



# ASLRRA EASTERN REGION MEETING

with Conductor Certification and Accident/Incident Training

October 1-4, 2011

Renaissance Hotel - Cleveland, Ohio



## MEETING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### INVITATION TO ATTEND

from BOB BAILEY, EASTERN REGION VP  
and DAVID COLLINS, MEETING CHAIR

As ASLRRA's Regional Vice President and Meeting Chair, we are delighted to encourage you to attend and participate in this year's meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Your Meeting Planning Committee has focused all of its energies on creating a valuable educational experience, full of opportunities to network and learn something new, while remaining mindful of the current economic conditions as well as the many commitments vying for your time and attention.



This meeting will provide a great mix of business and social activities starting on the social side with an optional service project with **Habitat for Humanity** on Saturday, continuing with receptions, lunches, breakfasts, and breaks in the event sponsor area. On the business end of the program, and new to the educational lineup this year, is a training seminar that will cover two timely topics: the new **Conductor Certification** requirement and

the changes to **Accident/Incident Reporting**. You can arrange to just attend this training session or add it on to the existing regional meeting registration.

The General Business Session topics are timely and thought-provoking and designed to keep members up-to-date on the latest changes to the regulations affecting the small railroad industry. As always, this event embraces all of the education, industry news, and social events that you've come to expect from an ASLRRA meeting. Topics include:

- an economic update from the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank
- fuel conservation and locomotives
- putting your rail operation in a positive light
- the latest in remediation issues
- short line business success stories
- an update on various rail industry committees, their initiatives and deadlines
- legislative update
- TSA regulation changes and the security grant process
- short line and regional railroad profiles
- where things stand with the hours of service pilot project
- and the ever popular Rocky Horror Regulatory Show

Why Cleveland? *Frommers* says it best: More than nine million people a year visit this plucky city perched along the Lake Erie shoreline. What's the draw? Professional sports, cutting-edge medical care, and world-class cultural institutions are part of the appeal. Perhaps less well known to outsiders are the array of charming neighborhoods -- Coventry Village, Little Italy, Tremont, and Shaker Heights -- filled with boutiques, galleries, and coffee shops. This underrated city's abundance of locally owned restaurants is also helping Cleveland burnish its reputation as the

"epicenter of the Midwest food scene," in the words of the *Chicago Tribune*.

George Washington once said that a great city would stand in the blessed spot where the Cuyahoga River met Lake Erie. Industrial success infused the city with money early on, as steel and oil barons built a monumental downtown and a cultural legacy. The city's institutions provided a solid foundation for postindustrial urban development, which took a giant step forward in 1994 with the opening of Progressive Field, the first of the nation's new wave of retro-modern Major League ballparks. A year later came I. M. Pei's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Although Cleveland's industrial foundation is very much in evidence, downtown's steel warehouses and tool-and-die factories now house clubs and restaurants, and its many bridges lead to gentrified neighborhoods.



Our downtown hotel, the **Renaissance Cleveland**, (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/clebr-renaissance-cleveland-hotel/>) is located on Public Square and is connected to Tower City Center's exclusive boutiques, restaurants and cinema. Within walking distance to Progressive Field, Quicken Loans Arena and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Renaissance is a city landmark.

So don't miss out on this opportunity to meet with your peers, while sharing ideas and networking with others in the industry. Make plans to head to Cleveland where we're working on building a strong program complete with new features and activities to help you connect. We sincerely look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to this conference.

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## **CONFERENCE AGENDA** **AT A GLANCE**

See pages 4-5 for times and greater detail

### **Friday, September 30**

*Service Project participants arrive*

*(Bus leaves at 7:30am Saturday morning and we must arrive as a group – Please plan to come to Cleveland on Friday if you plan to participate)*

### **Saturday, October 1**

*Habitat for Humanity Service Project and Thank You Reception (Optional)*

### **Sunday, October 2**

*Registration*

*Training Session: Conductor Certification and Accident/Incident Reporting (Optional)*

*Event Sponsor Tabletop Setup*

*Small Railroad Sandhouse Knowledge Exchange*

*Opening Reception*

*Open Evening for Vendor Entertaining*

### **Monday, October 3**

*Breakfast in Event Sponsor Area*

*General Business Session*

*Networking Luncheon in Event Sponsor Area*

*Afternoon General Business Session*

*Railroad Sandhouse Session*

*Associate Sandhouse Session*

*Railroad Membership Meeting and Board Election*

*Reception in Event Sponsor Area*

*Open Evening for Vendor Entertaining*

*Kaboose Klub Lounge Sports Reception in Event Sponsor Area*

### **Tuesday, October 4**

*Breakfast in Event Sponsor Area*

*General Business Session*

*Farewell Lunch in Tabletop Exhibit Area*

*Passenger Committee Meeting*

*RIWG Meeting*

## **Did you Know?**



**Approximately 1,400 structures were razed to make way for the Terminal tower during its construction in the late 1920s**

