

Next Meeting:

- **Program: Slides by members 10 February 2007.**
- **West Carrollton Civic Center. West Carrollton, Ohio**
- **Meeting time, 7:30 PM.**

February 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!

It's dues time again....

Be sure to check your mailing label. If it has '06, that is an indication that 2007 dues have not been paid/received yet. You can see me at the meeting or send it to my address on the back page of this newsletter.

CSX

CSXT 2006 Report Card: Employees Significantly Boost Safety, Service
Released: Jan 12, 2007

Jacksonville, Fla. - January 12, 2007 - CSX Transportation (CSXT) enters 2007 with a foundation of significantly improved safety and customer service.

"Our progress in safety and service comes at a time when demand is healthy and we are making significant investments in new track capacity on key routes," said Tony Ingram, CSXT's executive vice president and chief operating officer. "These improvements are testament to the progress of our employees in operating a safe, reliable railroad that delivers value to our customers."

The railroad reported 20 percent fewer employee injuries and 23 percent fewer Federal Railroad Administration-reportable train accidents than in 2005, according to preliminary data.

"Our ultimate goal is zero injuries and zero accidents," Ingram said, "and with the commitment of our managers and employees, we continue to move closer to that goal."

Service also improved in 2006 over 2005, even as rail traffic remained at record levels. On-time train departures improved 49 percent, while on-time train arrivals improved 56 percent, according to preliminary data. Rail car dwell time at terminals was reduced by about 14 percent, which means that customer shipments were moving more fluidly across the CSXT rail network.

"Our customers are more satisfied and willing to place more of their business on our railroad when it is operating well," Ingram said.

"Service improvements also reduce costs and make more efficient use of our assets such as locomotives and rail cars."

Ingram attributed service improvements to more disciplined operations and increased employee familiarity with a revamped operating plan put in place 18 months ago. In addition, in accordance with previously stated capital plans

of \$2.7 to \$2.8 billion over 2006 and 2007, CSXT remained right on schedule in 2006 with the addition of new capacity, locomotives and facilities, all designed to smooth traffic flows and accommodate increasing demand.

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.

Cass Scenic Railroad

The 2007 Cass Scenic Railroad railfan weekend will be held May 18-20, 2007 in Cass and Elkins, WV. On Friday, May 18, ex-Clinchfield F7A and B units in WM color and an original WM Alco FA2 will power an excursion train over former Western Maryland track from Elkins to the High Falls of the Cheat River. On Saturday, May 19, a geared locomotive special and separate log train will go from Cass to Spruce and then head down the former WM line along the Cheat River toward Beaver Creek. On Sunday, May 20, multiple passenger and log trains will go up the lower half of Cheat Mountain to Whitaker Camp One. Trips will include photo run-bys, and rare mileage. Printable ticket order forms are available at www.msrlha.org/rfw-order07.html.

Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad

Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad's plans to rebuild its 600-mile east-west line across Minnesota and South Dakota and to construct a new 260-mile line from western South Dakota to the Powder River Basin coalfields in Wyoming has received a favorable ruling from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The decision upholds the Surface Transportation Board's final approval of the project and rejects the arguments of environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the Rochester Coalition.

BNSF Railway

BNSF Railway has issued a preliminary draft of an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed third main track over Cajon Pass. The 15.9 miles of new track would be between Summit and Keenbrook east of San Bernardino. Throughout year 2006, BNSF has worked on double-tracking its Chicago-Los Angeles route, known as "the Transon," the former Santa Fe main line, which is the shortest route between southern California ports and Chicago.

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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