

# THE RSSI Communicator

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## D. F. (Bucky) Remaley Retires

On March 1, 2011 Donald F. (Bucky) Remaley retired from RSSI bringing to a close a career in the railroad signal and communications industry that spanned six decades.

Bucky began his career with the Union Switch and Signal Company in Pittsburgh, PA on January 7, 1951 as a wiring diagram designer for Centralized

Traffic Control Systems. It was a temporary job that turned into a sixty year career.

Between 1951 and 1965 Bucky held several engineering positions with US&S including CTC circuit engineer, project engineer and field engineer. Then in 1966 Bucky joined the US&S marketing department and found a home where his outgoing personality and ability to work with engineers, corporate leaders and politicians would play a key role in his success.

Soon after joining the marketing department Bucky was appointed Manager of The Highway Crossing Warning System Group, a position he held for thirteen years.

In September 1979 Bucky joined Safetran Systems Corporation as the Vice President of Government and Industry Relations where he helped to build Safetran into North America's number one supplier of crossing hardware and software equipment.

In his role with Safetran Bucky served as the liaison with all federal and state agencies pertaining to rail-highway crossing safety and as the interface between several industry associations including the Association of American Railroads (AAR), Railway Progress Institute (RPI now RSI) and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD).

It was during this time that Bucky became the voice of the supply industry in an untiring effort to ensure that the Section 130 Funding for Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety remained intact, an accomplishment for which he is rightfully proud.

He was called upon to testify on several occasions before House and Senate Committees offering information and insight that helped to establish and continue the Section 130 funding. He also testified numerous times at the FRA hearings on crossing safety and became the supplier representative to these governing bodies.

Once the funding was in place his work with the various state agencies to build their crossing programs and with Federal Highway Association to establish the highway crossing database paid huge dividends to the railroads and the public. As part of this effort, he visited and maintained constant contact with all 48 continental state DOT's. The result has been a dramatic and continuous reduction in the number of highway crossing accidents for several decades.

Bucky's interest in highway crossing safety did not end with the establishment of the section 130 funding. He also played a key leadership role along with FRA Administrator John Riley in the establishment of Operation Lifesaver Program and was a member of the original advisory council.

In his home state of Kentucky Bucky served as Chairman of the Kentucky Operation Lifesaver program and produced and directed the Kentucky Operation Lifesaver film "No Second Chance".

From 1980 to 1995 Bucky represented Safetran as a member of the RSSI Board of Directors serving two terms as the Board's president in 1985 and 1995.

Bucky retired from Safetran in January 1996 and was appointed the Executive Director of RSSI, a position he held until his retirement on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

During his 15 years as Executive Director RSSI's membership has grown from 211 members to over 275 and the number of exhibitors at the annual exhibition has experienced continual growth from 85 to over 183.

One of the growth indicators that Bucky is proud of is the ratio of supplier to customers attending the annual exhibition. In 1996 the ratio was 2.63 suppliers for every customer and by 2010 the ratio had improved to 1.3 supplier to every customer. This speaks to the benefit and value that the customers and suppliers realize from what is now referred to as the premiere trade show in the railroad engineering industry.

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There have been many changes instituted by Bucky and his staff which have led to this success including:

- 2001 format change which eliminated private parties and introduced the practice of serving three meals in the exhibit hall during the two full days of the exhibits.
- Encouraging the suppliers to have more technical people available in their booths who were familiar with the operation and functionality of the new signal and communications equipment
- This led to a significant increase in customer attendance by more hands-on field engineers and technicians as well as design and management personnel.

During Bucky's long and successful career he has often been honored for his achievements highlighted with his twice being recognized by the AAR C&S Division for outstanding achievement in 1987 and 1995. This is an honor normally reserved for those in the railroad community rather than the supplier side.

There are a lot of companies and individuals in the railroad signal and communications industry who unknowingly owe their success and their employment to the efforts and achievements of Bucky.

