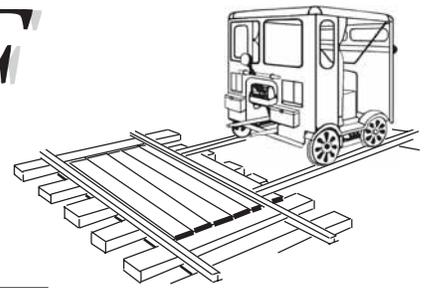


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*Hobo Run, Lincoln, NH, June, 2005  
Photo by Alma Lane*

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Please submit materials  
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by June 15  
as follows:

**Classified Ads**  
**Excursion Announcements**  
**Letters to the Editor**  
**All other materials**  
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## President's Message

Tom Norman, Insurance Committee Chair and Al McCracken - Rulebook Certification Chair report good progress towards getting us all ready to run after May 1, 2006. Remember 2006 Insurance is valid until January 31, 2007 at which time we will have a new 12 month policy. The nine month term of the 2006 policy was put into place to allow us to return to a February 1 - January 31 policy period that is easier to manage for Tom.



Due to the kind efforts of a member I was given a compilation of the Speeder List email thread regarding Mentoring. Some very good and practical suggestions in the thread regarding the Mentoring procedure. I will provide this document to the Board to review prior to Annual Meeting in September to see how we can improve the procedure. It also seemed to me that several contributors to the thread were putting emotion before fact. It is hoped that all members will take the time to review the procedure. The Mentoring Procedure form is located on the web at <http://www.narcoa.org/docs/mentoring/mentoring.pdf> and if we have room in *The Setoff* we will publish there as well. A couple of points I would like to make clear. The procedure is not to restrict

persons from joining the hobby, but does allow us to review a motorcar and operator's general health, attitude and aptitude for operating a motorcar. It provides a common entrance into the hobby for all and works to provide an assurance that a potentially unsafe operator or motorcar is not allowed to operate. As our runs are collections of a number of motorcars I am personally opposed to private mentoring runs regardless of experience of mentor or mentoring location. The Board is keeping an eye on non-Mentoring runs and wishes to assure you that only legitimate reasons will be accepted for non-Mentoring runs. Legitimate reasons can include long distance trips that would preclude the convenient setting off of an unsafe operator or motorcar, difficult operating conditions and any reasonable condition that causes the EC to have concerns about a mentor's ability to properly conduct a mentoring session.

Every once in a while it seems a parallel occurs in another hobby that is common to our hobby. As some of you know I also am a certified "car crazy" guy as Barry Mequiar would say. If you watched any of the Barrett Jackson auctions on Speed Channel you saw the escalation of car prices. A VW Kombi Micro Bus for \$48,000.00, a Dodge Power Wagon for \$38,000 and a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible for \$135,000? Yes, the Chevy was a perfect restoration and probably a good deal, but \$135,000. All way out of my league as some of you comment about motorcar and motorcar parts pricing. Can we do anything about it, I doubt it. The world is in a cycle of inflation on scarce hobby items.

Please take a moment to read the NARCOA Annual Report located elsewhere in this issue. Our hobby continues to grow in spite of higher costs.

A comment about operator health. We occasionally hear of health and aging issues that may cause us as operators to be a hazard to ourselves, our families and fellow operators. Our hobby in its operating phase is a situation that requires sound mind and body. It is not a last resort for those whose failing health limits their other activities. Please have the courtesy and respect for your fellow hobbyists to give up your operating privileges should you experience temporary or permanent health changes that will affect your ability to operate safely.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 29-30, 2006 at The Wyndham Hotel at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. All members are invited to attend. The meetings are held between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days. Please contact your Area Representative if you are coming so we can have an appropriate amount of space for all attendees.

Best regards and safe running,

C. Patrick (Pat) Coleman - President





## INSPECTION TOOLS

Wheel profiles are \$6.00 plus \$4.25 for shipping; wheel calipers are \$10.00 plus \$5.65 for shipping. You can purchase both for \$20.00 (includes shipping).

The wheel profile is necessary to determine whether the wheel is flat. Often the wheel is very thin in the flange area, and the profile will show that. It will show any wear that the wheel has between the flange and the flat section of the wheel.

The gauge is necessary to determine whether there is enough thickness in the flange area to give a safe ride. NARCOA rules say that you must have at least 1/8" throughout the wheel to have a safe wheel. However, this does not guarantee that you will not "hunt" on the rails if you have a wheel that is flat or has no profile.

To order these inspection tools, contact (**please make checks payable to NARCOA**):

Hank Brown  
622 Oak Street  
Cottage Grove WI 53527  
Phone: (608) 839-4939

email: [wildernesstours@charter.net](mailto:wildernesstours@charter.net)

### Submitting Materials for Publication

- 1 Materials received by the 15th of February, April, June, August, October or December will appear in the following two-month issue, subject to editing for space. Include email address or phone number.
- 2 Submit hard copy, photos or .jpeg images, clearly labeled as to subject and photographer.
- 3 Electronic submissions are preferred for text.
- 4 We cannot reprint copyrighted material without authorization. Include permission to reprint with all copyrighted materials.
- 5 Originals are archived, not returned.
- 6 Letters to the Editor must be signed and include email address or phone number for authentication. "Name withheld upon request" may be substituted when the letter is published. All such letters will be printed as discussed in the NARCOA policy book.

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<http://www.narcoa.org>

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## Letters To The Editor



If you have a comment, suggestion, or complaint, send it to me at:

setoff@juno.com

Please put LETTERS in the subject line.

**NOTE:** Any views expressed or implied in this column are not those of the editor.

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**REMINDER:** To submit photos and articles electronically, please reduce the size (from megabytes to no larger than 600 kilobytes). My old country phone lines will not handle big files.

**ALTERNATIVE:** Burn a CD and snail-mail to:

Charlene Morvay  
17825 Route 8  
Union City, PA 16438



## In Memory of Malcolm Curvin

September 16, 1935 - February 19, 2006

Malcolm was the founder of the local Chattanooga/North Georgia motorcar group in 1989. Malcolm was a good friend, knowledgeable about our hobby and attended rides for several years before health issues arose. He will be sadly missed by his railroad friends all over the Southeast.

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## Bob Craven

With sadness, I would like to announce that our friend and fellow NARCOA and NCRA member, Bob Craven, passed away on April 28, 2006, at 11:20 a.m. following a long fight with cancer. Bob was a good friend and will be missed.

Cards can be sent to: Merle Craven, 15 Milford Road, Newport, PA 17074-7476  
*Gary Shrey*

**From The Director's Desk**  
**Area 4 (KY, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)**

by Tom Falicon  
Area 4 Director

Happy Spring everyone! It's hot, the grass and weeds won't stop growing and it's prime time for the best motorcar excursions of the season.

I would like to thank Mark Hudson for the great *SETOFF* article he wrote about our Great Smoky Mountains Railroad New Year's run. Mark did a good job of describing the fun we have every New Year. I'd also like to thank Alan Wilber for the *SETOFF* cover shot of the Fontana Railroad Bridge that we cross on our GSMR excursions. Crossing the bridge in the summer isn't half as impressive as our New Year's run over that bridge with the lake drawn all the way down and winter winds whipping across the rails. Good job guys; thanks!

Since I am the NARCOA Manager of New Members, it is important to me that there are qualified mentors in our Area 4. Our key to safety is that we train and mentor our new operators properly. One way we could assure proper mentoring is to create a list of qualified NARCOA Mentors for Area 4. If you are an Area 4 member that is mentoring at this time, or if you are considering becoming a mentor, please contact me so I can add you to the Area 4 mentoring list. I will update this list as we add new mentors, and this list will go to Bob Knight, our Safety Committee Chairman. That way Bob can check to see that a member was mentored by a qualified mentor.

If you'd like more mentoring information, our NARCOA web site has a few pages on mentoring including what it takes to become a mentor.

Something I personally feel is important is that the Mentor has been a NARCOA member, purchased NARCOA insurance and run many different NARCOA excursions for a number of years. When I think back to when I was a new operator, it took a few years before I had experienced and become accustomed to various types of NARCOA excursions and Excursion Coordinator management styles. I learned from all these different events and used that knowledge to become a safe, competent operator. If you are a relatively new operator and haven't gotten out on too many excursions yet, it would probably be best to get a few more various NARCOA excursion miles under your belt before you become a NARCOA Mentor. A personal mentoring session cannot provide the proper learning experience that a full-fledged NARCOA excursion can.

I personally think that a new member should be mentored in a NARCOA excursion environment. Part of the mentoring process is set-on and set-off etiquette, the safety meeting experience as well as running properly and with consideration for other operators. Personal mentoring outside of a NARCOA excursion environment cannot provide these learning experiences.

NARCOA Area 4 Mentors, please send me your names so I can compile our list.

Thanks!

Tom Falicon



## **THE SAFETY COMMENT: THE UNSUNG HEROES**

by Bob Knight, Chairman, NARCOA Safety Committee

This issue of the Safety comment is taking a different twist . . . that being a big THANK YOU to all the *unsung heroes* . . . you, the veteran members, who take the time and effort to mentor the new and returning members. Without your help and commitment to this great motorcar hobby, the mentoring process would not be what it is today; close to 175 members being mentored by a group of over 150 experienced operators is a very good commitment in just 2-1/2 years.

As a way of giving honor to your efforts, we would like to share several examples of the comments being made in the comment section of the mentoring form. We also would hope these comments would be an encouragement for more to get involved in the mentoring process. Here are several comments:

**Comment #1:** Jerry is an experienced non-rail equipment operator and is employed as a field mechanic for a major electrical power distribution corporation. He is much attuned to "safety" rules and exhibited that during the mentoring process. He quickly grasped the fundamentals of operation and followed the rules. Two other motorcars were present on the mentoring experience providing him the opportunity to observe other operators, flagging, grade crossing etiquette, judge stopping distances, and operate in relationship to other cars in preparation for a larger motorcar trip. His judgment and mechanical skills were excellent.

Jerry is new to the motorcar experience, has just purchased an MT-19, yet un-numbered, which was operated on this mentorship trip. I inspected the car and explained the applicable NARCOA requirements. His car was in excellent condition.

**Comment #2:** Roger is involved with our program. He rode with us prior to entering the hobby and has researched and gathered all types of motorcar information before purchasing his motorcar. He actively continues to seek information on bettering his equipment and furthering his knowledge. He should prove to be an asset as a member.

**Comment #3:** Fred ran smoothly and kept good distance at all times. He was able to handle a minor breakdown well and was soon back to track speed.

