Harold Morgan headlines September meeting

Harold Morgan, local historian and author, presented an overview of the World War II Evansville Shipyard and the construction of LST (Landing Ship Tank) to an audience of about forty people at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville. The presentation gave the audience a glimpse into the history of building a LST and logistics from conception to completion. A thank you goes to John Durbin and Ivy Tech Community College for use of the meeting room.

Scholarships

Although it may be the beginning of the school year, it is never too early to get students interested in obtaining this scholarship money. A helpful hint to applicants: “make it neat and complete”. We have provided a link to the AWS website page with scholarship forms http://www.aws.org/w/a/foundation/district_scholarships.html

Sam Hanson

With these newsletters we will try to present some of the history of the AWS Tri River Section and the people who have been important contributors. Our first such person is the late Sam Hanson. Sam was a founding member of the Tri River Section in 1965. He was the owner of Hanson Testing and performed thousands of weld tests and provided certification papers for thousand of welders in the Tri State area. Sam had a few newsworthy moments to his credit. Fifty years ago Sam was the field engineer with Industrial Construction on the southbound Ohio River bridge connecting Henderson and Evansville. And in 1989, Sam warned the city they would hit underground springs during the Roberts Stadium reconstruction project. Twenty plus years later, that topic is still newsworthy. Sam was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) but still attended meetings until he couldn’t make them. A guest speaker had to bring their “A” game because Sam was there to correct or debate them. He passed away in 1994, but was definitely an "original" that left a legacy for the Tri River Section.

Evansville Welding Supply

The Tri River Section will be at the Evansville Welding Supply open house Thursday October 18, 2012 from 3:00pm until 9:00pm. We join with Steve Eidson, Tony Parrish and Shannon Long as they celebrate ten years in business.

Kalin Atkins

Kalin Atkins was a senior welding student at Pike Central High School when he died Monday, September 18 in a car accident on Indiana 57 on his way to Pike Central from his home school, Wood Memorial. His obituary is on the Tri River website http://www.awssection.org/tririver