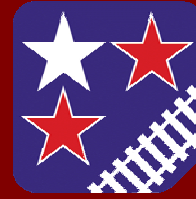


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ASLRRRA WELCOMES MORE NEW MEMBERS

ASLRRRA's Cheryl Huyck and Eileen Keane report about our new members:

We welcome the following new Associate members:

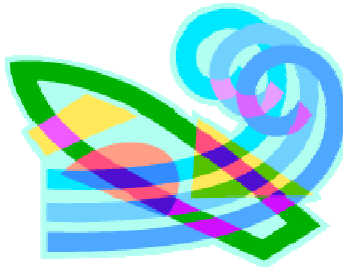
CSR Engineering, Inc: CSR Engineering, Inc. provides bridge, track and civil engineering services to the short line railroad industry. Typical projects include bridge design, bridge rating, bridge inspection, hydraulic design, feasibility studies and much more. CSR Engineering is located at 514 Hill St., Springfield, TN 37172 and their main number is (615) 212-2389. Their website is www.csrengineers.com and their fax number is (615) 246-3815. Please contact President Kevin Walker at kevin.walker@csrengineers.com.

Industrial Maintenance Group, Inc.: Industrial Maintenance Group, Inc. is an environmental services company that specializes in fuel containment systems, petroleum contact water containment, concrete coatings, pipeline repair and much more. The company also provides electronic hydrocarbon detection with several methods of electronic alert notification. Industrial Maintenance Group, Inc. is located at 235 W. Brandon Blvd., #242, Brandon, FL 33511 and their main number is (813) 659-3512. Their website is www.industrialmaintenancegroup.com and their fax number is (813) 659-3265. Please contact Director of Business Development Pete Van Fossen at pete@industrialmaintenancegroup.com.

We also welcome the following new Associate Railroad member:

Cargill/Grain and Oil Feed Supply Chain NA: Cargill/Grain and Oil Feed Supply Chain NA serves the Cargill/Grain Export Elevator facility in Houston, Texas and connects with PTRRA. Cargill/Grain and Oil Feed Supply Chain NA is located at 16150 Peninsula Blvd., Channelview, TX 77530 and their main number is (281) 457-7055. The fax number for Cargill/Grain and Oil Feed Supply Chain NA is (281) 457-7027. Please contact Designated Supervisor of Locomotive Engineers and Production Supervisor Michael Catron at michael_catron@cargill.com.

Are you aware of a company with different products or services than your own and interested in heightening their visibility to short line and regional railroads? Then let Cheryl Huyck know, so that she may acquaint them with the many benefits of becoming an ASLRRRA associate member. Email Cheryl at chuyck@aslrro.org or phone her at (202) 585-3431.



RIDE THE WAVE OF EDUCATION TO PANAMA CITY BEACH

Registration for the 2009 Southern Region Meeting in Panama City Beach, FL from November 8-10, has opened. Attendees can save \$30 by registering before the November 2 deadline. Held at the Marriott Bay Point Resort, meeting presentations will cover a wide variety of topics including: Positive Train Control, Railroad Crossing Inventory, Conductor Certification, Radio Narrowbanding, Routing Rules on TIH Cars, Bridges, and Finding New Business in a Challenging Economy. Additionally, we will be holding a golf outing on Tuesday, providing additional networking opportunities for the group. Check out the ASLRRRA's website for a detailed meeting agenda, including a tour of G&W's Bay Line Locomotive Repair Facility and a keynote presentation by Patrick Plumb, the new FRA Regional Administrator.

Another exciting update to the meeting is the addition of a 12-Hour Hours of Service Training Session, following the great success of the same Training Session in Indianapolis earlier this month. Attendees of the Hours of Service Training Session can enjoy the various social activities of the meeting and receive up-to-date information on Hours of Service compliance for their railroad. Other events to look forward to include the Small Railroad Sandhouse Session on Sunday afternoon, where our smallest members can share best practices, and a sold-out tabletop exhibit area. For more information, visit http://www.aslrra.org/meetings_seminars/southern_region_meeting/index.cfm.

FRA PROPOSES NATIONAL RAIL PLAN

The Federal Railroad Administration has released a preliminary National Rail Plan (NRP). Although called for by the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA), the preliminary plan examines both the freight and passenger components of the national rail system.

