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ASLRRA WELCOMES MORE NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following associate members:

AAA Sales & Engineering, Inc.: AAA Sales & Engineering is a large manufacturer of classification yard retarders. They offer a line of pneumatic, electro-hydraulic, and end-of-yard solutions. AAA Sales & Engineering also maintains an ISO-9001 rating. The company is located at 6960 South 10th St., Oak Creek, WI 53154 and their main number is (414) 764-1131. Their website is www.aaase.com and their fax number is (414) 762-0710. Please contact their VP of Sales and Marketing Brett Law at blaw@aaase.com.

Gardner Denver: Gardner Denver is a manufacturer of compressed air and gas, vacuum and fluid transfer technologies with over 150 years of experience. The company is located at 1800 Gardner Expressway, Quincy, IL 62305 and their main number is (217) 231-5842. Their website is www.gardnerdenverproducts.com. Please contact Product Specialist Tom Beck at tom.beck@gardnerdenver.com.

United Signal: United Signal is a construction, maintenance, and service provider of railroad signaling devices and control systems with experience in the electric power, mechanical, and railroad industries. The company is located at 2030 Pennsylvania Ave., Madison, WI 53704 and their main number is (877) 895-8692. Their website is www.united-signal.com and their fax number is (608) 246-7841. Please contact President Steve Yoder at syoder@united-signal.com.

And with equal pleasure, we welcome the following associate sustaining member:

Amtrade International: Amtrade International is a transportation logistics company in the minerals industry. The company is located at 6705 Red Road, Suite 405, Coral Gables, FL 33143 and their main number is (305) 575-2900. Their website is www.amtradeinternationalinc.com and their fax number is (305) 575-2905. Please contact General Manager Jose Rodriguez at jorodriquezr@aol.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@aslrta.org or phone her at (202) 585-3431.

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EASTERN REGION MEETING COMING TO BALTIMORE

This year's ASLRRA Eastern Region meeting is now set for September 11 through 14 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, MD. This is the first of three regional meetings ASLRRA holds annually in the fall; the others this year will be the Central/Pacific Region meeting, to be held in Kansas City in October, and the Southern Region meeting, to be held in Atlanta in November. These regional meetings are well-known for being comprehensive educational, marketing and networking events, and for being held in a more intimate setting than the Association's larger-scale events. The Baltimore meeting also includes a HazMat Handling Training Session conducted and certified by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Here's a quick rundown of the Baltimore program:

Saturday, September 11:

- 9AM-4PM: Service Project – B&O Railroad Museum
- 530PM-630PM: Party With A Purpose, benefiting the B&O Railroad Museum

Sunday, September 12:

- 10AM-2PM: Service Project – B&O Railroad Museum
- 2PM-730PM: Registration
- 4PM-515PM: Small Railroad Knowledge Exchange
- 530PM-730PM: Welcome Reception Atop the World Trade Center
- 730PM: Open Evening for Vendor Entertaining

Monday, September 13:

- 7AM: Breakfast in Exhibit Area
- 8AM: Business Session and start of HazMat Handling Training Session
- 930AM-10AM: Refreshment Break in Exhibit Area
- 1220PM-130PM: Networking Lunch in Exhibit Areas
- 130PM-315PM: Business Session
- 130PM-500PM: HazMat Handling Training Session continues
- 3PM-320PM: Refreshment Break in Exhibit Area
- 4PM-5PM: Railroad and Associate Sandhouse Sessions
- 5PM-530PM: Regional Meeting & Election
- 6PM-7PM: Reception in Exhibit Area
- 9PM-1030PM: Caboose Club Lounge

Tuesday, September 14:

- 7AM: Breakfast in Exhibit Area
- 8AM: Business Session
- 8AM: HazMat Handling Training Session concludes, examination
- 945AM: Refreshment Break
- 1215PM: Farewell Luncheon
- 1200PM: ASLRRRA Technology Committee meeting
- 1200PM: ASLRRRA Bridge Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 15:

- 730AM: ASLRRRA Bridge Committee meeting resumes, concludes at Noon

Presentations during the business sessions will include **Freight Railroads and their Rightful Place in a**

