



The SWARS Scroll

The 2021 SWARS Semi-Annual Fall Meeting is right around the corner!

We can't wait to see you! There's been so much happening in the industry this year that we have an Executive Level-packed agenda. Come hear their perspectives on the industry, as well as connect and network with your peers, get updates on current happenings, gain insights on the outlook for the future, and enjoy a golf outing benefiting the SWARS Scholarship program.

The last day for early registration is Sept. 8, so if you have not registered, [sign up now!](#)

Don't miss out on your opportunity to hear from top Rail Executives and learn how the rail industry is "Reinventing Normal."

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Conference Agenda

Wednesday, Sept. 29

- 9 a.m. – SWARS Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Event:
 - Brookhaven Country Club
 - 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Farmers Branch, TX 75234
- 1:30-6 p.m. – Registration
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. – RR 101 Course – "Introduction to Railroad Operations"
- 5-5:30 p.m. – New Member Networking – Meet the SWARS Officers
- 5:30-7 p.m. – E.L. 'Leo' Mountjoy Reception

Thursday, Sept. 30

- 7 a.m. – Registration opens
- 8 a.m. – Continental breakfast
- 7 a.m.-6 p.m. – SWARS Showcase Extravaganza
- 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – General Session
- 4:30-6 p.m. – President's Networking Reception

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Want to Learn the Basics of Railroading? We have a Training Class for You!

If you are new to the Rail Industry, or just want a refresher, we have a class meant to cover the fundamentals of Rail Operations. RR 101, Introduction to Railroad Operations, will be hosted on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 2:30 p.m. KEP LLC's Railroad 101 course provides a general description of railroad operations from the time a loaded car is pulled from a shipping point until it is placed at its destination. Previous participants have agreed that this course was beneficial in providing a well-rounded understanding of how railroads keep things moving!



SWARS 2021 Scholarship Program

The SWARS Scholarship Committee, led by Gail Molek, Vice President, successfully awarded 31 recipients with scholarships totaling \$60,000 in 2021. The program allows us to support the community we serve by building the educational endeavors of these talented, deserving students. 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 applicant submissions will be accepted from Feb. 1-April 30, 2022. We're looking forward to supporting the next group of accomplished students.

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Other News



SWARS Showcase

The ever popular SWARS Showcase will occur again this year! Don't miss the 2021 Showcase and your opportunity to learn about products and services for the rail industry. The Showcase will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30, and will include a host of exhibit tables. Member companies will be on hand to showcase their products and discuss the services they provide. Be sure to check it out!



Mark your Calendars Now!

The 2022 Annual conference is heading back to The Woodlands next year from March 16-17 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel. This popular event is one of our best attended, so put it on your calendars now. Be on the lookout for meeting announcements in the coming months. We are excited to see you all there!



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