



The SWARS Scroll

Spring into action and register for the SWARS 2020 Annual Meeting!

We are only weeks away from the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers Annual Conference to be held March 4-5, 2020, at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX. Join us to start the year off right with updates on the industry, an opportunity to network with your peers, and a golf outing benefiting the SWARS Scholarship program.

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

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*Don't miss this opportunity to hear
from our lineup of high-level speakers
about the industry's
"2020 Precision Vision"*

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

- **9 a.m.** — SWARS Golf Outing – two courses:
 - Moody Gardens Golf Course
 - 1700 Sydnor Lane, Galveston, TX 77554
 - Galveston Country Club
 - 14228 Stewart Road, Galveston, TX 77553
- **1:30 p.m.** – Registration Opens
- **2:30 – 4:30 p.m.** – Rail 301 – “Introduction to Rail Fleet Management”
- **5 - 5:30 p.m.** – New Member Reception/Networking Event
- **5:30 – 7 p.m.** – E.L. ‘Leo’ Mountjoy Reception

Thursday, March 5, 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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Are you Managing Your Rail Fleet Well?

Whether you are new to the rail industry or a seasoned professional, we are offering a training class that will provide value and insight to managing your fleet. Rail 301 – “Introduction to Rail Fleet Management” led by John Schmitter with KEP, LLC. John has years of rail experience and will share his insights regarding rail fleet management.



SWARS 2020 Scholarship Program

The SWARS Scholarship Committee, led by Ray Hufnagel, SWARS Vice President, successfully awarded 36 candidates with scholarships totaling \$50,000 in 2019. 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!

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Other News



SWARS Showcase

Don't miss the 2020 Showcase during the Galveston conference. The Showcase will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, and will include 40 exhibit tables. Member companies will be on hand to showcase their products and discuss the services they provide. Be sure to check it out!



Motivational Speaker

We are excited to have Tommy Spaulding, American author and President of Spaulding Companies LLC, speak at our conference. Tommy was a big hit when he spoke at a previous SWARS conference and he is sure to get everyone motivated. Be sure to be in the general session at 11 a.m. to hear him speak on “Return to Relationships.”



SWARS Vision for a Paperless Future

We continue our dedication to sustainability by promoting our TripBuilder App. Everything you need to know about the conference including the agenda, speaker bios, and sponsors of the conference can be found using the App. 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 in the conference meeting book if needed. Thank you to Commtrex for sponsoring our APP in Galveston!

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Mark your Calendars Now!

The 2020 Semiannual conference is scheduled for September 30 – October 1 at the Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego, CA. Get it on 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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