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ASLRRA WELCOMES MORE NEW MEMBERS

ASLRRA's Cheryl Huyck and Eileen Keane report on companies newly joining the Association. We welcome the following new associate members into the ASLRRA family!

Arcca, Inc.: Arcca, Inc. is a forensic engineering firm which investigates accidents. Their main focus is the biomechanical analysis of injuries. They are located at 2288 Second Street Pike, Penns Park, PA 18943 and their main number is (215) 598-9750. The company's website is www.arcca.com and their fax number is (215) 598-9751. Please contact Business Development Manager Steve Dines at sdines@arcca.com.

Crossing Call, Inc.: Crossing Call, Inc. operates an emergency call-in center to enable railroads to comply with the requirement that they maintain a toll-free telephone service to receive calls reporting grade crossing problems. They may be reached at P.O. Box 961252, Boston, MA 02196 and their main number is (617) 330-5075. Crossing Call's fax number is (617) 395-2625. Please contact President Leonard M. Singer at leonardmsinger@gmail.com.

East Coast Right of Way Maintenance, Inc.: East Coast Right of Way Maintenance, Inc. provides full-service right of way clearing, maintenance and vegetation control for railways, utilities, and roadways. They also provide quick and reliable Emergency Response Services. The company is located at 200 Steward Rd., Andrews, NC 28901 and their main number is (828) 321-1379. East Coast Right of Way Maintenance's website is www.ecrightofway.com and their fax number is (828) 321-1382. Please contact Office Manager Joseph Rivera at jr_rivera@ecrightofway.com.

Nathan Airchimes, Inc.: Nathan Airchimes, Inc. is the leading train horn manufacturer in North America. Nathan Airchimes invented and patented the first air horns which faithfully duplicated the sound of traditional steam locomotive whistles. They are located at 1102 Windham Rd. P.O. Box 96, S. Windham, CT 06266 and their main number is (860) 423-4575. The company's website is www.microprecisiongroup.com and their fax number is (860) 450-0519. Please contact Vice President Joe Loffredo at joel@microprecisiongroup.com.

Omega Industries, Inc.: Omega Industries, Inc. is the largest precast concrete manufacturer in the United States. They manufacture concrete crossing panels for BNSF, UP, and a host of short line railroads, industrial customers, transit agencies, and port facilities across the country. Omega Industries, Inc. operates manufacturing facilities in California, Washington, Nebraska, and Texas. They may be reached at P.O. Box 65369, Vancouver, WA 98665 and their main number is (360) 694-3221. The company's website is www.omega-industries.com and their fax number is (360) 694-3882. Please contact Sales Manager Mark Mottola at mark@omega-industries.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 ASLRRA associate member. Email Cheryl at chuyck@aslrro.org or phone her at (202) 585-3431.

HOURS OF SERVICE WAIVER FILED, BLET AND USW EXPRESS SUPPORT

ASLRRA filed July 16 with the Federal Railroad Administration for a waiver of the new railroad hours of service regulations that went into effect that date. The waiver was filed on behalf of member railroads who contacted the Association to participate in the waiver request and the accompanying fatigue management pilot program, which is expected to last two years.

Extending their support for the waiver were the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen (BLET), a division of Rail Conference of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and the United Steel Workers (USW). Both of these unions represent the train and engine service employees of a number of short line and regional railroads.

In a separate and unrelated filing with the FRA on July 27, the BLET and the United Transportation Union have

jointly filed comments asking the FRA to clarify its interim policies related to, and interpretations of, the new hours of service regulations. The requested clarifications and simplifications fall into three categories: the Rail Safety Improvement Act's (RSIA) prohibition of communication with employees during statutory off-duty periods; the RSIA's provisions pertaining to mandatory off-duty time following the initiation of an on-duty period for a specific number of consecutive days; and the maximum number of hours that may be worked in a calendar month.

