

**ARDA**  
**News Letter from the President**  
**December 1, 2006**

I would like to extend my greetings to ARDA members and an apology for not getting this newsletter out sooner. The Fall season has been very busy and we as an organization are getting a little behind the eight ball.

In November we achieved a couple of milestones, one; Jodie Jones and I visited with Gil and Marilyn Tyckoson in Minneapolis, MN and were able to get all the files into the back of my truck and transport them to the farm in Tennessee. I am in the process of transporting them further to Florida, where the Executive Committee will go through the files the day before the Workshop to determine how we will proceed with our files and record keeping. Gil has done a remarkable job and the files are very detail and up to date on all our current and past members. The transformation from what was and what is to be is a work in progress and one that we will need everyone to be patient and considerate with as we move forward. Our second milestone is that we do have our new Executive Director in place and Bill Krupinski is Executive Director and has an office set up in his home. Bill has set up the necessary bank accounts as well as the post office address. The Post Office Box address and the telephone number for the ARDA's new office are as follows:

American Railway Development Association  
Post Box 1025  
Paoli, Pa.19301  
484-467-1414.

## **Winter Workshop**

Our winter Workshop has been set for February 7, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL at the Clarion Airport Hotel and Conference Center at the Jacksonville International Airport. The workshop will run from 8:30 to 4:00 and we will be having four speakers discuss what the future holds for energy and power.

The cost of the Workshop will be \$105 for members and \$130 for non-members and you should be able to register for the workshop on line at the ARDA website at [www.amraildev.com](http://www.amraildev.com) . If that is not the case please get back with me or John Rider as soon as possible. We have set the workshop up so that many of you may be able to come in and out on the same day, if that is not possible for you the Clarion has agreed to give us a group rate of \$79.99 per night. Attached is the information for the Clarion and be sure to mention that you are attending the ARDA Workshop when you make your reservations.

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Jacksonville, FL 32218  
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## **Annual May Conference**

While staying at the Clarion if you would like to take a tour of the site for our Annual May Conference on Amelia Island, the Amelia Island Plantation has agreed to show us the facility and what we have planned for our conference.

The conference is scheduled for May 6 through 9 and we have a block of rooms reserved with ocean views and balconies for \$199.00 per night. They have also agreed to extend that rate for three days before and after our event. There is a lot of activity on Amelia Island that weekend with the Shrimp Festival on the north end of the island at Fernandina Beach. This is a great annual event with displays of art, craft, antiques and good seafood fare being offered. The whole town opens up and it is a big deal with pirates, fireworks, bands and fun going on nonstop. I will say that it is a family oriented event so if you have children I can assure you they will enjoy the Shrimp Festival.

If you want to start making your plans for the Annual Conference you can contact Amelia Island Plantation reservations at 1800 874 6878, be sure to tell them you are with the American Railway Development Association and our Reservation ID is 8AV1T3. You can also go online and visit the Amelia Island Plantation web site at [www.aipfl.com](http://www.aipfl.com) to learn more about what is available at the facility. There will be more information coming out in the near future about the conference, but you need to make sure you have your reservations in as soon as possible.

Again I would like to say that we have a lot going on and I appreciate everyone's support. Give me a call or send me an email if you have any questions.

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