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June 2026

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 7:30p in the club meeting room. At the church's request, all members are asked to use the parking lot and not the grass area behind the building.

Happy June Birthday to:

- Ginger Eby Robert Parker Tim Solo
- David Legates Charlie Scott John Steitz

If I missed your birthday, please let me know. The membership list I am using is missing some members' birthdays.

Club News

White Elephant Table New Shelving Project

Jeff Shockley, White Elephant Table Coordinator

On May 6, 2026, Bill Hugues, Tim Burlingame, Bill Hudson, Harry Semenko and myself started building shelving on the White Elephant Tables used to sell goods at Open House.

The final plan is to have 1 table for HO, 1 for O gauge and 1 for G scale/N gauge items. Books and larger items will be available for sale in tubs under the tables. There is a walk-thru next to the main layout room double doors and in front of the lockers for easier access for members to their lockers.

The next step will be lighting to make the items more visible for viewing. David Legates, Steve and Linda Long and I are looking at an easy, inexpensive way of doing the job.

Tim and Bill Hugues stopped in and finished the construction phase on Friday, May 22.

Now comes the task of stocking the shelves, which you can see from the pictures, has already started.

Linda and Steve Long and David Legates are helping with the lighting of the individual shelves to show off the products being sold. Linda and I also made a decision to paint only the fronts of the units a soft grey color called "Tin Lizzie".

I want to thank all the club members for all the help in getting this project completed. It has turned out a LOT better than I EVER would have imagined.



Completed White Elephant shelving units. Left is combined G & N scales, Center is O scale, Right is HO scale. (Photos by Jeff Shockley)

When this project started, I had hopes of being able to display more items for sale, which I can. But, due to the influx of several LARGE donations in April and May (see on next page), I am back at Square 1....I NEED MORE SPACE!!!

I am thinking of renaming this the DelMarVa Model Railroad Club What-Not-Shop!!!

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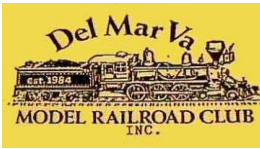
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We Received an HO Donation.....

Jeff Shockley

On May 11, 2026, I received a call on the club phone from Diane Kensick asking if we would like to received several boxes of her husband's trains. I told her we would gladly take them and made arrangements to accept the donation on Friday, May 15.

Diane arrived about Noon and dropped of 4 medium tubs of HO buildings and accessories mostly, although there were 2 Tyco locomotives and other rolling stock. I have started adding everything has to the inventory and ready for sale.

.....And an N Scale Donation.....

Jeff Shockley

At the HO operation session on Saturday, May 16, Jeff Griffin brought a small box of N Scale locomotives, rolling stock and accessories from a friend, Joellen. Steve Long and Cheryl Chansler looked over the collection and the items have been added to the inventory and are ready to be adopted into a new home.

.....And Yet Another HO Layout Donation.....

John Nawn

Long time trolley aficionado, HO scale modeler and East Penn Traction Club member and former President, Bob Detrich, passed away in May. He had retired to Middletown Delaware where he constructed a large HO scale trolley layout along with an HO scale standard gauge and HOn3 layout loosely based on the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad.

The entire collection was given to the Baltimore Streetcar Museum, which in turn donated the non-trolley related equipment and layout components to our club. On Sunday May 17, John N., Sean B., and Russell P., descended on the layout to begin the removal process along with members of BSM. The salvageable equipment has been brought to the club and given to Jeff for the store (would not seem right to call it a white elephant table anymore). *Seems like we may need a bigger store.* Still to come is another rolling tool cabinet, yes, full of tools which John will bring down to the club when he's here next.

While it's sad to see and take down all these wonderful layouts, the donations go a long way in keeping our club financially solvent and keeping our dues down. Many thanks to Jeff S. for managing our growing retail operations and thanks to Sean and Russel for their assistance in removing the layout and transporting the items to the club. In speaking with the heirs that donate these layouts, they are generally grateful, not just for the assistance in removing the layout, but also happy to see it go to a good cause and help or club financially and know that the various pieces of equipment will continue find homes with others who love the hobby.

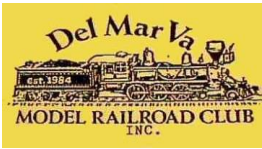
And, BSM says if you want to see the trolley layout up and running, plan a visit in the next few months as the trolley layout is expected to be on permanent display at the museum:

<https://baltimorestreetcarmuseum.org/>. *(Ask for Matt and tell him that John sent you.)*

.....And a Lionel Donation

On Wednesday, May 27, Bob Marx visited the club with 5 boxes of various Lionel supplies, lots of track, a crane (to be tested to see if it works), rolling stock and accessories.

One particularly good find was the *Texas Special* set consisting of the "A" and "B" units and 3 passenger cars. Charlie is working on getting the "A" unit running smoothly and ready for the set to run at Open House.



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Layout Visit

John Nawn

One of the best things about being in a club like ours is the camaraderie we all share in the pursuit of this great hobby along with the chance occasionally step away from the club and visit other members' home layouts. On Saturday May 23, club members Sean B., Russell P., and Michael D. descended on the home of John N. to visit and operate his home layout.

It was a great opportunity for the layout to get some use and be tested. The feedback was much appreciated. It was also nice to see all the equipment get a chance to run. Seems like I'll have to get cracking on getting more sections completed and more scenery done.

Of course, the visit included a stop at nearby Nicholas Smith Trains, where everyone left with their wallets much lighter. The visit also included a chance to participate in the monthly operations session at the St. Albans Railroad (<https://www.starr-mrc.org/>) where our visitors got a chance to operate on the PRR 4-track *broad way* and see the Chief Dispatcher in his alter ego as a yardmaster. The regular StARR members were genuinely impressed with the capabilities and skill of our DelMarVa members and welcomed them back anytime.