The ASLRRRA waiver request is now docketed for consideration by FRA. ASLRRRA will assist the FRA with any follow-up information needs and will immediately advise participating member railroads once the FRA's decision concerning the waiver is reached. Persons seeking further information about the waiver or pilot program may contact Steve Sullivan at sullivan@aslrra.org, (202) 585-3432; Tom Streicher at tstreicher@aslrra.org, (202) 585-3434; or Keith Borman at kborman@aslrra.org, (202) 585-3448.

A reminder that new hours of service regulations remain in effect. As published in the Federal Register, the final rule may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

PROPOSED PTC REGULATIONS RELEASED

The Federal Railroad Administration has released proposed regulations covering the installation of Positive Train Control (PTC) technology on U.S. railroads. The installation of PTC on certain rail lines is called for by the Railway Safety Improvement Act. The proposed regulations, issued as a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), were developed in association with a specially-commissioned working group of the FRA's Railway Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), whose participants included representatives from ASLRRRA and member short line and regional railroads, as well as from passenger railroads, Class I railroads, and other relevant parties.

The NPRM proposes that PTC be required as follows:

- **All lines over which regularly scheduled intercity and commuter trains are operated (yard and terminal trackage excluded); Section 236 Subsection 1019 of the proposed regulations provides, in certain circumstances, a main track exception to PTC installation that may be applied for**
- **Class I railroad main lines carrying 5 million gross tons or more annually and carrying PIH (poison-by-inhalation) traffic**
- **Other lines as may be designated by order of the U.S Secretary of Transportation**

Railroads required to install PTC must submit their installation plans to the FRA by April 16, 2010. PTC systems must be installed no later than December 31, 2015.

The NRPM further proposes the following exceptions for Class II and III railroads, such that trains of those railroads may be operated over PTC-installed lines as follows:

- **Permitted on PTC-installed lines up to 20 miles without PTC-equipped locomotives**
- **Until December 31, 2020, permitted on PTC-installed lines more than 20 miles without PTC-equipped locomotives; after December 31, 2020, must have PTC-equipped locomotives to operate on PTC-installed lines more than 20 miles**
- **If a PTC-installed line has a maximum track speed of less than 40mph and is crossed at diamond by a non-PTC-installed line, trains crossing on the non-PTC-installed line must operate at speeds of 20mph or less**
- **If a PTC-installed line has a maximum track speed of 40mph or more and is crossed at diamond by a non-PTC-installed line, the crossing must be equipped with split-rail derails and signaled at the expense of the railroad owning the PTC-installed line**

The FRA is accepting comment on the proposed regulations through August 20, 2009. Published in the July 21 Federal Register, the NPRM may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

NEW UMLER ACTIVATION POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 31

Railinc, which manages industrywide rail data and data files, has announced the postponement of the new Umler System. The cutover to the new Umler had been scheduled to take place on July 25.

The new targeted activation date is August 31, 2009. In announcing the postponement, Railinc said that “critical rail industry partners” had requested additional time to modify and test their information systems to ensure that they would work and be compatible with the new Umler system.

Railinc also said that, during this interim period, it was encouraging all Umler file maintainers and Umler system users to review their readiness efforts, including taking advantage of the several free training opportunities offered by Railinc. These include “Ask The Umler Experts” webinars scheduled for August 7 and 21 (register for these through the Railinc website); on-demand, self-paced training modules; and other helpful learning resources, such as the new Umler “go-guide”, web demos, the Umler user guide and data specifications manual, and an online “sandbox” where users can test the new Umler. For more information including further activation updates, link to the new Umler web page at www.railinc.com/umler.

NEW RULES ON CROSSINGS

ASLRRRA’s Steve Sullivan reports on new regulations covering grade crossings as stipulated in the Rail Safety Improvement Act, Public Law 110-432, H.R. 2095 / S. 1189, enacted on October 16, 2008:

Section 204 - National Crossing Inventory:

This requires railroads and states to update the US DOT National Crossing Inventory File (National File) on a regular basis for all existing open crossings, including the inventorying and numbering of any existing or new crossings that are not in the national file, and the transfer of crossings to a new operating railroad when rail lines are sold. Railroads are responsible for public, private and pedestrian crossings; states are responsible for only public crossings.

