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The End of the Line in Westernport



On April 20, 2021 two Precision Locomotive employees from Staunton, VA, were making repairs and performing inspections on two ex-Georges Creek Railway (GCK) locomotives, No. 7436 and No. 7471 at the southern end of the line in Westerport, MD. No. 7436 is an EMD SD35 built in December 1964 with frame number 5675-5 for the Western Maryland Railway. It also served with BN and BNSF before coming to the GCK and being restored to WM colors. No. 7471 is an EMD SD40 built in August 1966 with frame number 5714-2 for the Western Maryland Railway, later coming under the ownership of CSX, Morrison Knudsen, and Helm Financial before being acquired by the GCK as well. The Precision Locomotive employees said their company had purchased the locomotives a couple of weeks earlier and would soon be moving them off the line. Read about it in this High Green!



DCLR 182 Rolls Away

Richard O. Adams writes: "Yesterday (4/14) the ex-Delaware Coast Line Railroad [DCLR] 182, now CVLX 182, departed Delaware being towed by the Delmarva Central Railroad. It was interchanged to the NS at Clayton, DE, for its trip to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad in Ohio. The attached picture was taken by Gary Pancavage." High Green readers will recognize DCLR 182 as the locomotive that pulled the last Toys for Tots train from Georgetown, DE, to Lewes, DE, on November 4, 2017 (see the Dec 2017 HG) as well as three tank cars from Lewes to Georgetown on the very last train from Lewes on December 15, 2017 (see the Jan 2018 HG).



New on the Roster in York

A new addition to the York Railway (YRC) roster is No. 1549, an EMD GP15-1. Wearing the standard Genesee & Wyoming paint scheme and looking sharp, no information is available yet on its lineage.



SunRail 3008 passed through Baltimore on April 9, 2021. Note the idler flats on both ends of the car. According to Wikipedia, "SunRail is a commuter rail system in the Greater Orlando, Florida, area. Service began on May 1, 2014. The system comprises 16 stations along a former CSX Transportation line connecting Volusia County and Osceola County through downtown Orlando."



Seen on April 16, 2021 at Locust Point in Baltimore was **CSXT 994302**, a Track Geometry Car originally built by ACF in 1942 as C&O passenger car 817.



UP Power on the Seawall Branch

On April 8 a Baltimore-based CSX crew took a 100-car ethanol train with UP power from East Avalon on the Old Main Line to the Kinder Morgan Ethanol facility on the Seawall Branch. The lead unit was UP 6634, a GE AC44CW built in May 1997 with serial number 49872, and the trailing unit was UP 7384, a GE AC45CCTE.



A visit to CSX's locomotive shop in Cumberland, MD, on April 20, 2021 showed seemingly endless numbers of stored locomotives. A recent nine-minute YouTube video, filmed above the rail yard with a drone, can be found by searching for the title *Hundreds of stored CSX locomotives in the Cumberland, Maryland yard!* Precision Scheduled Railroading?