Shawn (F), Russell (M), and Michael (R) operating trains on John N's home layout

Layout News

HO Layout

May 2026 Dispatcher's Report

HO Scale Operating Session – May 16, 2026

John Nawn, Chief Dispatcher

On Saturday, May 16, we conducted our third Operating Session of 2026 on the HO Scale Layout of the Delmarva Model Railroad Club. Seventeen (17) Crew Members were present. This included the Dispatcher, Parkersburg High (PH) Yardmaster and assistant, Parkersburg Low (PL) Yardmaster and assistant, Chillicothe Yard Master (CH), Steel Mill Yard Master and the Weiland and Port Charles Trainmaster. The remaining personnel were split between eight (8) Mainline Operators, and two (2) Crews on the Ohio River Subdivision.

The Session began at 12:00 PM with a briefing from the Dispatcher and concluded with the last train tying up at 4:30 PM. We started at about 1/3rd of the way through the schedule and completed the day. We operated a total of 47 trains moving 479 cars this session, including two extras operated under Form 31 orders; second sections of both CH93 and PH98. See the summary elsewhere in this issue. We had a few new operators and many trains operated with two man crews, accordingly. Operations on the Portsmouth subdivision were suspended for the session. There were no reported derailments during this Session, and we had no reported locomotive failures. The switch serving the westbound end of track 7 at Grafton was authorized for manual operation by the Dispatcher, as the MOW crew is still addressing the issue.

The Command Station continued to perform well with no address or MU issues. Operations Bulletin 2025-11-1, remains abolished with all operations being as directed by the Dispatcher. The Parkersburg Dispatcher continued authorizing all movements on the entire railroad, including the branch and the Weiland and Port Charles, all trains beginning and ending and Parkersburg Low Yard in addition to all mainline trains beginning and ending at Grafton, Hamilton (Cincinnati), Chillicothe, Parkersburg High, the NYC and the O&LK. Our Crew Caller was on duty. As a reminder, when you arrive, after signing in with the Dispatcher, stop by the Crew Caller where you will sign out your throttle and radio, if you don't have your own.

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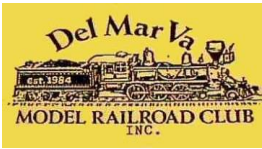
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So, please join us for our June Operations session, Saturday, June 13, 2026. We start promptly at noon, so please arrive by 11:30 AM. *Looking forward to seeing anyone interested in prototypical operations and fun.*

2026 HO Scale RAILROAD TOTALS

		Trains Run						Cars Moved					
	Staff	West	East	OR Sub	W&PC	C&O	Total	West	East	OR Sub	W&PC	C&O	Total
Mar	14						51						565
Apr	22	16	16	11	0	4	47	150	156	110	0	34	450
May	17	17	15	8	7	0	47	186	167	92	33	0	478
Total	53	33	31	19	7	4	145	336	323	202	33	34	1,493

From Bill Deeter via *Chessie System Pictorial* Facebook Group

HO Layout in Real Life



Description from David Johnson – The train just went over the High Street overpass and past the spring switch guarding the Sherman Track in Chillicothe. It is Eastbound and within 5 minutes or so it will cross the N&W diamonds at the passenger station and B&O yards. (Photo undated, photographer unknown)

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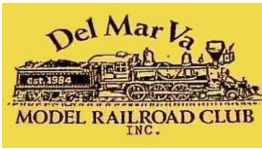
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Crew Call for DMRRClub Prototype Operating Session

When: *Saturday June 13, 2026 12:00 pm* (please try and arrive around 11:30am to be ready to roll by 12)

Where: *Delmarva Model Railroad Club*

103 East State Street 2nd Floor (stairs only)

Delmar, DE

For Map: <https://delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org/>
please park in the St. Stevens Church parking lot

More Layout Info: <https://delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org/ho-scale-layout/>

RSVP to: Operations@delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org

It makes for a better session if we know how many are planning on attending, also let us know if you want to work with an experienced crew member.

The Sessions are open to anyone interested in Prototype Operations. Members of the club do have seniority on choice of positions. We get around 12 to 15 people per session but can easily accommodate twice that amount.

The rolling stock and motive power is all on the layout and staged. *Please do not bring any rolling stock or motive power.*

We use FRS Radios. The control system is DCC by Digitrax with Duplex wirelasses. We have UT 6 Ds and FRS radios available to sign out for those that need them. Please bring your own if you have them. *If you bring your own 6 series throttle it will need to be set on expanded slot mode.*

We use Car Cards and Waybills and a loose TWC / OCS (Track Warrant Control / Occupancy Control System). The Dispatchers panel has full main line occupancy visibility, turnout control and the main line is signaled. Track Warrant Control authorizes the dispatcher to verbally instruct the train to proceed, via radio. This is sometimes called the Mother May I Move Method. The dispatcher selects the stations or mileposts between which the train may move.

We model primarily one sub-division of the B&O (Parkersburg Sub of the Ohio Newark Division) mainline from Parkersburg, WV (PH) to Chillicothe, OH (CH). Parkersburg is fed from the east by a staging yard, Grafton, WV (GR) on the PH Sub of the Monongah Division. There is a small amount of this Parkersburg Sub on the Monongah Division Modeled between GR & PH. Then the West end staging is at Cincinnati, OH (CI) feeds almost directly into CH. We also model the OR Sub from Parkersburg low yard to Huntington WV. The low yard is feed from Wheeling another staging yard.

The time period modeled is early to mid-70's Chessie System with some modelers license to include passenger traffic based on the mid to late 60's.

We also have a few interchange tracks with the NYC @ Athens, OH and PRR out of Zanesville, OH which are both Penn Central in the 70's. No Conrail or Amtrak in this little part of the past yet.