New Crossings (includes existing crossings that have not been inventoried):

Railroads and states must inventory any new and previously unreported crossings by October 16, 2009.

Definition of a Crossing:

The Act defines a ‘Crossing’ as follows: A crossing means a location within a state where (1) a public highway, road, or street, or a private roadway, including associated sidewalks and pathways, intersects one or more railroad tracks either at-grade or grade-separated, or (2) a pathway explicitly authorized by a public authority or a railroad carrier that is dedicated for the use of non-vehicular traffic, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and others, that is not associated with a public highway, road, or street, or a private roadway, and intersects one or more railroad tracks either at-grade or grade-separated.

More information on the US DOT National Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory Program is available by linking to <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/801>.

The Association of American Railroads's Rules and Standards Group recently released Circular C-11059, "Revision of Railinc Edits for Car Repair Billing Data Exchange Records." The circular details recently approved revisions to the AAR Car Repair Billing Procedures Manual for Data Exchange Edits and Paperless Billing.

The circular details new edits for car repair billing data exchange records that will be implemented by Railinc beginning January 1, 2010. If any mandatory reject errors are found in the record format submitted to Railinc, the entire file may be rejected for correction.

It is stated in the circular that "this information [should] 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." ASLRRRA strongly concurs with this recommendation. A complete copy of the circular may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

CONGRESSMEN COMMEND TAX CREDIT, ANOTHER INSPECTS PENNSYLVANIA SHORT LINE

The proposed extension of the Short Line Tax Credit (H.R. 1132) was commended by several members of Congress at a recent meeting of the House Ways and Means' Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures. At the hearing, Rep. Corrine Brown (D-FL), chair of the House Railroads Subcommittee, called the extension of the tax credit "a no-brainer." Ms. Brown spoke extensively of the needs of short line railroads, including that it will cost an estimated \$13 billion to bring the nation's short lines and regionals to necessary levels of efficiency.

Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) and Rep. Jerry Moran (R-KS) are co-sponsoring H.R. 1132, which will extend the Short Line Tax Credit beyond its expiration at the end of 2009. Rep. Pomeroy, who is a member of the Select Revenue Subcommittee, commented at the hearing that, "As short line revenues have fallen with this economy, this credit has become an even more important part of upgrading small railroad infrastructure." And Rep. Moran spoke of the link between short lines and his constituency: "My Kansas grain farmers cannot make the journey to export markets in the Gulf without Class I railroad service. But they can't start the journey without short line service."

Elsewhere of congressional note, Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) earlier this month visited the Lycoming Valley Railroad, one of the short lines of the North Shore Railroad System. Mr. Thompson toured LVRR's Newberry Yard and inspected new and continuing economic ventures there that have been prospered by the LVRR and its economic development partners.

FRIEDLAND APPOINTED ASLRRRA REP TO INDUSTRY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

ASLRRRA recently appointed Steve Friedland its representative to the AAR Wireless Communications Committee (WCC). The appointment has been endorsed by WCC Committee Chair Fred Gratke. The committee provides tactical and strategic direction to the rail industry related to wireless communication and related telecommunications matters, and is notably spearheading the industry's "narrowbanding" conversion of radio transmission, from 25KHZ to 12.5KHZ, as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. Friedland is the Director of Operations of the Morristown & Erie Railway. Until the conclusion of his term this past Spring, he chaired the ASLRRRA Technology Committee and helped launch the important work of that committee. Mr. Friedland and his wife Holly are regular attendees at ASLRRRA national and regional meetings, where he has frequently volunteered his technical expertise to assist all aspects of meeting production.

Since 2006, AAR and ASLRRRA have encouraged reciprocal representation on their committees. Dave Mears, who helps manage ASLRRRA committee involvements, notes with appreciation the increasing number of senior managers of ASLRRRA member railroads now serving as committee representatives. Their voicing of short line

and regional railroad concerns in assistance of committee initiatives distinguishes both themselves and the railroads who send them. Dave encourages senior railroad managers to contact him at dmears@aslrra.org to find out how and where they can best serve.

