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Circular Letter

**Subject: Revised Spring 2009 AAR Technical Services Committee Meeting Schedule**

**To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

**File Number: TSWC - Admin**

In light of our country's and our Industry's current economic condition, AAR is looking at ways to save money not only for the Association but also for our members and those who support us. We have determined that the first step to take is to reduce the number of face-to-face meetings held by each technical committee or supporting group by one meeting each. Presently most Committees meet face-to-face at least twice or three times per year.

In this regard, we have directed each Committee Manager to work with his or her Committee Chair to eliminate one face-to-face meeting in favor of a conference call or webcast. The revised 2009 Spring meeting schedule below is the result of this action. In the schedule below, about 1/2 of the spring meetings have been cancelled and will be replaced by Web Conferences or conference calls. In the other cases, cancellation of meetings planned for the Fall of 2009 will be announced at a later date.

**Arbitration & Rules Committee (no change to Spring 2009 schedule)**

4/15-17/09

Shreveport, LA

Contact: Tom Stahura, (202) 639-2139, [tstahura@aar.org](mailto:tstahura@aar.org) (<mailto:tstahura@aar.org>)

**ATSI & EHMS Steering Committee**

Week of April 27, 2009 - Fort Worth, TX

Steering Committee Meeting and Town Hall

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting & Town Hall Cancelled.

Will hold Steering Committee Meeting as a Conference Call

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**Brake Systems Committee**

3/10-12/09

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting Cancelled. Will hold meetings as a Web Cast.

Contact: Steve Belpert, (719) 584-0668, [steven\\_belpert@aar.com](mailto:steven_belpert@aar.com) ([mailto:steven\\_belpert@aar.com](mailto:steven_belpert@aar.com))

**Car Repair Billing Committee**

4/7-9/09

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting Cancelled. Will hold meetings as a Web Cast.

Contact: Betty Pague, (202) 639-2140, [bpague@aar.org](mailto:bpague@aar.org) (<mailto:bpague@aar.org>)

**Coupling System & Truck Castings Committee (no change to Spring 2009 schedule)**

4/20-23/09

Peoria, IL / Bettendorf, IA

Contact: Jon Hannafious, (719) 584-0682, [jon\\_hannafious@aar.com](mailto:jon_hannafious@aar.com) ([mailto:jon\\_hannafious@aar.com](mailto:jon_hannafious@aar.com))

**Damage Prevention Freight Claim Committee**

None scheduled at this time.

Contact: Gary Held, (919) 651-5027, gary.held@railinc.com (mailto:gary.held@railinc.com)

**Equipment Engineering Committee**

4/7-9/09

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting Cancelled. Will hold meetings as a Web Cast.

Contact: David Cackovic, (719) 585-1880, david\_cackovic@aar.com (mailto:david\_cackovic@aar.com)

**Intermodal Car Performance Subcommittee**

3/10-12/09

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting Cancelled. Will hold meetings as a Web Cast.

Contact: Charles Powell, (719) 585-1883, charles\_powell@aar.com (mailto:charles\_powell@aar.com)

**Locomotive Committee**

1/27-28/09

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting Cancelled. Will hold meetings as a Web Cast.

Contact: Bill Sneed, (719) 584-0746, bill\_sneed@aar.com (mailto:bill\_sneed@aar.com)

**Open Top Loading Rules Committee (no change to Spring 2009 schedule)**

3/17-19/09

Ontario, CA

Contact: John Blackman, (719) 584-0511, john\_blackman@aar.com (mailto:john\_blackman@aar.com)

**Quality Assurance Committee (no change to Spring 2009 schedule)**

2/3-5/09

Orlando, FL

Contact: Joy Cooke, (719) 584-0715, joy\_cooke@aar.com (mailto:joy\_cooke@aar.com)

**Specialty Equipped Freight Car Committee (no change to Spring 2009 schedule)**

3/17-19/09

St. Louis, MO

Contact: Dwayne Florence, (919) 651-5013, dwayne.florence@railinc.com (mailto:dwayne.florence@railinc.com)

**Wheels, Axles, Bearings & Lubrication Committee**

3/24-26/09

Spring Face-to-Face Meeting Cancelled. Will hold meetings as a Web Cast.

Contact: Ken Rownd, (719) 584-0670, ken\_rownd@aar.com (mailto:ken\_rownd@aar.com)

The revised schedule above represents the regular "full" committee meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2009. Monthly committee teleconferences and special meetings are not listed. Please contact the staff person listed above if you have an item you wish to have considered by a committee in advance of the published meeting dates.

Sincerely,

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