

Diamond Rails Revisited (#87-Vol. 22, No. 1)

DL&W Mainline – New York: A section of the former DL&W Mainline in Elmira and Elmira Heights would be preserved under a joint proposal put forth by the Chemung Valley RHS and the Eldridge Park Carousel Preservation Society. Plans are to restore a section of the former eastbound main as a “heritage corridor” while incorporating a section of the westbound right-of-way into a portion of the $\frac{3}{4}$ sized train that will run through the park. In conjunction with this plan, the CVRHS has donated **ex-Erie boxcar #75486** to the EPCPS. Moved to the park from the former EL Elmira yard this past September; it is believed to be the only Erie 75000 series boxcar in existence, which had not been converted to a camp car.

Station Stops: The **ex-Erie Tuxedo, New York, Station** (ex-Erie Mainline) is undergoing a \$1 million restoration under the supervision of the Metropolitan Transportation Agency. When completed, the station will look as it did 130 years ago, except for a new geothermal heating system and the use of photovoltaic cells (solar panels) for electricity. Home to the Tuxedo Police Department for many years, when the renovation is complete one third of the building will be used as a train station and the rest will house a community center.

Equipment Spotted: Restored **Ex-Erie E8 #833** served as the power for a series of trips run from Scranton sponsored by the Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society this past November. Included in the consist was the ELDCPS’s restored ex-Nickel Plate #211 “City of Lima”, which saw service on Lackawanna and Erie Lackawanna passenger trains during the 1950’s and 1960’s. The ELDCPS also reports that **ex-Erie/EL dining car #741** has had its exterior work finished and has been repainted to its Erie Lackawanna scheme. The car was sent to Scranton where the interior work will be performed...**ex-Lackawanna coach #550**, owned by Steamtown, was damaged in a derailment at Scranton...**ex-DL&W boxcar #54782** was placed on a flatcar for shipment to its new owner the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad in Scranton, which will restore it...the CVRHS is conveying its title to ex-Erie camp car #464075 to the Horseheads Historical Society. Upon completion of the transaction the car will be relocated to the ex-PRR depot in Horseheads, NY...former **EL SDP45 #3665**, rebuilt to an SD40M-2 by the Southern Pacific and numbered 8694, was involved in a fatal wreck at Beaumont Pass, California. The unit will be scrapped.

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