National Transportation Plan; Dateline Washington: Capitol Hill Happenings; Size Does Matter: Truck Size & Weights – An Update on What is Happening in Eastern Region States; A Day in the Life of the ASLRRRA Lobbyists; Planning Ahead – When Disaster Strikes: A Report From the South East Emergency Response Network (SEERN); Advanced Security Awareness Training Requirements: What Do the Feds Expect?; FRA Railroad Crossing Project: Crossing all the T’s and Dotting All the Is – Dates and Deadlines Ahead; RAILROAD SURVIVOR 2010: KEEPING THE MEAT & POTATOES ON THE SHORT LINE MENU, including Preserving Carload Business, Costing Models: Factors to Consider When Pricing Interline Traffic, and Attracting Business: What Makes One Rail Site More Appealing Than Another to a Shipper?; Economic Outlook: What’s Ahead for the Transportation Industry?; Get Ready to Go Cold Turkey: Major Industry Change to the Damage Defective Car Tracking System; Whistleblowing – OSHA/FRA Response to Reporting Injuries & Employee Medical Treatment; NMB Ruling on Union Elections and Why Waiting to Talk to Your Employees Can Hurt You; The Rocky Horror Regulatory Show II: Employee Certification, Hours of Service Pilot Project, and Other Hot Regulatory Topics Session.

If you are a railroader in ASLRRRA’s Eastern Region, this is a can’t-miss meeting especially for you! For further details, including access to online registration, link to the ASLRRRA Eastern Region meeting webpage at http://www.aslrra.org/meetings_seminars/Eastern_Region_Meeting/. And if you are a supplier, excellent meeting sponsorship opportunities remain available to put your company front and center of meeting attendees. For further information on sponsorship, contact Jenny McKinney at jmckinney@aslrra.org or (202) 585-3449. See you one and all in Baltimore!

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NEW DAMAGE DEFECTIVE CAR TRACKING SYSTEM MOVES FORWARD

Railinc reports that they are continuing to progress the development and testing of the new Damage Defective Car Tracking System (DDCTS). The new system, which replaces the century-old defect card process and modernizes related processes, is scheduled to go live on January 1, 2011.

In briefing materials about the new system, Railinc notes that “For decades, railroads, car owners and repair shops each maintained their own manual processes for tracking and identifying damaged and defective cars. Because there was no standardized system, data retrieval could be time-consuming and complicated, and information was often unreliable. DDCTS automates the manual process through easy-to-use, centralized web-based applications that replaces the paper defect cards and eliminates the need for defect card brackets. Users will have real-time access to information through a single standardized source that allows accurate enforcement of car hire rules and reduces manual car hire liability research. Users can easily update, retrieve and share information in a timely manner. The result is better communication and collaboration among rail partners for better equipment management, improved rail safety and reduced administrative costs.”

Railinc has now been scheduled on the program at the ASLRRRA Eastern Region meeting in Baltimore in September (details of which appear earlier in this issue) to present an overview of DDCTS and to answer questions about its features, implementation and alike. They may also be presenting at the Central/Pacific Region meeting in Kansas City and the Southern Region meeting in Atlanta. For more information, contact Dave Mears at dmears@aslrra.org or (202) 585-3436. Future issues of Views & News will carry more detailed information as the January 1, 2011 go-live date approaches.

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CSX CONDUCTS ANNUAL BRIEFING TO ASLRRRA



CSX management were welcomed to ASLRRA's Washington office on August 5. The purpose of their visit was to brief the Association about CSX's work at midyear, including how the Class I and its short line partners can continue to work together to increase business and efficiency.

Pictured above at the CSX-ASLRRA meeting clockwise around the table are CSX AVP-Emerging Markets Clark Robertson, CSX Director-Federal Affairs Anne Reinke, ASLRRA General Superintendent Tom Streicher, CSX AVP-Advanced Engineering Tim Male, and CSX Director-Short Line Development Len Kellermann. Mr. Robertson earlier this year succeeded Derrick Smith, who was promoted to a vice-presidency in CSX's Finance Department, and Mr. Male is part of the management team leading CSX's implementation of PTC. Also participating in the briefing were ASLRRA's VP & Executive Director Steve Sullivan and Assistant Vice-President Dave Mears.