**Comment #4:** Andy is knowledgeable of the rules and safety requirements, has a nicely restored car which carries the proper equipment, and appears to be a good safe operator.

**Comment #5:** This lady, from my observation, will make an excellent operator and member.

**Comment #6:** While John is a new operator he demonstrated common sense and has a grasp of the NARCOA rules book as well as the railroads. He follows directions and handles his car in a safe fashion.

**Comment #7:** The NARCOA mentoring procedure appears somewhat complex, but I believe all the requirements were met on each mentoring run.

If you need to be mentored, please contact your area director, an affiliate officer, an excursion coordinator or your safety committee members. All of us are ready to help you safely enjoy this great hobby!

Thanks again for all your time and effort and please continue to KEEP IT SAFE ON THE RAILS.



## **NARCOA Annual Report**

**Prepared by:**

*Pat Coleman, President*

**April 2006**

### **Membership:**

At years end, NARCOA membership was 1,791 members. This number has increased by 59 members in 2005. Of the total memberships, 1,737 represent paid memberships and the other 54 are complimentary to railroad operators who have helped and supported NARCOA. There were 952 insured NARCOA motorcar operators and 22 insured affiliate clubs in 2005.

### **Excursions:**

NARCOA issued 99 Certificates of Permission through September 20, 2004 to host railroads in 2004. The 99 certificates were issued during the period May 1, 2004 - September 20, 2004 and represented an operational rate similar to our 2003 year.

### **Board Meeting:**

The annual Board meeting was held September 20 - 21, 2005, in Chicago. The election of directors from even numbered areas was ratified. Two new Area Directors were elected - from Area 6 Hank Brown replaced Pat Rock and in Area 10 Jim Spicer replaced Tom Norman. Messrs Rock and Norman are thanked for their past and continuing contribution to our association.

Pat Coleman, Area 11 director, was re-elected by the Board to the office of President. All other officers remain the same. Dave Verzi and Mike Paul are Appointed Directors at Large. Committee Chairperson remained the same for 2004.

Committee reports were made by the head of each committee and various new and old NARCOA business was discussed.

Ken Annett, Director of Area 8 and NARCOA Vice President took over the responsibilities of Recording Secretary for the Annual Meeting in 2005. Thanks to Ken's immediate preparation of the meeting minutes the Board was able to promptly review and approve the Minutes and they were published in November/December 2005 issue of *The SETOFF*.

The next Annual Board meeting is scheduled for September 29 - 30, 2006 at the Wyndham Hotel at Chicago O'Hare airport. All NARCOA members are invited to attend.

### **Affiliates:**

There are 31 affiliates and individuals qualified to host NARCOA insured excursions in 2005. At the Annual Meeting 3 new affiliates were approved, they are Cascade Rail Excursion from WA, Oklahoma Railway Museum from OK and Scotty (Roy) Wershing of NC.

### **Excursion Coordinators:**

The position of Excursion Coordinator remains stable in number of volunteers willing to perform this very important function of our hobby.

Attention of Board of Directors continues to be focused on better dissemination of information and training of these individuals.

### **Operations:**

Hank Brown continues to offer wheel profile gauges and measuring calipers to our membership. These items are offered on our web site and in *The SETOFF*.

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**Insurance:**

Tom Norman administers the NARCOA insurance program. He was able to secure a railroad oriented policy for us in 2006 which will take effect on May 1, 2006 and be in force through January 31, 2007. Tom requested and the Board of Directors agreed to this 9 month term to allow us to return to a February 1 starting date and 12 month term for the 2007 policy.

The new 2006 policy carries a \$2,500.00 deductible for each accident covered by the policy. The 2006 Insurance Application clearly points out that the NARCOA member responsible for the accident will pay the deductible of \$2,500.00

Director and Officers Insurance were renewed October, 2005.

**Rulebook Certification Test:**

The Board extended the current Rulebook Certification expiration date to April 30, 2006. As of May 1, 2006 any NARCOA member wishing to operate will be required to have passed a new Rulebook Certification exam. The new Rulebook Certification card will carry an April 30, 2008 expiration date.

**Publications:**

*The SETOFF* bi-monthly publication remains the official media of communication to the NARCOA membership. *The SETOFF* is augmented by our website and the NARCOA Forum on Yahoo. These are the only official means of communication for NARCOA.

Charlene Morvay is *The SETOFF* Editor.

Over 1,800 copies of *The SETOFF* are printed every two months

Average cost is \$5,000.00 per issue

Rich Stivers continued as NARCOA Forum List Manager

Keith Mackey continues as NARCOA Webmaster.

The electronic Roster under Don Pomplun's guidance continues to grow with over 550 listings by NARCOA members. A decision on publishing the printer version is still pending.

**Financial:**

The insurance broker handles all insurance funds.

The Financial Statement for 2005 was prepared by an outside accountant, Galusha, Higgins & Galusha of Missoula, MT. A copy of their full statement is available from our Treasurer, Tom Norman. A summary of the report is as follows:

SUPPORT and REVENUE:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Dues _____                                | \$47,630 |
| Excursion Program Set-Up Fees _____       | 9,850    |
| Sales of nameplates, lanterns, etc. _____ | 4,435    |
| Interest _____                            | 449      |
| Miscellaneous _____                       | 20       |
| Total: _____                              | \$62,384 |

EXPENSES:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Publications _____               | \$46,997 |
| Excursion Program _____          | 8,743    |
| Nameplates, Lanterns, etc. _____ | 4,534    |
| Total: _____                     | \$60,274 |

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,110

NET ASSETS:

December 31, 2004: \_\_\_\_\_ \$38,919

December 31, 2005: \_\_\_\_\_ \$41,029

NET LIABILITIES

December 31, 2005 \_\_\_\_\_ 0

**Safety Program:**

Our Safety program continues to mature. It is of utmost importance to our continued operations that accident free operation be all NARCOA Members goal for every run.

**2006 Goals:**

Safe and accident-free excursions throughout the entire year

Timely response and distribution of membership applications and services

A better understanding and implementation of NARCOA mentoring procedures

Surveying of members by Area Directors of entrance in publishing only print version or both print and electronic version of *The SETOFF*.

**Conclusions:**

NARCOA continues the growth of a mature and successful organization. Liability insurance appears to be more accessible for us, but will require the full cooperation of operating members to ensure accident-free runs.



All photos taken by  
Harry Noble  
following the  
Ohio Valley  
Railcar Meeting held  
in Belleview, Ohio,  
March 19, 2006



*B&O Caboose Museum, Belleview, OH*



*Erie Tower, Marion, OH*



*Crossing Shack, Marion, OH*



*EMD Locomotive*

### ODE TO AN S2E

My speeder was found in a lean-to shed,  
But it wasn't yellow or red.  
The color was a rusty brown,  
From sitting a spell in Middletown.  
A little cleanup work and a makeshift part,  
Brought it to life with a hand-crank start.  
Emitting clouds of blue smoke,  
Thought the neighbors "what a joke".  
Brushed on paint, flags and brake light,  
Tuning and torqueing 'till all was just right.  
Then off to the south with borrowed transportation,  
Looking for the first run with great anticipation.  
Jackson and Miami, rough track and all,  
Seventy miles, bruized backside: I had a ball!  
Now it must go, no room at the inn,  
Let's find it a home, and hope it's a museum.

*Free verse by Harry Noble, March, 2006*



*Photos taken by Harry Noble following the Ohio Valley Railcar Meeting at the Bellevue NKP Museum.*

## NARCOA MENTORING FORM

**Mentored Operator**(Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NARCOA Ins. No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cert. No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Trip RR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Motorcar:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Motorcar No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion Checklist

- Experienced Operator** should call the member to be mentored and discuss mentoring process.
- Review** proper Set-on/Set-off procedures at a meet.
- Go over** safe unloading/loading of motorcar off/on trailer.
- Have** excursion safety inspector meet and go over inspection of motorcar with new member & mentor.
- Stress** the importance of being attentive during the safety meeting.
- Explain** why safety is such an important issue during a motorcar excursion and this mentoring process.
- Have** a discussion of road crossings, proper flagging, safe distance between motorcars, bridges, curves, etc.
- Explain** to the motorcar operator that they are responsible for their passengers actions and safety at all times.
- Review** Documents unique to the Affiliate providing this mentoring discussion.
- Review** safe condition and operation of motorcar.
  - \* For example: Review NARCOA Safety Inspection Checklist
  - \* For example: Have a discussion of safety equipment on motorcar that includes their use, (Brakes, Lights, Horns, Wheel thickness, etc., per current Rules Book)
- Explain** that the Excursion Coordinator is the boss of the meet and their directions and/or rules must be obeyed.
- Review** the concept of always being able to stop a motorcar within one half the operators range of vision.
- Describe** how the motorcar operator and his/her passengers must address any questions, problems or complaints to the Excursion Coordinator and not to the RR management or it s employees.
- Have** a discussion on how all passengers must be shown how to stop the motorcar . . prior to each excursion.
- Discuss** any safety issues that, from the mentor s experience, are pertinent to this operator.
- Explain** the privilege of operating on this railroad for this motorcar excursion.
- Explain** why operating rules are important due to meet conditions such as weather, track conditions, breakdowns, bridges, items from safety meeting, etc
- Make** any helpful observations/discussions to the operator during and after the mentoring run.

### Experienced Operator's written comments:

Mentored Operator (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Experienced Operator (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please send this form to:

NARCOA SAFETY COMMITTEE 1212 Vale St. Sandwich, IL 60548

## NARCOA MENTORING PROCEDURE

Each Regional Area (1 thru 11) will have a new position of Area Manager of Mentoring . This person should be knowledgeable of NARCOA and AFFILIATE rules and procedures and be well experienced with motorcar safe operation and have a good knowledge of the area membership. Each Area Director will work with the affiliates to appoint a member from their area to the position of Area Manager of Mentoring , or the Area Director could take on the position.

Each Area Manager of Mentoring will assemble, coordinate and manage a group of Experienced Operators who regularly participate in motorcar excursions and are experienced motorcar operators (at least 2 years of motorcar operation), familiar with NARCOA and AFFILIATE rules and procedures and are willing to mentor new motorcar operators.

The Experienced Operator will coordinate with the Excursion Coordinator to personally oversee the mentoring process and use the NARCOA MENTORING FORM checklist.

Each new motorcar operator should notify the Excursion Coordinator of the operator s need to be mentored. When pre-registration is required this should be done on the Excursion Registration Form . This form should include a line that indicates if the operator is a new operator. Otherwise the operator should make contact directly with the Excursion Coordinator to arrange for a mentor. This will be the start of the mentoring process for each motorcar excursion and will alert the Excursion Coordinator.