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE?**

- ★ **SHORT LINE & REGIONAL RAILROAD PERSONNEL**
  - Presidents, CEOs, COOs, & VPs
  - General Managers
  - Operating Personnel
  - Safety Officers
  - Superintendents
  - Roadmasters
  - Trainmasters
  - Conductors
  - Maintenance-of-Way Personnel
  - Marketing Personnel
  - Purchasing Agents
  - Engineering Personnel
  - Human Resource Staff
  - Administrators
  - General Counsels and Legal Staff
- ★ **CLASS I RAILROADS**
- ★ **SHIPPERS**
- ★ **TRANSIT RAILROAD OFFICIALS**
- ★ **CONTRACTORS**
- ★ **FEDERAL / STATE DOT REPS**
- ★ **SUPPLIERS**



## SPECIAL EVENTS & CHANGES FOR 2011

### GREATER CLEVELAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE PROJECT Saturday, Oct. 1; 8am – 4pm



This year's service project will take place in conjunction with the **Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity**. We'll start out early on the morning of Saturday, October 1. We'll provide a bag breakfast, lunch, transportation and a T-shirt. Later that evening, we'll hold a thank you reception for the participants. We hope that you'll join us and participate in this program and help us to leave the city a little better than we found it, while networking and getting to know your fellow ASLRRA members better. Space is limited. See page 5 for details.

### CONDUCTOR CERTIFICATION AND ACCIDENT/INCIDENT TRAINING Educational Opportunity Added Sunday, Oct. 2; 8:00am – 5:00pm

Are you ready for the next mandate out of the Railroad Safety Act of 2008: Conductor Certification? Do you know what it is? Do you understand the requirements for compliance? Is your operation prepared? Is your training program in place? This **Conductor Certification Training Session** will present in-depth the new regulation which will become effective this year. Although similar to locomotive engineer certification, the regulation will present significant changes to the compliance requirements for certification and de-certification.

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...the mix of activities  
...performed in terms of the  
...a **knowledge** base for  
...proprietary knowledge is  
...years as a means of  
...understanding compliance*

effect June 1, 2011? This **Accident/Incident Reporting Training Session** will highlight the significant changes that were made. The material changes of Part 225 will be discussed including a review of the purpose behind Part 225, and why your compliance is integral to the success of FRA.

See page 5 for more details on this two-part class. Attendees will have access to the Sunday Evening Reception as well. Railroad member employees may register for the class for \$139. However, because this training session takes place in conjunction with our Regional Meeting and its outstanding educational breakout lineup, attendees should consider registering for the entire conference for \$239 and add the training session for only \$89. This is a unique opportunity, not to be missed.

### SMALL RAILROAD KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SANDHOUSE SESSION Sunday, Oct. 2; 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Attention small railroads! You told us that you come to this conference and you are disappointed because you wanted time to sit down with other small railroad operators to interact and exchange ideas and best practices in a relaxed setting. This event is just for you! Join ASLRRA small railroad board representative, **Eric Lee** of Meridian Southern Railroad and ASLRRA Personnel as they lead this discussion session. Come with your operating, marketing, and regulatory questions and be prepared to dialogue with your fellow members!

### EVENT SPONSORS New Benefit Added to Lineup

ASLRRA's Event Sponsors of \$1000 or more will be eligible to receive a table top display space at the regional meeting. There is limited space available to preserve the informality of the conference and to maximize sponsors' productive and substantive exposure. All displays will be located in high-traffic areas where attendees gather: receptions, breakfasts, refreshment breaks and lunch. Spaces will be available on a first come, first serve basis for event sponsors only. See page 6 for additional details on event sponsorship.

### KABOOSE KLUB GAME LOUNGE Monday, Oct. 2; 8:30pm

Following dinner on Monday night, be sure to stop by the Eastern Region's popular Kaboose Klub Lounge Reception. Watch the Monday night football game (Indianapolis Colts v. Tampa Bay Buccaneers) with friends and associates in the Event Sponsor Display Area. This event provides just one more opportunity to network and socialize in a relaxed, casual atmosphere.

