

Southern Division Newsletter



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CHICAGO TERMINAL AND SURROUNDING AREA NEWS !!!!!

Our SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES go out to Mr. J. R. (Jack) Werner,
Manager of Labor Relations, on the loss of his wife, Donna.

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All reports say JOHN FREELS Chicago Terminal Switchman is recuperating
very well at home. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !!!!!!!

We are sorry to hear that JENNY O'SUCHA daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
John O'Sucha of the Car Department at Bensenville is doing fine
after having surgery on her foot to remove a cyst. Little Jenny
proved to be a very brave little girl (she's only 1) and is doing
fine. GET WELL !!!!!!!

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CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs.
Dennis Fratamico on tying the knot on March 20, 1982. Mrs.
Pat (O'Schaunessy) Fratamico is a clerk at Rondout and her
husband Mr. Dennis Fratamico is a clerk at Bensenville Yard
Office.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WELSHES ON YOUR WEDDING ! ! !

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We have a few LMAG meetings coming up and just to remind all of
us they are listed below. Remember LMAG (Labor Management Action
Group) is for the employees benefit and we hope everyone attends
and partakes in the meetings that are being held at the various
places:

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, April 6, 1982 7:30 p.m. HOLIDAY INN
345 River Road
(Route 31 - Off Tollway)
Elgin, Illinois

FOX LAKE, ILLINOIS

Wednesday, April 7, 1982 7:30 p.m. MOOSE LODGE
76 East Grand Avneue
Fox Lake, IL

KANSAS CITY, MO

Wednesday, April 21, 1982
Time will be announced later as well as where it will be
held. But keep the date open.

The LMAG Meetings that will be held at Elgin, and Fox Lake, Illinois
will be presided over by Mr. Bud McCanna discussing LMAG activities
and Mr. S. J. (Steve) Barry who will discuss the situation of the Suburban
Operation.



CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, ST. PAUL AND
PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

ADDENDUM TO APRIL ISSUE OF THE
SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER

The article on Page 2 of the APRIL issue of the Southern Division Newsletter concerning Jenny O'Sucha daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Sucha.

Article should have read: "We are sorry to hear that JENNY O'SUCHA daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN O'SUCHA of the Car Department at Bensenville had to undergo surgery on her foot to remove a cyst but are happy to report that Jenny is doing fine. Little Jenny proved to be a very brave little girl (she's only 1) GET WELL ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !"

Apologies from the Editor and Staff of the SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER.

Sandy J. Jurewski
- Editor

Article submitted to our Newspaper by: John Small Local Chairman BLE
for the benefit of all Railroad Employees...

Illinois State Legislative Board

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Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

February 10, 1982

General Chairmen, Lines Illinois
Officers and Members
All Divisions
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
State of Illinois

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

On Monday, the Reagan Administration released its 1983 Federal Budget. Among the Budget's proposals was one to abolish the Railroad Retirement Board and replace it with a new private corporation. Budget cutters estimate that there would be a net reduction in the 1983 budget of about \$248 million. In addition, unemployment insurance and sickness benefits would be discontinued. If Congress permits this to happen and a private corporation takes over, it will only be a matter of time and all railroad pensions will be reduced to that of the Social Security level.

You are all aware that railroad workers have always paid more into the Railroad Retirement Fund than Social Security workers have paid into the Social Security Fund. As an organized union we cannot sit idly by and permit our future security to go down the drain. Already budget officials claim that if Congress supports the measure, the Railroad Retirement Board could be closed down by October 1, 1982 and the Board's assets of approximately \$3.6 billion transferred to a new corporation.

Within the next few months before Congress begins holding hearings, we must create a flood of letters to our Congressmen opposing the measure. Other railroad unions will be doing the same thing. This will have to be a combined effort, but we cannot leave it to someone else. Each of our members must get personally involved.

Here are some suggestions for the division officers: alert your members to the proposed cuts; ask their wives to write to their Congressmen opposing the Reagan Administration's proposal of eliminating the Railroad Retirement Board, pointing out to the Congressmen that the Board's administration costs are only one and one half percent of the Board's budget; letters will have a better chance of being read if hand written;

wait for two or three weeks and then follow through with another letter.

All of us working together can turn this thing around. It certainly holds true that 'in unity there is strength.' If each will do our part, we can apply pressure on the Congress. Remember, this is an election year and any number of Congressmen want to be re-elected to office. If there is an avalanche of mail pouring into his Washington office opposing the Administration's proposal he will think long and hard about the voters who put him there.

