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Seaview Railroad breaks record, continues to serve growing companies - by Steven J. King

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Quonset Business Park, located in North Kingstown, R.I., is known for its world-class multi-modal transportation network that allows companies to move goods quickly and efficiently via air, sea, land and rail connections.

Quonset is home to a public airport and seaport, as well as a railroad network, and conveniently located among several interstate highway connections.

Quonset's rail operator, Seaview Railroad, hauls freight across the business park and beyond, including cars, lumber, plastics, pellets and more. Connecting to the Providence-Worcester Railroad and beyond, freight can travel from Quonset to nearly anywhere in the country, with automobiles from the Port of Davisville regularly traveling as far west as the Ohio River Valley.

Seaview's successful first quarter of 2025 comes on the heels of a record-breaking year in 2024, our second one in a row. Last year, Seaview moved 7,976 rail cars, up from 7,513 in 2023.

Seaview's continued growth is a testament to both the success of Quonset's 252 companies and the convenience of rail transportation at the business park. The increase in annual rail cars signals sustained growth at Quonset companies, which are expanding, creating more products and adding new jobs.

At the same time, utilizing Seaview Railroad has never been easier. Last summer, Quonset celebrated major expansions to the park's rail infrastructure, including a new connector rail line and a new engine house and railyard for storing and repairing locomotives and rail cars.

These upgrades have enhanced freight rail capacity and increased the flexibility of Seaview's operations by creating a more efficient transportation network. The upgraded infrastructure increases capacity for business growth and job creation, benefiting Quonset companies, their customers and Rhode Island's economy.

By delivering flexible, convenient and affordable transportation services, Seaview Railroad has helped Quonset secure its position as the region's premier destination to start or grow a business.

"We're proud to contribute to the success of the Quonset Business Park," said Eric Moffett, president of the Seaview Transportation Company and Railroad. "Our partnership with the Quonset Development Corp. is a formula for success that benefits all of Rhode Island."

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