The Association expressed their appreciation to Mr. Kellermann for arranging the meeting, which was noted as the eighth annual midyear meeting between the Association and CSX. President Rich Timmons last year expressed his high regard for these meetings by calling them "a valuable exchange of information and ideas." He added that CSX "continues to demonstrate great ability in prospering innovation and good relations with their short line partners."

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STB APPOINTS BETKE TO GRAIN CAR COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS NEW TIH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) has appointed George Betke as a short line and regional railroad representative to the Surface Transportation Board's National Grain Car Council (NGCC). Mr. Betke is the longtime CEO of the Farmrail System, which operates the Farmrail and Grainbelt Railroads in Oklahoma, and is also a member of the ASLRRA board of directors.

Mr. Betke joins six other short line and regional railroad representatives on the NGCC: Mike Haeg of RailAmerica, Kirk Hawley of Watco, Tony Long of Genesee & Wyoming, Dennis Miller of Iowa Interstate, Ed Sims of Kenton Grain Company's railroad, and Sharon Trudell of Red River Valley & Western. ASLRRA's VP & General Counsel Keith Borman also attends NGCC meetings. The committee, which originated in an Interstate Commerce Commission proceeding predating the STB, serves as an advisory group to facilitate private sector solutions and recommendations on matters affecting grain transportation by rail. Additional to the three STB commissioners, the committee presently totals 42 members, and also includes representatives from Class I railroads, grain shippers and receivers, and private car owners and manufacturers.

In related news, the STB has announced that it will form another advisory committee, the Toxic by Inhalation

Hazard (TIH) Common Carrier Transportation Advisory Committee. In making its announcement, the STB said that this committee would “provide the board with independent advice and policy suggestions related to the common carrier obligation of railroads to transport TIH.” It also said that this committee “...will specifically focus on the amount of economic responsibility for liability that railroads can reasonably ask TIH shippers to assume before the carrier will transport the cargo.” The full decision establishing the committee is available on the STB website, www.stb.dot.gov under “Decisions & Notices,” and includes instructions on submitting public comment or nominations for membership.

This committee brings the number of STB advisory committees to four. Additional to the new TIH Common Carrier Transportation Advisory Committee and the NGCC is the Railroad Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) and the Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Committee (RSTAC). The NGCC and RETAC meetings are open to the public, but RSTAC meetings are closed to all except that committee’s members. The next meeting of the NGCC is scheduled for September 16 in Omaha, NE.

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FRA REMINDS RAILROADS TO MAKE PAST EMPLOYER CHECKS FOR HOS EMPLOYEES

ASLRRRA recently received a communication from Kathy Schnakenberg, who is the Federal Railroad Administration’s Alcohol & Drug [Testing] Program Specialist. She advises that FRA inspectors have found a number of short line and regional railroads that did not conduct, or at least did not document their having conducted, a previous employer check for new hours of service employees. This check is required by 49 CFR 219, Section 40.25, and has been a requirement since August, 2001.

Ms. Schnakenberg writes: “A railroad (or hours of service contractor) that plans to hire an hours of service employee is required to have the applicant complete and sign a consent/release form. This is to determine whether an hours of service applicant who worked for a previous railroad or USDOT D&A-regulated employer [hereafter referred to as “DOT employer”] has had a previous federal alcohol/drug positive test result or refusal. If the applicant has worked for a DOT employer in the last two years, your railroad is required to send the completed consent/release form to the Designated Employer Representative (DER) of the previous railroad/DOT employer. If you don’t know who the railroad’s DER is, please contact me [Ms. Schnakenberg’s contact information is below]. If you request the 40.25 information from an employee’s previous DOT employer and they are not cooperative in completing it and returning it to you, please let FRA know and we will assist in bringing the non-complying DOT employer into compliance.”

