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## ASLRRA ANNOUNCES 2004 JAKE AWARD WINNERS

The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association is pleased to announce the railroads that will receive the 2004 Jake with Distinction and Jake Awards. All member railroads with no reportable injuries will be awarded the Jake with Distinction Award. Those railroads with no reportable injuries, but that have had train accidents will be presented a Jake Award. This year we will award 173 Jake with Distinction Awards and 32 Jake Awards. All safety awards are determined based on the railroads' injury reports to the FRA and then rated based on the ASLRRA severity index ratio. ASLRRA firmly believes that every railroad that works safely and does not have a personnel injury, lost workday or fatality should be recognized for their dedication to making safety a top priority. Congratulations to our 2004 Jake and Jake with Distinction Award Winners!

### **Jake with Distinction Award:**

Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad Company	Aberdeen, Carolina & Western Railway Co.
Acadiana Railway Company	Adrian & Blissfield Rail Road Company
Alexander Railroad Company	Algers, Winslow & Western Railway Co.
Angelina & Neches River Railroad Company	Apache Railway Company
Appanoose County Community Railroad	Arizona Central Rail Road
Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railway	Ashtubula, Carson & Jefferson Railroad
Atlantic & Western Railway, L.P.	AT&L Railroad Company
Ballard Terminal Railroad Company, LLC	Bauxite & Northern Railway Company
The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.	Bighorn Divide & Wyoming Railroad, Inc.
The Blacklands Railroad	The Bloomer Line
Border Pacific Railroad Company	Burlington Junction Railway
Caldwell County Railroad Company	California Northern Railroad
Sacramento Southern Railroad	Canton Railroad Company
Carolina Rail Services Company	Carolina Southern Railroad Company
Central Montana Rail, Inc.	Central New York Railroad Corporation
Central Railroad Company of Indiana	Chattahoochee & Gulf Railroad Company, Inc
Chattahoochee Industrial Railroad	Chattooga & Chickamauga Railroad
Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad Company	Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad Company
Chestnut Ridge Railway Company	Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company
Commonwealth Railway, Inc.	Copper Basin Railway, Inc.
Crab Orchard & Egyptian Railroad	D & I Railroad Company
Dardanelle & Russellville Railroad Company	Delta Valley & Southern Railway Company
Denver Rock Island Railroad	Depew, Lancaster & Western Railroad Co.
Dubois County Railroad	East Jersey Railroad and Terminal Company
East Tennessee Railway, L.P.	Eastern Illinois Railroad Company
Effingham Railroad Company	Farmrail Corporation
Flats Industrial Railroad	Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc.
Florida Northern Railroad Company, Inc.	Fordyce & Princeton Railroad Company
Fore River Transportation Corporation	Fulton County Railroad, Inc.
Georgia & Florida RailNet	Georgia Woodlands Railroad
Golden Triangle Railroad	Grafton & Upton Railroad Company
Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad, Inc.	Great Walton Railroad Company
Hampton & Branchville Railroad Company	Hartwell Railroad Company
Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc.	Hollis & Eastern Railroad Company
Hoosier Southern Railroad	Huntsville & Madison County RR Authority
Hutchinson & Northern Railway Company	Indian Creek Railroad Company
Juniata Valley Railroad Company	Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern Railroad
Knoxville & Holston River Railroad Company	Lahaina Kaanapali & Pacific Rail Road
Landisville Terminal & Transfer Company	Little Kanawha River Rail, Inc.
Little Rock Port Railroad Company	Louisville, New Albany & Corydon Railroad
Lycoming Valley Railroad Company	M & B Railroad, L.L.C.
Madison Railroad	Maine Eastern Railroad
Manufacturers' Junction Railway Company	Maryland & Delaware Railroad Company

