



DEDICATION OF B&O SW1 No. 8408

Saturday, May 28th

12:30 PM to Mt. Cuba & 2:30 PM to Hockessin

After a multi-year restoration, our former Baltimore & Ohio SW1 diesel locomotive No. 8408 returns to home rails for a dedication ceremony and train rides. The 12:30 p.m. departure will go to Mt. Cuba Picnic Grove and will include a ½-hour layover at the grove. On the 2:30 p.m. departure, she will travel the entire line to Hockessin for the first time in eight years.

REUNION & MEMBER'S DAY

Sunday, May 29th

12:30 & 2:30 PM to Mt. Cuba

Past and present members of Historic Red Clay Valley Inc. (HRCV) reunite for a trip down memory lane. All members of HRCV ride for free this day! Featuring double-headed train rides to Mt. Cuba Grove behind No. 98 and No. 8408.

NIGHT PHOTO SHOOT

Friday, June 10th

8:00 PM at the Marshallton Yard

Join us for a rare night photo shoot at the Wilmington & Western Railroad. In honor of our anniversary, the visiting Lehigh Valley Coal Company No. 126 (a 0-6-0 tank engine) will participate, as will the Wilmington & Western's own vintage equipment. Reservations are required.

PUFFERBELLY STEAMPUNK EXPRESS

Saturday, June 11th

10:30 & 11:30 AM, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 PM (40-MINUTE RIDES)

This steam-infused spectacle will include exciting musical entertainment, vendors and much more – all rooted in the neo-Victorian themes of the Steampunk culture. The visiting Lehigh Valley Coal Company No. 126 will join with our iconic No. 98 to operate "pull-pull" style (one locomotive at each end of the train). Passengers are encouraged to wear their finest Steampunk and Victorian attire.

PUFFERBELLY DAY

Sunday, June 12th

12:30 & 2:30 pm to Mt. Cuba

Our iconic steam locomotive, No. 98, joins with the visiting Lehigh Valley Coal Company No. 126 to pull trains through the Red Clay Valley. This is a must-attend event for the railfan! The locomotives will pull trains to the Mt. Cuba Picnic Grove, where passengers will enjoy a ½-hour layover, so be sure to pack your picnic lunch!

VINTAGE POWER STEAM & DIESEL DAY

Saturday, June 18th

12:30 & 2:30 pm to Mt. Cuba

Our vintage steam and diesel locomotives will power a 1½-hour round-trip to the Mt. Cuba Picnic Grove, where you'll have a ½-hour layover to enjoy a picnic lunch or admire the natural surroundings. Other vintage steam and diesel machines are expected to be on display at Greenbank Station.

GALLERY EXHIBITION OF THE CHARLES PHILIPS COLLECTION

Friday, August 26th

6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Marshallton Yard

In 1895 - when the Wilmington & Western was just 23-years-old - Charles Philips traveled the route of the railroad to record a series of rare glass plate pictures. These photos show the Wilmington & Western in its infancy, & are a fascinating look at the Red Clay Valley in the 1890s. The collection features 50 photos assembled for the first time in public and will be on display in the railroad's office. Beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

"RARE MILEAGE" ANNIVERSARY DINNER TRAIN

Saturday, September 17th

6:00 PM to Hockessin

We will end our Anniversary Celebration with an elegant dinner aboard our vintage steam train. You'll travel the entire length of the railroad - from Greenbank to downtown Hockessin. A special 50th Anniversary commemorative gift will be given to all passengers.