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Rush Hour at McClane Loop

By Scott R. Becker

I am pleased to report that our park and ride trolley service to the Washington County Fair was very successful this year with over 6,100 visitors riding the cars that week. This was due to outstanding weather, good programs at the Fair and we ran every evening utilizing the Cooper Crouse-Hinds parking lot for parking. This meant a 30% increase over our 2002 numbers when we last operated from that lot for all 8 evenings. Special thanks also go to many people including our volunteers, some who traveled from as far away as Austin, TX, Atlanta, GA, Massachusetts, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Eastern PA. Thanks also go to our Way & Track and Power & Signal Departments for getting a completely rebuilt County Home Siding open in time and to our Operations Dept. and Special Events Committee who made sure we had operations running smoothly. Special thanks go to Cooper Crouse-Hinds for letting us use their lot, to Chartiers Township DPW for running their street sweeper through the lot and to Ohio Valley Septic for donating the use of a portable restroom near the McClane Loop platform. This was clearly one of our largest efforts of the year and allowed us to help decrease traffic congestion to the Fair on its busiest nights. A tip of the hat to all who helped!



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