

## 2007 Operation Lifesaver Train

An Operation Lifesaver train operated by the Union Pacific and Metra ran between West Chicago and Belvidere and later between Janesville and Crystal Lake. Naturally, this involved several C&NW men and thanks to **Mark Llanuza**, we have these fine photos. On Friday, June 1, 2007, the train operated between West Chicago and Belvidere with officials from on-line towns aboard. On Saturday, June 2, it made two trips to Belvidere and return to West Chicago, this time for employees and their families. And, on Monday, June 4, it ran between Janesville and Crystal Lake, again with officials from various municipalities on board. The equipment all originally operated on the “City” trains and has been restored by the UP. This was a “big order” because the equipment had to be purchased back from a variety of roads who had acquired it after the “City” trains were taken off. The two engines, the 949 and the 951, were sold to the C&NW, then to the RTA, then to Metra and finally back to the UP where they, too underwent restoration.



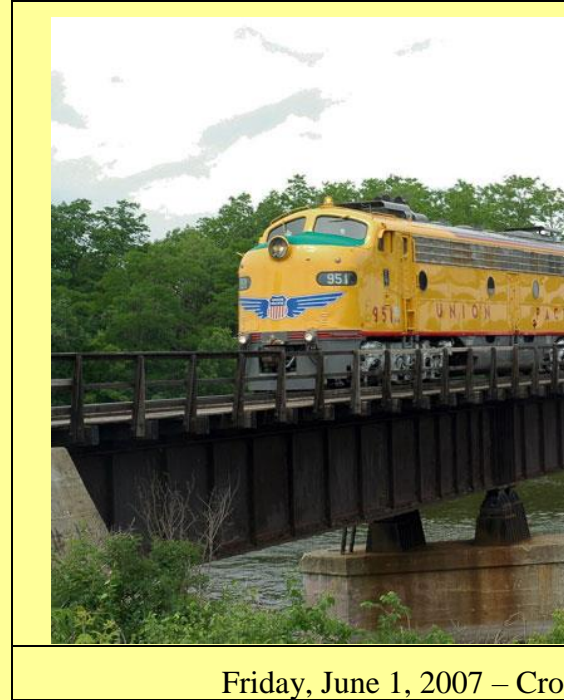
At Belvidere on June 1, **Mark** rounded up  
for this group photo. (L to R) Conductor  
**Edmonds**, Conductors **Rick Gramkow**  
**Stan Backleda** & **Bob Richards**, a



Again at Belvidere, here's a line-up of  
**Bowe** is on the left followed by former  
**McNamara**, now a Metra Safety Officer  
**Soldwisch** is on the far right. Next  
Administration Manager at Commuter Operations  
for identifying **Pat**. Maybe some



Just before boarding at West C



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