

Whalen Edward J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Whalen Edward J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FreightCar America, Inc. [RAIL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA
 SUITE 1250

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/12/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

President and CEO

(Street)
 CHICAGO, IL 60606

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.4	01/12/2012		A	(1)	19,600		(2)	01/12/2022	Common stock	19,600
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.69							(4)	02/23/2020	Common stock	7,250
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.96							(5)	01/26/2020	Common stock	200,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.88							(6)	01/13/2021	Common stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whalen Edward J TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 1250 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Laurence M. Trusdell, as attorney in fact 01/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Exempt issuance of options under Rule 16(b)-3 pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan

(2) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 12, 2013.

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- (3) The options were granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long term Incentive Plan, for which no consideration was paid by the recipient.
- (4) On February 23, 2010, the recipient was granted 7,250 options. 2,416 stock options are fully vested and currently exercisable, 2,416 stock options will vest on February 23, 2012 and 2,418 stock options will vest on February 23, 2013.
- (5) On January 26, 2010, the recipient was granted 200,000 options which are fully vested and currently exercisable.
- (6) On January 13, 2011, the recipient was granted 15,000 options which vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 13, 2012.

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