

LEADERSHIP TEAM PROMOTIONS



Bobby Gribbin
General Manager

Bobby worked for Inter-Rail early on in his career starting as a part-time Unloader at the Jacksonville, FL facility, and later became an Operations Manager in Phoenix, AZ. In 2019, Bobby returned as a Regional Manager, and was quickly promoted to General Manager. Having over 29 years in the automotive logistics industry, he brings a wealth of knowledge to the company. In his free time, Bobby enjoys spending time with his daughter, as well as snowboarding, surfing and hiking.



Chris Pope
General Manager

Chris began his career with Inter-Rail as a part-time Unloader. Within a few months, he transitioned into a full-time position which provided him the opportunity to travel to other facilities to help work and train new crew members. While traveling, he gained an immense amount of knowledge of the industry, and of the company, which laid the foundation for his over 20-year career at Inter-Rail. Chris later assumed the role of Assistant Operations Manager, and since then has held positions of Operations Manager and Regional Manager before being recently promoted to General Manager. Outside of work, Chris enjoys spending his time with his wife and two daughters, watching them play soccer, and traveling.



John Eifert
Regional Manager

John started his career in the railroad industry in 1997 as a Carman Apprentice with the Florida East Coast Railway in his hometown of Miami, FL. After achieving Journeyman status, he also worked for CSXT as a Carman before leaving the railroad to advance his career in the contract side of the industry. After 16 years of holding progressively responsible positions in his field, John came to Inter-Rail in 2013 to direct the new Mechanical Operations division, and, after a brief absence from the company, returned to Inter-Rail and currently holds the position of Regional Manager of Mechanical Operations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mike Gundersen
Regional Manager

Mike graduated from Jacksonville University in 2002 with a degree in Business Administration. He later began his career in the industry with Inter-Rail as an Operations Manager in 2006. Over the next 9 years, he held numerous positions with Inter-Rail and other contractors that helped to advance his career. Since 2016, Mike has held the position of Operations Manager in Jacksonville, FL. Recently, Gundersen was promoted and currently holds the position of Regional Manager. When not at work, Mike enjoys spending time with his family, coaching sports for his two boys, and loves to go fishing.

Throughout my career, I always loved the contractor side of this business. The unfortunate reality is that contracts and contractors frequently change. Inter-Rail offered, what I felt, was stability and an opportunity to be a part of a long-term plan, and most importantly a family. I was impressed by the fact that Inter-Rail was a family-owned company, and for decades they had retained the highest reputation of pure honesty and integrity. I wanted to be a part of the best team in the industry.

As President, my goals are relatively simple. I want to uphold the promise of providing the best possible service to our customers; continue to offer and promote careers, not just jobs, to every associate; and continue to grow our business in new ways. Most importantly, I will do everything in my power to ensure that each of our associates returns home to their “why’s” every single day in the same way that they arrived to work.

Inter-Rail is blessed to have had several growth opportunities recently, and I am proud that 100% of these positions were filled from within. Each member brings new experiences and diversity to our team. Becoming complacent is not just a facility hazard, but can also affect a company from a leadership standpoint. We now

have fresh voices and ideas that will only continue to challenge and push our team to new and exciting levels of commitment and service.

I appreciate our team’s effort in the first quarter. We were good, not great. Unfortunately, you will never hear me say that our performance was “great.” The truth is if we are not looking for ways to improve then we are falling behind.

The Inter-Rail way has always been to face adversity head-on. We met our biggest challenge yet with the untimely loss of a beloved family member in Vice President of Operations Shawn Emanuel. I promise you that Shawn can never be replaced. We can only push to continue with his high standards in an attempt to make him proud.

It is hard to imagine more adversity possible after the loss of Shawn, and an unexpected pandemic has crippled our industry, and world in a way that has not been seen before. We have taken these challenges head-on and our goal for the remainder of the year is to learn and grow stronger from the adversities faced.



Jim Azpell,
President