

# 2009 RTA SYMPOSIUM & Technical Conference

## Baltimore Captivates RTA Audience For 2009 Conference

Baltimore, Baltimore! What a fantastic place to hold a business conference. The city's beauty, perseverance, history and people make it one very special place to visit and be captivated.

And, captivated we were. The Railway Tie Association is proud to have been a part of four special days of meetings, friendship, business and fun under the fairness of this city's smile.

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 that attended know that this is the place to be in the fall for a business specific conclave. If you missed it, remember we missed you. But based upon the next few images you should know that you should not miss it next year!

**These and other photos from the conference were taken by Gary Coleman of Coleman Photography and can be accessed and purchased online at [www.photorelect.com](http://www.photorelect.com).**

### Golf Tournament



Stan Thomas, Rob Churma, Kris Hedding and Dave Whitted



Brian Cassino, Tony Helms, Terry Good and Jeff Broadfoot



Rick White, Rick Cullinan, Bill Rousis and George Caric



John Giallonardo, Clyde Lobb, Mike Mancione and Chad Rolstad

### Walking Tour of Inner Harbor Sites



Ken & Sue Peirson and Emma & Dave Webb



Group listens intently to Baltimore tour guide Linda Brazier.



Harbor tour group poses for a special shot.



Group learning about the history of the Star Spangled Banner.



Some of the group poses at the National Aquarium....say aaaaahhhh.



Looks like it might be past somebody's feeding time!

## President's Reception



Kevin Flaherty with Fritz Horn



Marshall Allen with Steve Lish



Danny Bennett, Scott McBride and Don Hollis



Mary Frye Erwin, Martha Baker and Bill Rousis



Bob DeMarco chats with Chuck Emely.



Gary and Jan Williams (front) along with Jeanie Downey and Incoming President Buddy Downey (back)



Bill Hendrix, Bill Bowzer, Brad Ginsburg and David Piper



Jeanie Downey, Alan Miller, Jan Hedding and Rosalie Thomas



Ray Stackhouse Jr., George Caric and Ray Stackhouse, Sr.



Kim Sigurdson, Doug Delmonico and JoJo Sigurdson



Rick Cullinan with Gary Ambrose



Bill and Jane Moss



Jeff Broadfoot, Tony Helms and Bill Van Trump



Rick Ebersold, Wes Piatt, and Rich Reiff



Jim Gauntt with John Reaves and Susan Gauntt

## Spouse Hospitality And Luncheon



Debbie Hughes, Londa Allen, Barb Ambrose and Jane Moss



Laurie Forster leads a lively discussion at the wine tasting event.



The RTA Ladies raise their glasses...



...and Barb Rousis shows off her prize from First Lady Jan Williams.

## Business Luncheon



Dennis Avery with Bill Moss



Audrey Troise with Ray Stackhouse Sr. and Jr.



Kevin Hicks with Bill Van Trump and Chuck Emery



Attendees listen to the luncheon keynote address.



Tom Mitchell and Joe Delahoussaye



Gene Dodson of North American Tie & Timber

## Business Sessions



John Bosshart of BNSF



Stephen Smith of AquAeTer Inc.



Tom Judge of *Railway Track & Structures* reviews the sessions for the day.



Doug Delmonico of Encore Rail



John Giallonardo and Gary Ambrose



Paul Gilles of Brewer Inc. and Bill Hendrix of Brewco Inc. give their vendor-mercials.



RTA President Gary Williams



Kris Hedding, Matt Clarke and Scott McBride listening in on the well-attended Thursday morning session.



Guest speaker Neil Moyer of the AAR



Kevin Hicks, David Connell and Lisa Benz



Dave Webb with Gary Ambrose and Tom Loadman

## Annual Banquet



Welcome Aboard All!



Ed Groves of TTCI



Barb Ambrose and Marshall and Londa Allen

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Tim & Marsha Kuhns with Jan Williams



Stan & Rosalie Thomas with Rob Churma



Sue & Ken Peirson get into the theme of the night



Tom Judge says hello to all



A definite group effort for the puzzle segment of the evening



On the menu...CRABS and lots of them!



Tom Niederberger and Tom Loadman define TEAM WORK



Winners of round one



Everyone raise your arms and say HALLELUJAH!



Lisa Benz shows off her beautiful wood cutting board prize.



Bill Donley was the first prize winner with a new Garmin.



Gary Williams with Branding Hammer award winner Bill Rousis



Broad Axe award winner Stan Thomas with Gary Williams



Gary Williams with Silver Saw award winner Tim Kuhns



Gary Williams with outgoing Executive Committee Members George Caric (left) and Joe Parris (right)



Betsy Beal helps out the banquet entertainer, Kier Irmirer



Gary Williams singing along on stage with Kier



Captain Williams safely steers the RTA conference ship back into port

## Exhibitors & Vendors



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Brewco Inc.



Wheeler Lumber



Encore Rail Systems Inc.

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