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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOB KNIGHT



Greetings to all of you out in NARCOA land. It's a great feeling to have and see the 2018 motorcar season begin to roll down the track! Watching all this happen reminds me of the word **NETWORKING**. During the winter months, your EC team has been writing letters, making phone calls and many times making a visit to a current host railroad contact or maybe a new host railroad office. The glue that binds this process together many times is networking a referral, following up on your suggestions of a contact or maybe developing a potential host while traveling the countryside.

Without this process of networking we might never find new rails to travel with our motorcars, (hi-rails included). This same networking process is in place as we work the convention being held in April by the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASL-RRA) in Nashville, TN. The other connection, also in April, is the Heritage Rail Alliance (HRA) conven-

tion being held in Strasburg, PA. A group of your National Board Area Directors and members are attending each convention with the game plan to sell NARCOA and plant seeds for future Host Railroads plus to take the opportunity to thank our current host railroad partners who are in attendance.

Networking is also the engine that powers the various committees that make NARCOA hum or should I say, putt-putt. You will find that Safety Chairman, Bryan Adams has joined many members to begin a safety campaign to remind members about proper distances between motorcars while traveling on an excursion. How about the Judiciary Committee as they network many sources while completing an incident report or the membership committee reaching out around NARCOA land seeking new members. The real key to this networking process is **YOU**, our valuable members that supply the leadership with

ideas, referrals and just plain opening doors of new opportunities.

Many thanks to you, President, Bob Knight

PS: It was the networking process that joined Tom Norman and Mike Ford together to make your insurance renewal process work smoothly.

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FROM THE EDITOR

ROBIN DOUGLAS



Hello NARCOA!

The adventure begins now as I become your new editor. Brian Davis has done a great job for over decade putting together each issue in a timely manner, filled with news and official NARCOA information, run reports, safety tips and technical articles. You've provided him with materials and I trust you will do the same for me. I have much to yet learn, and Brian is a patient instructor. I will do my best each issue for you.

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AREA TWO



MARK NORTH

2018 is here and Area Two is ready again to jump into action. Northern Central Railcar Association (NCRA) affiliate excursions again began in mid-March with a “hat-trick” we call the “*Test and Tune Weekend*”. Our EC’s intent is to use these short runs to 1) focus on getting the motorcars out of storage and running prior to a major trip, 2) mentor new motorcar operator candidates, and, of course, 3) to have fun times pursuing our favorite hobby - motorcar operation. *Test and Tune* runs occur on three shortlines in eastern Pennsylvania. Various operators attended to “shake out” their cars on the chilly Pennsylvania days.

Our NCRA premier run will again be on the Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad - running on some very rare mileage in the southern anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania. NARCOA members from all across the U.S. and Canada want to be part of this event. The run was posted for application at 10 am in the morning and became sold out before noon. (Applicants are 45 operators and 5 ECs) A waiting list was started.

Upcoming spring events Area 2 will be hosting our recurring weekend doublets at yet to be determined dates on the Lycoming Valley RR/ Nittany & Bald Eagle RR; North Shore RR/Shamokin Valley RR; and the Everett RR; plus, other plans in the works but not ready for notification. Watch the NARCOA website’s Excursion Page for details. And do not forget about Appalachian Rail Excursion’s West Virginia Central excursion. I know West Virginia is not in Area 2 but the affiliate is. That is what is so awesome about Area 2, we are always close to an excursion!

As you may remember, Area 2 constitutes much of the “Rust Belt” of the 1970s and the resulting area of operations containing CONRAIL’s formation and later dissolution. But the golden lining to those dark times in railroad history have resulted in the formation of many shortlines and regional railroads in our area - several of which are amicable to motorcar operations.

New Affiliate *New Jersey Track-Car Excursions* has been created by Dave Sigafoose and Ken Ciparis. Check out their website under Affiliates at the NARCOA webpage to see what they are all about.

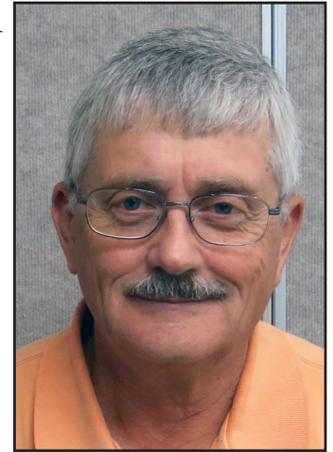
Operational Safety Just a thought to remember: It is always easy to make the motorcar move, but are you able to stop? Just a reminder to think “**Safety**”!

THANK YOU! BE SAFE - ALWAYS!

See you on the rails!

Mark

AREA THREE



JEFF LEVENGOOD

Greetings to all members of Area 3 and the rest of NARCOA. There are three new members in Area 3: Donald Young of Milford, Michigan; Mike Bruss of Toledo, Ohio; and Carson Engle of Amboy, Indiana. Welcome aboard!

I will be leaving shortly for the ASLRRRA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. NARCOA President Bob Knight, his wife Laurie, my wife Chris and I will be peddling the wares of NARCOA. Hopefully we will find some new rails for our organization to ride.

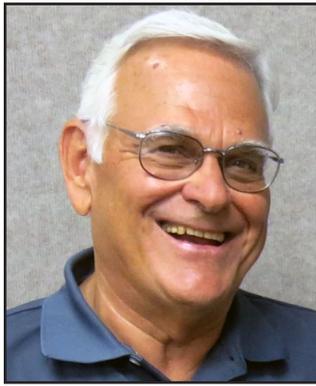
Great Lakes Railcars has had their annual meeting and Ohio Valley Railcars is having their meeting in May.

I will be finishing up my 4th term as area director in September and I have decided to step down. There are several good people running for the position. Best of luck to each of you. Please remember to vote because I sure they will appreciate your support.

As always, keep up the good work and be safe. Let's make this the safest year in NARCOA's history.

Jeff Levensgood

AREA SIX



BOB KNIGHT

Greetings to all the great members of Area 6 and friends. It has been an interesting several months including the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Railcars (GLRC) held at the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum at North Judson, Indiana. Those members attending were: Fred Lonnes, Stan Conyer, Richard & Elizabeth Dunton, Nelson Hurt, Mike Ford, Dave Johnson, Jim Dragstrem, Paul Maplethorpe, Garry Mazur, Chuck White and myself. Many interesting subjects were reported and discussed including Mike Ford's upcoming excursions. There were other excursions noted from other areas of the GLRC region. Please check the NARCOA website for listings.

