



Please join the Western Railway Club, along with Railway Age, honoring Norfolk Southern Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, John Orr.

Complimentary Cocktails from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

March 10, 2026

Union League Club of Chicago / 65 West Jackson Blvd.

Mr. John Orr, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Norfolk Southern as well as Railway Age's 2026 Railroader of the Year, is an accomplished fourth-generation Railroader who began his career as a craft railroader and union leader, bringing decades of hands-on experience to his leadership. He has held a range of operational and management roles throughout his career and is known across the industry as a proven transformation leader with a strong track record of implementing scheduled railroading to achieve safety and service excellence.

Since being appointed Norfolk Southern Executive Vice President and COO in 2024, John has led railway operations - including safety, transportation, network planning, engineering, and mechanical - with a clear focus on performance, accountability and culture. John's positive impact can be seen in multiple key performance metrics. These include the lowest FRA Personal Injury ratio at NS in a decade; a double-digit improvement in FRA Reportable Train Accidents; leading the rail industry in FRA Main Line Train Accident rates for 2024; improved car miles per day, decreased dwell, and increased velocity across the network. Building on this momentum, NS recently reached its all-time quarterly record for fuel efficiency and continues to deliver network and service enhancements to help customers win in their markets.

John's "PSR 2.0" approach has driven rapid and sustainable improvements in service reliability and operating efficiency. He is committed to building long-term leadership capability across the organization, championing the launch of the Thoroughbred Academy, which is helping embed a culture of safety, service, and operational excellence across all levels of the railroad. By investing in people and process, he is developing the next generation of railroaders benefitting employees, customers and rail-served communities.

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Lake Village, IN 46349

To pay by credit card ~ please call Lorie
There will be a 4% processing fee for all credit card transactions

If you or any of your guests require a special meal, please let us know and we will take care of that for you!

Dinner cost for Members is \$165.00 pp

Non-members : \$210.00 pp ~ Non-members payment must be received before March 10

Please respect our cancellation policy: No cancellations after March 2, 2026