

CHICAGO RAILROAD MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the Board President Bruce Kehe

The Chicago Railroad Mechanical Association held its January 8th, 2018 meeting at the Odyssey Golf Course and Banquets.

The CRMA meeting on Jan. 8, 2018 marked the 29th consecutive year that Railway & Industrial Services Inc. (RIS) has hosted the CRMA dinner and sponsored members of the AAR Rules committee to speak about the new rule changes for the upcoming year. RIS is a freight car repair facility occupying 40 acres located on the border of Crest Hill and Joliet Illinois. They are an M-1003 Certified Car Shop under the M-214 AAR Standard for all Side Frame and Bolster Repair and Reconditioning. RIS is also RULE 88 Certified for Rebuilds, Modifications, as well as Heavy Wreck Repairs. The company also has a separate division - Railway & Industrial Specialties. In addition to supplying parts for railcar repair, they build steel fabrications, tools and test equipment for a variety of Railroads, Railcar Lease Companies and Engineering Firms. Their products are being used at the AAR transportation test center and have been used in a number of FRA Sponsored tests.

We had 59 people in attendance, including 3 past presidents – Tom Grittani, Rudy Bussard and Jack Hunt.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Past President Rudy Bussard - won the 50/50 drawing of \$33.00 and donated back to the club

Our February Meeting is Monday February 12th with Wi-Tronix presenting.

Wi-Tronix is a leading provider of remote monitoring, video analytics, and predictive diagnostic solutions for high-value mobile assets in rail, marine, mining, and other industrial markets. Utilizing both edge computing and cloud-based SaaS services, Wi-Tronix provides real-time data aggregation and analytics on an unprecedented scale.

Please email CRMA if you will be attending the February 12th dinner meeting.

Meeting Schedule

February 12, 2018 - Meeting (Presenter Wi-Tronix)

March 12, 2018 - Meeting (Motive Power Resources)

April 9, 2018 - Meeting (CN Railroad)

May 14, 2018 - Meeting (Presenter JMA Railroad Supply Group)

June 1, 2018 - Summer Golf Outing

New members are encouraged to join, and we encourage past members to continue to support our association. Any company or individual interested in joining our association can contact Joe Malacina at thecrma1988@gmail.com for information.

Our meetings are held at:

The Odyssey Golf Course and Banquets
19110 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois
The Odyssey does not have a dress code requirement.
Social Hour 5:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

Note: Please visit our updated website at www.thecrma.org

Membership dues of the Chicago Railroad Mechanical Association 2017/2018 Season

Annual Membership Fees:

Railroad (company):	\$200.00
Supplier (company):	\$225.00
Railroader (individual):	\$ 30.00
Supplier (individual):	\$ 30.00
Retired Railroad/Supplier (individual)	\$ 15.00

Monthly Meeting Fees:

Railroad:	No cost
Supplier:	\$ 30.00
Retired Railroad/Supplier:	\$ 15.00
Media & Press Organizations:	\$30.00 Fee to attend monthly meetings

*Retired Railroaders and Suppliers will not be charged a monthly dinner fee the first season after they retire.

Please note: The menu for February meeting is Tuscan Sausage & Kale Soup, Mixed Green Salad, Filet & Grilled Chicken, Garlic Smashed Red Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables and Rainbow Sherbet. A vegetable dinner is available for those who prefer a different menu; however, Joe Malacina must be notified via email (thecrma1988@gmail.com) by February 5th, 2018

Bruce Kehe, President

2017/2018 Paid Memberships

Railroad Memberships

Amtrak
Belt Railway Company Of Chicago
Canadian Pacific Railroad
The Chicago Car Interchange Bureau
Chicago Southshore & South Bend RR

CN Railroad
Gary Railway Company
Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad
Wells Fargo Rail

Supplier Companies

All American Recycling
AmeriSource
Anglo Kemlite Laboratories
Arconic Fastening Systems & Rings
Amsted Rail
Bucyrus Railcar Repair
CAD Railway Industries
Cardwell Westinghouse
CF Rail Services
Chicago Freight Car Leasing Co.
CIT Group
Claeven LTD
Clark Industrial Power
Dalko Resources Inc.
DFW Grating
Diesel Electrical Equipment
Elcon Inc.
Electric Motor Services
GATX Corporation
Greenbrier Rail Services
Hadaday Corporation
Hatch and Kirk Inc.
Hillard Enterprises, Inc.
Holland
HotStart
JMA Railroad Supply Company
Lejak and Associates
Magnus LLC
Metalex
Metro East Industries
MIBA Bearings
Miller Felpax Company
Miner Enterprises

Mobile Rail Solutions
Motive Power Equipment
MPRC Seals
National LST Service Corporation
New York Air Brake
NRE – National Railway Equipment Co.
P.D.I. Power Drives
Phoenix Bearings
Pico Chemical Corporation
PLS – Professional Locomotive Services
Power Rail
Quality Rail Service Inc.
R&W Machine
Rail Exchange
Rail Industry Specialist Inc,
Rail Products
Railhead Corporation
Railway & Industrial Services, Inc.
RAS Data Services
RJ Corman Railroad Services LLC
Saf-T-Gard International Inc.
STV Inc.
Sharma & Associates
Solutions Plus, Inc.
Steel Services Enterprises, Inc.
Strato Inc.
Transco Railway Products
Unity Railway Supply Products
Wi-Tronix
Williams Hayward Protective Coatings
Wheelworx
Windy City Railway Services
Zeftek, Inc.