



SYMPOSIUM & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

October 23-25, 2012 | SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 a.m.	RTA GOLF TOURNAMENT Emerald Greens Golf Resort & Country Club <i>(Additional activities for attendees during golf outing - see end of page)</i>	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	RTA GUEST-SPONSORED HOSPITALITY SUITES	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL RECEPTION CRUISE ON TAMPA BAY - Sponsored by National Salvage & Service Corp. <i>All Aboard Promptly at 5:00 pm</i>
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:45 - 8:00 a.m.	RTA GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION AND WELCOME	12:15 - 2:00 p.m.	RTA GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION LUNCHEON <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wick Moorman, <i>President/CEO, Norfolk Southern</i>
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	ECONOMICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Anita Ogbara, <i>Director in Corporate Ratings Group, Standard & Poor's</i> 	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	THE STATE OF TIE DISPOSAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jason Feagans, <i>Railroad Division Manager, National Salvage & Service Corp.</i> ■ Jeff Lloyd, <i>VP International Research Group, Nisus Corp.</i> ■ Bob Gruber, <i>Director, Regulatory & Industry Affairs, Arch Wood Protection - A Lonza Company</i> ■ Bill Taylor, <i>Manager Resource Recovery, DTE Energy Services</i> ■ Steve Smith, <i>Technical Director, AquaAeTer Inc.</i>
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	SAFETY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Robert Sumwalt, <i>Member, National Transportation Safety Board, "Leading Organizations Safely"</i> 	3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	VENDOR-MERCIALS Vendor-Sponsored 3-Minute Presentations <i>(Must sign up in advance)</i>
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	SHORT LINE & REGIONAL RAILROAD FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mike Ogburn, <i>Managing Director, OmniTrax</i> ■ Tony Reck, <i>President/CEO, Paducah & Louisville Railway</i> ■ Scott Linn, <i>VP SE Region, RailAmerica Inc.</i> ■ Tony Cox, <i>VP of Engineering, Watco Companies</i> 	3:15 - 5:15 p.m.	ENGINEERING FORUM FOCUSED ON NEW CONSTRUCTION & AREMA PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ James Carter, <i>Chief Engineer Bridges & Structures, Norfolk Southern</i> ■ Brian Large, <i>BNSF</i> ■ Jeff McCracken, <i>Norfolk Southern</i> ■ Todd Wimmer, <i>Union Pacific</i> ■ Dale Ophardt, <i>CSX Transportation (Invited)</i> ■ Jim McLeod, <i>Canadian National (Invited)</i> ■ Gord Pozzobon, <i>Canadian Pacific (Invited)</i>
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	MARKETPLACE IMPACTS FOR HARDWOODS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mike Snow, <i>Executive Director, American Hardwood Export Council</i> ■ David Danielson, <i>Asst. Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (Invited)</i> 	7:00 p.m.	ANNUAL RTA BANQUET & AWARDS CEREMONY <i>The Return of Gasparilla, A Pirate Mardi Gras with Game Show</i>
10:45 - 12:15 p.m.	SAWMILL & FORESTRY ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Teddy Reynolds, <i>President, Reynolds Forestry &</i> ■ Jim Rosson, <i>Research Forester, USDA, "Relationships Between Hardwood Tree Inventory, Tie Mill Locations, and Tie Demand"</i> 		

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	WOOD PRESERVATION FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeff Morrell, <i>Professor, Oregon State University, "Oil's Well that Ends Well"</i> ■ Adam Taylor, <i>Professor, Tennessee Forest Products Center, "Scale Up Experience With Ambient-Temperature Borate Dip Treatments"</i> ■ Shane Kitchens, <i>Manager, TASKpro, "Revisiting Remedial Tie Treatments, etc."</i> ■ Michael Sanders, <i>Senior Research Associate, Dept. of Forest Products, MSU, "Alternative Wood Preservative Research Project - Phase I 'Year 4' & Phase II 'Installation'"</i> ■ Mark Manning, <i>Director, Market Development, U.S. Borax, "Fixed and Non-Fixed Boron/Wood Research"</i>
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	VENDOR-MERCIALS Vendor-Sponsored 3-Minute Presentations <i>(Must sign up in advance)</i>
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	OTHER RESEARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Greg Grissom, <i>VP Engineering, Georgetown Rail Equipment &</i> ■ Mark Huston, <i>Asst. Director Maintenance Planning, BNSF, "Wood Tie Grading Using Subjective & Objective Methodologies"</i>
10:45 - 12:15 p.m.	CLASS 1 PURCHASING FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chad Rolstad, <i>BNSF (Invited)</i> ■ Gary Hunter, <i>Union Pacific (Invited)</i> ■ Lisa Pleasants, <i>CSX Transportation</i> ■ Jon Zillioux, <i>Norfolk Southern</i> ■ Bruce Emberly, <i>Canadian National (Invited)</i> ■ Rob Churma, <i>Canadian Pacific</i>

SPOUSE/GUEST AND OTHER OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

First two events are on Tuesday, October 23rd & at an extra cost—minimums and maximums required. The Spouse & Guest Hospitality & Optional Tour takes place during the Main Business Session and Luncheon on Wednesday.

1 - RTA GOLF TOURNAMENT Golf at Tampa's Premier Golf Resort & Country Club. Even though Emerald Greens is close to Dale Mabry Highway and numerous local attractions, it's a peaceful course that rolls through pine and cypress trees.

2 - TRAP SHOOTING EVENT This exciting adventure will be available for up to 15 people and will be coordinated, once again, by American trap shooting coach & instructor Bill Smith. Instruction will be provided for the beginner or experienced shooter alike.

3 - BIG CAT RESCUE Take a fascinating journey through the 45-acre wildlife sanctuary that is home to 140 cats representing 16 species of wild cats. You will be able to see Lions, Tigers, Geoffroy Cats, Jungle Cats, Caracals, Snow Leopards, Bobcats, Lynx and more! All of these cats are endangered or in danger of becoming so and, in many cases, their numbers have dwindled to only a few remaining. Learn the history behind these furry friends and how they came to call Big Cat Rescue home.

4 - SPOUSE & GUEST HOSPITALITY & SHOPPING ON YOUR OWN The morning will start with an entertaining and informative breakfast and CVB PowerPoint presentation of the Tampa area. Following this will be a visit to the world-famous Salvador Dali Museum—which is home of the world's most comprehensive collection of his works. A guide will take you through the life of Dali and the various artistic stages of his work ending with a presentation of his master works. Next stop is an afternoon of touring St. Petersburg's beautiful Sunken Gardens. You will explore this lush botanical paradise as you stroll through history discovering some of the oldest plant specimens in the region.