STB LOOKING TO FILL RETAC VACANCY

The Surface Transportation Board has posted a search notice on their website for a representative of a Class II or III railroad to serve on the Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC).

RETAC was established by the Board in 2007 as a federal advisory committee. The committee's makeup consists of a cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders to, as the search notice states, "provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communications among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources."

The STB asks that interested persons submit their qualifications, either via the Board's e-filing format or in traditional paper format, by July 31. No honoraria, salaries, travel or per diem are available to members of RETAC. For further details, link to the STB website search notice by clicking [here](#).

HAZMAT TRAINING DEVELOPMENT GUIDE RELEASED

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation has released a new publication, "What You Should Know: A Guide to Developing a Hazardous Materials Training Program."

The guide explains the training requirements of federal hazardous material regulations. It also identifies those employees who must be trained and provides a tool to help hazmat employers determine what type of training and training environment may be best for their employees.

The guide is available for download from the PHMSA webpage at <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>.

DM&E-IC&E, EJ&E ADOPTION DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Attendant to its earlier acquisition of the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad and the Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad, the Canadian Pacific Railway has announce its intention to absorb the stations of the DM&E and IC&E effective October 11, 2009. For this transaction, CPR has prepared an adoption notice of stations to be adopted, interchanges that will be expired, and interchanges that will be retained and changed to CPR.

If you need a copy of CPR's adoption notice related to this transaction, please email Dave Mears at dmears@aslrra.org and he will email it to you. Dave also has on file the adoption notice recently prepared by Canadian National to absorb the stations of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway, which was effective July 1, 2009, and can also email that upon request.

GATEWAY PERFORMANCE MEETING SCHEDULE UPDATED

Further the listing in our last edition of performance meetings for major interchange gateways, the Association of

American Railroads has now released the following updated list of those meetings (in order of date, location, and local start time):

- **September 22: Holiday Inn Airport-Birmingham; Birmingham, AL; 10AM**
- **September 24: Crowne Plaza-Minneapolis; Minneapolis, MN; 7AM**
- **September 29: Inn At Westminster Quay; New Westminster, BC, Canada; 8AM**
- **October 20: Marriott Kansas City Airport; Kansas City, MO; 10AM**
- **October 22: Marriott St. Louis Airport; St. Louis, MO; 10AM**
- **October 27: Sheraton New Orleans; New Orleans, LA; 10AM**
- **October 29: Memphis Marriott; Memphis, TN; 1045AM**
- **November 16: CTCO Office, 1501 South Canal Street; Chicago, IL; 1PM**
- **November 17: Holiday Inn Countryside/LaGrange; Countryside, IL; 7AM**
- **December 1: Norfolk Southern Building, 17301 Michigan Avenue; Dearborn, MI; 11AM**
- **December 3: Holiday Inn-Buffalo Airport; Cheektowaga, NY; 10AM**

As earlier, AAR encourages short line and regional railroads operating in these gateways, or that have service issues related to traffic flowing through these gateways, to attend and participate at these meetings.

WORD ON WELLNESS: TIPS TOWARD HEALTHY AGING

A retired U.S. railroader is now the world's oldest man! 112-year-old Walter Bruening was so recognized following the passing earlier this month of 113-year-old Henry Allingham in England. Mr. Bruening, who resides in Great Falls, Montana, worked for the Great Northern Railway, a BNSF predecessor, from 1918 through the mid-1960s.

While Mr. Bruening has credited his longevity to a lifestyle that has included both moderation and purposeful work – he held full-time and then part-time jobs until Age 99 – there are steps everyone can take toward gaining a long and healthy life. The following article, published in a recent edition of an Amtrak safety and wellness newsletter, suggests the following basic requirements for healthy aging:

Proper Nutrition: You may be able to get away with living on fast food when you're 20, but poor eating habits will take their toll as you age and sooner or later are likely to lead to health problems and disease.

Physical Activity: Like good nutrition, daily physical activity is essential for healthy aging. Physical activity keeps your heart fit, keeps your weight down, keeps your muscles toned, helps keep your bones strong, helps maintain flexibility, and helps brain function.

