

“STEALING A SHOT” THERE ARE NO WINNERS

**EFFECTS OF RAILROAD TRESPASS INCIDENTS
BY FILM PRODUCTION PERSONNEL**

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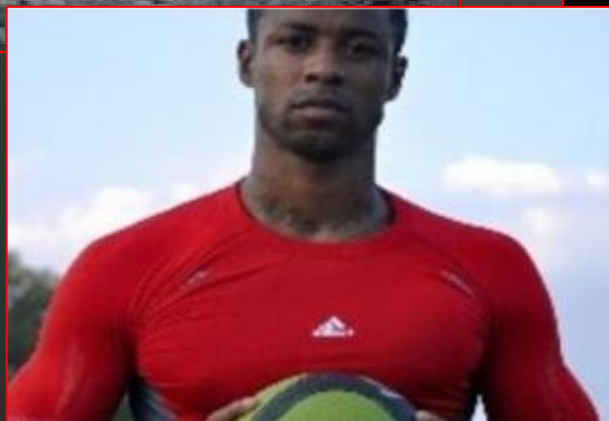
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THREE RECENT HIGH-PROFILE TRESPASSER FATALITIES

GREG PLITT



SARAH JONES



ACHILLES WILLIAMS

TWO TYPES OF PRODUCTION TRESPASS



UNINTENTIONAL

ACCIDENTAL INTRUSION

SEIZED AN ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITY



INTENTIONAL

PRE-PLANNED

SURREPTITIOUS PREPARATIONS

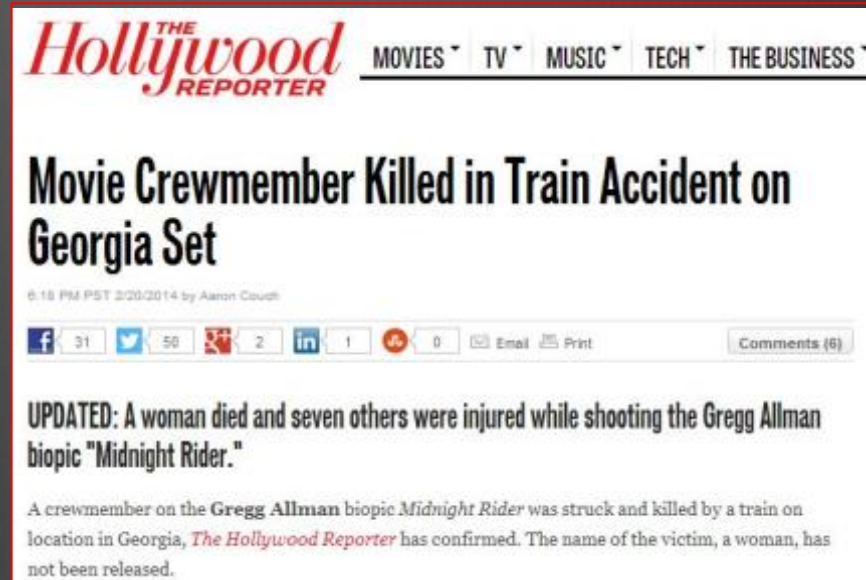
SUCCESS CREATES “BRAGGING RIGHTS”

PRIMARY OFFENDERS:

STUDENTS

MICRO BUDGET FILMS

SOCIAL MEDIA PRODUCTIONS



COMMON CAUSE:
CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN PURSUIT OF A
“MONEY SHOT”



VARIETY

'Midnight Rider' Director Pleads Guilty, Gets Two Years in Prison

IMDb

'Midnight Rider' 1st A.D. Hillary Schwartz Found Guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter and Criminal Trespass

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SOME EVENTS MAKE MORE NEWS THAN OTHERS.
ALL ARE TRAGEDIES, ALL ARE PREVENTABLE.