She continues: “USDOT and FRA wants to make sure those employees who test positive don’t hop from one railroad to the next. As an example, FRA recently became aware of a locomotive engineer who had been terminated from a Class I railroad after testing positive for cocaine on a random test and on a follow-up test. The engineer was terminated and went to work for a short line railroad who didn’t conduct a previous employer 40.25 check. The engineer tested positive again for cocaine and was terminated from the short line railroad. Word got around that the engineer was currently working on a third short line railroad. Within the last week, a railroad called me up and said that they heard that an hours of service applicant that had tested positive for marijuana on his pre-employment drug test (not hired) was now working on another short line railroad. We’re following up on these instances of ‘job hopping,’ but please protect your railroad and don’t get caught up in hiring an hours of service employee who has had a previous federal positive drug or alcohol test (or refusal) and has not yet completed his/her federal return-to-service requirements (SAP evaluation and follow-up drug tests).”

Ms. Schnakenberg urges all railroad or contracting companies that have hired hours of service employees within the last two years, but have not yet completed the necessary 40.25 check, to do so immediately. She may be reached at (816) 561-2714 or kathy.schnakenberg@dot.gov for any questions or needs. A 40.25 checklist may be linked to at http://www.aslrra.org/images/news_file/Drug_Test_Consent_Regulation.pdf and a sample consent form may be linked to at http://www.aslrra.org/images/news_file/Drug_Test_Consent_Form.pdf.

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RAIL SECURITY CONTACT INFO, TIH ROUTING INFO REQUIRED

ASLRRA's Steve Sullivan and David Whorton recently distributed to ASLRRA member railroads an important reminder about rail security items that may require their attention:

RAIL SECURITY PLAN: Please provide the contact information for the individual on each of your railroads that you have (or will) designated as the receiver of the Rail Industry Security Plan. Security plans will be mailed directly to these designated individuals. Please respond to Sullivan@aslrta.org or DWhorton@aslrta.org, or fax to (202) 628-6430.

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Please provide the names and contact information for those individuals on your railroads that you would like to be sponsored for Federal Security Clearances through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Please respond to Sullivan@aslrta.org or DWhorton@aslrta.org, or fax to (202) 628-6430.

TIH ROUTING: In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (49) Part 172, all short lines handling Toxic by Inhalation (TIH) commodities must update or review the routing of these commodities using the 27 factors by September 1, 2010.

For further information about any of the above, please contact Steve Sullivan at sullivan@aslrta.org or (202) 585-3432; Tom Streicher at tstreicher@aslrta.org or (202) 585-3434; or David Whorton at dwhorton@aslrta.org or (202) 585-3430.

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BUILDING YOUR 2011 BUDGET? PLAN FOR ASLRRA EVENTS

ASLRRA is in the process of assembling its 2011 budget and likely your company is also at this time. So it's the right time for you and appropriate others to make a budget allocation that provides for the maximum number of your company's personnel to attend ASLRRA's 2011 events. These are:

RAILROAD DAY ON CAPITOL HILL: Where railroaders, their shippers, and other industry partners come to tell their senators and representatives all about short lines and the legislative needs that will help our industry. Register and ASLRRA and Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell will take care of the rest, including setting up your congressional appointments, preparing you for your meetings, and arranging for your attendance at an extraordinary reception and dinner with industry colleagues. To be held March 24, 2011 in Washington, DC.

THE 2011 ASLRRA CONVENTION: Now a centerpiece event of the rail industry itself – the editors of Railway Track & Structure Magazine have referred to it as a “barnburner of a meeting” – railroaders, suppliers, government and industry officials will gather in four-figure numbers to meet, do business, and learn. Featuring an outstanding program of events, including an exhibit hall wall-to-wall with ASLRRA member booths and over forty different education and training sessions. To be held April 30 through May 4, 2011 in San Antonio, TX.

2011 ASLRRA REGIONAL MEETINGS: These meetings, one held in each of ASLRRA's three regions, offer a greater diversity of program events and the chance to talk more intimately with customers and colleagues. ASLRRA has also recently enhanced the traditional Regional Meeting lineup with FRA instructional seminars. These provide members with yet another opportunity to get up to speed on the hottest topics and latest rail industry regulations. To be held in the second half of 2011 – and be sure to go to this year's regional meetings in Baltimore, Kansas City or Atlanta first!

