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THE 30TH ANNUAL RTA CROSSTIES SEMINAR WILL TAKE PLACE:

August 1 – 3, 2017

Guthrie, 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
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Hotel Accommodations Should Be Arranged Through THE RTA ONLY. The room rate is \$160 + tax (\$115 + \$45 meeting/meal plan & tax) and the rate includes breakfast, lunch, snacks & drinks during classroom instruction PLUS the welcome reception the first evening and another sponsored reception on Tuesday night.

EACH REGISTRANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER OWN RESERVATION.

Field work will be at the Koppers plant in Guthrie, KY and will include the famous "Species Identification and Crosstie Grading Derby".

THE SCHEDULE

Arrive at hotel in time for an **8:00 start time Tuesday morning**. A reception, sponsored by Stella-Jones, will be held at the hotel and will follow at 6:30 PM. Adjournment is on Thursday August 3rd at approximately 5:00 PM.

Don't wait to register -- the class is limited to 50!

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 **\$550**. **Credit Cards are accepted as well.** This and your hotel registration fee covers all classroom and take home materials, the welcome reception Tuesday & Wednesday evenings, breakfast, lunches, and beverages & snacks during classroom instruction. All attendees will receive a complimentary one year subscription to *Crossties* magazine (a \$75 value).
- 2) If you plan to fly, your best bet is via air to Nashville International Airport (BNA). The hotel in Clarksville is about 60 miles away. Don't forget to complete the **RTA Rooming List Form** before the **July 11th** deadline.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Marshall L. Allen
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