

Registration Open for RTA's 105th Annual Symposium & Technical Conference in Buckhead, Atlanta

The Railway Tie Association (RTA) is thrilled to announce that registration is now open for its highly anticipated 105th Annual Symposium and Technical Conference. The event is scheduled to take place October 16-19 at the stylish Westin Buckhead, conveniently located on Peachtree Road. This year's theme, "Livin' It Up in Buckhead," promises a perfect blend of business and leisure in one of Atlanta's most vibrant neighborhoods.

Informative Conference Agenda

The conference will kick off on Tuesday, Oct. 16, with attendee and exhibitor check-in, followed by a warm welcome reception at the Westin Buckhead hotel. On the following day, Oct. 17, attendees can look forward to engaging educational sessions starting at 8 a.m. The highlight of the morning will be a captivating keynote address by Josh Raglin, the chief sustainability officer for Norfolk Southern. His insights into the railroad's sustainability initiatives will undoubtedly inspire RTA members to adopt eco-friendly strategies in their own business operations.

The day's agenda will further include enlightening panel discussions on the hardwood marketplace and governmental affairs impacting the railroad and wood tie industries. Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore the fascinating Georgia Aquarium as an optional activity. The day concludes with the annual President's Reception, fostering networking and camaraderie among participants.

A Balance of Learning & Fun

Sessions on Wednesday, Oct. 18, are set to cover a diverse range of topics, including research and innovation, as well as major railroad engineering projects. As part of the optional activities, participants can enjoy a friendly golf tournament at picturesque Chastain Park or join a brewery tour. In the evening, attendees will gather for the Grand Reception, where RTA's prestigious annual



awards will be presented, and everyone is encouraged to participate in the "funny/fancy" dress theme, adding a touch of humorous glamor to the occasion.

Celebrating the Wood Tie Industry & Looking Ahead

The business sessions on Thursday, Oct. 19, will be dedicated to honoring the contributions made by the leaders in the wood tie industry. Additionally, railroad tie procurement professionals will share their tie purchasing plans for the upcoming year, providing valuable insights before the conference comes to a successful close.

Discover the Best of Buckhead

While attending the conference, be sure to explore the charming neighborhood of Buckhead. With its upscale shopping districts like Lenox Square (across the street from the hotel), the Buckhead Village District and Phipps Plaza; diverse culinary scene; and cultural attractions such as the Atlanta History Center and Swan House, Buckhead has much to offer for recreation and relaxation.

Early Bird Registration Discount

Take advantage of the early bird registration discount by submitting the registration form on page 20 to ties@RTA.org or registering online at [RTA.org/2023-conference](https://www.RTA.org/2023-conference) by Aug. 31. After this date, registration and optional activity pricing will increase by \$75, so act fast to secure your spot at this premier industry event in the lively Buckhead area of Atlanta. ■

Conference Agenda*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00am-5:00pm	Registration/Exhibit Set up day
4:00pm-5:30pm	Stella-Jones Hospitality Suite
5:30pm-7pm	Opening Reception (Drink and Light Food)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am-Noon	General Session
8:00am-8:15am	Business Session
8:15am-9:15am	Keynote Address
9:15am-9:30am	RTA Committee Updates
9:30am-10:00am	Networking Break
10:00am	Vendor-Mercial Spot
10:00am-11:00am	Hardwood Marketplace Perspectives
11:00am-Noon	Governmental Affairs
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:00pm-5:00pm	Networking/Private Meetings/ Optional Event (Aquarium)
4:00pm-5:30pm	Stella-Jones Hospitality Suite
5:30pm-7pm	President's Reception (Drink and Light Food)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am-11:30am	General Session
8:00am-9:30am	Research and Innovation
9:30am-10:00am	Networking Break
10:00am	Vendor-Mercial Spot
10:00am-11:30am	RR Engineering
*11:00am	Golfers Depart for Course (12:30pm start)
11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
1:00pm-5:00pm	Networking/Private Meetings/Optional Event (Sweetwater Brewery)
5:00pm	Golfers & Tourers Return
5:00pm-6:00pm	Stella-Jones Hospitality Suite
6:00-8:00pm	Grand Reception (Drink and Full Meal)
7:00pm-7:30pm	RTA Awards
8:00pm-10:00pm	Stella-Jones Hospitality Suite

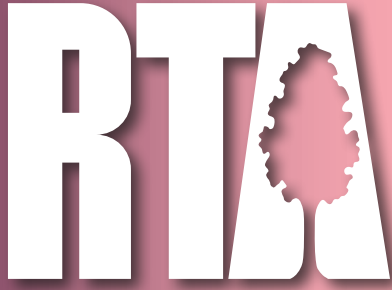
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00am-8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am-11:30am	General Session
8:00am-9:30am	Leading Professionals
9:30am	Vendor-Mercial Spot
9:30am-11:00am	RR Procurement
11:00am-11:30am	Closing Session
1:00pm-5:00pm	AREMA 30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00am-Noon	AREMA 30
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*Subject to updates



105TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Buckhead, Atlanta | Oct. 16-19, 2023



Download the RTA Events App at the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.