### FAREWELL LUNCHEON Tuesday, Oct. 3; 12:00pm

This year's meeting will close out with a farewell luncheon in the Event Sponsor display area on Tuesday before everyone heads out to tour Cleveland, or heads home. Box lunches will also be available beginning at 11:00am if you need to eat on the run.

### COMPACT AND CONCISE Strong Content, On-Target Program

Your time and money are valuable and with everyone's hectic schedule and the tight economy, we knew that we would have to make this year's program strong, concise, and to the point. We believe we have accomplished this goal by developing a good program, designed to educate, inform, and keep you abreast of increasing regulatory changes in the industry. This meeting will provide you with a prime opportunity to learn in a comfortable environment while networking and gaining the tools to help you do your job smarter and more safely.





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Dress code for all events and sessions is Business Casual - See page 7 for details.

### Saturday, October 1, 2011

- 7:00am CHECK IN FOR SERVICE PROJECT
- 7:30am BOARD BUS TO WORK SITE
- 8:00am - SERVICE PROJECT AT GREATER CLEVELAND HABITAT PROJECT
- 4:30pm RETURN TO RENAISSANCE
- 5:30pm - PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, October 2, 2011

- 7:30am - ASLRRA REGISTRATION FOR TRAINING CLASS
- 9:00am
- 8:00am - CONDUCTOR CERTIFICATION AND ACCIDENT/INCIDENT TRAINING CLASS  
*Conductor Cert class will run from 8am to noon. The group will break for lunch and then will resume at 12:45pm and conclude at 5:00pm. A light continental breakfast, box lunch, and breaks are included in the training class registration fee.*
- 5:00pm
- 2:00pm - EVENT SPONSOR DISPLAY SET-UP
- 5:00pm
- 3:00pm - ASLRRA REGISTRATION
- 7:30pm
- 5:00pm - SMALL RAILROAD KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SANDHOUSE SESSION
- 6:00pm - OPENING RECEPTION  
*Sponsorship Opportunity*
- 7:30pm
- 7:30pm OPEN EVENING FOR VENDOR ENTERTAINING  
*Check out the dining guide for restaurant ideas*

### Monday, October 3, 2011

- 7:00am - REGISTRATION AND INFO DESK
- 7:00pm
- 7:00am - EASTERN REGION BOARD BREAKFAST MEETING
- 7:55am
- 7:00am - BUFFET BREAKFAST IN THE EVENT SPONSOR AREA
- 7:55am
- 8:00am - GENERAL SESSION
- 4:00pm

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, October 3, 2011(Cont.)

- 8:00am - CALL TO ORDER, SAFETY BRIEFING AND WELCOME:  
*Bob Bailey, Eastern Region VP  
Tom Streicher, ASLRRA  
Dave Collins, Meeting Chair*
- 8:10am
- 8:10am - KEYNOTE: Update on the State of the Economy  
*Speaker TBD, Federal Reserve Bank (Invited)*
- 9:00am
- 9:00am - Fuel Conservation: Good For the Environment and Even Better For Your Company's Bottom Line  
*Moderator: Richard F. Timmons  
Speakers: David Powell, G&W  
Wayne Hamm, OmniTRAX*
- 10:15am
- 10:15am - REFRESHMENT BREAK IN EVENT SPONSOR AREA
- 10:45am
- 10:45am - Railroads Under Scrutiny: Portraying Rail Transportation in a Positive Light  
*Moderator: John P. McCreavy  
Panelists: Real Estate Rep  
Regulator and Rail Customer*
- 11:45am
- 11:45am - 2012 Annual Convention Presentation  
*Steven R. Friedland, Chair,  
ASLRRA Annual Convention*
- 11:55pm
- 12:00pm - NETWORKING LUNCHEON IN EVENT SPONSOR AREA  
*Sponsorship Opportunity*
- 1:10pm
- 1:15pm - The Latest in Remediation Issues (Vapor Intrusion, Deed Restrictions, Risk Assessments, Preemption, EPA Access)  
*Pam Nehring, Partner, Daley Mohan Groble, P.C.*
- 2:00pm
- 2:00pm - Short Line Business Success Stories  
*Moderator: Martin A. Pohlod, VP-Commercial, Ohio Central Railroad  
Panelists: Railroads TBD*
- 3:00pm
- 3:00pm - REFRESHMENT BREAK IN EVENT SPONSOR AREA
- 3:30pm
- 3:30pm - Committee Report: An Update on Various Rail Industry Committees, Their Initiatives and Deadlines  
*David J. Mears, AVP-Equipment, Service Design & Performance, ASLRRA*
- 4:00pm
- 4:00pm - ASSOCIATE SANDHOUSE SESSION
- 5:00pm
- 4:00pm - RAILROAD SANDHOUSE SESSION
- 5:00pm

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Monday, October 3, 2011 (Cont.)