THIS PRESENTATION ADDRESSES
PROBLEMS DIFFERENT THAN
THE TRADITIONAL
“RECREATIONAL” RAILROAD
TRESPASSING



THE RAIL INDUSTRY DEALS WITH THESE
EVENTS ON A DAILY BASIS WORKING WITH
SCHOOLS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL
MEDIA, AND OPERATION LIFESAVER.



EMERGING ISSUE: THE RAPIDLY INCREASING UNAUTHORIZED RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AS LOCATIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA IMAGES

UPDATE: DSC coach injured, fiancé killed in car accident enroute to wedding **VIDEO INCLUDED**



Updated: Apr 30, 2014 2:46 PM EDT

The couple was on their way to Mobile for their weekend wedding when the accident occurred.

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03/19/2015 AT 05:25 PM EDT

Two months after fitness expert and reality TV star Greg Plitt was killed by a Metrolink train in California, another personal trainer was struck and killed Tuesday in Georgia by a freight train.

RAILROAD
TRESPASS
IS A POPULAR
YOUTUBE
SUBJECT

IMPACTS?

LOSS OF LIFE

PERSONAL INJURIES AND DISABILITIES

CRIMINAL CONVICTION, INCARCERATION, PROBATION

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, PROBATION & LOSS OF CAREERS

DIMINISHED RAILROAD ACCESS FOR FILM PRODUCTIONS

HIGHER PRODUCTION INSURANCE COSTS

AN OFTEN OVER-LOOKED GROUP:

PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE TO WITNESSES INCLUDING
RAILROAD OPERATING CREWS AND DISPATCHERS

SOLUTIONS?

ASSOCIATION OF FILM COMMISSIONERS
INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE
EMPLOYEES

INTERNATIONAL CAMERA GUILD

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL CAMERA GUILD



RAILROAD SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING CLASSES
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

*THE IATSE AND ICG INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BRIDGES THE GAP
BETWEEN TWO INDUSTRIES WITH NEARLY
POLAR OPPOSITE CORPORATE CULTURES*

STRATEGIC GOAL:
CREATE A CADRE OF RAIL SAFETY TRAINED FILM INDUSTRY
PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN HELP ENSURE
THERE IS NEVER ANOTHER
MIDNIGHT RIDER



RAILROADS ARE GREAT TIME MACHINES

PUBLIC ENEMIES TURNS BACK THE CLOCK
IN CHICAGO'S UNION STATION TO 1933



RAILROADS ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT
INDUSTRY IMAGE
*RAILROADS PORTRAYED AS
DANGEROUS OR EVIL*

- INACCURATE/FALSE
DEPICTION OF
OPERATIONS AND
SAFETY SYSTEMS
- PROMOTING UNSAFE
ACTS THRU DEPICTION
Playing chicken
Train-hopping/surfing
- CRIMINAL ACT
GLAMORIZATION
Guerilla Filmmaking



OCTOBER SKY

THE IATSE/ICG COURSE TEACHES:

- ⦿ THERE ARE NO ABANDONED RAILROADS, EVERY PIECE OF TRACK HAS AN OWNER
- ⦿ RAILROAD SCENES REQUIRE EXTENSIVE ADVANCE PLANNING
- ⦿ RAILROAD SCENES ARE NOT CHEAP
- ⦿ SENDING P-As UP THE TRACK WITH RADIOS AS LOOKOUTS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TRAIN CONTROL, IT'S LIKELY A PRELUDE TO "STEALING A SHOT"
- ⦿ HOW TO RECOGNIZE A LEGALLY ACQUIRED RAILROAD LOCATION
- ⦿ FILM PRODUCTION WORK RULES DON'T WORK ON RAILROAD LOCATIONS
- ⦿ BASIC RAIL SAFETY RULES – THE LAWS OF GRAVITY AND INERTIA ARE NOT REPEALED FOR FILM CREWS
- ⦿ EMPLOYEE SAFETY EMPOWERMENT – "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

ADDITIONAL 2015 CLASSES:
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
LOS ANGELES AREA, CALIFORNIA



THE END

