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ERWIN TERMINAL

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This issue of the Journal focuses on one of the consequences of the Obama Administration's efforts to close coal powered electric generating plants. Not only are mining jobs lost, but the coal support industry also folds. In this case, it is CSXT's former Clinchfield Railroad, which was born in 1915 and died in 2015.

The 2016 CSXTHS Convention will be held in Jeffersonville, Indiana, June 3--5. We will visit former C&O, L&N, B&O, Monon, and NYC track now operated by CSXT and three CSXT short line affiliates--Paducah & Louisville, R J Corman, and Louisville & Indiana. See below for more information on the convention.

**CSXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2016 CONVENTION
JUNE 3, 4, & 5, 2016
JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA**

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\$79.99 PLUS TAX FOR CSXTHS CONFERENCE
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016
VISIT CONSOLIDATED GRAIN'S RAIL AND BARGE LOADOUT AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA,
OHIO RIVER PORT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016
EXPLORE LOUISVILLE & INDIANA RAILROAD, PADUCAH & LOUISVILLE RAILROAD, R J CORMAN
RAILROAD, AND CSXT MAIN LINE FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO LEBANON, KENTUCKY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016
EXPLORE CSXT LCL LINE FROM LOUISVILLE, KY, TO LaGRANGE, KY**

REGISTRATION FORM

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**REGISTRATION FEE \$20
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CSXT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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CSXTHS 2016 CONVENTION, 201 PIN OAK PL, FRANKFORT, KY, 40601**

A VISIT TO CSXT'S ERWIN TERMINAL

On Thursday, 15 October 2015, CSXT unexpectedly announced the closing of its Erwin Tennessee Terminal located on the former Clinchfield Railroad Line. Erwin Terminal, before closing, performed locomotive servicing, car repair, and switching for coal trains heading south from the Big Sandy Coal Fields. With the closing of Erwin Terminal, 300 CSXT jobs were eliminated. At the same time, CSXT embargoed its former Clinchfield Line between St. Paul, Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky. Locals will tell you that the closing of Erwin Terminal and the embargo of part of the Clinchfield Railroad (CRR) is a result of the Obama Administration's "War on Coal." Coal traffic originating in the Big Sandy Valley is but a shadow of what it had been five years ago. In November 2015, coal traffic on the Big Sandy was down to four to six 200 car unit coal trains heading north to Russell. From here they are routed west to Cincinnati over former C&O track. At Cincinnati, these coal trains swing south over former Louisville & Nashville Railroad track.

The following photos were taken at the Erwin Terminal in November 2015.



#1 Car Repair Shop, #2 Locomotive Service Center, #3 Former Clinchfield Passenger Depot and CSXT Office Building, #4 Fuel Storage Facility.



These signs greeted a visitor to Erwin Yard upon rolling past the sign that graces the front page of this journal



A view into Erwin Yard from the material storage area. The former Clinchfield Passenger Depot is seen in the distance on the left while the Car Repair Shop dominates the right side of the photo.



A view from the north end of Erwin Yard. The Maintenance-of-Way equipment normally parked here is gone.



A view north from the north end of Erwin Yard. The car repair shop is on the left.