The preliminary plan covers the objectives for rail as part of a national transportation system, the need for a long-range plan, the importance of integrating state plans with a national plan, and a framework and outreach strategy for its development. Quoting from its executive summary, the preliminary plan aims to “lay the groundwork for developing polices to improve the U.S. transportation system. Its goals are consistent with the chief goals of the U.S. Department of Transportation: to improve safety, to foster livable communities, to increase the economic competitiveness of the U.S., and to promote sustainable transportation.” It goes on to note that a long-range plan “must be developed with an awareness of the transportation needs and demands of both passenger and freight, both of which increasingly move ‘intermodally,’ that is they use the most suitable mode of transportation for each segment of a particular journey.”

The preliminary plan totals 33 pages and the FRA is soliciting input from states, freight railroads, and other transportation stakeholders about it. To view it in its entirety, visit <http://www.fra.dot.gov/Downloads/RailPlanPrelim10-15.pdf>.

LINK NOW AVAILABLE FOR STORM GRANTS

A link is now available for more information concerning the \$5 million funding pool for short line and regional railroad repairs due to storm damage. As reported in our last edition, the \$5 million is the final part of \$20 million in federal grants for storm damage made available in a September 30, 2008 federal appropriation.

FRA is currently accepting applications for the funding, which may be spent for repair of railroad rights-of-way, bridge, track signals, and other infrastructure, provided that the damage came from storms or other natural events occurring since January 1, 2008, and in counties that were declared by the President to be disaster areas.

The link for more details is <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2081>. Special thanks to Adam Nordstrom of Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell for supplying this link.

FRA UPDATES CWR REGULATIONS

The Federal Railroad Administration has issued an update to the final rule it released August 25 concerning continuous welded rail (CWR).

The regulations of the final rule may be viewed in their entirety by linking to <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-08-25/pdf/E9-20253.pdf>. The updates to these are as follows:

- The compliance date for commuter and intercity passenger railroads with track infrastructure is November 23, 2009.
- The applicable date for 213.113(c)(2) – actions required for a bolted joint installed during CWR installation – is now October 21, 2009, instead of the original date of August 25, 2009.

As reported in our last edition, the rule compliance date for Class II railroads is November 23, 2009 and the date for Class III railroads in February 22, 2010. The rule compliance date for Class I railroads was October 9. For more information, contact ASLRRA's Tom Streicher at tstreicher@aslrta.org.

FRA ISSUES FORM LETTER FOR SIGNAL MAINTAINERS, THEIR DRIVERS

The Federal Railroad Administration has prepared and made available to ASLRRA a form letter for use by persons driving a vehicle to build or maintain railroad signal systems. This may be used by any individual driving a vehicle to do this work, regardless of whether the individual is employed by a railroad, or is a contractor or subcontractor to a railroad.

The letter states that the signal worker “shall not be subject to any hours of service rules, duty hours or rest period rules promulgated by any federal authority, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), other than the Federal Railroad Administration.” It further states that “the employee is not required to comply with FMCSA regulations, including the requirement that the employee maintain and have available for inspection a driver’s record of duty status. “

The letter is suitable for presentation upon request to law enforcement authorities. You may view or print a copy of it by linking to http://www.aslrta.org/images/news_file/Signal_Employees_Final_Letter.pdf.

RAIL SAFETY STATS FOR JANUARY - JULY

The Federal Railroad Administration recently released preliminary accident and injury data for January through July, 2009. For the first seven months of this year compared with the first seven months of last year, total accidents and incidents were 6,010, compared with 7,523 earlier, a decline of 20.1 percent. Total train accidents were 1,041, compared with 1,507 earlier, a decline of 30.9 percent. Of this year’s train accidents, 33.53 percent were due to human factors, 33.05 percent were due to track defects, 14.51 percent were due to equipment defects, 2.69 percent were due to signal defects, and 16.22 percent were due to miscellaneous causes.

Also for these first seven months, crossing fatalities were 139, compared with 150 earlier, a 7.3 percent decline; trespasser fatalities were 248, compared with 250 earlier, nearly unchanged; on-duty employee fatalities were 12, compared with 14 earlier, a 14.3 percent decline; and on-duty employee injuries were 2,415, compared with 2,958 earlier, an 18.4 percent decline.

For more information – and to use a query tool that allows safety statistics to be generated for any railroad – link to the “Safety Data” section of the FRA website at <http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/officeofsafety/>.

IMPORTANT CAR REPAIR BILLING CHANGES

The AAR Car Repair Billing (CRB) Committee reminds that changes have been made to the format for car repair billing. These changes revise the Car Repair Billing Procedures Manual for Data Exchange Edits and Paperless Billing and will be effective January 8, 2010.