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Special: America 250 – How the Railroads are Commemorating America in 2026 From CPKC

CPKC debuts 1776 locomotive to celebrate America's 250th anniversary

March 3, 2026

<https://www.cpkcr.com/>

Kansas City, MO

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (TSX:CP) (NYSE:CP) (CPKC) today unveiled a commemorative locomotive livery honouring the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and celebrating the founding of the United States of America.

“This locomotive, built and painted in Fort Worth, Texas, honours the remarkable and proud history of America as we prepare to mark the nation’s 250th anniversary,” said Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer. “As a U.S. Army veteran, I am proud to join my 6,000 fellow railroaders living and working across America in celebrating the contributions of all Americans throughout our history. Together, we join the nation in looking forward with vision and hope to the accomplishments of generations yet to come.”



KCS 1776, a new Tier 4 ET44AC locomotive from Wabtec’s Fort Worth manufacturing facility, is the first of five such locomotives that will bear the commemorative America 250 livery. It features Old Glory Red and Old Glory Blue colours as well as the logo of America250, the national nonpartisan organization established by Congress to lead the nation’s 250th anniversary celebrations. Other features include graphic representations of the Declaration of Independence opening phrase “In Congress” and the famous first words of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, as well as 13 stars encircling the date July 4, 1776.

“America’s 250th anniversary is a moment to reflect on the industries and individuals who have helped build and connect our nation,” said Jen Condon, Executive Vice President at [America 250](https://www.america250.com/). “Freight rail has played a vital role in America’s growth and progress, and CPKC’s commemorative locomotive is a powerful tribute to that legacy as we approach this historic milestone.”

Freight railroads take pride in their role in facilitating the country’s progress through the centuries. CPKC operates in 19 U.S. states as one of the largest freight railroads in America with an extensive network spanning the central United States. It stretches from North Dakota through the Upper Midwest and south to the Gulf Coast in Louisiana and Texas, along with operations in the Northeast from New York to Maine. At 8,800 miles, the U.S. network represents nearly 40 percent of CPKC’s three-nation North American railroad.

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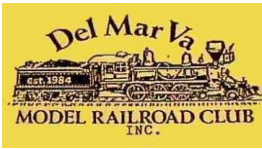
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About one third of CPKC's employees live and work in the United States, serving thousands of businesses in the agriculture, automotive, steel, energy, chemical and consumer markets across America. CPKC's roots stretch back to the founding age of American railroading with the Delaware & Hudson and the expansion age of American railroading in the late 19th century with Arthur E. Stilwell's founding in 1887 of the Kansas City Suburban Belt Railway.

About CPKC

With its global headquarters in Calgary, Alta., Canada, CPKC is the first and only single-line transnational railway linking Canada, the United States and México, with unrivaled access to major ports from Vancouver to Atlantic Canada to the Gulf Coast to Lázaro Cárdenas, México. Stretching approximately 20,000 route miles and employing 20,000 railroaders, CPKC provides North American customers unparalleled rail service and network reach to key markets across the continent. CPKC is growing with its customers, offering a suite of freight transportation services, logistics solutions and supply chain expertise. Visit cpkcr.com to learn more about the rail advantages of CPKC.

From Union Pacific

Union Pacific Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary with New Locomotives No. 4547 and No. 1776

March 20, 2026

<https://investor.unionpacific.com/>

Omaha, NE

Union Pacific Railroad, founded by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, unveiled its plans today to celebrate the United States, its amazing history and the people behind its unparalleled success story with two new locomotives and the first Big Boy steam tour to the East Coast in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

Big Boy, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will journey to Philadelphia for Fourth of July, with stops planned in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.



Our nation's origin will be celebrated with a beautiful **No. 1776 – America250** locomotive that will feature an American flag waving against the backdrop of a traditional, armor-yellow Union Pacific locomotive and the America250 logo. President Lincoln, our founder, is commemorated with the **No. 1616** locomotive in a paint scheme characteristic of his era.



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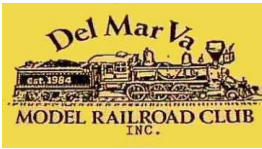
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Our third and newest commemorative locomotive **No. 4547** was built in partnership with Wabtec. It celebrates our current president, President Donald J. Trump and features large, flowing American flags on each side of the locomotive, one with 13 stars for the original colonies and the other depicting today's beloved red, white and blue flag.

This is the third in a series of presidential locomotives, which also includes the **No. 4141**, the locomotive that honors the late President George H.W. Bush, and that allowed our proud Union Pacific employees to transport the late president to his final resting place in College Station, Texas, where the locomotive is now on display at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.



“Union Pacific is honored to take part in the 250th anniversary of this great nation,” said Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena. “Each of these commemorative locomotives symbolizes important moments in the history of Union Pacific and the U.S. Our shared history shows the vital role railroads have played and will continue to play for generations to come.”

The Big Boy will leave Cheyenne, Wyoming, March 29 for the first leg of its historic tour, returning April 24, after making stops in California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

The Eastern leg begins May 25 and will include display days in Omaha, Nebraska; Chicago, Illinois; Buffalo, New York; and Scranton, Pennsylvania, before Big Boy's arrival in Philadelphia for Independence Day. Additional display days are anticipated in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, before the tour concludes July 29.

A detailed schedule for the East Coast leg, including whistlestop locations, will be released at a later date. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to join Union Pacific's Steam Club at upsteam.com.

About Union Pacific

Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) delivers the goods families and businesses use every day with safe, reliable and efficient service. Operating in 23 western states, the company connects its customers and communities to the global economy. Trains are the most environmentally responsible way to move freight, helping Union Pacific protect future generations. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

From BNSF

BNSF honors America's 250th with three commemorative locomotives

May 14, 2026

<https://www.bnsf.com/>

Fort Worth, TX

BNSF Railway, the nation's leading freight transportation provider, today unveiled a series of specially painted locomotives to honor America's 250th birthday.

