

**Make Plans to
Attend the 2005
ASLRRRA Regional
Meetings:**
(Click on the meeting name
for more information)

Central / Pacific
Region Meeting
October 2-4, 2005
Monte Carlo Resort
Las Vegas, NV

Eastern Region
Meeting
October 17-19, 2005
Westin Convention
Center
Pittsburgh, PA

Southern Region
Meeting
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2005
Beau Rivage Resort
Biloxi, MS

Questions? Comments?
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Currently, Railroad
Security Alert Level
2 is in Effect

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UPDATE ON ASLRRRA'S TARIFF PUBLISHING SERVICES

As many of you may be aware, ASLRRRA's Grant Ozburn, Executive Director of Traffic and E-Commerce, announced his retirement effective August 1, 2005. While Grant will be retiring from ASLRRRA, he has set up his own business, North America Railroad Publishing Services (NARPS), Inc. which will offer publishing and other services to the railroad industry.

Along with Grant's retirement, organizational changes are being implemented by the association in an effort to better serve the membership and the Board of Directors has approved a three year contract to continue publishing services through NARPS, Inc.

Effective August 1, 2005, NARPS, Inc. will continue to provide publishing services to ASLRRRA members for tariffs, quotes, contracts, etc., at the current fee schedule charged by the ASLRRRA. The transition will be virtually seamless. ASLRRRA members can contact NARPS, Inc. through Grant Ozburn's existing e-mail address, gozburn@aslrra.org, and phone number, (202) 585-3441. The only change will be the fax number which will change to (678) 583-9574.

Other traffic services will continue to be provided through the ASLRRRA.

ASLRRRA TECH COMMITTEE MEETS IN PUEBLO

The ASLRRRA Technical Committee held their Spring/Summer face-to-face meeting at the TTCI test center in Pueblo, Colorado. The full day of activities started with the Committee meeting in the morning, where the group's current projects were updated and new projects decided upon. The projects being worked on include less expensive AEI scanners, fuel saving devices for locomotives, radio frequency issues, and hazmat transportation security. Many of the projects will be featured in the coming months in future Views & News articles.



The afternoon was filled with presentations about the current research projects going on at TTCI, and all in attendance received a full education about the latest advancements in railroad technology. The subjects discussed included radio frequency coordination, automated wayside inspection systems, positive train control systems, railroad standards, and heavy axle loading effects on train and track. The extensive presentations were followed by a tour of the Pueblo test site, where the group was shown the various test facilities, including the crash wall, high speed test loop, shaker facility, Emergency Response Training Center, and their FAST (Facility for Accelerated Service Testing) loop, where the center puts one million gross tons over the track every night, providing a perfect test environment for both track structure and rolling stock.

The group was truly awed by the facility, and thanks Ed Groves and the rest of the TTCI staff for their hospitality and the superb program that they presented. If there are any subjects that you feel the Technical Committee should be looking into, please contact Steven Friedland, Committee Chairman, at sfriedland@sdsrocs.com, or Dave Mears, ASLRRRA Senior Director – Equipment Management and Utilization Programs at dmears@aslrra.org

SEVERAL STATES CONTEMPLATE RAILROAD TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION

Following the successful passage of federal tax credit legislation in 2004, several states are now considering similar bills. Legislation has been introduced in seven states since February, 2005, but Oklahoma is thus far the only state where railroad tax credit legislation has been signed into law. The following is a summary of state tax credit legislation for railroads introduced in the 2005 Sessions.

Bill Number	Introduced	Status
AR S 1026	3/7/05	failed in Senate
NC S 930(<i>for Intermodal Facilities</i>)	3/24/05	pending
NY A 4676 (<i>rolling stock</i>)	2/14/05	pending
NY A 8211	5/12/05	pending
WA H 1658(<i>grant</i>)	2/01/05	pending
WA S 5652 (<i>grant</i>)	2/01/05	pending
WV S 724	3/21/05	failed in Senate
OK S 435	4/11/05	into Law 6/6/05
MI S 357	3/24/05	pending

NORFOLK SOUTHERN OFFERS SHORT LINES FIRST SHOT AT SALE

Norfolk Southern Railroad is now offering for sale several lots of used materials, all of which are being sold “as is, where is.” The following lots are available:

- Lot 1 – Turnout Parts – Switch Packs (2 varieties) & Switch Stands
- Lot 2 – Frogs (6 varieties) & Frog Plates (12 varieties)
- Lot 3 – Frog Bolts (79 varieties)
- Lot 4 – Drive Spikes (12 varieties) & Track Bolts
- Lot 5 – Joint Bars (3 varieties) & Insulated Joint Bars (3 varieties)

The following individual lots are also available:

- 5 Bumper Posts
- 1 Allis Chalmers Forklift
- 1 Hyster Forklift
- 1 35-Ton Crane Block for 7/8” rope
- 11 Portable Space Heaters

For additional specifications on each of the lots and bid request forms, [click here](#).

UNION PACIFIC ISSUES MECHANICAL ADVISORY

Today the Association of American Railroads issued a mechanical advisory notice that the Union Pacific Railroad will not accept TCTX 100-250 series equipment from any carrier at any UP station. The advisory cited structural failures in the cars due to interior bracing being removed as the cause for the action. The advisory is effective July 6, 2005 and will expire on November 7, 2005, unless cancelled prior to that time by UP. [Click here](#) for a copy of the advisory.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FRA WORKSHOP IN JACKSONVILLE, FL

FRA Workshop Training Seminar

Sponsored by Talleyrand Terminal Railroad
 July 12 – 14, 2005
 Hyatt Regency Hotel (formerly Adam's Mark Hotel)
 225 Coast Line Drive, E.
 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Workshops Scheduled: Drug/Alcohol, Locomotive Engineer Certification, Track Standards Review, Hazardous Materials Regulations, MP&E Power Brake Regulations, and Operating Requirements.

