

THE RSSI Communicator

2024

Railway Interchange 2025, in Indianapolis, IN on May 20-22, 2025, is quickly approaching!



REMSA, RSI & RSSI are working diligently to arrange events to ensure our members, exhibitors, and customers have an opportunity to spend time together in the exhibition hall and at our social event not only to discuss what our member companies currently offer as far as services and products but what are some of the foreseen needs of the railroads in the future.

Working together as partners, we can help make the railroad industry safer, improve reliability and more cost effective. This is what makes Railway Interchange so successful.

Mark your calendar for the 2025 Railway Interchange:

Booth sales:

- Booth sales are open. Contact Theresa@rssi.org to book your booth space.

Registration and Hotels:

- Links will open Monday, January 6, 2025.

Move in:

- Sunday, May 18, 2025 for large exhibitors (20x20 and larger)
- Monday, May 19, 2025 for all exhibitors.

Exhibition:

- May 20, 21, 22, 2025

For detailed information for the 2025 Railway Interchange, visit our website (www.rssi.org)

RSSI and REMSA 2024 Exhibition in Louisville, KY

RSSI and REMSA came together for a joint July 2024 Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky. The Exhibition had 1,888 attendees including all North American Class 1 railroads, all major regional freight railroads and commuter and transit companies represented, and member companies of RSSI and REMSA.

On Monday, July 8, 2024, RSSI hosted a C&S Panel discussion. The C&S Panel consisted of top S&C managers from all the Class 1 Railroads, Conrail & Amtrak. The event was well attended by customers and suppliers. Following the C&S Panel Discussion, Gabe Neal, Federal Railroad Administration, presented the latest changes related to Signalman Certifications. Gabe was able to explain the new rule and changes coming for signal employee certification and answer questions of the attendees.

RSSI and REMSA not only put together a well-organized exhibition for our suppliers and customers but also had a well-attended joint social event at Church Hill Downs.





A Letter from the President

It has been my honor and privilege to represent and serve RSSI Membership as RSSI President this past year. I continue on as an active board member. I am fortunate to work with the dedicated RSSI staff and highly committed Board of Director members. I believe in RSSI's mission to create face-to-face opportunities for member companies to engage with C&S individuals of freight railroads, passenger rail, and manufacturers of the North American rail industry. Every 2 years, RSSI augments exposure to rail's Mechanical, Engineering and MoW departments via Railway Interchange which combines RSSI, REMSA and RSI organizations.

The RSSI/REMSA 2024 Exhibition had 151 Exhibitors, 1,888 total registrations (273 registrations were Rail/Transit attendees). Mark your calendars! RSSI will be exhibiting at Railway Interchange in Indianapolis on May 20-22, 2025.

Exhibit and sponsorships opened September 11, 2024. Registration and hotel reservations open January 6, 2025. Early bird registration rates end on March 31, 2025.

Mike Drudy retired as Executive Director on July 31st, 2024. The board celebrated Mike's storied rail industry career in Louisville following his final RSSI Exhibition. We are grateful for his dedicated service and wish Mike and his wife Betty a long, enjoyable retirement.

The board is proud to announce Tim Orlandi as RSSI's next Executive Director which began August 1, 2024. His history as an RSSI board member combined with his years as a railroader and a supplier will serve him well as he manages RSSI operations. Jeff Baker became RSSI's next President on October 15, 2024.

I sincerely thank you for your membership and participation in this great organization and industry. Wishing you and your company many years of success!

Sid Bakker, President
RSSI Board of Directors

A Letter from the Incoming President

As I begin the transition into the role of President of RSSI in the upcoming year, I reflect fondly on my early days as a young engineer at my first RSSI show almost 30 years ago, and my admiration for everyone in the industry. As I walked around my first event, I was struck by the camaraderie, the familiarity, and the genuine friendships among the exhibitors, competitors and railroaders.

I thought to myself – one day – I also want to walk around this show and know all the people, the companies, the products, the customers, and hopefully be able to share memories of many years of great work in the industry. Well, those days have arrived. I look forward to seeing many of you every year at the show, and other industry events. It is truly special what the signaling industry brings to our customers, it is the knowledge, dedication and persistence that keeps this group strong.

As President of RSSI, I will continue the tradition of being a voice of a group of people and companies that strive to provide the safest and most reliable operation of trains, no matter the property or cargo.

In the post-COVID world and in our times of economic inflation and uncertainty, it's more important than ever to push the utilization of existing assets, the monitoring and prediction of failures using Artificial Intelligence and Big Data to keep trains running, and it is absolutely paramount to accomplish this with the highest level of safety possible.

RSSI member companies practice this every day, it is the unyielding integrity that keeps the economy alive while keeping employees & passengers safe.

