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Among the objectives of the Railway Supply Manufacturers' Association are—the advancement of the interests of its members by promoting friendly relations and intercourse with each other and such transportation organizations as are mutually agreed upon—to arrange for and have general charge of the exhibits made by its members at such times, dates and places as may be agreed upon.

Organized at Old Point Comfort, Virginia in 1899, the R.S.M.A. now has 350 members. Its membership includes manufacturers of equipment and products ranging from locomotives and cars to nuts and bolts and also large producers in the steel, aluminum and electrical industries.

The R. S. M. A. staged its first exhibit for the American Railway Master Mechanics' Association and the Master Car Builders' Association in 1899 at Old Point Comfort. From 1900 through 1904 exhibit conventions were held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. and in 1905 at



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Manhattan Beach, N. Y. Starting in 1906 the convention was moved to Atlantic City's "Million Dollar Pier" and continued to be held there yearly through 1916 and after World War I in 1919, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1926 and 1928. In 1930, 1937 and 1947 the conventions were held in the Municipal Convention Hall at Atlantic City and the track exhibits on the rails of the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines, one mile from the convention hall.

At the 1947 exhibit convention 287 exhibitors filled all available space in the Convention Hall and had track exhibits on three parallel tracks, each 1,450 ft. long. The track exhibit included nine Diesel-electric locomotives, one steam-turbine electric locomotive and an all-welded steam locomotive boiler. There were 16 freight-train cars, three air dump cars and one aluminum alloy tank car. Eight passenger-train cars and a power shovel completed the track exhibit.

In 1919 the American Railway Master Mechanics' Association and the Master Car Builders' Association were combined to form the Mechanical Division, Association of American Railroads and since that year the R. S. M. A. has sponsored the Atlantic City exhibits for that division. In 1920 the Purchases and Stores Division of the A.A.R. held its annual meeting during the Mechanical Division's meeting at Atlantic City in order to take advantage of the exhibits and it has continued this practice in exhibit convention years.

Plans are being made to hold an exhibit convention at Atlantic City, June 21-27, 1953 in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Mechanical and Purchases & Stores Divisions of the A.A.R. The members of the 8th Pan American Railway Congress, which will hold its meeting in the United States at that time, will attend this exhibit convention.

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