

Next Meeting:

- **Program: See Announcement Below. 13 May, 2006.**
- **West Carrollton Civic Center. West Carrollton, Ohio**
- **Meeting time, 7:30 PM.**

May Program....

The May program will be presented by Bob Kaplan.

Bob will have two programs. The major program will be 320 slides - Canada Coast to Coast. Most of the material was shot in the late 70's and 80's with a smattering of early 70's and mid 90's. The second program will be 80 slides California pre-1990.

Bob Kaplan lives in Rockville, Maryland and has been taking pictures since the 1960s.

NEW CSXT LOCOMOTIVES ARRIVING

CSXT is currently taking delivery of an additional 100 ES44DC locomotive in the 5300-5399 series. These units are nearly identical to the 100 units, CSXT 5200-5299, that CSXT took delivery of last fall. The new GEVO 12-cylinder diesel engine produces the same 4,400 horsepower as its 16-cylinder predecessor. And it accomplishes this feat using less fuel, delivering significant savings over the life of the diesel locomotive. The cleaner running GEVO 12 engine also produces 40 percent fewer emissions than current diesel locomotives. This means GEVO-powered diesel locomotives comply with Tier II EPA regulations that went into effect in 2005. Serviceability is also enhanced thanks to a simplified design incorporating fewer parts and four fewer cylinders.

FORMER CONRAIL SD50's BEING RECLASSIFIED BY CSXT

CSXT is currently in the process of derating a group of former Conrail SD50's to 3000 horsepower and reclassifying them as SD50-2's. The locomotives are also being renumbered into the CSXT 2475-2499 number series. The units will reportedly be assigned to maintenance of way service. Reports indicate that CSXT 8499, 8637-8643, 8645-8659, and 8668-8676 are the fodder for this program. CSXT 8653 was released as CSXT 2484, while CSXT 8669 was just released and was renumbered as CSXT 2492.

CSXT SD50-2 UPDATE

The following list below is compiled from the CSX mod number M-0631. This is the list of CSX SD50 numbers and their resulting SD50-2 numbers. These units according to the mod info, are going to be maintenance of way units. They are downrated to 3000 horsepower. So far, only three units have been renumbered.

- 8499 - 2474 Mod completed March 2006
- 8644 - 2475
- 8645 - 2476
- 8646 - 2477
- 8647 - 2478
- 8648 - 2479
- 8649 - 2480
- 8650 - 2481
- 8651 - 2482
- 8652 - 2483
- 8653 - 2484 Mod completed March 2006
- 8654 - 2485
- 8655 - 2486
- 8656 - 2487
- 8657 - 2488
- 8658 - 2489
- 8659 - 2490
- 8668 - 2491
- 8669 - 2492 Mod completed March 2006
- 8670 - 2493
- 8671 - 2494
- 8672 - 2495
- 8673 - 2496
- 8674 - 2497
- 8675 - 2498
- 8676 - 2499

NEW NORFOLK SOUTHERN UNIT PROMOTES RAIL SERVICE IN DELAWARE AND MARYLAND

Norfolk Southern Railway Company, a subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Corporation, has established a marketing and operating unit in Delaware and Maryland to improve customer service, increase operating efficiency and develop new business. The Delmarva Business Unit will begin operations on April 1st, 2006, with headquarters in Wilmington, DE.

The DBU is the product of the business model Norfolk Southern successfully created and implemented in North Carolina in 2002 with its East Carolina Business Unit. The objective of these business units is to bring the railroad closer to its local customers, better meeting their needs, while improving the use of rail assets and benefiting state and local economies.

"This business model incorporates the flexibility and local focus of a small railroad, supported by the industrial development and technological resources of a major carrier," said Wick Moorman, Norfolk Southern's chief executive officer. "It's a proven way of doing business for Norfolk Southern, and by working with our partners at the Delaware and Maryland departments of transportation and the Port of Wilmington, along with on-line communities and customers, we are confident the DBU will strengthen rail service in New Castle County and on the Delmarva Peninsula."

