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Upcoming Events:

THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEETING. WORK SESSIONS WILL STILL BE HELD ON 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS

July 11-12, 2015

Model Train Show and Swap
Van Wert, Ohio
Admission: \$3
100+ Vendor Tables, Operating Layouts

August 8, 2015

Summerail
Cincinnati, Ohio
Admission: \$25
Cincinnati Union Terminal, Tower A, Railroad Show and Sale, Multi-Media Presentations

August 22, 2015

Everett's Annual Train Show and Swap Meet
Marion, Ohio
Admission: Donations
New and Used Items, Station Open, AC Tower Open, Marion Model Railroad Club Layout Open, Slide Show

August 28-29, 2015

Railroad Club Trip
Horseshoe Curve and Surrounding Areas in Pennsylvania
Lots of Railfanning in various locations: Horseshoe Curve, Cassandra, Summerhill, Gallitzin, Crescent, etc.

September 13, 2015

NETS - Swap & Trade Model Train Meet
Painesville, Ohio
Admission: Free
Depots Railfanning Days, Collectors, Operating Layouts, New/Old, Buy/Sell/Trade

Train Wreck at Hemlock Falls

By: Kenny Shank

On February 12th, 2015, ASC&Z engine #183, the "James Everett," ran a stop signal at Picaboo Street station and highballed into a work train. The engineer went to emergency to stop but not before derailing one car and driving another in the dry creek bed of Hemlock Falls.



In a related story, there is an opportunity for a qualified locomotive engineer.

Bridge Repairs to Take Months

By: Kenny Shank



The bridge replacement at Hemlock Falls will have to wait until the Hell Gate Bridge can be inspected and any damage repaired.

Meanwhile, recent heavy rains threaten to stop work altogether in the raging waters of “The Falls.”

New Club Shirts

The Railroad Club is planning on placing an order for new club shirts for members. The cost will be \$14.50 for shirts without a pocket and \$16.50 for shirts with a pocket. Shirts will be red and will have the club’s logo printed on the rear of the shirt. The members name will be printed on the front along with the wording “Railroad Club Southeast Ohio.” All orders should be submitted to Keith Morrow or to the Club’s P.O. Box. Orders will be made in October. An order form will be sent to all members.

Amtrak Unveils New Locomotive for Veterans

By: Karl Baker; Associated Press | The Washington Times

Sen. Tom Carper addressed a crowd of about 200 Amtrak workers donning hard-hats at a ceremony today to unveil an old glory-colored locomotive with the words, "Amtrak's railroad salutes our veterans."

At Amtrak's maintenance facility in Wilmington, Delaware's senior senator led the crowd in a chant to support the roughly 50 workers in attendance who are also military veterans.

"I just want us to say, welcome home, welcome home. One more time, welcome home," Carper

said.

The unveiling of the Siemens-built electric locomotive, which will operate in the Northeast Corridor, is the latest effort in Amtrak's collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to aid military veterans. In addition to the commemorative train, Amtrak is attempting to fill its ranks of new engineers, mechanics, and maintenance workers with ex-soldiers.

"If you know somebody, who's a veteran, who's looking for a job, send them to one of (Amtrak's) job fairs," Carper said at

the event.

Since 2013, 21 percent of new Amtrak employees are military veterans, said Kimberly Woods, spokeswoman for Amtrak. That's shy of the company's goal to have one-quarter of its hires come from the armed forces.

In 2014, Amtrak employed 1,127 workers in Delaware at facilities in Wilmington and Bear.

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Interested in Membership?

Interested in becoming a member? Join today! Membership dues are as follows:

- \$40 for a single membership for 1 year
- \$60 for a family membership for 1 year

Benefits of becoming a member:

- Voting
- Several great trips throughout the year
- Friends who share a common hobby and interests

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We've hired a lot of veterans for our police force, we've hired a lot who've become conductors," said Joe McHugh, a vice president at Amtrak.

During the economic downturn in 2009, James Miller, a Wilmington resident and Iraq War-veteran from a U.S. Navy construction battalion, couldn't find many jobs that matched his skill-set. That's until he attended a career fair in Philadelphia.

"Amtrak was one of the companies there and I gave them my resume and I got hired," Miller said. "While I was here, I used my post-9-11 G.I. Bill, and from that I got my bachelor's degree, and I

advanced up in Amtrak."

While standing next to the new locomotive today, he offered a little perspective about what honoring veterans means to him.

"Anytime they can recognize veterans, any company, it's more than welcome," he said. "We're fortunate that we're all standing here. There are a lot of guys that are not."

There were few military veterans working at Amtrak two decades ago, said Raymond Cortese, an Amtrak maintenance worker from Wilmington. He appreciates the company's current attempt to hire veterans, but said that Amtrak had spent too many years bringing on individuals

simply because they already knew someone who worked at the company.

"There was a lot of favoritism," Cortese said.

McHugh acknowledged that Amtrak has hired from pools of workers who were friends or family of other employees. He contended, however, that it's often family members of train workers who make the best new hires.

"There's a certain amount of stability, of decent pay, so why wouldn't you want to bring in family members who have the skill-sets," McHugh said.

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