Weight Control: Gaining a little weight is a normal part of the aging process, but excessive weight gain can lead to diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

Preventive Health Care And Proper Use Of Medication: If you can catch and treat health problems in the early stages, the chances of living a longer, healthier life increase. Medications can also help control disease and improve your health as you age.

Promoting Mental And Emotional Health: By keeping active and engaged in interesting activities, you can remain mentally and emotionally healthy throughout your life.

Avoiding Tobacco Use And Drinking Alcohol In Moderation: Smoking and alcohol abuse are two of the key causes of disease and shorter life span.

If you start now – whatever age you are – to make healthy choices your chances of living a longer, better, and more comfortable life increase significantly. You'll be able to enjoy your retirement years and remain active, alert, and involved.

CONFERENCES COMING UP

August 2-4, 2009, 23rd Annual RTA Tie Grading Seminar: To be held in Roanoke, VA, with fieldwork taking place at the Koppers Corporation plant in Salem, VA. The seminar will include three full days of instructions, centering on the practical aspects of tie grading. RTA has reserved a block of rooms for attendees at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke; attendees should call (540) 774-4400 to reserve rooms from this block by July 1. For further seminar details, contact Debbie Corallo of RTA at dcorallo@rta.org or (770) 460-5553. A complete meeting agenda is available on the RTA website at www.rta.org.

August 15-18, 2009, ASLRRA Central/Pacific Region Meeting: To be held at the Westin Seattle, 1900 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA, <http://www.westinseattle.com>. New to the regional meeting educational lineup will be simultaneous training sessions covering the areas of Track Safety Standards and New Regulations Covering Continuous Welded Rail, Bridge Safety Standards, and the Essential Elements of a Bridge Safety Program. Topics on the main program will include the Economic Outlook, Railroad Re-regulation, Updates on Hours of Service, Routing Rules and Handling of TIH, The ABCs of PTC, The Outlook for Ethanol and the Emerging Wind Turbine Market, and Putting the FUN in Safety FUNdamentals. We will be working on another Habitat for Humanity event on Saturday, August 15, and we have a limited number of tickets available for the Mariners v. Yankees baseball game on Sunday afternoon. The conference will close out Tuesday with an optional tour of the operation at the Port of Seattle. The room rate is \$149 and rooms may be reserved by calling 800-228-3000 (800-228-1212 from Alaska or Hawaii) and mentioning ASLRRA to receive our discounted room rate. Registration is now open and can be accessed by clicking here: https://members.aslrra.org/mtg_list.asp.

August 26-28, 2009, National Rail Employer Training Seminar: To be held at the Wyndham Chicago, 633 North St. Claire St., Chicago, IL. This seminar is sponsored by the Railroad Retirement Board and is designed for those persons who work in, or manage, the subject areas of service, compensation, and contributions reported to the RRB, and related areas. A special guest speaker will be Eric O'Neill, ASLRRA's Chief Financial Officer, who will discuss payroll and related changes affecting short line and regional railroads, including new payroll accounting and reporting opportunities now available. Register for this seminar by July 27. For more information, link to <http://www.rrb.gov/AandT/pl/pl0904.asp>.

September 16-18, 2009, Global Railway Tech 2009: To be held at the Hilton Chicago & Towers Hotel, Chicago, IL. Sponsored by the Railway Supply Institute. For more information, link to www.rsiweb.org.

September 23, 2009: Railroad Insurance Management Association (RIMA) Annual Meeting: To be held at the Marriott in Colorado Springs, CO. For more information, link to http://www.aar.org/NewsAndEvents/UpcomingEvents/2009-RIMA_AnnualMeeting.aspx.

October 11-13, 2009, ASLRRA Eastern Region Meeting: To be held at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN. More details forthcoming, be sure to check back at www.aslrra.org.

October 19-20, 2009, Railway Age's 16th Annual Passenger Trains On Freight Railroads Conference: To be held at the Washington Marriott, Washington, DC. For more information, contact Jane Poterala at jpoterala@sbpub.com or (212) 620-7209.

