

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the International Rail Safety Seminar in Orlando, Florida!

Our goal is to provide attendees with the best educational information on the current rail safety research and the latest technology in the rail safety industry. With that in mind, we would like to offer a few presentation guidelines.

Presentation Guidelines

- **No sales presentations, please.** We require that presenters talk about issues, practices, observations, and solutions to the problems you have encountered rather than the merits of proprietary products or services. The opportunity to promote your product or service is available in the **International Rail Safety EXPO Area**. Download Exhibitor/Sponsorship Information at: <http://railsafetyseminars.com/download.html>
- **Keep your presentation to 25 - 30 minutes.** Each presenter has a **TOTAL of 35 minutes** for their presentation and Q&A before the next presentation starts. Allow 5 - 10 minutes for questions and discussion - this group usually has questions for the presenters.
- **PowerPoint Tips: Use 4:3 aspect ratio in Powerpoint.** The screen we project the presentations on is 12' x 9' and the 4:3 (standard) ratio fits this screen size better than the 16:9 (widescreen). 16:9 presentations are permitted, however type and graphics may display smaller than the same elements formatted to 4:3 ratio. **Use photos with a minimum pixel resolution of 1280 x 720.** Note that 1440 x 1980 is ideal for 4:3 ratio presentations (960 x 720 will also work). 1920 x 1080 is ideal for full screen photos in a 16:9 format presentation.
- **Have your required materials submitted on time.** We will distribute the Rail Safety Seminar presentations, presenter biographies, and any supporting white papers via download from our web site. Following the event we are planning to make audio files and transcriptions of the presentations available.
 - **NOW DUE:** Speaker registration and payment (see below). Speakers receive the discounted rate of \$495.00
 - **NOW DUE:** Photo and short biography due. See guidelines on page 2.
 - **March 1:** PowerPoint Presentation Review Deadline (send final version of your PowerPoint file for review)

Presenter Registration & Hotel Reservation (on-line, fax and mail)

Register and pay online at <http://railsafetyseminars.com/registration.html> or use the form on page 4.

Reserve your hotel rooms online at <http://railsafetyseminars.com/location.html> or use the form on page 6.

If you prefer to fax or mail your registration and room reservation information, use the Speaker Registration and Hotel Reservation Forms. Our fax number and mailing address are at the bottom of this page.

Presenters are responsible for hotel and travel expenses. A limited number of discounted rooms in the Rail Safety Seminars room block (\$139 per night plus tax) are available on a first-come basis, so reserve your rooms early.

Presenter Resources

Presenter Resources including PowerPoint Templates and more will be available for download from the Rail Safety Seminars web site at: <http://railsafetyseminars.com/resources>

I look forward to your presentation!



Tom Groark
President, Vehicle & Track Events



Presenter Photo Guidelines - DUE NOW

I am requesting a photo (portrait style) for use on the seminar web page and as part of the presentation download that will be available to attendees.

Please review the requirements below and send to me via email.

Provide your color photo as a JPG image, 500k or larger. You can email me a digital version of a professional photo or simply shoot one yourself with a digital camera or smartphone.

Avoid photos with a "busy" background - a neutral, solid color works well.

Your photo will be cropped similar to the sample at right.

**Sample Presenter Biography - DUE NOW**

I have made up one short and one long bio for your review. These are not real bios and are only for your reference as to length of text and narrative style. This is intended to give readers the high points of your career, education, accomplishments, professional memberships, etc. - not a formal resume.

SHORT VERSION - *Your bio should be at least this long*

Tom Groark, PEng (list your designation: PhD, etc) SHORT VERSION

Chief Engineer Track and Structures for CrossCountry Transit (list your job title and company name)

Tom Groark has been working for railroads for more than 35 years. He has held positions from section laborer to assistant division manager engineering to manager projects for US and Canadian Class 1 roads. He is currently Chief Engineer Track and Structures for CrossCountry Transit, the commuter operation on the CrossCountry Rail, Inc.. Through his career, Tom has worked on various individual solutions and preventive measures. He holds Bachelor's Degrees in Civil Engineering, and a Masters in Business Administration, and is a registered Professional Engineer.

