

American Society of Mechanical Engineers - Fox Valley Section Meeting Notice

BNSF Railway Intermodal Facility Willow Springs, IL Wednesday, November 16, 2005

The BNSF Railway Intermodal Facility is located just west of I-294 and south of the United Parcel Service (UPS) sorting center in Willow Springs, Illinois. The facility was built to provide preferred service for the UPS distribution center and is used for loading/unloading highway trailers on/off trains. The facility consists of four intermodal tracks, each approximately one mile long; four storage tracks, each slightly less than one mile in length; one running track for the entire four-mile length of the project; one engine storage track 1,800 feet in length; and one car repair track 1,200 feet long. A typical day involves the loading and unloading of 14 trains, each about 6,000 ft long and carrying 200 trailers. The facility operates 7 days per week, 24 hours per day.

Most of the trains leaving Willow Springs are destined to the Los Angeles area where loaded trailers are dropped off for delivery and different trailers are loaded on the train for their return to the mid-west. BNSF operates railway services around the country.

The evening will start with dinner at the Holiday Inn, Willowbrook. Post dinner, guests will be transported by bus to the Intermodal yard wherein they will observe the loading/unloading operations on the ramp and visit the ramp control tower. Guests will be brought back to the Holiday Inn by the same bus.

SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM Registration
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Leave the Holiday Inn for the intermodal facility
9:00 PM Back at the Holiday Inn

DIRECTIONS: Holiday Inn, 7800 Kingery Highway (Route 83), Willowbrook, IL is at I-55 and Route 83 (Northeast quadrant). Exit I-55 to Route 83 going north. The hotel will be on your right.

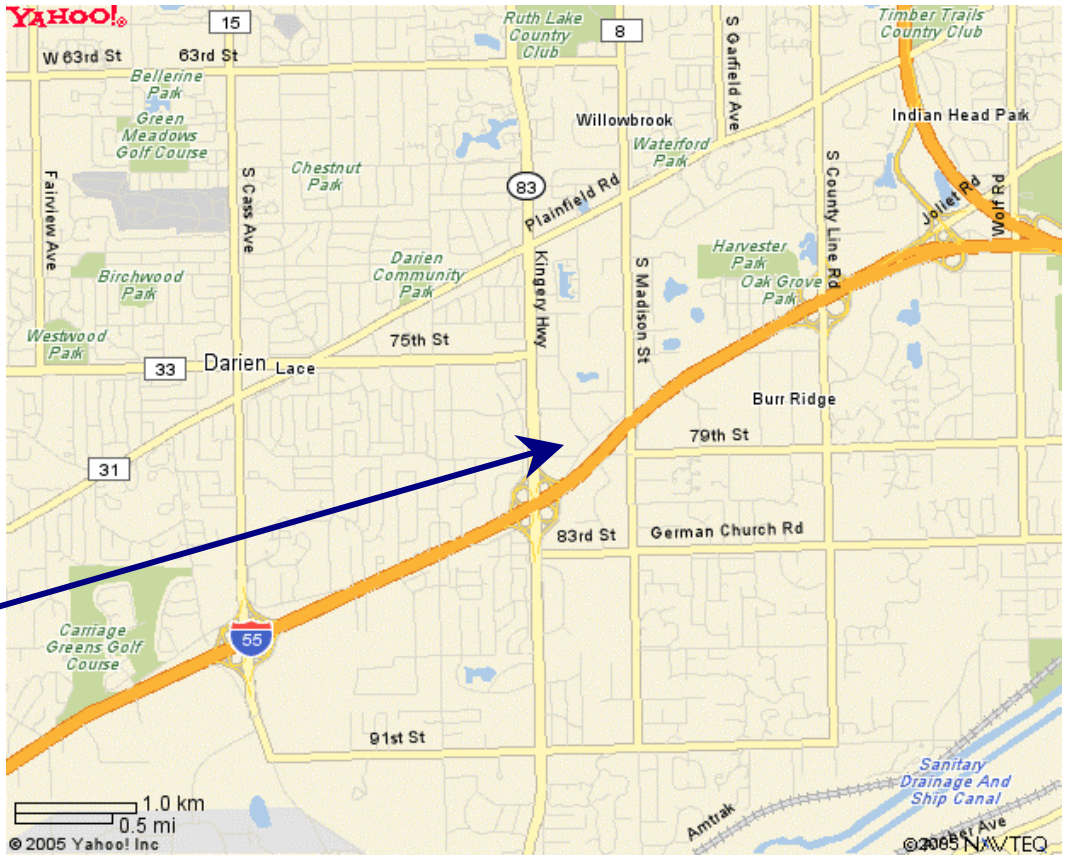
DINNER: Includes appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert and choice of entrée:

- Breast of Chicken Piccata or Marsala
- Roasted Pork Loin with roasted garlic sauce
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

COST: \$25.00 payable at the door, by check or cash

RESERVATIONS: Send e-mail to mjm@packereng.com and include your name, phone number, ASME membership number, company name, address and choice of entree. If you do not have e-mail access, call (630) 505-5722, and leave a message stating this is a reservation for the ASME Tour on November 16th and include the above information. **Note : ASME members have priority. Guests will be placed on a waiting list**

DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, November 09, 2005. Please cancel if your plans change. Reservations not cancelled by the deadline may be invoiced cost of dinner.



Holiday Inn