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## **Session Descriptions**



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# Friday, Sept. 16 RAIL EQUIPMENT

8:45 a.m **Welcome Session** Eric Starks. FTR 9:00 a.m The Railcar Manufacturing Landscape Eric Starks. FTR Eric Marchetto, TrinityRail 9:45 a.m Rail's Next Peak: FTR's Expectations for the Next Manufacturing Boom Todd Tranausky, FTR 10:30 a.m Tank Cars: The Future for Flammable Liquids and Other Commodities Todd Tranausky, FTR Jay Carter, The Greenbrier Companies Curtis Chandler, Progressive Fuels, Ltd. 11:00 a.m Box Cars: How Long Will the Good Times Roll? Todd Tranausky, FTR Ben Elpers, KBX Rail Jerry Vest, TTX Company 11:30 a.m Wall Street's Take on Equipment: What Analysts Are Watching Matt Elkott. Cowen 12:00 p.m Rail Equipment In Focus: FTR's New Rail Equipment Offerings Todd Tranausky, FTR 1:00 p.m The Leasing Perspective: How Do Things Look Going Forward? Eric Starks. FTR Kevin Cook, Mitsui Rail 1:30 p.m Insights From the Ag Sector: A Fireside Chat Todd Tranausky, FTR Justin Louchheim. The Fertilizer Institute 2:00 p.m Gondolas and Open-Tops: Can Coal be Overcome? Todd Tranausky, FTR John Carr, Dairyland Power Cooperative Bob Pickel. National Steel Car Limited 2:45 p.m Flat Cars: Growth Delayed, Not Denied Todd Tranausky, FTR David Nahass, Railroad Financial Corp.

#### **DON'T MISS:**

6:30- 7:30 a.m. Indy Canal Walk/Run

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration Open

**7:30 - 8:45 a.m.**Breakfast

**10:15 - 10:30 a.m.**Networking Break

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**Lunch

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Networking Break

#### Todd Tranausky, FTR Tyler Dickman, GATX

**Covered Hoppers: Will Rebuilds Change the Calculus?** 

Rob Cook, Bunge

3:15 p.m

Dan Anderson, TrinityRail



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**Welcome Session** 8:45 a.m.

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#### 9:00 a.m. The Railcar Manufacturing Landscape

Eric Starks, FTR

Eric Marchetto, TrinityRail

A fireside chat with Trinity Rail's Eric Marchetto about the railcar manufacturing space. We will discuss where the industry is today and where it is headed over the coming years. Then, Eric talks about what car types he has his eye on that could surprise.

#### 9:45 a.m. Rail's Next Peak: FTR's Expectations for the Next Manufacturing Boom

Todd Tranausky, FTR

This session will provide an outlook on the specific railcar types and what is most likely to happen on a build rate and retirement perspective as the industry works toward its next peak. The session will also include a discussion of the risk factors FTR is watching that could alter the industry's trajectory.

#### 10:30 a.m. Tank Cars: The Future for Flammable Liquids and Other Commodities

Todd Tranausky, FTR

Jay Carter, The Greenbrier Companies

Curtis Chandler, Progressive Fuels, Ltd.

This panel will look at flammable liquids tank cars as well as other non-hazardous material freight that moves in tank cars to provide a picture of what the year ahead might look like.

#### 11:00 a.m. Box Cars: How Long Will the Good Times Roll?

Todd Tranausky, FTR Ben Elpers, KBX Rail Jerry Vest III, TTX Company

Boxcars should have strong deliveries for the next few years after recent strong order activity. But what happens after that and what freight types will underpin demand going beyond the current boom.

#### 11:30 a.m. Wall Street's Take on Equipment: What Analysts Are Watching

Matt Elkott, Cowen

A leading Wall Street analyst will discuss how Wall Street views the rail equipment industry and what the financial sector is watching over the next few quarters.

#### 12:00 p.m. Rail Equipment In Focus: FTR's New Rail Equipment Offerings

Todd Tranausky, FTR

Rail equipment needs are ever evolving and FTR's Rail Equipment offerings are changing to meet those needs. Come hear about our latest innovations around hazardous materials tank car lease rates, and more real time insight on cars coming into and out of the North American railcar fleet.



#### 1:00 p.m. The Leasing Perspective: How Do Things Look Going Forward?

Eric Starks, FTR Kevin Cook, Mitsui Rail

A leading railcar leasing executive provides their take on the industry and what metrics matter from a leasing perspective over the next few quarters. We'll also discuss the risk factors that could dramatically alter the calculus.

#### 1:30 p.m. Insights From the Ag Sector: A Fireside Chat

Todd Tranausky, FTR
Justin Louchheim, The Fertilizer Institute

This session will provide a conversation with the fertilizer industry about their demand needs over the next year, along with what it means for the broader agriculture space. This session will provide insight into the railcar needs of the ag sector and whether they are likely to increase, decrease, or stay level over the next 12 months.

#### 2:00 p.m. Gondolas and Open-Tops: Can Coal be Overcome?

Todd Tranausky, FTR
John Carr, Dairyland Power Cooperative
Bob Pickel, National Steel Car Limited

Gondolas and open-top hoppers are a tale of two car types. Gondolas have been buoyed by the robust metals market of the last two years while coal has acted as an anchor for open-top hoppers. This panel will explore the two related, yet different car types and their differing futures.

#### 2:45 p.m. Flat Cars: Growth Delayed, Not Denied

Todd Tranausky, FTR David Nahass, Railroad Financial Corp. Dan Anderson, TrinityRail

Growth in the flat car market faces near term headwinds as automotive and intermodal volumes struggle. Eventually these commodity sectors should see demand recover and their railcar needs increase. But the exact timing of that recovery and its flow-through to railcars is murky. This panel of experts will provide insights into the outlook.

#### 3:15 p.m. Covered Hoppers: Will Rebuilds Change the Calculus?

Todd Tranausky, FTR Tyler Dickman, GATX Rob Cook, Bunge

There are sustained demand drivers in the grain and plastic pellet/resin markets that should allow for robust orders and deliveries. But rebuilds of excess cars into more in-demand car types could dilute the demand fundamentals for new equipment demand. Our panel will explore this potential phenomenon and more.