

**H.R. 876 has  
266 Co-sponsors  
and  
S. 1703 has  
19 Co-sponsors**

[Click here to find out if  
your representatives or  
senators are co-  
sponsors.](#)

**Make plans now to  
attend our fall  
regional meetings!**

### [Southern Region Meeting](#)

Marriott's Griffin Gate  
Resort  
Lexington, KY  
Sept. 12-14, 2004

### [Eastern Region Meeting](#)

Hyatt Regency on the  
Hudson  
Jersey City, NJ  
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2004

### [Central / Pacific Region Meeting](#)

Hyatt Regency  
Riverwalk  
San Antonio, TX  
Oct. 10-12, 2004

[Questions?](#)  
[Comments? E-Mail](#)  
[Us.](#)

**Currently, Railroad  
Security Alert Level  
2 is in Effect**

## IN THIS ISSUE

1. [ASLRRA Fall Meetings – Eastern Region Program is Set](#)
2. [GCOR Users – Submit Name for Inclusion in New Edition](#)
3. [EACH Railroad Publishes New Website](#)
4. [Alabama Railway Association Meeting This Week](#)
5. [CSLRA Launches Website](#)
6. [ASLRRA Stresses Short Line Role at NCSL](#)
7. [Capito Discusses Funding Program in Railway Age Article](#)
8. [IOCR to Purchase Cincinnati to Columbus Line From CSX](#)
9. [Drug & Alcohol Testing Procedures Reference Available](#)
10. [John Robert Pennington – 1929-2004](#)
11. [Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Announces Executive Appointments](#)
12. [Railroad Traffic](#)
13. [Embargo Notices and Reroute Orders](#)

## **ASLRRRA FALL MEETINGS – EASTERN REGION PROGRAM IS SET**

ASLRRRA's fall 2004 Regional Meetings are approaching fast – with the **Southern Region Meeting** less than 3 weeks away. The Southern Region will meet September 12-14 in Lexington, KY at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort. Be sure to register for this informative meeting. **[Click here](#)** to download registration forms and program details.

The program for the **Eastern Region Meeting** is set. Program topics will include:

- **Homeland Security Panel**
- **Shippers and Short Lines: The Short Line Industry's Role in Moving America**
- **Keynote Speaker – Richard Gimello, NJ DOT**
- **The Changing Face of the Surface Transportation Board**
- **Railroad Employees – Finding Them and Keeping Them**
- **NARS – Taking Training to a Whole New Level**
- **Taking Measure: Short Lines and the FRA**
- **ASLRRRA Committee Updates**

The meeting will take place September 30 – October 2 at the Hyatt Regency on the Hudson in Jersey City, NJ. The meeting will also feature an evening dinner cruise around Manhattan as well as an excursion to Ellis Island. Rooms are available at ASLRRRA's group rate of \$139 by calling 201-469-1234 and mentioning ASLRRRA's group code, RAIL or AMERICAN SHORT LINE. The hotel cut-off date is September 8, so make your reservations soon. To download registration forms and additional program information for the Eastern Region Meeting, **[click here](#)**.

Also, make plans now to attend ASLRRRA's **Central / Pacific Region Meeting**, October 10-12 at the Hyatt Regency Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX. Program details and registration materials will be available soon.

## **GCOR USERS – SUBMIT NAME FOR INCLUSION IN NEW EDITION**

The fifth edition of the "General Code of Operating Rules" will go into effect on the first Sunday of April 2005. At this time the finishing touches are being made to the book. The list of railroads that use the GCOR needs to be updated for this edition.

If your railroad uses the GCOR, please contact J R Sampson, Vice Chairman, General Code of Operating Rules Committee so that your railroad can be listed in the book. There is no charge for the use of the book but as a user, you are expected to follow the by-laws of the GCOR committee, which state that, "To retain General Membership status, a railroad must adopt the current edition of the GCOR on the effective date of that edition."

Please e-mail or letter so your name may be added to the General Membership on the GCOR book.

J R Sampson, MNARR  
514 North Orner  
Carthage, Missouri 64836  
[jr.sampson@railamerica.com](mailto:jr.sampson@railamerica.com)

## **EACH RAILROAD PUBLISHES NEW WEBSITE**

The East Camden & Highland Railroad has designed, built and published their new website, [www.eachrailroad.com](http://www.eachrailroad.com). The website outlines the various services offered by the EACH, includes detailed profiles of the four operating locations (Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, and Tennessee), available storage capacity, rail connections and links to various industry websites. The new site is an “in-house” product created, published and maintained by EACH employees. Any ASLRRA member affiliated with any of the EACH operations who is interested in linking to this site and being listed on the EACH “Links” page should e-mail Bruce Coffey at [brucecoffey@eachrailroad.com](mailto:brucecoffey@eachrailroad.com).

