The Sandhouse Gang presents....

J. Reilly McCarren
Chairman
Arkansas and Missouri Railroad Company

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Chambers Hall – 600 Foster, Evanston

“The Arkansas and Missouri:
25 Years of Railroading in the Ozarks”

Reilly McCarren is Chairman and majority owner of the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad Company (A&M), and Allied Enterprises, Inc., based in Springdale, Arkansas. The two companies provide rail, trucking, warehousing, packaging, railcar leasing and other logistics services in the northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri area, as well as industrial switching services in Louisiana. The companies principally serve customers in the construction, food, and industrial products sectors. In addition to freight services, the A&M operates an excursion train through the scenic Boston Mountains.

Reilly was President and CEO of Wisconsin Central System, the nation’s largest regional railroad prior to its acquisition by Canadian National in 2001. Wisconsin Central System provided the essential rail network in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and became known for industry-leading customer service. The parent company, Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation also operated railroads in Europe and Australasia.

Prior to joining Wisconsin Central in 1996, Reilly founded the Gateway Western Railway, together with New York and Chicago venture capital interests, as a leveraged buyout of the St. Louis to Kansas City route of the Chicago, Missouri and Western Railroad. Gateway Western was sold to Kansas City Southern Industries in 1996.

Reilly’s railroad industry affiliations also include serving as Chairman of the Board for Operation Lifesaver, Inc. and as Co-Chair of the Railway Industry Working Group. He serves on the board of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad. He has served as a member, Vice Chair and Chair of the Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Council, and as a board member of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association.

Reilly received a B.S. and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978.

About the Arkansas and Missouri: The A&M dates from 1986, when it acquired its line from Burlington Northern. The railroad operates between Fort Smith, AR and Monett, MO, connecting with BNSF Railway, Kansas City Southern, and Union Pacific, as well as inland waterway operators on the Arkansas River. In addition to interline traffic, the railroad handles significant local volumes of sand, aggregate and recycled metal.