Another interesting business action was their donation to the Martin County Historical Society to further their efforts in support Fairmont's records and a substantial donation to NARCOA's "Marketing Fund" to support its outreach efforts. They also elected officers for next year and Richard Dunton was chosen President, Jim Dragstrem as Vice President, Stan Conyer as Treasurer and Mike Ford as Secretary. Please note that I will report on the NCR annual meeting after I meet with their President, Dave Otte.

On another good note, we would like to welcome Tony Yuscus from

Penfield, Illinois as a new member of Area 6. Also as a reminder, if you have not sent in your annual renewal for membership or insurance, please do so asap.

Several weeks ago, Fred Lonnes and myself, had the opportunity to travel to Chicago by train and attend the monthly event of the Sandhouse Rail Group meeting at the Chicago Loop Metra offices. The group is part of the Transportation Department of Northwestern University and co-sponsored a very informative talk by several board members of the South Shore Railroad Freight Division. The GLRC did a motorcar excursion many years ago on their railroad and we are planning a follow through with their management to seek another possible excursion.

Let's keep it safe on the rails so please...keep the proper, safe, and required distance between your motorcar and the one you are following.

I look forward to meeting many of you on the rails as our 2018 motorcar season "fires up".

Bob Knight

AREA SEVEN



CARL SCHNEIDER

The annual membership meeting of the First Iowa Division was held on March 17th in Des Moines with 50 members in attendance. Following the passing of Frosty Farrell in December, we elected Dave Voeltz as the new Chairman to replace Frosty. Dave took over the meeting following his election and will be a great asset to the First Iowa Division. He is also an EC organizing some great excursions in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

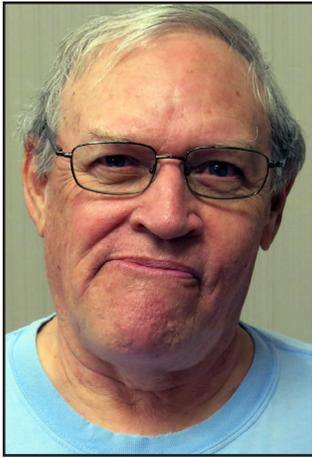
By the time this article is published, we will be back on the rails after a long winter. Our motorcars should have been completely inspected by that first excursion in anticipation of a trouble-free and safe ride season. Don't forget to extend that inspection to your trailer!

I would like to welcome Robin Douglas as the new editor of the Setoff. If any of our ride participants are feeling like an author after riding one of the First Iowa Division excursions, I would encourage you to write an article on your experiences. Robin is looking for new articles to publish and we can all help by submitting ride reports. There are many excellent trips out there that the general membership knows nothing about unless someone takes the time to share them

Have a safe ride season and I hope to see many of you on the rails.

Carl

AREA EIGHT



JOHN BROWN

Fellow NARCOA members

As write this column I have been advised that a few of my EC's have not taken the EC test that had to be done March 31. I must admit I have no idea what is involved in taking the test but I do know a lot of time and hard work goes into being an EC. Yes, in Canada we do not have the regionals that are prevalent in the USA and thus allowing NARCOA to be on a lot of ex-mainline tracks that the BIG guys didn't want. Hate to lose my EC's but I can understand their position as I mentioned above with the lack of available tracks.

I would like to welcome two new members into the NARCOA family, David Blakney and Roland Pauks. David Blakney is a 14-year retiree from Windsor, Ontario. David was Resident Engineer at Chrysler Windsor plant for 37 years. David tells me he worked for CNR for two summers back in the 1960's when pursuing an education. David mentions that they used motorcars to get to the job site. Two motorcars each pulling double gang cars did the shuttle of 14 equipment operators plus a work gang of 40 to 50. David spent a couple of weeks riding a

mower behind a gang car trimming the track from Rogersville to Campbellton, New Brunswick. "I remember being dispatched to a work site on the Gaspé Peninsula and stopped a Bud Car (RDC) where the track gang was supposed to be, but they were nowhere in sight. The section foreman was there who informed me the track gang had moved 20 miles down the track and he would take me there. He had a little inspection car much like the one I now own, and I got my first sighting by motorcar of Percé Rock on a cool, sunny morning."

David says he is familiar with NARCOA from NARCOA's website and has had an interest in motorcars but avoided the temptation to add another hobby to his list. However, a friend was interested so he took the plunge. David owns an M19 that was Ontario Northland and has it ready for a maiden run. David is also a member of the Essex County Steam and Gas Museum and a 2-cylinder hit and miss Fairmont is of interest as well. David had the M19 on display at the annual show last year. Now we need to get you mentored and running on the tracks, David!

Also, I would like to welcome Roland Pauks who lives in Bracken Saskatchewan. I emailed Roland and as usual asked for info on himself so when I get it, I'll pass it along. I am glad to see another Canadian joining the NARCOA family.

Well if you are like me, now that most of the snow has gone from my area in Ontario (but it is still in the -3 Celsius during the day and -10 Celsius at night range) I am looking at the NARCOA excursion sites and have a couple planned. I'm just waiting for the EC who runs them

to confirm that are running and all is arranged. One on Vermont rails would be new to me. Years ago, I was on a 7-day run from Warren to Palmer so this run would start me off at a familiar train watching sight I loved back in the 60's and 70's but head in a different direction. The other is in one of my favorite US states West Virginia and as John Denver has said, it's "Almost Heaven." Yes, I do like the mountains of Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. In the 90's for many years I actually rode the coal trains out of Dante, Virginia up to Elkhorn City, Kentucky and the A3 I am hoping to sell was bought from a CRR employee I used to ride with out of Dante, Virginia.

I have my insurance for the year and I understand the snafu that cropped up on Tom Norman's computer has been fixed with the help of Mike Ford, and that the insurance cards are now back on track. Ah, the joys of computers and how things can go wrong at the wrong time.

John Brown

AREA TEN



BILL ANDREWS

It's an exciting time in the hobby when excursions begin in the Spring! Here in the Northwest, that's usually in April. NARCOA is always looking for new members to share our enthusiasm, whether they want to be operators or not. Invite a neighbor, friend or friend of a friend to share an excursion with you. This hobby is not only unique, it's addictive!

As you share your enthusiasm, also share our safety procedures, including appropriate footwear.

Most importantly, show your passenger how to apply the brake and turn off your motorcar. Safety is the most important thing we must do on any excursion. Along the safety line, I will continue to stress the absolute need for safe crossings! Different groups may have varied solutions and procedures for safe crossings, but the most important is that only you, the operator, can determine if you can safely enter a crossing. It is your sole responsibility.