Finally, your letter to your Congressman must emphasize the following facts:

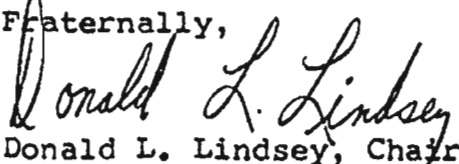
1. The Railroad Retirement Board already has in place well trained and experienced people administering the regulations of the Board.
2. A new private corporation would have to train its new employees, meanwhile the system would be disrupted and the people waiting to go on pension would be delayed.
3. There would be additional start-up costs for the new corporation, therefore the savings would be small.
4. Those presently on retirement would not be getting their checks on time.
5. The Board's 1500 employees would go on unemployment.
6. Most importantly, you are fearful that your future benefits may be reduced.

We must begin the letter writing campaign immediately. I will keep you advised on any information I receive from Washington or the Railroad Retirement Board.

Once again, I am appealing to the divisions to get the information I am presenting to you to your members. As I do not have the addresses of each of our members I must rely upon you to get this message to each of them.

Thanking you for your cooperation I remain

Fraternally,


Donald L. Lindsey, Chairman

SAVANNA AREA NEWS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to MR. and MRS. FRANK KEHL , the parents of Robert Kehl-Clerk in the Agent's Office at Davenport, Iowa on their 57th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY which was celebrated on February 24th. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the proud parents JEFF AND CANDICE DIERCKS, Sabula, Iowa and Proud GRANDPA Iowa Division Engineer LLOYD MANGLER on the birth of TWINS (boy and girl) born March 3rd.

GET WELL WISHES GO OUT TO:

JOSEPHINE CHAMBERLAIN - Clerk, Trainmasters Office at Savanna recovering at home after a stay in Mercy Hospital Clinton, Iowa- All your friends at Savanna and on the Southern Division hope to see and hear you back on the job soon.

R. G. "RED" ADAMS, retired (long ago) Iowa Division Conductor is at home recovering from surgery. Your friends at Savanna wish you a speedy recovery.

OUR SYMPATHY GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Green Island Section Foreman J. P. GRANDICK at the loss of his father on February 17th.

J. C. MC CAW, Clerk - Nahant- on the loss of his brother Clair.
and to the family of Reitred Dubuque Engineer Don Weber.

C. E. ROSS
Operator
Savanna

CHILLICOTHE AREA NEWS ! ! !

Our Sympathy and condolences are expressed to Sectionmen HENRY MILLER from Excelsior Springs, and Section Foreman DAVE MILLER, Liberty on the loss of their Brother/Uncle who passed away February 23, 1982.

Get Well Wishes to MARGARET MALLORY, wife of LESTER MALLORY, Agent Chillicothe who underwent eye surgery March 3, 1982.

HOPE YOUR FEELING BETTER!!!!!!

After the temperatures in the Chillicothe Area reached the mid-fifty's Friday February 19, the fast melting of the snow and ice in the area caused the Gran River, South of Chillicothe to rise to 33.9 feet on the river guage.

Large chunks of ice piled up on the Milwaukee Road Bridge, south of Chillicothe was due to ice drifting and piling up on the bridge. Milwaukee Road train 221 was delayed at Dawn, MO until the ice and the river started falling.

A picture below shows the condition being watched by Roadmaster D. O. Bevell on the bridge.

Ron Atwell
Operator
Chillicothe, MO



(If the picture is not clear it's due to the fact that it was in color)
Sorry we tried!!!!

NAHANT/DAVENPORT NEWS ! ! !

Mr. WARREN McKENNEY, a member of the Nahant Car Department was honored by his co-workers at a retirement party at the Wish-Bone Inn, Davenport, Iowa on March 6, 1982.

Mr. McKENNEY has served the Milwaukee Road for some 41 years, and all of us on the Southern Division as well as his many friends at Nahant wish Mr. McKENNEY a long, healthy, and prosperous retirement.

GOOD LUCK AND CONGRATULATIONS

Walter Rostenbach
Car Dept. Nahant

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MAKE YOURSELF A NOTE!! NEW ADDRESS AND NEW TELEPHONE
NUMBERS TO ADD TO YOUR NEW DIRECTORY

Mr. K. D. Gage
Diesel House Manager
Milwaukee Railroad
3200 Railroad Avenue
Davenport, Iowa 52802

Mr. Bill Dunn
Manager Safety - Southern Division
Bensenville, IL Telephone number 4429

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ATTENTION GOLFERS!!

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There will be a GOLF OUTING for ALL MILWAUKEE ROAD EMPLOYEES on JUNE 5, 1982 at the CHAPEL HILL GOLF COURSE in McHENRY, ILLINOIS.

