

# NATIONAL COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

## OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE



*“New Era of Super Trains-  
Technology & Maintenance  
Considerations”*



**JUNE 6-8, 2022**

Château on the Lake, Branson, Missouri

### **Monday, June 6**

- All Day **Conference Registration Packets  
at the Hotel Check-In Desk**
- 9:00 am **Private Car Owner Roundtable  
Voting Members – Vienna Room**
- 11:30 Lunch by individual arrangement
- 1:00 pm **Private Car Owner Roundtable  
All Members – Vienna Room**
- 5:30 to **Welcome Reception**  
6:30 pm **Milan/Venice/Florence**

### **Tuesday, June 7**

- 7:30 am **Breakfast – Edinburgh Room**
- 8:00 **General Session – Vienna Room**
- Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
**John Ward – Executive Director**  
**Cathy LeFevers – O&M Ex. Committee  
Chairperson**  
**Safety Brief- Kevin Koepke, ARS**
- 8:15 *Welcome to Branson*  
**Dan Hart, VP Sales**  
**LEJAK & Associates, Inc.**
- 8:30 **Onboard Wireless Monitoring System for  
Railroad Rolling Stock Components**  
**Brent Wilson, Chief Technology Officer**  
**HUM**
- 9:00 *Moisture in Auxiliary Train Line- Causes,  
Affects, and Solutions*  
**Wayne Precure, Business Develop. Mgr.**  
**Aventics a division of Emerson**
- 9:30 **Coffee Break**

- 10:00 *Golf Pairings:* **Karl Van Norman**
- 10:15 *Rail Equipment and Finance Market Update*  
**David Nahass, President**  
**Railroad Financial Corp.**
- 10:45 *In-Train Energy Management*  
**Jonathan Sunde, Chief Engineer**  
**Strato, Inc.**
- 11:15 *Advancements in Rail Bearing Technology*  
**Tim Wacker, Rail Manager**  
**Iljin**
- 12:00 pm Lunch by Individual Arrangement
- 1:30 *TTCI Updates on “Very Long Train Study” and  
AAR Initiatives*  
**Karen Carriere, Assist. VP Tech Svcs.**  
**MxV Rail (Formerly TTCI)**
- 2:15 *Very Long Coal Trains & the Effects on the  
National Railroad System*  
**Jared Cassity, Alt. Nat’l Legislative Dir.**  
**SMART National Legislative Office**
- 2:45 **Coffee Break**
- 3:00 *Brake Issues that Impact Rail Transportation*  
**Mark Michel, Dir. of Engineering**  
**Amsted Rail Company**
- 3:30 *Controlled Motion*  
**Jose Flores, Rail Business Development**  
**Fras-Le North America Inc.**
- 5:30 **Reception**  
**The Garden Terrace**

### **Wednesday, June 8**

- 8:00 – **Breakfast**  
8:30 am **Edinburgh Room**

- General Session – Vienna Room**
- 8:30 *Urgent Issues in Freight Rail Service & the Surface Transportation Board*  
**Emily Regis, President and John Ward, Ex. Director**  
**National Coal Transportation Assoc.**
- 9:00 *Draft Gear Specifications Must Change to Meet New Demands*  
**John Deppen, Director Engineering**  
**Amsted Rail Company**
- 9:30 **Coffee Break**
- 9:50 *Repair Shop Panel Discussion*  
**Kevin Koepke, Cathcart Rail**  
**Greg Mayo, High Country Railcar**  
**Dwight Porter, Progress Rail**  
**Karl Van Norman, TSI**
- 10:20 *BNSF Brake Health Effectiveness*  
**Pat Whelan, Dir. Mechanical Engineering**  
**BNSF**
- 10:50 *Traffic Challenges in the Precision Scheduled Railroading Era: A Labor Perspective from BLET*  
**Vince Verna, VP & Nat'l Legislative Rep.**  
**Teamsters Rail Conference**
- 11:20 **Conference Adjournment**

**NCTA Golf Tournament:  
POINT ROYALE GOLF CLUB**



**Golfer's Pizza Party 11:45 am**  
**Tee Times Commence at 12:00 pm**

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