

NEW JERSEY SHORT LINE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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Once again, we appreciate and thank Ron Batory and Karen Rosella of Conrail for hosting the meeting and providing lunch for everyone at the meeting. We also thank Zachary Maras for helping set up the audiovisual presentation by Mike Stephenson of TransCAER.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
Location: Tropicana Conference Center, Resort Hotel and Casino,
Atlantic City, NJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 2-4, 2014 | CSX Short Line Workshop, St. Augustine, FL |
| March 13, 2014 | Railroad Day on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC |
| April 8-10, 2014 | TransAction 2014, Atlantic City, NJ |
| April 22-25, 2014 | ASLRRA Convention, San Diego, CA |
| May 28, 2014 | NJSLRRA Meeting, Edison, NJ |
| June 18-20, 2014 | NS Short Line Meeting, Roanoke, VA |
| September 14-16, 2014 | ASLRRA Eastern Region Meeting, Hershey, PA |

MEETING ATTENDEES

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MEETING MINUTES

NJSLRRA President Bob Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. This was followed by a safety briefing and introductions.

1. Presentation by Mike Stephenson of TransCAER.

Mike Stephenson, the regional coordinator for TransCAER (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response), described the history and purpose of his organization.

TransCAER was formed 26 years ago by Dow Chemical and the Union Pacific Railroad. Its purpose is to offer **free training** about the safe handling of hazardous materials and the proper way to respond to hazmat problems and incidents.

Although its goal is primarily to reach out to firefighters, police, and other first responders, all agencies are invited to participate in the multimodal training. Presentations are made to communities and local governments.

Mike Stephenson distributed copies of TransCAER's First Responder Quick Reference Guide and a list of various federal, state, and local contacts to the meeting attendees.

Much more detailed information about TransCAER, its training DVDs, and the upcoming training tour schedule in New Jersey is on its website, www.transcaer.com.

2. Update on proposed regulations and new practices for crude oil unit trains.

Steve Friedland reported that ASLRRRA President Rich Timmons met recently with USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx about the handling of crude oil in unit trains.

Trains will operate at slower speeds and have more inspections. There will also be wayside inspections. Strategic routes are under consideration. There will be increased track inspections and telemetry devices on the end of trains. Tank cars will be upgraded.

3. Member comments for CSXT Short Line Workshop in St. Augustine, FL on March 2-4, 2014.

Steve Friedland (ME), Joe Garofolo (CR), and John McCreavy (SMS) will be among the NJSLRRA members attending the meeting. Comments were that CSX does a good job at these meetings. Members were looking forward to much better weather in Florida than we have been having in New Jersey.

4. NJSLRRA attendee plans for Railroad Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on March 13, 2014.

The Association again expects to have a good contingent at Railroad Day on Capitol Hill; Orgo-Thermit will have three representatives. We will divide up the group in order to

make sure that we call on all of our NJ representatives and senators. We will initially meet as a group immediately following the breakfast at the Renaissance Hotel.

Newly elected Senator Cory Booker has inherited the late Senator Frank Lautenberg's committee assignments, including the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. Kel MacKavanagh mentioned that a television genealogy program last year which traced Senator Booker's roots showed that his great grandfather, Frank Booker, was a locomotive fireman on the Southern Railway (CNO&TP).

5. Update on TransAction 2014 sessions.

Kel MacKavanagh said that he is coordinating seven TransAction sessions:

- Port Terminal Velocity: Getting Shipments Through Ports is What Really Matters.
- Impact of New Truck Hours of Service Regulations.
- Crude Oil Unit Trains to New Jersey: a New Oil Pipeline!
- Railroads and Asset Risk Management: a Framework and a Starting Point.
- Pre-emption: When can railroads condemn land to expand their facilities in NJ?
- Energy's Future Impact on Land Use Patterns and Transportation Flows.
- The Modern Streetcar: The new 'old' mode of transportation.

Conrail alum John Betak will be the moderator of the session on Railroads and Asset Risk Management. Steve Sullivan, another Conrail alumnus, will be a panelist on this session.