Through the RSSI website, www.rssi.org, the RSSI Newsletter, and other meetings and events throughout the year, there are many ways to participate and stay informed on the latest news and opportunities available to you. Our annual exhibition is the largest and best opportunity for all of our members.

We return to the Hoosier State to host the Railway Interchange Exhibition May 20-22, 2025 in Indianapolis. More information is available on our website.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of RSSI, I want to thank you for your support and participation in RSSI. I look forward to meeting the commitment of helping you, our member companies, to overcome the challenges that we face over the next year.

Jeffrey Baker
RSSI President
2024-2025



My Thanks to All of You

On July 31, 2024, I retired after 13 years as the Executive Director of RSSI.

Tim Orlandi, former VP Signals Railworks and former Assistant Chief Signal Engineer CSX has accepted the RSSI Executive Director position.

After 34 years as a railroad signal engineer and 10 years as a product line signal manager with Invensys Rail, the Executive Director position at RSSI proved to be an ideal way to transition to retirement.

I cannot express how much I appreciate the support and cooperation I have received from the board of directors and staff of RSSI during my time as Executive Director.

I am going to miss seeing on a regular basis the many close friends that I have made in my rail career.

It is my hope that my grandchildren can enjoy careers that are as personally and professionally rewarding as my rail career has been.

My thanks to all of you.
Michael Drudy

RSSI Membership Benefits

Railway Systems Suppliers, Inc. (RSSI) is a trade association serving the communication and signal segment of the rail transportation industry.

RSSI's main purpose is to hold the premier annual exhibition in the industry where our membership companies can show their products and services to the railway customers.

RSSI Board of Directors' goal is to serve and support our members. Our association's annual dues have not increased in over ten years and remain one of the lowest in the industry. The membership dues allow us to not only support the administration's cost but support legislative initiatives of **GORAIL, CABT, AAR, ASLRRR, NRC** and **REMSA**.

RSSI is also a supporter of **AREMA** and **IRSE**.

Other benefits of membership companies include:

- Annual Scholarship Program where children and grandchildren of our member company employees can apply for two \$12,000.00 scholarships.
- Monthly newsletter sent to all member company voting representatives that details legislation before congress that may benefit or reduce the competitive ability of the rail industry. You will find this newsletter highly informative on the status of available federal funding for rail and crossing projects. This newsletter is also available on our website monthly at **www.RSSI.org**.

- C&S Buyer's Guide where customers can research member companies who supply the communications and signal systems and components.

Remember to access the RSSI website at **www.RSSI.org** for the latest news.





RAILWAY2025 INTERCHANGE®

May 20-22 | Indianapolis, IN

DEAR MEMBERS, INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES, AND FRIENDS,

Over the past year there have been lots of questions surrounding the future of Railway Interchange. Since our last Railway Interchange event, held in the fall of 2023 in Indianapolis, there has been much confusion about what the event will look like in the future, and we'd like to try to add some clarity.

Railway Interchange began in 2011 with a directive from the Class I Railroads for the rail industry to create one trade show that covers all facets of the industry. As a result, the American Railway Engineering & Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA), Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA), Railway Supply Institute (RSI), and Railway Systems Suppliers, Inc. (RSSI) partnered to do just that, with the event taking place every-other year. Railway Interchange proved to be a successful model for the industry, bringing railroaders, suppliers, contractors, engineers, and everyone in between, together in one place and quickly became the largest railway exhibiting and educational conference in North America.

In the spring of 2022, AREMA made a financial decision to step away from the Railway Interchange partnership after the 2023 event and to host their own standalone conference. While this was an unexpected development for the other associations, REMSA, RSI, and RSSI are committed to the mission of bringing the rail industry together for one premier event. The Railway Interchange partners are open to working with AREMA and hopeful that AREMA will reconsider their decision for the future.

Moving forward and building on the extensive history of the event, Railway Interchange will continue to be hosted annually each year by REMSA, RSI, and RSSI. Railway Interchange is attended by over 5,000 rail industry professionals from around the globe and showcases the latest technology, product development, services, and research.

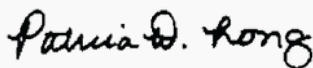
In addition to the Expo Hall, attendees will be inspired by a keynote address from a top rail industry professional and, during sessions, gain new insight on emerging technology, government regulations, and more. RSI and its educational partners will provide attendees with the knowledge and expertise to stay at the forefront of the railway supply industry.

The next Railway Interchange conference will take place May 20-22, 2025 in Indianapolis, IN and we hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support,



Urszula Soucie
President
Railway Engineering-Maintenance
Suppliers Association



Patricia D. Long
President
Railway Supply Institute



Tim Orlandi
Executive Director
Railway Systems Suppliers, Inc.



