

AARS - join a rich tradition

The American Association of Railroad Superintendents is one of the oldest—if not the oldest—organization of its kind on this continent. The parent organization, The Association of Railway Superintendents, was organized in 1881 and it functioned in about the same manner as we do today.

Membership benefits

- Quarterly newsletter
- Annual meetings
- Winter meetings
- Seminars
- Scholarships
- Networking forums

Members include

- CEOs
- AVPs
- Presidents
- Superintendents
- Trainmasters
- Terminal Managers
- Engineers
- Operating managers
- Training managers
- Government leaders
- Division managers
- Administration managers
- Safety managers
- Railroad vendors
- And many more...

Inside: Don't miss the 112th Annual Meeting July 20-22 in New Orleans

Railroads are an integral part of the Port of New Orleans. Six railroads serve the Crescent City: Union Pacific, BNSF, Kansas City Southern, Norfolk Southern, CN and CSX. In addition, the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad connects several port facilities with its six larger brothers. Please join the AARS July 20-22 at The Hilton on St. Charles in New Orleans for three days of education and fun.

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From the president

Dear Members

Even though the calendar tells us it's still spring, summer and the 112th Annual Meeting and Technical Showcase will soon be upon us. Since we will be in New Orleans, the site of Hurricane Katrina, I am anxious to show you the progress this beautiful historic city has made in just three short years. We still have a long

way to go but some locations are back and better than ever as the program presentations will indicate.



Tom Lobello

Our invited Charge speaker is Mr. Tony Ingram, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for CSX Transportation. Our luncheon speaker is Mr. Jim Bridger, General Manager of the New Orleans Public Belt, my home road. A tentative program and registration form appear in this newsletter for your convenience.

Headquarters hotel is the Hilton on St. Charles located in the central business district just three blocks off Canal and a short walk to the world-famous French Quarter and Bourbon Street with the best jazz music in the world. A tour of Mardi Gras World has been chosen for the Spouse/Guest activity which I'm sure they won't want to miss. So begin making plans now to join us in historic New Orleans for the 112th Annual Meeting and Technical Showcase. Be sure to make your hotel reservations before the hotel's cutoff date of June 25th.

Remember, too, that the Frank J. Richter Scholarship deadline is June 1st for those eligible college students. Each year the AARS gives three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students to help defray continuously rising college costs. The application can be downloaded from our web site, www.railroadsuperintendent.org, or by contacting our office at 331-643-3369. Make sure the application is mailed to the new AARS office at PO Box 200, La Fox, IL 60174 by the June 1st deadline.

Thank you for your continued support and I am looking forward to seeing you all in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Tom Lobello, President 2007-2008



Join us for the 112th Annual Meeting July 20-22 New Orleans, LA

Located in the heart of New Orleans' Central Business District the Hilton St. Charles Avenue Hotel is just three blocks off Canal Street and just four blocks from the world famous French Quarter and Bourbon Street. Nearby attractions include Harrah's casino, the Riverwalk Marketplace, the Louisiana Superdome – home of the New Orleans Saints, the Audubon Institute's New Orleans Aquarium of the America's, the Ernest Morial Convention Center, National World War II Museum (formerly D-Day Museum) and the Louisiana Children's Museum to name a few.

