

June 2, 2011

To All Land Transportation Committee Members:

Remember that we will NOT have a meeting in June. Our next meeting is September 13.

This is a good time to recall our very successful meeting series this year:

- September - Randy Resor illustrated his talk on Swedish heavy haul with spectacular photographs of an ore railroad straddling the Arctic Circle.
- October - Tom Lantry described the restoration of a Pullman business car with the addition of modern technology for heating, lighting and communications.
- November - Frank Cihak briefed us on passenger coach crashworthiness from the operator's perspective.
- December - Gerhard Thelen gave us an overview of cutting edge innovations in operations and equipment at Norfolk Southern. This meeting was sponsored by the IEEE Vehicular Technology Society.
- January - Karl Berger provided an objective assessment of the pros and cons of eddy current brakes for high speed passenger trains.
- February - Henry Kay described Maryland Transit Administration initiatives to extend the Baltimore Light Rail and Metro systems.
- March - Ron Truitt detailed the challenges of providing clean dry air for pneumatic brakes in the railroad environment.
- April - Al Engel laid out the Amtrak vision for High Speed Rail in the Northeast Corridor and in emerging corridors nationwide.
- May - Belknap Freeman shared his personal history on the Pennsylvania Railroad and offered cautionary notes on the deployment of Positive Train Control.

If you were at the May meeting you know that we made a video recording of Belknap's presentation with brief clips before and after the meeting. The DVD of the session is available for \$10 including shipping. To order a copy send your check made out to the "National Capital Land Transportation Committee" to the address below. Be sure to include your shipping address.

We hope you will continue your attendance at our IEEE-VTS meetings starting with our next meeting September 13. See you there!

Thanks,  
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