For further information, contact Kathy Cassidy at kcassidy@aslrta.org.

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ONLINE ADS MAKE PRODUCTS PROMINENT

Do you have a product or service that you want to make better known to the short line and regional railroad community? If so, consider an ASLRRA classified ad.

Additional to being posted in the Classified section of the ASLRRA website, www.aslrra.org, these ads are also sent via email to key personnel of all ASLRRA member companies. They expertly summarize the advertiser's offering and feature an enticing title to promote envelope opening, as well as easy-to-use links to view the complete ad display and the contact the seller.

ASLRRA classifieds may be purchased by ASLRRA members for only \$30, or purchase an entire year's worth of ads for \$300 and receive two months free! For more information on this great way to get the word out about what you are selling, contact ASLRRA's Dave Whorton at dwhorton@aslrra.org.

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GATEWAY PERFORMANCE MEETING SPECIFICS, SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) and its Gateway Performance Improvement Committee (GPIC) have now updated gateway performance meetings from now through the end of the year. Meetings will be held as follows:

- **September 21:** Birmingham, AL, at the Doubletree Hotel Birmingham
- **September 23:** Vancouver, BC, at the Inn at Westminster Quay in New Westminster
- **September 28:** Minneapolis, MN, at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis
- **October 19:** New Orleans, LA, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
- **October 21:** Memphis, TN, at the Memphis Marriott
- **October 26:** Kansas City, MO, at the Marriott Kansas City Airport
- **October 28:** St. Louis, MO, at the Marriott St. Louis Airport
- **November 15:** Chicago, IL, at the Chicago CTCO Office, 1501 South Canal Street
- **November 16:** Chicago, IL, at the Holiday Inn Chicago Countryside in LaGrange
- **November 30:** Detroit, MI, at the Norfolk Southern offices in Dearborn
- **December 2:** Buffalo, NY, at the Holiday Inn Buffalo in Cheektowaga

Short line and regional railroads operating in these gateways, or that have service issues related to traffic moving through these gateways, are encouraged to attend and participate at these meetings. If unable to attend, relevant matters may be forwarded on for attention and follow-up. For additional information, contact Dave Mears at dmears@aslrra.org.

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NEW (AND CHANGING) RAILROADS

Please note the following new or changing railroads:

Patriot Rail recently announced that it has executed a preliminary agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to provide rail service over the 13-mile Piedmont & Northern line owned by NCDOT. Patriot Rail was one of five bidders when it was selected by NCDOT to operate the line last May. The line extends from Mount Holly to Gastonia and includes a spur to Belmont. Presently inactive, it will interchange with CSX in Mount Holly and with Norfolk Southern in Gastonia once returned to service.

Patriot Rail also recently announced that it has reached agreement to purchase the short lines of Weyerhaeuser Company. These include the DeQueen & Eastern and the Texas, Oklahoma & Eastern Railroads, which together operate approximately 87 miles of line in southeast Oklahoma and southwest Arkansas; the Columbia & Cowitz Railway, which operates approximately 9 miles of line in southwest Washington; the Weyerhaeuser Woods Railroad, which operates approximately 30 miles of line in southwest Washington; the Golden Triangle Railroad, which operates approximately 14 miles of line in central Mississippi; and the Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, which operates approximately 21 miles of line in Mississippi.

A newly active railroad is Stewart Southern Railway. Assigned Reporting Mark SSS and AAR Rule 260 Code 131, this Canadian railroad will operate approximately 80 miles of line between Stoughton, SK and Richardson, SK, and 2 more miles of line in and around Stoughton, SK. The SSS was anticipated to start operations on or about August 9, and will interchange with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Richardson, SK and Kronou, SK. Contact information is as follows: Blair Stewart, President, Stewart Southern Railway, P.O. Box 70, Fillmore, SK S0G 1N0, P: (306) 722-3353, F: (306) 722-3328, E: blair@fillmoreseeds.com.

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MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES NOW SCHEDULED

Regional Meetings have been scheduled! More details on each of the meetings will become available throughout the year. Check in with http://www.aslrra.org/meetings_seminars/index.cfm for more information!

