

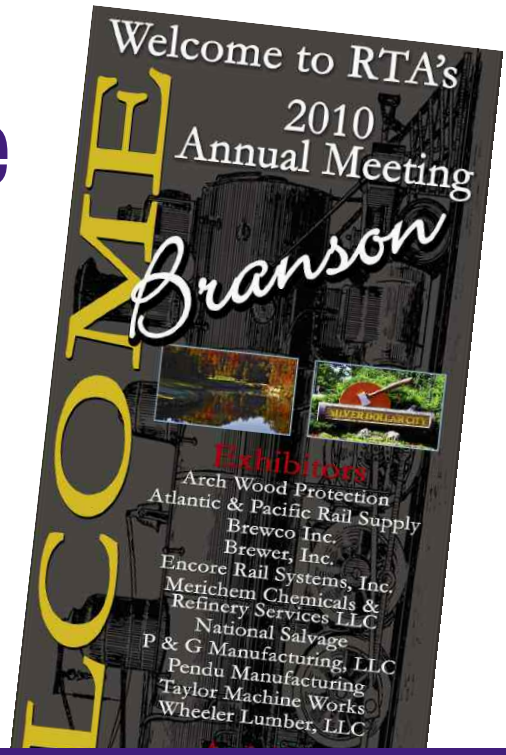
2010 RTA SYMPOSIUM & Technical Conference

Branson A Gracious Host For 2010 Symposium

Branson, Mo., was a very gracious and hospitable host community for the Railway Tie Association's (RTA) 2010 Symposium and Technical Conference. Situated in the beautiful Ozark Mountains, the city rolled out the red carpet for the group for four special days of meetings, friendship, business and fun.

The following photo essay describes the important time many in our industry had learning first-hand the most up-to-date information pertinent to making the best use of treated wood crossties.

Those who attended know that this is a must-attend annual business conclave. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year. Meanwhile, take a look at the photos on the pages that follow. These and other photos from the conference were taken by Gary Coleman of Coleman Photography and can be accessed and purchased online at <http://www.photorelect.com/pr3/thumbpage.aspx?e=7293597>.



Golf Tournament



Todd Wimmer, Terry Good, Jeff Broadfoot & Dave Ferryman



Rob Churma, Ken Peirson, Wayne Kusmierczyk, & Bob Cunningham



John Reeves, Tony Helms, Mike Poor & Matt Roberts

Trap Shooting



Bill Smith (Instructor) with Dave Webb shooting



Smokin'



Jim Watt says "keep your eyes open!"



Vince Opaskar & Gary Williams



Jim Gauntt, "A man and his gun."

Cruise On Lake Taneycomo



Susan Peirson, Jan Williams, Ethel King & Barb Rousis



Phyllis Miller & Susan Peirson in a hula hoop contest.



Phyllis and Alan Miller along with Gary Ambrose and Ray Stackhouse (L-R)



Mike & Karen Neidert



Brenda Watt & Jane Moss

President's Reception



Diane & Rob Crawford, George Farris & James Beyerl



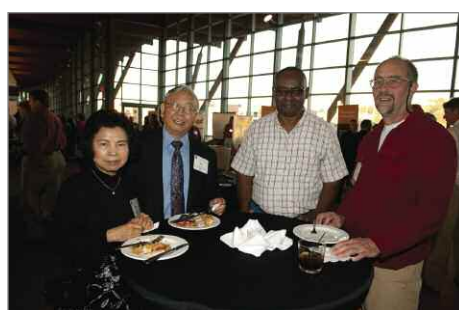
Jeff Nelson, John Bosshart & Sascha Keltborn



Kathleen Broadfoot, Ginger Bowzer & Becky Mellott



Krissy Melvin, Stephen Willard, Paula Rogers, Scott McBride & Tommy Harris



Irene & Poo Chow, Ben Dawson-Andoh & Jeff Slahor



Susan Tomlinson & Buster Julian



Diana Crawford & Mary Jeanne Farris



Bill & Jane Moss



Sandy Miller, Steve Smith & Jeff Miller



Bruce Hobbs, Paul Krotts, Jack & Debbie Hughes

Reception continued...



David Piper & Lafayette Sorrells



Jim Gauntt & Tom Loadman



George Caric, Doug & Louise Fox

Business Luncheon



Buddy Downey starts off the luncheon.



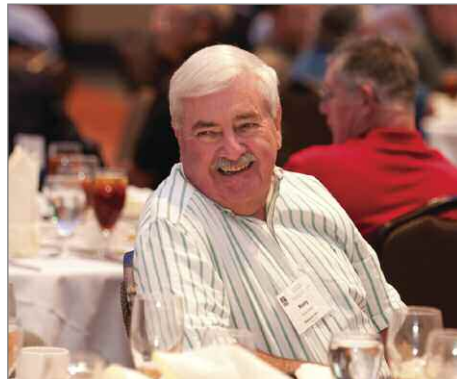
The group at lunch.



Head table



Holly Thaelke reviewing the program.



Rusty Pfeiffer enjoying the luncheon.



Gail Hinshaw works the crowd.

Business Sessions



President Downey welcomes attendees.



Mayor RaeAnne Presley kicks off the Branson welcome.



Gail Minkler, Kevin Hicks, Todd Wimmer & Gary Hunter

Sessions continued...



RTA ladies enjoy the spouse breakfast presentation.



Rob Churma gets a laugh for his unusual analogies.



Steve Smith leads a lively discussion.



Well-attended morning session.



Class 1 engineering panel weighs in.



Gary Hunter giving his always-appreciated safety instructions.



Joe Balich, Bruce Emberly & Monta Morgan



Steve Bolte & Anthony Hatch



Jeff Lloyd comments during session.



Serge Besso, Bruce Emberly & Doug Fox



Dave Roberts was the winner of the American Express gift card.

Annual Banquet



Kathleen & Jeff Broadfoot in full railroad character...



...Richard Reiff dressed the part as well.



Marshall Allen with his official RTA train whistle.



Trish Tucker & Betsy Beal

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Doug Fox & conductor Ken Peirson



Bill Rousis makes special presentation on behalf of Mary Jane Parris.



President Downey getting into the announcement groove.



Well-attended banquet.



President Downey with Clyde Lobb—Branding Hammer Award recipient.



President Downey with Alan Miller—Broad Axe Award recipient.



President Downey with Billy Clyde Hurst—Silver Saw Award recipient.



President Downey with outgoing Executive Committee member Clyde Lobb.



RTA's incoming president, Jeff Broadfoot, takes over the gavel.



Our wonderful entertainment—the Norfolk Southern Lawmen.



Jim Gaunt & Gary Williams



Serge Besso talking with Kathleen Broadfoot.



Todd Wimmer, Dave Barry, Wendy Whalen & Kevin Hicks



Becky & Doug Mellott



Folks dancing to some Norfolk Southern Lawmen tunes.

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Dave Koch of Wheeler Lumber



Bernard Boulet of Atlantic & Pacific Rail Supply



Fred Holshouser of Taylor Machine Works, Inc.



Lamar Smith of Tucker Lumber & David Piper of Brewco Inc.



Ray Stackhouse with Wilmer Hurst of Pendu Manufacturing, Inc.



Robert Herendeen, Curtis Schoop, Rachel Strong, & Jason Feagans of National Salvage & Service Corp.



Encore Rail's exhibit table



Brian McElwain, Buddy Downey, Jim Watt & Wendell Griffin at the P&G Manufacturing booth.



Paul Avery of Brewer, Inc.

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