



115 COMMERCE DRIVE • SUITE C • FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30214
TELEPHONE (770) 460-5553 • FAX (770) 460-5573 • E-MAIL ties@rta.org

*******CROSSTIE GRADING SEMINAR*******

The twenty-fourth annual RTA Crossties Seminar will take place:

July 20-22, 2010

Fulton, Kentucky

Seminar registration is arranged through:

The Railway Tie Association

115 Commerce Drive, Suite C, Fayetteville, GA 30214

Phone: 770.460.5553 - Fax: 770.460.5573

E-Mail: ties@rta.org

Publishers of
CROSSTIES

OFFICERS
AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

William G. Downey
Stella-Jones
P.O. Box 231
Ripley, WV 25271
800.272.8437

**FIRST
VICE PRESIDENT**

Jeffrey C. Broadfoot
Thompson Industries, Inc.
4260 Arkansas Ave. S.
Russellville, AR 72802
317.859.8725

**SECOND
VICE PRESIDENT**

Kenneth M. Peirson
Tangent Rail Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 251
McAlisterville, PA 17049
717.463.2131

Gary G. Williams
Koppers Inc.
4020 Koppers Rd.
Salem, VA 24153
540.380.2870

Janet W. Seaman
Boatright Railroad Products
P.O. Box 279
Wilton, AL 35187
205.665.3295

William T. Moss, Jr.
MiTek Industries, Inc.
14515 North Outer Forty Dr.
Chesterfield, MO 63017
314.851.7324

Frank S. Beal
Beal Lumber Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 409
Little Mountain, SC 29075
803.932.2100

Clyde E. Lobb
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
3001 Lou Menk Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76131
817.352.6442

Robert J. Churma
Canadian Pacific
401 9th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T2P 4Z4
403.319.7746

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
James C. Gauntt

ADMINISTRATOR
Deborah L. Corallo

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE HAMPTON INN UNION CITY, TN. Please call 731.885.8850 and ASK FOR THE RTA ROOM BLOCK BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF JUNE 15, 2010. The room rate is \$89 + tax and attendees need to ask for the **Railway Tie Association** room block. This rate includes breakfast each day.

EACH REGISTRANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER OWN RESERVATION.

Field work will be at the Stella-Jones plant in Fulton, KY -- including the now-famous "Species Identification and Crosstie Grading Derby".

THE SCHEDULE

Arrive at hotel in time for an 8:45 start time Tuesday morning. A reception, to held at the hotel, will follow at 5:45 PM. Adjournment is on Thursday July 22nd at approximately 5:00 PM. The detailed agenda is on the back of this letter. Don't wait to register -- the class is limited to 40!

This is another shirt-sleeves and jeans working and learning experience. The teaching staff includes professors, railroaders, foresters, and wood preservers. Your classmates will be a cross-section of those involved in processing, inspecting, specifying, and using treated wood crossties. We'll cover untreated wood deterioration, storage and handling, species identification, defects and grading, treating technology, etc., with strong emphasis on the "practical" aspects.

We will once again have **THREE FULL DAYS** of instruction to accommodate Grading Station Videos, Discussion and Testing as well as an additional review session on Species I.D. The course has also been revamped to give more one-on-one time with the instructors at the full- size tie grading session on Day 2 of the seminar.

TO REGISTER AND ATTEND

- 1) Fill out and return the seminar registration form to RTA, with your check for **\$525**. **Credit Cards (AMEX, Discover, MC, Visa) are accepted as well.** This fee covers all classroom and take home materials, the welcoming reception Tuesday evening, and dinner Wednesday night. All attendees will also receive a complimentary one year subscription to *Crossties* magazine (a \$50 value).
- 2) Make your airline reservations early. Best bet is via air to Memphis International Airport (MEM) and renting a car to drive approximately 120 miles to the Hampton Inn in Union City, TN. The street address for the hotel is 2201 West Reelfoot Ave. A map with driving instructions can be found on the Hampton Inn website if you follow this link http://www.hamptoninn.com/en/hp/hotels/maps_directions.jhtml;jsessionid=EKCAG4GTZV5N GCSGBIUM22Q?ctyhocn=UCYTNHXI but you need to **call** for reservations to be put in the RTA Room Block.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Marshall L. Allen
Education Committee Chairman

James C. Gauntt
Executive Director