A view of the east side of the Erwin Car Repair Shop



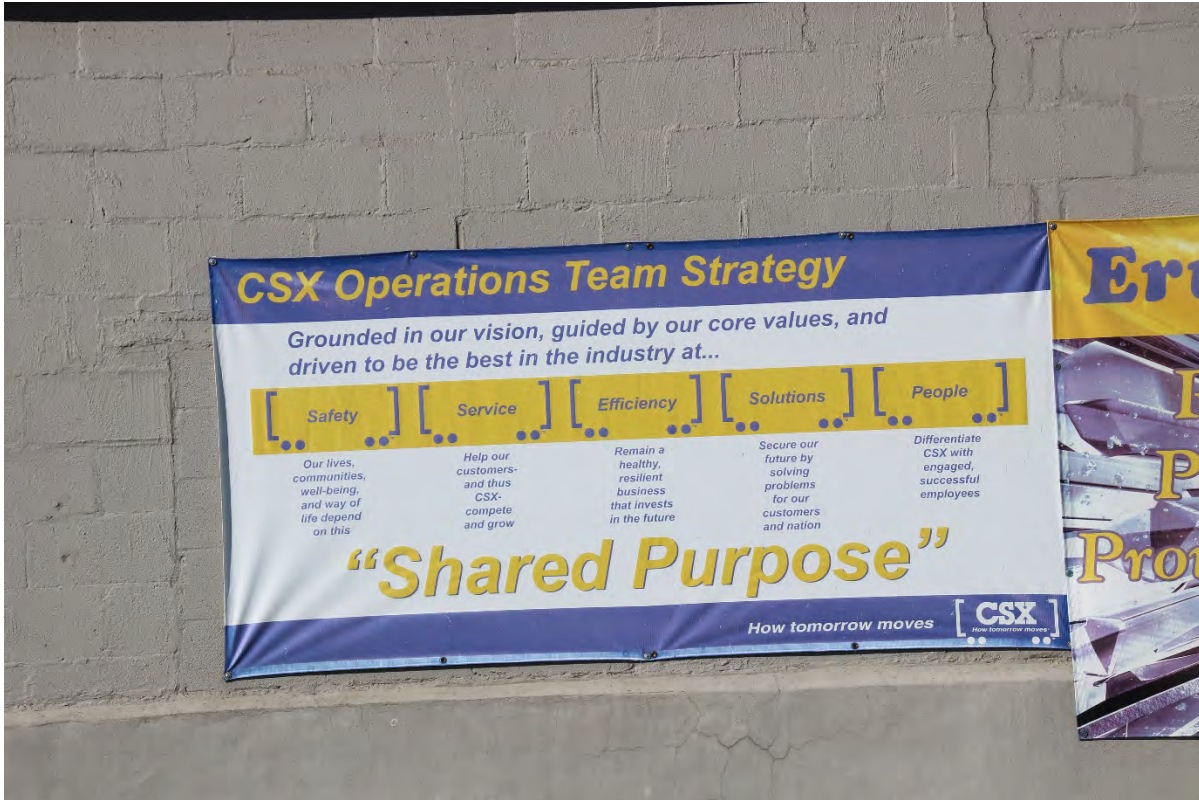
A view of the south end of the Erwin Car Repair Shop



A close-up of the south end of the Erwin Car Repair Shop



A sign on the side of the Erwin Car Repair Shop



Above and below are photos of some of the banners that graced the outside wall of the Erwin Car Repair Shop.





Above and below are some signage found on the outside wall of the Erwin Car Repair Shop.



A banner found on the outside wall of the Erwin Car Repair Shop.



Above and below: A view of the north side of the Car Repair shop. In the upper photo notice Blue Flag protection derails to prevent unauthorized movement of cars within the Car Shop work area.





Above and below: Close-up views of the Blue Flag protecting devices at the Car Shop





A view of the north end of the Erwin Car Repair Shop



Sign that greets one upon arriving at the Erwin Yard Locomotive Service Facility



Above and below are views of the Yard's turntable.





Above and below are views looking south at the Locomotive Service Center.





Above and below are two close-up views of the north side of the Locomotive Service Center.





