



# spotlight on education

## Web Site Offers The Lessons Of Railroads

(NAPSA)—There's good news for teachers who want to incorporate material about railroads into their lesson plans.

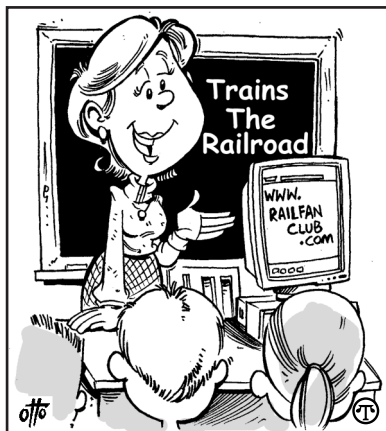
The Web site of an online club offers free resources to teachers in all grade levels, K-12, for use in their classrooms. Some of those resources include books, videos, CD-ROMS, maps, safety brochures, activity sheets and supplies such as pencils and bookmarks.

The site offers resources to help railfans pass their knowledge and enthusiasm for trains to the next generation. It also offers free resources to young people eager to learn about the fascinating world of trains.

Sponsored by the Association of American Railroads, RailFanClub, it is a members-accessible club offering railroad industry news, a monthly club newsletter, train discussion and photo swap, fun downloads, trivia, videos, a train simulation demo, a freight railroad field guide, and more.

A section on the Web site called Train Lessons offers short, informative responses to a host of questions, ranging from "Why Do Railroads Use Diesel-Electric Locomotives?" to "Why Don't Railroads Use Cabooses Anymore?" to "What is Horsepower?" RailFanClub also offers a Railroad Glossary.

The club also creates the opportunity to make the most of the railroad experience in different places by partnering with a number of rail museums across the country—such as Steamtown



**An online club for railroad enthusiasts also offers educational materials about railroads for teachers.**

National Historic Site in Scranton, Pa. These "museum partners" offer teachers and other rail fans access to special exhibits, excursions, and educational programs. Club members may also receive free gifts and special savings by showing their membership card at participating museums. Visiting a museum partner makes it possible for members to explore the lore of the rails in person.

Teachers interested in obtaining educational materials can contact RailFanClub at [membersvcs@railfanclub.org](mailto:membersvcs@railfanclub.org) or by telephone at 202-639-2334.

They will be asked to provide their name, school name and address, grade level and the number of students they intend to teach with the materials.

To learn more, visit [www.railfanclub.org](http://www.railfanclub.org).



*Editors Note: This is the third in a series of three releases.*