The three new locomotives, carrying numbers 250, 1776 and 2026, feature an exclusive livery ahead of the nation's Semiquincentennial birthday on July 4, 2026.

“Few institutions are woven into the fabric of America quite like the railroad, and BNSF is honored to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary with these specially painted locomotives,” said Katie Farmer, BNSF

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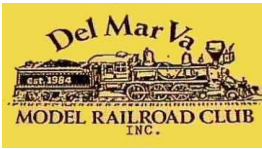
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Railway president and CEO. “For nearly two centuries, railroaders have helped shape the American story, connecting communities, powering economic growth and strengthening the nation we call home. These locomotives pay tribute not only to our country’s heritage, but also to the men and women of Team BNSF who carry that legacy forward today.”



“America’s 250th anniversary is an opportunity to recognize the industries and workers who have helped connect and strengthen our nation for generations,” said Jen Condon, executive vice president at America250. “BNSF’s commemorative locomotives are a powerful tribute to the role railroads have played in America’s growth and to the people who continue that legacy every day as we approach the Semiquincentennial.”

About the design

Each locomotive, specially painted by Mid-America Car, Inc. in Kansas City, Missouri, proudly features our nation’s red, white and blue colors and the America250 logo. The locomotives feature a nod to the Preamble to the United States Constitution with the words, “We the People.” The trailing end of the locomotives includes the words “Freedom and Liberty” on either side, with the circle of stars on the tail, paying tribute to the Betsy Ross flag.

These three historic locomotives will travel BNSF’s 32,500-mile rail network for special events; while joining the rest of the BNSF fleet to deliver the nation’s freight for the customers and communities we serve across the supply chain.

BNSF in American History

BNSF and its predecessor lines have been an integral part of the nation’s growth and prosperity for many decades, helping open the West and move the goods and supplies Americans need every day. BNSF’s own history started in 1849 with the Aurora Branch Railroad in Illinois. Over the years, nearly 400 rail lines merged or were acquired to become what is today BNSF Railway. These lines included legendary predecessors like Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad (CB&Q); Great Northern Railway (GN), Northern Pacific Railway (NP), Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway (SP&S), Fort Worth and Denver Railroad (FWD), and the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway (SLSF), commonly known as the Frisco. In 1995, Burlington Northern Railroad (BN) and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway (ATSF), also known as Santa Fe, joined to become Burlington Northern Santa Fe. BNSF is now America’s largest railroad, operating in 28 states and three Canadian provinces. It is also the world’s premier intermodal freight transportation provider.

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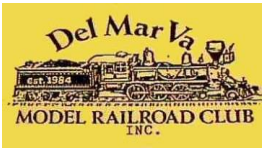
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And Then Norfolk Southern Comes Back With, “Hold My Beer!”

From Trains

Norfolk Southern unveils six America 250 locomotives

The locomotives will roam the system and participate in the Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 trip to Philadelphia
May 20, 2026 <https://www.trains.com/> Waukesha, WI

Atlanta, GA – [Norfolk Southern](#) today unveiled illustrations of its six America 250 locomotives that will tour the East Coast in a celebration that will include public and community events.

“These locomotives represent more than American symbols and milestones. They reflect the people and the work behind them,” NS Chief Operating Officer John Orr said. “Across our railroad, and especially with the skilled teams at Juniata, our railroaders will bring this series to life with craftsmanship, pride, and a deep sense of responsibility. This is a historic moment for our country, and we’re proud to recognize it through this commemorative series.”

The locomotives are being painted at the railroad’s Juniata Locomotive Shop in Altoona, Pa.

“We take pride in every engine that comes through here — that’s just how we do the job,” said Tim Lasure, a carman at Juniata Locomotive Shop. “These units are no different, but it does mean a little more. You’ve got a whole crew putting their hands on them, making sure it’s right, because it’s going to represent something bigger. These are about America’s 250, our railroad, and the work we do every day. When they roll out, we know we did it right, and we did it together.”

As part of the America 250 campaign, Norfolk Southern will host Union Pacific Railroad’s Big Boy No. 4014 on its network for the locomotive’s first tour in the Northeast. The train consist will include various NS America 250 locomotives, along with four historic business cars, including the *Marco Polo*, a restored Pullman car once used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The train will travel to the East Coast to offer Norfolk Southern employees, railfans, and local communities the chance to experience historic events throughout the summer.

“Railroads helped build this nation by connecting communities, powering industry, and creating opportunity across generations,” NS CEO Mark George said. “As America approaches its 250th anniversary, Norfolk Southern’s new locomotive series and the historic Big Boy journey across our network, honor that legacy while spotlighting the employees, infrastructure, and innovation that continue driving America forward today.”

NS said the America 250 locomotives draw inspiration from American symbols and the role railroads have played in connecting people, places, and commerce for nearly two centuries. The series includes tributes to the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty, the American bald eagle, and Norfolk Southern’s Thoroughbred heritage.

“On this landmark tour, the cars will travel key freight corridors shaped by Norfolk Southern and its predecessor railroads, linking historic rail communities with the modern supply chains that power the U.S. economy today,” NS said. “Together, the locomotives reflect the pride, resilience, and railroad legacy woven throughout America’s history.”