Contact: Karen McClaskey at kmcclaskey@gwrr.com or 904-596-7800 for additional information.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 12TH ANNUAL RAILROAD LIABILITY SEMINAR

The 12th Annual Railroad Liability Seminar will be hosted by the Mississippi Export Railroad on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi at the luxurious Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi. The conference will start on Tuesday evening, July 19th with registration and a reception and will be 2 full days of seminars on July 20th and 21st. The Seminar is usually attended by short line railroads and will cover topics such as FELA Claims, Insurance Markets, FRA Issues, Fraudulent Claims, Hazmat Derailments, Risk Management and Terrorism on Railroads. The seminar will prove beneficial to Accounting Managers, Insurance and Legal Departments, and Risk & Claims Managers to name a few. The seminar registration fee includes breakfast and lunch for the 2 days of the conference.

For additional information, [click here](#), or contact:

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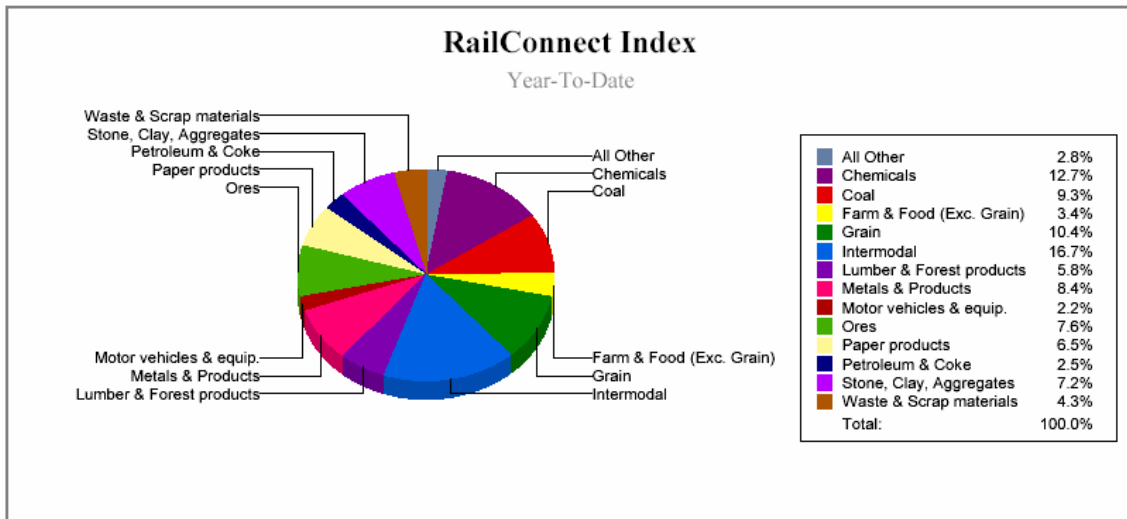
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RMI RAILCONNECT INDEX OF SHORT LINE TRAFFIC

For the week ending: 6/18/2005

Number of Railroads: 212

	Current Week			Year-To-Date		
	2005	2004	% Change	2005	2004	% Change
Carloads Handled						
Coal	8,503	9,804	-13.27%	211,771	219,963	-3.72%
Grain	9,137	10,468	-12.71%	236,602	238,433	-0.77%
Farm & Food (Exc. Grain)	3,402	3,179	7.01%	78,379	67,679	15.81%
Ores	7,199	7,993	-9.93%	174,638	171,254	1.98%
Stone, Clay, Aggregates	8,160	7,369	10.73%	164,798	130,575	26.21%
Lumber & Forest Products	5,928	5,386	10.06%	132,895	117,068	13.52%
Paper Products	5,986	6,024	-0.63%	149,220	132,993	12.20%
Waste & Scrap Materials	3,972	3,979	-0.18%	98,214	88,103	11.48%
Chemicals	12,026	10,672	12.69%	290,401	257,037	12.98%
Petroleum & Coke	2,032	2,381	-14.66%	57,930	47,073	23.06%
Metals & Products	6,479	7,657	-15.38%	192,011	149,771	28.20%
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	2,282	2,220	2.79%	50,246	51,080	-1.63%
Intermodal	18,119	13,811	31.19%	382,118	304,957	25.30%
All Other	2,237	3,171	-29.45%	64,936	71,291	-8.91%
Total	95,462	94,114	1.43%	2,284,159	2,047,277	11.57%



RAILROAD TRAFFIC

According to the AAR, U.S. carloads were up 0.6 percent in the week ending June 25, 2005, with 335,731 cars originated, compared to 333,862 cars originated in 2004. Carloads for U.S. Non-Class I's that submit data to the AAR were up 2.2 percent for the week and are up 11.7 percent for the year to date. U.S. intermodal traffic was up 4.4 percent for the week and is up 6.2 percent for the year to date. U.S. and Canadian intermodal traffic is up 3.8 percent for the year. Total volume is up 2.5 percent for the year, with an estimated total of 793.4 billion ton-miles.

For just the week ending June 18, 2005, U.S. carloads were up 0.9 percent and carloads for U.S. Non-Class I's that submit data to the AAR were up 7.5 percent. Carloads were up 0.6 percent in the East and were up 1.1 percent in the West. U.S. intermodal traffic was up 2.4 percent for the week.

EMBARGO NOTICES & REROUTE ORDERS

A complete listing of embargo notices is available at embargo.railinc.com.

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