When an Excursion Coordinator finds a new motorcar operator will be joining their excursion, they are to assign an Experienced Operator to that new operator for mentoring. The Area Manager of Mentoring will help keep an active and updated list of Experienced Operators . (List on NARCOA website by area)

The assigned Experienced Operator should contact the new operator before the excursion and discuss the mentoring process with them. Use the NARCOA Mentoring Form Discussion Checklist. This form is on the NARCOA website.

If possible, the assigned Experienced Operator s motorcar should be directly behind the mentored motorcar at the start of the meet. Also and highly recommended if possible, the Experienced Operator should plan to ride with the new operator for 10-15 miles and then move back to their motorcar for continued observation.

When the motorcar excursion is completed, the assigned Experienced Operator should turn in the completed, signed NARCOA Mentoring Form discussion checklist to the Excursion Coordinator at set-off time. The Excursion Coordinator should check over the completed form, make any comments and forward to the NARCOA Safety Committee.

The NARCOA Safety Committee will notify the NARCOA Insurance Administrator of all members that have been successfully mentored, send a confirmation letter to that member and include their Mentored Sticker (M) to be applied to the operator s NARCOA Evidence-of-Insurance Card.

An M will be printed after the member s Rule Book Certification Card number listed on the NARCOA Evidence-of-Insurance Card. This signifies that the member has been mentored. A new member that has not been mentored will not have the M on the NARCOA Evidence-of- Insurance Card. The following year, the NARCOA Insurance Administrator will add the M to the successfully mentored operator s NARCOA Evidence-of-Insurance Card. The NARCOA Insurance Administrator will update the Insured Operators List on the NARCOA website by adding the M to the end of all mentored members Rule Book Certification Card number.

The excursion coordinator sends the completed NARCOA MENTORING FORM to:

**NARCOA SAFETY COMMITTEE 1212 Vale St. Sandwich, IL 60548**

### NARCOA MENTORING FOCUS POINTS

1. SAFETY FIRST at any Motorcar Excursion.
2. Experienced Operator (see NARCOA MENTORING PROCEDURE for definition) mentors first time operator (or any operator wanting help) on their first Motorcar Excursion.
3. Experienced Operator releases the burden of the Excursion Coordinator of being the mentor of First Time operators.
4. Experienced Operator uses the NARCOA MENTORING FORM checklist for discussion and applying mentoring procedure.
5. Mentoring Process should continue to help maintain fewer losses and accidents, therefore helping to keep insurance premiums affordable and coverage available.
6. The Mentoring Process will help Excursion Coordinators feel more comfortable with allowing new operators on their excursions.

## Classified Ads

We are happy to print all ads received from members in *The SETOFF*. There is no charge for placing an ad. All ads will run for three issues; please notify the editor if item is sold. **No full page ads or photos accepted.** Send ads directly to **Charlene Morvay, 17825 Route 8, Union City, PA 16438, or email: setoff@juno.com**

### For Sale

**Fairmont M-19 Inspection Car:** lights, alternator, windshield, top, curtains, seat belts; ready for the rail. \$2,500. **Fairmont MT-19 Inspection Car:** 20 HP Onan with low hours on engine, windshield, top (needs minor work). Runs great! \$1,800. **Fairmont ST-2 Section Car:** two-speed transmission, lights, alternator, four seats, ready for the rail. Runs great! \$2,000. **Parts:** four dumpie trailers (\$150-\$400). Several axles, bearings, wheel assemblies, wheels within wear tolerance. New Onan 20 HP engine with clutch assembly. \$1,500. Contact Ed Kamp 515-382-3740 or e-mail [dekamp@netins.net](mailto:dekamp@netins.net). MJ06

**Fairbanks-Morse 40-B Railroad Motor Car,** two cylinder aircooled engine, friction drive. Car in running order and all in original form as when retired from the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway. An original turntable goes with car. Price is \$1,900.00 for both items.

**Fairmont Railway Motor Car Master M2** and a predecessor to S2 style. Belt driven, 20" wheels, metal front with 2 windows, metal running boards, 8 HP, Type HP QBA, Group E, Special 1, Max HP 13, Engine #82573. Car in running order and all in original form as when retired from the High Point, Thomasville & Denton RR Co. An original turntable goes with car. One piece of turntable missing. Price is \$1900.00 for both items. Contact Ray Hinkle, P.O. Box 1127, Welcome, N.C. 27374 or Tele- 336-731-4231 or email: [HINKLEHERE@AOL.COM](mailto:HINKLEHERE@AOL.COM) MJ06

**Velocipede.** Used on the MK&T Railroad at San Antonio, Texas through the 1950s. Original except for new oak handles. Located in Georgetown, Texas. Asking \$2,000. Buyer to pay for crating and shipping. Phone: 512-863-6391 or email: [turnercb3@aol.com](mailto:turnercb3@aol.com). Charles Turner MJ06

### For Sale

**Velocipede Parts.** Have a few wood and metal parts left over from Sheffield No. 1 restorations. Send SASE for a list, or call (775) 323-0928. Fred Lienhard, 895 Daniel Dr., Reno, NV 89509 JA06

**NARCOA high performance 3m vinyl decals.** Black. Measures 2-1/2" x 22". \$5.50 each includes postage. Other colors available. **Fairmont logos** also available. Send requests to Jana Mitzel, 787 S. Meridian Road, West Brooklyn, IL 61378 MJ06

**Fairmont Signature Pin.** Be the first to own this just released limited edition Fairmont logo hatpin. This quality-crafted pin is the second offering in the "Fairmont Motorcar" pin collection. This pin is crafted in the cloisonné technique and measures 10 mm x 30 mm and has a red and white fired-enamel color on a polished metal base. The pin back has an eight-millimeter post with a military butterfly clutch attachment. You will wear this pin with pride. Price is just \$5.55 USD, which includes return postage and handling. Act quickly quantities are again limited. Contact: Bill Coulson 964 Williams Lake Road, Colville, WA 99114- 9617 Phone: 509 685-2326 E-Mail: [wculson@localnet.com](mailto:wculson@localnet.com) JA06

**FOR SALE – MT19A-2** with fiberglass cab. This car is a squeaky clean car inside and out. It comes with all equipment including the operating and parts manual. Completely NARCOA ready. All you need is your insurance and membership. It is on a new custom built trailer with nearly new 13" tires. This car is located in north Idaho, 75 miles south of Coeur d' Alene. Email me for pictures and/or questions. \$5,400. Will consider part way delivery. Jerry Bates (208) 858-2103 or email [jerrybates@sheepskinsnyarn.com](mailto:jerrybates@sheepskinsnyarn.com) JA06

### For Sale

**1971 Fairmont A4.** Four cylinder Ford engine. \$2,700. Very good mechanically, needs cosmetic work. Contact Wes Belcher (301) 606-7468. JA06

**Various Speeders.** I have five speeders left for sale - Fairmont, Rail Car Canada, Sylvester. They range in price from \$700 to \$2,500; some have drive trains. Also have 5 Onan CCKB parts motors which includes tons of misc parts for \$1,000 for all; M19 cab front \$150; 8 Fairmont MT/M14 parts chassis for \$100 ea; one aluminum Fairmont push cart frame \$100. See my website for more pics and info: [http://www3.telus.net/greenacre\\_speeders/](http://www3.telus.net/greenacre_speeders/) These cars are located in Southern British Columbia 3.5 hours north of Spokane WA. All cars sold as is/where is condition. Contact me for further info and pictures. All sales in U.S. funds or CDN equivalent. Terry Baumann, Nelson BC, Canada, Phone: (250) 229-4474 e-Mail: [greenacre@telus.net](mailto:greenacre@telus.net) S/O 06

**Denver & Rio Grande Western #3086, 1986 Fairmont MT 19 B Inspection Car** with B 48 G Onan Engine. Factory turntable, new heavy-duty rear axle with idler gear, lubrication hoses for easy lubing, Les King side and rear sliding glass windows, Hunter heater, seat belts, beacon, flags and flag holders, gas gauge, Motorola 128 channel, 50-watt programmed with all 97 AAR frequencies as well as Canada, Alaska, NARCOA and five weather channels, hand-held NARCOA radio with charger, Flight-Com head sets (2) with noise canceling mics, 10' covered trailer with electric brakes, winch and side and front access doors, NARCOA ready. Over \$15,000 invested in trailer, motorcar and accessories. Sell for only \$10,000. Car and trailer located in Portland, OR., e-mail [dmolsons@comcast.net](mailto:dmolsons@comcast.net) or call 503-654-1861

JA06

**For Sale**

**MI - 1946 M-19 Fairmont Motorcar with ROD engine** (tapered roller bearings). Was in process of restoring car; just needs to be painted. I really enjoy it as an open car. It has the pointed nose/ V-nose cab you don't see very often. I can send pictures of the cab. Four new wheel bearings and engine completely gone through; starts and runs great. 12 Volt system/alternator with voltage regulator down to 6 Volts for the buzz coil. All new wiring. Have run this car on the E&LS and LS&I in Upper MI and Coopersville, MI. NARCOA compliant. I don't know railroad history of the car other than what I was told. Trailer does not go with the car. Call Kevin Cushway at 231-796-5495 Big Rapids, Michigan \$2,000.

MJ06

**DVD - Kinghorn:** The Florida Railroad Company is proud to offer the "Motorcars on the Kinghorn" DVD, the last ride on the CN Kinghorn subdivision which is being abandoned. A one of a kind, once in a lifetime video. Three months in production, the DVD is packed full, 89 minutes total! This is a "must have" addition to any railfans collection! It features a 50 minute main feature of high rail action and breath-taking Canadian scenery in Northern Ontario. It covers 190 miles from Longlac to near Thunder Bay, including seven bonus videos and a 3D slide show, with a pair of 3D glasses. Nine menu pages navigate the 12 total video selections. Own and relive a real piece of the CN and Canada's railroad history. MSRP \$24.95 USD. Special promotional price for track car operators of only \$19.00. We pay shipping. Florida residents include 7% sales tax, or \$20.33. Send check or money order in US funds to: Florida Railroad Company, 1360 Wedgewood Rd., Jacksonville Fl. 32259 USA. Specify Product DVD#KH001. Pictures of the Kinghorn event can be seen at: [www.flarr.com](http://www.flarr.com)

JA06

**For Sale**

**MT19 "Putt-Putt"** NARCOA Ready. Stored Inside! New lights (12 VDC), steel tool boxes, seat belts, fire extinguisher, flags and flag holders, rail sweeps, tow bar, good brakes, and spare coil. Excellent condition. Trailer not included. \$3,600. Call Daryle Higginbotham @ 678-524-7842, Blue Ridge, GA. JA06

**Hy-Rail.** Fairmont 0307A in very good condition \$1,500; 0307A manual front with Harsco hydraulic rear, \$2,500; 0305 for Dodge Dakota \$1,500; Raftna HD250 hydraulic Set, \$3,000. DMF 1019 from Ford F450 super duty with offset front rims, \$3,500. Some larger sets available.

