



MARS SUMMER MEETING & SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

JULY 13-14, 2026

Grande Geneva Resort

The State of Rail: Where We Are & What Comes Next

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

10:00 AM	MARS Annual Pickleball Tournament SPONSORED BY: <i>Telegraph</i>	Well Spa
11:00 AM	MARS Annual Scholarship Golf Outing PRESENTING SPONSOR: <i>Sherwin Williams</i>	Club House
12:00 PM	MARS Summer Networking Picnic SPONSORED BY: <i>GATX</i>	Spa Lawn
3:00 PM	MARS Gifting Station (<i>available until 7:00 pm</i>) SPONSORED BY: <i>Union Pacific</i>	Grand Geneva Lobby
4:00 PM	MARS REGISTRATION	Ballroom Foyer
6:00 - 8:00 PM	MARS OPENING RECEPTION SPONSORED BY: <i>Residco</i>	Evergreen Ballroom

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

7:00 AM	MARS REGISTRATION	Ballroom Foyer
7:00 AM	Breakfast & Networking SPONSORED BY: <i>Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway</i>	
7:30 AM	Specialty Coffee Bar (<i>available until 10:30 am</i>) HOSTED BY MARS 2026 MARQUIS SPONSOR: <i>AITX</i>	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM	WELCOME TO MARS SUMMER 2026 Luke Jones, Director of Sales, GATX, MARS 2026 President	Ballroom
8:10 AM	MARS SUMMER 2026 MEETING ORGANIZATION Bryan Vaughan, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Business Development, Modern Rail Capital, MARS Sargent at Arms & Second Vice President	Ballroom
8:15 AM	UPDATE FROM CSX Maryclare Kenney, Senior Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer, CSX Introduction: Aaron Williams, Senior Sales Manager, Ag & Food, CSX Transportation, MARS Board of Directors	Ballroom



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9:00 AM	UPDATE from the STB	Ballroom
	Patrick Fuchs, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board	
	Introduction: Luke Jones, Director of Sales, GATX, MARS 2026 President	
9:30 AM	Morning Coffee & Networking Break SPONSORED BY: <i>American Truck & Rail Audits, Inc</i>	
10:00 AM	THE US ENERGY LANDSCAPE	Ballroom
	Taylor Robinson, Managing Director—Energy and Investment Strategy, PLG Consulting	
	Introduction:	
10:45 AM		Ballroom
	Stefan Loeb, VP Business Development – First & Final Mile Markets - Norfolk Southern	
	Introduction:	
11:30 AM	MARS ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	Golf Outing Results & Thanks - Tom Surma, Ingredion	
	Professional Development & Service Committee - Mike Richardson, Kemira	
	Scholarship Committee - Jordan Goerger, Ardent Mills	
12:00 PM	MARS LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Maple Lawn Ballroom
	SPONSORED BY: <i>Harris Technology Services</i>	
	David Fink, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration	
	Introduction: Harry Zander, Zander Advisory Group, MARS Executive Committee	
1:30 PM	INDUSTRY UPDATE - TRENDS & FORECASTS	Ballroom
	Eric Starks, Chairman, FTR Transportation Intelligence	
	Introduction: Monica Freeman, Director Rail Transportation, CHS Inc. MARS First Vice President	



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2:15 PM

FACT or FREIGHT? A REALITY CHECK FOR RAIL SHIPPERS

Ballroom

Harris Ligon, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Telegraph

Introduction: Monica Freeman, Director Rail Transportation, CHS Inc. MARS First Vice President

3:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Ballroom

Luke Jones, Director of Sales, GATX, MARS 2026 President

FUTURE MARS MEETINGS

MARS 2027 Winter Meeting - January 12-14, 2027, Schaumburg, IL

MARS 2027 Summer Meeting - July 12-13, 2027, Lake Geneva, WI