2024 Scholarship Winners

RSSI is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 scholarship awards.

The James R. Higginbottom scholarship award winner is Alan Ratner. Alan's father, Vladimir Ratner, is employed by KB Signaling.

The Ronald L. McDaniel Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Grace Yang. Grace's mother, Weining Wu, is employed by iNEMSOFT, INC.

The scholarships are worth \$12,000 payable in eight \$1,500 payments before each semester. The recipients must be enrolled in an accredited North American institution of higher learning and maintain a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale. There were 36 qualified applications received this year and all were outstanding students deserving of the scholarship award. The applications are judged by three independent judges in ten categories including: academics, leadership, goals, essay and letters of recommendation.

The judges scores are tabulated and the overall top scoring applicants are reviewed and approved by the RSSI Scholarship Committee.

The 2024 RSSI James R. Higginbottom Scholarship

Alan Ratner

The winner of the RSSI 2024 James R. Higginbottom Scholarship is Alan Ratner. Alan graduated from Penfield High School in Rochester, NY with a weighted GPA of 101.229/100, scored a 1480 on the SAT, and was ranked 1 out of 365. He will be attending SUNY University at Buffalo where he plans to major in either Chemistry or Material Science and minor in Violin Performance. His goal is to conduct research in clean energy that makes a long-term positive impact on the world.

Alan's father, Vladimir Ratner, is employed by KB Signaling.



The 2024 RSSI Ronald L. McDaniel Scholarship

Grace Yang

The winner of the RSSI 2024 Ronald L. McDaniel Memorial Scholarship is Grace Yang. Grace attended South Windsor High School in South Windsor, CT where she achieved a GPA of 4.3183 and an SAT score of 1570. She will be attending Rice University where she will major in Computer Science. She enjoys listening to music, playing the violin and piano. She hopes to advance AI, particularly by integrating it with music, to positively impact society.

Grace's mother, Weining Wu, is employed by iNEMSOFT, INC.

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

Hannah Wojcik – Alstom/University of Missouri

Allyson Chen – iNEMSOFT, INC./Brown University

Ariel Ratner – KB Signaling/University of Buffalo

Julia Esen – KB Signaling/University of Rochester

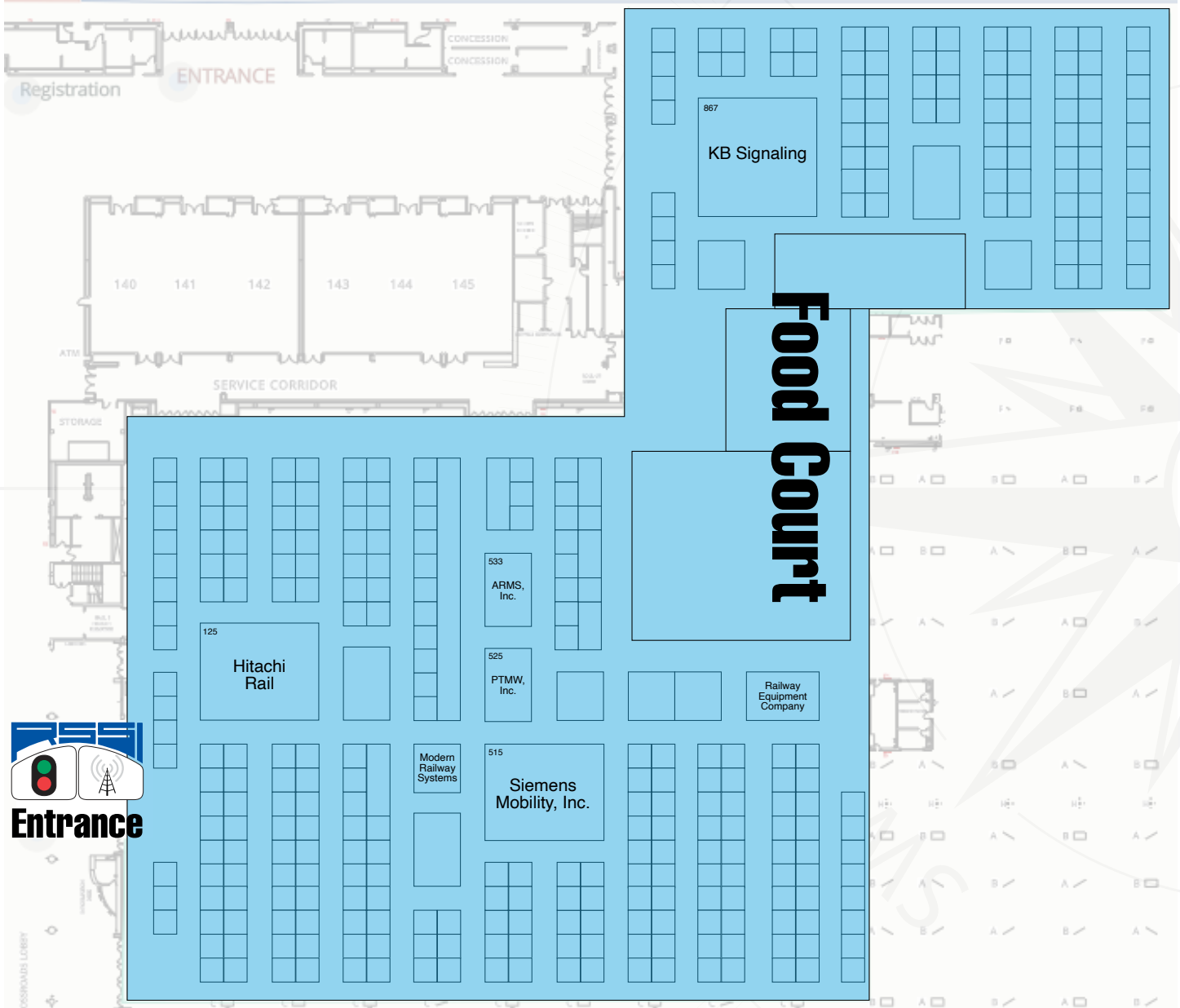
Jade Harlow – voestalpine Railway Systems/Appalachian State University

