The historic Lancaster, Oxford & Southern Railroad (LO&S) Motorcar No. 10 is the last remaining piece of rolling stock from that long-forgotten little railroad and is believed to be the only piece of its kind built by the Sanders Machine Shop of Havre de Grace, MD.

Constructed in 1915 as a cost-saving measure for the LO&S, the car was intended to replace the railroad’s steam locomotive, therefore reducing both maintenance and crew costs of moving passengers along the line during a time when the small railroad was plagued with financial troubles.

Unfortunately, Car No. 10 saw only three years of service on the LO&S. The railroad never recovered from its financial difficulties. The nearly 50-year-old rail line ceased regular operations in 1918 and was sold for scrap in 1919.
Lancaster, Oxford & Southern Railroad MOTORCAR

Sometime after 1919, Car No. 10 was sold to the Grasse River Railroad in New York State. It remained part of the Grasse River RR until 1960 when it was sold to Winston Gottschalk of the Strasburg Rail Road. The car was extensively restored in 1973, then leased to several other small railroads until 1984. It returned to Strasburg in 1985 and ran until 1991. After another full restoration between 1991 and 1997, the car reentered passenger service on the Strasburg Rail Road where it has remained in service ever since.

Left: Map of the original Lancaster, Oxford & Southern Railroad
Courtesy of Little Old and Slow by Benjamin F.G. Kline, Jr. (1985), p. 11

Below: Car No. 10 sitting at the Grasse River Railroad in August of 1940.
Courtesy of John Stewart Collection, http://gino.edw.net/railpage/GRRR/index.html

Right: Car No. 10 arriving at Strasburg in April of 1962.
Courtesy of the Huber Leath Collection, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

Below: Icicles on Car No. 10
Courtesy of Christopher Pollock

Car No. 10, c.1916.
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