Schedule of events: 112th Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 20, 2008			
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Registration/Reception Technical Showcase Exhibitor Recognition	11 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	FRA — Human Factor Final Rule Annual Luncheon Compliments of Hulcher Services, Inc. <u>Keynote Address</u> Jim Bridger, GM New Orleans Public Belt Ry Huey P. Long Bridge, William Conway, Modjeski & Masters, Inc.; Timothy Todd, Louisiana TIMED Managers; Keith Jacobsen, Massman Construction Hurricane Katrina and the NOPB John Morrow, CFO, NOPB Technical Showcase Board Buses for Dinner at New Orleans Public Belt
Monday, July 21, 2008			
7 a.m.	Technical Showcase Continental Breakfast	1 p.m.	
8 a.m. <u>Opening Remarks</u>	Earl Wacker, Director CTCO, CSX Transportation <u>Safety Briefing</u> , AARS Director Dick Neumann, VP/CEO, Hoosier Southern <u>Invocation</u> Immediate Past President, David H. Nelson, Gen. Supt. Operations, IHB <u>President's Address</u> Thomas F. Lobello, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, New Orleans Public Belt Ry.	2:30 p.m.	
8:15 a.m.	Charge to Superintendents Tony Ingram, Exec. VP & COO, CSX Transportation	3:15 p.m. 5 p.m.	
9 a.m.	Technical Showcase/Break		
9:30 a.m.	Bay St. Louis Bridge Rebuild Ken Downard, Chief Engineer, CSX Transportation	5 p.m.	
10:15 a.m.	Scholarship Update Joe DeMike, AARS Director Charles Duffy, Mgr. Strs., Cp Ry. (winner of MSU Scholarship)		
		Tuesday, July 22, 2008	
		7 a.m.	Technical Showcase Continental Breakfast
		8 a.m.	Opening Remarks Earl Wacker, AARS 4th VP Effects of Hurricane Katrina Mark Hinsdale, AVP Integrated Planning, CSX Transportation
		8:15 a.m.	Amtrak's Evacuation of New Orleans (tentative) Business Session Election of Officers Closing Remarks Adjournment
		9:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	
		11 a.m.	



Mardi Gras World opened to the public during the 1984 World's Fair and quickly became one of the most popular attractions in New Orleans. Join us on a tour to see fascinating creations by artists and sculptors of the props and floats of carnival's best parades along with an exciting video presentation that chronicles New Orleans' Mardi Gras. After the tour there will be a gumbo-cooking demonstration followed by lunch.

Spouse/Guest Program

10 a.m.	Tour of MardiGras World including Gumbo cooking demonstration and lunch
3 p.m.	Return to hotel
5 p.m.	See 5 p.m. above

AARS in Hardy's best interest

Michael Hardy, acting superintendent of Tacoma Rail joined the AARS for networking and educational reasons.

"I've learned a lot when I concentrated on the engineering department," he said. "Now that I work with operations, AARS seems

to be in my best interest."

Tacoma Rail, a terminal that supports the port of Tacoma, Wash., relies on good communication with other roads, like BNSF and Union Pacific.

Please welcome our new members:

Active

- Belt Railway of Chicago—Hugh Simon, Assistant Superintendent Mechanical
- BNSF—Brandon Crossett, Terminal Superintendent
- Canadian Pacific—Larry Kissel, Director Interline Management
- Metro Transit—John MacQueen, Rail Safety Officer
- NICTD—Joseph Black, Chief Operating Officer
- SMS Rail Line—Robert Michel, Safety Officer
- Tacoma Rail—Michael Hardy, Superintendent Associate
- Digital Concepts—Dave Armstrong, Systems Engineer
- Georgetown Rail—Nate Bachman, Manager Marketing Development
- Harbour Contractors—Karen Corless, VP Logistics
- RFTrax, Inc.—Jim Felt, National Sales Manager
- S&C Distribution—A. J. Newlands, Sales Representative; Paul Roberts, Sales Representative
- Rail Sciences, Inc.—Sara Foltz, Director of Marketing
- Railpower Hybrid Technologies—Randy Slomski, Sales Representative
- Union Switch & Signal—Robert Galbraith, Director Railroad Systems

Members mourn death of John Skinner

Friends and family mourn the loss of long-time AARS member John Skinner, 65, who died in January.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Skinner retired after 30 years of dedicated service with Amtrak. He loved his family, fishing and golfing. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, five children and 10 grandchildren.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD SUPERINTENDENTS
112th Annual Meeting and Technical Showcase July 20-22, 2008
 The Hilton on St. Charles, New Orleans, LA – 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667)
 (Only one registrant and spouse/guest per form please)

Name _____ Title _____
(PRINT NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON BADGE)

Company _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Spouse/Guest(s) name(s) to appear on badge(s) _____
(Business associates may not register as a spouse/guest)

	Exhibit Fee	Member	Non-Member	Spouse/ Guest	Extra Guest
Tabletop Exhibit*	\$325				
<small>(Must be accompanied by either a Member or Non-Member registration fee).</small>					
Attendee Registration		\$275	\$350	\$175	\$90

Please check all the events you and your spouse/guest(s) plan to attend:

Sunday, July 20					
Technical Showcase/Reception		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday, July 21					
Continental Breakfast		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Spouse/Guest Tour & Lunch				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Luncheon		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Monday dinner		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday, July 22					
Continental Breakfast		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Amount enclosed – Please circle all that apply:

