

Next Meeting:

- **Program: 13 January, 2007. See below for more details.**
- **West Carrollton Civic Center. West Carrollton, Ohio**
- **Meeting time, 7:30 PM.**

January Program

The January program will be Rich Behrendt, he will present a program dealing with Erie/EL/CR Delaware Division.

NS News

Heartland Corridor improvement project moves ahead

Ground is expected to be broken before next July on a \$150 million project that will allow Norfolk Southern trains with double-stacked cargo containers to travel through southern West Virginia, the Charleston Daily Mail reports.

The project, known as the Heartland Corridor, will involve raising 28 railroad tunnels along Norfolk Southern's main line through Virginia and West Virginia so double-stacked containers can be shipped between the port of Hampton Roads and Chicago - a distance of 1,031 miles. The project will cut 233 miles and more than a day's travel time for trains moving between the two locations. Proponents say it also will provide an efficient alternative to trucks and promises to reduce highway congestion.

Robin Chapman, a spokesman for Norfolk Southern Corp., said the railroad has contracted with the New Jersey-based engineering firm of Hatch Mott MacDonald for engineering and design studies.

"We anticipate breaking ground in the second quarter of 2007," Chapman said. The project is expected to be finished toward the end of 2009.

Early this year, Congress approved \$95 million for the project. Chapman said all of the funding for the corridor is in place. However, \$18 million needed for the construction of an intermodal terminal at Prichard, just south of Huntington, has not yet been lined up.

The Heartland Corridor clearance construction

can be finished and the line can begin hauling double-stacked containers without a terminal at Prichard. But the Prichard terminal is needed if West Virginia and Kentucky businesses are to reap the benefits of the corridor.

Patrick Donovan, executive director of the West Virginia Public Port Authority, said the Prichard terminal "is the connection that gets us into the global supply chain. It would provide unprecedented connectivity out of southern West Virginia.

"What people are having a hard time with is, the economic development does not happen on the site," he said.

The warehousing and distribution happens within a 50 to 75 mile radius of the terminal.

Norfolk Southern reaches deal on S.C. train wreck injuries

The Virginian-Pilot

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Norfolk Southern Corp. has asked a federal judge for preliminary approval of a class settlement for hundreds who were injured in a train derailment and chemical release that killed nine people in Graniteville, S.C., two years ago.

Norfolk Southern said Tuesday it had reached a final settlement that "would provide varying levels of compensation for people who were injured and who received medical treatment or were hospitalized." The details of the settlement weren't immediately available. The Norfolk-based company reached a tentative agreement in October.

Settlements for mill workers, residents and emergency responders who sought treatment within three days of the derailment could range anywhere from \$15,000 to upward of \$500,000 for each person, attorneys have said.

The agreement is for claims that were not part of a class-action settlement approved last year for property damage, evacuation expenses and losses and minor personal injuries.

CSX News

CSXT ACQUIRES FORMER CONRAIL B40-8 LOCOMOTIVES FROM NORFOLK SOUTHERN

CSXT has acquired 18 former Conrail B40-8 locomotives from Norfolk Southern. The group was built new for Conrail in May and June 1988 and were originally assigned to Norfolk Southern following the Conrail split. The locomotives were entered in to the CSXT computer system on October 23rd, 2006.

Their identities are as follows:

CSXT 5962	Norfolk Southern 4800	Conrail 5063
CSXT 5963	Norfolk Southern 4801	Conrail 5064
CSXT 5964	Norfolk Southern 4802	Conrail 5066
CSXT 5965	Norfolk Southern 4803	Conrail 5067
CSXT 5966	Norfolk Southern 4804	Conrail 5068
CSXT 5967	Norfolk Southern 4805	Conrail 5069
CSXT 5968	Norfolk Southern 4806	Conrail 5072
CSXT 5969	Norfolk Southern 4807	Conrail 5073
CSXT 5970	Norfolk Southern 4808	Conrail 5077
CSXT 5971	Norfolk Southern 4809	Conrail 5078
CSXT 5972	Norfolk Southern 4810	Conrail 5079
CSXT 5973	Norfolk Southern 4811	Conrail 5081
CSXT 5974	Norfolk Southern 4812	Conrail 5082
CSXT 5975	Norfolk Southern 4813	Conrail 5083
CSXT 5976	Norfolk Southern 4814	Conrail 5084
CSXT 5977	Norfolk Southern 4815	Conrail 5085
CSXT 5978	Norfolk Southern 4816	Conrail 5088
CSXT 5979	Norfolk Southern 4817	Conrail 5089

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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