Massena Terminal Railroad Company  
Michigan Shore Railroad, Inc.  
Minnesota Northern Railroad Inc.  
Minnesota Southern Railway, Inc.  
Mississippian Railway Cooperative, Inc.  
Mt. Hood Railroad  
Naugatuck Railroad Company Inc.  
Nebraska Northeastern Railway Company  
New York & Ogdensburg Railway Company  
Newburgh & South Shore Railroad Company  
Northwestern Oklahoma Railroad Company  
Oil Creek & Titusville Lines, Inc.  
Ouachita Railroad Company  
Penn Eastern Rail Lines Inc.  
Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc.  
Point Comfort & Northern Railway Company  
Port Jersey Railroad  
Prescott & Northwestern Railroad Company  
R. J. Corman Railroad Co./Cleveland Line  
R. J. Corman Railroad Co./Bardstown Line  
Redmont Railway Company, Inc.  
Richmond Pacific Railroad Corporation  
Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad Co.  
San Luis Central Railroad Company  
San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad Company  
Santa Cruz, Big Trees & Pacific Railway Co.  
Seminole Gulf Railroad L.P.  
Shamokin Valley Railroad Company  
SMS Rail Service, Inc.  
Southern Freight Logistics, LLC  
Southern Switching Company  
St. Marys Railroad Company  
Talleyrand Terminal Railroad  
Texas – New Mexico Railroad Company  
Texas Rock Crusher Railway Company  
Texas, Gonzales & Northern Railway Co.  
Tomahawk Railway, L.P.  
Upper Merion & Plymouth Railroad Company  
Ventura County Railroad Company  
Walking Horse & Eastern Railroad Company  
Wellsboro & Corning Railroad Company  
West Virginia Central Railroad  
Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad  
Winamac Southern Railway Company

Meridian Southern Railway LLC  
Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad Co.  
Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.  
Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad Company  
Morristown & Erie Railway, Inc.  
Nash County Railroad Corporation  
Nebkota Railway, Inc.  
New Castle Industrial Railroad  
New York Cross Harbor Railroad  
Northern Ohio & Western Railway, Ltd.  
Ohio Central Railroad Company  
Old Augusta Railroad Company  
Pecos Valley Southern Railway Company  
Pickens Railway Company  
Pittsburgh, Allegheny & McKees Rocks RR  
Port Bienville Railroad  
Port Terminal Railroad of South Carolina  
Progressive Rail, Inc.  
R. J. Corman Railroad Co./Memphis Line  
Rarus Railway Company  
Riceboro Southern Railway, LLC  
Rock & Rail, Inc.  
San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad  
San Manuel Arizona Railroad Company  
Sand Springs Railway Company  
Santa Fe Southern Railway, Inc.  
Sequatchie Valley Railroad Company  
Shenandoah Valley Railroad  
South Plains Lamesa Railroad, Ltd.  
Southern Railroad Company Of New Jersey  
Southwestern Railroad Company, Inc.  
Stourbridge Railroad Company  
Tennessee Southern Railroad Company, Inc.  
Texas North Western Railway Company  
Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company  
Tishomingo Railroad Company, Inc.  
Turtle Creek Industrial Railroad, Inc.  
Utah Railway Company  
Wabash Central Railroad Corporation  
Warren & Saline River Railroad Company  
West Texas and Lubbock Railway Company  
Western Maryland Scenic Railroad  
Wilmington Terminal Railroad Inc.  
Wiregrass Central Railroad Company

### **Jake Award Winners:**

Arizona & California Railroad Company  
Central Railroad Company Of Indianapolis  
Colorado & Wyoming Railway Company  
Georgia Central Railway, L.P.  
KWT. Railway, Inc.  
Laurinburg & Southern Railroad Company  
Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corp.  
Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC  
Northern Plains Railroad, Inc.  
Otter Tail Valley Railroad

Central Illinois Railroad Company  
Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railroad  
Eastern Alabama Railway  
Indiana Southern Railroad Company, Inc.  
Knox and Kane Railroad Company  
Little Rock & Western Railway, L.P.  
Mid-Michigan Railroad Company  
Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company  
Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Railway Company  
Panhandle Northern Railroad Company

Railroad Switching Service Of Missouri, Inc.  
Sabine River & Northern Railroad Company  
Wichita, Tillman & Jackson Railway Company  
Gulf, Colorado San Saba Railway  
Alamo Gulf Coast Railroad Company  
Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad

Rochester & Southern Railroad, Inc.  
Union County Industrial Railroad Company  
East Cooper & Berkeley Railroad  
McCloud Railway Company  
Delta Southern Railroad Company  
Nebraska Central Railroad Company

## **ASLRRRA WELCOMES TOM STREICHER AS GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT – SAFETY & OPERATING PRACTICES**

ASLRRRA is pleased to announce that Tom Streicher has joined the staff as General Superintendent – Safety & Operating Practices, replacing Matt Reilly, who retired on April 1, after 17 years with ASLRRRA. Tom brings 32 years of railroading experience to the position, most recently working as General Manager for the Canton Railroad in Baltimore, Maryland.

Tom spent most of his railroad career with the Penn Central and its successors, Conrail and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through his broad-based career in operations, he has worked throughout the Midwest and Northeast. His various positions have included Track Supervisor, General Foreman, Master Mechanic, and Superintendent of Operations.