The changes are detailed in Circular Letter C-11101. This circular may be viewed by linking to <https://community.railinc.com/products/crbpricing/2010%20Data%20Exchange%20Information/CL-11101PAPERLESSBILLING.PDF>. Also, the latest version of the Car Repair Billing Procedures Manual, which is Version 6.3 and includes these updates, may be downloaded at the Railinc Car Repair Billing Community website, <https://community.railinc.com/products/crbpricing>.

The CRB Committee reminds that, on and after the January 8 effective date, “if any mandatory reject errors are found in the record format or record balancing submitted to Railinc, the entire file will be rejected for correction and will not be processed through Railinc’s Data Exchange. The Committee strongly encourages that this information “be distributed to all Car Repair Billing and IT personnel...that work with or are responsible for Car Repair Invoices submitted to Railinc’s Data Exchange.” For further information, contact Matt Hanburry at matt.hanburry@railamerica.com.

NMB SEEKS INPUT FROM RAILROADS ABOUT STRUCTURE, SERVICES

The National Mediation Board (NMB) has formed the Dunlop II Committee to focus on internal functions of the NMB and review its services to the rail and airline industries. In forming this Committee, the NMB requests that members of railroad and associate ASLRRRA members share their experiences and perspectives on the NMB’s organization and performance regarding mediation services and its administration of section 3 responsibilities.

Do you have any comments, and/or recommendations for improvements concerning the mediation process and the National Mediation Board’s administration and delivery of mediation services? Please contact the Chairman of the National Railway Labor Conference Kenneth Gradia at kgradia@rrnrlc.org.

STB ELIMINATES BOARD SECRETARY, MAKES PROCEDURAL CHANGES

The Surface Transportation Board announced an update to their regulations, resulting in the elimination of the board secretary position, as well as other procedural changes. These changes include differences in filing procedures with the STB. All changes to regulatory and administrative procedures will take effect on November 16th. Starting November 16th, all Board filings should be send to the attention of the Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board and all filing fees should be made payable to “Surface Transportation Board.” The Records Officer in the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance will be the new custodian of records for the STB and will be the one who certifies copies of all records.

The complete changes to the Board’s regulations are in STB Ex Parte No. 685 and the full text can be found at www.stb.dot.gov.

NEMC COMMITTEE SUNSETS

The Association of American Railroads's board of directors recently approved a plan to "decommission" the Network Efficiency Management Committee (NEMC). NEMC had been one of three management oversight committees controlling various AAR subordinate committees, the others being the Safety and Operations Management Committee (SOMC) and the Policy and Advocacy Management Committee (PAMC). The latter two committees will continue.

Under the plan, the new Business Services Working Committee (BSWC) will oversee several subordinate committees involved with industry systems, processes and the like. These include the Customer Service Committee (CSC), the Equipment Assets Committee (EAC), the Umler Committee, the Railinc Project Support Committee (RPSC), and the Short Line Information Improvement Committee (SLIIC). The last is a new committee that will be chaired by a short line railroad principal and provide for the ASLRRRA seat earlier present on NEMC.

The BSWC will report to SOMC and will be chaired by a single chief commercial officer of a Class I railroad. BSWC has drafted the following goals for 2010:

- Provide leadership, vision and strategies to strengthen the working relationship between Class I, regional and short line railroads to facilitate growth and improve both service and ease of doing business.
- Promote ease of doing business initiatives in the areas of process improvement, for process simplification, new systems capability, data accuracy, data quality and timely data, which improves customer satisfaction and carrier productivity.
- Ensure effective coordination of international cross-border strategies to effectively manage multinational regulations having impact on the railroads, so that rail industry positions are articulated and defended in a comprehensive and unified manner.

SHORT LINE REPS WANTED FOR INDUSTRY CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITTEE

ASLRRRA is seeking two interested and qualified individuals to act as co-representatives to the AAR Customer Service Committee (CSC). This committee oversees rail industry business systems and processes and includes representatives from each of the Class I railroads. The ASLRRRA co-representatives would function as peers of the Class I representatives in furtherance of the committee's work. Serving on the committee brings with it a recognized measure of industry prominence and may be considered a distinguishing achievement in the careers of those who serve.