August 27: Railroad Retirement Board 75th Anniversary Luncheon: To be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, IL. Cost is \$50 per person. For more information, link to https://secure.rrb.gov/rrb_75th/reservation/default.asp.

September 12-14: ASLRRRA Eastern Region Meeting: To be held at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, MD.

October 3-5: ASLRRRA Central Pacific Region Meeting: To be held at the Intercontinental Kansas City at the Plaza, in Kansas City, MO.

October 6-8: Northeast Rail Shippers Association: To be held on Cape Cod, at the Red Jacket Ocean Hotel in South Yarmouth, MA. For more information, link to <http://www.railshippers.com/regional/northeast/default.asp>.

October 11-15: Railroad Track Inspection and Safety Standards Workshop: To be held at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA. Presented by the Center for Transportation Research of the University of Tennessee. For more information, call Jenny Jones at (865) 974-6549 or email gohjones@utk.edu.

November 1-5: Railroad Track Inspection and Safety Standards Workshop: To be held at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga, TN. Presented by the Center for Transportation Research of the University of Tennessee. For more information, call Jenny Jones at (865) 974-6549 or email gohjones@utk.edu.

November 7-9: ASLRRRA Southern Region Meeting: To be held at the JW Marriott Buckhead in Atlanta, GA.

January 5-8, 2011: National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRCMA) 33rd Annual Conference: To be held at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, FL. For more information about the 2011 NRC Conference, link to <http://www.nrcma.org/ps.nrcconference.cfm?ID=165>.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad (www.southshorefreight.com) has announced that Andrew Fox will become its president later this year, succeeding Henry Lampe, who has announced his intention to retire at the end of October. Mr. Fox was most recently the president of Pacific Harbor Lines, which like the CSS is one of the Anacostia & Pacific family of railroads. Prior to joining PHL, Mr. Fox was a 23-year employee of Southern Pacific Railroad.....**Iowa Northern Railway** (www.iowanorthern.com) reports that they are well on their way to recovery following the repair and reopening last year of their bridge across the Cedar River in Waterloo, IN that was severely damaged by flooding in 2008. “We’ve grown our business to the point where we’ll be operating 78 percent more business on the Iowa Northern than we did in 2007, the last full year before the flood,” said IANR President Dan Sabin in an interview in the publication, AgriNews. Mr. Sabin also complimented the Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Waterloo for their help in rebuilding the bridge.....**Montana Rail Link** recently debuted their newly designed website. Link to it at www.montanarail.com. The railroad has said that it will welcome feedback about their new web look.....**Tacoma Rail** (www.cityoftacoma.org), which serves the Port of Tacoma, WA, has noted continued progress in this second year of a regional effort to reduce port-related diesel and greenhouse-gas emissions. The railroad recently installed idle-reduction devices on six of its switching locomotives, which brings to ten the number in its fleet of 18 locomotives that now emit fewer air pollutants. Tacoma Rail’s entire fleet now also uses ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel.....**Wilmington & Western Railroad** (www.wwr.com) recently announced that it would build a new headquarters building. A railroad spokesman said that the building would include a training center seating more than 40 persons, which will be used to train new employees and volunteers. The spokesman added that the building will be completed funded by private donations, private foundations, membership donations, and private fundraising efforts, and that no government money will be involved.

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EMBARGOES CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

The below is a complete list of embargoes currently in effect for the North American rail system. For further details about a specific embargo, including affected stations and a point of contact for further information, link to the Railinc AAR Embargo/OPSL Notes & Permit System at <https://aarembargo.railinc.com>. Once there, select the “Embargoes” tab, then “Search Embargoes,” and then enter the embargo number. The below list is in issuing railroad order and the embargoes newly issued and effective since our last edition – BNSF710 and WSOR309 – are bolded below.

