

# **CHICAGO RAILROAD MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION**

*CHICAGO RAILROAD DIESEL CLUB – CHICAGO RAILROAD CAR ASSOCIATION*

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

The Chicago Railroad Mechanical Association held its April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting at the Odyssey Golf Course and Banquets.

Deville A. Brown Sr. (Car Asset Manager) from the CN Railroad presented an overview of his role as Asset Manager. He also discussed some of the program work for railcars.

Asset Management is responsible for the availability and reliability of different car groups. They monitor online failures, product reliability and component life cycles. Asset Managers works closely with vendors to insure the best possible products for their rail cars.

Current program work at the CN includes a constant flow of Auto Racks and some miscellaneous box cars and hoppers. Asset Managers monitored their fleet and their customers' requirements to ensure the proper railcar is available for the freight market.

We had 38 people in attendance, including 3 past presidents – Tom Grittani, Bill Macak and Jerry Gruender.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Dave Skrzypiec- CP Rail - won the 50/50 drawing of \$19.00

**Our May Meeting is Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> with JMA Railroad Supply Company presenting and a special presentation from the LMOA.**

**JMA** Railroad Supply Company represents 9 premier manufacturers of locomotive, car and track components. We work closely with the Short Line, Industrial and Re-builders across the country. JMA has also developed close relationships with several Class 1 Railroads

The **LMOA** (Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association) is a Non-Profit organization consisting of Railroaders and Rail Vendors for the sole mission to offer improvements and recommendations for a safer and more reliable Rail Operation. In addition, the LMOA's mission also includes reducing maintenance costs, improving locomotive productivity, and reducing the environmental impact of locomotive operations and maintenance.

**Please email CRMA if you will be attending the May14<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting.**

## **Meeting Schedule**

May 14, 2018 - Meeting (Presenter JMA Railroad Supply Group) and Special Guest LMOA.

## 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 May 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](mailto:thecrma1988@gmail.com)) by May 5th, 2018.

Bruce Kehe, President

## 2017/2018 Paid Memberships.

### **Railroad Memberships**

Belt Railway Company of Chicago  
Chicago Southshore and South Bend  
RR  
Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad  
The Chicago Car Interchange  
Bureau  
CN Railroad  
Wells Fargo Rail  
Amtrak  
CP Railroad  
Chicago Freight Car Leasing Co.  
CIT Group  
GATX Corporation

### **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 Railroad Parts Supply  
Chicago Jack Service Inc.

Claeven LTD  
Clark Industrial Power  
Cranemasters Inc.  
Dalko Resources Inc.  
DFW Grating  
Diesel Electrical Equipment Inc  
Elcon Inc  
Electric Motor Services  
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  
Motive Equipment Inc.  
Mobile Rail Solutions  
Motive Power Equipment  
Motive Power Resources Inc.  
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  
Rescar Companies  
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  
Windy City Railway Services  
Williams Hayward Protective Coatings  
Wi-Tronix  
Wheelworx  
Zeftek Inc.

