

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be our third annual "Digital Night". 12 April 2008

- West Carrollton Civic Center
- Meeting time 7:00 PM

April 2008 Meeting....

Digital Night

For the April Meeting we will be having our third "Digital Night".

Everyone should bring something to show. Members can bring digital images for a short talkie program, a sound show compiled in something like Photodex ProShow, or a short DVD movie that they made. We do not want to resort to any commercially made DVDs.

The talkies should be under 50 images (either digital images or scanned slides or prints), with the sound shows or movies being kept to 20 minutes or shorter.

We will be providing the projector and the laptop used to show the images. Files should be brought on CD, DVD or USB Memory stick. Photos right from the camera or scanner can often be very large, so it is a good idea to convert the files to Jpgs and resize them to around 1024 x 768 for optimal viewing. If you are unsure how to accomplish this, need some help, or have other questions relating to Digital Night, please contact Chris Haines at chris@westernhiorails.com.

Looking Ahead

The June meeting will take place on 7 June 2008 at the London, Ohio depot. Please note that this is the first Saturday of the month. More details will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

CSX Transportation Announces Establishment of Huntington Dispatching Center

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Huntington, W. Va, April 1, 2008 - CSX Transportation is establishing a new dispatching center at its division headquarters in Huntington, with approximately 80 train dispatcher and related positions being relocated here, CSX Chairman, President and Chief Operating Officer Michael J. Ward announced today.

"CSX has a rich history in the Mountain State and we're delighted the company is investing in these good jobs in Huntington," said West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin. "This is a partnership for success for both CSX and for West Virginia."

Train dispatchers plan, direct and respond to any issue relating to the movement of trains, maintenance and inspection equipment on CSXT tracks.

Ward thanked West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin for his support in bringing the new jobs to Huntington. The state has offered Economic Opportunity Tax Credits for each job created in the move and is providing up to \$2,000 per employee for training.

Ward added that CSXT is spending about \$4.5 million to create the dispatching center at the railroad's Huntington Division headquarters.

Construction is scheduled for completion in late May and the center is scheduled to begin operation in August.

Toyota Recognizes Norfolk Southern with Logistics Awards

NORFOLK, VA. – Toyota Logistics Services has awarded Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) the 2007 President's Award for overall logistics excellence among rail carriers, its highest award given to a logistics provider.

The award is based on overall performance in customer service, on-time performance and quality. Norfolk Southern has received the President's Award five times since the program began in 1996.

"Outstanding and consistent service performance, a proven commitment to working with the customer, and a focus on damage prevention are all in alignment with Toyota objectives", said Alan DeCarr, group vice president for Toyota Logistics Services & International Operations. "We are pleased to recognize Norfolk

Southern as a repeat recipient of the President's Logistics Award."

"Norfolk Southern's partnership with Toyota started in 1986 when the company opened its first U.S. plant, in Georgetown, Ky.," said Donald W. Seale, NS executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "Our commitment to that partnership remains strong today, and we look forward to continuing to meet Toyota's high standards for excellence by providing safe, damage-free, on-time service."

Norfolk Southern also received Toyota's Logistics Excellence Award for On-Time Performance among rail carriers. This is the seventh time NS has won the award.

Norfolk Southern transported 700,000 Toyota vehicles in 2007, including those originating from NS-served plants in Georgetown, Ky., Lafayette, Ind., and Princeton, Ind. Georgetown produces the Camry, Avalon and Solara and will add the new Venza model CUV in the fall of 2008. Lafayette produces the Camry, and Princeton produces the Sienna mini-van, Sequoia SUV, and Tundra truck.

Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) is one of the nation's premier transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway subsidiary operates approximately 21,000 route miles in 22 states and the District of Columbia, serving every major container port in the eastern United States and providing superior connections to western rail carriers. Norfolk Southern operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is North America's largest rail carrier of metals and automotive products.

The Miami Valley Railfans is a loosely knit group of railfans that meet to discuss, exchange views and show slides and movies about railroads, We meet between the months of November and July, usually the second Saturday, at The West Carrollton Civic Center. Anyone interested is surely welcome!

Dues are \$10 per Calendar Year

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