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## CRMA Newsletter -April 2019

Adela Ortega, President

### New Meeting Date for April is Monday April 1st

On Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> the Chicago Railroad Mechanical Association held its February meeting.

Mr. Nick Salem with CN was our guest speaker, Nick reviewed many facets of reliability, maintenance and technology opportunities for rail cars. Feel free to email Nick directly with any questions Nicholas.Salem@cn.ca

We had 52 attendees including 6 past presidents- Bruce Kehe, Jim May, Tom Grittani, Jack Hunt, Jerry Gruender and Rudy Bossard.  
Thank you for your continuing support.

Ed Skelly from Amglo Kemlite Laboratories won split the pot for \$26.00 and kindly donated it back to the club. Thank You Ed

#### News & Announcements:

Scholarship Applications are available online at [www.thecrma.org](http://www.thecrma.org)

**Please visit our website and pay your dinners fees on line [www.thecrma.org](http://www.thecrma.org)**

The club welcomed new board member Wayne Wiza from the Wisconsin and Southern Railroad. Wayne is Chief Mechanical Officer. Welcome aboard Wayne.

There is also another CRMA Board opening for a Railroad Member, please email [crma@thecrma.org](mailto:crma@thecrma.org) or contact a board member if interested.

**Our next meeting is April 1st starting at 5PM with social hour.**

**Our speaker for the April meeting will be the BNSF Railroad. More details to follow.**

#### Meeting Dates and Presenters:

**April 1, 2019 \*\*FIRST MONDAY\*\* - Meeting (BNSF Locomotive & Vendor Relationships)**

**May 13, 2019 - Meeting - Union Tank Car**

**June 7, 2019 - Summer Golf Outing**

. Please note: The menu for the April meeting is – Pan Seared Chicken & Midwestern Filet Medallions, Cream of Chicken Soup, Caesar Salad, Au Gratin Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables and Chocolate Ice-cream. A vegetable dinner is available for those who prefer a different menu; however, Joe Malacina must be

notify by March 25th

CRMA 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 website at [www.thecrma.org](http://www.thecrma.org) for all club information.

Membership dues of the Chicago Railroad Mechanical Association 2018/2019 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
<b>Media &amp; Press Organizations:</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

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

New members are encouraged to join, and hopefully past members will continue to support our association. If your company or if you know of any company interested in joining our association, please contact Joe Malacina at [crma@thecrma.com](mailto:crma@thecrma.com)

**If you haven't received your Membership Invoice, please email Joe Malacina at [crma@thecrma.com](mailto:crma@thecrma.com) or download a form from our website. [www.thecrma.org](http://www.thecrma.org)**

**Thank You - Board President Adela Ortega**