The ideal individuals for these postings will be senior commercial staffers of ASLRRRA member short line and regional railroads. They should be able to attend committee meetings, which number about four annually and are held both face-to-face and by conference call. They will be contacted at regular intervals by ASLRRRA staff to discuss committee business and should alert the Association of any urgencies. Those wanting further information about these opportunities should contact ASLRRRA's Dave Mears at dmears@aslrra.org.

STUDY OF RAIL SOYBEAN MOVEMENTS RELEASED

The Soy Transportation Coalition recently published a study of U.S. soybean traffic. The report stated that, attendant with the increase in worldwide demand for this crop, shipments of soybeans by Class I railroads increased by approximately 15 percent annually between 2006 and 2008.

The report states that, for the latest year that information is available, North Dakota produces the largest amount of soybean shipped by rail, approximately 21 percent of the total. Next highest are the states of Minnesota, South Dakota, Ohio and Illinois. The report also states that the largest destination region for rail soybean shipments is the Pacific Northwest, specifically, the ports of Oregon and Washington State. Forty-eight percent of rail soybean shipments route to these ports because of export to Asian countries, where it is used for livestock feed and other needs.

FLU SEASON UPDATE

In an effort to prepare our staff and members for the ongoing flu season, ASLRRRA has posted information from the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) website in the Hot Tracks section of www.aslrra.org. There, members can find up-to-date information on the spread and treatment of the H1N1 virus, including travel advisories and focused reports on each state. Visitors to the site can also sign up for free daily emails on H1N1 and other diseases. Please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm> for more information.

The ASLRRRA created an internal plan in the event of an H1N1 outbreak in the Washington, D.C. office. Please feel free to share the following with your colleagues and create a plan for your railroad or office:

ASLRRRA Swine Flu Plan

1. Objective:

A. Develop a unique plan to protect the ASLRRRA staff from the threat of swine flu in 2009 by controlling the spread of the disease and responding to the needs of infected individuals by creating the following:

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| a. Swine Flu Mitigation Policies | c. Internal ASLRRRA Communications During an Outbreak |
| b. Daily Office Staff Procedures | d. Operations Guidelines with a Reduced Staff |

2. The Plan:

A. Policies:

- 1) All staff members are encouraged to get a flu shot, especially the younger staff.
- 2) Attendance or participation in large forums should be avoided based on current flu conditions regionally or nationally.
- 3) Take steps prior to travel to mitigate spreading or catching flu.
- 4) Office operations will be flexible based on local flu conditions, and clear evidence of staff infection.
- 5) Sick employees will be directed to go home to recover.
- 6) ASLRRRA rules related to the use of sick days and doctors directives will apply.
- 7) ASLRRRA decisions and directives concerning swine flu will generally be guided by the Centers for Disease Control guidelines and recommendations.

B. Procedures:

- 1) Work staggered shifts as appropriate.
- 2) Work from home as appropriate.
- 3) Workers with flu-like symptoms should stay home for 24 hours after they no longer have a fever.
- 4) Keep surface work areas clean – workstation, countertops, door knobs, handles, common office equipment – printers, hole puncher, stapler, mailer, etc.
- 5) Stock up on hand sanitizers and use them frequently. Wash hands frequently.
- 6) Send workers home at the first sign of flu-like symptoms.
- 7) Coughing and sneezing must be covered by tissue, handkerchief or sleeves.
- 8) Immediately dispose of paper products such as tissues, napkins, towels, et al that could potentially spread flu germs.

C. Communications:

- 1) Establish an info & communication process to advise co-workers of personal flu conditions, as well as ASLRRA decisions related to flu illness in the workplace or the D.C. area at large.
- 2) If staff members are affected by the flu keep ASLRRA management advised of your status for planning purposes.
- 3) If you are ill and away from the office leave a voice message on your phone advising callers of your absence for several days and expected return date.
- 4) If swine flu impacts the staff advise the Chairman, Executive Committee and Board Members of the ASLRRA staff situation as well as office operations and manning.

D. Reduced Staff:

- 1) As appropriate staff members unaffected by the illness will strive to perform the most critical tasks of those out of the office that are sick.
- 2) Attempt to keep the office open with minimum personnel.

PREPARING YOUR RAILROAD FOR WINTER'S ONSET

Winter will soon be here and, for many parts of the U.S., that means that the possibility of snow, sleet and freezing temperatures. If your railroad locates in an area of the country that will see harsh winter weather, it's still not too late to make adequate preparations.