As previously announced, Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific will host public display events at multiple locations across the network during the tour:

- June 10 — Buffalo, N.Y.
- June 15-16 — Scranton, Pa.
- July 4-5 — Philadelphia
- July 9-10 — Altoona, Pa.
- July 14 — Fostoria, Ohio



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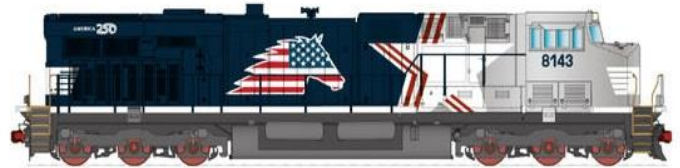
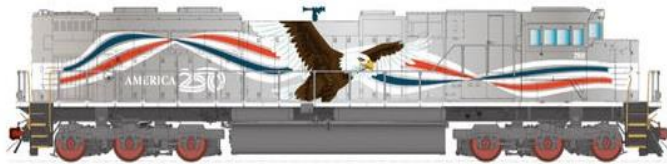
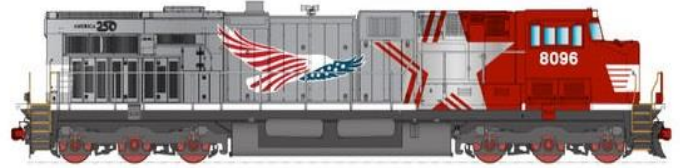
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Locomotive Renderings (provided by NS)

Norfolk Southern No. 1776 pays tribute to the Liberty Bell.

Norfolk Southern No. 2026, *The Lady Liberty*, is a salute to the Statue of Liberty

Norfolk Southern No. 250 features the bald eagle in flight.

Norfolk Southern No. 8118 is dubbed *The Stars & Stripes*.

Norfolk Southern No. 8096, *The Soaring*, features an eagle painted in stars and stripes.

Norfolk Southern No. 8143 is *The Patriot*.

Railroad News

From the *Dallas Express @ Yahoo*

Railroad Trestle Engulfed In Flames During Texas Panhandle Fire

May 15, 2026

<https://www.yahoo.com/news>

New York, NY

A wildfire burning in the Texas Panhandle destroyed a railroad trestle near Canyon early Friday morning as firefighters continued battling multiple fast-moving blazes fueled by dry conditions, strong winds, and lightning.



A still from a video showing the BNSF trestle outside of Canyon, TX ablaze. (Photo by Amarillo Fire Dept.)

Video released by the Amarillo Fire Department showed the trestle engulfed in flames in Randall County, with smoke pouring across the area.

Additional footage shared from the scene captured heavy smoke obscuring the sun while emergency vehicles worked nearby amid intense wind conditions.

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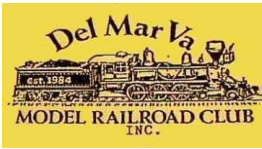
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The fire, known as the Hunggate Fire, has burned approximately 14,000 acres in Randall County and was reported to be between 30% and 40% contained, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Officials said the fire was likely sparked by lightning.

BNSF Railway confirmed the blaze destroyed the trestle and disrupted service on its Plainview Subdivision.

“A crew is onsite working with first responders to clear the area and our teams are mobilizing to rebuild the bridge,” BNSF spokesperson Kendall Sloan said, Fox 4 KDFW reported.

The Hunggate Fire is one of numerous wildfires burning across the Panhandle, stretching from the Texas-New Mexico border toward Childress. State officials said nearly 40,000 acres have burned across the region, with only a small number of fires fully contained.

Emergency officials issued several evacuation notices and traffic alerts as crews responded to rapidly changing fire conditions.

Authorities announced the evacuation of River Falls Airport and warned drivers to avoid the Claude Highway, also known as FM 1151, because of severe traffic congestion. Randall County officials also closed U.S. 87 from just south of Canyon to Hunggate Road and urged motorists to stay out of the area.

In neighboring Castro County, emergency management officials issued a fire warning tied to a wildfire about nine miles northwest of Happy.

“A fire warning has been issued for this area,” the alert stated. “There is a dangerous wildfire located 9 miles northwest of Happy. Avoid FM 168 north of county line. Detour FM 1075. Do not drive around barricades.”

Most evacuation orders issued during the fires have since been lifted, though officials said damage assessments remain ongoing and no total count of destroyed structures has been released, Fox 4 reported.

The National Weather Service warned that elevated fire danger is expected to continue across the Panhandle through at least Monday, raising concerns that additional fires could spread quickly.

The Texas A&M Forest Service Incident viewer showed 8 active fires in the Panhandle area on Friday afternoon, covering thousands of acres of land.

Update – From the *Dallas Express*

BNSF Restores Rail Service Near Amarillo After Bridge Destroyed By Fire

Tiffany Chartier - Senior Production Editor

May 22, 2026

<https://dallasexpress.com/>

Dallas, TX

BNSF Railway crews completed emergency bridge reconstruction and restored rail service on the Plainview Subdivision near Amarillo, Texas, less than one week after a wildfire destroyed the structure.

The first train [crossed](#) the new bridge early Friday morning.

The bridge was [destroyed](#) during the Hunggate Fire on May 15, which burned approximately 14,000 acres in Randall County and prompted evacuations and road closures in the area, as *The Dallas Express* reported at the time. BNSF rerouted traffic while engineering teams cleared the site and rebuilt the crossing.

The Hunggate Fire, likely sparked by lightning, consumed the bridge west of Canyon and disrupted operations on the busy freight line.

In a statement [posted](#) to X, BNSF Railway shared the following:

“This photo may not look like much, but it represents our unwavering commitment to safety and service for our customers. After a fire destroyed a bridge on BNSF’s Plainview Subdivision near Amarillo, Texas, last Thursday night, crews immediately began recovery efforts. Traffic over the bridge was rerouted in the meantime. In less than a week, engineering teams cleared the site, rebuilt the bridge and restored service safely. Early this morning, the first train crossed the new structure.”

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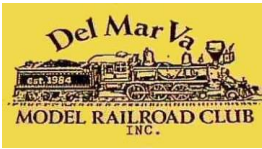
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The new bridge is up and we have seen a picture of the first train going across it today!! Great, and fast work, to EVERYONE involved including the truck drivers and 3rd party contractors!! (Photo by BNST)

BNSF officials confirmed that the subdivision was taken out of service immediately after the bridge was lost. Customers continued to receive service through alternative routing during the rebuild.

