

Making Life More Fun

Club Lets Members Ride The Rails Online

(NAPSA)—A short trip on the information superhighway may help rail fans of all ages come together to celebrate their love of trains.

An organization dedicated to teaching young people and other rail fans about the freight railroad industry in North America has created an online club to help visitors appreciate the contribution railroads make to our daily lives.

Sponsored by the Association of American Railroads, RailFanClub is a members-accessible Web site 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.

The club offers resources to help rail fans 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.

Innovations in railroading are highlighted and new technologies and opportunities are reported. A train field guide helps rail fans recognize, teach, and learn.

RailFanClub's hope is that rail fans will use the online forum to discuss ways to work together to inspire, invigorate and educate others of all ages about the future of North America's railroads.

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Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pa. These “museum partners” offer rail fans special exhibits, excursions, and educational programs. Club members may also receive free gifts or 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.

The club also provides 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.

To learn more about the Web site and the club, visit www.railfanclub.org.



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