A Note From AREMA.

AREMA held its 2024 Annual Conference & Expo in Louisville, KY, from September 15-18, and we sincerely thank our Members, Exhibitors, and Supporters who made the event a success.

During this event, we received inquiries regarding future AREMA events and Railway Interchange. In the early 2000's, responding to the requests of the Class I's, AREMA, along with RSSI, REMSA, and RSI, initiated a pilot program to create a larger event: Railway Interchange, which has been held every odd year since 2011.

In 2022, AREMA's Leadership decided to withdraw from future participation in Railway Interchange for several reasons, as noted in articles authored by Past Presidents Mike Freeman and Trent Hudak from a few years ago (<u>Freeman Presidents Article, pages 27-28</u> and <u>Hudak Presidents Article pages 32-33</u>). As a result, our last year of participation in Railway Interchange was in 2023.

AREMA's Leadership remains open to our future involvement in Industry events, including Railway Interchange, provided they align with our mission, serve the best interests of our members and supporters, and are fiscally responsible. We welcome any such suggestions and are committed to exploring mutually beneficial arrangements.

Looking ahead, we are now planning for the AREMA Annual 2025 Conference & Expo, held in Indianapolis, IN, September 14-17. Booth and sponsorship sales will open in December. We look forward to you joining us for this and future events.

Thank you for your support.