Mr. Donald F. Remaley will be missed as a visionary and a problem solver in an industry that will always hunger for both.



## Michael Drudy Appointed New Executive Director of RSSI

On April 4, 2011 Michael Drudy succeeded Bucky Remaley as the Executive Director of Railway System Suppliers Inc. In this position Michael will oversee the daily operations of RSSI.

Michael brings forty-four years of railroad signal industry experience to the Executive Director position having begun his career as a helper on a signal line gang for the Pennsylvania Railroad on June 19, 1967. He spent thirty-three years working on the Pennsylvania, Penn Central, Conrail and CSX railroads before retiring from CSX as the Asst. Chief Signal Engineer.

In 2001 Michael joined the sales and marketing department of Invensys rail where he worked as a product line manager for the microprocessor and application engineering product lines of Invensys.

During his career he has been an active participant on many railroad signal associations and is currently a subcommittee chairman for AREMA committee 37.

Michael has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronic Technology from Purdue University.

Michael brings a unique combination of experience as both a railroad signal manager and a supplier in the communications and signal industry.

He and his wife, Betty, have been married for forty-two years. They have two daughters and six grandchildren and currently reside in Jacksonville, FL.

We welcome Michael and the experience he brings to the Executive Director position.

# The Future of RSSI

On June 23, 2011 we had an opportunity to ask Bucky Remaley to offer his insight on the future of RSSI.

Following are his thoughts on areas of concern and recommendations for maintaining RSSI as a strong trade association.

“The elimination of section 130 funding for highway crossing warning device improvements is the single largest threat to the health of RSSI. Many companies who are members of RSSI are dependent upon this funding. The current economic climate in Washington has put this funding at great risk. If the section 130 funds are included in the state’s general highway funds rail highway crossing upgrades will not be a priority.

RSSI needs to work closely with RSI and GO21 to continue to lobby congress to keep this funding separate. In addition all members of RSSI must be continuously contacting their congressmen and senators and encourage them to vote for a highway funding bill that maintains the section 130 funding.

In order to offset this potential loss of membership RSSI needs to expand its membership to include more communications based companies. Communications is playing an ever increasing role in the transmitting of signal information. The improvements in communications technology have created new areas of development for supply companies. RSSI must be representative of these new suppliers to the rail industry”.

Another concern Mr. Remaley has for RSSI is the attempt to combine RSSI with other trade associations or railroad associations. “The rail industry needs strong independent trade associations,” Bucky stated. “The railroads have continually turned to the suppliers for support. Independent trade associations like RSSI and REMSA have been able to effectively support the railroads in their lobbying efforts as well as other areas.”

A final thought Mr. Remaley offered was a need to continue the positive working relationship RSSI has developed with the railroad C&S managers and the FRA regulators through the annual open forum meetings sponsored by RSSI. This has allowed the RSSI membership to pay close attention to the needs of the C&S industry and has contributed to the success of RSSI.

In closing, Mr. Remaley again commented on the need to keep the trade associations independent. “Combining RSSI with other industry associations would compromise not only RSSI but the effectiveness of the other associations as well.”

We thank Mr. Remaley for sharing his insight and wisdom on the future of RSSI.



## New RSSI Member Companies

RSSI would like to welcome the thirty-nine companies who have joined RSSI since the 2010 exhibition. The new members who will be exhibiting at the 2011 exhibition in Minneapolis are shown in bold italics print.