LONG VERSION - *If it is necessary for your bio to be longer than the sample below, I can accommodate you.*

Tom Groark, PEng (list your designation: PhD, etc) LONG VERSION

Vice President of Operations, TJG Engineering (list your job title and company name)

Tom Groark is the Vice President with TJG Engineering, Inc. in Melbourne, Florida. He graduated from Florida State University in 1982 and went to work for Burlington Northern Railroad. His 10-year career with BN covered work in Montana, Kansas City and Denver including the Powder River Basin. He held various positions in the field including Assistant Roadmaster running steel gangs, Assistant B&B Supervisor and then Manager of Structures. His staff positions included Bridge Design Engineer and Manager of System Engineering's Computer Systems. In 1993 he went to work for ABC Co. in their Florida office and in 1997 moved to Georgia with ABC. As a consultant, he's worked XYZ projects on the Anytown Project, near Denver, the RR Bridge work on the I-15 construction in Salt Lake and several rail safety projects in Canada.

He was awarded a Senior Design Associate in 2011 in recognition of his contributions to ABC and the engineering industry where he has participated in several Progressive Railroading articles. He became a Vice President in ABC's Railroad Division in 2006. He has performed railroad design, construction and review work from China to Florida and is active in Safety Management assessments and development.

Tom is a former Board Member of the American Safety and Rail Association. He has been a member of AREMA since 1982, past Chairman of Committee 0 – Safety Structures. He was one of the original developers and instructors for the Safety Inspection course sponsored by the Safety association and AREMA in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He also is active on the ARA's Safety Committee working on guideline documents for Safety Management. **The 2017 International Rail Safety Seminar & Expo is scheduled for April 10-11, 2017 in Orlando, Florida!**



Overview of Attendees

The curriculum is designed to address safety issues that are critical to a broad cross-section of the railroading industry and related professions. The program will be of particular interest to professionals working with:

- Transits, Trams, Underground, and Light Rail
- Commuter and Suburban Rail
- Passenger Rail, High speed, Medium speed
- Shortline and Regional Freight
- Class 1 Railroads
- Industrial and Mining Railroads
- Tourist and Scenic Railroads
- State DOT, Federal & Regulatory Agencies

Overview of the Agenda (subject to change - check web site for current schedule)

The seminar will cover a broad range of key topics that will be of interest to a diverse group of professionals. The planned agenda will include many of these important topics:

Safety and Risk Assessment

- Risk Assessment Methods and Tools
- Independent Safety Assessments
- System Safety Plans
- Safety Audits
- Safety Management and Organizational Safety
- Vitality Assessments
- Software Reliability Issues

Derailment Prevention and Analysis

- Case Studies: Accidents, Injuries, Derailments
 - Methods Used
 - Lessons Learned
- Tools for accident investigation
 - Simulation Analysis of Accidents
 - Root Cause Methods
 - Evaluation Methods for Human Failure
 - Technology to Use on Site
 - Event Recorders

Vehicle and Track Interaction

- Safety Management of Wheels and Vehicles
- Safety management of Rail and track structure
- Wheel/Rail lubrication systems
- New Technologies' Impact on V/T monitoring
- and more...

Train Control Systems and Methods

- Balancing Safety With Capacity
- PTC
- CBTM
- ERTMS
- ACESS
- Other

Detection and Warning Technologies

- On-board systems
- Camera/Video systems
- Wayside detection systems
- Track measurement systems
- Machine vision systems
- Fatigue management
- Drug and alcohol programs
- Warning systems to prevent accidents
 - Signage and signals
 - Lighting
 - Safety alerters
 - Barrier assessment

Safety and Investigation Training

- Functional Safety training programs
- Derailment investigation training
- Certification programs
- HAZMAT response

Interested in presenting at Rail Safety 2017?

