

SYMPOSIUM & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

October 9-11, 2013 | SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 9:00 AM** **RTA Golf Tournament**
Casino Royale Competition as Weather Back-up. *Additional activities for attendees during golf outing. (See box below.)*
- 3:00 - 5:30 PM** **RTA Guest Sponsored Hospitality Suites**
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM** **President's Cocktail Reception**
at the home of Kern Schumacher on Lake Tahoe sponsored by A&K Railroad Materials. *(Shuttles available at 5:15 pm in front of the hotel.)*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:45 - 10:30 AM** **Research Forum**
Shane Kitchens, Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University
"Effects of Borate & Creosote Treatments on Electrical Resistance Properties of Wood Crossties"
- John Butala**, Member, Creosote Council,
"Creosote Absorption Through Skin After Contact With Creosote Treated Wood"
- Kris Vanherbergen**, Gen. Director, Global Procurement/Marketing/Sales, Ruetgers AG,
"Europe's Experience, Continued Use of, and Manufacturing Capabilities for Custom Creosotes"
- Robert Fronczak**, AVP, Environment & Hazardous Materials, AAR
"Report on EPA Submittal & Update on Boiler MACT Rules for Creosote Ties"
- Tim Carey**, Industrial Products Specialist, Lonza
"ACZA Update on Testing & Usage Experience"
- Carmen Trevizo**, Assistant Director, TTCI,
"Ongoing Work at TTCI in FAST Heavy Haul Applications" (Invited)
- Dr. Samuel Weaver**, President/CEO Proton Power,
"Cellulose to Hydrogen Power - Growing a Cleaner Tomorrow"
- 10:30 - 10:45 AM** **Hardwood Markets**
Judd Johnson, President, Hardwood Market Report,
"Update on Hardwood Markets"
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM** **Vendor-mercials**
Vendor-sponsored 3 minute presentations
(Must sign up in advance)
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM** **Railroad Purchasing Forum**
Chad Rolstad, BNSF (Invited)
Sheila Gudenrath, Union Pacific
Lisa Pleasants, CSX Transportation
Kristine Storm, Genesee & Wyoming
Jon Zillioux, Norfolk Southern
Bruce Emberly, Canadian National (Invited)
Rob Churma, Canadian Pacific

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:30 - 8:00 AM** **RTA General Business Session & Welcome**
- Economics:**
Beth Ann Bovino, Senior Economist, Standard & Poor's
Tony Hatch, President, ABH Consulting
- 8:00 - 8:25 AM**
8:25 - 8:50 AM
- 8:50 - 9:15 AM** **RTA Website & Conference Networking 101**
Midori Connolly & Jessica Levin
- 9:15 - 10:30 AM** **Short Line & Regional RR Forum**
Mike Ogborn, President, Ogborn Consulting Group
Brad Lafavers, President/CEO, Atlantic Western Transportation
Nathan Henderson, VP Strategic Sales & Marketing, RJ Corman Group, LLC
Mike Smith, President, Finger Lakes Railway Corp.
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM** **Railroad Contractor Forum**
Larry Laurello, Vice President, Delta Railroad Construction
James Hansen, Vice President, Business Development, RailWorks Corp.
Joe Dalosio, Track Division Manager, Railroad Construction Co. of South Jersey
- 11:30 AM - NOON** **Break for Exhibits/Lunch**
Buffet lunch to be served in the Exhibit Hall at 12:00 pm - Luncheon seating is in A/B - Introductions of Dignitaries & Keynote Speaker will begin at 12:15 pm.
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM** **Keynote Address - RTA General Business Session Luncheon**
Terry Jones, Chairman & CEO, Kayak.com
- 1:30 - 3:00 PM** **Railroad & Washington DC Session**
Joseph Szabo, Administrator, FRA (Invited)
Frank Mulvey, Vice-Chairman, Surface Transportation Board (Invited)
Dan Keen, AVP, Policy Analyst, Association of American Railroads
Keith Hartwell, President, Chambers Conlon & Hartwell, Inc.
- 3:00 - 5:30 PM** **Engineering Forum & AREMA Presidential Address**
Joseph Smak, Director, Track Standards & Specification, Amtrak
John Cech, BNSF
Mike Wheeler, Norfolk Southern
Todd Wimmer, Union Pacific
Tod Echler, CSX Transportation
Dave Ferryman, Canadian National
Brent Laing, Canadian Pacific (Invited)
- 7:15 PM** **Annual RTA Banquet & Awards Ceremony:**
The All Black (& a little gold) Nevada Party

SPOUSE/GUEST AND OTHER OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The golf tournament, Truckee River Winery Tasting & Shopping, & Chocolate & Wine Pairing are on Wednesday, October 9, & the Historical Virginia City Walking Tour is on Thursday, October 10. These activities are optional & require additional registrations. Minimum & Maximums must be met. There will be an additional charge for anyone who wants to attend & who doesn't pre-register for these activities.

RTA GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE - 9:00-3:00 PM

Considered by many to be one of the top courses in the West, the Championship Course has everything you would expect from a Robert Trent Jones masterpiece! *(In the event of snow, a blackjack clinic at The Casino Royale followed by an actual tournament with chips will be held, as well as a slot tournament for those who would like to compete.)*
Pre-event cost: \$199 At the event: \$225

TRUCKEE RIVER WINERY TASTING & OLD TOWN TRUCKEE SHOPPING - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

You will be treated to a private tasting & be able to sample a variety of unique & delicious wines. After this, comes a visit to the historic railroad town of Truckee, California, just minutes away from the winery, which offers quaint shops & restaurants to browse & enjoy! **Pre-event cost: \$130 At the event: \$150**

CHOCOLATE & WINE PAIRING - 1:00-4:00 PM

You will learn how to choose the right wine to complement the right chocolate to create a match made in heaven! You will also be shown the basic techniques for creating world-class truffles & be able to impress your friends at your next dinner party with your very own signature truffle! **Pre-event cost: \$115 At the event: \$140**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 - 8:30 - 10:00 AM

SPOUSE & GUEST HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST LONE EAGLE GRILL

There is no additional fee for this since it is covered with the spouse/guest registration cost.

VIRGINIA CITY HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR, LUNCH & WILD WEST SHOW & MORE - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Virginia City was once one of the most prominent cities in the U.S. as gold & silver mining attracted people from the world over. The walking tour will share colorful stories & will be enhanced by a ride on the Silverline Express Steam Train or a heart-stopping stagecoach ride. **Pre-event cost: \$125 At the event: \$150**