

Next Meeting:

- **The next meeting will be the annual picnic. July 12, 2008**
- **Big Four passenger depot, 900 Chestnut Ave., Sidney, Ohio**
- **Meeting time, see announcement below**

July's Meeting:

The next meeting will be our annual picnic, co-hosted by the West Central Ohio Model Railroaders Club. The WCOMRRC will be providing the food, drinks and grill. We are not required to bring anything, but you may want to bring a lawn chair. Once the sun goes down, we will be showing slides under the stars. We will eat at 6:00 PM, but everyone is welcome to come earlier since the depot will be open anytime after noon. The program will be slides by members. July 12, 2008.

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PROGRESSIVE RAILROADING NEWS

Four-way pact will resolve key issue surrounding EJ&E transaction in Indiana, CN says A four-party preliminary memorandum of understanding concerning a rail line relocation associated with the expansion of Gary/Chicago International Airport (GCIA) should resolve a key concern raised in opposition to Canadian National Railway Co.'s proposed acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Co.'s (EJ&E) principal lines, according to the Class I.

The EJ&E, GCIA, CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. signed the memorandum. The joint agreement calls for relocating the EJ&E line, building a bridge over an existing NS branch line and constructing a grade separation.

Although CN is not a signatory, the railroad is "committed to honor its terms upon regulatory approval of its EJ&E acquisition by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and its assumption of control of the EJ&E lines," CN officials said in a prepared statement.

"This agreement should mean the STB need not invest additional time and resources in examining concerns that had been raised by GCIA and others about the potential impact of our proposed purchase of the EJ&E on the GCIA's operations and expansion plans," said CN President and Chief Executive Officer E. Hunter Harrison in a prepared statement. "We hope that

resolving these issues ... will help to expedite the STB's overall review of our transaction."

CN is seeking STB approval to acquire the EJ&E's principal lines for \$300 million. The Class I plans to spend an additional \$100 million to upgrade the EJ&E and construct new connections, and is "prepared to invest" up to \$40 million to complete various mitigation measures associated with the transaction, CN said.



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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!

Dues are \$10.00 per Calendar Year
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