Fairmont A4 differential from CN sale. Complete with axles and hubs. \$300.

All prices in U.S. funds. Tony Andruszewich, Hamilton, Ont., Canada (905) 692-5949 evenings. S/O 06

**Fairmont MT-19:** One of the popular V-roof open cars; excellent mechanical condition, has run and been well maintained for a number of years. Included: hydraulic turntable with dual indicator lights and audible warning system, electric fuel pump, seat belts, front stabilization bars that double as flag holders, full wiring for a Motorola radio and antenna, head and tail lights, and horn. Car was fully restored with new electrical wiring, rebuilt starter, transmission overhaul and new engine compartment side and top panels. If you enjoy feeling the freedom of an open car, you should consider this opportunity. A single drop axle trailer is available if needed to complete the package. MT-19: \$4,450. Trailer: \$850. Contact Ed Best 925-837-7690 or email [edbest@comcast.net](mailto:edbest@comcast.net).

**For Sale**

**Fairmont MT19-A2.** Former L&N 7378 built 1978; good condition, ready to use, with trailer. Motor and transmission replaced with new CCKB engine and transmission purchased 1997 from Fairmont. Car has electric turntable with indicator light; narrow vertical side panels with windows on front end of car; heavy-duty waterproof canvas sliding curtains; dual Bosch wipers; roof has a pair of sky lights; rear of car has two narrow horizontal panels with windows. Has electric and air horns operated by electric compressor with auto pressure control on the tank. Has a headlight, ditch lights (operate steady or blink), blinking stop lights, strobe light, side and rear running lights, backup lights. Has a running time clock. Electrical wiring is good; battery is new. Wheels pass inspection. Also has two small storage boxes on front. Tow bar mounted on front bumper bar. Car has 12V outlets for radio, cooler, etc. A Motorola two-way hand held radio, pre-programmed with RR frequencies, is included. 12V cooler also included. Seat belts (not installed) provided. Trailer is a custom-built, low-bed with a steel deck, single drop axle, electric brakes, spare tire, pull-out ramps and manual winch. Motor car and trailer have provisions to be bolted together firmly, for worry-free towing, using a bolt at the front end and another at the rear. Manuals for the car and the CCKB engine, plus factory documentation will be furnished. The car has been stored indoors for years and is now at Phillips, Maine. \$10,500. Contact A. Brodrick (631) 941-4268 or email: [abrodrickpe@att.net](mailto:abrodrickpe@att.net). S/O 06

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### For Sale

#### – Just Released on DVD – From Track Motorcars Of Ontario The Last Excursion on Canadian National's Kinghorn Subdivision

This was the first and last motorcar excursion on the historic Kinghorn subdivision.

In a 45 minute adventure, this program captures the voyage of 27 railcars and highrail trucks over four days. From inside the cab and from raiiside you'll see some of the most spectacular scenery along the land they call North of Superior. Some of the highlights include looking up to the dizzying heights of the Pass Lake Trestle as the cars traverse its 2258 feet, and rumbling through the Orient Bay Tunnel, one of the longest railway tunnels in eastern Canada. Included in the narration is the history of the line and a commentary on the sights along the way. This is a must-have for any motorcar owner's library and an excellent demonstration of what the hobby is all about. Professionally produced, it's the complete story from set-on to set-off.

Copies are available for \$20.00 plus \$2.00 shipping (Canadian or US dollars). Contact Jim Curran of Kenilworth Video at kenilworth@sympatico.ca, or write to Kenilworth Video, 299 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4L 3S9. S/O 06

**Fairmont A3 Motorcar, N&W - \$750;**  
**Fairmont A5. Engine needs work - \$450;**  
**Fairmont A6 (for parts - no engine) - \$400;**  
**one pair 35" axles with brg. assy., 16" wheels - \$150.**  
Call: Tom Sigsworth (440) 774-1754 (OH), or e-mail [alteruss@aol.com](mailto:alteruss@aol.com).  
S/O 06

**Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific Railroad Co.** Fairmont M-19-AA-5 motorcar. Complete (except for coil). Running gear intact, has rail sweeps and Fairmont factory replacement engine. Aluminum cab w/extra glass. \$1,250. Marvin Saari, Virginia, MN (218) 741-1085. S/O 06

### For Sale

**UP MT-19** Mint condition, loaded. Prior back surgery forces sale. This car is very comfortable and is NARCOA, MOW and PRO rules compliant. Former Chuck Harrison car; just ran Copper Basin Railroad in Hayden, AZ. Engine has been balanced; brand new wheels; only used one trip. Fairmont hydraulic turntable. New Yaesu radio, GPS, hour meter, beacon, digital bike speedometer. Hunter heater, auxiliary fuel tank under seat, two flags and flag holders, fire extinguisher, custom seats and door panels, seat belts, chain guard, luggage rack. This car has it all! Possible delivery inside California - you pay gas. Matching trailer included for those overnight trips. Email [popeman@verizon.net](mailto:popeman@verizon.net) for photos. \$10,000 firm. Richard Pope, Apple Valley, CA S/O 06

Peerless Gongs are now available in the following diameters: 6-inch, 8-inch, 10" and 12". Peerless gongs have brilliantly polished Brass. These new, 100% American-made Peerless gongs are suitable for use on trolleys, locomotives, passenger cars, steamboats, steam-cars and steam-powered speeders and are a direct replacement for the gongs used on Fairmont Speeders. Peerless trip gong kits come complete with mounting hardware and horizontal rope pull kit. If you need a vertical rope pull, please contact us for details and pricing. Except for appearance, improper installation and/or improper use or abuse, Peerless Gongs are warranted for the life of the original installation for a period of 10 years. We anticipate a price increase in May. Because Brass is the metal most used in these gongs, and prices can be subject to rapid market change, please call, write or send an e-mail to Steve Patterson for the latest pricing. Peerless Gong Company, 4019 Perry Street, Denver, Colorado USA. (303) 256-8494 or e-mail: [stevieb4019@comcast.net](mailto:stevieb4019@comcast.net) S/O 06

### Wanted

20" Cast Steel Wheels, yup, the heavy, heavy ones! Contact Tom Falicon, Bryson City, NC 828-488-8063 or [raildawg@gte.net](mailto:raildawg@gte.net) J/A 06

Complete Fairmont railroad motorcar engine. Type: RO, Group C, 5 to 8-HP, with timer, carburetor and condenser. Russell Snyder, 31 Woodhaven Dr., Pointblank, TX 77364-7284. Phone: (936) 377-3065. S/O06



## Excursions

Members who have organized meets are encouraged to advertise those events here.

We will publish all notices received. Include details of the trip such as time schedule, total mileage, costs, restrictions and conditions for attending. State whether or not NARCOA rules will be in effect and whether insurance is required.

### Send meet notices to:

**Charlene Morvay**  
**17825 Route 8**  
**Union City, PA 16438**  
or  
email: [setoff@juno.com](mailto:setoff@juno.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Advertisement of a meet in the SETOFF does not constitute responsibility by NARCOA and/or its officers, or *The SETOFF* and/or its editorial staff for meet conditions. Meet attendees must exercise caution in the observance of safety conditions and rules and must accept full responsibility for themselves, their guests, and their equipment when attending any meet.

### May 12-14, 2006

#### **Motorcars Operators West in cooperation with the Recreational Railroad Coalition**

The scenic and mountainous Amador Foothill Railroad will be our host. Coincides with the 131st annual Lone Homecoming Picnic. Two round trips are planned each day with flaggers and signals provided by the railroad; additional run on Saturday night. Approximately 10 miles one way. A display of antique maintenance-of-way equipment is planned and owners of unusual or non-conventional track equipment are invited to participate in the display and demonstration. Hy-rails and oversized cars are welcomed; separate event for handcars, velocipedes and other manual equipment. Parking next to the track; room for dry camping. Motorcars may be left on the track overnight; security will be provided. Rail transportation between the railfair and the picnic is planned. **Set-on:** Mill Street near the school in Lone. **Cost:** \$50, checks made payable to M.O.W. NARCOA licenses and insurance are required. Contact Dave Balestreri, e-mail, [dbalestreri@softcom.net](mailto:dbalestreri@softcom.net), Phone 916- 444-6374. Mail checks to Dave Balestreri, 2320 'E' street. Sacramento, CA 95816. Include a SASE for set-on times, maps, releases and further information. The RRC website is [www.handcar.net/rrc](http://www.handcar.net/rrc). The picnic website is [Http://lone.ca.com/ione/picnic.htm](http://lone.ca.com/ione/picnic.htm)

### May 20-28th, 2006

#### **CORP Shasta-to-the-Sea Run (applications being accepted) (A complete tour of the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad)**

**Coordinator:** Tom Phair - P.O. Box 664, Alamo, CA 94507 - email: [tom@phairs.net](mailto:tom@phairs.net) - Telephone (925) 820-4159. Cell (530) 714-9582. **Set-on** in Weed, CA, on May 19th. **Departure:** Saturday, May 20th with overnight stops in Medford, Roseburg, Eugene and Coos Bay, Oregon. We will have a day off in Coos Bay before returning to Weed on Sunday, May 28th. **Run fee:** \$2,495. Included are eight nights of hotel accommodations (two people), track-side refueling, and all necessary ground transportation. Due to the restraints of not being able to use Union Pacific tracks in crossing the Eugene yards, we will be using a "truck bridge" to transport all speeders from the east side to the west side of the city. **Special requirements:** At railroad request belt cars are not allowed. Operators and passengers are required to wear hi-vis vests at all times and ankle high boots. It is strongly suggested that all cars be equipped with seat belts. Due to the length of the trip it is also strongly suggested that all cars be equipped with mobile radios (not handhelds) tuned to the NARCOA channel. All NARCOA members having current NARCOA liability insurance and Rule Book Certification are welcome. Membership in SWRC is not required.