A&B Rail Services LTD

**AEROFLEX**

**ALTPRO**

**Anixter**

**Arrowhead Industries, LLC**

**Audiosears Corporation**

**Bee Electronics Inc.**

**Belden, Inc.**

**Contec GmbH**

**DRAKA CABLETEQ USA, Inc.**

**EDX Wireless**

**ENERPAC**

**Etal.SA DE CV**

**Eupen Cable USA**

**GarrettCom Inc.**

**INTECS**

**Kiewit**

**LEM USA Inc.**

**Magnum Towers**

**Michels Corporation**

**Network Innovations Inc.**

**Newmar**

**NORCA Engineered Products**

**Nord-Lock Inc.**

**Phoenix Broadband Technologies GmbH**

**Pillar Innovations LLC**

**Prover Technology**

**Quazite/ CDR**

**Sealeze**

**SPEC Construction, Inc.**

**SST Signal & System Technik GmbH**

**Technology Assurance Labs**

**The National Telephone Supply Co. (Nicopress)**

**Trans-Tech**

**Trylon TSF Inc.**

**United Signal**

**Vital-Sim Inc.**

**Wavetronic/Island Radar Co.**

**Westermo Industrial Data Com.**

## “Railroad Day on the Hill” Encourage Fair Treatment of Railroad

On July 14, 2011 the railroad community came together in Washington, DC for the annual Railroad Day on the Hill. RSSI along with many other railroad organizations is a sponsor of this event.

Representatives from the Class Ones, Shortlines, suppliers, labor and many other areas of the railroad industry held meetings with over 285 members of congress and their staffs to encourage support or opposition to pending legislation that affects the health of our railroads. Several members of the RSSI board of directors as well as representatives from several RSSI member companies attended the event.

Four major areas of concern that involve pending legislation were discussed with members of the House of Representatives and Senate:

- Oppose: Bigger and heavier trucks. S 112, S 747, HR 763 and HR 801
- Support: Preserve Section 130 Grade Crossing Safety Program. HR 825 and S 918
- Oppose: Reregulation of railroad freight pricing. S 158 and S 49
- Support: Extension of shortline tax credit. HR 721 and S 672

It was surprising in our meeting with the representatives and their staffs how well informed some of them were while others had very little knowledge of the potential effects of these bills. Events like “Railroad Day on the Hill” serve to educate our representatives.

Everyone in the railroad industry must continue to do whatever they can to insure that the best interest of America’s railway system is represented in Washington.



# 2010 Show Gallery

"What a great exhibition. Couldn't be happier."



"I have no complaints. Wonderful experience."



"Everything was very well done and looked great."



"I can't wait to come back next year!"





# RSSI 2011 Checklist

Deadlines quickly approaching:

- August 1..... Exhibitor Appointed Sub-Contractor (EAC) Notification Forms
- August 10..... Advance Registration Cut-Off (12 noon eastern time)
- August 15..... Proof of Insurance (EAC users only)
- August 29..... Hotel Reservation Cut-Off
- September 2 ..... Show Decorator (FERN) Exhibitors Discount Rate Expires
- September 14 ..... Receipt of Advance Shipments (final day)
- September 16 ..... On-Site Shipments Accepted
- September 17 ..... Exhibitor Move-In & Set-Up (completed by 5:00 PM)
- September 18 ..... RSSI C&S Exhibition Opens @ 12 Noon

## REGISTRATION:

As an RSSI exhibitor, it is imperative that you register as an RSSI Exhibitor through the Railway Interchange registration system. If you will be attending the AREMA technical conference, the AREMA registration will allow you into the exhibit halls. Make sure to register by visiting [www.rssi.org](http://www.rssi.org).

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

The hotel reservation deadline is quickly approaching and rooms are becoming scarce in the preferred hotels. Book your rooms today by visiting [www.rssi.org](http://www.rssi.org).

## EAC FORMS & INFORMATION:

All Exhibitors utilizing an Exhibitor Appointed Contractor must be submitted prior to the August 1st deadline. The Certificate of Insurance is due by August 15th. NOTE: NO EAC's will be permitted on the exhibition floor without prior receipt of the appropriate paperwork.

## RSSI C&S After Hours Night Spot:

This year, RSSI will provide a unique venue for all C&S attendees. Spend the evenings with your customers in a venue that will have something for everyone:

- Sports Bar
- Interactive Game Area (Cornhole, Wii, Hoops, Air Hockey, Pool Tables, Speed Cage, Electronic Golf, and more)
- Casino
- Networking Area
- Fabulous Prized Awarded Nightly!

