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International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) on 7 June 2012

« The Association of American Railroads is looking forward to participating, for the second year in a row, in the International Level Crossing Awareness Day 2012. The Class I freight railroads and Amtrak will be working with their Operation Lifesaver counterparts across the nation at various venues to bring promote awareness to the importance grade crossing safety. Events will include; Officer on the Train Events, Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Classes, Positive Enforcement, Operation Lifesaver Presentations, Crossing Closure/ grade crossing separation project, and Trespass abatement.

As of March 2012, there were 211,708 grade crossings (public and private) in the United States. In 2011, which was the safest year on record, with regard to grade crossing collision rates, were down 5% from 2010. And, the number of these accidents has been falling steadily over the years. In fact, from 1980 through 2011, the number of grade crossing collisions have fallen 82 percent.

We support that everyone has the right to arrive home safely, and one way is to promote grade crossing safety. “