### May 20,2006 (Saturday)

#### **South Branch Valley Railroad**

A.R.E. is pleased to sponsor a one day trip on the SBV RR on May 20,2006. This the twentieth year of continuous operation on this line. We will travel the entire line from Petersburg WV to Greensprings WV and return. Aprox. 104 RT miles. Stops will be at Wapacomo Station in Romney for lunch and to view the Potomac Eagle Train, and in the "Trough" to see the eagles. Lunch will be available at an extra cost. 40 car limit. Fee per/car is \$55.00. All NARCOA rules apply. You must wear over the ankle hard soled shoes at all times while on RR Property including loading and unloading. Special dinner arrangements are being made for after the run in the dining cars owned by the SBV. More details on that with registration materials. For more info or to register contact: Appalachian Rail Excursions LLC RR#2 Box 426 Ruffsedale, PA 15679 or the coordinator: John Gonder (724)696-4544 email: [up3706@msn.com](mailto:up3706@msn.com) or check A.R.E.'s websight. <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze8eyf5>

### May 20, 2006

#### **Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Railroad**

Great Lakes Railcars – first ever excursion on the Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Railroad, America's oldest interurban line. We will ride approximately 20 miles of the CSS&SB's freight line out of Michigan City, IN. We will make 2 round trips, for total mileage of of 80 for the day. Set on will be in Michigan City at the CSS&SB yards, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (local time), with 9:00 a.m. departure. Cost is \$50.00 per car, 25 car limit. All NARCOA rules and insurance apply. Seat belts, vests and ankle high shoes are required, no exceptions. Contact Bruce Carpenter at [bnsf89@bright.net](mailto:bnsf89@bright.net) or mail to: Bruce Carpenter, 10241 Co. Rd. 25A, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 45895, (419-738-5384)

**May 20, 2006**

**Los Banos to the Woolgrowers**

PRO is once again privileged to run Tracy to Los Banos Rails to the Woolgrowers. The cost of the run is \$110 per car. We are once again having the group lunch at the Woolgrowers. The cost of the lunch is \$17.50 per person. Please send your check (one check is fine) payable to PRO to Steve Paluso, 2878 Rosario Court, San Jose, CA 95132. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 63 cents postage. Because of our commitment to the railroad and the Woolgrowers, we must have all signups in by May 6. If I don't get enough signups by May 6 the run may get cancelled. If you have any questions, you can email Steve at sbpaluso@aol.com (mailto:sbpaluso@aol.com) or call (408) 956-8070 before 9:00 in the evenings.

**May 20-21, 2006 – Saturday and Sunday**

**New York Susquehanna & Western Railway, Southern Division**

The Volunteer Railroaders Association is pleased to sponsor a two-day run over the NYS&W Southern Division. Participants will travel approximately 100 round-trip miles between Riverdale, NJ and Warwick, NY on Saturday and approximately 35 round-trip miles between Riverdale, NJ and Hawthorne, NJ on Sunday. Operators and riders under 18 are not permitted by the railroad. Trip fee: \$125 per car includes railroad costs; lunches will be offered on both days. There is a 40 car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion, and all NARCOA rules will apply. This is a non-mentoring run. For trip details contact the VRA at 80 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, Phone: (973) 238-0555 or email: volunteerra@yahoo.com you can also visit our website at <http://www.vratrips.org>

**May 21, 2006**

**Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, Great Lake Railcars**

(Notice: If the South Shore run in Michigan City is cancelled for the 20<sup>th</sup>, HVRM will have their meet on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> instead of the 21<sup>st</sup>.) 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 scheduled 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 a.m. **CENTRAL TIME** and will promptly leave at 9:30a.m. 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](http://hvrn.railfan.net). **Cost:** \$35 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](mailto:irishpaddy44@hotmail.com) Please ask for any additional information.

**May 21, 2006**

**Western Maryland Scenic (Sunday)**

Join us in May 2006 as we again ride this scenic mountain railroad. From our set-on at the engine house in Ridgeley, WV, we will travel past the former Western Maryland Railroad station, through the narrows, and up the mountain to Frostburg. As we await the arrival of the steam powered passenger train, we expect to turn the speeders on the turntable, and then return. Approximate round trip mileage will be 34 miles. We hope to be off the rails by 3PM, giving everyone an early trip home. This excursion will be a great way to complete the weekend for those riding the SBVRR excursion on Saturday May 20. This will be a Northern Central Railcar Assoc. excursion. All NARCOA rules will be enforced. All cars will be inspected. There is a 40 car limit. Price for this excursion is \$40 per car. For information, contact Gary Shrey. E-mail: [Gshrey@aol.com](mailto:Gshrey@aol.com) Phone: 717-227-9628

**May 27-29, 2006**

**Camas Prairie Motorcar Excursion**

Pacific Railcar Operators is pleased to announce a 3-day motorcar excursion on three branches of the former Camas Prairie Railroad in Idaho on May 27, 28 and 29, 2006. **Set-on:** At the headquarters of the Great Northwest Railroad in East Lewiston, Idaho. Saturday we will run the old CSP third sub (now the Great Northwest Riparia branch) Lewiston to Riparia and return, 144 miles round trip. Sunday we will run Lewiston to Kooskia on the former CSP first sub (now the BG&CM Kooskia branch) and return, a total of 144 miles. Monday's trip will be from Lewiston to Cottonwood or as far as we can get on the old CSP second sub now owned by the BG&CM Railroad for a round trip total of nearly 120 miles if we get all the way to Cottonwood. **Cost:** \$295. Checks payable to Pacific Railcar Operators. Mail to Meet Coordinator Steve Taulbee, 2206 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501. For more information contact Co-Meet Coordinators Steve Taulbee <[taulbee1@cableone.net](mailto:taulbee1@cableone.net)>, or Jim Morefield <[jmorefield@cableone.net](mailto:jmorefield@cableone.net)>. NARCOA insurance, NARCOA Rules Certification, PRO membership, spark arrestors and mechanically sound motorcars with all the specified NARCOA equipment are required. Packets with itinerary, motels, restaurants, camping spots, and maps will be mailed after payment is received. 2006 insurance will be in effect for this run. **Important:** Lewis Clark State College is hosting the NAIA college baseball world series the same weekend. Once the field is set, the teams and fans will start to reserve rooms in Lewiston. Usually by the first of May, all available rooms are booked for this weekend.

**May 27-29, 2006**

**Nebkota Railway Gordon Nebraska**

Iowa Railroad Excursions will host a three day ride, starting with seton at Gordon for a 6:00PM departure to Merriman May 27. May 28 we will travel the entire line from Gordon to Chadron and Merriman. May 29 we will have a 8:00AM departure for Merriman to close out the ride. As much as 300 miles of riding will be available over the 3 days. **This will be the last ride on this line as it is scheduled to be removed later in the season.** For more information and preregistration contact Tom Jenness 5479 R Ave Cherokee Iowa 51012 712-225-2614 jennjeto@netins.net Special Requirements All NARCOA members having current Insurance and Rule Book Certification cards are welcome. Ride fee \$50.00.

**June 3, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Coopersville and Marne Railway**

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on June 3, 2006 starting at 10 a.m. in downtown Coopersville. Participants will travel approximately 42 miles in three round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee: \$25 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

**June 3-4, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**East Troy Electric Railroad**

**East Troy, Wisconsin**

**Coordinator:** Craig Bluschke - 10916 Spring Creek Road, Blue Mounds, WI 53517 - email: bluschke@engr.wisc.edu - Telephone: (608) 437-4419. **Set-on:** 8:00 a.m. both days, 2002 Church Street adjacent to the depot/substation, East Troy, Wisconsin. **Departure:** Approximately 9:15 AM both days. **Itinerary:** An opportunity to run under overhead wire over the last remaining seven miles of the former Milwaukee interurban system during the East Troy Electric Railroad's Railroad Days event. Giving public rides both days, also special motorcar-only runs covering the entire railroad including freight-only trackage not used for public excursions. Total weekend mileage is approximately 35. This is a non-NARCOA insured activity, with insurance provided by the East Troy Trolley Museum. The annual East Troy Railroad Days weekend has become a popular early summer favorite with motorcar operators, so be sure to sign up early! **Cost:** There are no fees for those attending, however all operators must be museum members at a cost of \$35 for a single annual membership. Membership forms are available on the East Troy web site at [www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org). **Special Requirements:** There is a 20-car limit for this event. All NARCOA rules will be in effect.

**June 3-4, 2006**

**McCloud Railway**

This year, we again, will be departing Burney for what might be the final PRO run on the McCloud Railway. Plans are that the track may be abandoned sometime in July this year! We depart Burney for Hambone, and then onto McCloud for dinner. Then, after everyone has had sufficient time to enjoy themselves in McCloud, we will make tracks back to Burney as our annual night jaunt through the warm evening hours. On Sunday, we again depart Burney, this time straight to McCloud for lunch and return. Both days total miles will be around 275. Send a check made out to PRO for \$160.00, for both days, and a SASE, to Dave McClain, 22850 Placer Hills Rd, Colfax, Ca 95713. Cell: 530-908-8296. PRO membership, and all NARCOA rules apply. All belt cars are surely welcome.

**June 10, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Ft. Leonard Wood Army Base – Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.**

The First Iowa Division is pleased to announce a one day ride on the Ft. Leonard Wood Army Base Railroad at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri on Saturday, June 10, 2006. Set on will be at 10:30 a.m. with a 12:00 noon departure for the first of two runs. Mileage is 40 miles round trip or 80 miles for the day. **Cost:** \$30 per car. Everyone must register at the visitor center and take their vehicle through the security check upon entering the fort. Bring a photo ID, vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance. This is a NARCOA-insured event and all NARCOA rules will apply. For information, contact Carl Schneider at 515-967-5181 or e-mail [motorcarl@mchsi.com](mailto:motorcarl@mchsi.com).

**June 10, 2006**

**Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad**

Heart of the Heartlands is sponsoring a motorcar ride on the Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad on Saturday June 10, 2006. We will travel from Blackwell, OK to Wellington, KS on an ex-ATSF branch line that was spun off many years ago. Our set-on location will be in front of the ex-ATSF depot in Blackwell. We will then travel to Wellington which is on the BNSF (ex-ATSF) transcontinental mainline. We will have a picnic lunch in Wellington and have about one hour to watch trains before we return to Blackwell and setoff. Note: there are no services available in Wellington so you will need to bring your own food and drink for this ride. Total trip mileage is 68 miles. Cost is \$40. If interested please contact Mark Springer for more details at [lospinos@cox.net](mailto:lospinos@cox.net) or at 316-721-4804.

