

Miami Valley Railfans

Next Meeting:

- See program notice below. June 10, 2005
- Meeting time 3:30 PM

Program Notice....

Once again we're very pleased to have the opportunity to hold our June 10 meeting at Steve Hood's house just north of Carlisle at Union Rd & CSX / NS.

People are welcome to arrive after 3:30 and should bring chairs & beverages.

Paul Ramer offered again to provide the victuals for an informal cookout. Please remember to thank both Steve and Paul and to bring a contribution for Paul's "food fund". Anyone wishing to bring a side dish, chips, etc, is welcome to do so. Eating is likely to commence on either side of 6:00.

Upon the arrival of dusk in Steve's garage we will have a feature show from Bob Eisthen from the "extreme north-west" (the photos, not the presenter). It's the Canfor log trains, Alberni Pacific steam excursion, a steam-powered saw-mill and some ferry boat stuff. Seriously, it's all Vancouver Island, British Columbia stuff, so how awful could it be?

Please also bring the usual ready-in-small-groups (i.e. < 1 carousel or 2 film boxes) material to share for slides by members following Bob's show. All shows are subject to the disclaimer that the viewers' attention will hopefully be divided by numerous passing train interruptions.

Feel free to call me with any questions regarding the meeting, and we'll hope to see you there!

Steve Fuchs

Directions:

From I 70:

1. Take the I 75 south exit (Dayton) and go south on I 75, thru Dayton, 20 miles more or less.
2. Take exit 44 for SR 725 (about 5 miles or so south of Dayton), go west towards Miamisburg. This is a right turn, but get in the left turn lane immediately after turning.
3. Turn left on Byers Road, this is the first left after you get on SR 725.
4. Go south on Byers Rd and turn right on to Benner Rd (second road past the water tank).
5. Follow Benner until it dead ends into Dayton-Cincinnati Pk, and turn left.
6. Go south on Dayton-Cincinnati Pk, take the first right on to Chataqua Rd, at the Dayton Power & Light plant.
7. Take the first right on to Farmington Rd.
8. Proceed west on Farmington to first stop sign at Union Rd.
9. Turn left on to Union Rd and go south.
10. The house is located at 243 Union Rd. House numbers will increase up into the 10,000's until crossing from Montgomery Co. into Warren Co. and then drop into the 200's. There are 4 houses between the county line and the rail road tracks. 243 is the second house (the two story) on the right. Phone number is 937-866-2828.

Also, for advance planning, please note the Sidney Picnic will be still be held as usual, this year on JULY 8, 2006.

Misc News....

Monopoly, the board game invented in 1935, is replacing Atlantic City landmarks with legendary streets, neighborhoods, and national monuments across the nation. The four railroads you could land on and buy, the Reading, B&O, Pennsylvania and Short Line, an old South Jersey Interurban, are being replaced with airports: New York's JFK, Los Angeles' LAX, Chicago's O'Hare, and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson. The fact that a publicly owned airport can't be purchased has been conveniently overlooked. Sentimental fans of the game will still be able to purchase the original version according to the manufacturer.

Pennsylvania Railroad 0-6-0 #643 was fired up and tested by the Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association after a five year rebuilding effort. The 1901 Altoona-built locomotive is one of the few surviving PRR steam locomotives and the only one presently operable. Williams Grove plans to have the locomotive finished in time for its annual steam show, 27 August— 4 September 2006, at the show grounds located west of Harrisburg and south of the PA Turnpike.

GrandLuxe Rail Journeys is the new name for the American Orient Express. The new name better describes the product it offers, luxury train tours across North America, and distinguishes it from the U.K.-Based Venice Simplon-Orient Express, which provides two-day rail tours between European cities such as London, Venice, Rome, Paris, Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Istanbul. American Orient Express began operating in 1977. It operates independently of Amtrak and the freight railroads, but works closely with them for motive power and route access.

The world's first fuel-cell powered train will soon be tested by East Japan Railways Company, Japan's biggest railway. The initial train will consist of a single car with two 65-kilowatt hydrogen fuel cells supplying about a third of the power. It is expected to be capable of traveling up to 62 mph, consume 30% less energy, and generate less air pollution. The goal is to have it operating on a regular schedule by the middle of next year.

Thanks go out to the *Central New York Chapter National Railway Historical Society's* "The Green Block" for the above stories.

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 per Calendar Year

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