

INTER-RAIL WELCOMES TEAM TALLADEGA

Amid COVID disruptions, in July, another successful start-up. “I can’t say enough about the Inter-Rail was awarded the contract Talladega marks the third start-professionalism displayed by this for TDSI’s automotive distribution up for Inter-Rail Group in 2020. team and the way each department facility in Talladega, Alabama. Inter-Most impressive is that in less than quickly pulled together to get the job Rail Transport of Talladega crews a month, our team conducted done,” says President, Jim Azpell. provide high-quality auto terminal hundreds of interviews, completed In the rst 24-hours alone, Inter-services such as the shu ling new hire orientation training, and Rail crews exceeded projections, and loading of Honda vehicles, ensured that the proper equipment safely spo ing 96 railcars and as well as performing switching was delivered, among other loading an impressive 101 railcars. services, mechanical repairs, and essential tasks, in preparation for pre-trip of multi-level autoracks. day one.

“I am extremely proud of our entire team, and although our late Vice

“It has been a goal of ours to Out of town associates from other President of Operations, Shawn increase Inter-Rail’s footprint on Inter-Rail locations also played a Emanuel was not with us physically, the origin side of the automotive tremendous role in the success of being in his ‘back yard’ made it feel business, so we are grateful to the start-up. Crews were lead by as though he was there in spirit,” TDSI and the American Honda veteran associates who taught new says Ricke s. “Being awarded Motor Company for entrusting hires about the customer’s product the contract in Talladega would us as partners,” says CEO Seth requirements, as well as introduced not have been possible without Ricke s. “On behalf of the entire Inter-Rail’s operating procedures, Shawn paving the way for us, Inter-Rail team, I would personally safety culture, and bene ts. and we look forward to making like to thank Bryce Thomas and him proud as we move forward.”

Phil Peay of TDSI, along with Chris Akelle Vaughn, a Carman from Hodgson and Misty Thompson of Inter-Rail’s Dixiana Mechanical Inter-Rail welcomed both new Honda for the support they have location says this is the rst time he and old faces to our Talladega shown us from the very beginning.” has traveled for work. “It’s pre y management team. New to the cool being part of a start-up of this Inter-Rail family is General Manager, Inter-Rail’s Upper Management size and to be given the opportunity Lamario Merriwether, Switching team put in long hours, and spent to gain new skills by visiting other Manager, Kenny Allison, and O ce weeks away from home to pull operations.” Manager, Robbin Wallace.

Seasoned Inter-Rail managers also joined the team in Talladega, including Operations Manager, Korey Klug, who relocated from Jupiter, Florida, and Mechanical Manager, Todd Rapin of Renton, Washington.

"I can confidently say that this team brings a wealth of experience to Talladega," says Ricketts. "We are glad we could promote from within our own company, but it is without a doubt that our leadership team grew stronger because of our newest additions and the valuable site-specific knowledge they bring to the table."

General Manager, Lamario

Merriwether says what drew him to Inter-Rail was the family first culture, focus on innovation, opportunities for advancement, and the philosophy to promote from within.

"After talking with Seth, I thought Inter-Rail seemed like a winning team and who doesn't want to be a part of a winning team?", says Merriwether. "Every day that I come to work I ask myself, 'What can we do to make a difference today?' and I feel we have an experienced management team and a great group of associates that will work together to get the job done."

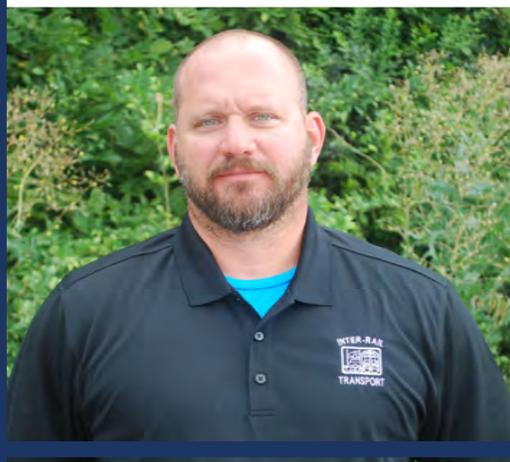
He hopes that Inter-Rail Transport of Talladega will grow to be a staple

amongst the local community and become a leading employer where local, young adults will want to build their careers.

Merriwether's goals as General Manager are as follows: **1.** Send every associate home safe each and every day; **2.** Provide excellent customer service and be recognized with Top Quality and Origin Facility of the Year awards; **3.** Develop future leaders by engaging and offering each associate the tools and knowledge needed to create a clear path to success; **4.** Grow to be a staple amongst the local community; **5.** Have pride every time we put on our IRT blue.

MEET THE TALLADEGA MANAGEMENT TEAM

(Top: Left to Right) General Manager, Lamario Merriwether; Office Manager, Robbin Wallace; (Bottom: Left to Right) Switching Manager, Kenny Allison; Mechanical Manager, Todd Rapin; Operations Manager, Korey Klug



Thank you out of town associates:

- Sebastian Dodd, Team Portland
- Christopher Hyde, Team Portland
- Michael Teista, Team Orillia
- Bladimier Urbina, Team San Bern
- Mauricio Aguilar, Team San Bern
- Joel Rebollar, Team Mira Loma
- Jesse Castro, Team Mira Loma
- Miguel Manzanero, Team Argentine
- Tyler Striplin, Team Muncie
- Malik Bookman, Team OKC
- Tristen Christensen, Team Commerce
- Theo Jenkins, Team Portland
- Akelle Vaughn, Team Dixiana Mech
- Omarie Brown, Team Orlando Mech
- Gene Powell, Team Jacksonville Mech
- Tyson Smith, Team Orillia
- Tatianna Adrian, Corporate Office
- Shelby Farmer, Corporate Office

