



# ARDA NEWSLETTER

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**Greetings from Minnesota.** What a topsy-turvy winter in the Twin Cities. January was the warmest on record, 14.8 degrees above normal. February was a little colder with 2" of snow. Now March has come along with some below zero weather and two storms with a total of 22" of snow.

## **COME AND CELEBRATE THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OCCASION, ARDA'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

In 1906 a group of railway men gathered at the Chicago Athletic Club and decided that the time had come to form an organization to foster the advancement of the industrial, agricultural, immigration, colonization, publicity, real estate, and other development activities of the railway companies of North America; to bring about an interchange of ideas among its members; and to promote the efficiency and Importance of Railway Development Work.

The Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel in, Chicago, Illinois will be the site of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting, May 7 - 10, 2006.

**100 YEARS: A Look Back to the Future** will be this years theme. The meeting will begin with a Welcome Reception Sunday evening May 7, at the hotel.

Program 1 will feature Past President **James E. Farrell** giving us a look at the 100 year history of ARDA.

Program 2 Moderator **Wes Greavu**, Partner, Southwest Land Group, will introduce Northwestern University Professor **Robert E. Gallamore** who will give us the Economic Outlook for the decade.

Pre-luncheon speaker (to be announced) on the future of railroading and a post-luncheon welcome to Chicago by Mayor Daley or his representative.

Program 3 **Kevin Keller**, Director Rail Services, Shaw E & I, Inc will guide us through project **CREATE**, a program to relieve railroad congestion in the Chicago area.

Program 4 **Harry Hosey**, Manager, Pacific International Engineering will extol the use of computers for geophysical data.

Program 5 **K. Jack Clay** will moderate *Adventures in Environmentalism "From Past to Future"* with **Marshall L. Williams**, Sr. Vice President, Environmental Risk Solutions and **Leo B. Thorbecke**, Vice President, Earth Tech

Program 6 will be the Past and Future concerns in Real Estate management and development.

Program 7 will concern Past and Future developments in Short Line and Regional railroad development.

### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

\$395.00 for members , \$125.00 for spouses and \$495.00 for non-members. Non-member registration will include membership for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. A Registration form accompanies this ARDA Newsletter or you can use the Registration form on the web site [amraildev.com](http://amraildev.com)

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

In addition to the usual Sunday evening Welcome Reception from 6:30 to 8:00 at the hotel. Monday evening's Members Reception and Dinner will be at the Museum of Science and Industry. The reception will be by the original Burlington Northern Zephyr and the dinner in the train room which features an HO scale railroad which replicates the route from Chicago to Seattle. Busses will provide transportation to and from the hotel.

Tuesday night's President's Reception and Annual Banquet will be aboard the ship Anita Dee while we cruise the Chicago Lakefront..

**DRESS:** Business casual attire, ties and jackets not required.

**HOTEL:** The Allerton Crowne Plaza has provided a room rate of \$149 per day single/double occupancy. For reservation call **1-800-227-6963** or the hotel direct at **312-440-1500**. Be sure to mention American Railway Development Association a/k/a ARDA to get the preferred rate. **Cut-off date for reservation is April 6, 2006.** After that date the rate will be on a space available basis. The hotel is an excellent facility located at 701 N. Michigan Avenue on Chicago's Magnificent Mile. It is two blocks south of the Hancock Center and there are numerous five star restaurants nearby.

**SPOUSES TOURS:** Following the History of ARDA program on Monday morning the spouses will depart for an Architectural River Cruise and lunch at Riva Restaurant on Navy Pier. Tuesday's program will be a Highlights of Chicago bus tour.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Shuttle bus service is provided by AIRPORT EXPRESS from both O'Hare and Midway airports. The cost is \$25 per person from O'Hare and \$23 per person from Midway each way. Taxi service from O'Hare is \$35-\$40, depending on time of day, and with three or four persons is a considerable saving.

**PARKING:** The hotel does not have a garage. They provide valet parking through a nearby garage at \$38 per night. The parking fee will be included in your room charges. Keep these charges in mind if you plan to rent an automobile.

### **AUCTION ITEMS:**

Don't forget those items for the **ARDA** silent auction. Corporate specialty items - visors, radios, caps, shirts, ties, clocks, golf balls, golf towels, mugs, rulers, pens, pencils, flashlights, note pads, playing cards, etc. Any items with a railroad motif or with a railroad logo. Bring your items to the meeting or send them directly to the business office. Please ship prior to April 15, 2006 to assure timely arrival. UPS or FedEx shipments should be sent to:

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**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>  
MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION  
THEN SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION**

**SPONSORS WANTED:**

We have received several responses to our request for sponsorships for this year's meeting. We continue to look for additional companies and/or individuals to sponsor events at the workshop/seminar and annual meeting. As you prepare your budgets for the coming year please give consideration to sponsoring or co-sponsoring one of the following events:

Annual Meeting

<del>Welcome Reception</del>	<del>\$3,500</del>
Continental Breakfast (2, 1)	\$1,000
Coffee/Soft Drink Breaks (3)	\$500
Keynote Luncheon	<del>\$5,000</del> \$1,500
Members Reception & Buffet Dinner	\$8,000
<del>Past Presidents Breakfast</del>	<del>\$250</del>
Members Luncheon	\$3,500
President's Reception	<del>\$5,000</del> \$4,000
Annual Banquet	<del>\$8,500</del> \$3,000
Hospitality Suite Refreshments	\$1,200
Spouse Tour Transportation	\$850

Your sponsorship or co-sponsorship of any of the events will be greatly appreciated and will help us to continue to keep the overall costs of these meetings reasonable.

**Real Rednecks??**

We have enjoyed the redneck jokes for years. It's time to take a reflective look at the core beliefs of a culture that values home, family, country and God. If I had to stand before a dozen terrorists who threaten my life, I'd choose a half dozen or so rednecks to back me up. Tire irons, squirrel guns and grit -- that's what rednecks are made of. I hope I am one of those. If you feel the same, pass this on to your redneck friends. Ya'll know who ya' are...

You might be a redneck if: It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, "One nation, under God."

You might be a redneck if: You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

You might be a redneck if: You still say " Christmas" instead of "Winter Festival."

You might be a redneck if: You bow your head when someone prays.

You might be a redneck if: You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.

You might be a redneck if: You treat Viet Nam vets with great respect, and always have.

You might be a redneck if: You've never burned an American flag.

You might be a redneck if: You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

You might be a redneck if: You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

You might be a redneck if: You'd give your last dollar to a friend.

You got this from me, because I believe that you, like me, have just enough Red Neck in you to have the same beliefs as those talked about in this message. God Bless the USA!

May the LORD bless you & yours.....

**MEMBERSHIP NOTES:**

**NEW MEMBERS:**

We have two new members to add to your directory:

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**Jury Duty Scam**

Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS News.

In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers.

Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity just got stolen. The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, and Colorado. This (scam) is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try and bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their websites, warning consumers about the fraud.

**A NEW WAY TO CAR JACK (NOT A JOKE)**

Please keep this circulating... You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car, and get inside then you start the engine and shift into REVERSE, and you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space and you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into PARK, unlock your doors and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off! Your engine was running and they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car...

BE AWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED. Just drive away and remove the paper that is stuck to your window later, and be thankful that you read this email. I hope you will forward this to friends and family... especially to women! A purse contains all of your identification, and you certainly do NOT want someone getting your home address. They already HAVE your keys!

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