Fuel storage tank at the Locomotive Service Center



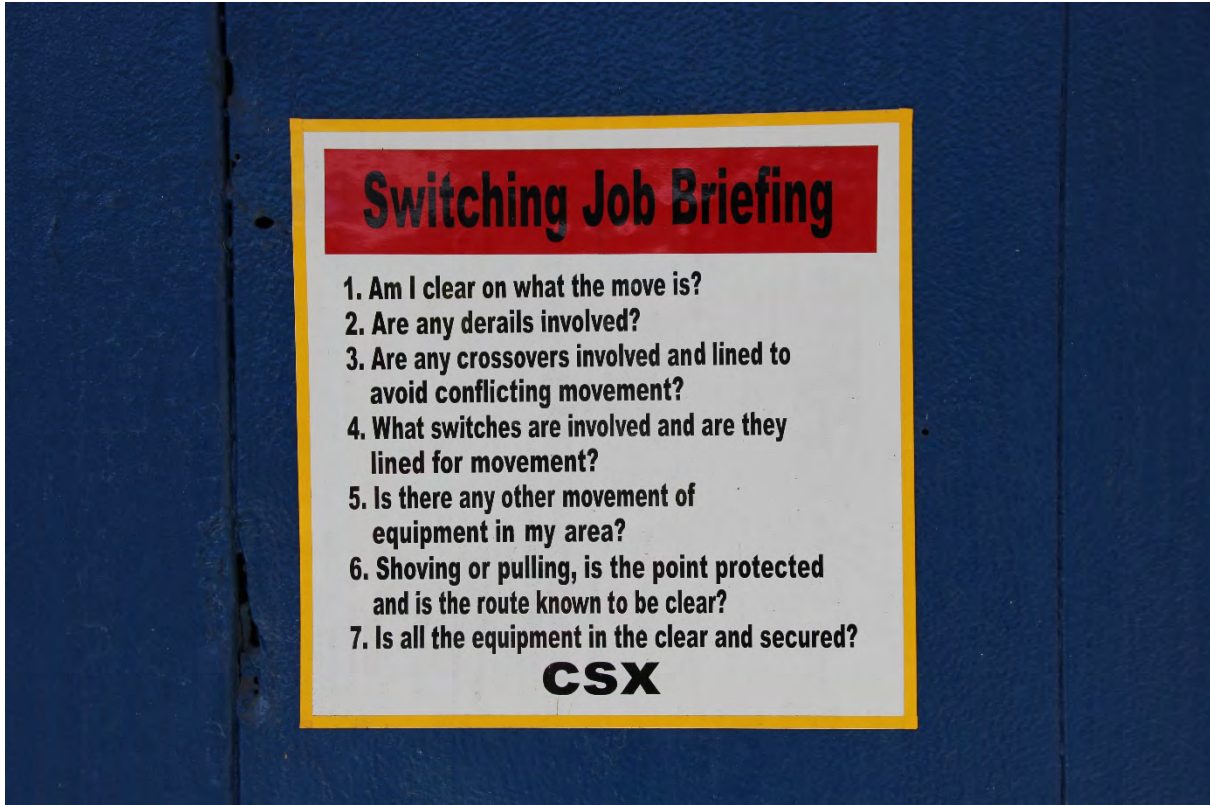
A close-up of the north side of the Locomotive Service Center Building



A view looking north of the Locomotive Service Center Building.



One of the signs posted on the Locomotive Service Center Building.



This sign was located on the side of the Locomotive Service Center Building.



A view north from the north end of the Locomotive Service Center. The Car Repair Shop is on the left and the CSXT Office Building is on the right. The two towers in the center background belong to an off-site company.



Above and below: Looking north from the Locomotive Service Center





Above and below: Looking north from the Locomotive Service Center with the Yard Office Building on the left





Above and below: Signs found on the Erwin Yard Office Building





Looking south from the Locomotive Service Center. The yard is empty of cars. The sign seen in the center of the track is blown up below.





The former Clinchfield Passenger Depot, now the library, as seen from trackside.



A view south into the Yard past the CSXT Office Building



A street side view of the CSXT Office Building



A view into Erwin Yard from in back of the CSXT Office Building



A close-up of the sign in back of the CSXT Office Building



A view north into Erwin Yard midway between the CSXT Office Building and the fuel storage area



A view south into Erwin Yard from just below the CSXT Office Building



The Erwin Yard fuel storage area. The Locomotive Service Center is seen across the Yard, right center.



Above and below are views of the Erwin Yard fuel storage facility.





Train Q XXx headed by CSXT147, CSXT 228, and CSXT 7875 rolled through Erwin Yard pulling a 32 car train bound for Johnson City, Tennessee.



The only car encountered in Erwin Yard was SBD 480264, a bad order gondola car.



Omnipresent within Erwin Yard were these 12-inch diameter blue metal disks warning not to dump waste water into this drain.



This sign welcoming one to Erwin Yard was encountered as we left the Yard. Hopefully it will once again in the future welcome CSXT employees to work at this facility.