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**PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, NRHS
RESCHEDULES ‘FAREWELL TO THE
FAITHFUL SILVERLINERS’ EXCURSION**

Over its 75-year history, Philadelphia Chapter, National Railway Historical Society has operated many different and successful rail excursions. Many of these trips have been multiple-unit electric commuter rail excursions over the suburban routes radiating from Center City Philadelphia, PA.

In the 1970’s and 1980’s, the Chapter bid farewell to the Pennsylvania Railroad’s “red” MP54 MU cars (albeit painted SEPTA red, white and blue), the Reading Company’s “green” cars, the original 1958-vintage Pennsy Budd Pioneer III MU’s and a whole host of trips with the modernized ex-Reading 1964-vintage “Blueliners”.

On Sunday, May 6, 2012, another chapter in this long history will come about as the 1963-vintage Budd Silverliner II and 1967-vintage St. Louis Silverliner III cars ride off into the sunset, with more than 70 Rotem Silverliner V cars now on SEPTA property and taking over. The original fleet of 75 of the Budd and St. Louis cars is now down to 44, and this will most likely be the last chance for a trip of this type.

In spite of some ongoing major construction along SEPTA’s routes, the Chapter has been able to schedule a trip covering the Chestnut Hill West, Cynwyd, Fox Chase and Norristown Lines, where numerous photo opportunities can be provided.

Our special train will depart Philadelphia's Suburban Station at 10:00 AM, 30th Street Station (Upper Level) at 10:05 AM, returning to those points between 4:00 and 5:00 PM. A lunch stop will be made during the day. Riders should take note that SEPTA Regional Rail cars do not have restrooms and riders ought to "plan accordingly". There will be limited restroom availability at turnaround points, and more than sufficient at various eateries during the lunch stop.

The fare for the unique "Farewell to the Faithful Silverliners" excursion is \$50.00 per person. Tickets may be ordered from: Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS, Post Office Box 7302, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7302. Remittances should be made payable to **Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS**. It is requested that a #10 stamped, self-addressed business envelope be included so the Chapter may mail your souvenir ticket back to you.

Join Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS on Sunday, May 6, 2012, as we salute these venerable cars on a "job well done" after nearly a half-century of service.