No injuries were reported in connection with the bridge fire or reconstruction efforts. The Hunggate Fire was [reported](#) to be between 30% and 40% contained as of May 15, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

BNSF has not released additional [details](#) on the exact cost of the rebuild or long-term structural changes to the new bridge, per Fox 4 KDFW.

This incident marks the latest challenge for rail infrastructure in wildfire-prone areas of the Texas Panhandle.

From WAVY

Witness describes septic truck crashing into train in Chesapeake; driver seriously injured

[Jimmy LaRoue, Cheyenne Pagan](#)

May 19, 2026

<https://www.wavy.com/>

Portsmouth, VA

Chesapeake, VA – A witness to a collision between a septic truck and a train on Yadkin Road in Chesapeake Thursday afternoon said he didn't see the truck until it began going over the tracks and being struck by the train.

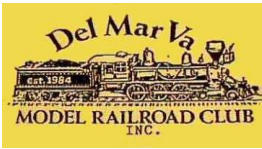
A man remains hospitalized after the truck and train collided on Yadkin Road, Chesapeake police said.

Chesapeake Police officers responded to the 2900 block of Yadkin Road for a reported collision involving a vehicle and a train. Police said there was a minor fuel-related hazmat situation identified at the scene. It said there was no immediate danger to the public.

Police initially reported the driver of the truck had life-threatening injuries. On Friday, they provided an update that he was now listed in stable condition.

Preliminary findings indicate the truck failed to stop at a posted stop sign prior to the collision, according to Chesapeake Police, who are investigating the crash.

A spokesperson for Norfolk Southern said the incident happened around 4:46 p.m. involving a vehicle and an eastbound train at the Yadkin Road crossing at milepost N9.9 in Chesapeake. No one on the train's crew was injured, according to Norfolk Southern.



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Video shared with WAVY by viewer Azuriah O’Daniel shows the truck starting to drive across the track when the train collided with the rear of the truck, splitting the tank from the cab and sending both into a nearby ditch. Contents from the tank can be seen spilling onto the ground.



The aftermath of an NS train/septic truck collision in Chesapeake, VA. (Photo by WAVY)

“I didn’t even see the truck at first, until, like, he was already going over the tracks, and then he came over the tracks, and the train was already like right here,” O’Daniel said.

He was out recording trains coming by Thursday afternoon, which is his favorite hobby. But he’s never captured anything quite like this before.

“It busted the septic tank on it, the hoses fell off, like the hoses complete, like, flew off of it, like it was the impact was crazy,” O’Daniel said.

O’Daniel’s video from the scene shows a septic truck in a ditch, with the cab split off from the rear of the truck next to the railroad crossing. First responders can be seen at the scene.

O’Daniel said this is a private crossing and doesn’t have the typical arms and lights that warn drivers a train is coming. But he thinks after this crash, those things might be a good idea.

O’Daniel also noted that the train’s horn was very loud before the collision. But because of the speed it was going, it would have been impossible for it to stop in enough time.

“I don’t think a lot of people realize that they’re not cars, they don’t have rubber tires, it’s steel rails with steel wheels,” O’Daniel said. “When you grind those two together, that’s just instant sparks.”

O’Daniel added it’s important that drivers remain vigilant before crossing any set of tracks.

“When you go to a train crossing, please always stop and look and listen, always, because sometimes railroad crossings malfunction too. They won’t go down sometimes,” O’Daniel said.

From *Cowboy State Daily*

Nebraska Man Fractures Spine After Falling Off Big Boy Locomotive At Whistle-Stop

A Nebraska man told *Cowboy State Daily* he suffered a spine fracture in a fall climbing into the cab of the Big Boy 4014 locomotive on Thursday. “A boyhood dream got dashed as I fell 8 feet off of Big Boy 4014 before I got the ride of a lifetime,” he said.

[Kate Meadows](#)

May 29, 2026

<https://www.wyomingcarboncounty.com/>

Somewhere in WY

A Nebraska man told *Cowboy State Daily* he suffered a spine fracture in a fall climbing into the cab of the Big Boy 4014 locomotive on Thursday. “A boyhood dream got dashed as I fell 8 feet off of Big Boy 4014 before I got the ride of a lifetime,” he said. (Gannon Adkisson via Facebook)

A Kearney, Nebraska, man who loves the giant [Big Boy 4014](#) suffered a small fracture to his spine when he fell off a ladder trying to climb into the cab of the locomotive during its historic whistle-stop tour on Thursday.

Trevor Allen Bentley told *Cowboy State Daily* that he was about to fulfill a longtime dream of riding inside the cab of the world’s largest operating locomotive.

He was climbing on the outside of the [Cheyenne-based locomotive](#) and had one more step to go on the five-rung ladder to get into the cab when he fell backward about 8 feet, landing hard on the ground.

A 16-second video posted (see below) shows the heavysset man, wearing a bright yellow construction vest, jeans and tennis shoes, gripping the handles on either side of the ladder and struggling to get up to the last step.

After a few seconds, he slips and falls to the ground, landing on his back between the train tracks.

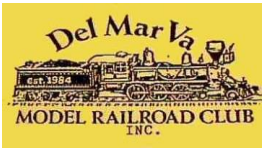


Onlookers mill about as paramedics respond at the site where a man fell 8 feet from a Big Boy cab Thursday.

Three others nearby, also in bright-colored vests, were at Bentley’s side immediately. Instinct seemed to kick in as they attempt to help him sit up.

Bentley said he was able to sit up and that he wanted to get up right away. “I felt fine,” he told *Cowboy State Daily* on Friday. “Obviously, I was sore. But I just wanted to get up.”