November 2-6, 2009, Railroad Track Inspection & Safety Standards Training Workshop: To be held at the Center for Transportation Research, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. For more information, contact Jenny Jones at gohjones@utk.edu or (865) 974-6549.

November 8-10, 2009, ASLRRA Southern Region Meeting: To be held at the Marriott Bay Point Resort, Panama City Beach, FL. More details forthcoming, be sure to check back at www.aslrra.org.

NEW (AND CHANGING) RAILROADS

A new railroad is the **Temple & Central Texas Railway**. Assigned Reporting Mark TC and AAR Rule 260 Code 534, the railroad is expected to commence operations on or about August 15, 2009. It will operate approximately seven miles of line in and near Temple, TX and there interchange with the BNSF. The railroad's main contact is Mr. Matt McGrath, Director-Operations Integration, Temple & Central Texas Railway, 19 North Main St. No. 2713, Temple, TX 76501, P: (254) 778-8300 x8301, F: (254) 778-8301, E: patriot.matt@yahoo.com.

Also, the Iron Bull Railroad has a new name. It is now known as the **Utah Southern Railroad**. Contact information remains as earlier and may be queried on the "Members" tab of the ASLRRA website at www.aslrra.org.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The **Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway** and the **Iowa Northern Railway** have both reported progress in restoring their bridges across the Cedar River that were washed away in the Midwest floods of June, 2008. CRANDIC operated the first train over its new bridge on July 10. Iowa Northern said that it expects to have its new bridge in place by October 1 and is continuing to detour over a Union Pacific routing until then ...Iowa Governor Chet Culver rode a special train on July 26 operated by the **Iowa Interstate Railroad**. Dubbed the "Iowa Unlimited," the special train operated from Iowa east to Chicago to call attention to Iowa's proposals for new passenger rail service between Chicago and Dubuque and Iowa City ...The **Meridian Southern Railway** recently filed with the Surface Transportation Board to construct a one-half mile line to connect with Norfolk Southern in Meridian, MS. The MDS wants to interchange with NS additional to its current interchange with Kansas City Southern ...The Hugo, MN City Council recently sent a letter of thanks to the **Minnesota Commercial Railroad**. The letter acknowledged the MNRR's recent work to gain surplus crossing warning systems and then install them at a crossing at significantly reduced cost to the city ...**Montana Rail Link** recently suffered a partial collapse in its Mullan Tunnel near Blossburg, MT, which crosses the Continental Divide. The tunnel was undergoing strengthening and enlarging work at the time of the collapse. At press time, MRL was continuing to work to restore the tunnel to service ...North Shore Rail System's **Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad** was recently inspected by an FRA track geometry car between Grey, PA and Lock Haven, PA. The line was found to have zero track defects! The managing inspector in charge of the FRA car noted that it was almost unheard of for an inspected stretch of track not to have a defect and complimented the efforts of North Shore's maintenance-of-way personnel ...**OmniTrax** announced the appointment of Gary Long as its President and CEO. Mr. Long was most recently a senior vice-president of Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics and was earlier a director of marketing for Norfolk Southern ...Two ASLRRA associate members offering hours of service management software noted the recent installation of their products on ASLRRA member railroads. **RailComm** said that its Crew Call Software had recently been installed on the **Lake State Railway** and **Short Line Data Systems** announced that its Hours Of Service System had recently been installed on the **Red River Valley & Western Railroad**.

MORE INDUSTRY NEWS

Representatives of the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program acclaimed the Illinois state legislature's recent appropriation of \$322 million for the program. They said that the state's funding will improve the program's chances of gaining federal stimulus funding. They added that the

