MARS SUMMER MEETING
& SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

JULY 8-9, 2025

Grand Geneva Resort

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TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

10:15 AM	**MARS Annual Pickleball Tournament** **SPONSORED BY:** *Tealinc*	**Well Spa**
10:45 AM	**MARS Annual Scholarship Golf Outing** *Arrive as early as 10:00. Carts will head out to course at 10:45 am. Tee Off at 11:00 am.*	**Club House**
12:00 PM	**MARS Summer Networking Picnic** **SPONSORED BY:** *GATX*	**Spa Lawn**
4:00 PM	**MARS REGISTRATION**	**Ballroom Foyer**
6:00 - 7:00 PM	**MARS First Time Attendee & Young Professional Networking Event**	**Galewood Ballroom**
6:00 - 8:00 PM	**MARS OPENING RECEPTION** **SPONSORED BY:** *Residco*	**Evergreen Ballroom**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

7:00 AM	**MARS REGISTRATION**	**Ballroom Foyer**
7:00 AM	**Breakfast Buffet** **SPONSORED BY:** *Transtar*	
8:00 AM	**WELCOME TO MARS SUMMER 2025** Steve Blinn, MARS 2025 President	**Ballroom**
8:10 AM	**SAFETY BRIEFING & ANTI-TRUST BRIEFING** Bryan Vaughan, MARS Sargent at Arms, Modern Rail Capital	**Ballroom**
8:15 AM	**MORNING KEYNOTE** Kevin Boone, Executive Vice President Sales & Marketing, CSX **Introduction:** Aaron Williams, CSX	**Ballroom**
9:00 AM	**PERSPECTIVE OF A SMALL RAIL SHIPPER** Aaron Girard, Senior Vice President of Logistics, Seneca Foods **Introduction:** Steve Blinn, MARS 2025 President	**Ballroom**
9:30 AM	**ECONOMIC UPDATE** Walter Kemmsies, Trade, Logistics & Infrastructure Strategist. The Kemmsies Group **Introduction:** Monica Freeman, CHS, Inc.	**Ballroom**

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10:15 AM — **Morning Coffee & Networking Break**
SPONSORED BY: *American Truck & Rail Audits, Inc*

10:30 AM — **Ballroom**

UPDATE FROM THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Karen Hedlund, STB Member
Introduction: Harry Zander, Intramotev

11:15 AM — **Ballroom**

SAFETY & SERVICE IN FREIGHT TODAY
John Kennedy, Senior Vice President of Operations, PSC Group
Introduction: Luke Jones, GATX

11:45 AM

MARS ANNOUNCEMENTS
Steve Blinn, MARS 2025 President

12:00 PM — **Maple Lawn Ballroom**

MARS LUNCHEON & FIRESIDE CHAT
John Orr, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Norfolk Southern
Host: Stefan Loeb, Norfolk Southern

1:30 PM — **Ballroom**

SHIPPER PERSPECTIVE - DEERE & COMPANY
David Panjwani, Director, Worldwide Logistics, Deere & Company
Introduction: Steve Blinn, MARS 2025 President

2:00 PM — **Ballroom**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Adam Nordstrom, Founder & Principal, Viking Navigation
Introduction: Grant Keyser, TrinityRail

2:45 PM — **Ballroom**

CLOSING REMARKS
Steve Blinn, MARS 2025 President

FUTURE MARS MEETINGS
MARS 2026 Winter Meeting - January 13-15, 2026, Schaumburg, IL
MARS 2026 Summer Meeting - July 13-14, 2026, Lake Geneva, WI