

2008 IN REVIEW

OPERATIONS

- Carloads served by the Indiana & Ohio Railway Company (IORY) in 200 were 5,545. There has been a two year decrease in the amount of carloads served by the IORY (2006 – 7,615 carloads, 2007 – 5,833 carloads). Declines were most notable in grains, road salt and wood pulp.

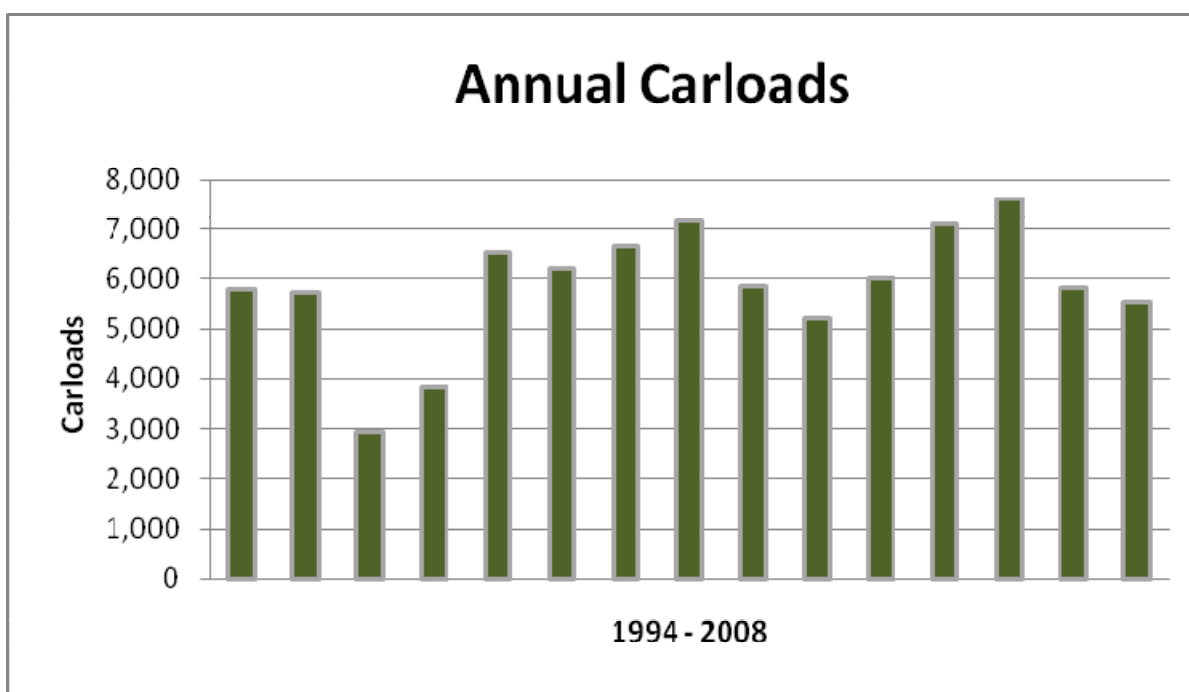
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- WESTCO contracted with the IORY for the long term storage of approximately 9,000' of rail cars on the Urbana Line.
- Tech II, Champaign Landmark, Inc., Southwest Landmark, Inc., and Damewood Enterprises, Inc., all entered into an agreement to pay WESTCO an amount equal to the tax credit to which it is entitled pursuant to Sections 38 and 45G of the Internal Revenue Code for their tax year 2007.
- Ryan Ratledge was selected as the General Manager for the IORY. He previously worked for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

- WESTCO implemented rate increases that were made effective October 1, 2008. Below is the new rate schedule.

	Covered	Covered					Standard	Uni-Level
	Hopper	Hopper		Standard	Large		Flatcar	Auto
Commodity	263	286	Tank	Boxcar	Boxcar	Gondola	265K	Racks
Grains	\$45.00	\$56.00						
Salt	\$45.00	\$56.00		\$45.00				
Fertilizers	\$75.00	\$94.00	\$94.00					
All other	\$150.00	\$187.00	\$187.00	\$150.00	\$188.00	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Alternate Schedule								
Grains	\$52.00	\$52.00						
Fertilizers	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$88.00					
All Other	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00		

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

- The Ohio Rail Development Commission approved up to a \$200,000 grant and up to a \$400,000 loan for the South Charleston Slow Orders track. The project rehabilitates approximately 10 miles of the 27 mile track. The project installed 6,000 ties, removed 6,000 scrap ties, installed 2,800 anchors, distributed and placed 3,000 tons of ballast, surfaced 10 miles of track, surfaced 8 turnouts, and removed 1 turnout at M.P. 227.7.
- The 124' bridge #222.22 over Sugar Creek at Jeffersonville in Fayette County was replaced at a cost of \$615,000. The new bridge is a five span steel structure. The new bridge exceeds the standards for FRA Class 2 and can now be run at 25 mph. W.M. Brode Co. of Newcomerstown, Ohio was selected by WESTCO as the prime construction contractor. The project was partly financed with a grant of \$250,000 and a low interest loan of \$292,000 from the Ohio Rail Development Commission. The IORY contributed detour costs to the project.
- Cooperated with the IORY to replace the collapsed culvert #204.9 on the South Charleston line.
- WESTCO executed a multiple project agreement for railroad infrastructure engineering services with HDR Engineering Inc., for a three year term ending July 16, 2011 and total compensation under the agreement not to exceed \$500,000.00.

