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Circular Letter

Subject: Fall 2021 AAR Technical Committee Meetings**To: ALL SUBSCRIBERS****File Number:MC ADMIN**

Considering our country's situation with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AAR has determined that for the second half of 2021, AAR In-person committee meetings are open only to those fully vaccinated for COVID, at least two weeks past final vaccination. Virtual meetings may be held in lieu of in-person meetings if that is preferred. In-person meetings may be considered private for committee members only or they may be open to the public, and that decision is up to each committee. Additionally, AAR-hosted meetings will abide by CDC, State, and local guidelines, which call for masks to be worn in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission (nearly all the United States at this time).

Dates, locations, and the type of meeting are listed below to the extent possible at this time.

Arbitration & Rules Committee

September 29 – October 1 (Virtual Meeting)

Contact: Nichole Fimple (202) 639-2143, nfimple@aar.org

Asset Health Strategy Committee

October Date TBD (Virtual Meeting)

Contact: Greg Deibler, (202) 639-2412, gdeibler@aar.org

Automatic Equipment Identification Committee

Date TBD (Virtual Meeting)

Contact: Melody Sheahan, (202) 639-2146, msheahan@aar.org

Brake Systems Committee

August 3-4, (Colorado Springs, CO) Committee Members Only, Public Virtual Meeting

Contact: Heath Bushell, (719) 420-0425, brakes@aar.com

Car Repair Billing Committee

September 27-29 (Virtual Meeting)

Contact: Miles Lucero, (202) 639-2140, mlucero@aar.org

Coupling System & Truck Castings Committee

September 21-23 (Boaz, AL) Committee Only or by Invitation, Public Virtual Meeting

Contact: Daniel Gutscher, (719) 584-0500, cstcc@aar.com

Damage Prevention and Freight Claims Committee

October 26 (Louisville, KY and call-in option available) Committee Members Only

Contact: Kelsey Even, (719) 584-7187, kelsey_even@aar.com

Engineering Policy Committee

No fall meeting planned at this time

Contact: Melody Sheahan, (202) 639-2146, msheahan@aar.org

Equipment Engineering Committee

August 4-5, (Colorado Springs, CO) Committee Members Only, Public Virtual Meeting

Contact: Jon Hannafious, (719) 584-0682, EEC@aar.com

Equipment Health Monitoring Committee

October Date TBD (Virtual Meeting)

Contact: Greg Deibler, (202) 639-2412, gdeibler@aar.org

Locomotive Committee

Date TBD (Format TBD)

Contact: Mike Fore, (202) 639-2303, mfore@aar.org (mailto:mfore@aar.org)

Open Top Loading Rules Committee

September 14-16 (Virtual Meeting)

Contact: Rama Maram, (719) 584-7196, rama_maram@aar.com

Railway Electronics Standards Committee

No fall meeting planned at this time

Contact: Melody Sheahan, (202) 639-2146, msheahan@aar.org (mailto:msheahan@aar.org)

Signal Committee

No fall meeting planned at this time

Contact: Melody Sheahan, (202) 639-2146, msheahan@aar.org

Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee

August 3 (Virtual Meeting) Committee Members Only

Contact: Dave Hendrixon, (719) 584-0501, david_hendrixon@aar.com

Tank Car Committee

October 20-21 (Dallas, TX) Public Meeting

Contact: Ken Dorsey, (202) 639-2262, kdorsey@aar.org (mailto:kdorsey@aar.org)

Train Control Communications and Operations Committee

October 13, 2021 (Format TBD)

Contact: Melody Sheahan, (202) 639-2146, msheahan@aar.org (mailto:msheahan@aar.org)

Wheels, Axles, Bearings & Lubrication Committee

August 17-19 (Virtual Meeting) Committee Members Only

Contact: Daniel Carter, (719) 584-0670, WABL@aar.com

Wireless Communications Committee

November 17-18 (Seattle, WA)

Contact: Melody Sheahan, (202) 639-2146, msheahan@aar.org (mailto:msheahan@aar.org)

Please contact the staff person listed above for more information or if you have an item you wish to have considered by a committee. AAR Meeting Announcements can also be found online on the TTCI Technical Services web page: <http://www.aar.com/standards/AARMeetingAnnouncements.html> (<http://www.aar.com/standards/AARMeetingAnnouncements.html>)

Sincerely,
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