There are changes in the NARCOA Operations Manual this season, so study them carefully and be sure you implement them.

Welcome and thanks to Robin Douglas for taking on The SETOFF editor responsibilities. It's a vital part of our hobby; thank you for your time and energy.

I look forward to seeing you all on the rail. Come join us in the Northwest!

Bill Andrews

2017 HANK BROWN AWARD



It was an honor for Will Thompson, Area 5 Director to personally present Bobby Moreman with the Hank Brown Award for 2017.

The Hank Brown Memorial Award is presented annually by the NARCOA President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, to the NARCOA certified excursion coordinator who has done the most to advance the rail car hobby during the year of the award. This award memorializes the contributions made Hank Brown to NARCOA as an excursion coordinator. Hank helped establish safe operating procedures, opened new railroads for excursions, conducted enjoyable excursions, and promoted the hobby.

Following that example, Bobby Moreman served as an Excursion Coordinator, Area 5 Director and the Vice President of NARCOA. He mentored Will when he became an EC as well as several others in Area 5. He tirelessly helped others on their runs and was always ready to answer questions.

“Bobby is well known for holding some of the best motorcar runs here in the South. All runs were very well planned and performed in a very professional manner,” says Will Thompson. “If you contacted him and wanted to ride he would find you a seat on one of his runs. No one has ever deserved the Hank Brown award more than Bobby Moreman with the help of his wife and assistant Brenda.”

NARCOA REMINDER CARD AVAILABLE ONLINE

*Having trouble keeping track your NARCOA numbers for insurance and operator certification?
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Joe Speeder

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BROWN RAILROAD EQUIP. AUCTION

BY ROBIN DOUGLAS



In a yard in Granite City, Illinois, just east of St. Louis, long lines of old motorcars were slowly rotting away in the weather. Small trees grew through their floorboards.

Once they were dependable workhorses for maintenance of way gangs, shuttling men to perform repairs or inspectors in all sorts of weather. But their working days were long gone. March 22nd marked the end of an era.

That day, the auction at Brown Railroad Equipment (BRE) closed the only family run, central wrecking yard for maintenance of way equipment and motorcars. Dan Brown started BRE in 1977 and supplied many short lines across America with a variety of used equipment.



Photo by Greg Cotton



He bought surplus MOW machinery, tools, parts and motorcars from many sources including BC Rail, CN, Soo Line and Southern as well as the entire new old stock parts inventory from Fairmont when they closed. Following his passing a few years back things changed.

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Stuart Remmers, an EC in the First Iowa Division says, “In October of 2016 I made my first trip to Browns and what an eye opener it was. We spent the entire day there picking parts off junk cars and going through the trailers, many of which are floor to the ceiling in parts. Since that first visit I have made an additional 3 visits if you include the auction. Each time seeing the outside cars and inventory slowly disappear.”

Last year, the Brown family decided it was finally time to refocus the business and sell most everything off. Phil Hopper said after he learned that, he made 16 trips last year buying boxes of items. “I might have needed a couple of hard to find Fairmont ammeters, but I’d take a whole box of them for a good price. I just didn’t want to see things disappear or be scrapped.” The auction cleared everything except three trailers of two-stroke (popper) parts whose fate remains to be decided. So, the era of individuals waiting to someday buy from Brown’s is over, but the new era of many restorations can begin in earnest.



Greg Cotton related his perspective this way. “I’ve had friends who made several trips down to Brown in the months leading up to the auction but I finally decided to go down for the auction with the truck and trailer, figuring that if I didn’t buy a car, one of the Iowa guys probably would and I could haul one on my way home.”

It was a bright, sunny spring morning and the Blackmon auctioneer started promptly at 9 o’clock. He gave a nice overview of Brown Railroad Equipment before the bidding started.



Photo by Greg Cotton

“There were probably about 50 bidders there in person counting the scrappers and several online bidders won some of the auctions,” said Greg Cotton. “As it worked out, I bought a BC Rail fiberglass cab M-19 for \$125.00 plus fees and a truck load of parts, either bought at the auction or bought from other winners of various lots.”

"I bought a couple of new old stock M-19 fronts, new old stock M-19 floorboards and a new tunnel cover for the BC Rail car from other bid winners. There were two or three local scrap dealers that probably bought half the auction. Most of the old MOW equipment went to scrappers plus most of the A4s. The big local scrappers didn't fight with the smaller bidders on most specific items of interest. Three of us got together and bought the entire supply of aluminum handle brackets, about 1,000 lbs. and 400-450 pairs," continued Cotton.



Photo by Greg Cotton

According to several attendees, there was only one nearly ready to run NARCOA compliant car there, and it sold for a much lower price than BRE had previously been asking. Several bidders bought multiple motorcars each with different levels of wear, decay or damage. Their concept is possibly to combine them, so a car with no engine might have usable body parts, and a car with a restorable drive line might have been crushed by a falling tree. Add to those some NOS parts and a fully restored motorcar may well be assembled. The two major buyers of motorcar items don't plan to go into business selling parts right away. They'll take care of their own restorations first and when the time is right, make their extra inventories available. Phil Hopper says, "I've got too much now and have to organize everything so I can find what I need."



Photo by Greg Cotton

By 2:30 in the afternoon the sale was over; then the skies turned grey and a light rain began to fall. The last guys there left around 6:00 after overloading their trucks and trailers with parts. The lot will be cleaned up and reportedly rented to one of the local trucking companies in the area. Per Greg Cotton, the land is "part of the Brown estate and the income from the rental will go to their mother. Browns are keeping the track for future use and said they weren't going to get completely out of the railroad business. Both the brothers were there at the auction and were really nice and helpful." Stuart Remmers adds, "I now consider Patrick Brown to be a very good friend."

FINDING NEW MEMBERS BY EXHIBITING AT MODEL RAILROAD SHOWS BY TOM SOPCHAK

As everyone knows NARCOA membership is on a decline. NARCOA is now publicly pushing, promoting a membership drive. Unless we do something to turn around the trend of declining membership our hobby will certainly fade away and our cars will become lawn ornaments. Personally, I doubt this is due to the organization, what we do nor the fun we have. It is due to a lack of communicating information about our organization to the right people.