For those working or traveling outdoors, make sure to inspect winter work garments for any inadequacies or deficiencies, repairing, replacing or adding to as necessary. Remember to always dress properly on cold days; layering on thick, loose-fitting clothing works best. Recalling that the head, neck and extremities lose heat faster than other parts of the body, remember to wear a hat, scarf or turtleneck sweater, and gloves. Those wearing personal protective gear, remember to also wear helmet liners, glove liners, etc.

Your vehicles and machinery also need to be prepared for a harsh winter. Make sure to:

- Check all vehicles and machinery for proper winter readiness
- Be sure that all lights and turn signals are in working order
- Have the brakes inspected
- Switch to a winter-weight oil if you aren't already using an all-season oil
- Check batteries and voltage regulators
- Make sure wiper blades are cleaning properly; install fresh blades if they are not
- Have the exhaust system checked for leaks to prevent carbon monoxide from straying into the vehicle
- Check your radiator and hoses for cracks and leaks; make sure the radiator cap, water pump, and thermostat work properly; check the strength and freshness of the antifreeze
- Test the function of the heater and defroster
- Check for excessive tire tread wear, replace tires if needed
- Buy or pack an emergency kit; make sure that it includes duct tape, utility knife, jumper cables, blanket, spare windshield wiper fluid or de-icer, paper towels, first-aid kit, flashlight, small fire extinguisher, cat litter (for emergency traction), lock de-icer, and bottled water
- Be sure to also pack an ice scraper, a brush or broom and a shovel

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 1

A reminder to set your watches, clocks and other timepieces back one hour the night of Saturday, October 31, so that they will be correct on Sunday, November 1. On that day, daylight saving time ends and standard time resumes.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES COMING UP

November 2-4, 2009, ASLRRA-sponsored workshop, “Using CARVER for Target Analysis and Vulnerability Assessments at Railroad Facilities”: To be hosted by the New York & Atlantic Railway in Long Island City, NY. ASLRRA members receive a discounted registration rate of \$1,899 per person and are invited to register at <http://www.ewa-iit.com/content.asp?sectionID=15&contentID=286> or by calling Laura Johnson at (301) 257-7439. Please note that registration is limited to 15 attendees per workshop.

November 8-10, 2009, ASLRRA Southern Region Meeting: To be held at the Marriott Bay Point Resort, Panama City Beach, FL. The ASLRRA room block is now available and you can reserve your rooms by [clicking here](#) or by calling (850) 236-6000. Go to the Meetings & Seminars Tab on the ASLRRA website, www.aslrra.org, for complete meeting details.

November 11-13, 2009, Association of Car Accounting and Car Service Officers (ACACSO) Fall Meeting: To be held at the Astor Crown Plaza, New Orleans. For meeting details, and to register, link to the ACACSO website at www.acacso.org.

November 18, 2009, New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association (NJSLRRA) Meeting: To be held at 10:30am at the Conrail offices at 1000 Howard Blvd., in Mount Laurel, NJ. Please visit <http://www.njshortline.com/> for more information.

December 1-3, 2009, ASLRRA –sponsored workshop, “Using CARVER for Target Analysis and Vulnerability Assessments at Railroad Facilities”: To be hosted by Pacific Harbor Lines in San Pedro, CA. ASLRRA members receive a discounted registration rate of \$1,899 per person and are invited to register at <http://www.ewa-iit.com/content.asp?sectionID=15&contentID=286> or by calling Laura Johnson at (301) 257-7439. Please note that registration is limited to only 15 attendees per workshop.

January 6-9, 2010, 2010 NRC Conference: To be held at the Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, California. The NRC hotel block is now open. For more information about the hotel or the conference, including a draft program overview, go to the NRC 2010 conference link on the left side of the NRC home webpage at www.nrcma.org.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Iowa Northern Railway recently hosted Iowa Governor Chet Culver aboard a special train to promote awareness and investment in Iowa’s rail system. The train was jointly operated with Union Pacific. The train routed via Iowa Falls, Mason City and Manly ...**Bulkmatic** is close to opening its newly expanded bulk transfer facility in Newberry Yard in Williamsport, PA, the Williamsport Sun-Gazette recently reported. The yard is part of the Lycoming Valley Railroad, a member of the North Shore family of railroads. The expansion doubles the capacity of Bulkmatic’s current facility ...**New York New Jersey Rail** was recently the subject of an article in the Marine News. The line operates a rail car float serving New York Harbor. The NYNJ was recently purchased by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ...The San Francisco Chronicle recently reported on the **San Francisco Bay Railroad** as the last remnant of railroads that once served the Port of San Francisco. At its peak in the 1940s, the predecessor State Belt Railroad served every pier at the port, totaling 67 miles of waterfront track. Although the port no longer handles cargo, which has shifted over the last several decades mainly to the Port of Oakland, the San Francisco Bay Railroad still operates over one-half mile of line near Hunters Point ...Steve Friedland, President of **Short Line Data Systems** and Director of Operations for the **Morristown & Erie Railway**, recently published his latest blog on www.railresource.com. The blog includes a review of the ASLRRA Eastern Region meeting recently held in Indianapolis as well as his side trip to one of his bucket list destinations, the Indianapolis Speedway ...**Watco Companies** recently donated a covered hopper car to the Heart of the Heartlands Museum in Carona, KS. The car, which was used in cement service, was originally built by the Frisco Railroad, and still wore its Frisco paint scheme and markings until its retirement.