Issuing Road	Embargo No	Amendment No	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Allow Permits	Status	Last Amended Date	Cancelled Date	Op Station Notice	Cause
ABL	ABL000210	0	04/01/2010	04/01/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
AF	AF000110	0	06/11/2010	06/11/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
AOK	AOK000109	1	11/04/2009	11/04/2010	NO	Effective	11/04/2009		NO	Track Conditions
ARZC	ARZC000309	1	12/23/2009	12/22/2010	NO	Effective	12/14/2009		NO	Track Conditions
BCR	BCR000109	0	05/13/2010	05/13/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify
BNSF	BNSF000710	0	08/03/2010	08/03/2011	YES	Effective			NO	Other - specify
BNSF	BNSF000410	0	06/18/2010	06/18/2011	YES	Effective			NO	Congestions/Accumulation
BNSF	BNSF001609	0	12/11/2009	12/11/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
CEMR	CEMR000209	0	08/31/2009	08/31/2010	YES	Effective			NO	Work Stoppage
CN	CN000410	0	07/31/2010	07/31/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify

CN	CN000310	0	07/19/2010	07/19/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
CN	CN000210	0	04/23/2010	04/23/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
CN	CN001609	0	09/28/2009	09/28/2010	NO	Effective			YES	Other - specify
CPRS	CPRS001410	2	06/02/2010	06/02/2011	NO	Effective	07/22/2010		NO	Track Conditions
CPRS	CPRS001110	0	05/10/2010	05/10/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
CPRS	CPRS001210	0	05/10/2010	05/10/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Weather Conditions - specify
CPRS	CPRS000310	1	03/17/2010	03/17/2011	NO	Effective	03/17/2010		NO	Track Conditions
CPRS	CPRS003109	0	12/18/2009	12/18/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Prevent Congestion/Accumulation
CPRS	CPRS003009	0	10/13/2009	10/13/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify
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CPRS	CPRS002909	0	10/11/2009	10/11/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Congestions/Accumulation
CPRS	CPRS002409	1	09/28/2009	09/28/2010	YES	Effective	09/28/2009		NO	Other - specify
CPRS	CPRS002509	1	09/28/2009	09/28/2010	YES	Effective	09/28/2009		NO	Other - specify
CPRS	CPRS002309	0	08/26/2009	08/26/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify
CSXT	CSXT000810	5	03/17/2010	03/17/2011	YES	Effective	06/07/2010		NO	Track Conditions
CSXT	CSXT000710	1	02/25/2010	02/24/2011	NO	Effective	02/25/2010		NO	Other - specify
CZRY	CZRY000110	1	04/01/2010	03/31/2011	NO	Effective	03/18/2010		NO	Other - specify
DN	DN000210	1	02/23/2010	02/23/2011	NO	Effective	02/16/2010		NO	Bridge out of service
GRYR	GRYR000110	0	04/28/2010	04/28/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
GSWR	GSWR000209	2	12/09/2009	12/09/2010	NO	Effective	12/09/2009		NO	Track Conditions
GTR	GTR000109	0	10/09/2009	10/08/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
GWR	GWR000309	1	11/10/2009	11/10/2010	NO	Effective	11/10/2009		NO	Track Conditions
IAIS	IAIS000110	0	01/20/2010	01/20/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Weather Conditions - specify
LS	LS000109	0	11/16/2009	11/15/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Bridge out of service
MMA	MMA000310	3	05/25/2010	05/25/2011	YES	Effective	06/04/2010		NO	Congestions/Accumulation
MNNR	MNNR000110	0	01/07/2010	01/07/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify
MRL	MRL000110	1	04/07/2010	04/07/2011	NO	Effective	04/07/2010		NO	Track Conditions
MRL	MRL000109	0	11/30/2009	11/30/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
NS	NS000609	1	11/17/2009	11/16/2010	NO	Effective	11/09/2009		NO	Bridge out of service
NYLE	NYLE000210	0	02/18/2010	02/17/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
NYNJ	NYNJ000110	0	03/24/2010	03/23/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify
NYNJ	NYNJ000309	2	11/06/2009	11/06/2010	NO	Effective	11/09/2009		NO	Other - specify
PAS	PAS000109	0	12/23/2009	12/23/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Bridge out of service
PNWR	PNWR000109	0	06/03/2010	06/03/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
PSAP	PSAP000110	1	03/01/2010	02/28/2011	NO	Effective	02/26/2010		NO	Track Conditions
RSR	RSR000110	0	04/16/2010	04/16/2011	YES	Effective			NO	Bridge out of service
SSR	SSR000109	1	12/04/2009	12/04/2010	NO	Effective	12/04/2009		NO	Track Conditions
ST	ST000110	0	05/19/2010	05/19/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Other - specify
UP	UP000810	2	06/18/2010	06/18/2011	NO	Effective	06/24/2010		NO	Bridge out of service
USRP	USRP000109	0	09/08/2009	11/30/2010	NO	Effective			NO	Bridge out of service
WE	WE000210	0	07/16/2010	07/16/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Bridge out of service
WE	WE000110	0	05/10/2010	05/10/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
WE	WE000109	1	12/23/2009	12/23/2010	YES	Effective	12/23/2009		NO	Track Conditions
WMI	WMI000110	0	04/28/2010	04/28/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
WSOR	WSOR000309	0	08/11/2010	08/11/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
WSOR	WSOR000109	0	05/06/2010	05/06/2011	NO	Effective			NO	Track Conditions
WTJR	WTJR000110	1	02/03/2010	02/03/2011	NO	Effective	02/03/2010		NO	Bridge out of service