More details will be sent along with entry blanks to be mailed around the end of March. Entry Blanks will be sent to various offices and terminals on the Railroad. ANYONE who does not receive an entry blank and wishes one may obtain them by contacting RON SLOCUM or BOB KLUESENDORF - c/o AGENT MILWAUKEE ROAD, Fox Lake, Illinois.

This outing is not strictly for MILWAUKEE ROAD EMPLOYEES only, ALL are welcome.



THE MILWAUKEE ROAD
SOCIAL COUNSELING OFFICES
600 East Higgins Road
Second Floor
Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007
(312) 648-3860
(312) 228-0606

Most of us experience effects of our problems long before we are able to identify the. We begin to feel the effects and some of us go through a process of trying to decide if we should seek help or battle it out alone. Often our pride or ego keep us from seeking help, or it might affect our jobs.

We provide CONFIDENTIALITY which means we DO NOT discuss you or your problems with ANYONE unless you request it. Your work performance may already be affected if you are unable to keep your mind on your work.

As a Counselor, I do not have the answers to problems, but I can help identify problem areas, make referrals to Agencies and discuss alternatives. If you have any questions about our program or if you can benefit from our services, give us a call.

Gary L Bloker
Counselor

U.S. ARMY RAILROAD RESERVE

Very few Milwaukee Road employees outside of the MILWAUKEE SHOPS area are even aware that we have a unique group of people working in that locale. Railroad Reserve units are being trained at the L.V. Anderson Rail Shop each month. This group is made up of reservists learning locomotive and equipment maintenance for a ready force to enable the armed forces to have a trained reserve organization which can help out in any emergency, anywhere in the world, without undo delay. The members are active, and very enthusiastic, about the service they are performing.

There are three Transportation Companies which comprise the 542nd Transportation Brigade. They are headquartered here in Milwaukee, which is considered one of the important hubs of the rail network in the United States. The Brigade is comprised of three companies, the 1150th, which specializes in railway car repair, the 1151st which is for Diesel Electric repair, and the 1152nd which is a combination railway car and diesel electric repair unit. These three, in addition to the 226th Transportation Company, located at St. Louis, Missouri, are part of the 102nd Army Reserve Command, and are the only equipment repair and maintenance companies in the entire U.S. Military.

Despite the continuous successful performance of their actual unit mission on drill weekends, and during annual training at various Department of Defense facilities throughout the United States, the future of these units has, until recently, been in doubt. Due to security commitments our country has throughout the world, provisions have been made to support our friends with help with their transportation in times of crisis. This is where the Ready Reserve units come into the picture. Today, the entire rail capability exists only in the Army Reserve.

The Transportation Units are in need of man and woman power to bring their rosters up to efficient strength, and are actively recruiting members. For those of you who might be interested, they will train you in any of the maintenance units listed above. These units concentrate on repair, and not the actual operations of trains and switching. As a Reservist, you train on weekends, accumulate time towards retirement, and are relieved of future draft possibilities. You can earn up to \$1600 a year extra for weekend training and summer excursions to other advanced instruction at places such as Sunny Point, N.C., Hawthorne, Calif., Ogden, Utah, Red River, Texas, and McAllister Oklahoma.

The reserve units are headquartered on the south side. As a reservist, you accumulate retirement credit, have Post Exchange privileges at military installations, learn a useful trade, and see a lot of the country, and serve with some pretty decent people who are dedicated to their work. For those interested, contact Captain Kampe by phone at 483 2289. He will be more than happy to explain the whole program for you.

The United States cannot afford to neglect its railroads. The gloomy outlook for our state and federal highway systems is not a nice one. Should there be an emergency, our highways would soon crumble when put to a severe test. For those who saw the famed "Red Ball Highway" well remember just how fast this happened, and could here in our own country. What happened in France and Germany during World War II proved just how important steel ribbons are to a nation in time of need. I suggest for those interested, read "Steel Ribbons To Victory".

HEY GUYS DON'T FORGET ! The due date for filing your
income tax RETURNS is April 15th.

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As the MILWAUKEE ROAD reorganizes we are asking all our
employees to take part in coming up with a new slogan
for THE MILWAUKEE ROAD (reorganized) to use.

Mr. RAY DUFFY, an electrician at the Bensenville Yard has come
up with a slogan "REGROWTH THRU COOPERATION" which is kind of
catchy. All slogans will be printed in our Newsletter and
also will be submitted to the officers in charge.

Let's all take part in coming up with our slogans. They may
be submitted to :

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We like pictures, the more the better, but due to our
limited facilities it is not advisable for us to use color
pictures. The pictures that work the best are black and
white, matte finish ones.

When submitting your articles with pictures, if they are
in color please send the negative and I just might be
able to have it printed in black and white which will show
up great.

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THANKS to ALL who helped by supporting your newsletter and
submitted various articles and bits of information.

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