We may have positions available for speakers. Click the "AGENDA" link on the Rail Safety Seminars web site and look for the "Call for Papers" link. Contact Tom Groark at 321-473-6066 or email tom@vehicleandtrack.com if you need more information.



Registration Fees & Discounts You can also register and pay online <http://railsafetyseminars.com>.

Professional Pricing - for suppliers, consultants & others.	Price	Savings	Discount
Professional Early Bird Rate (good through 01/31/2017)	\$995	\$400	30% OFF
Professional Group Rate (3+ from same organization)	\$845	\$550	40% OFF
NEW! Flat Fee Group Rate (up to 10 attendees)	\$5,995	\$800/ea	58% OFF

Employee Pricing - must be a direct, full-time employee of a recognized heavy haul or rail transit operation.	Price	Savings	Discount
Employee Early Bird Rate (good through 01/31/2017)	\$895	\$500	40% OFF
Employee Group Rate (3+ from same organization)	\$625	\$770	55% OFF
NEW! Flat Fee Group Rate (up to 10 attendees)	\$4,995	\$900/ea	65% OFF

Presenter Pricing - for invited speakers. Limit two per topic.	Price	Savings	Discount
Presenter Rate	\$495	\$900	65% OFF

Registration Form

Complete & mail or fax to address/fax at the bottom of this page. PRINT CLEARLY. Use one form per attendee.

I am eligible for Employee Employee Group Professional Professional Group Presenter

Payment Method VISA Mastercard American Express Check* or Money Order* (see address next line)

*Make check or money order payable to: "Vehicle and Track" send to: 274 East Eau Gallie Blvd., #345, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

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Charges will appear as "SAFETY 1 SEMINARS" on your credit card statement. Up to 50% refund available if cancelled in writing before 02/10/2017.

List any Special Needs or Dietary Restrictions



The Meeting Facilities

The **Florida Hotel and Conference Center** at the Florida Mall has been selected as host hotel and conference facility for the 2017 Rail Safety Seminar & EXPO.