**June 10-11, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**Huron and Eastern Railway (Michigan)**

North Central Railcars, Ltd. is pleased to announce a first time, two-day motorcar excursion over a portion of the Huron and Eastern Railway (HESR) on Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, 2006. Participants will travel approximately 227 miles over two days between Bad Axe and Croswell, MI, and Bad Axe and Vassar, MI, in the rural "thumb" region. Registration materials and complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. Each participant will be expected to bring and wear safety eyewear/glasses with side shields, high-visibility vest, and work gloves. This is a HESR Rule. No exceptions. **Excursion Fee:** \$200.00 (payable to North Central Railcars) includes all railroad fees and other excursion related expenses. There is a 25-car limit. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply. To register, or for more information, contact Michael P. Ford, 7712 Carpenter Court, Plainfield, Indiana 46168-8035. Tel: (317) 839-9320 or email: mford@indy.rr.com.

**June 10, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Lycoming Valley Railroad**

CPE is pleased to sponsor a one-day run on the Lycoming Valley Railroad (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride). A hat and dash plaque will be given to each operator. They will also be available for sale. There will be a tour of the Koppers Tie Treatment facility at the south end of the line. Ride the 80 RT miles of the Lycoming Valley Railroad from Williamsport to Muncy and Avis. Former Reading and New York Central Railroads. Proof of NARCOA insurance required. All NARCOA rules will be enforced. Registration fee: \$60.00. All CPE rides are rain or shine. No cancellations due to weather. Hard-soled shoes required; no sneakers or sandals. Children must be closely supervised at all times. Send check to: Central PA Excursions, PO Box 145, White Deer, PA 17887. Questions: Larry Maynard (570) 538-9050 or email firefighter5@jlink.net

**June 11, 2006 (Sunday)**

**Union County Industrial Railroad**

CPE is pleased to sponsor a one-day run on the Union County Industrial Railroad. Ride the 25 miles RT of the Union County Industrial Railroad from New Columbia to Winfield, Mifflinburg and back. Former Reading and Pennsylvania Railroad. Proof of NARCOA insurance required. All NARCOA rules will be enforced. Registration fee: \$30.00. All CPE rides are rain or shine. No cancellations due to weather. Hard-soled shoes required; no sneakers or sandals. Children must be closely supervised at all times. Send check to: Central PA Excursions, PO Box 145, White Deer, PA 17887. Questions: Larry Maynard (570) 538-9050 or email firefighter5@jlink.net

**June 11, 2006**

**Niles Canyon Railway Rides for the Public**

**(All proceeds go to Niles Canyon Railway)**

**Coordinators:** C. Patrick (Pat) Coleman: 1989 Robin Ridge Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94597, 925-979-1030 or patcoleman@astound.net; Al McCracken: 2916 Taper Avenue, San Clara, CA 95051, 408-249-2953, alnethie@aol.com. **Set-on:** Sunday morning, June 11, 2006 - 8:00 a.m. Sunol Depot - 1st Run 10:00 a.m. Last run 3:30 p.m. **Run itinerary:** East from Sunol Depot to Hearst siding and return repeated all day - 1.9 miles each way. **Run Fee:** No charge. **Special requirements:** Experienced operators only. All NARCOA members having current NARCOA liability insurance and Rule Book Certification are welcome. Membership in SWRC is not required.

**June 17-18, 2006 (Sat. and Sun.)**

**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 Sat. and Sun. **Set-on:** 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. (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 9:00 a.m. 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](mailto:irishpaddy44@hotmail.com) Please send Rule Book and Insurance number when registering.

**June 17-18, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**CENTRAL MANITOBA RAILWAY & CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY (MB)**

North Central Railcars, Ltd. (NCR) is pleased to sponsor a two-day motor car excursion over the Central Manitoba Railway (CEMR) and Canadian National Railway (CN) on Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, 2005. All NARCOA members are welcome to participate on any NCR excursion. Participants will travel west of Winnipeg on the Carman Subdivision and northeast of Winnipeg on the Pine Falls Subdivisions (CEMR) through the interlakes region of Manitoba, as well as the CN mainline through the city of Winnipeg over a portion of the Rivers and Redditt Subdivisions. Total miles for both days will be approximately 236. **Cost:** \$150 (USD) covers all railroad fees and related excursion expenses. Complete details will be mailed upon receipt of registration fee. Contact: Michael P. Ford, 7712 Carpenter Court, Plainfield, IN 46168-8035, (317) 839-9320, or e-mail: mford@indy.rr.com

**June 17-18, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**Central New York Railway**

The Volunteer Railroaders Association is pleased to sponsor a two-day run over the Central NY. Participants will travel approximately 220 round-trip miles between Port Jervis, NY and Binghamton, NY on Saturday and return on Sunday. Operators and riders under 18 are not permitted by the railroad. Trip fee is still being determined at this time. An overnight hotel stay will be required in Binghamton, NY. There is a 40 car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion, and all NARCOA rules will apply. This is a non-mentoring run. Please note this trip is TENTATIVE. For trip details contact the VRA at 80 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, Phone: (973) 238-0555 or email: [volunteerra@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteerra@yahoo.com) you can also visit our website at <http://www.vratrips.org>

**June 19-20-21, 2006 (Mon-Tues-Wed)**

**Canadian Pacific Railway (LaRiviere & Napinka Subs)**

North Central Railcars is pleased sponsor a three-day motor car excursion over the Canadian Pacific Railway's LaRiviere and Napinka Subdivisions, on June 19-21, 2006. Participants will travel approximately 360 round-trip miles through the beautiful Pembine Valley between Morris, MB and Napinka, MB on excellent welded and jointed rail. This track is part of CPR's 3-year discontinuance plan and it could be the final time to enjoy this beautiful part of southern Manitoba. This trip is planned to follow the CEMR/CN excursion and precede the Great Western Railway excursion in Saskatchewan. **Cost:** \$350 (USD) covers all railroad fees and related excursion expenses and two nights lodging in Boissevain, MB. Complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. There is a 25 car limit. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion, and all NARCOA rules will apply. For additional information, contact Michael P. Ford, 7712 Carpenter Court, Plainfield, Indiana 46168-8035. Tel: (317) 839-9320 or email: [mford@indy.rr.com](mailto:mford@indy.rr.com)

**June 24, 2006**

**Dakota Southern Railway - Centennial Special**

Paul A. Brewer is sponsoring a one-day run on former Milwaukee Road mainline rails in Murdo, SD. We will be making one trip from Murdo, SD to Kadoka, SD and return, for round trip mileage of 90 miles. Set-on is scheduled for 8:00 am central daylight time in Murdo with departure scheduled for 9:00 am, with a 1 hour lunch stop in Kadoka where their centennial festival will be in full swing. Cost of this excursion is \$50, and there is no car limit. Hyrails and cars with low hanging mufflers or equipment are prohibited, and spark arrestors are required. Come early and join in the celebrations, as Murdo and Kadoka celebrate their centennials and the coming of the railroad!! This is a NARCOA-insured event. For more information - contact Paul A. Brewer, 14928 E CR 600N, Charleston, IL 61920, or email [fireboss@worthlink.net](mailto:fireboss@worthlink.net). Phone 217/962-0709.

**June 24, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Appanoose County Railroad – Centerville, IA.**

The First Iowa Division is sponsoring a ride on the Appanoose County Railroad at Centerville, Iowa on Saturday, June 24, 2006. Set on will be at begin at 6:30am with an 8:00am departure. Mileage is 70 miles round trip. **Cost:** \$35 per car. This is a NARCOA-insured ride and all NARCOA rules will apply. For information, contact Carl Schneider at 515-967-5181 or e-mail [motorcarl@mchsi.com](mailto:motorcarl@mchsi.com).

**June 21 to July 7, 2006**

**Pacific Northwest Tour 2006**

MOW is pleased to sponsor a 16-day tour including four railroads in the Pacific Northwest: Kettle Falls International Railroad (Republic, WA / Kettle Falls, WA) June 21-24th, Kootenay Valley Railway (Nelson, BC) June 25- 27, Canadian National Railway (McBride, BC) June 29 - July 4, and connecting to Savage Alberta Railway (at Hythe) July 4-7. (Savage not confirmed, if unavailable a substitute railroad will be used.) Participants will travel approximately 1660 miles on four railroads and approximately 1100 road miles starting in northern Washington State. All participants must have a 2006 MOW membership and license number. **Cost:** \$1,950 per car. Participants are responsible for meals and lodging. There is a 25-car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply. For trip details visit the MOW website or contact Chris Baldo (707) 459-4549 (day). (707) 459-2600 (evenings) or email: [wlltsrwd@sonic.net](mailto:wlltsrwd@sonic.net) or Margaret Hope (604) 320-7613 email: [mhope@lionsgate.ca](mailto:mhope@lionsgate.ca)

**June 24-25, 2006**

**West Virginia Central**

A.R.E. (Appalachian Rail Excursions) is pleased to sponsor a two-day run over the West Virginia Central former CSX, B&O, And Western Maryland June 24-25, 2006. Participants will travel approximately 195 miles round trip from Elkins, WV and Spruce. This year for the first time we will travel up the 1-1/2 mile Spruce connector to Old Spruce where we will meet Cass's Bald Train coming off the mountain. We will not be on any of the steep grades that Cass is known for. The group then returns to Elkins where a security guard will watch the cars overnight. Sunday, the group will head north to Belington and on to Tygart Junction where the WVC interchanges with WATCO (former CSX's Cowen Sub). At Belington you can check out the WVC motive power including the two newly acquired Baldwin 2-8-0's for the West Virginia Railroad Museum. A box lunch will be available on Saturday for an extra fee. Cost: \$135.00 (includes all railroad fees). There is a 40 car limit. THIS IS A NON-MENTORING RUN - EXPERIENCED OPERATORS ONLY. This is a NARCOA insured excursion; all NARCOA rules will apply. Over-the-ankle hard-soled shoes (no sneakers) required and are to be worn while on railroad property; including loading and unloading of your car. Box lunches will be available on Saturday. Information on the lunch will be in with the confirmation. For trip details send a #10 self addressed envelope to: Paul S. Rujak, 786 Hudson Hill Road, Weirton, WV 26062

**June 24 to June 30, 2006 (Sat – Fri)**

**SASKATCHEWAN SAMPLER (SK)**

North Central Railcars, Ltd. is pleased to sponsor the 2006 "Saskatchewan Sampler", consisting of six days of rail travel, over 722 miles, on three different railroads in west/southwest Saskatchewan. All NARCOA members are welcome to participate on any NCR sponsored trip. Details are listed below by railroad and date. The excursion fee is listed for each individual excursion. However, if you register for all 3 excursions at the same time and do so before April 15, 2006, the total cost will be only \$500 (USD – payable to North Central Railcars, Ltd.), a savings of almost 10%. For additional information on any or all of the trips, contact Michael P. Ford, 7712 Carpenter Court, Plainfield, IN 46168-8035. Tel: (317) 839-9320 or email: mford@indy.rr.com.

