

Photo Contest: Award-Winning Photos Illustrate 'From Tree-To-Track' Story



The "Untreated Tie Phase of the Wood Crosstie Story" was the theme of the third stage of the Railway Tie Association's (RTA) 2011 photo contest. Photos submitted for this phase illustrate portions of the process such as transport to the treating plant, plant inspection, or preparation for treatment.

"The RTA photo contest has generated great interest in the 'From Tree-to-Track' concept," said RTA Executive Director Jim Gauntt. "We have had submissions from all levels of RTA members. It seems to be a really fun contest from the comments we

are receiving. We hope you will enjoy seeing these photos just as much as we did!"

First Place

The first place winning photo was submitted by Brad Brenneman, purchasing supervisor for maintenance-of-way for Norfolk Southern in Roanoke, Va. The photo of German-stacked, untreated ties was taken at Stella-Jones's treating facility in Goshen, Va., during the spring, and the Shenandoah Mountains can be seen in the background. The photo was taken with a Kodak 12.1 MP EasyShare camera.

For his winning photo, Brenneman will receive a \$125 award.

Second Place

Andy Andreykovich, national sales man-

ager for Appalachian Timber Services in Pittsburgh, submitted the second place photo that was taken at Appalachian Timber's plant in Sutton, W.Va. Snapped with his Nikon D70, Andreykovich's photo scored him a \$75 award.

Honorable Mentions

Also worth noting were photos taken that earned honorable mention recognitions.

An early morning shot of German-stacked ties, was submitted by Jeffrey Lippincott, national sales manager for Tank Fab Inc., in Rocky Point, N.C.. Jeff used a Nikon D7000 camera with a 16- ➤

SECOND PLACE



HONORABLE MENTIONS



Award Winning Photos:

The first place photo shows ties stacked at the Stella-Jones facility in Goshen, Va. The second place photo shows ties stacked at Appalachian Timber Services' Sutton, W.Va., plant. The honorable mention photo at left shows ties at the Amerities South Treating Plant in Hope, Ark. The photo above shows ties at the Boatright Railroad Products Treatment Facility in Montevallo, Ala.