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From the Front Car

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Spring has sprung! The advent of Daylight Saving Time and warmer weather makes me want to get back out on the Rails for another season of Motorcar trips. I know that many of you have had the same thoughts and are preparing your car for the next trip.

Great Lakes Rail Cars has several trips planned for the Season. The announcements are posted in his publication, the Great Lake web site as well as the NARCOA's web site and *The Set-off*. Other trips are planned by our sister NARCOA Affiliates throughout the country.

As most of you know the NARCOA Insurance Plan renewal period has begun. Check out the NARCOA web site (Member Info/publications) for the complete information package. This year's renewal is for a 9 month period that will bring us back in line with the February 1st to January 31st schedule we had in the past. Also remember that you need to renew your Operator's Certification for this year's Insurance.

As always SAFETY in all our operations is the essential element in our continued enjoyment of the hobby. Please keep this in mind when you are participating in GLRC and NARCOA events.

Fred
April, 2006

CONFIRMED EXCURSIONS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - April 22-23, 2006

Illinois Railway, Ottawa, Illinois & Ladd, Illinois

Great Lakes Rail Cars is pleased to announce a motorcar excursion in the lines of Illinois Railway. On Saturday, April 22 we will be traveling on the Ottawa Line from Ottawa to Oswego. The trip will follow along the Fox River for a 70 mile round trip. On Sunday, April 23 we will travel the Zearing Line starting from Ladd and traveling to LaSalle, on the Illinois River and to the BNSF connection at Zearing. Cost for these trips will be \$85 for the Ottawa Line and \$65 for the Zearing Line. Sign up for both days at \$140 and save \$10. These are NARCOA insured trips and all NARCOA Rules apply. (NOTE: 2005 Insurance will be in effect for these trips). To sign up contact Fred Lonnes, P. O. Box 92, Western Springs, IL 60558-0092 or email FredLonnes@Flash.Net

SATURDAY - April 29, 2006

Indiana Railway Museum, French Lick, Indiana

Great Lakes Railcars will be sponsoring a one-day excursion on the Indiana Railway Museum between French Lick and Dubois, IN. Set on is at the lumberyard crossing one mile south of the station in French Lick at 8:00 am Eastern time with departure at 9:00 am Eastern. Total trip distance is approximately 34 miles. We will be running between trains so we can return to French Lick by 3:00 PM. Cost is \$45 per car, NARCOA insurance is required. For trip details, contact Stan Conyer at 812-342-0565, email at: stanconyer@hotmail.com or send GLR registration to Stan at 9333 W. St. Rd. 46, Columbus, IN 47201 Note: This trip will be cancelled if we do not have at least 6 cars registered by April 22.

SUNDAY, April 30, 2006

Hoosier Southern Railroad, Lincoln City, Indiana

Great Lakes Railcars will sponsor an excursion on the Hoosier Southern Railroad from Lincoln City to Tell City IN. Set on will be at the south crossing next to the Lincoln State Park at 8:00 am Central Time with departure at 9:00. We will travel to Tell City for lunch and return to Lincoln City by 3:00. Total mileage will be 35+ miles. Fee will be \$45 with no car limit. NARCOA insurance and rules apply. Seatbelts required. Accommodations at Dale IN are the Baymont 800-301-0200 or the Scottish Inn, 800-251-1962. Please notify Stan Conyer if you plan to attend or need more information at 812-342-0565 or stanconyer@hotmail.com Note: This trip will be cancelled if we do not have at least 6 cars registered by April 22

Confirmed Excursions Continued**SATURDAY May 20, 2006****Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad. Michigan City, Indiana**

Great Lakes Railcars will be hosting the **FIRST EVER** railcar excursion on America's oldest Interurban Line. We will be operating over nearly 20 miles of the CSS&SB's freight line. We will make at least two round trips, maybe three depending on timing. These GLR sponsored trips will begin set on at **7:30AM** in Michigan City, Indiana at the CSS&SB yard. Departure will occur at 9:00AM SHARP, following a safety meeting by representatives from the railroad. **NARCOA rules and insurance will apply for this run.** Numerous motels and restaurants are available around the Michigan City area. Food is limited, it is suggested that food and beverages be brought along for the run. A lunch stop may be provided at each end of the railroad, depending on timing and schedule. Set on maps will be sent to each participant. Seat belts, safety vest, long pants and ankle high boots required. NO Exceptions. There is a 25 car limit for this run. Cost is \$50 per car. Send registration to: Bruce Carpenter, Meet Coordinator, 10241 County Road 25A, Wapakoneta, OH 45995 410-738-5385 bnsf89@bright.net

SUNDAY May 21, 2006**Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, North Judson, Indiana**

Notice: If the South Shore run in Michigan City is cancelled for the 20th, HVRM will have there meet on Saturday May 20th instead of the 21st.

Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum and the Chesapeake Indiana Short line Railroad will host a one day run on the former C&O line. Participants will travel approximately 50 miles round trip from North Judson to Wellsboro. In the event a grain train is schedule for that day we will proceed to Malden, 36 miles round trip. If time allows, a second trip to LaCrosse will be run. Set on will be from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. CENTRAL TIME and will promptly leave at 9:30AM. and return mid afternoon. Seat belts recommended. "A" cars and Hy-Rail vehicles are welcome. Lunch spots are only available in N.J. A list of local hotels and campgrounds is available. Campers are welcome on museum grounds. Museum site and directions found at hvrn.railfan.net. Trip fee is \$35.00 per car with a 25-car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will be applied. Make payment to (Great Lake Railcars) with Operator's Certification number and NARCOA insurance number to: Jon Schmidt 17591 w15b Rd Culver, IN 46511. Tel: (574) 842-2948 or email: irishpaddy44@hotmail.com

Confirmed Excursions Continued**Monday July 10 -Thursday July 13, 2006**
Algoma Central Railway

GLR is excited to again sponsor a four day excursion over the Algoma Central Railway July 10-13 2006. Participants will travel 590 miles round trip in four days between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst, Ontario, Canada. The trip will be thru some of the best rail scenery east of the Mississippi and may not be repeated next year. If you haven't done the entire line yet, do it while you can. Inspections will be Sunday July 9 with departure Monday July 10 from Sault Ste. Marie. Our group will spend two nights in Wa Wa and one in Hearst, Ontario. Fee is \$400 and includes the railroad fee, gas, and transportation. Fee may have to be adjusted depending on exchange rate and the cost of gas. Meals and hotels are arranged but cost extra. NARCOA safety rules and insurance are required. Additional safety equipment include seat belts, and (safety vest or shirt, hard hat and safety glasses are required by the Canadian National Railroad). Send a check made out to Great Lakes Railcars for \$400 along with your car information, including car number, your address, and e-mail address to; Stan Conyer, 9333 W. St. Rd. 46, Columbus IN. 47201. E-mail stanconyer@hotmail.com

SATURDAY - June 3, 2006**Coopersville and Marne Railway, Coopersville, Michigan**

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on June 3, 2006 starting at 10am in downtown Coopersville. Participants will travel approximately 42 miles in 3 round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee is \$25.00 per car, and will include all railroad costs.

This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA 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

SATURDAY - June 10, 2006**North Vernon Railroad Days, North Vernon, Indiana**

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 stanconyer@hotmail.com.

Confirmed Excursions Continued

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - June 17 & 18, 2006**Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, North Judson, Indiana**

HVRM will be giving public train rides during the North Judson Mint Festival Days. Operators who participate with the festival will be asked to give rides to the general public for Sat. and Sun. Set on: 7:00 to 9:00am (CENTRAL TIME). Exact schedule for rides will be sent as time approaches. Operators will have a private late afternoon and a night run to LaCrosse on Sat. and a 9:00am run on Sun. morning. NO CHARGE. All cars have the option of being stored in the engine house on Sat night. All NARCOA rules and regulations apply, Limit of 25 cars. A-cars welcome and Hy-rails are accepted for private runs. HVRM insurance will cover public rides. NARCOA insurance covers private runs. Camping on grounds is permitted and Friday arrivals welcome. For registration and all extra information "hotels and restaurants" Contact Jon Schmidt, 17591 w15b Rd. Culver, IN 46511 (574-842-2948) or email: irishpaddy44@hotmail.com Please send Rule Book and NARCOA Insurance number when registering.

SUNDAY - August 6, 2006**Coopersville and Marne Railway, Coopersville, Michigan**

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on August 6, 2006 starting at noon in downtown Coopersville. Participants will travel approximately 42 miles in 3 round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee is \$25.00 per car, and will include all railroad costs.

This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA 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

SUNDAY - October 1, 2006**Coopersville and Marne Railway, Coopersville, Michigan**

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on October 1, 2004 starting at noon in downtown Coopersville. Participants will travel approximately 42 miles in 3 round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee is \$25.00 per car, and will include all railroad costs.

This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA 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

GLR T-Shirt Offer

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.

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 regular US Mail, what I've been calling "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.

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

Thanks.
Chuck White, Editor & Publisher

Great Lakes Railcars

A NARCOA AFFILIATE

2006 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

APPLICATION for GLR NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

___ New ___ Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip/Country: _____

Phone (H/W/C): _____/_____/_____

Email: _____

Please send this form with your check for \$10 (payable to GLR) to:
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