**June 24-25, 2006 (Sat/Sun)**

**Great Western Railway**

North Central Railcars, Ltd. is pleased to sponsor a two-day motor car excursion over the Great Western Railway, on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, 2006. This excursion will precede the Wheatland Railway excursion. Participants will travel approximately 266 miles in the rolling hills of southwestern Saskatchewan. We will travel over the Shaunavon and Altawan subs from Shaunavon to Consul, SK; and Shaunavon to Kincaid, SK. Complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. Cost: \$175 (USD) includes all railroad fees, and other related excursion costs. There is a 25 car limit. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply.

**June 27, 2006 (Tuesday)**

**Wheatland Railway, Inc.**

North Central Railcars, Ltd. is pleased to sponsor a one-day motor car excursion over the Wheatland Railway, Inc., Tuesday, June 27, 2006. This trip has been scheduled to follow the Great Western Railway excursion and precede the Carlton Trail Railway excursion. Participants will travel approximately 90 miles on the former CN Cudworth subdivision between Hoey, SK and Totzke, SK Saskatchewan. Complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. Cost: \$75 (USD) includes all railroad fees and related excursion costs. There is a 25 car limit. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply.

**June 28, 29, & 30, 2006 (Wed/Thurs/Fri)**

**Carlton Trail Railway**

North Central Railcars, Ltd. is pleased to sponsor a first time, three-day motor car excursion over the Carlton Trail Railway, from Wednesday, June 28, 2006 through Friday, June 30, 2006. This excursion has been scheduled to follow the Wheatland Railway excursion. Participants will travel approximately 366 miles over three days in scenic and rural western Saskatchewan. We will travel over the Blaine Lake, Big River, and Meadow Lake Subdivisions. Complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. Cost: \$300 (USD) includes all railroad fees, one night hotel accommodation (Meadow Lake, night of June 29) and other related excursion costs. There is a 25 car limit. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply.

**June 30, 2006 thru July 4, 2006**

**Sumpter Valley Railway - 36" Narrow Gauge Motorcar**

Patrick Smith (Smitty), is pleased to sponsor a five-day motorcar excursion on Oregon's premier narrow gauge railroad starting on Friday, June 30, 2006. You can sign up for one or all five days. Participants will travel between McEwen and Sumpter, OR, making multiple 10 mile round trips all day, we will also tour the SVRy facilities and the dredge located in Sumpter. This is a good railroad to break in your narrow gauge motorcar and be mentored on. This excursion is in conjunction with the SVRy's 30th year of operation celebration and Sunday night barbecue they will be putting on and the world famous Sumpter, OR flea market/swap meet that will be running all five days. Lodging and meals are on your own. This is a NO SMOKING event. You must be over 18 years of age. No pets. Trip is FREE, (but I will be hitting you up for a donation for the SVRy) with a maximum limit of 15 motorcars. NARCOA insurance and all NARCOA rules apply. Any or all of this information is subject to change. Registration, motel list, motorcars must be equipped with spark arrestors, etc. Contact me for more information or if you have questions. Patrick Smith, 20799 Sumpter Stage Hwy., Baker City, OR. Phone: (541) 524-9428; e-mail: smitty@oregontrail.net

**July 8 2006**

**Nebraska Northeastern Railroad**

IRE will sponsor a 1 day ride on the Nebraska Northeastern Railway July 8 with set-on at Osmund NE. This is a very well maintained line with a large amount of welded rail that travels through a diverse agriculture area. This line extends from near Sioux City IA 120 miles west to O'Neill NE. It will depend on traffic which direction from Osmund we will be able to operate. Cost of the ride is \$60.00. For preregistration or more information contact Tom Jenness 712-225-2614 or jennjeto@netins.net

**July 10-13, 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 Wawa and one in Hearst, Ontario. **Cost:** \$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

**July 10 to 31, 2006**

**Canadian National Tour**

**(applications being accepted)**

**Coordinator:** Tom Phair - P.O. Box 664, Alamo, CA 94507 - email - tom@phairs.net - Telephone (925) 820-4159; cell: (530) 714-9582. **Set-on and motorcar inspection:** July 10. **Itinerary:** Depart July 11, Squamish to West Vancouver & Return; Squamish to Tumbler Ridge and return to Prince George, BC; Day Off; Prince George to Prince Rupert; Day Off; Prince Rupert to Prince George; Prince George to Squamish. **Run Fee:** \$4,500. **Special requirements:** Seat belts, approved Hi-Vis safety vest required by CN, long pants, ankle high boots. Mobile radio (not Handheld) required by railroad. All NARCOA members having current NARCOA liability insurance and Rule Book Certification are welcome. Membership in SWRC is not required.

**July 15-16, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**Central PA Weekend**

CPE is pleased to sponsor a 2-day run on the North Shore and Shamokin Valley Railroads. Saturday, July 15th, ride the 86 RT miles of the North Shore Railroad from Northumberland to Berwick and back. Former Erie Lackawanna Railroad. Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> ride the 50 miles RT of the Shamokin Valley Railroad from Sunbury to Mt. Carmel Junction and back. Former Reading and Pennsylvania Railroads. Saturday night dinner and tour at the Central PA Chapter NRHS White Deer Train Station. \$10 of the registration fee donated to the chapter. Sunday tour of the Lower Anthracite model railroad while in Shamokin. Proof of NARCOA insurance required. All NARCOA rules will be enforced. Registration fee: \$65.00. Note: All CPE rides are rain or shine. No cancellations due to weather. Hard-soled shoes required; no sneakers or sandals. Children must be closely supervised at all times. Send check to: Central PA Excursions, PO Box 145, White Deer, PA 17887. Questions: Larry Maynard (570) 538-9050 or email firefighter5@jlink.net

**July 22 2006**

**Minnesota Southern Railway**

IRE will sponsor a 1 day ride over the Minnesota Southern Railway Luverne MN. We will travel east through Magnolia, Adrian and Rushmore with a turn around at Agate Junction, the Union Pacific connection near Worthington MN. After our return to Luverne for lunch our journey will continue west through Hills and Beaver Creek to Manly Junction with BNSF. Mileage for the day is 90 miles. Cost of the ride is \$40.00. For preregistration or more information contact Tom Jenness (712) 225-2614 jennjeto@netins.net

**August 6, 2006 (Sunday)**

**NSSR/BNSF/LSMR**

North Central Railcars, Ltd., is pleased to sponsor a one-day motor car excursion over three different railroads in the Duluth, MN area on Sunday, August 6, 2006. Participants will travel south from the NSSR depot over the BNSF & LSMR and return in the morning. We will then travel north to Two Harbors, MN and return (all NSSR) in the afternoon. This trip primarily runs along the St. Louis River and Lake Superior shorelines and passes by the ore docks and other points of interest. Complete details will be sent upon receipt of the excursion fee. **Cost:** \$80, includes all railroad fees as well as a morning coffee and sweet roll break on the LSMR, a pizza and soda lunch at the NSSR shops, as well as discounted museum tickets, available for advance purchase at an additional cost. Details are included in your registration materials. There is a 25-car limit. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply. For additional information, please contact Michael P. Ford, 7712 Carpenter Court, Plainfield, Indiana 46168-8035. Tel: (317) 839-9320 or email: mford@indy.rr.com

**August 6, 2006 (Sunday)**

**Coopersville and Marne Railway**

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: \$25 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

**August 12, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Minnesota Southern Railroad – Luverne. MN.**

The First Iowa Division is pleased to announce a ride on the Minnesota Southern Railroad at Luverne, Minnesota on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006. Set-on will be at 6:30 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. departure. Mileage is about 90 miles round trip. **Cost:** \$30 per car. This is a NARCOA-insured event and all NARCOA rules will apply. For information, contact Carl Schneider at (515) 967-5181 or e-mail motorcarl@mchsi.com.

**Sept 1- 4 , 2006 (Friday - Monday)**

**Kootenay Valley Railway/Canadian Pacific Railway**

Our excursion this year will take us from a home base of Nelson BC, west to Castlegar and return, and east thru Creston to Cranbrook (of which has never been seen before by NARCOA and PRO). Trip will be over four days, and will cover approximately 324 miles. For those of you who missed it the last times you won't want to miss it again we will see some of the most beautiful scenery Southern BC has to offer the motorcar enthusiast. From the West Kootenays to the East Kootenays, we will see spectacular mountains, lakes, streams and fields on the original CPR Southern Route. There is a 30 car limit and the trip fee and mentoring status has yet to be determined and will be released at a later date in The SETOFF. NOTE: All checks are payable to Pacific Railcar Operators and MUST be paid before run. No payment will be accepted at time of set-on. This is a NARCOA insured excursion and all NARCOA and PRO rules will apply, including membership to PRO is required. KVR and CPR has once again requested steel-toe or ankle-high boots, safety vests, and eye protection consisting of prescription or safety glasses. For more information please contact Terry Baumann by e-mail <greenacre@telus.net> or call 250-229-4474.

**September 10, 2006**

**Appanoose County Railroad Centerville Iowa**

Iowa Railroad Excursions will host a one day ride with seton at the engine house starting at 6:30 AM with a 8:30AM departure for Albia. Lunch will be available at the Moravia restored depot on our return trip. This ride will be approx. 70 miles in length. For more information contact Tom Jenness 5479 R Ave Cherokee Iowa 51012 (712) 225-2614 or email: jennjeto@netins.net. Special requirements All NARCOA members having current Insurance and Rule Book Certification cards are welcome. Ride fee is \$40.00

**September 15-16, 2006 (Friday Night/Saturday)**

**Midland Railway – Baldwin City, KS.**

The First Iowa Division is sponsoring a ride on the Midland Railway at Baldwin City, Kansas on Friday night and Saturday, Sept. 15 & 16, 2006. The Friday evening ride will be at 7:00pm. Set-on for the Saturday run will be at 7:00 a.m. with a departure at 8:30 a.m. We will run the line two times during the day. Mileage is 22 miles round trip. **Cost:** \$35 per car. This is a NARCOA-insured excursion and all NARCOA rules will apply. For information, contact Carl Schneider at 515-967-5181 or e-mail motorcarl@mchsi.com.

