wood ties.

QNAP is an 8% oil-borne copper naphthenate solution that is an EPA-registered, non-restricted use/ general use preservative also adopted as standard by the American Wood Protective Association (AWPA) . The product is created from recycled copper and by-products of oil refining; it is GREEN. Its performance is equal to all other oil-borne and oil type preservatives. Use of QNAP requires no special equipment. Wood treated with QNAP is non-hazardous waste; it can be recycled or used for energy recovery. Norfolk Southern is using QNAP ties in New York.

Although QNAP can be used by itself, its treatment and performance is improved when it is used with Cellutreat. Cellutreat is a wood preservative which is made from a natural mineral salt and is also an EPA-registered non-restricted use/general use preservative also standardized by the AWPA.

Among the benefits of Cellutreat are:

- Elimination of decay and stack burn during air seasoning.
- QNAP or creosote retention reductions.
- Elimination of corrosion-induced spike kill.
- Helps prevent termite infestation and termite movement on ties when they are shipped.

Further information is available from Tony Chambers. Tony's cell phone number is 304-531-9254; his email address is [tonyc@nisuscorp.com](mailto:tonyc@nisuscorp.com). The Nisus Corporation website is [www.nisuscorp.com](http://www.nisuscorp.com).

### **2. Railroad Day on Capitol Hill – March 14, 2013.**

Bob Bailey urged as many members as possible to attend Railroad Day on Capitol Hill on March 14. Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell is arranging appointments with the NJ senators, representatives, and their staffs. As usual, we will break up into groups and see

everyone. We will initially assemble as a group at the end of the morning briefing at the Renaissance Hotel. The Legislative Dinner will also be at the Renaissance; hotel rooms are at the Hyatt. There are also rooms at the Hampton Inn in Crystal City. Members were told to be prepared for a lot of walking during the day.

Important topics for this year are expected to be:

- Extension of the 45G investment tax credit beyond 2013.
- Truck sizes and weights.
- Positive Train Control.
- Reregulation.

### **3. Proposed 2013 FRA Training Seminar.**

We are working with the FRA on another training seminar similar to the one held at the Hilton Garden Inn at Raritan Center in Edison, NJ on October 20-21, 2011. FRA inspectors from Region 2 and railroads from that region will also be invited.

We are planning to have the seminar in June at the Hilton Garden Inn. We will avoid any conflict with the annual Norfolk Southern Short Line meeting on June 17-19. The New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association will sponsor the seminar. We are grateful to Eyal Shapira and the Raritan Central for sponsoring the first seminar in October 2011. There will be opportunities for suppliers to sponsor or co-sponsor some of the meals or other activities.

### **4. TransAction 2013 update.**

TransAction 2013 will again be held at the Tropicana in Atlantic City on April 17-19. Sessions involving rail freight will be on April 18. Retired NJDOT Commissioner and 2011 Friedland Award recipient Jack Lettiere will be the master of ceremonies at the buffet luncheon on Thursday, April 18. This will be the only buffet luncheon this year. \$10.00 meal vouchers will be given to attendees on Wednesday and Friday.

Miki Krakauer of NJDOT will present updates on New Jersey rail freight and rail passenger plans on Thursday morning. Later that afternoon there will be a session entitled **The Future of Private Rail Sidings**. This panel will feature Jennifer Tanner of CSX, Tom Washbon from Norfolk Southern, and John McCreavy of SMS Rail Services.

There are several sessions dealing with Amtrak and the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Full information about TransAction is available on the website, [www.njtransactionconf.com](http://www.njtransactionconf.com).

### **5. 2013 ASLRRA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Atlanta, GA on April 27-30.**

Registration for the convention is now open; hotel rooms are going fast. Most of the breakout tracks are now on the ASLRRA website ([www.aslrra.org](http://www.aslrra.org)). Short Line Data

Systems, Steve Friedland's company, is sponsoring the door prize. The 215 exhibit spaces are sold out. The convention will have another record attendance.