- 5:00pm - REGIONAL MEETING & ELECTION - Railroad Members
- 5:30pm
- 6:00pm - RECEPTION IN EVENT SPONSOR AREA  
*Sponsorship Opportunity*
- 7:00pm
- 7:00pm OPEN EVENING FOR VENDOR ENTERTAINING  
*Check out the dining guide for restaurant ideas*
- 8:30pm - KABOOSE KLUB LOUNGE GAME NIGHT RECEPTION  
*Sponsorship Opportunity*
- 11:00pm

### Tuesday, October 4, 2011

- 7:00am - REGISTRATION AND INFO DESK
- 10:30am
- 7:00am - BREAKFAST IN EVENT SPONSOR AREA
- 7:55am
- 8:00am - GENERAL SESSION  
*Sponsorship Opportunity*
- 12:15pm
- 8:05am - Eye on the Prize: Legislative Focus on 45G and Truck Size & Weights  
*Jeff Van Schaick, Associate, Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell and Lobbyist, ASLRRA  
Ed McKechnie, CCO, Watco and Chair, ASLRRA LPC Committee*
- 8:35am
- 8:35am - TSA: Upcoming Regulation Changes and Simplifying the Freight Rail Security Grant Process  
*James Dunn, AGM Rail Freight Div., Freight Rail Security, TSA  
Eshael M. Johnson, Director, Stakeholder Relations, Freight Rail Security, TSA.*
- 9:00am
- 9:00am - Short Line and Regional Railroad Profile: A Review of Recent Data Studies  
*David C. Whorton, Manager - Communications & Data, ASLRRA*
- 9:30am
- 9:30am - REFRESHMENT BREAK IN EVENT SPONSOR AREA
- 10:00am
- 10:00am - An Update on the Hours of Service Study  
*Dr. Patrick Sherry, Associate Professor and Director of Training, University of Denver (Invited)*
- 10:30am

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### Tuesday, October 4, 2011 (Cont.)

- 10:30am – **The Rocky Horror Regulatory Show II: Conductor Certification, Dark Territory, and other Hot Regulatory Topics**  
*Thomas E. Streicher, Gen'l Supt, Safety & Operations, ASLRRRA*  
*Keith T. Borman, VP & General Counsel, ASLRRRA*
- 11:55am **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*Bob Bailey and Dave Collins*
- 12:00pm – **FAREWELL LUNCHEON IN EXHIBIT AREA – BOX LUNCHES AVAILABLE AT 11:00AM**
- 1:00pm – **PASSENGER COMMITTEE MEETING**
- 1:00pm – **RIWG MEETING**
- 4:00pm

## Did you know?

In Cleveland, Ohio  
it's illegal to  
catch mice without  
a hunting license



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, October 1; 8:30am – 3:30pm



We will be working with the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity (<http://www.gchfh.org/>) this year. We'll start out the morning on Saturday, October 1, bright and early as we board the bus at 8:00am. We can accommodate up to 12 volunteers. We hope that you'll join us and participate in this program and help us to leave the Cleveland area a little better than we found it, while networking and getting to know your fellow ASLRRRA members better. Later that evening, we'll hold a small thank you reception for the service project participants.

No prior construction experience is required. We will meet in the hotel lobby and our bus will depart the hotel at 8:00am and return by 3:30pm. A fee of \$30 is requested to help defray the cost of breakfast, lunch, and transportation to and from the worksites. Your clothes will get dirty, so we plan to provide t-shirts to all participants. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy, closed-toe and closed-heel footwear. Bring a water bottle (Habitat will have water jugs to refill your bottle.) Habitat will supply necessary tools, but you can bring some basic tools with you if possible: work gloves, tool belt, Hammer, tape measure, pencil, etc.

Please plan to participate in this important project. So we can give Habitat a number of attendees, please sign up by September 18.

**Fee: \$30 per person** (This fee will help us to cover the cost of lunch, refreshments, and transportation to the work site as well as a nifty T-shirt.)