John Fiorilla, a former Conrail attorney, will be the moderator and a presenter at the session on Pre-emption.

All of the railroad sessions will be on Wednesday, April 9. Jack Lettiere, the retired NJDOT commissioner, will be the master of ceremonies at the luncheon on April 9.

TransAction will be at the Tropicana in Atlantic City on April 8-10. The program, registration information, etc. is available on the website, www.njtransactionconf.com.

6. Report on ASLRRRA Convention in San Diego, CA on April 22-25, 2014.

Steve Friedland, who is a member of the ASLRRRA Board, stated that USDOT Secretary Anthony Foxx and FRA Administrator Joseph Szabo are among the invitees to speak at the general session.

The service project will be on April 22; registration will also begin that day. Registration will be done this year in a fashion similar to TransAction; ribbons and tickets will be picked up at different desks instead of being in a single packet.

Hotel rooms will be \$189.00 per night plus taxes. Kathy Cassidy should have the detailed information about the Convention available shortly.

7. Status of NJDOT rail grants.

Miki Krakauer reported that the agreements for the 2013 grants have been sent to the railroads which were selected to receive grants; not all of these have been returned yet.

Applications for the 2014 grants have been received; recommendations have been made to the front office at NJDOT.

8. Update on federal rail-related legislation.

Nothing is really happening on federal legislation impacting railroads; bills are still in committees. H.R. 721, the bill which covers the 45G tax credit extension, has 228 co-sponsors in the House and 46 in the Senate. Seven NJ House members are co-sponsors; neither Senator Booker nor Senator Menendez has signed up yet as a co-sponsor.

H.R. 3551, the *Railway and Transparent Inspection Act*, a bill which would require periodic independent inspections of bridges, signals, and switches, still does not have any co-sponsors. This bill was introduced by NJ Congressman Rob Andrews; Rep. Andrews is retiring on March 1, 2014.

Rep. Albio Sires is a co-sponsor of the *Freight Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013* (H.R. 3825), a bill which was introduced in January 2014. We expect Rep. Sires will bring this up when we meet with him during Railroad Day on Capitol Hill.

9. Status of rail-related legislation in the new session of the NJ Legislature.

Especially since the chairs of the transportation committees are busy with the investigations about the Bridgegate scandal, the only bill introduced in the new session thus far is A. 842, Assemblyman Charles Mainor's bill which permits cities of the first class to operate weigh stations and to inspect vehicles and railroad cars transporting hazardous materials within their jurisdiction. This bill was introduced in the previous session as A. 3587; it was never passed into law.

Assembly Bill A. 1583, which covers stormwater runoff, has also been introduced again in the new session.

10. 2014 NJSLRRA dues payments.

Steve Friedland said that most dues payments for 2014 have been received.

11. Presentation schedule for the 2014 Benjamin J. Friedland Award to Mrs. Barbara Herkner.

Bob Bailey and Steve Friedland will work with Rich Wisneski of NJ TRANSIT to arrange a date for this presentation.

12. Member reports.

a. CSX.

Bill Goetz mentioned that he had a public hearing in Delaware County about crude oil coming up as well as a meeting with the City of Philadelphia on the same subject.

b. GoRail.

Emily Traiforos said that she is now covering New Jersey for GoRail. She briefly reviewed the purpose of the GoRail organization. GoRail stresses promotion of the importance of railroads to economic development and their fuel efficiency. GoRail is now on social media.

Emily also announced that NJ Assemblyman Gordon Johnson from Teaneck, NJ will join us for Railroad Day on Capitol Hill. Assemblyman Johnson, a Democrat, represents NJ District 37. He is a deputy speaker of the Assembly.

c. FRA.

Tom Noon advised the group that monthly tests required by the FRA supposed to be done every **thirty** days, not just sometime during successive months.

d. Norfolk Southern.

Denise Bailey said that NS carloads were up one percent in 2013. She told the NJ short line members that the Norfolk Southern's annual Short Line Meeting will be in Roanoke, VA on June 18-20, 2014.

13. New business.

New business was covered under previous items.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Association will be on **Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, NJ during the TransAction Conference.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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