CLASS I RAIL TRAFFIC

The Association of American Railroads reports that for the week ending October 17, 2009, U.S. rail volume grand totaled 31 billion ton-miles, down 13.9 percent from the comparable week last year. U.S. carload rail traffic was down 15.4 percent, down 17.0 percent in the East and down 14.2 percent in the West. Shipments of grain mill products increased 7.3 percent; however, all other commodity classifications saw declines. Also for the week, U.S. intermodal rail traffic was down 12.6 percent, Canadian carload rail traffic was down 10.4 percent, Canadian intermodal rail traffic was down 11.3 percent, Mexican carload rail traffic was down 9.5 percent, and Mexican intermodal rail traffic was down 11.3 percent.

For the period January 1 through October 17, 2009, U.S. rail volume grand totaled 1.17 trillion ton-miles, down 17.1 percent from the comparable period last year. Also for this period, U.S. carload rail traffic was down 18.1 percent, U.S. intermodal rail traffic was down 16.5 percent, Canadian carload rail traffic was down 21.7 percent, Canadian intermodal rail traffic was down 16.0 percent, Mexican carload rail traffic was down 12.9 percent, and Mexican intermodal rail traffic was down 17.8 percent.

RMI RAILCONNECT SHORT LINE TRAFFIC INDEX

The RMI Railconnect Index is waybill-based and totals shipments billed by non-Class I railroads using RMI billing products. This report totals 338 such railroads and the index is calculated weekly. The **below data is as of the week ending October 17, 2009**, the 41st full week of this year. Special thanks to RMI's Cheri Denton for this valuable statistical information.

	Week Ending October 17			Year-To-Date		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
CARLOADS HANDLED						
Coal	8,786	15,712	-44.08%	487,450	594,324	-17.98%
Grain	13,152	12,570	+4.63%	462,701	539,746	-14.27%
Farm & Food (Exc. Grain)	4,455	5,415	-17.73%	196,413	216,784	-9.40%
Ores	1,869	2,062	-9.36%	71,530	115,619	-38.13%
Stone, Clay, Aggregates	9,568	12,480	-23.33%	400,779	485,530	-17.46%
Lumber/Forest Prods.	3,223	4,992	-35.24%	144,179	202,304	-28.73%
Paper Products	5,316	7,023	-24.31%	229,338	304,241	-24.62%
Waste & Scrap Materials	5,232	5,227	+0.10%	178,891	253,192	-29.35%
Chemicals	14,064	16,572	-15.13	580,625	675,233	-14.01%
Petroleum & Coke	3,460	5,531	-37.44	144,230	234,564	-38.51%
Metals & Products	5,661	8,971	-36.90%	225,579	440,255	-48.76%
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	1,092	1,915	-42.98%	40,712	78,390	-48.06%
Intermodal	6,364	11,847	-46.28%	263,962	514,435	-48.69%
All Other	1,564	2,822	-44.58%	56,548	120,130	-52.93%
Total	83,816	113,139	-25.92%	3,482,937	4,774,747	-27.06%

HELPFUL LINKS

To use the Railinc Embargo & Permit System, including open & prepay station (OPSL) notes, link to <https://aarembargo.railinc.com/epdb/public.do>

To reach the Railinc homepage, link to www.railinc.com.

And speaking of helpful links, have you checked out the ASLRRRA website? If not, do so! Additional to an exciting new look, the site is packed with a host of new and improved features and tools. Check it out at its customary location on the World Wide Web: www.aslrra.org.

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