

NATIONAL COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE



*“Navigating the Future of Rail
Transportation”*



MAY 8-10, 2023

The Scott Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona

Monday, May 8

- All-Day **Conference Registration Packets
at the Hotel Check-In Desk**
- 9:00 am **Private Car Owner Roundtable
Voting Members – Orangedale Ballroom**
- 11:00 **Private Car Owner Roundtable
All Members – Orangedale Ballroom**
- 12:00 pm Lunch by individual arrangement
- 2:00 **General Session – Orangedale Ballroom
Welcome & Opening Remarks
John Ward – Executive Director
Kevin Johnson – O&M Ex. Committee
Chairperson
Safety Brief- Kevin Koepke, Cathcart**
- 2:15 *Welcome to Arizona*
**Emily Regis, President
NCTA**
- 2:45 *Reconditioning Process: Inspecting Defects
& Their Repair*
**Fred Schulte, Vice President
Phoenix Bearings**
- 3:15 *Car Maintenance Update*
**Pat Whelan, Dir. of Mech. Engineering
BNSF**
- 4:00 *Coal Transportation: Challenges for the Resource
and the Rails that Carry It*
John Ward, Executive Director, NCTA
- 5:30 to 7:00 pm **Welcome Reception
Orangedale Patio and South Lawn**

Tuesday, May 9

- 7:30 am **Breakfast – Orangedale Ballroom & Patio**
- 8:30 **General Session – Orangedale Ballroom**

- 8:30 **Delivering the Future of Distribution for Bulk &
Break-Bulk Commodities**
Ken Sherman, President, Intellitrans
- 9:00 *Hot Bearings and Derailment Risk: Are We
Relying on the Wrong Data?*
Brent Wilson, CTO, HUM
- 9:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:10 *Brake Cylinder Maintaining via Control Valves*
**Gary Rogers, Sr. Mgr. OE Freight Sales
New York Airbrake**
- 10:40 *Technology Transformation for Rail Shipping*
**Daniel Anderson, VP, Strategic Mkt. &
Product Development, Trinity Industries**
- 11:10 *How Rail Fleet Management is
Changing
With the Generational Demographic Shift*
**Martin Lew, CEO & Founder
Commtrex**
- 11:40 pm Lunch by Individual Arrangement
- 1:15 *Sales & Operations Planning & Network
Optimization*
**Terese Hunwick, VP, Supply Chain
Eco Material Technologies**
- 1:45 *The Role of a Shop in an Efficient & Successful
Maintenance Plan*
**Kevin Koepke, VP of Sales, Repair Services
Cathcart Rail**
- 2:15 **Coffee Break**
- 3:00 *Railcar Teardown Recap*
**Keith McCabe, Amsted, Steve Dobies, A.
Stucki**
- 3:30 *Repair Shop Panel Discussion*
Kevin Koepke, Cathcart Rail

Greg Mayo, High Country Railcar
Dwight Porter, Progress Rail
Karl Van Norman, TSI

5:30 Reception in The Lobby Lounge with
Entertainment provided by Flutes & Roses

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 am Breakfast - Orangedale Ballroom

8:45 General Session –
*Welcome, Safety Share, and Anti-trust
Admonition*
John Ward, Ex. Director, NCTA

9:00 *Improvements to Coupler Performance*
Joe Gagliardino and Matt Todt
Mechanical Committee of Standard
Coupler Manufacturers

9:30 *NCTA Utility On-Time Performance Metric
Survey Overview*
Emily Regis, President, NCTA

9:50 BREAK Sponsored by



10:15 *America's Coal Associations Working
Together*
Jason Bostic, Vice-President
West Virginia Coal Association

10:45 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mike Nasi, Partner
Jackson Walker, LLP

11:30 Conference Adjournment

NCTA Golf Tournament: McCORMICK RANCH GOLF CLUB



Golfer's Lunch: Lakeview Room 11:50-12:45
Shotgun Start: Palm Course 12:50 pm

6:00 NCTA Scholarship Reception

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