

NATIONAL COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE



*“Adapting to Change in
Railcar Fleet Management”*



MAY 20-22, 2024

The Chattanooga Hotel, Chattanooga, TN

Monday, May 20

- All-Day Conference Registration Packets at the Hotel Check-In Desk
- 9:00 am Private Car Owner Roundtable Voting Members – Walker Room
- 11:00 Private Car Owner Roundtable All Members – Walker Room
- 12:00 pm Lunch by individual arrangement
- 2:00 General Session – Amphitheater
Welcome & Opening Remarks
John Ward – Executive Director
Kevin Johnson – O&M Ex. Committee Chairperson
Safety Brief- Kevin Koepke, Cathcart
- 2:15 Welcome to Chattanooga, TN
Tim Armstrong, Coal & Trans Origination, Spec, TVA
- 2:45 Industry Work on Bearing Temperature Trending
Kim Bowling, Mech Ops, CSX
- 3:45 MxV Rail & AAR Technical Services Update
Karen Carriere, AVP Technical Services, MxV Rail
- 5:30 to 6:45 pm Welcome Reception
High Rail

Tuesday, May 21

- 7:30 am Breakfast – Ochs/Kelly
- 8:15 General Session – Amphitheater
- 8:15 Onboard Wireless Monitoring System for Railroad Rolling Stock Components- Field Test Results & Review
Brent Wilson, CTO, HUM

- 9:05 Bearings Gone Bad-Common Failure Modes
Tim Wacker, Rail Manager
ILJIN Bearings
- 9:35 Tracking Your Trains & Cars- Not Good Enough Anymore
John Schmitter, Co-Founder & CCO, RailState
- 10:25 Coffee Break
- 10:45 Improved Coupler Performance Since the Intro. of the Improved Engagement Knuckle
Joe Gagliardino | Dir. of Engineering & Quality
McConway & Torley, LLC
- 11:05 Digitalization of the NA Fleet, What's Changed?
Brad Myers, EVP & COO
Amsted
- 11:55 Lunch by Individual Arrangement
- 1:15 The Future of Machine Vision
Brian Yeager, Sr. Mgr. Digital Inspection
Norfolk Southern Railroad
- 1:50 Sensor-free Technology for Maximum Value; Bogie IQ
Todd Snyder, Dept. Head, R&D
Amsted Digital Solutions
- 2:35 Corrosion and Erosion: Considerations for Assessing "Wear and Tear" of Railcars
Kate Cheng, Senior Engineer
Exponent
- 3:05 Coffee Break
- 3:15 Advancements in Tread Conditioning Brake Shoes
Barry Clark, Dir. USMCA Marketing & Sales
Railroad Friction Products
- 3:45 Repair Shop Panel Discussion
Kevin Koepke, Cathcart Rail
Greg Mayo, High Country Railcar

Dwight Porter, Progress Rail
Karl Van Norman, TSI

5:00 Cocktail Reception – Stills & Mash
6:00 Depart for Dinner at the TN Valley Railroad

Wednesday, May 22

7:45 am Breakfast – Ochs/Kelley



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8:40 General Session – Amphitheater
Welcome, Safety Share, and Anti-trust Admonition
John Ward, Ex. Director, NCTA

8:45 *An Overview and Outlook for the Rail Car Fleet*
Richard Kloster, President & Founder
Integrity Rail Partners

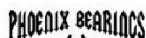
9:30 BREAK-



9:40 *Defending Fossil Fuels*
Larry Behrens, Comm Director
Power the Future

10:30 *Railroads- A View from Wall Street*
Ken Hoexter, Managing Dir., Bank of America Global Research

11:15 Conference Adjournment
NCTA Golf Tournament:
MCLEMORE GOLF CLUB
32 CLUBHOUSE LN. RISING FARM, GA
TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 1:00 PM



6:00 NCTA Scholarship Reception- High Rail



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*Golf: Wednesday afternoon at Lowes
Ventana Canyon*