



Bob Tuzik

WHEEL RAIL SEMINARS



Rail Transit



Principles



Heavy Haul

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Wheel Rail Seminars (WRS) is pleased to announce Bob Tuzik's increasing role in Wheel Rail Seminars' annual Wheel/Rail Interaction (WRI) Conferences. In addition to his role as Executive Program Director of the annual Wheel/Rail Interaction conference, Bob will also serve as Executive Program Director of the Wheel Rail Seminars' WRI European Union conferences, the first of which was held in 2015.

"Bob's association with the WRI conferences goes back to the beginning, nearly 25 years ago," said WRS founder Gordon Bachinsky. "He has worked behind the scenes to help develop the program for the Rail Transit, Principles, and Heavy Haul seminars, and has worked out front as moderator, facilitator and presenter over the years."

As Executive Program Director, Bob is responsible for developing the programs for the Rail Transit and Heavy Haul portions of the annual Wheel/Rail Interaction conferences. He also works closely with Kevin Oldknow, the Program Director of the Principles course, to oversee the Principles of Wheel/Rail Interaction, which he and WRS founder Gordon Bachinsky established to provide a better understanding of the fundamental aspects of vehicle/track interaction. Bob will also work closely with our European counterparts and ÖBB, Austrian Federal Railways, a primary sponsor of WRI EU 2019, which will be in Vienna in October 2019.

Bob began his railway career in the Operating Department of the former Santa Fe Railway in Chicago, working in various positions from switchman to Supervisor of Operations over a dozen years.

He is the former editor (and current consulting editor) of *Railway Track and Structures*, former engineering editor of *Railway Age*, and former associate editor of *International Railway Journal*. He has also written for *Trains* and contributed to the *Encyclopedia of North American Railroads*. He currently publishes *Interface, the Journal of Wheel/Rail Interaction*, an online journal that provides in-depth coverage of many of the topics presented at the Wheel/Rail Seminars. Bob's increasing role in developing content for the WRI and WRI EU conference further enhances the synergistic relationship between the information generated at Wheel Rail Seminars and the editorial mission of *Interface Journal* – to provide the latest information on the practical implementation of the latest research and technology relating to wheel/rail, vehicle track interaction.

Beyond his railroad and journalism experience, Bob has held senior management positions at railway supply, service and consulting companies. Through Talus Associates LLC, he has worked as an independent railway marketing consultant. He has extensive knowledge of data collection and data analysis programs relating to track condition and maintenance planning on North American railways and transit systems. He has participated in AREMA and APTA committees, which work to establish recommended practices for rail freight and passenger systems. Over more than four decades in the industry, he has developed a solid understanding of the issues and challenges that drive innovation and development in the industry.

"Bob is a good example of the kind of railway professional with broad-based experience that we have relied on over the years to consistently make WRI the best annual conference of its kind," Bachinsky said. "We welcome his ongoing participation."