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“No one intends to get hurt, but there is an element we all must contend with: the unexpected.”

Customer Profile:

Silgan Containers

Does any part of your meal come out of a can? If so, Silgan Containers likely has played a part in it. The Indiana-based company is North America's largest manufacturer of metal food containers, owning about half of the U.S. market. Its steel and aluminum containers are used by food processors to package fruit, vegetables, meat, coffee, soups, sauces, pet food and much more. The company's customers include Campbell's Soup, Nestlé, ConAgra Foods and General Mills.

One of Silgan's oldest and most efficient plants sits along Indiana Harbor Belt tracks.

Silgan Containers' origins come from the same era as IHB. It was founded in 1899 as Carnation Co. — then Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co. — and officially became Silgan Containers in 1987. Its current location sits down the street from Gibson Yard.

Though the name has changed during the past century, Silgan's high quality and work ethic have not. It has consolidated with other can companies to reach the top of the food chain — and plans to stay there.

It was in the 19th century that Carnation brands began packaging evaporated milk, marking the first of many progressive events leading to how and why Silgan still exists today. Every year it produces approximately 15 billion various metal containers at 28 manufacturing plants across the country.

IHB partners with BNSF Railway to ship boxcars of tinplate from Silgan's Hammond plant to one of three plants in Modesto, Calif.

This year, Larry Onjack, Hammond traffic manager, celebrated 50 years of service with Silgan. He knows exactly what to ship to keep the production of metal food cans running in Northern California.

Silgan also is trying to fight obesity by providing healthy consumers the proper proportions without the hassle of weighing or estimating serving sizes. This avoids the temptation, waste and expense that come with available food

that will never be consumed. With more than 1,500 varieties of canned food, and unique offerings added continuously in a range of convenient sizes, canned food is America's most available and affordable source of nutrition. Almost all canned fruits and vegetables

use no artificial preservatives to maintain freshness.

Steel cans are a total barrier against light, which deteriorates food from its natural vitality. Therefore, canned food provides affordable nutritious solutions for families today with less waste due in part to less spoilage.

In today's world, the health-conscious consumer also tends to be environmentally conscious. Sustainable packaging solutions are important for the health and wellness of the planet. Steel cans are infinitely recyclable, which means they never lose their property value. Its recycling rate is more than double the rate of glass and triple the rate of plastic bottles.

IHB is appreciative to have been a logistical partner with Silgan for so many years.



Major milestone achieved

The first day of September marked a major achievement for Indiana Harbor Belt, as Gibson Yard's Train and Engine employees hit one reportable injury-free year. This was only the second time in recent memory that T&E crews had reached a full year without a mishap.

Managers hope this will be a great start toward future

safety goals.

"I congratulate Gibson for a remarkable accomplishment, which proves that we can be productive and work safely at the same time," said Joe Spano, general superintendent. "Keep up the good work. Let's make IHB the safest railroad in the country."

Daly brings career of leadership to general manager role



General Manager
Pat Daly

When General Manager Jim Roots recently retired, Indiana Harbor Belt had large shoes to fill. It found a prime candidate in Pat Daly, who brings nearly four decades of railroading at the highest levels to the company.

A native Chicagoan who joined IHB in May, Daly has handled leadership roles in Operations the vast majority of his career. Mainly covering the Midwest and South,

he was employed by CSX Transportation for more than 37 years.

He has been a chief dispatcher, terminal manager, terminal superintendent general manager, vice president operations and other roles through stops in Chicagoland,

Detroit, Jacksonville, Florence, S.C., and Waycross, Ga.

Daly's roots are filled with railroading, as his father and grandfather had careers in the industry.

After 38 years of service, the top role at IHB beckoned.

"The opportunity to oversee a railroad like IHB with such great history and tradition is quite humbling," he said. "Our greatest asset is the people and their care and respect for each other and our customers."

Daly and his wife, Judie, an entertainment agent, have three sons. Patrick is a federal prosecutor in Kansas City, Andy is a CSX superintendent in Chicago, and Josef is an actor in Los Angeles. The couple's three granddaughters and grandson range in age from 5 months to 9 years.

Outside of work, he enjoys golf and traveling to the West Coast, particularly to visit Josef.

His commitment to safe and productive railroading remains straightforward.

"Our job is to promote service to our customers, and it's our personal responsibility to do it safely," Daly said.

Railroad welcomes seasoned engineer

Scott Schiemann came to IHB highly qualified, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Chicago-area schools.

The Woodridge, Ill., native's railroading career began as a civil engineer with Metra, for which he worked until becoming IHB's manager-structures this spring. Schiemann switched to IHB for career growth and hasn't looked back.

"Everything runs a lot smoother here, which is a nice change," he said.

Schiemann's current responsibilities include overseeing 40 railroaders across multiple departments, including B&B, electrical, mechanics and material. His role allows him to take care of bridges, buildings, yards, roads and drainage systems.

He enlisted in the Illinois Air National Guard as a vehicle mechanic in 2002. He chose to join the military after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, joining the U.S. Air Force to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, a World War II veteran.

