American Railcar Industries, Inc. Form SC 13G February 10, 2011

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. \_\_\_)

American Railcar Industries, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

02916P103

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2010

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[ }	< ]	Rule	13d-1	(b)
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[	]	Rule	13d-1	(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act, but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes.)

CUSIP NO. 02916P103 13G

1 Name of Reporting Person / IRS Identification Number: Piper Jaffray Companies / 30-0168701

2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) [] (b) [] 3 SEC Use Only

# \_\_\_\_\_ Number of 5 Sole Voting Power Shares 2,621,364 Shares \_\_\_\_\_ Beneficially 6 Shared Voting Power 0 Shares Owned By \_\_\_\_\_ Each 7 Sole Dispositive Power Reporting 2,621,364 Shares \_\_\_\_\_ Person 8 Shared Dispositive Power 0 Shares With \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,621,364 Shares (See Exhibit A) \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ 11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 12.31% \_\_\_\_\_ 12 Type of Reporting Person HC \_\_\_\_\_ Item 1 (a) Name of Issuer: American Railcar Industries, Inc. Item 1 (b) Name of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 100 Clark Street St. Charles, MO 63301 Item 2(a)Person Filing: Piper Jaffray CompaniesItem 2(b)Address: 800 Nicollet Mall Suite 800 Minneapolis, MN 55402 Item 2 (c) Citizenship: Piper Jaffray Companies is a Delaware Corporation Item 2(d)Title of Class of Securities: Common StockItem 2(e)CUSIP Number: 02916P103 Item 3 This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or

13d-2(b) and the person filing, Piper Jaffray Companies, is a parent holding company in accordance with Section

240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7).

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Citizenship or Place of Organization

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Delaware

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Item 4	nership		
	a) Amount Beneficially Owned: Advisory Research, Inc. 2,621,364 Shares		
	b) Percent of Class 12.31%		
	<ul> <li>Number of shares as to which reporting person has:</li> <li>(i) Sole Voting Power 2,621,364 Shares</li> <li>(ii) Shared Voting Power 0 Shares</li> <li>(iii) Sole Dispositive Power 2,621,364 Shares</li> <li>(iv) Shared Dispositive Power 0 Shares</li> </ul>		
Item 5	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ]		
Item 6	wnership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another erson: The clients referenced in Exhibit A have the ight to receive or the power to direct the receipt of ividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the ecurities held in their respective accounts. No client's nterest is known to exceed 5% of the class of securities.		
Item 7	dentification and Classification of the Subsidiary hich Acquired the Security being Reported on by the arent Holding Company:		
	ee attached Exhibit A.		
Item 8	dentification and Classification if Members of he Group: Not Applicable		
Item 9	otice of Dissolution of Group: Not Applicable		

Item 10 Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

2/10/2011 -----Date

Piper Jaffray Companies

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By /s/ Brien M. O'Brien Signature Brien M. O'Brien Head of Asset Management Name/Title Advisory Research, Inc. By /s/ Brien M. O'Brien Signature Brien M. O'Brien Chief Executive Officer Name/Title

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned persons, on February 10, 2011, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of American Railcar Industries, Inc. at December 31, 2010.

> Piper Jaffray Companies By /s/ Brien M. O'Brien \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Brien M. O'Brien Head of Asset Management Name/Title Advisory Research, Inc. By /s/ Brien M. O'Brien \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Brien M. O'Brien Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Title

#### EXHIBIT A

Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of Schedule 13G, Advisory Research, Inc. ("ARI"), 180 N. Stetson, Chicago, IL 60601, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Piper Jaffray Companies and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the

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Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 2,621,364 shares or 12.31% of the Common Stock outstanding of American Railcar Industries, Inc. ("the Company") as a result of acting as investment adviser to various clients.

Piper Jaffray Companies may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these 2,621,364 shares through control of ARI. However, Piper Jaffray Companies disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. In addition, the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person or any of its affiliates is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G for any other purposes than Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.