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Historic Conrail Caboose Preserved

LITTLE FERRY, NJ – Just over month after announcing the development of a new Conrail museum in a preserved boxcar, The Conrail Historical Society (The CRHS) is proud to announce its acquisition of another piece of historic railroad equipment for preservation.

On Thursday, August 20th, CSX Transportation delivered a blue caboose to the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway in Little Ferry, New Jersey. The car, still wearing its 44-year-old Conrail paint, has been donated to The CRHS.

Built in August of 1970 for the Reading Company as their #94103, the caboose was transferred to Conrail on April 1, 1976 and quickly repainted as Conrail #22130. It was one of only ten cars in the N-20 class on the Conrail roster, which had a total of over 2,500 cabooses. The #22130 served through the entire 23 years of Conrail's existence until the railroad was jointly purchased on June 1, 1999 by Norfolk Southern and CSX Transportation. The #22130 was one of the pieces of Conrail equipment conveyed to CSX.

The CRHS began a dialogue with CSX about the car, which was still being used in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in late 2018. The following year, CSX pledged the donation of the car once it was retired from active service, which occurred early in the summer of 2020. CSX donated the caboose, as well as some mechanical repairs and the transportation of the car from Tennessee to New Jersey, to The CRHS.

"This caboose is a very rare and historically significant example of one of the most modern caboose designs used by Conrail," said CRHS President Rudy Garbely. "We're very appreciative of CSX's generosity and the opportunity to preserve this caboose for future generations."

The caboose is being temporarily stored on the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway until preparations are made to move it to the Delaware, Lackawaxen & Stourbridge Railroad in Honesdale,

Pennsylvania. Once moved, the car will be restored to its full Conrail livery and operated on the railroad's excursion trains.

The Conrail Historical Society preserves the history of the Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), which was a federally-created railroad that rescued the northeast's financially troubled rail system in 1976. From then until it was acquired by CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern in 1999, Conrail's success was one of the most significant developments in the American railroad industry. The CRHS was founded in 1995 to take custody of important Conrail artifacts, documents, and history to ensure their preservation.

It is anticipated that the caboose will be available for public rides in Honesdale by 2022. To learn more about the caboose or to donate to its restoration, please visit www.TheCRHS.org/22130.

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The Conrail Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that preserves the history of the Consolidated Rail Corporation through education and publication, recognizing the creation of Conrail as one of the most significant developments in the American railroad industry. The Society's robust membership magazine and extensive archival and artifact collections are complemented by several restored pieces of railroad equipment. Support and consultation regarding Conrail operations and equipment are provided to railroad museums, model manufacturers, and researchers. For further information on The Conrail Historical Society, or to join, please visit www.TheCRHS.org.



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