



MAKING TRACKS

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A newsletter designed to inform our Customers on new developments that are taking place on the railroad that serves their communities

WSOR Transportation Team

WSOR is proud to introduce you to our Transportation Team on the WSOR. Joe Via is the General Manager for the WSOR. He has held various operational jobs with his 17 years of experience. Via's main duty is the management and oversight of all operational matters that makes our railroad run. Larry McCloud is the Assistant General Manager and oversees and manages our Trainmasters system wide. His vast 39 years of experience allows him to coach and mentor his team at all levels.



Joe Via **Larry McCloud**
General Manager Asst. General Manager

WSOR currently has 7 Trainmasters (TM) system wide. They are each responsible to supervise our train crews and work with other departments to ensure our Customers' cars are delivered on time and safely. Many of our TMs have also worked for other railroads throughout the US in various capacities. They each hold extensive knowledge and experience which makes them each uniquely qualified, including almost 80 years of railroad-related experience. Their main goal is to coach and mentor the WSOR train crews. There are also 87 valuable team members in the field that perform our daily terminal, local and yard train operations.

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(*) Cox has been recently named as Road Foreman.



Mike **Carol**
Minnich **Toris**

The newest members of the Transportation team are Mike Minnich and Carol Toris. Their combined 25+ years of extensive experience and knowledge working for the WSOR has added value to the administrative functions of the department.

Every WSOR team member is committed to supporting the Watco Customer First Foundation Principles:

- Value our Customers**
- Value our People**
- Safely Improve Everyday**

WSOR PAINT SHOP

WSOR is not just a freight carrier. We offer a wide range of services to the rail industry

In the first quarter of 2015, the WSOR paint shop located in Horicon, Wis. has completed two units for Iowa Pacific RR. We are proud of the tremendous work that our paint shop team members offer to their customers. The before and after pictures of an E unit Locomotive and a coach car is a testament to that level of skill, dedication and professionalism that goes into every project.



Before & After: E Unit Locomotive



Before: Bryce Canyon
After: Dyersburg

WSOR paint shop refurbished a coach car which had been formerly owned by the WSOR, known as Bryce Canyon. The car is currently under the ownership of Iowa Pacific Holdings and has been renamed "Dyersburg".



Before & After: Hawkeye Express

WSOR is also working on two bi-level cars for Iowa Northern RR which are in the shop currently. These cars are part of a fleet known as "Hawkeye Express". They are used to take University of Iowa football fans to and from home games. One has been painted and the other is currently in process.

WSOR SUPPORTS STUDENT ATHLETES

In mid-November the Monona Grove Boys Swim & Dive team began their 2014/2015 season. A senior captain on the team is an avid railroad fan so it only seemed fitting for them to model the season around the mighty power of a railroad locomotive. Their moto this season was "Feel The Power". All season long the entire team competed at a high level of competition. They were undefeated until they lost the sectional meet by 1 point to the McFarland Spartans who has been their long time rivals.

Bound and determined by this loss the Silver Eagles were motivated to enter the state arena in mid-February focused on their 2nd State Championship in 3 years. Following the railroad theme their state shirt read **Full STEAM Ahead** and really nothing more needed to be said.

By the end of the meet the MG team was victorious...

Jordan Allen	Jake Rinehart
Aaron Brogan	Marek Oseth
Henry Carman	Brandon Powell
George Christianson	Thomas Rathert
Erik Doll	Sam Runhaar
Lars Doll	Zac Runhaar
Jordan Farwell	Shane Sackett
Bronz Geissler	Anders Shropshire
Vincent Gialombardo	Eric Storms
Cole Grafkin	Adam Thompson
Darian Hahn	Hogan Vesperat
Josh Jones	
Connor Keith	CHACHES
Alex Kimmle	Kelly Chudesh
Kale Knickmeier	Michael Hanson
Jacob Lippiatt	Michael Rudie
Mason Lochner	MANAGERS
Luke Maillefer	Morgan Conway Baumann
Ben McDade	Emma Cooper

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Division 2 2015 Boys Swim & Dive

State Champions!

CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT:

ADVANCED WASTE SERVICES



The WSOR welcomed Advanced Waste Services (AWS) as a new online rail customer in Milwaukee in December. AWS started up operations in 1993 and has drastically grown over the last 22 years to help industrial and commercial clients achieve zero landfill, reduce hazardous waste, meet changing environmental obligations and perform difficult cleaning projects, such as railcar cleaning. Furthermore, they operate their own in-house waste processing facility in Milwaukee which results in reduced turn-around times, increased convenience, and improved cost effectiveness.

AWS's rail served Milwaukee facility is located at 5300 N 33rd Street on Milwaukee's North Side. The facility features indoor and outdoor track space that makes it ideal for efficient railcar cleaning operations year round. The Milwaukee facility can facilitate the cleaning of various hazardous or non-hazardous waste, sludge, or residue within covered hopper or tank railcars and remediate the waste in compliance with EPA standards. In order to certify the railcars are clean per AAR rules, AWS railcar cleaning procedure meets the following standards of: Confined Space Permit, Documentation of "heel" or "remaining commodity", Certificate of Disposal/Recycling, and Photo documentation of cleaned railcars. Most importantly, AWS's Key Safety Performance Indicators are 50% better than the industry average.

