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Holland was honored to speak at ASLRRA 2017 Connections

CRETE, IL – May 17, 2017 – On Monday, April 24th, Holland presenters Maggie Vuono, Regional Sales Manager and Robert Tuzik, Rangecam Business Manager, addressed the attendees at the ASLRRA 2017 Connections show. Their Super Session: Internal Rail Flaw Testing and Rail Wear was part of the RailroadU breakout sessions. The session focused on how the current regulatory environment is focusing on internal rail flaw detection and rail head wear on Class 2 track when transporting specific amounts of hazardous commodities. Vuono and Tuzik presented the process and procedures to identify internal rail flaws and measure rail head wear. It was also important for the attendees to understand how internal rail flaws relate to and accelerate rail head wear.

Tuzik kicked off the presentation educating the attendees on derailments statistics and the correlation to rail wear and service failures. He described different tools to measure rail wear such as using hand tools or an automated rail profile measurement system along with the benefits of a maintenance planning software. Tuzik expressed that the ultimate goal of monitoring rail wear is predictive maintenance; utilizing programs that combine data on geometry, wear, damage and dynamic loading conditions to identify relationships between the data and generate information that short-lines can act on.

During her portion of the presentation, Vuono acknowledged that every railroad is different in size, budget and staff and the addressed importance of tailoring needs of specific railroad to the solution that works best for them. She informed the attendees about grant applications that can be used to assist short-lines with their track maintenance needs and presented solutions such as repair welding, cut and slide, rail treatment or head wash repair.

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