

# The Buzz Box

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Great Lakes Railcars is proud to offer OSHA Orange T-shirts with reflective stripes on the front, X on the back, and our motor car logo embroidered on the front. These shirts are being offered at our cost in a effort to increase our visibility and enhance safety at our excursions. The shirts are Jerzee brand which will hold up and continue to look good after repeated washings. The shirts are sizes S-3XL \$20 each plus \$3.85 for Priority Mail.

Also we are offering denim long sleeve shirts with the motor car logo on the right chest, no reflective stripes. The shirts are 7oz 100% cotton and available in sizes XS-8XL. The price for the shirts is XS-XL \$25.00, 2X \$27, add \$2.50 for tall, plus \$3.85 for Priority Mail.

Please have your order to me by June 1 so we can order the shirts and get them back to you in time to use them this ridding season. To order please call Stan Conyer, 812-342-0565, or e-mail at [stanconyer@hotmail.com](mailto:stanconyer@hotmail.com).

### NOTE FROM THE CHIEF MECHANIC

#### Zero Issues Remaining

If you see a zero on the front of your envelope, this will be the last issue you will receive via snail mail. If you're not receiving this newsletter via email and would like to continue to receive it (and save \$10), please send your email address to: [cwhite13@comcast.net](mailto:cwhite13@comcast.net).

I would encourage everyone who can, to subscribe to this newsletter electronically.

Thanks.  
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# CONFIRMED EXCURSIONS

## **SATURDAY, MAY 14**

### **Eastern Illinois Railroad**

Great Lakes Railcars is sponsoring a 1 day run on Eastern Illinois Railroad- travel 84 miles round trip from Brocton to Neoga, IL. This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA rules apply. Set on is at 7 AM and departure is at 8 AM. Trip fee is \$70. For trip details contact: Richard Hinds @ (217) 487-7750 or E-mail to : [rjhinds@warpnet.net](mailto:rjhinds@warpnet.net) Motels in Tuscola, IL : Holiday Inn Express 217-253-6363 and Super 8 217-253-5488.

## **SATURDAY, MAY 21**

### **Coopersville and Marne Railway**

GLR is sponsoring a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on May 21, 2005. Participants will travel approximately 42-miles in three round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee is \$25.00 per car, and will include all railroad costs. No car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion where all NARCOA and GLR rules will apply. For trip details contact Jeremy Winkworth 1701 West B Ave Plainwell, MI. Tel: (269) 388-5058 evenings or email [jeremy@winkworth.us](mailto:jeremy@winkworth.us)

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

### **North Vernon Railroad Days**

Public rides over the Madison RR, former Pennsylvania RR. Insurance provided by the Railroad Days Committee. In the past, there has been no trip fee for those giving public rides. This has also not been a NARCOA excursion. However, NARCOA rules apply. For trip details, contact Stan Conyer 812-342-0565, or e-mail at [stan-conyer@hotmail.com](mailto:stan-conyer@hotmail.com).

## **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 18 & 19**

### **Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum. North Judson, IN**

Hoosier Valley R.R. Museum and the Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad will be hosting a meet during the North Judson Mint Festival. Operators will be asked to give 5 mile public rides in exchange for a long private trips to Malden or Thomaston "approx 40 miles" on Sat afternoon and Sun. morning with a possible night run to LaCrosse "approx 20 miles" on Sat. Museum insurance will cover rides with the public and NARCOA insurance will be in effect for the long runs. There is NO cost involved for those who wish to participate. Cars with seats and belts are recommended for safety during public rides. Museum will be accepting participants who wish to arrive on Friday. All cars have the option of being stored in the engine house on Sat. night. A 25 car limit will be in place and all NARCOA rules and regulations apply. For trip details and hotel information please contact Jon Schmidt, 17591 w15b Rd. Culver, IN 46511. Email at [irishpaddy44@hotmail.com](mailto:irishpaddy44@hotmail.com) , Ph. 574-

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842-2948. Museum site and directions are found at: <http://hvrn.railfan.net> A limited amount of RV parking with electric is available on museum grounds.

### **TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY, JULY 5 - 8, 2005 (Tuesday - Friday)**

#### **Algoma Central Railroad**

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to give advance notice for a 4 day excursion of the Algoma Central Railroad from Sault Ste. Marie to Hurst, ON, Canada July 5 - 9, 2005. Verbal approval has been received from the railroad. We will travel the entire line, 592 miles round trip. This is a repeat of the most popular excursion east of the Mississippi. The trip will be conducted much as it has in the past few years with seton in Sault Ste. Marie, ON, two nights in Wa Wa and one in Hurst, Ont. This is a NARCOA insured event and all NARCOA rules will apply. In addition High visibility vest must be worn and all cars must have seat belts installed. Details and final fee are pending. To reserve one of the 35 spots for your car and more information as it becomes available, send a refundable \$50 deposit to Stan Conyer, 9333 W. St. Rd. 46, Columbus IN. 47201. 812.342.0565, [contact by e-mail](mailto:stan@hvrn.net).

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**

#### **Coopersville and Marne Railway**

GLR is sponsoring a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on August 6, 2005. Participants will travel approximately 42-miles in three round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee is \$25.00 per car, and will include all railroad costs. No car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion where all NARCOA and GLR rules will apply. For trip details contact Jeremy Winkworth 1701 West B Ave Plainwell, MI. Tel: (269) 388-5058 evenings or email [jeremy@winkworth.us](mailto:jeremy@winkworth.us)

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

#### **Coopersville and Marne Railway**

GLR is sponsoring a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on October 8, 2005. Participants will travel approximately 42-miles in three round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee is \$25.00 per car, and will include all railroad costs. No car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion where all NARCOA and GLR rules will apply. For trip details contact Jeremy Winkworth 1701 West B Ave Plainwell, MI. Tel: (269) 388-5058 evenings or email [jeremy@winkworth.us](mailto:jeremy@winkworth.us)

### **ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Watch for the Buzz Box and the NARCOA website for additional excursions for 2005. Several more are planned, but unconfirmed as of the publication date of this newsletter.

# Great Lakes Railcars

## A NARCOA AFFILIATE

### 2005 EXCURSION REGISTRATION FORM

Railroad: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Set On Location: \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE & MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ CAR # \_\_\_\_\_

NARCOA RULE BOOK CERTIFICATION CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

NARCOA INSURANCE NUMBER (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

EXPERIENCE: YEARS \_\_\_\_ NARCOA RUNS AS AN OPERATOR \_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE NEW, NAME OF YOUR NARCOA MENTOR \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form with your check to the Excursion Coordinator. Do not send Cash.