program will need at least \$1 billion more in order to complete all 78 program projects ...U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood announced that the Federal Railroad Administration has received 278 pre-applications for high-speed rail grant funding. Although Congress has made \$8 billion available for high-speed rail initiatives, the 278 pre-applications altogether request \$102 billion in funding. Mr. LaHood said that USDOT expects to announce the first round of merit-based grants in the fall ...Tom Werner was recently elected chairman of the board of directors of Railinc. Mr. Werner is the VP-Information Technology of Norfolk Southern. Railinc also announced the appointment of Canadian Pacific's VP-Information Technology Heather Campbell to its board, succeeding Allen Borak, who has retired ...In a speech before the National Governors Association in Biloxi, Mississippi, Norfolk Southern CEO Wick Moorman called for railroads to be considered a "vital part of the solution to our nation's transportation crisis." "Freight volumes in this country are projected to grow 88 percent by 2035," Mr. Moorman said. "To handle that freight, we must improve our national transportation infrastructure." Later, Mr. Moorman testified before Congress in support of a Class I railroad tax credit similar to the tax credit already in place for Class II and III railroads. "Noting that a recent study found a \$52 billion gap between the \$148 billion needed for expanding freight rail capacity and the \$96 billion railroads can internally generate, Mr. Moorman said that a tax incentive would "provide a sensible way to help bridge that gap." ...New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine inaugurated service on New Jersey Transit's new three-mile spur off its Pascack Valley Line serving the Meadowlands sports and entertainment complex. The new line started revenue service on Saturday, July 26, in connection with an international soccer match held at Giants Stadium ...Deborah Hersham has been sworn in as the new chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. Ms. Hersham, who has been with the NTSB since 2004, was nominated and confirmed for a two-year term as chairman and for a second five-year term as an NTSB board member ...The Surface Transportation Board has ordered Union Pacific to pay Oklahoma Gas & Electric an estimated \$100 million in reparations and rate reductions over the next decade. The order stems from a complaint filed with the STB by OG&E, which claimed that its Muskogee power plant is captive to UP. In its ruling, the STB ordered UP to set common carrier rates for the next ten years at 180 percent of variable cost. Assuming historical volumes of 6 million tons of coal a year inbound to the power plant, the STB's order will provide for approximately \$10 million in payments by UP to OG&E over the next ten years

CLASS I RAIL TRAFFIC

For the week ending July 18, 2009, U.S. rail volume grand totaled 28.7 billion ton-miles, down 17.3 percent from the comparable week last year. U.S. carload rail traffic was down 17.9 percent, down 18.9 percent in the East and down 17.3 percent in the West. The carload total for the week was 268,553, the highest number of carloads in 15 weeks; a notable traffic increase was non-grain farm products up 19.8 percent and a notable traffic decrease was chemicals down 11.0 percent. Also for the week, U.S. intermodal rail traffic was down 18.8 percent, Canadian carload rail traffic was down 24.4 percent, Canadian intermodal rail traffic was down 22.3 percent, Mexican carload rail traffic was down 7.3 percent, and Mexican intermodal rail traffic was down 21.1 percent.

For the period January 1 through July 18, 2009, U.S. rail volume grand totaled 780.4 billion ton-miles, down 18.2 percent from the comparable period last year. Also for this period, U.S. carload rail traffic was down 19.1 percent, U.S. intermodal rail traffic was down 17.2 percent, Canadian carload rail traffic was down 24.0 percent, Canadian intermodal rail traffic was down 16.2 percent, Mexican carload rail traffic was down 14.8 percent, and Mexican intermodal rail traffic was down 22.1 percent.

(Note: Canadian National (CN) now incorporates traffic of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad (EJE). All CN 2008 and 2009 data has been restated on a pro-forma basis by the AAR, off of whose weekly press release this information is sourced, to include EJE traffic as if it was part of CN since January 1, 2008. As has been the case, Canadian traffic totals here include those of the U.S. operations of Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National, the latter now including EJE.)

RAILINC SHORT LINE TRAFFIC INDEX

The Railinc Short Line Traffic Index is movement-based, totaling loaded trips originating on all non-Class I railroads for all destinations and, also, all loaded trips terminating on all non-Class I railroads from all origins. This is tallied from all railroads that have passed movement event records to Railinc, including from all third

party information services providers. In some instances, Railinc is not a party to accompanying waybill information and so those unknown commodities are presented in "All Other."

The index is calculated monthly. **The below data is for January 1 through June 30, 2009.** Special thanks to Railinc's Shawn Petway for this valuable statistical information.

