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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings to all the GLRC members and trust you have had at least one excursion to get your motorcar on the rails and give it a good test drive for the 2008 season. Please note in this edition of the BB there are included excursion details for the many future runs in the Great Lakes area and of course, The Algoma Central in Ontario. For Father's day weekend there are two opportunities to give the general public rides which is a great way to share our great hobby with other non-NARCOA friends. Please contact John Schmidt for the HVRM and Andy Sargent for the North Vernon run. Note both of these runs are in Indiana.

After a season off, we have been invited to travel the rails of the Illinois Railway (was Illinois Railnet) on July 5th. This run is planned to follow the Fox River and to cross the Illinois River by traveling over the historic CB&Q Lift Bridge. July also offers Whitewater Valley RR and Indiana Transportation Museum over the weekend of July 19th & 20th. Contact Any Sargent if your are interested in attending.

The Granddaddy of them all, The Algoma Central Ry, is again being offered during the last week in July. If you can fit this in to your vacation schedule, it offers 4 days of one beautiful railroad to run and comes with many meets with operating passenger and freight trains. Fred Lonnes has put together a great 4 day schedule.

Speaking for the members I would like to thank Dave Hawley for setting up three days of running on the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum in April. The many members that attended offered their services to lay out almost 500 new ties for some upgrading of the road-bed. Also Richard Dunton was the excursion Coordinator for the May 31st Coopersville & Marne Ry in Michigan.

In light of the cost of gasoline these days I hope that one or more of these runs will fit into your budget so you can enjoy this great hobby and the fellowship that goes with each meet. Please keep it safe on the rails and enjoy this 2008 GLRC motorcar season.

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CONFIRMED EXCURSIONS

(As of 6/24/08)

Saturday, July 5, 2008

ILLINOIS RAILWAY Ottawa, Illinois

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a one day excursion on the Illinois Railway. In the morning, we will travel from Ottawa to Yorkville and return for a lunch break at the former CB&Q depot. The morning trip will follow along the scenic Fox River for a 60 mile round trip. After lunch we will travel to Streator crossing the Illinois River via the historic CB&Q Lift Bridge. The afternoon will be a 30 mile round trip. Cost for the trip is \$85.00. The excursion is a NARCOA insured trip and all NARCOA rules apply. Registration materials and complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. To register send a check for \$85.00 (payable to Great Lakes Railcars) to Robert Knight, 1212 Vale Street, Sandwich, IL 60548-2329. For questions or further information, contact Bob at 815-786-3096 or via e-mail (railbuff@indianvalley.com).

Saturday, July 19, 2008

WHITEWATER VALLEY RAILROAD Connersville, Indiana

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to announce a trip on the Whitewater Valley Railroad. Set on is at Connersville, IN, south of the WVRR shop. Participants will travel approximately 60 round trip miles between Connersville and Metamora Indiana along the remains of the Whitewater Canal. Set on begins at 7:30, with an 8:30 safety meeting and departure at 8:45. Cost is \$55 dollars per car. This is a NARCOA insured event and all NARCOA rules apply. Please contact Andy Sargent if you are interested in attending. E-mail to andysargent4010@hotmail.com or call 812-591-3345

Sunday, July 20, 2008

INDIANA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM Noblesville, Indiana

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to announce a trip on the Indiana Transportation Museum. Set on is at Noblesville, IN at the Indiana Ductile Foundry on 8th street. Participants will travel approximately 65 round trip miles. We will attempt to reach the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis and later head north to Tipton, IN for Lunch. Set on begins at 8:00 with an 8:45 safety meeting and departure at 9:00. Cost is \$35 per car. This is a NARCOA insured event and all NARCOA rules apply. Please contact Andy Sargent if you are interested in attending. E-mail to andysargent4010@hotmail.com or call 812-591-3345.

CONFIRMED EXCURSIONS CONT

(As of 6/24/08)

Monday July 28, thru Thursday July 31, 2008

ALGOMA CENTRAL RAILWAY Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a 4-day motorcar excursion over the line of the Algoma Central Railway (ACR) on July 28 through July 31, 2008. All NARCOA members are welcome to participate. The excursion will cover the entire ACR line from Sault Ste. Marie to Hearst, Ontario. This 585 mile roundtrip wilderness excursion will take us over towering trestles, alongside pristine northern lakes and rivers, and through the awesome granite rock formations and the mixed forests of the Canadian Shield. The trip will start from the ACR Steelton Yard in Sault Ste. Marie and overnight in Wawa and Hearst during the four day trip. The excursion fee of US\$1350 includes all railroad fees, overnight accommodations (3 nights) in Wawa and Hearst, bus transportation between Hawk Junction and hotel in Wawa, box lunch for 3 days (Tues., Wed., Thurs) and motorcar fuel. Complete Registration Package with all details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA, Great Lakes Railcar and Railroad rules will apply. To register, send a check for \$1350 (Payable to Great Lakes Railcars) to: Fred D. Lonnes, Excursion Coordinator, P. O. Box 92, Western Springs, IL 60558-0092, email: algoma.2008@flash.net

Friday September 12, thru Sunday September 14, 2008

GREAT LAKES CENTRAL RAILROAD Clare, Michigan

THIS EXCURSION IS FULL

Great Lakes Railcars, Inc. is pleased to announce a 3-day motor car excursion on the Great Lakes Central Railroad (ex-TSBY) in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. This excursion will cover some track not previously traveled. The trip will start in Clare, MI and run south to Ithaca and return on Friday, then northwest to Traverse City on Saturday, with return to Clare on Sunday. The entire trip will cover approximately 275 miles. The excursion fee of \$375 covers the railroad fee, overnight accommodations for 1 night in Traverse City (Sat., Sept. 13, 2008), ground transportation in Traverse City, and other miscellaneous excursion costs. Participants will need to make their own lodging arrangements in Clare for the nights of September 11 and 12, 2008 and should do so as soon as possible. Registration materials, complete details, itinerary, and maps will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. This is a NARCOA insured excursion and NARCOA rules apply. There is a 25 car limit. To register, send a check for \$375.00 (Payable to Great Lakes Railcars) to Michael P. Ford, 7712 Carpenter Court, Plainfield, IN 46168-8035. For questions or further information, contact Mike at (317) 839-9320 or via e-mail (mford@indy.rr.com).

NOTE FROM THE CHIEF MECHANIC

Zero Issues Remaining

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I would encourage everyone who can, to subscribe to this newsletter electronically. You will get the benefit of seeing it in color, with the color photos. For some reason, I cannot convert the email addresses to black ink. So, they may be hard to read in the printed version.



Roger Hoffman's Hy Rail leads a group of speeders back to Connersville during the 2007 GLR excursion the Whitewater Valley Railroad. We're in the siding just north of Metamora waiting for the tourist train.