## **ALABAMA RAILWAY ASSOCIATION MEETING THIS WEEK**

The Alabama Railway Association will hold its Quarterly Meeting this Thursday, August 26, 2004. The meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Kershaw Building in Montgomery, AL. [Click here](#) for directions to the Kershaw Building. For more information, contact Lynn Gibson at 662-329-7733 or [lynn.gibson@cagy.com](mailto:lynn.gibson@cagy.com).

## **CSLRA LAUNCHES WEBSITE**

The California Short Line Railroad Association has recently launched their website, [www.cslra.org](http://www.cslra.org). The website contains current information and periodic announcements concerning the short line railroad industry in California. It provides contact information and links to railroad and associate members’ websites, as well as links to other industry websites. For more information about the California Short Line Railroad Association, contact Executive Director, Jalene Forbis, at [cslra@hotmail.com](mailto:cslra@hotmail.com).

## **ASLRRA STRESSES SHORT LINE ROLE AT NCSL**



ASLRRA General Counsel, Keith Borman, recently represented ASLRRA at the National Council of State Legislators Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Salt Lake City, UT. Keith was joined by Jalene Forbis, Executive Director of the California Short Line Railroad Association, in touting the importance of small railroads to state and local economies. ASLRRA shared booth space with the AAR at NCSL, representing the solidity of the entire rail industry. ASLRRA’s participation at NCSL is part of an overall initiative to increase the understanding of the significance of short line and regional railroads among state and local officials.

## **CAPITO DISCUSSES FUNDING PROGRAM IN RAILWAY AGE ARTICLE**

The August 2004 edition of *Railway Age* magazine featured an article entitled, “Don’t Miss an Opportunity to Secure Funding,” by Howard Capito, owner of ASLRRRA associate member, Shenandoah Northern Company. The article, which was included as part of the “Short Line / Regional Perspective” series, discussed the FRA’s Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) Program and how it can assist short lines in making capital improvements. Capito discusses how changes in the RRIF program have made it more accessible and how the costs may be analyzed in comparison to a long-term bank loan. [Click here](#) to read the complete article.

## **IOCR TO PURCHASE CINCINNATI TO COLUMBUS LINE FROM CSX**

On August 13, 2004, RailAmerica announced that its subsidiary, Indiana & Ohio Central Railroad (IOCR), notified the Surface Transportation Board of its intent to purchase 107 miles of railroad from Cincinnati to Columbus, Ohio (The Midland Subdivision) and to lease the related real estate from CSX Transportation, Inc., subject to negotiation and execution of a definitive agreement. The line will be operated as part of the IOCR, which anticipates moving approximately 18,000 carloads annually over the line.

RailAmerica expects to realize significant synergy between the line and its other Ohio and Indiana railroad properties. The IOCR connects with the Midland Subdivision at Washington Courthouse, Ohio and RailAmerica's Indiana & Ohio Railway (IORY) at Springfield, Ohio. Major customers on the line are Cargill, Sabina Farmer's Exchange, Lowe's and Weyerhaeuser. Primary commodities shipped on the line are agricultural & farm products, chemicals, and paper products.

The Midland Subdivision is the second line awarded by CSX to subsidiaries of RailAmerica this year. The Chicago, Fort Wayne & Eastern Railroad (CFE), which was acquired through a lease agreement with CSX by the Central Railroad of Indianapolis (CERA), commenced operations on August 1, 2004.

## **DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING PROCEDURES REFERENCE AVAILABLE**

The FRA has published a short reference guide on timing requirements for FRA Drug and Alcohol Testing Procedures. It outlines the requirements for when testing needs to be completed, based on the type of test required. It also includes a chart outlining the scenarios under which testing should take place. Contact Matt Reilly at (202) 585-3434 or [mreilly@aslrta.org](mailto:mreilly@aslrta.org) to request a Drug and Alcohol Testing Procedures guide.