## CONDUCTOR CERT & ACCIDENT/INCIDENT TRAINING SEMINAR

Sunday, October 2; 8:00am – 5:00pm

### Conductor Cert

Are you ready for the next mandate out of the Railroad Safety Act of 2008: Conductor Certification? Do you know what it is? Do you understand the requirements for compliance? Is your operation prepared? Is your training program in place? This **Conductor Certification Training Class** will present the new regulation which will become effective this year. Although similar to locomotive engineer certification, the regulation will present significant changes to the compliance requirements for certification and de-certification.

### Accident/Incident Reporting

Did you know that there are significant changes to 49CFR Part 225 – **Accident/Incident Reporting** which went into effect June 1, 2011? This section of the training seminar will highlight the significant changes that were made. The material changes of Part 225 will be discussed including a review of the purpose behind Part 225, and why your compliance is integral to the success of FRA.

Attendees will also have access to the Sunday Evening Reception, and Sunday morning and afternoon refreshment breaks and a box lunch will be provided.

**Who should attend?** Training Officers, Operating Management, Program Managers, Safety/Compliance Officers, Railroad Reporting Officers, General Managers, Legal Representatives, and DSLE/SLEs

### Earlybird Registration Fees:

\$99 as an add-on to regional meeting registration  
 \$159 per person (member railroads)  
 \$209 (non-member railroads) as a standalone training session

Fees go up \$30 after September 23.



## SPOUSE AND COMPANION INFO

With so many museums and activities within walking distance or a short cab ride from our hotel, ASLRRA will not hold a formal spouse tour at this year's Eastern Region Meeting. Spouses are still encouraged to register and attend all of the social activities. All registered spouses and companions will be welcome to attend all of the social events and they may also sign up for other optional events such as the Service Project. Spouses must register in order to attend ASLRRA events and receptions.

The Spouse registration fee includes:

- Sunday Reception
- Monday Lunch
- Monday Reception
- Kaboose Klub Dessert Reception
- Tuesday Box Lunch

**Spouse Registration Fee: \$99**

### *Did You Know?*

**Stoplights are red, yellow, and green, because traffic officials early on copied the code system railroad engineers devised for track systems controlling the trains.**

**The very First electric stoplight was installed in Cleveland in 1914.**



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

You must register to gain access to all ASLRRA-sponsored functions. Badges must be worn at all events. ASLRRA's registration is fast and convenient and available 24/7/365 using our secure online registration system. **To attend this regional meeting, please complete the online registration by clicking here:**

[https://members.aslrra.org/mtg\\_list.asp](https://members.aslrra.org/mtg_list.asp)

Confirmations and receipts will automatically be sent after processing your registration.

### Registration Fees:

**SAVE \$30 and register by Sept. 23.**

#### **Regional Meeting Registration**

- Associate Member: \$319 (\$349 after 9/23)
- Railroad Member: \$269 (\$299 after 9/23)
- Sustaining Member: \$269 (\$299 after 9/23)
- Government: \$269 (\$299 after 9/23)
- Non-member Supplier: \$419 (\$449 after 9/23)
- Non-member Railroad: \$369 (\$399 after 9/23)
- Spouse/Companion: \$99

#### **Cond Cert/Accident Incident Registration:**

- Member Railroad \$159 (\$179 after 9/23)
- Non-member Railroad \$209 (\$229 after 9/23)
- Add-on Registration: \$99

### Cancellations

Because of commitments made to the hotel and other vendors, no refunds can be made for cancellations after September 23. A \$75 per person processing fee will be charged for any cancellations prior to September 23. Staff substitutions are accepted and encouraged.

### Registration Packet

To collect your registration packet, stop by the ASLRRA registration desk starting at 2:00pm on Sunday. The registration packet will contain badge(s), a registration list, and a copy of the program, as well as other information.

**The registration list will be available at the ASLRRA desk on Sunday and will only be distributed in advance of the meeting to sponsors.**

### *Did You Know?*

**Jesse Owens grew up in Cleveland. He won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.**



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ASLRRA has developed a sponsorship program with numerous event and price options available.

Event sponsors of \$1000 or more may also have their brochures placed directly into the meeting registration packets.

Event Sponsors are also invited to set up a table top exhibit area where we will hold receptions, breakfasts, lunch, and refreshment breaks.

This year, the planning committee has added a Training session on Sunday. In addition to affording our members with an additional outstanding training opportunity, we will be attracting new attendees to this terrific event. Make sure that you don't miss this chance to display your company's products and services to this expanded railroad audience.

For more information on this program and the rewards associated with your contributions, contact Jenny Bourque at 202-585-3449 or [jbourque@aslrra.org](mailto:jbourque@aslrra.org).



