



Friends Of The ALCO Locomotive

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Dear fellow ALCO fans:

This letter comes to you to introduce you to a new group that I am starting. This group is in a informal setting to enjoy the discussions, sights and sounds of our favorite builder by meetings held for the purpose of slide, talks or video presentations given by various people during the year. We most likely will be in public places such as a local library up to four times per year.

There will not be any formal requirements to belong to this group other than to enjoy ALCO diesel or steam locomotives. We would like however to keep you on a mailing list for any upcoming events. In order to cover any expenses with refreshments, mailings etc, we may ask for donations on occasion.

We invite you to join us for our First Annual Dinner at the Shaker Ridge Country Club in Loudonville, New York on April 13, 2013 at 5:30 pm. This dinner will be semi-formal with a choice of three main entrees which include salad, rolls, beverage and desert. [See the enclosed sheet.](#) All dinners are priced at \$ 50.00 per person. Advanced paid reservations are required to be in my hands by March 16, 2013. We can also arrange for any special dietary needs upon advance notice.

This location is a short distance from the Albany International Airport and easily accessible by car from the major highways. We can provide directions if needed. There are many fine motels in the area at reasonable prices. Many of these have small vans or buses to pick you up at the train station or airport. The nearest Amtrak train station is approximately 10 miles away in Rensselaer, New York which is across the river from Albany, New York. The train station also has regular taxi cab service

We are honored to have as our Guest Speaker this evening; Mr. Carl Belke who is the President of The Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad in Olean, New York. As many of you know the WNY&P is a railroad featuring all ALCO and Montreal Locomotive products.

Carl Belke is also a past President of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad also once known for its ALCO locomotives.

We hope to see you at this dinner and be part of this interest group. If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail.

Sincerely yours,

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