## **JOHN ROBERT PENNINGTON – 1929-2004**

John Robert Pennington of Shelburne, VT passed away in his home with his family by his side, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004. He was 75. John was born in Jersey City, N.J., Feb. 27, 1929 to John and Berenice Pennington. John served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1957, reaching the rank of Sergeant. He served with distinction during the Korean War, receiving the Army of Occupation Medal Japan, the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, and the United Nations Service Medal. He later received the Korean War Service Medal and a personal expression of gratitude from the President of Korea.

John married the love of his life, Janet Constantine, April 13, 1957, in Westfield, N.J. John and Janet first made their home in Iselin, N.J., and moved to Shelburne, VT in 1967. John began his working life as a teenager, working as a yard clerk for the Central New Jersey Railway. After 20 years working in many areas of the railroad industry, including sales and traffic management, John accepted a position with the Vermont Railway, managing legal affairs, and serving as the Chief Financial Officer. John was very active in the short line industry and served on ASLRRRA’s Board of Directors. He retired as president in 1999. At a retirement ceremony attended by more than 200, Senator James Jeffords and many others honored John for his contributions to the growth and prestige of the state's rail systems.

John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janet; daughters Lynne Clements and her husband Jeffrey, and Kathy Pennington and her husband William Manley; four grandchildren, a sister, a brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. with a service to celebrate his life at 4 p.m. in the Ready Funeral Chapel, 261 Shelburne Road, Burlington. For those who wish, donations in his memory may be made to either the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1460, Williston, VT 05482-1460; or Hospice of the Champlain Valley, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. To send online condolences, please visit [www.readyfuneral.com](http://www.readyfuneral.com).

## **LIVONIA, AVON & LAKEVILLE ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

The Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corp. (LAL) announces the following appointments:

- Eugene H. Blabey, II has been elected vice chairman of the Board and succeeds Brackett D. Clark as chief executive officer. Mr. Clark continues as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Blabey, who previously served as LAL president, continues as chairman and chief executive officer of LAL's subsidiaries.
- William D. Burt has been elected president and chief operating officer. He previously was vice president and general manager. Mr. Burt continues as president and chief operating officer of LAL's subsidiaries.
- Larry A. DeYoung has been elected corporate secretary. He succeeds Sergeant W. Wise, who continues as general counsel to the company.
- Linda M. Fox has been elected treasurer and controller. She was previously accounting manager.
- Thomas C. McTighe, Jr., has been elected vice president – engineering and construction. He previously was vice president – engineering.
- Robert H. Swayne, Jr., has been appointed as chief engineer for LAL and its subsidiary railroads. He previously was with Pandrol USA, LP.

Founded in 1964 as a 13-mile short line railroad, LAL operates a 282-mile system of railroads in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. They include LAL, Cohocton, N.Y.-based B&H Rail Corp, Victor, N.Y.-based Ontario Central Railroad Corp., and Falconer, N.Y.-based Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, LLC. The company also has a track contracting subsidiary, Western Track Works, LLC.

## **RAILROAD TRAFFIC**

According to the AAR, U.S. carloads were up 2.2 percent in the week ending August 14, 2004. For the year to date, carloadings are up 3.5 percent compared to 2003. Carloads for U.S. Non-Class I's that submit data to the AAR were up 0.6 percent for the week, and are down 0.7 percent for the year. Carloads for Week 32 were statistically unchanged in the East and up 4.1 percent in the West compared to the same week in 2003. U.S. intermodal traffic was up 12.2 percent for the week and is up 9.5 percent for the year. U.S. and Canadian intermodal traffic was up 11.2 percent for the week and is up 7.7 percent for the year. Total volume for the week was up 3.3 percent from 2003 and total volume for the year is up 4.7 percent through the 32nd week of 2004.

For just the week ending August 7, 2004, U.S. carloads were up 1.5 percent and carloads for U.S. Non-Class I railroads that submit data to the AAR were down 13.9 percent. Carloads were up 2.1 percent in the East and up 1.0 percent in the West. U.S. intermodal traffic was up 10.2 percent for the week and U.S. and Canadian intermodal traffic was up 8.2 percent from the prior year.

## **EMBARGO NOTICES & REROUTE ORDERS**

A complete listing of embargo notices is available at [embargo.railinc.com](http://embargo.railinc.com).

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association  
50 F Street, N.W., Suite 7020, Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 628-4500 FAX (202) 628-6430 [aslrra@aslrra.org](mailto:aslrra@aslrra.org)