Exhibitor's fee	\$325 (must be accompanied by appropriate registration fees)
Member registration	\$275 (includes reception, breakfasts, lunch, and dinner)
Non-member registration	\$350 (includes same as Member registration)
Spouse/Guest activities	\$175 (includes reception, lunch/tour and dinner)
*Extra guest	\$90 (includes lunch/tour and dinner)
Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

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Registration form cannot be accepted without an accompanying check. Mail completed form and check (U.S. funds) to AARS, P.O. Box 456, Tinley Park IL 60477-0456. An 85% refund will be given for cancellations made before July 10. There will be no refunds for cancellations after that date. Questions concerning the meeting and exhibit should be directed to the AARS office at 708-342-0210 or e-mail to aars@railroadsuperintendents.org.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with The Hilton on St. Charles, New Orleans, LA, 1-800-445-8667. In order to take advantage of the group room rate of \$129, you must indicate that you will be attending the AARS 112th Annual Meeting and Technical Showcase when making your reservations. The hotel's cut-off date is June 25th.

OUR MISSION: To be a professional and educational association for persons engaged in the planning, design, management, supervision and/or regulation of, or the training of persons for, operations of the North American freight, passenger and metropolitan transit railroad systems. The Association shall gather, develop, evaluate and disseminate information for promoting railroad safety, reliability and efficiency by enhancing the knowledge, skills and professionalism (and thereby the effectiveness) of each member.

Officers:

- President:** Tom Lobello, COO, New Orleans, Public Belt Railroad
- First Vice President:** Ron Batory, President & CEO, Conrail
- Second Vice President:** Gerry Gates, V.P. Safety & Rules Compliance, Genesee & Wyoming
- Third Vice President:** Don Orseno, Director Safety & Rules, Metra, Chicago
- Fourth Vice President:** Earl Wacker, Director CTCO, CSX, Chicago
- Treasurer:** Nick Babich, Senior Mgr. Operations, EJ&E, Gary, IN

This is your newsletter

AARS Journal appears under the direction of the board and administrative manager Pat Weissmann. For news coverage, contact News Link newsletter office at 402-475-6398, fax 402-475-6398 or mail 1845 S. 11th Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-2211. E-mail dave@newslink.com. This material is intended to be an overview of AARS news. In the case of discrepancies between this newsletter and official documents, those documents govern. AARS reserves the right to alter, suspend plans and programs described in this newsletter.

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AARS Frank J. Richter Scholarships available

The American Association of Railroad Superintendents (AARS) is pleased to announce the availability of annual scholarships for eligible college or university students enrolled at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be enrolled at the time of application as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university. Preference will be given to those applicants enrolled in the transportation field and all applicants will be considered.
- Demonstrate successful completion of the previous year's study by maintaining at least a 2.75 accumulated grade point average on a scale of 1 to 4 with an "A" equal to 4.
- Accumulate enough credits from accredited school(s) in time for the Fall Semester to have obtained at least a sophomore level standing at the college or university of enrollment.

Amount of Scholarship Award—\$1,000.00

Scholarship funds, awarded annually, are sent to the Financial Aid Office at each recipi-

ent's institution at the beginning of the Fall Term of his/her second year of study.

Application Deadline—June 1st

Applications must be sent to the President of the AARS and postmarked no later than June 1st for consideration for the following Fall Term. Applications are available through the AARS web site, www.railroad-superintendents.org, or the AARS Office, PO Box 200, La Fox, IL 60174, 331-643-3369.

Application Process

To apply for the Frank J. Richter scholarship the following materials must be completed and submitted to the President of the AARS:

1. A completed Application for Undergraduate/ Graduate Scholarship Program form including the narrative requested in Section E of the Application.
2. An official transcript from the school(s) attended, including work completed through May of the year application is made.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

The application and narrative statement are to be submitted in one envelope. Arrange to have transcript(s) and letters of recommendation sent directly to AARS from the appropriate person.

Evaluation and Notification

The AARS Scholarship Committee will

base its evaluation for awards on the materials submitted. Points will be assigned for the narrative, recommendations, activities and honors and the applicant's overall abilities.

Candidates will be notified of the Committee's decision by September 1st.

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