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Featured railroads of the Quarter:

Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad (BPRR)
and the Rochester & Southern Railroad (RSR).



A Brief History

The NY&PA Region of Genesee & Wyoming Inc is comprised of two commercial entities – the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad (BPRR) and the Rochester & Southern Railroad (RSR). The Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad was created in 1988 when Genesee & Wyoming obtained control of the CSX lines located between Buffalo, N.Y., and the New Castle, Pa., area. It increased in size over the years as several other connecting lines were acquired and integrated into the BPRR. Included in these acquisitions was the Allegheny Railroad (a former Conrail branch), the Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, and finally in 2001 the South Buffalo Railway (a former Bethlehem Steel subsidiary). The RSR was created when Genesee & Wyoming Inc. purchased a branch line located between Rochester, N.Y., and Ashford, N.Y., from CSX in 1986. Today the RSR consists of a portion of this former CSX branch, the original Genesee & Wyoming Railroad and the former Dansville & Mt. Morris Railroad.



The Present

Both the BPRR and RSR are ISS railroads, and together they form a network of 705 route miles with approximately 150 customers and total annual carloads of 110,000. Coal and metals are among the major industries that BPRR and RSR serve. Two on-line coal-fired power plants and five mines / load-outs make coal king on the BPRR/RSR system, accounting for 22% of their traffic mix. Major steel customers such as AK Steel and Republic help make metals another major industry for BPRR/RSR, comprising 21% of its traffic volume. Two other major industries, minerals and petroleum products, together make up another 27% of BPRR/RSR traffic mix.

Specifically on the minerals side, rock salt is the major player as western New York state is home to some of the richest salt deposits in North America. RSR's largest customer, American Rock Salt in Mt. Morris, N.Y., is the largest and most modern rock salt mine in North America.

United Refining in Warren, Pa., and American Refining in Bradford, P.a., are the two largest petroleum products refineries on the system. BPRR/RSR also boasts several on-line aggregate quarries and a growing

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frac-sand business. With regard to frac sand business, the BPRR is well positioned to develop traffic related to the Marcellus Shale natural gas project in Pennsylvania and surrounding states. In fact, the BPRR currently serves nine facilities that handle products related to Marcellus Shale well projects.

The Buffalo & Pittsburgh and Rochester & Southern also provide access to rail service for businesses and industries throughout the region that are not located directly on our rail lines through a network of transloading facilities. These include:

- o General purpose warehouses in Butler, Pa.; Ridgway, Pa.; Buffalo, N.Y.; LeRoy, N.Y.
- o Bulk transload terminals in DuBois, Pa.; Brockway, Pa.; Erie, Pa.; Buffalo, N.Y.
- o Lumber reload facilities in Butler, Pa.; DuBois, Pa.; Buffalo, N.Y.
- o Metal reload facilities in Buffalo, N.Y.

And last but certainly not least, BPRR was recently awarded the gold Harriman Award for Group C carriers in recognition of its outstanding achievements in safety for 2009.



2010 PA Rail Freight Seminar – NS Passenger Train Excursion

Attendees at the Pennsylvania Rail Freight Seminar in Harrisburg got a real treat as Norfolk Southern sponsored this year's train excursion. Four F units departed the Harrisburg Amtrak station at 4p.m. with five business cars behind them: the Pennsylvania (NS #7), Powhatan Arrow (NS #28), Kentucky (Diner, NS #19); Delaware (NS #24), and Buena Vista (NS #23). Indeed, the Delaware dome car and the Buena Vista observation car were big hits as the incredible views of the Susquehanna River and surrounding countryside were hard to beat from either car. Roughly an hour and a half later, the train arrived at the Front Street Station in Northumberland, where a reception and dinner awaited. A four-piece jazz ensemble added to the ambiance.

The train departed Northumberland at 8 p.m. and arrived back in Harrisburg at 9:30pm. It was a wonderful trip on a wonderful train. Or as North Shore Railroad's Todd Hunter put it, "Kudos to the NS Buffalo line T&E staff for the excellent trip. It was a great and safe experience that I feel fortunate to have participated in it."



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**Norfolk Southern
Bridge Inspection Classes
for Short Line Partners**

Norfolk Southern's Engineering Department has arranged for short line and regional railroads that connect with NS to participate in its bridge inspection classes in 2010. There is no charge to NS short lines and partners to attend these classes. The classes run four days, from 7 a.m., Monday, through Thursday afternoon, and include trips to bridges each afternoon. Attendees will be responsible for their own travel, meals, and lodging, and should bring their own safety gear, including hard hats, boots, and safety glasses.



The classes will be given at these locations across the NS network:

July 19–22, Beaver Falls, Pa.

August 9–12, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

September 13–16, Harrisburg, Pa.

October 4–7, Roanoke, Va.

October 18–21, Bluefield, W.Va.

November 15–18, Macon, Ga.

Interested short line and regional railroaders should contact Jim Carter, NS' Chief Engineer for Bridges & Structures, at james.carterjr@nscorp.com.

**Spotlight on Thoroughbred
Mechanical Services**

Norfolk Southern's Thoroughbred Mechanical Services has fully equipped repair facilities that include shop capabilities such as wheel/axle and truck, traction motor and generator, engine and associated components, auxiliary generators, air compressors, fabricating and machine shops, wreck repair, running repairs, locomotive overhauls and remanufactures, new assembly, paint, and test.

Customers include Class I, Transit, OEM, Regional, Export, Leasing Companies, Banks, and nearly 50 short line railroads.

TMS has performed overhauls, misc. repairs, paints, etc., to more than 150 locomotives for various short line railroads over the years. TMS also performs wheel true operations for a number of short lines at some of our system diesel terminals, such as Conway, Enola, Chattanooga, Bellevue, and Roanoke.

Their facilities are ISO 9000-2001 certified and have some of the most talented crafts people in the railroad industry.

For more information, call TMS at 814-949-1500.

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