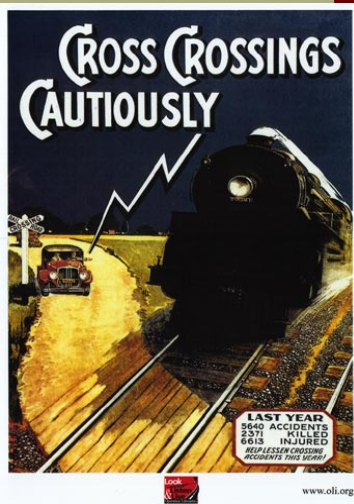


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GCCI Class Dates

- ◆ Orlando-March 16th & 17th
- ◆ Tampa—June 22nd & 22rd
- ◆ Jacksonville—September 2009

Be sure to check out the new Florida Operation Lifesaver website throughout the year for updates at:
www.floridaol.org

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Conductors Corner

Happy New Year! ... or as I heard from someone the other day, Happy New You! Those 3 short words have had me reflecting on 2008 and the upcoming '09 more than I have ever done in recent years. What has been successful? What needs some additional attention? Our Florida Operation Lifesaver 2009 motto is "reaching out". It is something that we do well thanks to each of your individual efforts but we can still improve. Keep reaching out ... to our community, to our friends, and to our colleagues. As part of our 2008 annual meeting, we had 4 breakout groups focusing on Volunteers, Non-English speakers, Trucking Industry, and Trespassers. With the help of our online Zoomerang survey, it seems that overall most feel that Trespassers is our most critical group. However, in each area we want to focus on key outreach opportunities. Here is what the brainstorming session and online feedback showed:



Volunteers – focus on School Resource Officers

Non-English Speakers – focus on Spanish talk shows, radio, TV

Trucking – focus on CDL schools

Trespassers – focus on working with Law Enforcement

So now what? It's time to spread the word. Do you know someone that is bilingual that might be interested in volunteering? Tell a law enforcement officer to check our website for Grade Crossing Collision classes. Do you have a contact in a trucking company? Tell a Gen-Xer that we are on Facebook! Let people know that they can tailor their volunteering as a presenter or associate so that they enjoy it. New Year, new challenges, new fun, 2009 is here and it's going to be great!

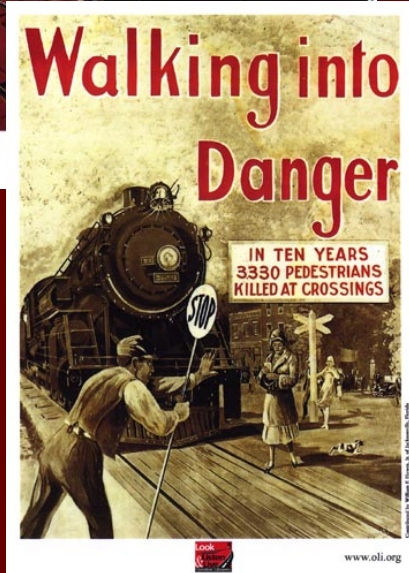
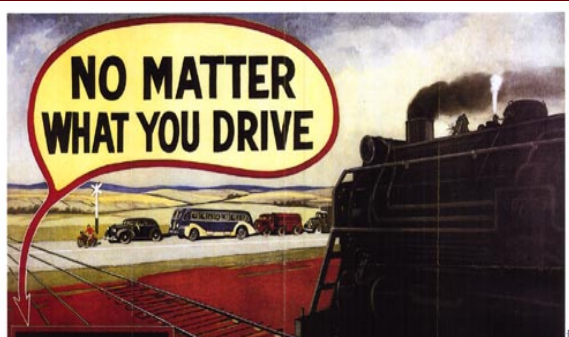
Annual Meeting



New on the Tracks: Erica Sewell



Greetings to everyone in Operation Lifesaver! My name is Erica Sewell and I am the new Administrative Assistant for the State Coordinator for Florida Operation Lifesaver. I would like to take a minute to introduce myself to the Operation Lifesaver family. I was born and raised in the small town of Chipley, Florida. After graduating from Chipley High School in 2007, I spent a year in Pensacola, Florida playing volleyball for Pensacola Junior College. This past summer I decided to follow my dream and move to Tallahassee and attend Florida State University where I am currently a Junior majoring in Business Administration. Go Noles! When I am not busy with school, work, or church, I enjoy traveling, sporting events, the outdoors and spending time with family and friends. I am excited to be a part of the Operation Lifesaver team, and look forward to working with all of you!



Upcoming Events

Train Safety Awareness Week (TSAW) will take place April 19-25!

Did you know?

National Crossing Collisions in 2007

Injuries— 1048

Fatalities— 335

National Trespasser Incidents in 2007

Injuries— 403

Fatalities— 469

State Crossing Collisions in 2007

Injuries— 63

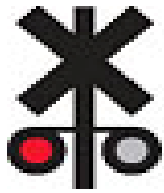
Fatalities— 20

State Trespasser Incidents in 2007

Injuries— 16

Fatalities— 33

- Most Collisions occur with trains traveling under 30 mph.
- 64 % of all collisions occur in daylight hours
- Approximately every 2 collisions occur between a train and a vehicle or a train and a pedestrian
- At 55 mph, it may take a train up to a mile or more to stop.
- Nearly 50 % of all collisions occur at crossings equipped with automatic warning devices
- 21 % of all collisions occur when the vehicle runs into the train
- You are 20 times more likely to die in a collision with a train than in a collision involving another motor vehicle



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Placing Orders

Because we are on a budget restraint, we would like to ask for at least a two weeks notice on all presentation supply orders.

When placing an order please be sure to include how many of each item you would like.

Also, because we are in a transition period please be sure to include the address to which the materials should be sent!

We thank you for your cooperation!

Designed By: Erica Sewell
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Presenters!

Beginning Jan 1, 2009 all presenters need to start reporting their presentations on the national database

www.oli.org/community/login.php

So that we may keep accurate records please submit your presentation reports to Erica Sewell also at:

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