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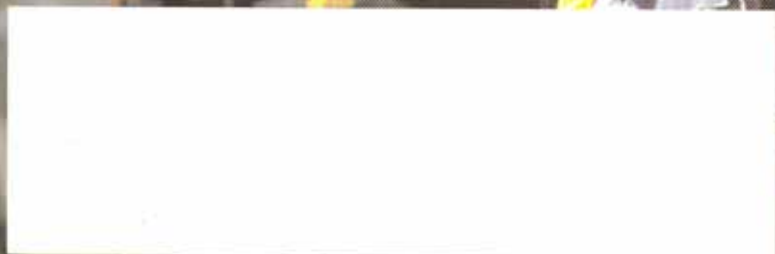
MEET THE '06 CHAMPS

> BUFFALO & PITTSBURGH &
> GEORGIA MIDLAND

SEATTLE IN
TRANSIT

TRAFFIC
CONTROL
SYSTEMS:

TOO COLD,
TOO HOT,
OR JUST RIGHT?



meetings

April 23-25

ASLRRRA Annual Convention, Orlando, Fla. Kathy Cassidy, ASLRRRA, E-mail: kcassidy@aslrrra.org; Website: www.aslrrra.org.

May 2-3

U.S. DOT Intermodal Freight Technology Working Group and IANA Intermodal Operations & Maintenance Seminar, Oak Brook, Ill. IANA, E-mail: iana@intermodal.org; Website: www.intermodal.org.

May 2-4

Electric Power 2006, including ASME Power, Combined Cycle Users' Group, and PRB Coal Users' Group meetings, Atlanta, Ga. Trade Fair Group, E-mail: barbarab@tradefairgourp.com; Website: www.electricpowerexpo.com.

May 7-10

American Railway Development Association Centennial Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Gil Tyckson, (952) 828-9750; Website: www.amraildev.com.

May 15

Advanced Rail Management and Interface Journal Principles of Wheel/Rail Interaction (presented in conjunction with the 12th Annual Wheel/Rail Interaction Seminar), Chicago, Ill. Brandon Koenig, 847/808-1818. Website: www.wheel-rail-seminars.com

May 16-17

Advanced Rail Management and Interface Journal 12th annual Wheel/Rail Interaction Seminar, Chicago, Ill. Brandon Koenig, (847) 808-1818. Website: www.wheel-rail-seminars.com

May 21-23

TMCA Annual Marketing Conference & Expo, Keystone, Colo. TMCA: (952) 442-5638, ext. 208; Website: www.TMCAtoday.com.

May 23-25

RSSI 2006 C&S Exhibition/AREMA 2006 C&S Technical Conference, Louisville, Ky. RSSI: E-mail: rssi@rssi.org; www.rssi.org. AREMA: (301) 459-3200; Website: www.arena.org.

May 23-25

19th Annual AAR and Bureau of Explosives Hazardous Materials Seminar, Kansas City, Mo. Patrick Pierce (TTCI), (719) 584-7159, Website: www.ttci.aar.com.

June 4-8

7th World Congress on Railway Research, Montreal, Canada. WCCR: E-mail: wccr2006@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca; Website: www.wccr2006.org.

June 7-9

League of Railway Industry Women Annual Conference, Baltimore, Md. Kathy Keeney, E-mail: kkeeney@cbizmedia.com; Website: www.lriw.org.

June 11-14

APTA Rail Conference, New York, N.Y. Heather Rachels, E-mail: hrachels@apta.com; Website: www.apta.com.

August 6-8

AARS Annual Meeting, Calgary, Canada. Pat Weissmann, E-mail: atweissmann@comcast.net; Website: www.supt.org.

Sept. 17-20

AREMA 2006 Annual Conference/REMSA Trade Show, Louisville, Ky. AREMA: (301) 459-3200; Website: www.arena.org. REMSA: E-mail: home@remsa.org; Website: www.remsa.org.

Sept. 17-20

RSI Annual Convention, Chicago, Ill. Howard Tonn, E-mail: rsupplya@aol.com; Website: www.rsiweb.org.

Sept. 19-22

InnoTrans 2006 (International Trade Fair for Transport Technology), Berlin, Germany. Organized by Messe Berlin GmbH. Mary Jo Balve, E-mail: mjbalve@globaltradeshows.com; Website: www.innotrans.com.

Oct. 16-17

Railway Age 13th Annual Passenger Trains on Freight Railroads Conference, Washington, D.C. Jane Poterala, E-mail: conferences@sbpub.com; Website: www.railwayage.com/conference.

100 YEARS AGO IN



(APRIL, 1906)

THE GREAT SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE AND THE

RAILWAYS The appalling calamity of earthquake and fire which on the 18th of April left a large area of the business section of San Francisco in ruin has interrupted temporarily railway traffic to and from the great California terminus. Much loss of earnings will necessarily follow while the stricken city is suffering under the sudden paralysis of ordinary trade commerce; but the railways remain, and with the aid of their powerful resources and facilities the work of restoration will be under way speedily and in time the regular flow of commerce will be resumed. Along Market street were located the offices of Southern Pacific, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Burlington, Chicago Great Western, Great Northern, Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Baltimore &

Ohio, and others, and all these offices appear to have been wiped out by shock or fire. The destruction will necessarily cause confusion and delay, but new locations will be found and the work of the traffic representatives will be resumed. The railways of the country will stand by San Francisco and proceed to help in rebuilding its suspended activities.

NEW JERSEY ELECTRIC RAILWAYS TO CARRY FREIGHT

Governor Stokes has signed a bill authorizing electric railways to carry freight through such cities and towns as may pass ordinances permitting them. Several companies are already preparing to take advantage of the law.

PENSION FOR RAILWAY WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Bounds, who for 37-plus years was employed as a car cleaner for the Baltimore & Ohio, has retired on a pension. Only three women have ever been upon the B&O pension rolls. At the time of retirement Mrs. Bound's pay was \$30 a month, which if used as the basis for pensioning at the rate adopted by others, would give her \$11 a month for the rest of her life.

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products

Wheel profile measurement system



Beena Vision Systems, Inc., offers a handheld, non-contact wheel-profile measurement system for field and shop use. In less than a

minute per wheel, LazerView is said to measure flange thickness, flange height, tread hollow, rim thickness, wheel diameter, and wheel profile. The easy-to-use system is PDA-based, and comes with PC software, including a database to store, view, compare, and analyze measured profiles and generate reports, according to the manufacturer. E-mail: info@beenavision.com; Website: www.beenavision.com.

Mechanical-locking fasteners



Stage 8 supplies several mechanical-locking fastener models to help eliminate joint failure and production downtime by preventing thread loosening. Its patented GrooveLok™ fastener locking system is said to act like a small wrench locked onto a bolt head. The locking retainer is braced against a frame or casting, for instance, to lock a bolt or nut in place. If there isn't such a brace available, a bridge-type or strap retainer can be fitted over two or three bolts, locking them together, for example. CSX Transportation has been using Stage 8 fasteners on locomotive exhaust manifolds for several years. "They create a tangible cost savings just on the periodic re-torquing, monitoring, and scheduled maintenance we used to have to perform just to make certain that these things were all but-toned down," Larry Biess, director of advanced engineering at CSX, told Stage 8 recently. E-mail: info@stage8.com; Website: www.stage8.com.