

Southwest Association of Rail Shippers
2024 Semi-Annual Meeting
October 2-3, 2024



SHAPING THE FUTURE: Trends, Politics and Policies

Marriott Marquis Hotel
1777 Walker Street
Houston, Texas

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024

8 a.m.	SWARS Scholarship Golf Outing-18 Holes <i>Golf Club Houston, 5860 Wilson Rd., Humble, TX</i>	Logan Ortiz
8 a.m. and 1 p.m.	SWARS Scholarship Golf Outing-9 Holes <i>East River 9 Club, 65 Hirsch Rd., Houston, TX</i>	Logan Ortiz
8 a.m.-Registration 9 a.m.-Start	SWARS Clay Shooting Event <i>American Shooting Center, 16500 Westheimer Parkway, Houston, TX</i>	Logan Ortiz
8:30 a.m.	SWARS Pickleball Event <i>East River 9 Club, 65 Hirsch Rd., Houston, TX</i>	Logan Ortiz
12:30 - 6 p.m.	SWARS Registration <i>Texas Foyer, Marriott Marquis</i>	Linda Turner & Debi Crow
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Rail Course 101 <i>Hunter's Creek Room</i>	Lory Whitley
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Wine Tasting Event <i>Scott Cotton Room</i>	Lisa Jolly & Folu Adeptian
5 - 5:30 p.m.	New Member Reception / Networking <i>River Oaks Room</i>	Gail Molek
5:30 - 7 p.m.	E. L. 'Leo' Mountjoy Reception <i>Texas Foyer</i>	Gail Molek

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024

7 - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast <i>Texas Foyer</i>	Linda Turner & Debi Crow
7 - 4 p.m.	SWARS Registration <i>Texas Foyer</i>	Linda Turner & Debi Crow
7 - 6:30 p.m.	SWARS Tradeshow Marquis <i>Texas A-D Ballroom</i>	Linda Turner
8 - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Comments <i>Texas E-H Ballroom</i>	Gail Molek
8:15 - 8:20 a.m.	Safety Briefing	Lory Whitley
8:20 - 8:25 a.m.	SWARS Mission Statement / Anti-Trust Statement	Robin Arnold
8:25 - 8:30 a.m.	NARS Promotional Presentation	Ray Hufnagel
8:30 - 8:35 a.m.	Introduction to Meeting App	Todd Tranausky
8:35 - 9:20 a.m.	Morning Keynote Address <i>Union Pacific's Focus: Safety, Service and the Future</i> Jim Vena, Chief Executive Officer, Union Pacific Railroad	Gail Molek
9:20 - 9:55 a.m.	Fireside Chat - Political Update Karyn Booth, Thompson Hine; Todd Tranausky, Facilitator	Robin Arnold

9:55 - 10:15 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAK	
10:15 - 10:55 a.m.	Economic Update Jim Wiesemeyer, Washington Economic Analyst	Bruce Mann
10:55 - 11:30 a.m.	Shipper Insights Fireside Chat Walter Sanchez, General Manager Global Supply Chain, Chevron Phillips Chemical	Scot Bates
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Mid Day Keynote <i>Journey to 2035: Seizing Opportunities in Rail</i> Jean Savage, Chief Executive Officer and President, Trinity Industries, Inc.	Gail Molek
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	NETWORKING LUNCH	
1:30 - 1:40 p.m.	Scholarship Update	Lory Whitley
1:40 - 2:40 p.m.	Motivational Presentation Chris DeSantis, Consultant and Author	Gail Molek
2:40 - 3 p.m.	NETWORKING BREAK	
3 - 3:40 p.m.	Advanced Technology on the Track Colby Tanner, Group Vice President, Industrial Products, BNSF	Ray Hufnagel
3:40 - 4:15 p.m.	Potential Regulatory Changes – East Palestine and More David Ronzani, Director, Railcar Regulatory Compliance, AllTranstek	Bruce Mann
4:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks Gail Molek, SWARS President	Gail Molek
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	President’s Networking Reception <i>Texas A-D Ballroom</i>	Gail Molek