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## HOTEL INFORMATION



### Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

24 Public Square  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
Phone: 216-696-5600  
Fax: 216-696-0432  
Check-in: 4:00pm; Check-out: 12:00pm

The 491-room hotel, in the heart of the city on Public Square, is within walking distance of the business/financial districts. Connected to Tower City Center which features retail shops, restaurants, and the Rapid train which runs directly from the Airport, the Renaissance Cleveland is a premier hotel that reflects the history, character and style of Cleveland.

### Room Reservations

Guest room rate is \$139 plus 15.5% tax. When making room reservations, **reference ASLRR or American Short Line** to obtain our group rate. Or, you can click on this link <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/clebr?groupCode=aslasla&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/30/11&toDate=10/4/11> to make your reservations online. **Hotel room cut-off date is September 14.**

### Hotel Services

- Restaurant, lounge, and room service (6:30am - 1:00am)
- Garage with valet and self parking
- Full Service Business Center
- Indoor pool
- Fully equipped fitness center
- Shoe shine service

### Guest Room Amenities

- Coffee Maker
- Work Desk
- Hairdryer
- In-room safe
- Iron/Ironing Board
- High-speed internet access
- Two-line phone with voice mail
- Newspaper upon request

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

### AIRPORT INFORMATION

**Cleveland Hopkins Int'l Airport** (CLE) ([www.clevelandairport.com/](http://www.clevelandairport.com/)) is 10 miles from our hotel and it is served by Air Canada, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United, and US Airways.

### AMTRAK

**Amtrak's** (<http://www.amtrak.com>) station is 1.5 miles from the hotel. The station is a stop on the Capitol Limited and the Lake Shore Limited lines. Check the Amtrak website for schedules and fares.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Cleveland's **Rapid Transit System** ([www.riderta.com](http://www.riderta.com)) offers convenient service to and from the airport. The red line trip takes less than 25 minutes and depart from CLE every 15-20 minutes from 4:30am – 1:00am. The stop at CLE is located on the lower level of the main terminal, accessible by elevator or escalators located in the center of the baggage claim areas. The stop closest to the hotel is in Tower City Station which is attached to the hotel. The fare is \$2.25 each way.

**Taxis** are \$23 one way and you should look for the taxi entrance at the orange wall on the south end of baggage claim, adjacent to Carousel 11. Pickups are made at this location only.

**Rental Car** facility is located off airport grounds. Shuttle service is available to take all rental car customers from the main terminal to the rental car facility. Shuttles are located on the lower roadway island and can be accessed by exiting from Door #5 on the baggage claim level of the main terminal. The shuttle bus ride from the terminal to the rental car facility takes approximately 5 to 7 minutes and runs 24/7/365.

### PARKING

Onsite self-parking is available at the hotel for \$24 per day. Valet parking is available for \$30 per day.

### WEATHER

The Cleveland climate is quite enjoyable and early October days are pleasantly cool reaching the upper 60's. Evening temperatures drop to the 50 degree mark. October is also traditionally one of the months with the least rainfall.

## WHAT TO WEAR

Attire will be business casual for all events. Keep in mind that hotel meeting rooms are notoriously cool, so bring a jacket or sweater.

### **Business Casual Dress Definitions**

**Men** – Khaki slacks or chinos, oxford shirts, collared golf shirt, sport coat or blazer, sweaters and vests, ties optional, no blue jeans.

**Ladies** – More latitude in outfits with the addition of pants and sweaters, pant suits, skirts and cardigans, lower heels and brighter colors, no blue jeans.

## WEBSITES WE LIKE

**ASLRR Meeting Registration Log-in:**  
[https://members.aslrra.org/mtg\\_list.asp](https://members.aslrra.org/mtg_list.asp)

**Fodor's Guide:**  
<http://www.fodors.com/world/north-america/usa/ohio/cleveland/>

**Frommer's Guide:**  
[www.frommers.com/destinations/cleveland/](http://www.frommers.com/destinations/cleveland/)

**Cleveland CVB:**  
<http://www.positivelycleveland.com/>

**Downloadable Walking Tour Map:**  
<http://www.positivelycleveland.com/includes/media/docs/walkcleveland.pdf>

**Cleveland Events Calendar:**  
[www.positivelycleveland.com/play/events/](http://www.positivelycleveland.com/play/events/)

## Did you know?

The popular television sitcom, *the Drew Carey Show*, is set in Cleveland