Photo by Stuart Edmondston

In the 2+ short years I have known about NARCOA and become a part of it, when I ask how someone found out about NARCOA, the one thing I hear repeatedly is “it was by accident!” Everyone’s story is a little different but in the end, most of us just happened to be in the right place at the right time and ran into information about it.

The other thing I find is that NARCOA members have a very diverse background. I have met people from very modest means to people who are very well off. I have met people with little or no education to highly educated people with multiple degrees. I have met blue collar and white collar folks, men, women, young adults and senior citizens. I have met people from just about every occupation you can think of. So, what is the common thread? They all love trains.

A few of us have determined that model train shows are a great place to find train enthusiasts, and it should be where we’ll get the biggest return for our marketing effort.

A good friend of mine runs a large model railroad show in northern Vermont and when he found out I was part of NARCOA and had a speeder, he started to bug me to display my car at one of his shows. I was initially reluctant because it is a fair amount of work. I mean you must be able to transport the car(s) to the event, roll it into the building, set up a table and so on. It isn’t that I don’t enjoy talking about the hobby or the cars but it takes effort to support it.

I contacted NARCOA, explained what I was planning to do and requested information to support the effort. They put me in touch with Gary Smith and Stuart Edmondson who have displayed cars at multiple train shows to promote NARCOA. Gary and Stuart put more into their setup than I had time to. They each had a nice display of Setoff issues, historical speeder information, photos of excursions and speeders. All of us had a laptop running a continuous loop of video displayed on a larger flat screen TV. The videos varied from NARCOA released information from their website to homemade speeder videos, events and on-track rides. Each of us also bought some tri-fold NARCOA brochures to hand out.

Here are 8 lessons learned from our collective experience.

1 Be Prepared. Do a little homework about the show before you show up. Our show was in a sport center on tennis courts that had special rubber flooring. We needed to bring strips of 5/8" plywood 12" wide and 8' long to roll the speeder around on so that we wouldn't damage the flooring. The event had a floor layout pre-planned so we made sure to be as close as possible to an overhead door. Each of us also needed electricity to run a laptop and TV display. In our case the venue provided us with a table and chairs.

2 Location is key. You want a display inside or at least where the action is at. Stuart went all out and displayed 5 (!) cars at a model railroad show but they were outside the main entrance. He commented that he had a single person all day that stopped to ask about the cars and talk.

3 Keep Control. You need to be VERY specific with parents and children about what they can touch and NOT touch. I would also suggest posting signs about this on your car and table. We left the doors open on our car to allow people to sit inside, see what it was like and to take photos. We had a ton of people; at times, they were literally lined up for the chance to see the car. We were floored by the lack of parenting and the absolute wildness of some of the kids. We had both ends of the spectrum . . . some parents asking us if it would be ok to let the kids sit in it, others just turning their kids loose to do whatever they wanted, with zero supervision or control. Gary had people picking up materials he had set out on his table to take home! Mark your printed items "table copy" if you want to keep them.

4 Welcome everyone. There is no way you can tell by looking at people how serious they are about learning more about the hobby. There were people who came up to us and we thought they would be ALL about the car and hobby; nope, just wanted to chat and shoot the bull. There was a geekie, flower child looking couple our age that looked like they were just there to kill time on a Saturday. They couldn't get enough information on NARCOA and speeders. The guy did everything but crawl under the car. He looked at the top, back, sides, inside, outside, and even crawled around on the floor trying to look under it. The lady came up and watched the ENTIRE video start to finish (14 minutes worth). Then they talked to us for probably another 15 minutes asking more questions about how you do this, where you get a car, and so forth. My wife and I were floored.



Photo by Gary Smith



Photo by Stuart Edmondston



Photo by Stuart Edmondston

5 Be ready to talk. Wow, do you ever have to talk, and the subject can go anywhere! There are always the common questions such as how much does a car cost, where do you get them, can you ride on any railroad's tracks. We've all had the common questions.

6 Have handouts. At about 50 cents a piece for the NARCOA brochures we were selective about who we were handing them out to. You can kind of tell who's really into it and who is just talking. We totally didn't mind sharing our knowledge, but it would have been better if we had small cards (business-type) or sheets of paper to hand out with some website links and common questions/answers. We ended up having to find things to write on with URL's and other data.



Photo by Gary Smith

7 Make friends. You have no clue who you will bump into or what you'll find out. We have a neighbor who lives less than 1 mile away. He has an A5 gang car and a full size, 1913 Central Vermont caboose out behind his house in a barn. My wife and I drive right past his house daily and had zero clue. You can't see a single sign of ANYTHING railroad in his yard. When we discovered that each other was a railroad person, it was pretty funny. (I asked him how he got a full-sized caboose in his barn. He said he built the barn around and over the caboose.) We made a friend, exchanged phone numbers and are setting up to visit each other's place.

8 Don't expect miracles. We easily had hundreds of people come up to our display. Many were just curious, others wanted to talk, a few were the genuine article and very interested in motorcars. You won't know who they are. You need to understand going into this that people are attending a model railroad show. They aren't looking for full sized cars and a new hobby. At the end of the day it is about making new contacts and connections, and if you're lucky getting 1 or 2 new NARCOA members.



Photo by Gary Smith

We do not recommend limiting yourself to model railroad events. Gary has done car shows and won an award for having the most unique vehicle at the event! There may be train days in your area or a museum that might have a special event. Any of these could be rich grounds for running into the next NARCOA member. Special thanks to Gary Smith, Stuart Edmondson, Bill Christopher, and Ken Cafilisch for their contributions to this article and helping with our display.

We would like to encourage all NARCOA members to get out and beat the bushes to try to find those elusive but dedicated and excited new NARCOA members. We NEED new members!

MUST I BUY NARCOA INSURANCE TO BE A FULL MEMBER OF NARCOA?

Question: I have been a long-time member of NARCOA and have operated my motorcar on many excursions. Each year I have renewed my membership and purchased NARCOA insurance. This year I have chosen not to go on excursions. I have sold my motorcar. Since I no longer own a motor car, can I renew my NARCOA membership without buying the insurance?

Answer: Of course, you can renew without insurance. We don't want to lose you as a member! NARCOA insurance is only required if you are planning to operate a motorcar or Hy-rail on a NARCOA excursion.

Insurance is not required for membership. Many new members join and renew for several years before purchasing and operating a motorcar or Hy-rail. Many renewing members decide to stop operating. Some folks never own a motorcar but wish to be members. In these situations, NARCOA insurance is not necessary or required.

