



The SWARS Scroll

Spring into action and register for the SWARS 2021 Annual Meeting!

We are excited to reconnect! We're only weeks away from the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers Spring Conference to be held March 10-11, 2021 at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, TX. Join us to connect with your peers, get updates on the latest happenings in the industry, outlook for the future, and a golf outing benefitting the SWARS Scholarship program.

The last day for early registration is February 12 so if you have not registered please [sign-up now!](#)

Take advantage of this meeting to gain the latest insights and industry information from an impressive lineup of high level speakers discussing how we're "On Track to Recovery"

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Conference Agenda

Wednesday, March 10, 2020

- **9 a.m.** — SWARS Golf Outing – two courses with two play formats:
 - TPC San Antonio Golf Course
 - 23808 Resort Parkway, San Antonio, TX 78261
 - Canyon Course– 4-person modified scramble play
 - Oaks Course– play Your Own Ball (Cart Path Only)
- **1:30 p.m.** – Registration Opens
- **5 - 5:30 p.m.** – New Member Reception/Networking Event
- **5:30 – 7 p.m.** – E.L. 'Leo' Mountjoy Reception

Thursday, March 11, 2020

- **7 – 8 a.m.** – Continental breakfast/registration
- **7 a.m. – 6 p.m.** – SWARS Showcase
- **8 a.m. – 4 p.m.** – General Session
- **4 – 6 p.m.** – President's Networking Reception

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[View a list of meeting registrants, updated weekly](#)



Railroad 101

RR 101, Introduction to Railroad Operations course, has been cancelled for the San Antonio meeting. We look forward to resuming courses in the future that continue to provide an educational and insights into the successful management of rail fleets.



SWARS 2021 Scholarship Program

The SWARS Scholarship Committee, led by Ray Hufnagel, Vice President, successfully awarded 39 candidates with scholarships totaling \$100,000 in 2020. Recognizing the challenges being faced by families during COVID-19, the award amount was doubled this year. Your sponsorships and support of the golf outing allows us to continue this growing program. Award recipients will be displayed during the scholarship presentation at the general session. Thank you for your support!

New applicants can begin submissions on Feb. 1-April 30. We're looking forward to supporting the next group of impressive students.

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Other News



SWARS Showcase

The ever popular SWARS Showcase will take place again this year! Don't miss the 2021 Showcase and your time to learn about products and services serving the rail industry. The Showcase will be open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, and will include 32 exhibit tables. Member companies will be on hand to showcase their products and discuss the services they provide. Be sure to check it out!



Your Safety is Our Priority

The SWARS conference may look a little different this year as we take on considerable precautions to ensure everyone's safety. SWARS branded masks and hand sanitizer stations will be provided. Masks will be required while in the Grand Hyatt Riverwalk along with 6-foot social distancing. Additional steps also include reduced Grand Hyatt San Antonio occupancy at 50%, employee and vendor temperature checks, individually wrapped appetizers, and small table, covered dish lunch.



Stay Connected and Download the TripBuilder App!

We continue our dedication to sustainability and connectivity by providing our TripBuilder App. It's your one-stop resource for all things conference related, including the agenda, speaker bios, sponsors, and attendees of the conference. During the conference you can use the App to ask questions in real-time, as well as rate the presenters, which provides valuable feedback to the Board. Please ask any SWARS Board member if you need assistance with the App. A complete list of registered attendees can still be found at the registration desk if needed.



Mark your Calendars Now!

The 2021 Semi-Annual conference is scheduled for Sept. 29 - 30 at the beautiful Worthington Renaissance in Fort Worth, TX. Mark your calendars now and look for meeting announcements in the coming months. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Southwest Association of Rail Shippers

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