The Legislative Policy Committee Dinner on Sunday evening will be a tribute to retiring ASLRRA President Rich Timmons. Rich is retiring at the end of August 2013. The new ASLRRA president will be announced at the convention.

The Saturday evening 'Party with a Purpose' will be for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

The transition from the old Chairman of the ASLRRA Board of Directors to the new Chairman will take place at the dinner on Tuesday, April 30.

The NJSLRRA members voted to place a 1/4 page black and white horizontal ad in the 2013 ASLRRA Official Show Program. The cost of the ad is \$990.00. The ad will congratulate the ASLRRA on 100 years of representing all of the New Jersey short lines.

#### **6. Status of NJDOT rail grants.**

Dom Critelli said that his office is working on the FY 2013 program. Thirteen applications for a total of \$15.25M in public funds are being reviewed. All of the reviews should be done in the next week or so. He hopes to go public with the eligible grants in May 2013. This is the first time NJDOT is using the SAGE (System for Administering Grants Electronically) system. NJDOT will be getting a new version of SAGE; it will be like going from dial-up to the internet.

#### **7. Status of federal rail-related legislation in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.**

Kel MacKavanagh said that not much rail-related legislation has been introduced yet in the new Congress. The 45G tax credit extension was done in the last days of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Railroads are part of the Balancing Act (H.R. 505) and the Rebuild America Act (S.4). H.R. 721, the bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad tax maintenance credit, was introduced by Rep. Lynn Jenkins of Kansas [KS-2] on February 14, 2013. This bill has five co-sponsors:

- Rep. Spencer Bachus [AL-6]
- Rep. Earl Blumenauer [OR-3]
- Rep. Rodney Davis [IL-13]
- Rep. John Garamendi [CA-3]
- Rep. Daniel Lipinski [IL-3]

The bill has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

#### **8. Latest update on New Jersey rail-related legislation affecting railroads.**

There have been no additions to the current rail-related bills, namely S.966, the bill which would increase railroad franchise and property taxes to support improvements in railroad capital facilities, and .A.3587. The latter is a bill which would permit cities of the first class to operate weight stations and to inspect vehicles and railroad cars transporting hazardous materials within their jurisdiction. Jersey City Assemblyman Charles Mainor is sponsoring the bill.

**9. 2013 NJSLRRA dues.**

Treasurer Steve Friedland reported that most railroads and suppliers have paid their dues. Nisus Corporation just joined the Association.

**10. Member reports.**

**a. CSX.**

Tony Giobbie stated that CSX will be hosting its 24<sup>th</sup> annual CSX Workshop at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, FL on March 3-5, 2013. 115 railroads have registered to attend the Workshop; this is 10 percent more than last year. The Trade Show portion of the meeting is full; it will also have booths for State Relations and Government Affairs. Crude oil will be one of the featured commodities. CSX is also doing site assessment reports.

**b. Norfolk Southern.**

Chris Spiceland said that NS carload business with its short line connections was up 6 percent in January 2013; it was up 1 percent in 2012. Its carload business with NJ short lines was down 5 percent.

Chris reminded the NJ short line members present that the Norfolk Southern Short Line Meeting will be on June 17-19, 2013 in Roanoke, VA.

**c. FRA.**

Tom Noon said that the Federal Railroad Administration funding is covered to March 31, 2013 by the continuing resolution passed by Congress.

A safety advisory notice about movable bridges will be published in the Federal Register on February 28. This was prompted by the Conrail derailment in Paulsboro, NJ on November 30, 2012.

Conductor certifications should have been submitted to the FRA by January 31; these should be implemented by April 1, 2013; engineer and conductor certifications can be put together.

**d. STARS.**

Wendy Buckley of STARS (Specialty Transportation And Regulatory Solutions) advised the group that she would be speaking at the upcoming Bureau of Explosives meeting.

**11. New business.**

New business was covered under the previous items.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.** during the 2013TransAction Conference at the Tropicana Resort Hotel, Casino, and Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ. Since it is during TransAction, the meeting will only be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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