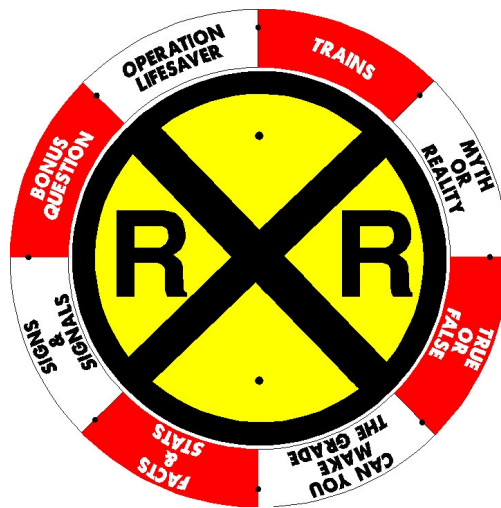


50 PLUS EXPO OHIO STATE FAIR GROUNDS JANUARY, 2006

Ohio Operation Lifesaver staffed an exhibit at the Fifty Plus Expo held at the Ohio State Fair Grounds. The event well attend by mature citizens and staffed by Operation Lifesaver Presenters. The Ohio Operation Lifesaver Wheel of Safety highlighted the exhibit. Exhibit visitors would spin the wheel to determine a question category. A question pertaining to grade crossing or pedestrian safety would be asked. If the participant answered correctly, then Ohio Operation Lifesaver awarded a prize to include Crossbuck Pins, Rulers, Bookmarkers and other safety related items. The goal was to heighten awareness and educate visitors about the dangers associated with grade crossings and along the railways.

Ohio Operation Lifesaver Exhibit at the State Fair with the Wheel of Safety



Front View of the Wheel of Safety

Wheel of Safety for Kids

Ohio Operation Lifesaver designed a spin Wheel of Safety for Kids. A front view is illustrated below. Instead of word categories, Operation Lifesaver caricatures are used to include: Sly Fox, Birdie and Engineer Bob. This spin wheel is specifically for the youngsters to help them better understand the dangers associated with playing near or on railroad tracks. The wheel was also used at the 50 Plus Expo especially for the grandchildren.



TRESPASSING EXCEEDS MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

Nationally, there are more pedestrian trespass fatalities with trains than motor vehicle fatalities with trains. Ohio is following this trend and its disturbing said State Coordinator Shel Senek. Pedestrians are required to use approved public crossings just the same as motor vehicle drivers. Walking, jogging, dirt biking, ATV riding or using the railroad rights-of-way without express permission from the railroad owners are not only dangerous activities, but illegal. During 2004, 368 people were killed in motor vehicle collisions at public and private grade crossings. In that same year, 483 persons were killed while trespassing on railroad rights-of-way and property.

During the later part of 2005, Ohio Operation Lifesaver in partnership with the Norfolk Southern Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Columbus Police Department ran a special trespass abatement program. Essentially, hi-rail vehicles (suburban's that can be operated on the rails or highways) were used to observe pedestrian trespassers. Eleven trespassers were observed illegally using the railroad rights-of-way. All were ejected from the property and one person was arrest on two pending felony warrants. This pedestrian trespass abatement program will be utilized in other parts of Ohio. The enforcement program was initiated in Franklin County because during 2005, Franklin County led the state in pedestrian trespass incidents.

Operation Lifesaver promotes the slogan, **Stay, Off, Stay Away,
Stay Alive!**

UPCOMING EVENTS INVOLVING OHIO OL

Thomas the Tank Train Event on May 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28, 2006 in the Boston Mills Akron Area. The event draws 20,000 and Ohio Operation Lifesaver will have a safety exhibit in the event.

A Mock School Bus and Train Crash will be held on June 16, 2005 in Lodi, Ohio. The mock crash will be a full scale emergency response and part of safety in-service training for approximate 400 school bus drivers in Medina County

National Operation Lifesaver Symposium will be held in Anaheim, California, July 9 – 12, 2006. See the Operation Lifesaver, Inc. website at www.oli.org for details. This is a must symposium and worthwhile to attend. Check it out.

OPERATION LIFESAVER PRESENTERS

Operation Lifesaver Presenters are the core of our educational program directed at reducing deaths, injuries and property losses at highway-rail intersections and along the railroad rights-of-way. Keeping up to date on the latest educational tools, charts, and video tapes increases the professionalism of the presentation.

