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2016 Railroad Day on the Hill - March 3, 2016

Please register now and make your travel plans for the 2016 Railroad Day on the Hill - Thursday, March 3, 2016 in Washington D.C.

**RAILROAD DAY
ON CAPITOL HILL**
March 3, 2016



Registration and information:

https://aslrta.org/web/Events/Railroad_Day

The Railroad Day event registration is FREE, but it does not include the Thursday evening reception or the dinner.

Registration costs for the Annual Legislative Reception and Dinner help pay for the VIP guests that evening. Please contact Kathy Cassidy at kcassidy@aslrta.org or 202-585-3443 with any questions.

Hill Appointments: If you wish to participate in hill appointments please contact Ashley Bosch at ashley.bosch@cch-llc.com or 202-715-1258. If there are specific Congressmen or state delegations that you wish to be scheduled with, please let Ashley know as well.

Hotel Information: The Railroad Day registration conference will be held at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel.

New Member

Bowers & Company CPAs, PLLC



www.bcpllc.com

Overflow Hotels: As overflow options, any of the 15+ hotels within walking distance of the Renaissance should suffice and beyond that, everything else is a short taxi or metro ride from the hotel. Here is a shortcut link to a hotels.com search for rooms near the Renaissance with availability for check-in date of March 2, out March 4.

<http://tinyurl.com/RRDay2016Overflow>

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Railroad Industry News

[Norfolk Southern 2016 capex reflects strategic focus toward streamlined railroad](#)

[CN targeting C\\$2.9 billion in 2016 capital investments to raise network efficiency, support long-term growth, and further strengthen safety](#)

[BNSF plans \\$4.3 billion 2016 capital plan](#)

[Union Pacific estimates \\$3.75B capital program in 2016](#)

[State of the Railroad: From the Desks of KCS CEO David L. Starling and President Patrick J. Ottensmeyer](#)

[CP posts 2015 financial results, pledges \\$1.1 billion for capex in 2016](#)

[Norfolk Southern announces further details of its strategic](#)

NRC New Member Profile

Bowers & Company CPAs, PLLC ("B&C") is a firm of certified public accountants comprised of 15 partners and a staff of over 70 professionals, offering a wide range of services in the areas of Accounting, Auditing, Taxation, Business Valuation, Financial Services, Fraud Examination, and Consulting. B&C's Short Line Railroad Industry Practice Group serves over 150 clients with operations in over thirty-five states and international locations. B&C Construction Services (a division of B&C, led by Bob Teska, CPA, CCIFP) is a provider of accounting and business advisory services to the construction industry.

For more information contact Bob Teska, 315-234-8157, rmt@bcpllc.com.

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2015 NRC Safety Awards

Congratulations to all NRC member companies who won 2015 NRC Safety Awards. For a list of all the winners, see the previous announcement: <http://conta.cc/1NQ1EcV>

[plan to reduce costs, drive profitability, and accelerate growth](#)

[NYC Mayor de Blasio unveils \\$2.5 billion Brooklyn-Queens streetcar proposal](#)

[MTA board OKs \\$663 million contract for East Side Access project](#)

[Sound Transit hires Shimmick for \\$13.2 million yard expansion, restores funding for station improvements](#)

[San Francisco MTC awards nearly \\$500 million for transit capital projects](#)

[Connecticut bond commission approves funds for Metro-North yard](#)

NRC Toolbox Talks

The NRC Safety Committee has revised and updated the NRC's Toolbox Talks. They are available for download at: <http://www.nrcma.org/safety>.

A version is available in PDF format as well as in Microsoft Word so that NRC member companies can make company or job specific changes.

Member-Get-A-Member



(Picture of the winners outside the Hotel del Coronado at the 2016 NRC Conference.)

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US Congressman Bob Goodlatte Tours Progress Rail Services in Roanoke, VA

Roanoke, VA - On February 5, U.S. Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-06) joined National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRC) member Progress Rail Services (PRS) for a tour of their locomotive and rail car services facility in Roanoke, VA.

Attendees included:

Ms. Marise Stewart, Director of Government and Industry Relations, PRS

Mr. Daniel Blocker, General Manager - Parts Division, PRS

Mr. Chad Phillips, Production Supervisor, PRS

Mr. Cecil Ferguson, Plant Manager, PRS

Mr. Pete Larkin, Chief of Staff for Rep. Goodlatte

Ms. Lindsey Collins, VP of Grassroots Advocacy at NRC

Mr. Ferguson gave an overview of PRS and their current operations. Progress Rail Services Corporation, a Caterpillar company, is one of the largest integrated and diversified suppliers of railroad and transit system products and services

Campaign

*Help Grow the NRC and
Strengthen our Voice*

Three options to help recruit new members:

1. Reply to this email with names and contact information of potential members and we'll send them a membership information package.

2. Make a quick introductory call, email the potential member and CC mbell@nrcma.org.

3. Direct a potential new member to www.nrcma.org where they can learn more about the NRC and join online.

Visit the NRC Bid Notifications page on the NRC website at:

www.nrcma.org/bids

Publicize your Rail Industry Event on www.nrcma.org/industry_calendar

If you would like to submit an event for posting on the Industry Calendar, please email info@nrcma.org.

worldwide. PRS is the world's largest builder of diesel-electric locomotives for all commercial railroad applications including freight, intercity passenger and commuter rail, switching, industrial, and mining applications.



Mr. Phillips led a tour of the facility, which was originally operated by Norfolk Southern and closed in 2000. PRS reopened the draft gear shop in Roanoke in 2002 to remanufacture rail parts, and recondition old draft gears to "like-new" condition. PRS is in the process of getting approval from the Association of American Railroads for their newly designed draft gear. PRS employs twelve people on their Roanoke team.

These congressional visits are coordinated and executed by the NRC staff with relatively little work required of the host NRC member company. If your company is interested in hosting your Congressman for a visit, please contact Lindsey Collins at lcollins@nrcma.org to begin the process.

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GREX & Herzog on Southwestern Rail Conference panel

NRC Board Member Wiggie Shell (President, Georgetown Rail Equipment Company) and Craig Ebersold of NRC Member

company Herzog participated in a panel session at the Southwestern Rail Conference on January 22, 2016 in Dallas, TX.



The panel was organized by the OneRail Coalition, of which the NRC is an active member and was part of OneRail's ongoing efforts to raise the understanding among decision-makers of the amount of good paying jobs the rail supply sector contributes to state economies. Panelists represented contractors and suppliers who procure millions of dollars' worth of goods and services to support both passenger and freight rail operations and infrastructure. Great job Wiggie & Craig!

To read the full press release [click here](#).

Source: OneRail

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FTA's New Project Management Oversight Lessons

As part of FTA's ongoing effort to promote the sharing of best practices across the transit industry, they have added new summaries about streetcar procurement and transit signal priority implementation to [FTA's repository of Lessons Learned](#) .

The Lessons Learned list is intended to increase the effectiveness of transit capital expenditures through shared experience and lessons learned on major capital transit projects.

Links:

[TTC's New Streetcar Procurement Process](#)

[Green Line Transit Signal Priority Implementation: Metro Transit's Green Line](#)

[Transit Signal Priority Implementation: Fact sheet](#)

Source: FTA

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NRC Member Siemens to open rail services center in California

Siemens will soon open a new 60,000-square-foot plant solely dedicated to rail service, maintenance and repair operations.

Located in McClellan Park, Calif., the new site will be the Siemens Mobility Customer Services U.S. headquarters and West Coast logistics hub, company officials said in a press release. The facility will house the company's rail refurbishment operations, rail bogie service center, accident repair, spare parts delivery and administrative offices.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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