“Tom is an excellent addition to the staff,” commented ASLRRRA President, Rich Timmons. “His knowledge and expertise in Safety and Operations will be of enormous value to our members. He brings great experience and enthusiasm to the position and I welcome his efforts as the Association moves forward on a number of exciting initiatives.”

Tom is available to assist members with questions or issues related to safety and operations. If you have a question for him, or if you'd just like to welcome him to the ASLRRRA, he can be reached via e-mail at [tstreicher@aslrra.org](mailto:tstreicher@aslrra.org) or by phone at (202) 585-3434.

## **RAILROAD INDUSTRY CELEBRATES ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR SAFETY**

On May 19, 2005, the E.H. Harriman and Harold F. Hammond Memorial Safety Awards were presented at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Edward R. Hamberger, president and CEO of the Association of American Railroads, said that employees at the nation's railroads reported their lowest employee casualty rate in history during 2004.

Hamberger told the audience that last year's employee casualty rate was nine percent lower than it was in 2003, when the previous record was set. "And for the first two months of this year, the employee casualty rate is down an additional 20 percent from the same period last year."

Hamberger attributed the improvement to "a lot of dedication and hard work by the railroads and their employees. At its heart, safety is about those people who operate trains, maintain and repair tracks and signals, dispatch trains and maintain the industry's 21,000 locomotives and 1.3 million freight cars."

The Harriman Awards are presented to the railroads with the top employee safety records in four employee-hours categories. Norfolk Southern Corporation took top honors for the sixteenth consecutive year in Group A, comprised of line-haul railroads whose employees worked 15 million employee-hours or more during the award year. In this category, the silver award went to the BNSF Railway while Union Pacific took the bronze.

Several ASLRRRA members were presented with Harriman Awards, including the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway and the Providence and Worcester Railroad, who earned the silver and bronze awards, respectively, in Group C, which consisted on line-haul railroads with fewer than 4 million employee-hours. In the Switching & Terminal Group, the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis won the gold medal for the third consecutive year.

The annual rail employee safety awards were founded in 1913 by the late Mrs. Mary W. Harriman in memory of her husband, Edward H. Harriman, a pioneer in American railroading. At the time the Harriman Awards were founded, railroading was considered among the nation's most dangerous occupations. However, employee injury rates have declined sharply — with a 70 percent decline just since 1980 — and today railroad employees have injury rates comparable to those experienced by employees in retail stores and lower than those in other modes of transportation.

Winners are chosen by a committee of individuals in the transportation field. Awards are granted to railroads on the basis of the lowest casualty rates per 200,000 employee-hours worked, with a formula that takes into account the volume of work performed, as well as the number of fatalities, injuries and occupational illnesses, all documented and confirmed by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Tom Mulligan, a Conductor with Norfolk Southern Railway, received the Hammond Award, which is awarded to an individual railroad employee who has demonstrated outstanding safety achievement during the preceding year. Richard Dawes, ASLRRRA's 2004 Safety Person of the Year, received a Certificate of Commendation for his work in enhancing safety.

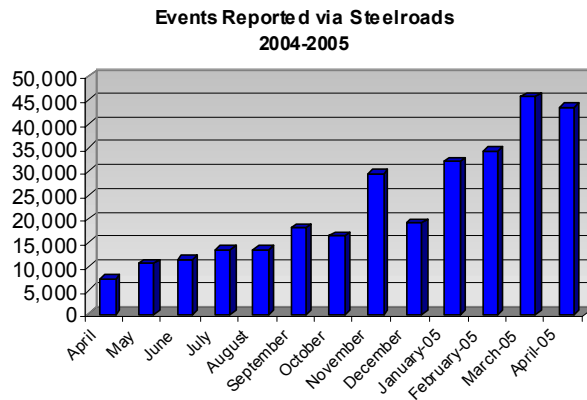
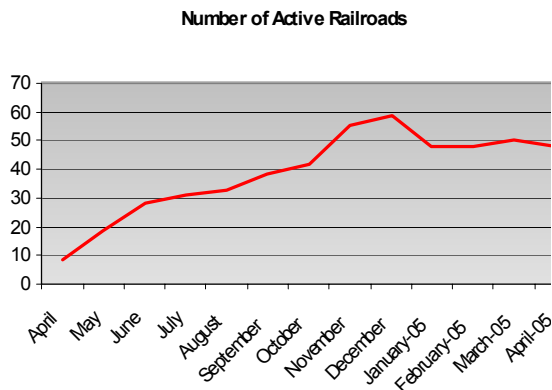
### **WASHINGTON DOT SEEKS REPLACEMENT FOLLOWING UNEXPECTED DEATH OF RAIL ADVOCATE**