**September 16-17, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**New York Susquehanna & Western Railway, Utica Branch**

The Volunteer Railroaders Association is pleased to sponsor a two-day run over the NYS&W Utica Branch. Participants will travel over 160 round-trip miles between Chenango Fork, NY and Utica, NY over the two days. Operators and riders under 18 are not permitted by the railroad. The trip fee is \$140.00 per car which includes railroad costs. Lunches will be available on both days. There is a 40-car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion, and all NARCOA rules will apply. This is a non-mentoring run. For trip details contact the VRA at 80 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, Phone: (973) 238-0555 or email: volunteerra@yahoo.com you can also visit our website at <http://www.vratrips.org>

**September 17, 2006**

**Niles Canyon Railway Rides for the Public**

**(All proceeds go to Niles Canyon Railway)**

**Coordinators:** C. Patrick (Pat) Coleman: 1989 Robin Ridge Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94597; 925-979-1030 or patcoleman@astound.net; Al McCracken, 2916 Taper Avenue, San Clara, CA 95051, 408-249-2953, alnethie@aol.com. **Set-on:** Sunday morning, September 17, 2006 - 8:00 a.m. Sunol Depot - 1st Run 10:00 a.m. Last run 3:30 p.m. **Run itinerary:** East from Sunol Depot to Hearst siding and return repeated all day - 1.9 miles each way. **Run Fee:** no charge. **Special requirements:** Experienced operators only. All NARCOA members having current NARCOA liability insurance and Rule Book Certification are welcome. Membership in SWRC is not required.

**September 23-24, 2006 – Saturday and Sunday**

**Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad**

A.R.E. would like to invite you to participate in the Tenth Annual running of the SWP. This two-day event will cover approximately 92 miles of the former Pennsylvania RR Southwest Division, B&O Secondary, and Penn Central Subdivisions, and the former CSX FM&P lines. Day one will begin with our set-on near the Sony plant in New Stanton, PA, at the intermodal yard of Safe Handling Inc. at 7:00 a.m. on Sat. the 23rd. From here we will travel to Mt. Pleasant, Broadford, Scottdale, Everson, Tarrs, and on to Radibaugh (SWP/NS interchange) and return. We will break at the Youngwood Railroad Museum. We should be done around 5:00 p.m. Day two we will set-on at 8:00 a.m. at Mt. Bradock, PA, and travel to Fairchance, Uniontown, and Wheeler Bottom (Green Jct. SWP/CSX interchange) and return. This day finishes early to allow for travel time back home. Fee for both days is \$65. 40 car limit. All NARCOA rules apply and you must at all times (including loading and unloading) wear over-the-ankle hard-soled shoes (such as work boots). We will turn the cars three times on Saturday so make sure your car can be turned easily and quickly. No cars larger than an A-4. For more information contact John Gonder: (724) 696-4544 or email at [UP3706@msn.com](mailto:UP3706@msn.com). To register, send a check made out to A.R.E. for \$65. Please include your 2006 NARCOA insurance number along with your mailing address and phone# and what type of car you plan on bringing. Mail to: Appalachian Rail Excursions LLC, 415 Levine Lane, Ruffsedale, PA 15679-1512

**September 29-30, 2006**

**NARCOA Annual Meeting**

**Wyndham Hotel – Chicago, IL**

All members welcome to attend.

**October 1, 2006 (Sunday)**

**Coopersville and Marne Railway**

Great Lakes Railcars is pleased to sponsor a one-day run over the Coopersville and Marne Railway on October 1, 2006 starting at noon in downtown Coopersville. Participants will travel approximately 42 miles in three round-trips between Coopersville and Marne, MI. Trip fee: \$25 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](mailto:jeremy@winkworth.us)

**Oct. 14, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Columbia Terminal Railway – Columbia, MO**

The First Iowa Division is pleased to announce a ride on the Columbia Terminal Railway (COLT) at Columbia, Missouri on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006. Set-on will be at 6:30 a.m. with an 8:00 a.m. departure for the first of two runs. Mileage is about 44 miles round trip or 88 miles for the day. **Cost:** \$35 per car. This is a NARCOA-insured event and all NARCOA rules will apply. For information, contact Carl Schneider at (515) 967-5181 or e-mail: motorcarl@mchsi.com.

**October 14, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Wellsboro & Corning Railroad**

CPE is pleased to sponsor a one-day run on the Wellsboro & Corning Railroad – Ride the 70 miles RT of the Wellsboro & Corning Railroad from Wellsboro, PA to Gang Mills, NY and back. Former New York Central. Proof of NARCOA insurance required, all NARCOA rules will be enforced. Registration fee: \$50.00. All CPE rides are rain or shine. No cancellations due to weather. Hard-soled shoes required; no sneakers or sandals. Children must be closely supervised at all times. Send check to: Central PA Excursions, PO Box 145, White Deer, PA 17887. Questions: Larry Maynard (570) 538-9050 or email firefighter5@jlink.net

**October 14-15, 2006 (Saturday/Sunday)**

**New York Susquehanna & Western Railway, Syracuse Branch**

The Volunteer Railroaders Association is pleased to sponsor a two-day run over the NYS&W Syracuse Branch. Participants will travel approximately 160 round-trip miles between Chenango Bridge, NY and Syracuse, NY over the two days. Operators and riders under 18 are not permitted by the railroad. The trip fee is \$140.00 per car which includes railroad cost. Lunches will be available on both days. There is a 40 car limit. This is a NARCOA insured excursion, and all NARCOA rules will apply. This is a non-mentoring run. For trip details contact the VRA at 80 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Tel: (973) 238-0555 or email: volunteerra@yahoo.com you can also visit our website at <http://www.vratrips.org>

**October 20-21-22, 2006**

**Autumn Leaves-Apple Festival Special**

**Georgia Northeastern Railroad**

Ride this beautiful railroad situated in the North Georgia mountains. This is marble mining country and we will see several mines. Lots of bridges, lakes, streams, and abundant wildlife. Enjoy motorcar riding at its best on Friday night after dark. We will visit Fall Apple Festival on Saturday in Talking Rock and Cherry Log, and follow the turbulent Toccoa River on Sunday morning. **Cost:** \$140. You are encouraged to have a mobile radio (not hand held) to get the full experience of this excursion. **Requirements:** You must be a member of NARCOA, have NARCOA insurance, and have passed the Rules Test. All cars will be inspected. All NARCOA rules will apply. NARCOA approved Hy-Rails OK. Special requirements: All attendees must wear a safety vest during the excursion. No car or trailer may exceed 8 persons. A-cars and trailers must have a chain or similar restraining device. No refunds after September 20, 2006. Please make your check payable to: Atlanta Railcar Transportation LLC c/o Bobby Moreman, 3520 Cold Springs Lane, Chamblee, Georgia 30341.

**November 4, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad – Boone, IA.**

The First Iowa Division is pleased to announce the season finale ride on the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad at Boone, Iowa on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006. We will set on at 7:00 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. departure for the first of several runs during the day. Mileage is 22 miles round trip. **Cost:** \$20 per car plus a current membership in the Iowa Railroad Historical Society (\$25 annually). This is a NARCOA-insured event and all NARCOA rules will apply. For information, contact Carl Schneider at 515-967-5181 or e-mail motorcarl@mchsi.com.

**November 4-5, 2006**

**Chattooga & Chickamauga Railway**

**Saturday:** Central of Georgia Line. As we travel north from Summerville, the Tennessee Valley Railroad "Autumn Leaves" Steam Passenger Train will travel south from Chattanooga to Summerville. There will be plenty opportunities to observe and take pictures as this train passes us. On our return trip we will again meet the steam train on its way back to Chattanooga. We will be traveling up a beautiful valley and cross the last ridge of the Blue Ridge Mountains just before Chattanooga. A portion of your trip will be through a part of the Chickamauga National Battlefield. Expect to see deer, wild turkey, and an occasional brown bear. Approximately 90 miles RT. **Cost:** \$85. **Sunday:** The TAG Line. Our motorcar excursions begins in the suburbs of Kensington and we will travel to Chattanooga and return. This will be on the last remaining section of the Tennessee Alabama & Georgia Railroad (The TAG Line) which ran between Birmingham and Chattanooga. This will be our fourth Motorcar Excursion on this section of track. Approximately 42 miles RT. **Cost:** \$70. **Cost:** BOTH days: \$140. **Requirements:** You must be a member of NARCOA, have Insurance, and have passed the Rules Test. All cars will be inspected. All NARCOA rules will apply. NARCOA approved Hy-Rail Vehicles OK. No refunds after October 4, 2006. All operators and passengers must wear a safety vest during each excursion. No car or trailer may exceed eight persons. A cars and trailers must have a chain restraint or similar device. Please make your check payable to: Atlanta Railcar Transportation LLC c/o Bobby Moreman, 3520 Cold Springs Lane, Chamblee, Georgia 30341. No refunds after October 4, 2006.

**November 25, 2006**

**Skunk Train – Annual Turkey Run**

**(Applications accepted after 9/1/06)**

**Coordinator:** C. Patrick (Pat) Coleman - 1989 Robin Ridge Ct - Walnut Creek, CA 94597, (925) 979-1030 or patcoleman@astound.net. **Set-on:** Saturday morning, November 25, 2005 - 7:00 a.m. Commercial Street Station. **Departure:** 9:00 a.m. **Run itinerary:** Willits to Fort Bragg, CA, and return same day. **Run Fee:** \$135.00. Check payable to SWRC. **Special requirements:** mobile radio (not handheld); 30 car limit. All NARCOA members having current NARCOA liability insurance and Rule Book Certification are welcome. Membership in SWRC is not required.

**December 9, 2006 – Saturday**

**North Shore Railroad**

CPE is pleased to sponsor a 1 day run on the North Shore Railroad – ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS RIDE. Ride the 86 miles RT of the North Shore Railroad from Northumberland to Berwick and return. This is former Erie Lackawanna track. As part of the fee for this ride, please bring a new, unwrapped toy with you for either a boy or a girl. The Toys for Tots folks will be on hand to collect the toys. We hope to have good press coverage for this event. The public will be invited to bring a toy also and to see your motorcars. There will also be prizes for the best Christmas theme decorated motorcars. Proof of NARCOA insurance required. All NARCOA rules will be enforced. Registration fee: \$50.00. All CPE rides are rain or shine. No cancellations due to weather. Hard-soled shoes required; no sneakers or sandals. Children must be closely supervised at all times. Send check to: Central PA Excursions, PO Box 145, White Deer, PA 17887. Questions: Larry Maynard (570) 538-9050 or email firefighter5@jlink.net



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