

SUMMER MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

**GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA
7036 GRAND GENEVA WAY
LAKE GENEVA WI, 53147
Grand Geneva Link**

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Timber Ridge Lodge Link

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JULY 13TH & 14TH, 2015

Please set aside the dates of July 13 and 14 to attend the 245th meeting of the Midwest Association of Rail Shippers at Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva WI. The conference registration form and Scholarship Outing registration forms are attached. Our **early highlight presentations include rail and shipper panel discussions on rail service, supplier panel on freight car and locomotive capacity as well as one of our popular economic outlook presenters.**

The Scholarship Outing will be held on both courses at Grand Geneva Resort on July 13. We have taken several steps to eliminate the previous schedule conflict with our reception. This year, following our reception, **we are including, a full meal cook out followed by musical entertainment provided by the Norfolk & Southern Lawmen band** – bring your dancing shoes. Our business meeting is scheduled for a full day on July 15. Dress code is business casual. Networking tables will be available for distribution of your company's information.

The hotel has allocated a block of rooms from July 12th through July 15th at a preferred rate of \$152 for hotel guest rooms or, one bedroom suites or \$252 for two bedroom suites at the Timber Ridge Lodge, on site. Other amenities are included for those staying at Timber Ridge, including a discount at the Spa and free access to the Water Park. There is a three day cancellation clause in our contract. Cutoff date for the preferred rate is June 12th. Our group rates are also available for three days prior and three days after our meeting, on a space available basis. Please reserve early to get your preferred room. If there is any problem with registration; please call Amy Klade at 262-245-7621. You can register for your hotel rooms on line with links above.

For those of you that were unable to attend our meeting in January, we had an excellent program and speakers, resulting in attendance of 623 and very positive feedback. As information, MARS has awarded ten scholarships for our scholarship year.

Meeting and Golf registrations and membership application forms will also be available soon on line at mwrailshippers.com, click on Upcoming Meetings, and then click on Register Now.

We also are looking for sponsors for our programs and events. Thank you for your support.

Please join our LinkedIn group at

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4089306&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

We look forward to seeing you in July.

George Macko
President