Schiemann also worked construction and took college

classes at night, all of which spurred his interest in engineering.

"Understanding the design behind what I was building is what steered me toward engineering," he said. "It's rewarding now to watch what I've designed come to fruition."

Schiemann is committed to safety through daily job site visits and coordination with his supervisors. He and other supervisors brief their employees each morning and throughout the day when tasks change.

"The briefings involve what challenges the gang might face, safety precautions they should follow, and a general plan of action," he said.

Schiemann plans to marry his fiancée, Joanne, a language arts teacher, in May. In his free time, he enjoys playing rugby.



Scott Schiemann, Manager-Structures, comes to the IHB from Metra.



Special Agent Eric Struss speaks about railroad safety to motorists Aug. 28 near Michigan Avenue Yard.



Operation Lifesaver keeps northwest Indiana safe

Indiana Harbor Belt Police participated in an Operation Lifesaver exercise Aug. 28, which involved crossing and trespassing safety. Special Agent Eric Struss represented IHB, which was joined by Norfolk Southern Railway, Canadian National Railway, Indiana State Police and East Chicago Police for three hours near Michigan Avenue Yard.

The event coincided with Indiana Rail Safety Week, Aug. 26-Sept. 1. It emphasized the importance of railroad safety to the motoring public through enforcement and educational outreach.

In collaboration with other railroad police departments,

Indiana Operation Lifesaver and the FRA conducted this safety blitz at Dickey Road and Chicago Road in East Chicago. These crossings, each with a high volume of motor vehicle traffic, were primarily selected due to past incidents involving trains, as well as their proximity to several railroads.

Six events were conducted in four different communities. They involved 53 individuals, from railroad police officers and firefighters to Indiana Operation Lifesaver and the FRA.

A total of 31 citations were issued through nearly 1,000 contacts made with the public.

Railroaders aid colleague

Earlier this summer, a dozen IHB railroaders came together on their own initiative for a worthwhile cause.

Rick Grover, chief engineer-Maintenance of Way, helped organize the effort, as employees volunteered to build a deck for an ill co-worker.

Tony Nagy, an IHB railroader since 1994, wanted to enjoy warm weather outside his Merrillville, Ind., home. Nagy worked alongside many of the Maintenance of Way volunteers. After IHB donated \$1,200 of material, the project was completed in a weekend.

"The entire IHB family wishes Tony a speedy and full recovery," Grover said.

Railroaders involved in the construction included:

- Efren Garcia
- Scott Gengnagel
- Joel Gilbert
- Bradley Glidewell
- Rich Haager
- George Hawkins
- Manuel Infante
- Andres Mascote
- Brian Puckett
- Arsenio Razo
- Alejandro Serrano
- Anthony Soto



Railroaders made a colleague's summer more enjoyable and comfortable by building a deck during a weekend in May. IHB supplied funding for material.

Work begins in Whiting

The Engineering Department will be hard at work as fall turns to winter.

In Whiting Yard, IHB will accommodate future rail business as a result of BP's ongoing expansion of its Whiting Refinery at 129th Street and Indianapolis Boulevard. The BP refinery is the sixth largest in the United States.

More than 60 Maintenance of Way employees will be utilized to rebuild, re-configure and add two tracks, while enhancing drainage.

The project began after Labor Day and is scheduled to be completed early in 2013. The track work is supervised by Manager-Track Maintenance Victor Reyes with drainage work overseen by Manager-Structures Scott Schiemann.



IHB has begun adding tracks to BP's Whiting Refinery in order to accommodate increased business.

Summer project completed in no time

The Gibson Yard roundhouse received a summer makeover when its roof was replaced in record time. During 10 days, 20 roofers worked diligently alongside four IHB B&B employees. Structural repairs were done with new ventilation work, including exhaust fans. Working simultaneously, three IHB electricians rewired all the interior.

"Everyone did a great job," said Manager-Structures Scott Schiemann. "We gave them a month, but they worked quicker than we expected."



A view of the newly renovated roof of Gibson Yard's roundhouse displays the quality work performed earlier this summer by IHB crews.

More genset locomotives arriving

Genset locomotives have been a common sight at Indiana Harbor Belt tracks in 2012. The railroad has procured four year-to-date with three more arriving this fall. The latest additions, which should arrive at the beginning of each month through November, are six-axle gensets.

The ultra-low emitting locomotives run on diesel fuel like existing diesel locomotives, but use considerably less fuel due to the ability to shut off engines. This allows for fuel savings of nearly 40 percent compared to existing diesel locomotives.

The gensets also are more environmentally friendly than traditional diesel locomotives and reduce air pollution.

"These locomotives are ideal for fuel savings, and they're also low maintenance," said Mark Hansen, superintendent-locomotives.

New genset locomotives continue to find homes at IHB. This six-axle version joined the fleet in August.



General Superintendent Joe Spano models the new high visibility vest. IHB Transportation employees began wearing them earlier this summer.