See you on the rails (or not),

Bob Hastings

NARCOA Membership



THINK SAFETY - BE SAFE BY MARK NORTH

Operational Safety. The year 2018 has already three occurrences of major intercity rail incidents resulting in major property damage and injuries/fatalities. The causes of these incidents are appearing to be the result of some form of operator error - either on the part of the rail crews or operators of vehicles crossing the tracks. Human error - by professionals - resulting in major consequences. Why am I bringing this up? We, as motorcar operators, operate on the same tracks, in the same environs, and under the same laws of physics as the aforementioned professionals. An operator's error on a NARCOA run can result in devastating calamities. As NARCOA operators, we must always be mindful of that - while we are out on the rails to have fun and pursue a hobby, we are operating in a dangerous, possibility deadly, environment. The old axiom of "***Railroad rules are written in blood!***" is true.

- 1) Know your operating rules and safety procedures - and obey them.
- 2) Operate a reliable and safe motorcar - always pay particular attention to the functionality of brakes, lights, and safety equipment.
- 3) Always - always - take your responsibility seriously and operate your motorcar under the strictest and safest operational guidelines. **Be proud of being professional.**

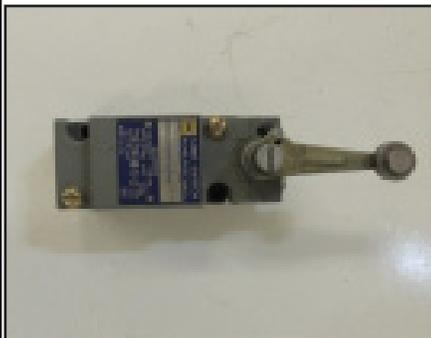
The last thing any of us want is to have a joyful weekend excursion be instantly changed into a disastrous and disheartening event caused by one person's "operator error". Literally, the future of this avocation rests on the heads of each and every motorcar operator on each and every motorcar excursion.

THANK YOU! BE SAFE - ALWAYS!

ADDITION OF A TURNTABLE DEPLOYMENT LIGHT BY AL RODI

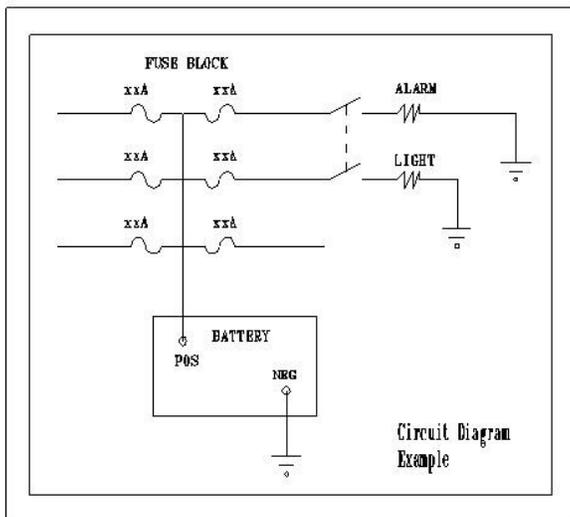
After a recent motorcar run, a friend and I were discussing what could have been a serious problem. While on the return trip, his turntable alarm sounded. Immediately stopping, he discovered that due to a mechanical failure, the turntable had indeed begun to drop. After securing the turntable, he returned to the yard for repairs. He commented that while wearing the headset, in conjunction with “normal” noise associated with motorcar operation, the alarm was difficult to hear.

In my past life as a powertrain engineer on transit buses and railcars, certain alarms, such as low air and engine trouble, consisted of BOTH an audible alarm and a light (either solid or flashing). Adding such a light seemed to be a relatively easy task. A little research on eBay yielded an inexpensive flashing red LED marker light.



The limit switch already installed in my car, a Square D 9007 type limit switch with roller arm, has DPDT (double pole double throw) contacts. This means there were enough terminals to not only add the warning light, but to also wire it in such a way that the alarm and light could each be on their own fused circuit making them redundant to each other.

Locating the light on the front wall of the cab in the field of view is a good location to catch the operator’s attention. The addition of an indicator light, in addition to the alarm already required, could be a safety benefit, providing an additional level of warning to avoid a potentially serious accident.



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

BY JIM EBLE

Having made my last road crossing with a motorcar, I want to tell everyone my story as a NARCOA member. In 2008 my wife Cindy and I joined up. We enjoyed travel and just finished restoring an M-19. Cindy had a love of all things railroad after she discovered a candy machine in the Manistee & Northeastern Railway depot a few blocks from her childhood home in Manistee. The old depot agent befriended her and explained a lot to her about his job and other things about trains in general. And even a nickel occasionally when she had none for the “machine”. This became her first stop on her walk home from school. She grew to be a very savvy buyer and collector of railroad memorabilia and 1:1 scale rolling stock. Yes, “1:1 scale”. With her illness, I wanted to spend as much time with her as I could. NARCOA fit the bill. See, also in ‘08, at the age of 48 she was diagnosed with Left Frontal Temporal Degeneration “early onset dementia “ which forced her into retirement. I confided in only one person involved in NARCOA about her condition, that being Mike Ford. She wanted no one to know about her condition until she didn’t know or was unable to function in society. She was such a sweet, smart talented, musical walking beauty. Oh, what a wonderful time we had traveling, meeting great people, helping people and best of all being helped when I needed it. Traveling to Alaska in 2011 and riding that excursion was a once in a lifetime trip. Cindy wanted to return to Alaska again anyway for we were there in 2002 for our 25th wedding anniversary. So, that excursion was a gift perfectly timed.

To operate an M-19 over the entire Alaska RR trouble free says a lot for Cindy’s ability to restore it along with a little help from me! I could go on and on about the good times and great people. But the years went by and Cindy’s condition deteriorated to the point of her being unable to go on excursions. Then in 2015 she passed away at the age of 58 years.



