

# **CHICAGO RAILROAD MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION**

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## ***Happy Holidays Letter from the Board President Bruce Kehe***

The Chicago Railroad Mechanical Association held its December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting at the Odyssey Golf Course and Banquets.

Nick Chodorow, Chief Information Officer, Belt Railway Co. of Chicago presented on the intricacies of implementing Positive Train Control (PTC) at December's meeting. The presentation indicated the immense planning, front end personnel, mechanical, and operational issues needed. The largest risk areas to successful implementation of PTC are the ability of the vendors to deliver on what they've promised the required change in railroad culture, and the lack of FRA resources to support FRA documentation approvals, testing, and certification. One of the biggest lessons learned is that PTC has no end date. It is not a project that is implemented and then forgotten. It is a change in the way railroads will operate. Future generations will not think of PTC as a standalone item but as a core component of how railroads are run.

We had 74 people in attendance, including 5 past presidents – Tom Grittani, Jim May and Bill Macak, Rudy Bossard and Jerry Gruender.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Sam Lord - PLS Locomotive - won the 50/50 drawing of \$43.00

### **Our January Meeting is Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> with the AAR Rules Update.**

Ron Hynes (AVP Technical Services at the AAR) and Gary Nelson (Director of Operations - Freight Car Repair at the Sidney and Lowe Railroad, and ARB member) will present the 2018 Field and Office Manual Rule Changes.

**Please email CRMA if you will be attending the January 8<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting.**

### **Meeting Schedule**

January 8, 2018 - Meeting (Railway & Industrial Services, Inc. – AAR Rules Update)

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](mailto: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](http://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 January meeting is – Cream of Chicken soup, Mixed Greens salad, Roasted Vegetables, Garlic Smashed New Red Potatoes, Oven Roasted French Breast of Chicken and Chocolate Ice Cream for dessert. A vegetable dinner is available for those who prefer a different menu; however Joe Malacina must be notified via email ([thecrma1988@gmail.com](mailto:thecrma1988@gmail.com)) by January 4th, 2017

Bruce Kehe, President

**2017/2018 Paid Memberships.**

<b>Railroad Memberships</b>	The Chicago Car Interchange
Belt Railway Company Of Chicago	Bureau
Chicago Southshore and South Bend	CN Railroad
RR	Wells Fargo Rail
Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad	Amtrak

**Supplier Companies**

All American Recycling  
AmeriSource  
Amglo 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  
DFW Grating  
Diesel Electrical Equipment Inc  
Elcon Inc  
GATX Corporation  
Greenbrier Rail Services  
Hadady Corporation  
Hatch and Kirk Inc.  
Hillard Enterprises Inc  
Holland  
HotStart  
JMA Railroad Supply Company  
Lejak and Associates  
Magnus LLC  
Metalex Corporation  
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 -Natioal 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  
Sharma & Associates  
Solutions Plus Inc.  
Steel Services Enterprises Inc.  
Strato Inc.  
Transco Railway Products  
Unity Railway Supply Products  
Windy City Railway Services  
Williams Hayward Protective Coatings  
Wi-Tronix  
Wheelworx