AWS's Milwaukee facility is strategically positioned on the WSOR for ease of access to WSOR served customers who require railcar cleaning services and connecting class I carriers that include CN, CPRS, BNSF, UP, CSXT, and NS and. In addition, the Chicago interchange gateway allows reciprocal switch access to certain industries in the Chicagoland area and interchange access to other regional carriers in the Midwest. Furthermore, the WSOR has track space available for railcar storage and an online shop that can perform various levels of maintenance on customer railcars.

To better understand AWS's suite of service offerings please contact them at 800.842.9792 or visit their website at www.advancedwasteservices.com.



AWS team members cleaning tank cars inside Milwaukee Facility

SHEBOYGAN FALLS SUBDIVISION

WSOR broke ground on Tuesday, March 24 to reconstruct nearly 11 miles of State-owned freight rail track between Plymouth to Kohler, Wis. This is a milestone in a 9-year effort by state and local officials and area business owners to restore rail service after the line was embargoed in 2006.

Work had already begun on the line in late 2014 with the clearing of trees from the rail right-of-way and the recycling of the old tracks. The ground breaking kicks off the main reconstruction of the tracks. Construction is expected to be completed by Fall of 2015. Property owners along the tracks have already been notified and the WSOR is working with local government to minimize the impact of road closures as sections of the track are rebuilt.

The rail restoration project is estimated at \$19.1 million. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has announced it will be providing over \$17 million towards the project. The remaining funds will be provided by WSOR; cities of Plymouth and Sheboygan Falls; Sheboygan County; Bemis Manufacturing; Kettle Lakes Co-op, and Morrelle Transfer & Warehouse.

Ken Lucht, Director of Government Relations, stated that we are excited to service several existing customers along the rail line and



noted that there are several plots of land suited for industrial or warehousing uses along the rail line. In addition, we are working with several area businesses to establish multi-modal capabilities on the existing line.

WSOR is committed to moving freight by rail. Re-opening the Sheboygan Falls Sub is just one more way we are addressing customer needs and market demands.

Pictured from Left to Right: Ken Lucht/WSOR, Mayor Mike Vandersteen/City of Sheboygan, Roger Te Stroete/Sheboygan County Board, Jerry Thompson/City of Plymouth, Rick Gundrum/East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium, Secretary Mark Gottlieb/WisDOT, Mayor Don Pohlman/City of Plymouth, Mayor Randy Meyer/City of Sheboygan Falls, Jerry Holub/Sheboygan County Board, John Rogers/Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, Dane Checolinski/Sheboygan County EDC, Jeff Matzdorf/Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Dick Bemis/Sheboygan County Board, Patrick Drinan/Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

CELEBRATING

KEN CLEMMONS

Ken Clemmons has spent the last 40 years in the rail industry. The Clemmons blood line runs deep as he is a 4th generation railroader. Ken's Great Grandfather, Grandfather and Dad all were proud railroaders. The history of the Clemmons name in this industry does not stop there. At one time there was a Clemmons crew that ran a train: Ken's Dad was the conductor, his Uncle was the rear brakeman while Ken was the head brakeman.

He began his career in railroading in 1974 where is hired on as a conductor with the Milwaukee Road. He spent the next 8 years working various jobs on various corridors and subdivisions in Portage & Wausau, Wis. and in Minnesota. In 1983, he took a year off to work as a Sales Manager at Steve's Gerhart Sports Center on the east side of Madison. Ken re-entered the rail industry in 1984, to be a conductor on the Central Wisconsin Railroad. At the time that the Wisconsin & Calumet Railroad (WICT) purchased the Central Wisconsin Ken worked as a conductor and various other operational jobs for the next 7 years. At the time that the WSOR purchased the WICT, in 1992, Ken was promoted to Sales & Industrial Development Manager.

Ken and his wife, Debbie, are planning to retire in the Nashville, Ten. area. A few years ago they vacationed in down south and fell in love with the southern hospitality and the quality of life that that area offers. Both Ken and Deb plan to enjoy their retirement years traveling

domestically and abroad. Ken looks forward to spending some of his free time on the golf course bringing down his handicap, gardening at his new house, no doubt many hours on his new boat learning where the best fishing holes are in his home state and visits with his 5 sons and 8 grandchildren. ***The one activity that Ken is happy to leave behind is shoveling snow!***



Ken and his bride Debbie

"Best wishes on your retirement. Enjoy a rest that's overdue. Take pleasure in the finer things that are awaiting you."

Judith Wibberley



Conductor Clemmons in 1985

WHAT IS GOING ON?

The WSOR has been experiencing an influx in some new and renew business.

Keane Group is a new shipper out of Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Darling Ingredients is a new customer out of Oshkosh, Wis.

After a couple of years of being inactive Central Storage Warehouse (CSW) in Madison, Wis. has begun receiving inbound shipments.

North Shore Track will General Contract the track work for the Plymouth to Sheboygan Falls rehab and will be moving freight via rail for this project.

We want to hear from you!

Please let us know what you want to see every quarter. Email any suggestions and ideas you have to Katie Sackett at ksackett@watcocompanies.com.



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