He said he was more embarrassed than anything, “because the Big Boy attracts a show.”



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He guessed a few hundred people had turned out to see the Big Boy at the station. It also was raining, a factor Bentley said likely contributed to his slip.

Ride Of A Lifetime Dashed

Bentley, who works for the online news site CentralNebraskaToday.com, had planned to ride Big Boy 4014 on its approximate 40-mile leg between Kearney and Grand Island, Nebraska, documenting the trip on video for the outlet.

He said he had emailed Union Pacific to request the ride, which the railroad granted.

In a social media post, he shared after the fall, he wrote, “A boyhood dream got dashed as I fell 8 feet off of Big Boy 4014 before I got the ride of a lifetime.”

He later told Cowboy State Daily he has been a train enthusiast all his life. He had been in the Big Boy cab before, he said, “which is why I thought I could do it. I just couldn’t get that last step in,” he added.



30-Minute Delay

Big Boy was already running behind schedule when it pulled into the Kearney station, said Bentley. His fall caused an added 30-minute delay.

North Platte resident James Burns said he frequently visits the tracks and had decided to follow Big Boy from North Platte to Kearney.

He was at the stop, taking pictures of Big Boy 4014 when Bentley fell, though he told Cowboy State Daily he did not see the fall. He also confirmed the incident caused an approximate 30-minute travel delay.

The fall sparked a lot of speculation on social media, with comments ranging from prayers that Bentley was OK to sharper criticisms of Bentley’s attempt to climb aboard. One such criticism was his wearing tennis shoes rather than work boots.

Bentley was taken via ambulance to CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney and said he was released later that day.

'No Fault of UP'

He was home resting when he spoke with Cowboy State Daily via phone Friday.

“I’m just stiff more than anything,” he said, adding that he hopes to be back to work next week. “I am just extremely lucky.”

Bentley wanted to make it clear that his fall was no fault of Union Pacific or anyone but himself. He said what happened was a total accident and that’s why he signed a waiver with UP about riding in the locomotive.

“I do not fault them in any way, shape, or form,” he said. “I don’t want to put a blemish on their tour. It was no fault of Union Pacific. It was on my own accord.”

Union Pacific publicly responded to the incident in a 16-word statement: “We are glad the person is OK and appreciate the concern we’ve heard from rail fans.”

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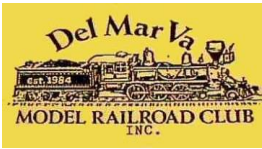
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From Rowland Ritte via am610@cox.net

The Wonderful Western Maryland Railway

Rowland sent this video link that shows a very unique lash-up of WM power:

[https://youtube.c"om/watch?v=9RX74Jaj0t8&si=hl_Yjb_bb5QUP8yb](https://youtube.c) (CTRL + Left click to view)

For a Laugh

Signs of the Times

A plumber's wife came up with this and posted it outside her husband's business this past January :
"My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself.

Outside a Pre-school in Alabama:

"Whatever you do today, do it with the confidence of a 4-year-old in a Batman t-shirt."

After being teased by her construction crew all week, a woman got back at her male co-workers:

"CAUTION: Men at work. Women work all the time; they don't need to put up signs."

Outside a Kroger store in Michigan:

"I'm getting stronger with age. I just turned 95 and I can now lift \$100 worth of groceries with 1 hand."

On an overhead message board on I-5 near Los Angeles:

"Turn signals come FREE with vehicles. USE THEM"

Upcoming Events

(Mid Atlantic Train Show List, Model Train Shows And Schedules 2.0 Facebook page and subscribers)

(Highlighted events signify club participation. Highlighted events signify tentative club participation and information.)

Ongoing 2026 – Tour the Red Caboose. PRR 477123, built in 1917, at the Lewes Junction Railroad & Bridge Association. 1st & 3rd Sundays. Hours: 10a-2p, weather permitting. The caboose is located between the Lewes Public Library and the Lewes History Museum, 111 Adams Ave., Lewes DE. For more information, please visit: www.lewesjunctionrr.org.

Ongoing until October, 2026 – HO Scale Operating Session. DelMarVa Model Railroad Club, 103 E. State St., Delmar, DE. Time: Noon-5p. Watch the "HO Layout News" section of the *DelMarVa Timetable* for exact dates. Anyone with an interest in railroad operations is invited to participate. Club membership is NOT a prerequisite For more info, contact: info@delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org.

Ongoing 2026 – Delaware Train Gang. Monthly meetings, 2nd Wednesday. Smyrna Diner, 99 S. Cory Ln., Smyrna, DE. Starting at 1:30p. For more info, contact email: samtrains@outlook.com, or call Sam Eaton 302-373-0534.

June 6, 2026 – Delmar Day in the Park. State St. Park, Delmar, DE. **Rain date: June 20.** 10a-5p. Details to be forthcoming. For more info, visit: <https://delmar-chamberofcommerce.com/>.

June 6, 2026 – TCA Keystone Division Meet. Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd. Lancaster, PA. This is the intersection of US Route 30 and PA Route 72. Hours: 9a-1p with Keystone members admitted at 8am. For details, please contact Russ MacNair, Meet Registrar, email russmacnair@gmail.com or call 717-664-2335.

June 11-13, 2026 - Harrisburg O Scale Narrow Gauge Show. New Hope Church, 584 Colonial Park Dr.,

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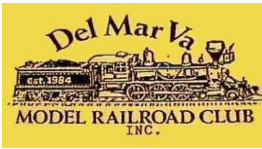
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Harrisburg, PA. The largest O-scale Narrow Gauge Event in North America. Hours: Fri.: 11a-6p; Sat.: 9a-3p. For information and tables, please send email to: harrisburgON30@gmail.com.

