

RWU to Host Event at the Electrical Workers Union Hall in Chicago

On the 3rd anniversary of the horrific tragedy in Lac Megantic, Quebec — as part of the week-long series of actions across the continent — Railroad Workers United will sponsor a forum and discussion on the critical issues posed to both the community and to railroad workers.

What are the facts? How did this happen? What went wrong and, more importantly, Why? What could have and *should* have been done differently to have avoided the runaway train and resultant disaster?

Since that tragic day three years ago, there have been numerous

derailments and fiery explosions of oil trains throughout North America, including the most recent on June 3, 2016 in Mosier, Oregon in the scenic and environmentally sensitive Columbia River Gorge. The tragedy in Lac Megantic, as well as other train derailments involving hazardous materials, drive home the point that the general public — together with railroad workers — have a life and death stake in safe rail operations.

RWU former Co-Chair Mark Burrows (see commentary on Page 6) will present and lead the discussion.