The DBU has dedicated local management with complete responsibility for managing 191 miles of Norfolk Southern-operated railroad track between Newark, DE and Edgemoor Yard in Wilmington, DE, between Wilmington, DE and Pocomoke City, MD, and between Harrington, DE and Frankford, DE. As an internal unit with its own budget, the DBU has some similarities with a short line railroad but is linked to Norfolk Southern's centralized dispatching, customer service and operating systems.

The DBU's main terminals for sorting freight cars and building trains are at Harrington, Wilmington and Newark, Del. The DBU operates three main rail lines on the Delmarva Peninsula, and interchanges with three shortline railroads. More than 115 Norfolk Southern employees are assigned to the DBU team.

Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation's premier transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway subsidiary operates approximately 21,200 route miles in 22 states, the District of Columbia and Ontario, Canada, serving every major container port in the eastern United States and providing superior connections to western rail carriers. NS operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is North America's largest rail carrier of automotive parts and finished vehicles.

The news articles are thanks to ON TRACK ON LINE. Point your web browser to <http://www.on-track-on-line.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!

Dues are \$10.00 per Calendar Year
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1:00 PM to 10:00 PM

and

RAILROAD SHOW AND SALE

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the Rotunda

Saturday, August 12, 2006

CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL

1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio

Join us at this historic art deco railroad terminal to escape the summer heat and enjoy a day of high quality railroad photography. There will be eleven multimedia digital and dual-projector slide presentations, all set to music. The programs will highlight railroads across North America and China, spanning several decades. The programs will run from 1:00 - 10:00 p.m., with a break for dinner (on your own) from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

A railroad show and sale will be set up in the terminal rotunda from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come early on Friday August 11 to Tower A, and view some traditional talkie programs from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Summerail 2006 Presenters

Brian Carlson	<i>Chicagoland's Orange Railroads</i>
Dale DeVene Jr	<i>Railfanning - It's What I Do</i>
Steve Glischinski	<i>Then and Now - The Changing Face of Railroad</i>
Dan Hadley	<i>Vanishing Towers</i>
Sayre Kos	<i>Reading, Writing, and Railroadin'</i>
Paul Nash/Tom Szczesniak	<i>Powder River Coal - Grand Island to Gillette</i>
Jerry Pyfer	<i>Oregon's (Illinois) Railroad</i>
Scott Snell	<i>Land of Living Skies</i>
Ron Spiga	<i>Southern Pacific Rides the Rio Grande</i>
Bob Todten	<i>Steam's Final Stand - China</i>
Lance Wales	<i>Down the Mississippi River, and Other Tales</i>

(Programs subject to change without prior notice)

Visit the Terminal Facilities

Tower A, home of the Cincinnati Railroad Club, will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. for tours and train watching.

Cincinnati Union Terminal also houses the Cincinnati History Museum and the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and Science, open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and an OMNIMAX Theater, showing special presentations on the hour from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. These attractions require additional fees at the door.

TICKETS are \$15. Due to limited seating, tickets may be purchased at the door only if seats are available.

PARKING at the terminal is \$4.50 per vehicle, payable at the gate.
Visit our website at www.cincinnatiirclub.org/

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I wish to order _____ tickets at \$15 each.

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Directions to Cincinnati Union Terminal

Southbound I-74 Follow I-75 south.

Southbound I-75 Follow signs to the Museum Center, exit 1H Ezzard Charles Drive, take the first right onto Ezzard Charles.

Northbound I-75 Immediately after crossing the Ohio River and I-71 North exit, take Dalton Ave.-Linn St. Exit 1E to US 50 West. Veer right and take Linn St. north 5 blocks, take a left onto Ezzard Charles.

Southbound I-71 It is recommended that I-275 be taken west to I-75, then south.

Several food establishments and motels are a 10-minute drive from C.U.T. off I-75 south at the first exit in Kentucky.

Summerrail At CUT
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