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Greenville & Western Railway Company, LLC (GRLW), a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation, is pleased to be celebrating its **20th Anniversary** today, October 20, 2026, and all throughout the upcoming year. In honor of this landmark achievement, and considering so many U.S. railroads have created Semiquincentennial paint schemes in honor of our nation's 250th Year, we have chosen *instead* to honor our road's founding heritage... the Piedmont & Northern Railway, which constructed and served our line from 1910 until it was consolidated into the Seaboard Coast Line in 1969.

An Electric Heritage

The Piedmont & Northern Railway was constructed as an electric interurban line and Greenville & Western Railway has honored those origins from our own 2006 startup by including the P&N three-pronged lightning bolt artwork within our own herald. The catenary was live from 1910 to 1951, and this year, GRLW has done exhaustive research to track down every detail of the line's black and yellow paint scheme from its first diesel units, Alco RS3's, which were placed in service in 1950, ahead of de-electrification.

2006 ~ 2026
Honoring Our Heritage



Celebrating 20 Years



Authenticity Important

In doing our research, we were pleasantly astonished to find out that retired Piedmont & Northern employee Mack Sanders had had the foresight to save an original hand-cut copper P&N herald template from the scrap bin in the early 1960s, which made our graphic artist's job considerably easier when it came time to digitally recreate the company's pinnacle corporate image for our project. Every detail was exhaustively verified to ensure that any reproduction would be as close to 100% accurate as possible.

Piedmont & Northern Railway



It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation Greenville & Western Railway announces here that it will be painting and lettering its very own **Piedmont & Northern Railway Heritage Unit** using our EMD GP30U GRLW 4203, recreating the scheme depicted in this image taken at Greenwood, SC (above), as well as the image taken at Spartanburg, SC (below).



Concessions Must Be Made

While every detail has been checked and checked again, purist must remember that certain concessions must be made to adapt to the obvious differences in the body styles of an EMD GP30 vs. an Alco RS3, not to mention the more modern requirement for FRA Part 224 reflective tape to be applied along the running boards. In addition, we have worked diligently to be true to the original design but have noted that some units sported chevrons at a 45-degree angle while others were painted at a 60-degree angle, as exemplified in the two photos above. Lastly, a few other touches will allow the planned heritage scheme to blend seamlessly when MU-d with our traditional Greenville & Western green and white.

Stay Tuned

While we have not announced a schedule for completion of this special unit, work has already commenced and we are hopeful to get it done as expeditiously as possible. Official photographs of the finished unit will be released on our website as well as our Facebook page... so stay tuned! For continuing updates on the further growth and development of Greenville & Western Railway Company, LLC, pay a routine visit to:
<https://www.wcrscorp.com/railroads/grlw>.

Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation is a privately held South Carolina corporation organized in 2003 for the purpose of preserving, restoring, and revitalizing rail service in both South and North Carolina. The Corporation is committed to providing freight and transit rail services to the Carolinas through the next century and beyond. To learn more about the services offered by the Corporation through its subsidiaries, please visit <https://www.wcrscorp.com/>.