Ray Allred, age 49 and a ten-year Washington State DOT employee in the Rail Office, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 16. He joined the Rail Office in February 1995 after a 15-year career in California as a railroad police officer and freight rate expert for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Prior to working for the railroads, Ray was an All-American defensive lineman for the Idaho State University Bengals and had been inducted into ISU's Football Hall of Fame in 2003.

Ray had been a strong advocate for railroads most of his adult life after obtaining an MBA with a concentration in truck/rail intermodal economics. He was WSDOT's lead expert on freight rail projects and an important voice on statewide freight policy issues. In addition, Ray's work was instrumental in the development of the nationally known Washington State Grain Train Program.

The WSDOT is seeking a replacement for Mr. Allred as the lead planner of the freight rail division. Interested parties can contact Stephen Anderson at 360-705-6903 for more information.

### **STEELROADS© EVENT REPORTING - APRIL 2005**



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### **PACIFIC HARBOR LINE AND BLET SIGN NEW AGREEMENT**

Pacific Harbor Line, Inc. (PHL) and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) have signed a new four-year labor agreement, covering approximately 100 PHL operating and maintenance of way employees.

Signed May 12 after a year and a half of negotiations, the pact substantially increases employees' basic rates of pay, introduces payments for extended hours, enhances eligibility to the 401K plan, and provides a signing bonus and other improvements.

BLET's Division 214 in Long Beach, Calif., has represented PHL's employees since the railroad was formed in 1998. Union employment has grown from 27 employees initially to nearly 100 in the past seven years.

PHL President Andrew Fox said, "The union was determined, but also realistic in helping us to get this agreement done. Our employees have earned these contract improvements by building this company. At the same time, our customers will benefit from the flexibility and productivity features covered by the new pact."

"It took us three tries to get this agreement right," said BLET General Chairman Pat Williams, "But in the end, the company made some essential changes, which allowed us to achieve ratification."

Besides General Chairman Williams, the BLET would like recognize the invaluable efforts of Vice President Steve Speagle and Division 214 President Marlon Taylor and Local Chairman Alvin Sykes. The PHL negotiating team included Andrew Fox and Vice President Bill Roufs.

### **REMINDER - ROADWAY WORKER PROTECTION TOOLS AVAILABLE**

ASLRRA has the following roadway worker protection tools, created by the FRA's Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance, available for members:

**"Roadway Worker Protection Quick Reference"** pamphlet. Includes sections on:

- On-Track Safety Tips
- Field Checklists for groups and lone workers
- Railroad Communications Requirements for Roadway Workers
- Train Approach Warning / Individual Train Detection
- RWP Regulation Outline and Defect Codes
- On-Track Safety by Workers and Location
- Training and Qualification Requirements

**"Roadway Worker Protection Life Tips"** poster.

If you would like to request copies of these items, contact Steve Sullivan at (202) 585-3432 or [Sullivan@aslrta.org](mailto:Sullivan@aslrta.org)

## **NORTH SHORE RAILROAD ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF BRIGID RICH**

Gary Shields, President of the North Shore Railroad Company, announced that, effective June 6, 2005, Brigid M. Rich has been promoted to the full time position of Manager Marketing and Car Accounting.

Brigid joined the North Shore Railroad Company in November 1999 as a part time employee in car accounting and in September 2000 Brigid's duties were expanded to a full time position as a Customer Service Representative. In June of 2001 she elected to return to a part time position in order to devote additional time to her family.

Brigid will continue her present duties with car hire and will have the added marketing responsibility working with Todd Hunter, North Shore's Director – Marketing & Sales. In addition to the customer service and car accounting functions, Brigid was instrumental in writing the company's drug and alcohol plan along with administration of federal compliance programs.

Brigid is a native Texan and a graduate of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

## **CEDAR AMERICAN RAIL HOLDINGS NAMES ED TERBELL EVP – OPERATIONS**

Cedar American Rail Holdings, Inc., which operates the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad (DM&E) and the Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad (IC&E), announced that Mr. J. Edward Terbell has been named Executive Vice President – Operations, with responsibility for the Transportation, Engineering and Mechanical departments.