Last year I tried an excursion on my friend Rich Dutton’s Coopersville & Marne RR. But as Marg Hope once told me, “it is no fun going on excursions by yourself “ and she was right. I put our beloved M-19, that was such a big part of our lives up for sale. This past winter I sold it. Therefore, I will not be renewing my membership in NARCOA this year. This is the end of the line for me. But I wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness shown towards myself and especially Cindy during these tough years. The members we encountered are a special group of people like no other members I have ever been associated with in ANY other organization. You are all remarkable. You will never be forgotten. So, travel safe. Be thankful every day that you can do what you enjoy andgoodbye. Jim Eble

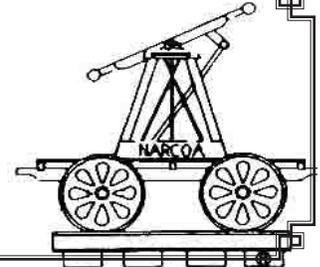
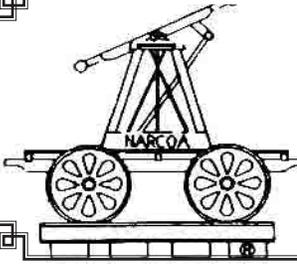
NARCOA EXCURSIONS

AS OF APRIL 16, 2018

Please submit all excursions and ads directly to

webmaster@narcoa.org

The *SETOFF* downloads directly from the website
for the most current information.



May 4 – 5 - MI posted 03/06

Coopersville & Marne Railway

Great Lakes Railcars from Coopersville. Evening run to Marne on Friday. Two trips to Grand Rapids, estimated 56 miles, on Saturday. Cost \$50 with 25 car limit. Checks to Great Lakes Railcars, Richard Dunton, 1225 – 19 Mile Road, Cedar Springs, MI 49319; 616-644-5024, before 8 pm.

May 6 - TX posted 03/30

Texas State Railroad

Hosted by Railroad Partners Inc. 50 miles RT between Palestine and Rusk. Two RT's for 100 miles total for the day. Trip fee: \$120, lunch for 2 included. Advanced sign up required. EC Frank Glatzl, 512-484-4102.

May 5 - 9 - WA/OR posted 02/21

MOW and PRO Get Together

Saturday the Goose Lake RR. Sunday the Prineville RR. Tuesday the Chelatchie Prairie RR and Wednesday the Mount Rainier Scenic RR and Tacoma Rail. This is a joint venture sponsored by Motorcar Operators West and Pacific Railcar Operators.

May 5 - OH posted 02/26

Toledo Train Day

Motorcar operators are invited to display and operate their motorcars. Space for 9 cars. No fee event, NARCOA insurance required as Part B coverage is in effect. Contact Phil Linne Phone 740-294-7328.

May 11 - 13 - CO posted 03/12

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad

Rocky Mountain Division of NARCOA announces Spring test & tune day. 26 miles R.T. with multiple trips each day. Mentoring welcome. Rail sweeps and spark arrestors required. Run Fee \$85. Contact Jon Keeling 719-989-0779

May 12 - OR posted 03/20

Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad

Pacific Railcar Operators set-on at Tillamook at the Blimp Hangar starting at 06:30. Run to Batterson, approximately 35 miles, with a lunch stop at Wheeler. We will stop at Garibaldi on the way back to visit with the 4 active steamers there. \$85 fee. EC Bill Bain.

May 12 - OH posted 02/26

Midwest Railway Preservation Society

The New Jersey TrackCar Excursions (NJTE)

invites you to participate in a Track Car Day event in Cleveland, OH. EC: Ken Ciparis, 732-618-4286

May 12 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

May 12 - IA posted 02/19

Midwest Electric Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion at Mt. Pleasant, IA. We will ride the 1-mile trolley loop several times during the day. Cost \$20. EC Carl Schneider.

May 19 - IN posted 02/12

French Lick Scenic Railway

Great Lakes Railcars 50 mile round trip from Jasper to French Lick. Fee \$70. For details contact EC Andy Sargent at 812-525-4856. Registration deadline is 5/12/2017, no exceptions.

May 19 - PA posted 02/24

Lycoming Valley Railroad

Northern Central Railcar Association will host a 50 mile RT ride from Williamsport, PA to Jersey Shore, PA and back and from Williamsport to Montgomery and back. Registration fee - \$50. EC Gary Shrey 717-227-9628

May 20 - PA posted 02/24

Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad

Northern Central Railcar Assc. ride from Bellefonte to either Tyrone or Mill Hall and return if the main line is available. If not, we will ride the Bellefonte Secondary. Itinerary set by RR that day. \$50. EC Gary Shrey 717-227-9628

May 20 - OR posted 03/20

Albany & Eastern Railroad

Pacific Railcar Operators run on the from the former SP station in Lebanon to Sweet Home. Approximately 15 miles, with a lunch stop in Sweet Home at McDonalds restaurant. \$70 fee. EC Bill Bain.

May 23 - NV posted 2/19

Nevada Northern Railway

Motorcar Operators West. Motorcar set on in Ely, Nevada, run to Ruth and travel Hi Line to Adverse with return to Ely. Approximately 50 miles. \$70 Fee. EC Dan Berg, 702-341-8617

May 25 – Jun 1 – CO/NM posted 02/05

D&SNGRR C&TSRR – Late Spring Rocky Mountain Narrow Gauge Tour

The Rocky Mountain Division of NARCOA is hosting a 338-mile tour on the Narrow Gauge. 3 days on the Durango and Silverton Railroad followed by a move day then 3 days Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Mentored operators only. 20 car limit. Tour price \$725 per car. ECs Philip Walters & Alan Borchardt.

May 25 - 28 - ID posted 02/10

Eastern Idaho Railroad

MOW excursion Burley to Buhl, Burley to Jerome and Burley to Oakley and River Raft industrial leads. 246 rail miles \$320 MOW website for info. Joe Schnyder EC.

May 26 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Memorial Day Weekend Run, Saturday only. Two, possibly three, full Runs to Martel and back for operators and rides for the Public from Lane's Station. If you can provide seats to sell, then there is no run fee. Otherwise regular run fee is \$45.00. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356

May 26 - ND posted 03/06

Red River Valley & Western Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion at Lamoure. We will be running from Lamoure to Milner. Total mileage is approx. 110 miles. Cost is \$50. EC is Dave Voeltz.

May 27 - 28 - SD posted 02/19

Dakota, Missouri Valley & Western Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion at Britton. We will be running south towards Aberdeen and north to Geneseo, ND. Total mileage is approx. 270. Cost \$80. EC Dave Voeltz.

