

## Next Meeting:

- Program: Slides by members 13 December, 2008
- West Carrollton Civic Center. West Carrollton, Ohio
- Meeting time, 7:30 PM

## December Program...

The December meeting will be slides by members. I hope ya'll have had a chance to get out and shoot your favorite railroads.

November started another year of membership with the MVR. Be sure to send your dues to the address on the back of the newsletter. If you have any news worthy articles you can also send them to my address or VIA email at [sdccabin@n8qnp.com](mailto:sdccabin@n8qnp.com).

### Norfolk Southern installs second wind turbine

Norfolk Southern has installed a 50kW wind turbine at its yard in North Kansas City, Mo., to power a wastewater treatment plant. With three 24-foot rotor blades mounted on a 100-foot tower, the wind turbine can generate more than 10,000 kilowatt hours annually.

"The North Kansas City wind turbine is the second of its kind on Norfolk Southern and continues our efforts to promote and incorporate sustainable business practices," said Chuck Wehrmeister, vice president safety and environmental. "We will continue to explore renewable energy applications for our facilities throughout our 33-state network."

Integrity Wind Systems of Boulder, Colo., which supplied both systems to Norfolk Southern, says each wind turbine can produce at least enough power to offset the electricity consumed by the pumps and controls of the wastewater treatment plants.

### Honda Recognizes Norfolk Southern for Performance Excellence

Norfolk, Va. – American Honda Motor Company, Inc. has awarded Norfolk Southern Corporation, in competition with all assembly plant and port locations shipping Honda vehicles, the 2008 Performance Excellence Award for Rail Origin Carrier of the Year for service provided at their Lincoln, Ala., automobile manufacturing

plant.

The award recognizes transit performance, inventory control and empty rail car supply, and audit performance. Norfolk Southern began its service to the Lincoln plant in 2003 when the construction of the rail-served vehicle loading facility was completed.

"Norfolk Southern is honored to receive this award, which recognizes the hard work and dedicated efforts of the NS team during 2008 in delivering superior service to Honda, one of our major automotive customers, and we are committed to continuing to provide excellent service in the future," said David Julian, NS president, automotive and supply chain services. 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.

### CSX Calls for Public and Private Sector Cooperation to Meet Nation's Infrastructure Needs

Jacksonville, Fla. - November 18, 2008 - CSX Intermodal President, Jim Hertwig, urges more cooperation between public and private sectors to quickly address emerging trends in global trade and the critical need for expanded transportation and distribution infrastructure.

"Intermodal transportation combines the efficiency of rail with the flexibility of trucks," said Hertwig. "As our nation faces combined pressures from an increasingly globalized economy and deteriorating transportation infrastructure, it is critical that we work together to bolster this pillar of our national economy. CSX remains committed to investing in our nation's freight rail and intermodal network."

In 2009, CSX will begin construction of an intermodal facility at North Baltimore in northwest Ohio. This facility will streamline operations in Chicago and improve overall customer service. Last year, the company opened a new intermodal terminal at Chambersburg, Pa., and continues work to expand facilities in major markets such as Charlotte, North Carolina.

The new intermodal facility in northwest Ohio is a key element of the National Gateway, a public-private partnership seeking to create a more efficient rail route between Mid-Atlantic ports and the Midwest through use of double-stack trains. By hauling more freight on fewer trains, the National Gateway would reduce congestion on the nation's crowded highways and improve rail fluidity.

"Customers, policymakers and the public are realizing the environmental and economic benefits of freight rail," said Lisa Mancini, vice president, strategic infrastructure initiatives for CSX Transportation. "CSX invests heavily in our network and is actively exploring public-private partnerships, such as the National Gateway, that will deliver impressive public benefits in years to come."

By converting over two billion highway miles to rail, the National Gateway will reduce transportation emissions by an estimated four million tons, save over \$2 billion in shipping costs and reduce fuel consumption by nearly 500 million gallons.

Both Hertwig and Mancini participated in expert panels at IANA's (Intermodal Association of North America) Intermodal Expo. The three-day event in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, covers business and efficiency enhancing transportation solutions with a primary focus on intermodal's role in a balanced transportation future.

CSX Corporation, based in Jacksonville, Fla., is one of the nation's leading transportation companies, providing rail, intermodal and rail-to-truck transload services. The company's transportation network spans approximately 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](http://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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