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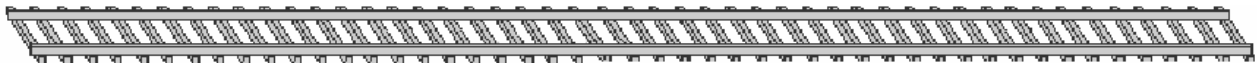
SHUTDOWN STATUS



A replacement transformer was railed into Houston and this damaged transformer was returned to the manufacturer to be repaired.

Specialized Rail was recently asked to assist a major player in the energy industry with an urgent problem - their power plant was in shutdown status due to a failed transformer. A replacement transformer was available in Ohio and SRT had it delivered by dedicated train to the plant in Houston right on schedule. The failed transformer was then shipped to the manufacturer for repair. In order to expedite this movement, SRT's rider service was utilized.

This emergency project required coordination with riggers in Ohio and Houston, three railroads, and working around the plant's challenging rail schedules. SRT's customer was extremely satisfied with the performance and safety focus of all parties involved in this project.



WORLD'S LARGEST RAILCAR



The CEBX 800 36-Axle Schnabel car has a capacity of over 1.8 million pounds and when loaded, it is over 300-feet long! It is estimated to take three weeks for transport.

The CEBX 800 has made an appearance at the Port of Houston - it was loaded with a 600-Ton vessel bound for Colorado. Specialized Rail Transport's parent company, Cooper/T. Smith, was involved in the preparation and loading of the piece at Houston's City Docks. SRT has been involved in the empty transport of the car from South Carolina, storage in Houston, coordination with the PTR, UP, and BNSF. SRT has furnished two cabooses, two idler cars and a flatcar loaded with spare parts containers. SRT will also handle the return of the empty car to Duluth, MN.

SRT Now Offers Rail Maps!

Specialized Rail has partnered with **DeskMap Systems** to provide rail maps to our contacts in the transportation industry. DeskMap offers many types of maps, including US, Mexico, Canada, regional, and even custom-made maps.

Please send inquiries to: Maps@SpecializedRailTransport.com

RICA Annual Meeting in June - Register Now!



Railway Industrial Clearances Association - Representing the interests of the dimensional shipping industry.

Be sure and register for RICA's 37th Annual Meeting being held in Savannah, GA from June 13 to 17. Some topics to be covered on panel discussions are Open-Top Loading Rules, Use of Railroad Websites for Pricing, and Wind Energy and Railroads. There is expected to be a video presentation of the CEBX 800 36-Axle Schnabel Car load that is currently in transport from Houston to Colorado.

On Wednesday, the Georgia Port Authority (GPA) will be hosting a lunch at the Roundhouse Railroad Museum. The Special Guest Speaker will be Curtis Foltz, Chief Operating Officer of GPA.

Register today at www.rica.org

"Vets for Pets" Fundraiser

Specialized Rail contributed to and participated in the 1st Annual "Vets for Pets" Scavenger Hunt and Dinner Fundraiser benefiting the Houston Humane Society. Over 20 Corvettes of all types and year-models were at the event, which was held in March.

While the weather didn't fully cooperate, several hundred dollars were raised to help the Humane Society, a non-profit organization, which offers pet adoption and spay/neuter services. The SRT team was happy to be able to support such a good cause.



"Sanders" - Master of Ceremonies

Personal Profile - Randy Gill



Randy Gill - SRT Field Supervisor

"You have to get out and meet with the local railroad people to get the job done."

In an effort to help everyone get to know the SRT Team better, we are beginning a series called "Personal Profiles."

First up is Randy Gill, SRT's Field Supervisor. He has been married to Brenda for 24 years and has a daughter and two grandchildren. Randy has been in the transportation industry for nearly 30 years and in rail for almost 15 years. He is Certified In Open-Top Loading Rules and dedicated to rail tiedowns.

As a non-asset based company, our people make the difference in how the job is done. Randy's expertise and relationships with the railroads are an invaluable asset to SRT.

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