PLANNING

- The WESTCO Board contracted with HDR Engineering Inc. to make an assessment of five bridges in Urbana for actual costs not to exceed \$11,450.00. The bridge report was performed by Steve Lorek and distributed to the Board.

- The Ohio Council of Port Authorities held a legislative event releasing a survey report of port authorities.
- The Secretary-Treasurer produced the 2008 Track Maintenance Program which proposed 9 projects for the upcoming year. The projects are listed below:

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| 1. Replace Bridge #222.2 | 6. SR 296 At-grade Crossing Repair(replace panels) |
| 2. Replace Culvert #204.9 | 7. Track Rehabilitation - Linden Ave. to Lagonda – 1.8 mi. |
| 4. Glen Echo Ramp and Bulk Re-load Facility | 8. SR 4 Crossing Reconstruction (rail seal type) |
| 3. Track Rehabilitation – Slow Order areas – 10 mi. | 9. Joint Bars – 75 pairs for 100# rail section |
| 5. Track Rehabilitation – Maitland to Glen Echo – 5 mi. | |

- Director Alan Thompson represented WESTCO on the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC).

PROPERTY

- WESTCO executed a purchase and sale agreement with David B. Searfos for the sale of 0.518 acres of excess port authority property for a total price of \$6,000.00.
- Property leases and utility licenses were processed during the year.

ADMINISTRATION

- Larry Himes resigned as WESTCO's Secretary-Treasurer. Thea Walsh, the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee was appointed to be Larry's replacement.
- The WESTCO Board of Directors met nine times in 2008.
- Director John Detrich was appointed to a four year term ending August 31, 2012 by the Clark County Commissioners.
- Director Gordon Conn was re-appointed to a new four year term ending September 1, 2012 by the Fayette County Commissioners.
- Director Alan Thompson was re-appointed to a new four year term ending August 31, 2012 by the Clark County Commissioners.
- Directors Gordon Conn (Fayette County) and Alan Thompson (Clark County) were re-elected Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, for 2009.
- The Budget/Finance Committee met three times in 2008.

- The audit was completed for 2007 by the Auditor of State. It is available for review online at <http://www.clarktcc.com/westco.htm> and <http://www.auditor.state.oh.us> .
- Administration services for the port authority are provided through a cooperative agreement among WESTCO, the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Board of Commissioners of Clark County.

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Railroad Bridge #222.2 over Sugar Creek Fayette County, Ohio

The West Central Ohio Port Authority (WESTCO) replaced the bridge carrying the former DT&I tracks over Sugar Creek in Jeffersonville in Fayette County, Ohio with a new modern steel structure. The bridge inspection in 2007 noted that the aging timber structure, a ten-span bridge supported by timber piles driven into the ground and streambed, had developed problems and it had insufficient capacity for current loads. Temporary repairs were made in late 2007 to extend its use with a 5 mph speed limit.

Completion Dates

Design: 2008

Construction: 2008

Project Cost

\$615,000

WESTCO selected Jones Stuckey Ltd., Inc., partnered with Cooke Consulting Group, to provide engineering and construction management services on the project. Using plans from a similar bridge replaced in 2007, the design was accelerated and the environmental permitting process was streamlined so the replacement could be done as soon as practical – before the busy harvest season. The completed bridge complies with current AREMA specifications.

The new bridge is a five-span steel structure with the same overall length as the previous bridge, but shifted 24 feet south to avoid conflicts between new and existing foundations and to center the bridge over the streambed. The deck is supported by four stringers so that the thickness of the superstructure can be minimized for passage of floodwaters beneath the bridge. Piles are galvanized for long life and the superstructure is constructed using weathering steel that develops a protective patina and does not need to be painted. The new bridge is more than adequate for FRA Class 2 (25 mph) operations on the line.

W.M. Brode Co. of Newcomerstown, Ohio was selected by WESTCO as the prime construction contractor. A 30 day track outage option was given to the contractor. 23 days were utilized by the contractor to build the south abutment and to set the superstructure, thereby reducing the track outage for the Indiana & Ohio Railway Company (IORY), the operator on the line. The remainder of the work was “under traffic”.

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