In making the announcement, Cedar American Rail Holdings, Inc. President and Chief Executive Officer Kevin V. Schieffer said, "We are delighted to have a person of Ed's caliber as a part of our senior management team. Ed brings extensive railroad operational experience from both Class I and Class II Railroads to our company and we look forward to his leadership."

Terbell began his railroad career in 1974 in the Engineering department with the Chicago and North Western Railroad. In 1987, he joined the Wisconsin Central Railway, and progressed to vice president and general manager in 1993. In 2001, he joined the Canadian National Railway and, most recently, held the position of director of special projects.

Terbell attended Northwest State University, Maryville, Mo., and the University of Michigan Executive Management Program.

The DM&E and IC&E Railroads are the longest regional railroad system in the United States. They operate 2,500 miles of track in eight states in the upper Midwest, including Chicago to Wyoming and from Minneapolis, Minn. to Kansas City, Mo., annually handling 250,000 carloads of freight.

## **RELCO LOCOMOTIVES COMPLETES NEW LOCOMOTIVE REBUILD AND SERVICE FACILITY**

RELCO Locomotives, Inc. recently announced the completion of its new locomotive rebuild and service facility located in southeastern Iowa. The facility, which has been under construction since the second quarter of 2004, will dramatically increase RELCO's manufacturing capacity and will complement RELCO's smaller Minooka, IL location. The 95-acre site contains a main locomotive shop, a self-contained blast and paint shop, office space, and over 10,000 feet of track. The 90,000-sq. ft. main locomotive shop houses five tracks, six overhead cranes with a capacity of up to 50 tons, two raised rail pits, a drop-table, state-of-the-art fabrication and component rebuild areas, and nearly 30 miles of track available for locomotive run-in and testing. The facility has direct interchange with the BNSF, and IC&E railroads and close interchange with the Union Pacific. Corporate operations will remain in Minooka, IL.

“This new facility positions RELCO as one of the largest locomotive rebuilders in North America”, said Donald L. Bachman, RELCO’s Chairman and CEO. “This dramatic expansion of our capabilities will allow RELCO to provide better service to our existing customer base and allow us to become a dominant player in the high-volume segment of the industry. This significant investment is indicative of our firm commitment to our customers and our confidence in the strength of the industry – both now and over the long-term. Over our 44 years in this industry, we have continuously strengthened our ability to provide complete motive power solutions. This new, state-of-the-art facility further demonstrates RELCO’s on-going commitment to be the leading provider of rebuilding and maintenance services across all segments of the industry.”

Since 1961, the RELCO Companies have been a leading provider of quality locomotives and locomotive maintenance services throughout the United States and Canada. RELCO Locomotives, Inc. carries a full line of switcher and road locomotives for sale and provides locomotive remanufacturing, system upgrades, maintenance, wreck repairs, painting, rebuilt components, parts and nationwide field service. RELCO Finance, Inc. is one of the largest full-service locomotive leasing companies of both switcher and road power in the United States.

### **RAILROAD TRAFFIC**

According to the AAR, U.S. carloads were down 1.7 percent in the week ending May 14, 2005, with 341,509 cars originated, compared to 347,274 cars originated in 2004. Carloads for U.S. Non-Class I’s that submit data to the AAR were up 11.6 percent for the week and are up 7.1 percent for the year to date. U.S. intermodal traffic was up 6.3 percent for the week and is up 7.2 percent for the year to date. U.S. and Canadian intermodal traffic is up 6.5 percent for the year. Total volume is up 3.2 percent for the year, with an estimated total of 604.1 billion ton-miles.

For just the week ending May 7, 2005, U.S. carloads were up 3.7 percent and carloads for U.S. Non-Class I’s that submit data to the AAR were up 17.2 percent. Carloads were up 2.3 percent in the East and were up 4.9 percent in the West. U.S. intermodal traffic was up 5.6 percent for the week.

According to RMI’s RailConnect Index, which includes traffic summaries for 212 short line and regional railroads, short line carloads were up 6.81 percent for the week ending May 7, 2005. Short lines reporting to RMI moved 97,762 cars for the week, compared with 91,532 cars for the same week in 2004. For the year-to-date, short line traffic was up 12.08 percent, with 1,707,339 cars handled in 2005, compared to 1,523,266 cars handled at the same point in 2004. Intermodal traffic makes up the largest percentage of traffic for a single commodity group, with 280,360 carloads handled for the year-to-date. Metals & Products make up the fastest growing commodity group, with a 35.13% increase in carload shipments over 2004.

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