

Air Brake Association Technical Program Schedule

Held in Conjunction with *Railway Interchange 2017*
September 17 - 20, 2017 | Indianapolis, IN



Sunday, September 17

Railway Interchange 2017 General Schedule

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Event Registration
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 Reception 3:30 – 6:00pm

Monday, September 18

Railway Interchange 2017 General Schedule

6:45 AM – 6:00 PM Event Registration
7:30 – 8:50 AM General Session & Keynote
8:50 – 9:20 AM Coffee Break (500 Ballroom)
9:30 AM – 6:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 Lunch 11:30am – 1:30pm, Reception 4:30 – 6:00pm

ABA Conference Schedule – Joint Session with IAROO (morning only) Room 131

10:00 AM ABA President Robert LeBlanc and IAROO President Mike Mattson Opening Remarks
Safety Briefing and Introduction of the Board Members

10:15 AM What Happens when the NTSB Investigates
Presented by: Jim Southworth, Investigator-in-Charge, National Transportation Safety Board and Georgette Gregory, NTSB Office of Rail, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials

11:00 AM Additional Means of Railcar Securement using DP Remote Locomotives
Presented by: Robert LeBlanc, Sr. Transportation Engineer, Canadian National Railway

11:45 AM Lunch – Exhibit Hall

ABA Conference Afternoon Sessions Room 132

1:00 PM Wayside Wheel Temperatures: A Discussion
Presented by: Edward Gaughan, Director of Product Evaluation & Compliance, Wabtec

1:30 PM The Brake Systems Committee in 2017
Presented by: Don Francisco, President, Brake Systems Committee

1:45 PM Stability Testing of Suspect Brake Valves
Presented by: Scott Cummings, Principal Investigator, TTCI

2:15 PM Break

- 2:30 PM Requirements of Signal Systems and Impact on Braking**
Presented by: Gregory A. Gagarin, Principal Consultant, SNC Lavalin
- 3:15 PM Be Air Prepared . . . Winter is Coming**
Presented by: TBD, Canadian Air Brake Club
- 3:45 PM Bringing the ASCTD to Passenger Rail**
Presented by: Colin Rittgers, President, I S Technology Solutions
- 4:15 PM Reception – Exhibit Hall**

Tuesday, September 19

Railway Interchange 2017 General Schedule

- 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM Event Registration
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
Breakfast 8:00am – 10:00am, Lunch 11:30 – 1:30pm

ABA Conference Sessions Room 132

- 9:00 AM ABA President Robert LeBlanc Remarks**
Presidential Salute
- 9:15 AM Treasurer’s Report**
Presented by: Bruce McConnell, Secretary/Treasurer ABA
- 9:30 AM End Hose Gladhand Dimensions and Separation Forces**
Presented by: Scott Cummings, TTCl
- 10:00 AM Hot & Cold Wheel Detection – Integration into S&L**
Presented by: Bill Sheesley, Manager Mechanical Engineering Car, Union Pacific
- 10:30 AM Tracking Air Brake Components**
Presented by: Kevin Allin, Manager AAR Billing, BNSF Railway
- 11:00 AM Break**
- 11:15 AM Thank You**
David Cummings, Director Car Maintenance Planning, Canadian Pacific Railway
- 11:30 AM Closing Business**
Bill Gallagher, Regional Sales Manager, Knorr Brake Ltd.
Passing of the Gavel
Drawing for Fred Carlson Painting – **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**ABA will reconvene at the RSI/CMA 2018 Rail Expo & Technical Conference on
Sept 9-11, 2018 in Nashville, Tennessee**

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