New vests enhance safety

Transportation employees began wearing new high visibility vests in July. The purpose is to enhance safety of crews, especially during nighttime. More than 350 employees received vests.

IHB Mechanical employees already don orange vests of this style.

"This is the first time for this type of PPE among Transportation employees," said Director-Safety and Training Lou Mayden. "They will be clearly visible to protect themselves and work safely."

New trainmen join Harbor Belt

The global economy may be struggling, but IHB continues to hire. Eleven new trainmen began their initial 60-day training June 1, and seven are now dispersed to Gibson with four in Blue Island Terminal.

Coordinating the training schedules were Trainmaster Don Bolster, Locomotive Supervisor-Stores and Training Scott Winterfeldt and Manager-Rules and Training John Ryan. These supervisors also participated in field training exercises in Burnham Yard.

Topics included rules familiarization, air brake procedures and HazMat orientation. Hands-on field exercises and student trips with seasoned railroaders participating in the process also occurred.

Director-Safety and Training Lou Mayden introduced the students to safety rules, and Ryan discussed operating rules during a five-week period.

Additionally, Winterfeldt trained students on air brakes while Locomotive Engineer Carl Fields conducted an informative HazMat class, as he's done in the past.

Management was impressed with the class members, many of whom came from other trades and construction.

"Even though they were new to railroading, they were excellent," Mayden said.

For the Burnham Yard exercises, IHB enlisted the help of Gibson Yard Foremen Jason Payne and Josh Reno with Locomotive Engineer Michael Dravet at the helm of the locomotive. This enabled the students to be exposed to the basic mechanics of being a switchman while working with experienced employees.

New hires include:

- James Bruinius
- Daryl Cook
- Steve Franciose
- Ronald Gorney
- Adam Langham
- Jose Martinez
- James Melnik
- Brian Olenik
- Matthew Plassman
- Mark Stombaugh
- Christian Svec

Another class of new trainmen will begin in October.



New trainmen often receive guidance from veteran railroaders. James Melnik learns from Foreman Jason Payne during field training on equipment earlier this summer at Burnham Yard.



Jake Award finds home at IHB again

The Jake Award was created by, and named for, Lowell "Jake" Jacobson in 1995. Jacobson, a previous recipient of Railway Age Magazine's Railroader of the Year, began giving out these awards to recognize outstanding safety achievements in the short line railroad industry.

"IHB is very proud of its employees for their continued commitment to safety and honored to receive this award and to be recognized for our outstanding safety achievements in the railroad industry," said Director of Safety and Training Lou Mayden.

The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association Safety Committee adopted the Jake Awards in 1999, and since has continued Jacobson's legacy of drawing attention to the high safety standards of the small railroad industry.

IHB, which has received numerous "Jakes" in past years, added to its collection Aug. 12. This certificate recognized the railroad's 2011 year, mainly based upon strong injury-frequency ratios.

SAFETY STATS

As of Sept. 5:

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Gallinatti enjoys learning the industry

Jessica Gallinatti earned a philosophy degree from Purdue University in December, yet has found the rail industry quite appealing. A Human Resources and Labor Relations intern, she came to IHB in March.

“When I began interning here, my family started to joke that my sister, a dispatcher at the Gary Jet Center, and I, are both in the transportation industry: ‘Liz is with planes, and Jess is with trains.’” Gallinatti said.

The Griffith, Ind., native has a bevy of

responsibilities, including:

- Recruiting at local job fairs and providing guidance to prospective employees.
- Reviewing resumes and deciding which applicants to move forward in the hiring process.
- Maintaining communication with the hiring manager and applicants.
- Researching agreements made with UTU and updating records.
- Implementing Equal Employment Opportunity by calculating data and examining policies.
- Diagramming hiring database and reproducing with IT to consolidate resume inventory.
- Teaming with Marketing Department to create merchandising displays.

Gallinatti enjoys the people with whom she works, especially supervisors and those introducing her to railroading.

“Everyone is friendly and easily accessible if I ever need advice,” she said. “I have learned a lot about what needs to be implemented for the future of a strong workforce and railroad policies we must follow.”

Gallinatti’s father is an electrician, and she appreciates craft employees.

“Working for a company with laborers makes an impact on me personally, because I always have appreciated laborers’ strong work ethic,” she said. “The most rewarding part of working here is growing both personally and professionally.”

Her direct supervisor has been impressed from the onset.

“Jessica has practical HR knowledge, experience and is self-motivated,” said Mary Kay Conley, director-Labor Relations and Human Resources. “She has taken on large projects and sees them through with little or no help from me.”

And, as Gallinatti explains, the feeling is mutual.

“They have helped me adjust to the railroad workforce, particularly how the hiring of applicants requires understanding more than just what appears on candidates’ resumes,” she said. “They also encourage me to be involved in projects with other departments, such as financial.”

Gallinatti has been particularly amazed by the amount of safety involved in the work environment.

She recently took up golf. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the driving range, reading and jogging.



Human Resources and Labor Relations intern Jessica Gallinatti finds the railroad to be a rewarding and challenging environment.