May 30 - QE posted 04/10

Quebec Central Railway

Excursion from Charny to Valley Junction and return. A run of 60 miles. 45\$ CA. EC Louis-François Garceau. Mobile: 418 955-2466

Jun 1 - 3 - MI posted 01/01 **FULL – Waiting List Started**

Great Lakes Central Railroad

Great Lakes Railcars, Inc. is hosting an excursion covering approximately 236 rail miles. Set-on in Cadillac with overnights in Petoskey and Traverse City. Trip fee is \$575, includes 2 nights lodging. 30 car limit. EC Michael P. Ford (317) 839-9320

Jun 1 - 6 - MT posted 03/06

PRO 2018 Montana Run FULL – Waiting List Started

Approx. 300 round trip miles. Central Montana Rail Inc. - Denton., Montana Rail Link, (5-6 Subs) - Whitehall, Mission Mountain RR - Fortine. 25 car limit. Non-mentoring. \$450. Make check out to PRO. Mail to EC Bill Taylor, 6953 Lamar Trail, Florence, MT 59833.

Jun 2 - 3 - NC posted 03/15 **FULL – Waiting List Started**

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad

Rail-B-Que Banquet/Overnight run w/ stay in Dillsboro trackside hotel. Andrews to Dillsboro and return, 102 miles round trip, \$175.00 (does not include hotel) Tom Falicon EC. Email or call for signup info 828-488-8063

Jun 2 - PA posted 04/10

Stourbridge Line

“SAVE THE DATES” Honesdale to Lackawaxen and return, approx. 48 RT miles. Details to follow. NEREX excursion EC Rob Piligian. 30 car limit. Non-mentoring excursion. Excursion in conjunction with NJTC Delaware-Lackawanna, Steamtown in Scranton on June 3.

Jun 9 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

Jun 23 - MN posted 04/10

Minnesota Southern Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion. We will ride the line from Luverne to Agate Jct. West of Worthington and return. We plan on riding this twice with each round trip mileage approximately 60 miles. EC Dave Voeltz.

Jun 30 - Jul 1 - WV posted 01/25 **FULL – Waiting List Started**

West Virginia Central RR

Approx. 170 miles over two days. Mountain railroading, steep hills, and lots of scenery and trains. 30 car limit, No Hy-rails. Appalachian Rail Excursions LLC. EC John Gonder

Jul 7 - 8 - VT posted 04/16

Vermont Rail

White River Junction-Newport and return, approx. 220 RT miles. Overnight excursion. NEREX EC Keith Knowlton. 40 car limit. Non-mentoring excursion. \$370 fee includes one overnight accommodation, dinner, and breakfast at Newport.

Jul 9 - MN posted 01/01

North Shore Scenic Railroad

North Central Railcars, Ltd. is hosting an excursion between Two Harbors and Duluth. Includes 52 miles of rail travel, 1.75 hour Duluth Harbor Cruise, lunch at the Duluth Depot, and museum admission. Trip Fee \$140. 25-car limit. EC Michael P. Ford (317) 839-9320

Jul 14 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

Jul 15 - 20 - ON posted 01/01 **FULL – Waiting List Started**

Ontario Northland Railway

Great Lakes Railcars, Inc. 734 mile motor car excursion through northern Ontario between North Bay and Hearst. Trip fee is \$1,850 (USD) or \$2,050 for Canadian participants, and includes 5 nights lodging and more. 25-car limit. EC Michael P. Ford (317) 839-9320

Jul 21 - OH posted 04/08

Ashland Railway

Approximately 56 round trip miles. Registration fee \$97. Set on in Mansfield. OVR Rules. Contact coordinators Ted Poesse, 440-804-4099, or Phil Linne, 740-294-7328. c/o Ted Poesse 5538 Spencer Road Spencer, Ohio 44275

Jul 21 - 22 - PA posted 02/24

North Shore RR/Shamokin Valley RR

Ride over the 86 mile North Shore Railroad on Saturday. 50 mile Shamokin Valley Railroad on Sunday. The Central PA NRHS will serve a meal Saturday evening. Fee \$95 Gary Shrey 717-227-9628

Jul 23 - 24 - CO posted 03/12

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad

Rocky Mountain Division of NARCOA announces 26 mile R.T. run South Fork to Wagon Wheel Gap. Spark arrestors & rail sweeps required. \$85 fee. Mentoring welcomed. Jon Keeling certified E.C., 719-989-0779. Runs done in conjunction with LC&S and SLRG later in the week.

Jul 26 - 27 - CO posted 04/02

Leadville, Colorado & Southern RR

Rocky Mountain Division. 45 miles (approx.) Leadville, Colorado. \$70 EC Jerry Geiger, 719 568 7966

Jul 28 - 29 - CO Posted 03/06

San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad

Rocky Mountain Division out of Alamosa. Saturday, mandatory round trip test run to Antonito; Sunday, round trip over LaVeta Pass includes SLRG Mountain Concert. Optional early set on Friday afternoon. Total mileage for both days 182. Cost \$220. EC Richard Reiff. 719-543-7023 25 car limit.

Aug 11 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

Aug 11 - 12 - WV posted 02/19

South Branch Valley Railroad

102 RT miles Romney to Petersburg and Romney to Greenspring. Longest continuous running trip in NARCOA history. Beautiful scenery, Bald Eagles, Potomac Eagle scenic train. Registration now open. Appalachian Rail Excursions. Contact: John Gonder

Aug 18 - IA posted 03/17

Iowa Northern Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion at Clarksville. Ride the line from Clarksville to Manly and return. If time permits, we may also run south of Clarksville to near Cedar Falls. Round trip mileage is approximately 100 miles. Cost is \$60. EC is Carl Schneider.

Aug 25 - 26 - NY posted 02/16

Lehigh Railway/Owego & Harford Railway

Approx. 150 RT miles. NEREX EC Itchy Mead. Fee for this weekend package is \$175, Sunday lunch included. 25 car limit. Non-mentoring excursion.

Aug 25 - 26 - IN/MI posted 01/01 **FULL – Waiting List Started**

Indiana Northeastern Railroad

Great Lakes Railcars, Inc. is hosting a 150 mile round-trip between Ashley, IN and Coldwater, MI. Trip fee is \$280 and includes Saturday night lodging and more. 35-car Limit. EC Michael P. Ford (317) 839-9320

Sep 3 - WV posted 02/12

West Virginia Central RR

Elkins Fundraiser. Charity rides for the public. Need hard commitment from at least six cars and operators. No fee. Chance to get some time here. No trains running that day. Call John Gonder 724-244-7538 or email Appalachian Rail excursions/WVC RR/ sponsors

Sep 4 – Sep 10 – CO/NM posted 02/05

D&SNGRR C&TSRR – Late Summer Rocky Mountain Narrow Gauge Tour

The Rocky Mountain Division of NARCOA is hosting a 359 mile tour on the Narrow Gauge. 3 days on the Durango and Silverton Railroad followed by a move day then 3 days Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

Mentored operators only. 20 car limit. Tour price \$735 per car. ECs Philip Walters & Alan Borchardt.

