

Miami Valley Railfans

Next Meeting:

- See program notice below. June 9, 2007
- Meeting time 3:00 PM

Program Notice....

Once again we're very pleased to have the opportunity to hold our June 9th. meeting at Steve Hood's house just north of Carlisle at Union Rd & CSX / NS.

People are welcome to arrive after 3:00 and should bring chairs & beverages.

Paul Ramer offered again to provide the victuals for an informal cookout. Please remember to thank both Steve and Paul and to bring a contribution for Paul's "food fund". Anyone wishing to bring a side dish, chips, etc, is welcome to do so. Eating is likely to commence on either side of 6:00.

Upon the arrival of dusk in Steve's garage we will have a feature show from Gary Rolih on picture postcards of Southern Ohio.

Please also bring the usual ready-in-small-groups (i.e. < 1 carousel or 2 film boxes) material to share for slides by members following Bob's show. All shows are subject to the disclaimer that the viewers' attention will hopefully be divided by numerous passing train interruptions.

Feel free to call me with any questions regarding the meeting, and we'll hope to see you there!

Steve Fuchs

Directions:
From I 70:

1. Take the I 75 south exit (Dayton) and go south on I 75, thru Dayton, 20 miles

more or less.

2. Take exit 44 for SR 725 (about 5 miles or so south of Dayton), go west towards Miamisburg. This is a right turn, but get in the left turn lane immediately after turning.

3. Turn left on Byers Road, this is the first left after you get on SR 725.

4. Go south on Byers Rd and turn right on to Benner Rd (second road past the water tank).

5. Follow Benner until it dead ends into Dayton-Cincinnati Pk, and turn left.

6. Go south on Dayton-Cincinnati Pk, take the first right on to Chataqua Rd, at the Dayton Power & Light plant.

7. Take the first right on to Farmington Rd.

8. Proceed west on Farmington to first stop sign at Union Rd.

9. Turn left on to Union Rd and go south.

10. The house is located at 243 Union Rd. House numbers will increase up into the 10,000's until crossing from Montgomery Co. into Warren Co. and then drop into the 200's. There are 4 houses between the county line and the rail road tracks. 243 is the second house (the two story) on the right. Phone number is 937-866-2828.

Also, for advance planning, please note the Sidney Picnic will be still be held as usual, this year on July 14, 2007.

Also Bill Haines has indicated that the Marion folks are considering a joint meeting with the MVR to take place in October. This would take place on the third Saturday of October. More details will be forthcoming.

Misc News....

Top Railroad Official Praises CSX's \$6.4B Investment Plan to Improve Safety

The federal government's top railroad official, who has been critical of CSX Corp. in recent months, on Tuesday praised the company's decision to invest \$6.4 billion over four years to improve tracks and equipment.

CSX's plan reflects "a wise commitment to making the kind of funding priorities needed to improve its operations and better safeguard neighboring communities," Joseph Boardman, the head of the Federal Railroad Administration, said in a prepared statement.

"We look forward to learning exactly how and when the additional safety funding will be invested across CSX's rail network," he said.

In late March, federal railroad officials found more than 3,500 problems with CSX railroad properties in 23 states, a probe started in response to a series of accidents involving the company's trains.

The railroad administration's inspection, conducted over four days in January after a derailment on Jan 16 in East Rochester, N.Y., recommended that CSX be fined for 199 violations, including failure to replace defective rails, failure to make repairs and improper handling of hazardous materials.

Last month railroad officials found 79 problems with CSX tracks across New York after an inspection in March.

CSX announced the investment plans Tuesday as part of an overall effort to repurchase an additional \$1 billion in company stock and raise its dividend by 25 percent.

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!

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