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Treated Ties The Subject Of This Phase Of RTA's 2011 Photo Contest

By Carol Sue Ray

Phase 4 of the 2011 RTA Photo Contest covered the treated tie, which included pressure treatment, storage, final inspection, and transport and installation in track.

Jeffrey Lippincott, national sales manager for Tank Fab in Rocky Mount, N.C., submitted the first place-winning photo. He used his Nikon D7000

camera to take this black and white image at the Amerities South facility in Hope, Ark. It shows the company's new transfer deck, built by Tank Fab, being loaded with a new tram of untreated cross-ties. The trams of cross-ties in the right of the picture are ties that have either been treated or are waiting to be treated. Congratulations to Jeffrey for winning the \$125 E-gift card.

Brad Brenneman, purchasing supervisor of maintenance of way for Norfolk Southern in Roanoke, Va., really outdid himself for this phase of the "Wood Crosstie Story" photo contest.

He won second place for his photo taken at the Koppers plant in Glenvar, Va.



Photo by Jeffrey Lippincott, Tank Fab



We are looking at gondolas loaded with black (treated) cross-ties that are prepared to ship out soon for installation. As seen in the distance, approximately 10 cars wait on a siding to be picked up. This picture, taken from the cab looking out over the loaded cars and into the Appalachian Mountains, qualified for the \$75 E-gift card.

Brad also received honorable mention (and the \$25 E-gift card) for the dramatic picture on the next page that puts us right on track during the trip to deliver those ties to the job. This track is heading east-bound into the Montgomery Tunnel

between Elliston and Christiansburg, Va. From rail level, we are looking at the red signal reflecting in the shiny rail. Brad took both of these photos with his Canon Rebel T1i15.1MP camera in June.

Former Executive Committee member Bill Moss surprised us with his photo from inside a treating cylinder. We hope you especially enjoy this one.

SECOND PLACE



Photo by Brad Brenneman, Norfolk Southern

HONORABLE MENTION



Photo By Brad Brenneman, Norfolk Southern

JUST FOR FUN: Inside a treating cylinder



Photo By Bill Moss, MiTek Industries

Used Ties The Subject Of Next Phase Of Photo Contest

The final phase of the 2011 RTA Photo Contest is now open. Photos should depict the used tie portion of the "Wood Crosstie Story." This includes anything from removal from track through processing for cogeneration.

More information on this phase may be found on the RTA website at <http://rta.org/Default.aspx?tabid=177>. As always, details about the contest and photo specifications are at <http://rta.org/Default.aspx?tabid=171>.

This will be your final chance to submit pictures for the three December prizes of \$225. Any photos submitted will qualify for the random drawings of two \$50 E-gift cards, and all winners will qualify for the 2011 Grand Prizes totaling \$600. Be sure to send your photos in by the Dec. 27 deadline. ■



Mystery Photo Winners Revealed...

March/April: Mike Poor of Thompson Industries identified the Izaak Walton Inn in Essex, Mont.

May/June: Olivia Burgess of Stella-Jones in Fulton, Ky., correctly identified the Vicksburg Bridge in the mystery photo. The photographer was traveling west over the Mississippi River when the photo was taken. ■

This issue's mystery photo on pg. 10 ➤

Send Us Photos Showing Used Ties

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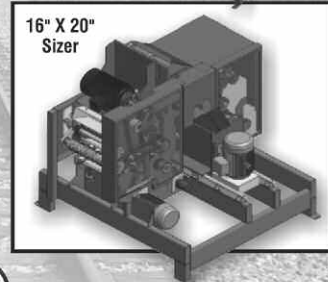
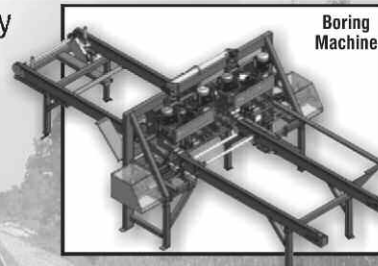
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