June 27, 2026 - Subway Day Train Rides. Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, 282 Rush Scottsville Road, Rush, NY. Join us for a special event commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of Rochester Subway service and the 110th birthday of Rochester Subway Car 60. Enjoy special exhibits on the history of the Rochester Subway and tour our progress to restore the last surviving car from the Rochester Subway. Ride our vintage diesel trains and tour the largest railroad museum in New York State! For details: please visit: <https://rochestertrainrides.com/event/rochester-subway-day/> or contact Otto Vondrak via email at: info@rochestertrainrides.com, or call (585) 533- 1431.

July 11-12, 18-19 & 25-26, 2026 – Christmas in July Open House. Carbon Model Railroad Society, 539 Ore St., Bowmanston, PA. Hours: 1-4pm. Free admission. Two floors of model railroading. Trains and accessories for sale. For details, please visit: <https://cmrs.info/> or send email to Gary Mack at mackgjit@ptd.net.

August 1, 2026 – Wyoming Peach Festival. Railroad Ave., Wyoming, DE. 9a-3p (rain or shine.) Details to be forthcoming. For more info, visit: <https://wyoming.delaware.gov/peach-festival/>.

August 7-9, 2026 – Eastern Shore Threshermen & Collectors Association, Inc. Annual Wheat Threshing Steam and Gas Engine Show. 5806 Federalsburg Hwy., Federalsburg, MD. Hours: 10a-6p. Admission: FREE. For more info, visit website: <https://www.threshermen.org>, email: threshmen@gmail.com or call: 410-673-2414 or 410-754-8422.

August 22, 2026 – Harrington Heritage Day. The 49th Annual Harrington Heritage Day. 9a-3p. There will be food, craft vendors, demonstrations, and three museums filled with our local history for you to explore. For more info, visit: <https://heritagedayde.com/>

August 29-30, 2026 – Riverhead Railroad Festival. Railroad Museum of Long Island, 418 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY. Hours: 10a-4p both days. For details, please visit <https://www.rmli.org>.

September 12, 2026 – Patcong Valley Railroad Club Open House. 1308 US 40, Richland, NJ. Hours: 10a-3p. For more information, see our website: <https://www.petcongvalleyrailroad.com>.

September 19, 2026 – Delmar Heritage Day. Railroad Ave., Delmar, DE. Rain date: September 26. Hours: 10a-2p. There will be free carriage rides, a live band, a rock-climbing wall for the kids, craft and food vendors and more! For info, visit: <https://www.townofdelmar.us/heritage-day.htm>

September 19, 2026 – TCA Keystone Division Meet. Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd. Lancaster, PA. This is the intersection of US Route 30 and PA Route 72. Hours: 9a-1p with Keystone members admitted at 8am. For details, please contact Russ MacNair, Meet Registrar, email russmacnair@gmail.com or call 717-664-2335.

September 19, 2026 – 6th Annual Hemlock Train Show. Ag Expo Building at Hemlock Fairgrounds, 7370 Fair St., Hemlock, NY. Hours: 10a-4p on Sep-19 and 10a-3p on Sep-20. For tables, please contact: Tom Frey at 585-734-1662 or Bob Kleinman at 716-440-3156.

October 3, 2026 – Hurlock Fall Festival. Main St., Hurlock, MD. Hours: 10a-5p. The Fall Festival offers a full day of events – a kick-off parade down Main Street at 10 a.m., arts & craft show, flea market, food, family activities, music by Last Call Band with Buddy Bloom and Chain Break Band with Paul Baker, and train rides in two passenger cars. Advance Train Ride tickets (\$10 per person) can be purchased at the Town of Hurlock office at 311 Charles St. (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. **NOTE: Tickets not on sale as of press time.**). Limited tickets will be available the day of the event. The train departs from Hurlock Train Station for a round trip to

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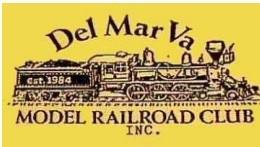
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Federalsburg at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. For more information call the Town of Hurlock at 410-943-4181 or visit: <https://www.hurlock-md.gov>.

October 10, 2026 – Patcong Valley Railroad Club Open House. 1308 US 40, Richland, NJ. Hours: 10a-3p. For more information, see our website: <https://www.petcongvalleyrailroad.com>.

October 15-18, 2026 – Tracks to Tidewater-NMRA Eastern Region Convention. Holiday Inn-Virginia Beach, 5655 Greenwich Rd., Virginia Beach, VA. For more info, visit: <https://mer-nmra.com/savethedate/index.html>.

October 20-24, 2026 - Fall Train Collectors Association (TCA) Eastern Division York Meet. York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. TCA membership required to attend. Future dates at <https://easterntca.com/read-more.htm>.

November 14, 2026 – Central New York NRHS Great New York State Model Train Fair. NY State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY. Hours: Sat.: 10a-5p; Sun.: 10-4p. For details: please visit <https://www.modeltrainfair.com>.

November 21, 2026 – Hartly Train Show. Hartly Volunteer Fire Co., 2898 Arthurville Rd., Hartly, DE. 9a-2p. Admission: \$5, kids 12 and under FREE. Over 150 tables of toys and trains. A model train will be on display in the engine bay. Food is available for purchase made by the Ladies Axillary. For more info, visit: <https://hartlyfire51.com/>

November 28-29, 2026 – Thanksgiving Model Train and Vintage Train Show. Roberts Wesleyan University, 2301 Westside Dr., Rochester NY. Open at 9:30 for TTCS

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December 12, 2026 – TCA Keystone Division Meet. Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd. Lancaster, PA. This is the intersection of US Route 30 and PA Route 72. Hours: 9a-1p with Keystone members admitted at 8am. For details, please contact Russ MacNair, Meet Registrar, email russmacnair@gmail.com or call 717-664-2335.

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