

Next Meeting:

- **Program: Slides by members 7 June 2008. Please note the date change.**
- **London, Ohio railroad depot. See below for directions and donation information.**
- **Meeting time, 7:30 PM.**

June Program....

The program this month will be slides by members.

Participants are asked to bring material to show in maximum 80-slide groups (1 standard carousel or 2 developer boxes).

Please plan on a lesser number of slides if significant narration will be included with the scenes.

This will allow more people to show. Of course, please feel free to bring extra material as a contingency.

Remember, effort spent down-selecting the slides will improve your presentation quality and make the group enjoy and appreciate your material all the more!

London, Ohio Meeting

Here's the details on our June 7 meeting at the London depot:

The depot is located along the NS main just east of where the NS crosses Main St. (Route 56). There's a driveway that leads to the depot, it runs close to the north side of former PRR between Main St and Walnut St. So look for the track with rusty rails and follow the driveway to the depot.

I plan to have the depot open sometime between 3 and 4 PM. There's folding chairs inside the depot, but please bring lawn chairs if you want to sit outside.

Everyone is on their own for food. There are several fast food places close by.

Please bring a donation of \$3.00 per person. We would like to give the guy who owns the depot about \$50 which goes toward the upkeep of the depot.

Public Private Partnership Brings New GenSet Ultra-Low Emission Locomotives to CSX Transportation

Dearborn, MI – May 27, 2008 –

CSX Transportation (CSXT), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) today announced the introduction of two ultra-low emission GenSet locomotives at CSXT's Rougemere Yard in Dearborn, Michigan.

GenSet locomotives reduce nitrous oxide and particulate matter emissions by 80 percent and can create carbon dioxide emissions savings of approximately 50 percent by monitoring engine idling and switching to a "sleep" mode after a period of inactivity. The technology for these loco-

motives was purchased through a public-private partnership with the state of Michigan. The locomotives are the first low-emission locomotives to be deployed in Michigan, as well as on CSXT's 23-state rail network.

"Cleaner air benefits Michigan's environment, benefits our company and its workers, and benefits our nation," said Tony Ingram, executive vice president and chief operating officer, CSX Transportation. "Thanks to our partners, we are able to bring in these GenSet locomotives you see here today. They send out 80 percent fewer emissions than a typical yard locomotive and also use less fuel."

The new GenSet locomotives were retrofitted through a partnership between CSXT, MDOT, and SEMCOG. In addition to the two GenSet

locomotives currently operating, CSXT and state officials are negotiating the purchase of two additional locomotives. This partnership made it possible to accelerate deployment of this ultra -low emission locomotive technology in this nonattainment area, helping the region take steps to meet its air quality goals.

"Michigan is committed to working with the private sector to bring environmentally-friendly transportation technology to the state," said MDOT Director Kirk Steudle at today's event in Dearborn. "We know that often what is good for transportation can be good for the environment and we look forward to continuing to work with the private sector on this important issue."

The GenSet locomotives will be used to switch cars within CSXT's Rougemere yard in Dearborn. GenSet locomotives are significantly quieter than existing locomotives; they achieve the most stringent noise level requirements for off-road capital equipment.

"The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is pleased to sponsor this important initiative in partnership with CSX Transportation," said Carmine Palombo, transportation director, SEMCOG. "Working together, the pollution reductions from this project will help Southeast Michigan meet and maintain national air quality standards."

CSXT has invested more than \$1 billion to upgrade its fleet with technology that reduces fuel consumption and air pollutant emissions. Through these efforts, the company has improved its fuel efficiency by approximately 80 percent since 1980.

CSXT is a member of the EPA's Climate Leaders program in which the company has committed to reducing its emissions and leveraging other means for environmental benefits. CSXT is also an award-winning and charter member of the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership. This partnership was designed to promote voluntary reductions in fuel consumption and emissions. CSXT's fuel conservation measures and better management of its waste stream have already contributed to that goal.

CSX Transportation Inc. is a principal operating company of CSX Corporation. CSX Corporation, based in Jacksonville, Fla., is one of the leading transportation companies, providing rail, intermodal and rail-to-truck transload services. The company's transportation network spans 21,000 miles with service to 23 eastern states and the District of Columbia, and connects to more than 70 ocean, river, and lake ports. More information about CSX Corporation and its subsidiaries is available at the company's web site, www.csx.com.

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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