Sep 8 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

Sep 8- 24 - AK posted 01/05

Alaska Railroad

Motorcar Operators West presents the premium run of the year, 950 miles on the Alaska railroad. This a 16-day trip with all lodging and railroad fees included in the run fee of \$7,500. EC Dave Balestreri, 2320 E street, Sacramento, CA. 95816, 916.531.7536

Sep 15 - MN posted 02/19

Minnesota Prairie Lines

First Iowa Division excursion at Redwood Falls, MN. Complete details are pending and will be updated on the FID website. EC Dave Voeltz.

Sep 21 - 23 - CO posted 04/02

Leadville, Colorado & Southern RR

Rocky Mountain Division. 85 miles (approx.) Leadville, Colorado. \$100/three days, \$55/one day EC Jerry Geiger, 719 568 7966

Sep 22 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

End of Summer Run. Two runs to from Ione to Martel. This is a NARCOA sanctioned run for motor car operators and their friends and family, not a ride for the public run. Run Fee is \$45.00. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356

Oct 5 - 7 - SD posted 02/19

Black Hills Central Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion at Hill City, SD. We will ride the line several times several times between Hill City and Keystone. Round trip mileage is 18. Cost \$80. EC Dave Voeltz.

Oct 13 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

Oct 13 - 14 - WV posted 03/06

West Virginia Central RR

Fall foliage trip up over Cheat Mountain to Spruce and along the Tygart River to Tygart Junction. Two-day trip Approx. 170 RT miles. 30 car limit. \$180. Fee. Registration now open. For info and form Appalachian Rail Excursions LLC John Gonder 724-244-7538

Oct 19 - 21 - AL/MS posted 03/20

Alabama Southern Railroad.

Set on Friday, Saturday, run from Tuscaloosa, AL to Columbus, MS, 100 (RTM). Sunday, Tuscaloosa, AL to Brookwood, AL 34 (RTM). Fee \$150 per car, 25 car limit. Mentoring by permission. EC's Chris Thompson (251) 463-3270 & Jonathan Blair (706) 252-1582. SERO Affiliate.

Oct 27 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

History Run. Two runs from Ione to Martel. This is for motor car operators and Rides for the Public. If you can provide seats for the Public, then there is no run fee. Please let me know in advance. Otherwise \$45.00 Run Fee. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356

Nov 3 - IA posted 02/19

Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

First Iowa Division excursion at Boone, IA. We will ride the line several times between Boone and Wolf. Round trip mileage is 20. Cost \$30 plus membership in the IRHS (\$25). EC is Carl Schneider.

Nov 10 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Rides for the Public, weather permitting. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356 if you would like to participate.

Nov 10 - 11 - AL posted 03/20

Autauga Northern Railroad

Saturday set on and run Prattville to Maplesville (75 RTM). Sunday Prattville to Billingsley (50 RTM). Fee \$150 per car, 25 car limit. Mentoring by permission. SERO Affiliate. EC's Chris Thompson (251) 463-3270 & Jonathan Blair (706) 252-1582.

Dec 1 - CA posted 01/01

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

Christmas Toy Run. Two runs from Ione to Martel.

Run fee \$25 if you bring a new, unwrapped toy/toys for our Kids in Amador County. Run fee is \$45 without toys. Prize for the best decorated motorcar. Contact Tom Correa 209-296-4356

Excursions Held on a Regular Basis

Feb 1 - Dec 31, 2018 - CA

Amador Central Railroad, RRCHS

RRCHS will be having NARCOA Motor car runs open to all licensed and insured motorcar operators and work parties from Ione to Martell on various dates throughout the year for RRCHS members. Please contact EC Tom Correa 209-296-4356 for information and times/dates on the work parties and runs.

Feb 1, 2018 - Jan 31, 2019 - PA

Northern Central Railroad

Excursions on the Northern Central Railroad from New Freedom, Pa to York, Pa on various dates. E.C. Dean L. Grote call 717-637-7647 or e-mail for details.

Feb 1, 2018 - Jan 31, 2019 - PA

Stewartstown Railroad

Excursions on the Stewartstown Railroad from New Freedom, Pa to Stewartstown, Pa on various dates. Northern Central Railcar Association E.C. Dean L. Grote call 717-637-7647 or e-mail for details.

Feb 1, 2018 - Jan 31, 2019 - GA

Cater Parrott Railnet

SERO will be having motorcar car runs on the Cater Parrott Rail net from Valdosta to Willacoochee and from Madison to Newborn and from Barnesville to Thomaston on various dates contact EC's Will Thompson EC Home 229-723-8231 or Cell 229-359-5701 or Frank Ahouse 229-886-4707

Feb 01, 2018 - Feb 1, 2019 - TX

Capitol Metro Transportation

Railroad Partners, Inc. will host NARCOA motorcar runs from Llano, TX to Scobee Spur, TX – Approx. 54 miles RT. or McDade, TX to near Giddings, TX – approx. 23 miles RT on various dates. (EC) Leland Stewart 210-863-5397

SUPPLIERS

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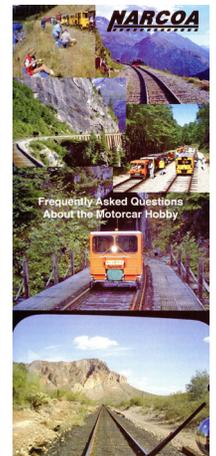
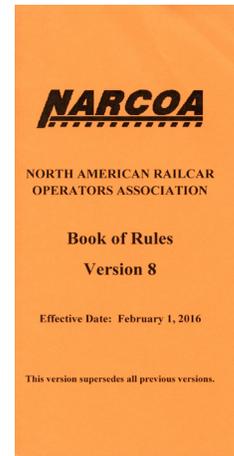
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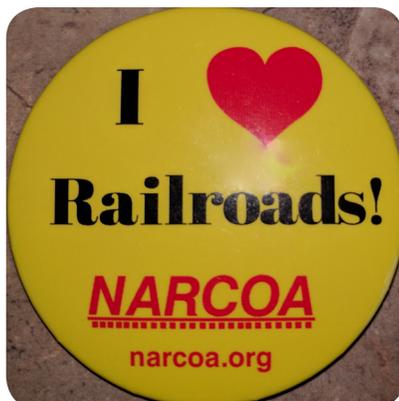
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