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CLASS I RAIL TRAFFIC

For the week ending August 7, 2010, the Association of American Railroads reports that U.S. carload rail traffic totaled 284,507 carloads, up 3.5 percent from the comparable week last year. Traffic was up 3.2 percent in the East and up 3.8 percent in the West, and notable traffic increases included metallic ores up 61.2 percent and metals and metal products up 37.8 percent. Also for the week, U.S. intermodal rail traffic was up 18.6 percent, Canadian carload rail traffic was up 27.3 percent, Canadian intermodal rail traffic was up 29.7 percent, Mexican carload rail traffic was up 19.8 percent, and Mexican intermodal rail traffic was up 18.6 percent.

For the period January 1 through August 7, 2010, U.S. carload rail traffic up 7.2 percent, U.S. intermodal rail traffic was up 13.7 percent, Canadian carload rail traffic was up 21.2 percent, Canadian intermodal rail traffic was up 15.1 percent, Mexican carload rail traffic was up 20.8 percent, and Mexican intermodal rail traffic was up 32.2 percent.

(Note: Canadian traffic totals include that from the U.S. operations of the two Canadian-based Class I railways, Canadian National and Canadian Pacific.)

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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 341 such railroads. This index is calculated weekly. The **below data is as of the week ending July 31, 2010**, the 30th week of 2010. Special thanks to RMI's Cheri Denton for this valuable statistical information.

	Week Ending July 31			Year-To-Date		
	2010	2009	% Change	2010	2009	% Change
CARLOADS HANDLED						
Coal	12,310	11,584	6.27%	331,122	385,464	-14.10%
Grain	11,036	11,463	-3.73%	370,075	328,358	12.70%
Farm & Food (Exc. Grain)	4,870	4,740	2.74%	137,776	144,984	-4.97%
Ores	2,998	2,438	22.97%	96,042	48,162	99.41%
Stone, Clay, Aggregates	11,133	10,745	3.61%	316,593	279,004	13.47%
Lumber/Forest Prods.	3,787	3,759	0.74%	110,448	104,513	5.68%
Paper Products	6,809	6,403	6.34%	184,464	180,554	2.17%
Waste & Scrap Materials	4,947	4,880	1.37%	151,409	127,728	18.54%
Chemicals	15,516	14,315	8.39%	463,299	437,359	5.93%
Petroleum & Coke	4,944	3,874	27.62%	145,236	124,060	17.07%
Metals & Products	8,691	6,281	38.37%	242,240	178,257	35.89%
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	1,004	1,011	-0.69%	32,424	26,800	20.99%
Intermodal	6,871	6,284	9.34%	191,347	207,757	-7.90%
All Other	1,731	1,149	50.65%	63,513	40,664	56.19%
Total	96,647	88,926	8.68%	2,835,988	2,613,664	8.51%

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