Ella Fries – KB Signaling/Maryville University

Jaden Vandenberg – RailWorks/Tarleton State University

Reese Myers – The Okonite Company/Clemson University

RSSI Floorplan for Railway Interchange 2025



May 20-22, 2025
Indianapolis, IN

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 Lindsay Transportation Solutions, LLC
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 MAC Products, Inc.
 Marmon Industrial Energy & Infrastructure
 MARRE GmbH
 Matric Group
 McLaren Applied Inc.
 Meade Electric Co., Inc.
 MEN Micro Inc. (duagon)
 Metal Pros, LLC
 Metaphoto of Cincinnati
 Meteor Communications Corp.
 Michels Corporation
 Midvale Signal, Inc.
 Midwest Transport Specialists Inc.
 MJG, Inc.
 Modern Railway Systems
 Morningstar Corporation
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 Precision Rail and Mfg., Inc.
 Predge AB
 Primus Electronics Corp.
 Princeton Consultants, Inc.
 Progress Rail, A Caterpillar Company
 Progressive Railroad (TradePress)
 Prover Technology

Prismian Group
 PTMW Inc.
 QUEST Rail
 RAD Data Comm.
 Railhead Corporation
 RailPros Field Services, Inc.
 Railroad Software
 Rails Company
 Railway Age/RTS/IRJ
 Railway Equipment Company
 RailWorks
 RCL Wiring, LP
 RDA Solutions, LLC
 Rebel Railway Supply Co., LLC
 RedHawk Energy Systems, LLC
 Reflective Apparel Factory
 Regional Transportation District (RTD)
 Retlif Testing Laboratories
 RICARDO
 Richcom Power LLC
 Ridgetop Group Inc.
 RIOTECH, Rio Grande Pacific Technology
 Ritron, Inc.
 RJ Corman Signaling, LLC
 RNS Tower Company
 Rolls Battery Engineering
 Rosendin
 RYCOM Instruments, Inc.
 S & C Distribution Company
 SAFT America, Inc.
 Schaefer, Inc.
 Semaphore Software LLC (Signal Scout)
 Senceive
 SERRMI PRODUCTS LLC
 Shel-Bar Electronic Ind. Ltd.
 Siemens Mobility, Inc.
 Signal South, LLC
 Signal-Tech
 Sinclair Technologies
 Site-Specific Solutions, Inc.
 Snake Tray
 SNC
 Solarcraft, Inc.
 Southern Technologies Corp.
 Spectrum, A Division of ASPEQ Heating Group
 Stanley Infrastructure
 STI-CO Industries, LLC
 Styren Energy
 TCR Rail Systems, LLC
 Tek Tracking LLC
 Thermal-Flex Systems, Inc.
 Thermon, Inc.
 Times Microwave Systems
 Trackside Services Inc.
 Tracsis US
 Traincraft
 Trainyard Tech, LLC
 Transcore
 TransLight Corp.
 Transportation Products Sales Co., Inc.
 Transtector Systems
 Trilogical Technologies Ltd.
 Tunnel Radio of America, Inc.
 Twinco Mfg. Company, Inc.
 Ultra-Tech Enterprises, Inc.
 Unipart Rail
 VELCORP/GEMS
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