#rta2023 for 2023 Conference Tweets

NOTE: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES COVER ALL BREAKFASTS, LUNCHEONS, SESSIONS, PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION ON TUESDAY AND GRAND RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY. Please complete **both the registration AND golf/activities form** if you want to play in the golf tournament or attend the optional events

Reserve Your Hotel:

The Westin Buckhead

Make your reservations now!

Reserve Online At:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50491983/owner/8650452/home>

The room block closes **September 28, 2023.**

Room Block Only Guarantees Rate. **ROOM BLOCK DOESN'T GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY SO BOOK EARLY!**

Make hotel reservations under the RTA Room Block by calling 1-800-610-9558 or registering online.

RTA Room Block Rate is \$195 + tax per night.

Reserve Your Space:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

(Golf registration form is at the bottom)

Name _____ Company _____

TO APPEAR ON BADGE

Address _____ Phone _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, PLEASE USE ADDRESS ON CARD

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Business) Email: _____ Spouse Name (if attending) _____

Please Check All Fees That Apply.

Yearly Membership fees must be paid in advance.

	Fees For Early Reg. (Before 9/1/23)	Fees For Late Reg. (After 8/31/23)
<input type="checkbox"/> Members	\$729	\$804
<input type="checkbox"/> Associates, Honorary & Academic Members	\$325	\$400
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$999	\$1,074
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Participation (Fee to attend any conference events.)	\$199	\$274

Full refund (minus \$50 admin fee) until 8/31/23. Half refund until 9/12/23. No refunds after 9/12/23

Optional Events

MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR OPTIONAL EVENTS.

	Registration Fees	Fees For Late Reg. (After 8/31/23)
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf at Chastain Park Golf Course Fill out form below.	\$275 pp	\$350 pp
<input type="checkbox"/> Atlanta Aquarium Tour (10/17/23)	\$125 pp	\$200 pp
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweetwater Brewery Tour (10/18/23)	\$175 pp	\$250 pp

****Minimums & Maximums Are In Effect So Advanced Registration is Necessary****
Tours are not guaranteed to run if minimums are not met.

TOTAL PAYMENT (Include spouse fees & any optional tours or golf fee) \$ _____

Payment Type:

CHECK CREDIT CARD

Card # _____

Exp Date _____

Name On Card _____

3 digit CVC on back of card _____

4 digit CVC on front of AMEX _____

Billing Zip/Postal Code if different from above: _____

NOTE: Presenters and attendees who are RTA members need to check the box that corresponds to their membership type and submit that fee.



RTA GOLF REGISTRATION PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM PER GOLFER

CHASTAIN PARK GOLF COURSE, BUCKHEAD

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 • RTA Tournament - Shotgun start format (\$275 each player).

Contact pro shop to reserve and pay for club rentals: (404) 255-0723.

Name _____ Company _____ Handicap _____

Please check here if you will be riding the shuttle bus to/from the course.

If you have preferred playing partners for main tournament list them below (Each must register separately.)

1. Your Name: _____ 2. Preferred Partner: _____

3. Preferred Partner: _____ 4. Preferred Partner: _____

Return this form with all registration fees to: Railway Tie Association • 131 Woodstone Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39183 • (P) 770-460-5553
To submit form electronically, e-mail to: ties@rta.org

RTA Railway Tie Association

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GREAT SESSIONS

Tuesday October 17th:

- Business Session
- Keynote Address by **Josh Raglin, Chief Sustainability Officer for Norfolk Southern**
- Hardwood Marketplace Perspectives
- Governmental Affairs
- Optional Aquarium Tour

Wednesday October 18th:

- Research and Innovation
- Railroad Engineering
- Golf and Optional Brewery Tour

Thursday October 19th:

- Leading Professionals
- Railroad Procurement
- Closing Session

NETWORKING

- Networking Breaks and Lunches in the Exhibit Hall
- Banquet, Reception, Hospitality Suites
- Afternoon Activities

BANQUET & AWARDS

- **Livin' It Up In Buckhead** with a Fancy or Funny/Faux Fancy Fashion Dress Theme
- Dinner and Drinks
- Annual Awards