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

There are several fabulous sponsorship opportunities still available for the RSSI C&S After Hours Night Spot. For a small investment, have your company's name in front of your customers in many different formats. You pay one price, and reap the benefits of many forms of advertising.

## 2011 Scholarship Winners

The RSSI Scholarship Program, since its introduction in 1992, has proven to be a valuable service offered to RSSI member company employees. Fifty-nine young adults have been awarded the \$8,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per semester) since the inception of the program.

The RSSI Board of Directors has elected to award three new scholarships from the fifty-nine qualified applications received during this year's competition. The RSSI Board has elected to name the additional scholarship the "RSSI – D.F. "Bucky" Remaley Scholarship", given in honor of the recently retiring Executive Director, D.F. "Bucky" Remaley. The other two \$8,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per semester) are being awarded to the following:

### The "D.F. Remaley Scholarship"



#### Jenna C. Bekeny

Sponsor: Father, Frank Bekeny,  
employed by  
GE Transportation

Attending: University of Chicago

Intended Major: Biochemistry

### In addition to the three new scholarships, the following are also active:

#### Sean T. Albertson

Wabtec / Colorado State University

#### Sarah E. Anderson

GE Transportation Global Signaling / University of Kansas

#### Steven J. Chandler

Arthur N. Ulrich Company / Ohio State University

#### Amanda J. Huynh

XoRail Inc. / University of Florida

#### Preethi V. Rajan

GE Transportation Global Signaling / Emory University

#### Nathan E. Sullivan

Progressive Railroad/University of Wisconsin, Madison

#### Dasun Wang

Ansaldo STS USA / University of California, Berkeley

### The "RSSI – W. Ed Rowland Memorial Scholarship"



#### Madeline K. Smith

Sponsor: Father, Brian Smith,  
employed by Transportation  
Technology Center Inc.

Attending: Colorado University/Boulder

Intended Major: Music Education

### RSSI to Award Third Scholarship in Honor of Donald F. Remaley

On May 11, 2011 the RSSI Board of Directors unanimously voted to establish a third annual college scholarship in the name of Donald F. (Bucky) Remaley. This is in addition to the two existing annual scholarships which are awarded to eligible children, grandchildren, step children and step grandchildren of employees of RSSI membership companies.

This third award will honor the 15 years Bucky served as a member of the RSSI Board of Directors and the additional 15 years he served as the RSSI Executive Director. By naming this scholarship on behalf of Bucky the board will ensure that although Bucky has now retired his achievements on behalf of RSSI will continue to be appreciated and remembered by the recipients of this scholarship.

### The 2010/2011 RSSI Scholarship



#### Kevin Li

Sponsor: Father, Dingaing Li,  
employed by Transportation  
Technology Center, Inc.

Attending: Yale University

Intended Major: Chemical Engineering

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# 52nd Annual Railway Systems Suppliers C&S Exhibition

Railway Systems Suppliers, Inc. invites you to participate in the 52nd Annual RSSI C&S Exhibition in Cincinnati. **The 2012 Exhibition will be Monday, May 21st through Wednesday, May 23rd at the Duke Energy Convention Center.**

For fifty-two years, RSSI has established itself as the premier show in the rail and rail transit, communication and signal industry. With dedication from our exhibitors, conference attendees, and board members we have seen our membership grow to over 240!

As we continue to move forward, we will always remember those things that are important to our success: listening to our exhibitors and attendees, gathering feedback, making improvements, offering what is relevant to the industry.

Registration for all railroad, transit and government attendees is **FREE!** In addition, private meeting space is available to all railroads for staff, training, and safety meetings at **NO COST!**

For more information, visit [www.rssi.org](http://www.rssi.org).



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