

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 8 is

RAILROAD DAY ON CAPITOL HILL



**Where will YOU be on March 8?
Come to DC and join the railroad
community as we take our message
to Congress. Don't rely on the
other guy to get it done!**

Railroad Day on Capitol Hill has proven to be the single most effective way to get our message to Congress. The size of the event, the geographical diversity of the participants, and the unified railroad industry message has focused Congress on our issues like never before.

Railroad Day on Capitol Hill is only successful if a very large number of you attend. It is a day that can have a very positive impact on you. The continued success of this event is absolutely dependent on your participation. **You put the real life face on the issues that matter most to our industry.** When you turn out in force you demonstrate that those issues affect a large group of individuals who employ an even larger group of people from across the country. And you can't rely on the other guy to carry your message. You need to come to Washington and join with your fellow rail industry workers to help drive home to Congress the important role that this industry plays in restoring America's economy, improving America's environment, and connecting America to the global marketplace.

Railroad Day on Capitol Hill is not an easy day. Participants receive their list of appointments during an early morning briefing on the issues, then move through a full day of meetings with Representatives, Senators, and their staff. Some meetings are very successful, some are not. But together they create an impression and help build the momentum our professional representatives need to secure Congressional action on the issues that are most important to the health and prosperity of our businesses. A successful Railroad Day on Capitol Hill will build the foundation we need to extend the 45G railroad tax credit, preserve balanced regulation, and to bring about a more balanced transportation infrastructure spending policy.

General Information

Railroad Day is Thursday, March 8, 2012 and the event is free. The Rail Industry's Annual Legislative Reception and Dinner will be held later on the evening of the 8th, and there is a \$225 registration fee associated with the evening event. This reception and dinner continues to be an annual highlight in the rail community. Congressional, Federal and State Government agency representatives and members of the press, will all convene at this event.

Hill appointments run from as early as 9:00am and can go as late as 4:30pm, so when making your travel arrangements, please plan your flight and train times accordingly so you do not miss any of your scheduled appointments. Better yet, make plans to stay overnight and attend the Legislative Reception and Dinner and join the almost 500 representatives from all areas of the railroad industry as well as Congressional, Federal, State and Local Government agencies.

Who Should Attend?

Attendance is open to all Class I, II, and III railroad personnel, shippers, state and local government representatives, as well as members from the supplier community with an interest in furthering the political goals of the railroad industry. Additionally, in response to your requests, we have added a student registration category for middle and high school students (ages 12-18) who wish to attend with a parent. Railroad Day provides young people with an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge about our legislative system. There is also a reduced student registration fee for the Annual Legislative Reception & Dinner.

Registration

The Railroad Day event registration is FREE, but it does not include the Thursday evening reception or the dinner. Registration for the Annual Legislative Reception and Dinner is \$225 and helps us to pay for all of our special dinner guests. Please register as early as possible (and no later than February 15) so we can schedule

you on hill visits. It is much easier to request meetings and put the schedule together when we know well in advance who is going to be there.

To register contact Kathy Cassidy at kcassidy@aslrra.org or 202-585-3443.

Hotel Room Information- NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION

The cut-off date for room reservations is Wednesday, February 15, but we will likely sell out before then.

Renaissance Washington DC Downtown

(Headquarters Hotel – Site of Railroad Day Orientation and the Dinner)

The group room rate is \$218, plus 14.5% tax. To reserve your room, you can call the hotel at 202-898-9000 and mention Railroad Day to obtain our group rate. You can also make your reservations online by going to this website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasrb-renaissance-washington-dc-downtown-hotel/?toDate=3/10/12&groupCode=aslasla&fromDate=3/6/12&app=resvlink> (Please note that the link fills in the arrival and departure date. Please check the dates carefully when making your reservations.)

You are urged to make your reservations right away as the room blocks are expected to sell out quickly and we cannot get additional rooms at this low rate.

Railroad Day Schedule

Thursday, March 8, 2012 – Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel – 999 Ninth Street, NW

6:30am	Railroad Day Registration Begins
7:00am – 8:30am	Railroad Day Orientation Continental Breakfast served Pick up Hill appointment schedules and leave behind materials
8:30am	Group goes up on the Hill
9:00am – 4:30pm	Hill Appointments Take Place
4:30pm	Railroad Day Events Conclude
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Rail Industry Legislative Reception & Dinner

Questions?

- **Hill Appointments:** Jeff Van Schaick at jeff.vanschaick@cch-llc.com or 202-715-2915. If there are specific Congressmen or state delegations that you wish to be scheduled with, please contact Jeff.
- **Registration:** Kathy Cassidy at kcassidy@aslrra.org or 202-585-3443
- **Sponsorship:** Jenny Bourque at jbouque@aslrra.org or 202-585-3449

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