COMMODITY	2009 YTD ORIGS	2008 YTD ORIGS	% CHG	2009 YTD TERMS	2008 YTD TERMS	% CHG	2009 YTD TOT	2008 YTD TOT	% CHG
Chemicals	226,201	255,285	-11.39%	250,825	295,160	-15.02%	477,026	550,445	-13.34%
Coal	116,702	134,195	-13.04%	349,766	383,048	-8.69%	466,468	517,243	-9.82%
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	97,172	118,550	-18.03%	67,040	74,392	-9.88%	164,212	192,942	-14.89%
Food & Kindred Products	83,803	84,515	-0.84%	71,951	75,872	-5.17%	155,754	160,387	-2.89%
Grain	143,287	176,909	-19.01%	133,366	170,037	-21.57%	276,653	346,946	-20.26%
Grain Mill Products	47,312	51,391	-7.94%	68,829	73,557	-6.43%	116,141	124,948	-7.05%
Lumber & Wood Products	38,488	64,588	-40.41%	33,190	49,952	-33.56%	71,678	114,540	-37.42%
Metallic Ores	16,261	25,994	-37.44%	39,336	70,590	-44.28%	55,597	96,584	-42.44%
Metals & Metal Products	101,305	182,864	-44.60%	62,526	130,237	-51.99%	163,831	313,101	-47.67%
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	33,313	55,008	-39.44%	37,015	60,716	-39.04%	70,328	115,724	-39.23%
Nonmetallic Minerals	13,262	17,607	-24.68%	13,767	17,101	-19.50%	27,029	34,708	-22.12%
Petroleum Products	9,803	12,593	-22.16%	11,089	14,852	-25.34%	20,892	27,445	-23.88%
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	103,869	140,773	-26.22%	70,838	91,996	-23.00%	174,707	232,769	-24.94%
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	68,875	90,088	-23.55%	55,297	70,550	-21.62%	124,172	160,638	-22.70%
Trailer or Container	183,097	239,786	-23.64%	155,124	185,645	-16.44%	338,221	425,431	-20.50%
Waste & Scrap Materials	54,807	80,967	-32.31%	66,829	102,706	-34.93%	121,636	183,673	-33.78%
All Other Carloads	473,298	553,692	-14.52%	454,955	520,532	-12.60%	928,253	1,074,224	-13.59%
Total	1,801,855	2,284,805	-20.74%	1,863,007	2,295,175	-18.83%	3,752,598	4,671,748	-19.67%

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. For this report, this totals 340 such railroads. This index is calculated weekly. **The below data is as of the week ending July 18, 2009**, the 28th full week of this year. Special thanks to RMI's Cheri Denton for this valuable statistical information.

CARLOADS HANDLED	Week Ending July 18			Year-To-Date		
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change
Coal	12,587	16,211	-22.36%	373,013	419,624	-11.11%
Grain	12,494	15,391	-18.82%	345,592	416,368	-17.00%
Farm & Food (Exc. Grain)	5,172	6,182	-16.34%	145,140	160,382	-9.50%
Ores	2,209	2,971	-25.65%	42,860	80,173	-46.54%
Stone, Clay, Aggregates	11,776	14,412	-18.29%	285,629	353,919	-19.30%

Lumber/Forest Prods.	3,619	5,363	-32.52%	98,566	137,251	-28.19%
Paper Products	5,535	7,643	-27.58%	159,870	212,608	-24.81%
Waste & Scrap Materials	5,042	6,576	-23.33%	119,973	181,030	-33.73%
Chemicals	15,230	18,730	-18.69%	422,897	490,601	-13.80%
Petroleum & Coke	3,442	6,034	-42.96%	99,569	163,296	-39.03%
Metals & Products	4,818	11,613	-58.51%	159,190	311,798	-48.94%
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	832	1,318	-36.87%	26,417	56,560	-53.29%
Intermodal	5,856	11,962	-51.04%	183,120	355,570	-48.50%
All Other	1,138	2,880	-60.49%	39,814	85,953	-53.68%
Total	89,750	127,286	-29.49%	2,501,650	3,425,133	-26.96%

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