

Next Meeting:

November 5, 2005

The next meeting will be slides by members. November 12, 2005

- West Carrollton Civic Center
- Meeting time 7:00 PM

November 2005 Meeting....

The November program will slides by members.

Web site update

I am looking for more pictures to place on the web site. Please get with me by e-mail or see me at the meeting if you are interested in having your pictures posted on the site. I can scan either slides or prints to place on the site.

CSX News...

Naomi Judd Joins CSX and the Kingsport Chamber for the 63rd Annual Santa Special

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KINGSPORT, Tenn. - Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Naomi Judd and special guests will be on board with Santa Claus for the 63rd annual CSX Transportation-Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce Santa Special.

The CSX train, filled with 15 tons of gifts secured by grocery store chain Food City, will kick off the holiday season on Saturday, Nov. 19, by traveling 110 miles through Appalachia with Santa and his helpers distributing gifts throughout the region.

Originally from Ashland, Ky., Judd says she is proud of her Kentucky heritage and is looking forward to sharing the Christmas spirit with communities in the Appalachia region.

"CSX is honored to have Naomi Judd on board this year. Her presence will bring additional excitement and help us make the holidays brighter for hundreds of families in the area," said Michael J. Ward, CSX chairman, president and CEO. "CSX is proud to carry on this more than half-century-old tradition because it's our special way of giving back to the communities we pass through each day."

Elaine Bodenweiser, interim executive vice president and CEO of the Kingsport Chamber, agreed. "The Santa Special is the Chamber's way of connecting with the surrounding communities. Kingsport merchants appreciate the opportunity to thank the communities for their business each year. We

also appreciate the support CSX and Food City have shown for this wonderful project. Having Naomi along is certainly an added bonus."

For 13 years, Food City, of Abingdon, Va., has solicited donations of toys, candy, clothes and money, and at least 50 employees work on the project each year. Last year, Food City received more than 160 individual contributions from across the U.S. and Canada, as well as 50 corporate donations.

The generosity of people and organizations has allowed the Kingsport Chamber to establish a scholarship fund. Each year, one or two graduating high school seniors living along the train's route receive a four-year, \$5,000 college scholarship. Since 1989, 20 students have been awarded scholarships.

The train will travel to 15 towns beginning in Shelby, Ky., with stops in Marrowbone and Elkhorn, Ky., and the Virginia communities of Toms Bottom, Haysi, Clinchco, Fremont, Dante, St. Paul, Dungannon, Ft. Blackmore, Speers Ferry, Kermit and Waycross, before arriving in Kingsport.

Naomi Judd, best known for her duets with daughter Wynonna, is the author of her third children's book, *Gertie the Goldfish and the Christmas Surprise*, which will be distributed at the train stops. Her new show, "Naomi's New Morning," will premiere on the Hallmark Channel on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization focusing resources and efforts to enhance the Kingsport-area business environment. The Kingsport Chamber has been accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for 25 years. People interested in supporting the Santa Special through funds, new toys or new clothes may send their donations to the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, attention: Santa Special, 151 East Main Street, Kingsport, TN 37660.

CSX Corporation, based in Jacksonville, Fla., owns companies providing rail, intermodal and rail-to-truck transload services that are among the nation's leading transportation companies, connecting 70 river, ocean and lake ports, as well as more than 200 shortline railroads. Its principal operating company, CSX Transportation Inc., operates the largest railroad in the eastern United States with a 22,000-mile rail network linking

commercial markets in 23 states, the District of Columbia, and two Canadian provinces. CSX Intermodal Inc. is a stand-alone integrated intermodal company serving customers with its own truck and terminal operations plus a dedicated domestic container fleet. More information about CSX Corporation and its subsidiaries is available at the company's web site, www.csx.com.

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NS News...

Norfolk Southern Announces Train Control Initiative

NORFOLK, VA. – Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) is developing an Optimized Train Control (OTC) system to further improve safety and efficiency on the railroad.

OTC will employ components of several advanced train control technologies, including Positive Train Control, which the National Transportation Safety Board supports as a “most wanted” initiative for transportation safety.

OTC will combine data communications, positioning systems and onboard computers tied to the train’s braking systems. It will automatically enforce speed and operating limits to prevent collisions and other train accidents, provide improved visibility of network conditions, and promote more efficient operations.

“This is a key step in our commitment to use advanced technology in all aspects of operations,” said Wick Moorman, Norfolk Southern president. “OTC will help provide a safer environment for employees and communities and better handling for customer shipments.”

NS is working with Lockheed-Martin’s Rail and Gravity Programs group, which has taken the lead role in the Federal Railroad Administration’s train control initiative, and GE’s Rail Business group. Together the partners will work with multiple vendors to develop new components and enhance and integrate systems they have been developing over the last decade.

Implementation of the first phase has begun on Norfolk Southern’s line between Charleston and Columbia, S.C. Roll-

out on other NS lines will follow.

Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation’s premier transportation companies. Its Norfolk Southern Railway subsidiary operates approximately 21,300 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.

Norfolk Southern Names Wick Moorman CEO; Jim Hixon to Lead Law and Corporate Relations

NORFOLK, VA. - Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) named Charles W. (Wick) Moorman to succeed David R. Goode as chief executive officer, effective Nov. 1.

Moorman, who has served as president since October 2004, will continue in that position. Goode will continue as chairman until his anticipated retirement in early 2006.

The action was taken by Norfolk Southern's board of directors. "Since his elevation to president a year ago, Wick has honed his leadership skills and is prepared to take on even greater responsibility. I am delighted that the board has endorsed this further management transition," Goode said.

Norfolk Southern also said that James A. Hixon has been named executive vice president law and corporate relations, effective Oct. 1. Reporting to Hixon will be the law, government relations (formerly public affairs) and corporate communications (formerly public relations) departments.

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Norfolk Southern Sets Third Quarter Revenue Records

For third quarter 2005:

- * Railway operating revenues increased 16 percent to a record \$2.16 billion.
- * Income from railway operations improved 13 percent to \$528 million.
- * Net income was \$301 million, \$0.73 per diluted share.
- * Intermodal revenue climbed 17 percent to an all-time high.
- Coal revenue was up 22 percent on record volumes. Merchandise revenue increased 13 percent.
- * The railroad operating ratio was 75.5 percent.

NORFOLK, VA. - For the third quarter of 2005, Norfolk

Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) reported net income of \$301 million, or \$0.73 per diluted share, compared with \$288 million, or \$0.72 per diluted share, for the same period of 2004. Third-quarter 2004 results included a gain from the Conrail corporate reorganization that increased reported results by \$53 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share. Third-quarter 2005 net income was 28 percent higher than the \$235 million, or \$0.59 per diluted share, earned in the same period of 2004 excluding the gain.

"These good results came from the effective response of our people to the challenges of the quarter and our ability to maintain service for our customers, while moving a record-setting two million carloads of traffic," said NS Chairman and CEO David R. Goode. "While we had some unplanned costs from hurricanes and casualty claims, the quarter was very successful and continued our strong momentum."

For the first nine months, net income was a record \$919 million, or \$2.24 per diluted share, an increase of 39 percent compared with \$659 million, or \$1.66 per diluted share, for the same period of 2004. Nine-month results for 2005 included a benefit of \$96 million, or 0.23 per diluted share, from the effects of Ohio tax legislation. Net income for the first nine months of 2004 included the \$53 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, gain on the Conrail reorganization. Excluding both items, net income for the first nine months would have been \$823 million, or \$2.01 per diluted share, in 2005, 36 percent higher than 2004 net income for the first nine months of \$606 million, or \$1.53 per diluted share.

Railway operating revenues for the third quarter increased 16 percent to a record \$2.16 billion compared with \$1.86 billion for the same period a year earlier. For the first nine months, railway operating revenues set a record, rising 17 percent to \$6.27 billion compared with \$5.36 billion during the first nine months of 2004.

General merchandise revenues reached \$1.14 billion, an increase of 13 percent over \$1.0 billion for the third quarter last year. For the first nine months, general merchandise revenues improved 12 percent to a record \$3.37 billion compared with \$3.0 billion in the year-earlier period. All merchandise markets reported revenue gains compared with the same periods a

year earlier primarily due to higher average revenues, including fuel surcharges.

During the third quarter, NS set a record by moving more than 451,000 carloads of coal. Coal revenues increased 22 percent to \$546 million in the quarter and improved by 25 percent to a record \$1.6 billion during the first nine months compared with the same periods last year. The revenue gains during both periods were driven by higher average revenues, robust demand for utility coal and fuel surcharges.

For the third quarter, intermodal revenues climbed 17 percent to \$471 million, the highest of any quarter in Norfolk Southern's history. For the first nine months, intermodal revenues reached a record-setting \$1.31 billion, a 19 percent increase compared to the same period a year earlier. A nine percent increase in traffic volume during both periods, higher average revenues and fuel surcharges helped drive the growth.

Railway operating expenses were \$1.63 billion for the quarter, up 17 percent compared with third-quarter 2004, and \$4.75 billion for the first nine months, an increase of 15 percent compared with the same period a year earlier. Higher diesel fuel prices, costs associated with additional business volume (including expenses related to hiring additional employees), maintenance activities, and adverse casualty claims costs contributed to the increases during both periods.

For the quarter, the railway operating ratio was 75.5 percent compared with 74.7 percent during third quarter 2004. For the first nine months, the railway operating ratio improved to 75.7 percent compared with 76.9 percent during the same period last year.

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Southern RR 6133 at Ludlow, KY June 1979
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CR 2228 at Piqua tower, date unknown.
Photo by Aubrey "Ace" Flock

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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