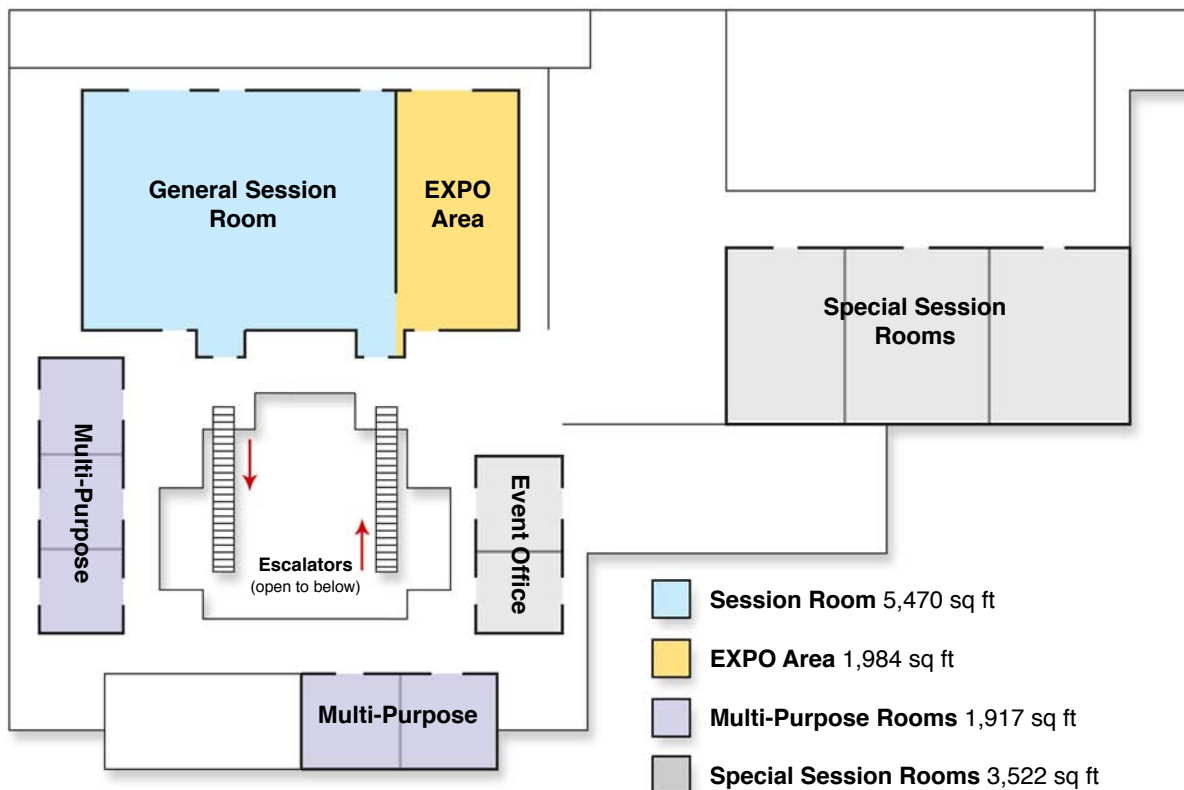


We have contracted for the best of the meeting space on the 2nd-floor mezzanine level for Session Rooms, Expo Area, reception, food and beverage service and more!

The location is close to all the area attractions and just 5 miles from Orlando International Airport. The property is attached to **The Florida Mall** - one of Orlando's largest and most popular shopping destinations. Beautiful guest rooms, meeting facilities and common areas provide the perfect setting for the 2017 Seminar and EXPO.

We have arranged for a **discounted group rate of \$139** per night (+ tax) which includes a **special amenity package** with in-room internet access, refrigerator, and much more.

Online seminar registration, room reservations, maps, driving directions and much more are available on the 2017 Rail Safety Seminar web site at <http://railsafetyseminars.com>.



Hotel Reservation Form Reserve your room online at: <http://railsafetyseminars.com/location.html>

The discounted Rail Safety Seminars room rate is \$139 (US Dollars) per night plus 12.5% tax. Your room rate includes a special amenities package including: in-room internet access, refrigerator, bottled water (2) each day, newspaper, business center access, free self-parking and more! **All rooms are non-smoking.**

This special rate is for rooms with two (2) queen beds (double/queen). A limited number of rooms with a king bed are available at the same rate. Make your reservation early as rooms in the block are assigned on first-come basis and may not be available at time of your reservation. Ten (10) rooms available at prevailing government per diem rate.

If mailing or faxing, this completed form must be received by 3/01/2017

Each room must be guaranteed by either **credit card** or **check**. If paying room guarantee by check, this form must be mailed. Make check payable to Florida Hotel & Conference Center in the amount of **\$156.38** (\$139.00 + \$17.38 tax) Room guarantee (\$156.38) **refundable only if canceling reservation outside 72 hours prior to reservation date.**

Use one form per attendee. Complete & mail or fax to address/fax at the bottom of this page. PRINT CLEARLY.

Room Guarantee made by **VISA** **Mastercard** **American Express** **Check**

Your Name (PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY)

Arrival Date/Time Departure Date

Job Title

Organization

Street Address (include suite or box number)

Cardholder Name (as it appears on card)

City

State/Province

Zip

Credit Card Number

Phone

Email Address

Expiration Date

Security Code

If sharing list first and last name of each person

Signature

Occupancy: **Single** (1 person) **Double** (2 people) **Triple** (3 people) **Quad** (4 people)

Special Requests: **King Bed (limited availability)** 1 bed, single or double occupancy **Handicap Accessible**

U.S. Government Rate - limited supply, double-bed rooms only, verification required

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