

GENE COLLINS LOGGER ACTIVIST AWARD

McKittrick Timber, LLC Heath Springs, SC

The 2012 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award is proudly presented to Danny McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, LLC, for their sincere commitment to professional timber harvesting, supporting this association, participating in community and industry activities, practicing sustainable timber harvesting, promoting education and positive promotion of professional business practices.

McKittrick Timber is a conscientious professional business that understands the value of relationships with customers, employees and their industry, environmental stewardship and promoting a positive image as professional loggers.

McKittrick Timber operates two tree length crews thinning and clearcutting private landowner tracts and timber purchased from land clearing companies. Brothers Asa and Andy run the crews while Danny purchases timber tracts, works between the crews and oversees the business. Son Dylan works in the woods operations when not in school at USC Lancaster. Wife Kendra is office manager handling the business administrative duties.

Weekly total production averages 2,000 tons with pulpwood, sawtimber and logs delivered to International Paper Eastover, Chester Wood Products, LLC, New South/Canfor, Resolute Forest Products, Edwards Wood Products and Circle S Shaving Mill.

The range of equipment for the two crews is three John Deere grapple skidders, one Tigercat grapple skidder, two Tigercat feller bunchers, two Tigercat loaders, one Prentice loader,

CAT bulldozer and CAT motor grader. The operation runs four trucks and utilizes subcontract haulers as well as participates in the Trimble Navigation Limited Trucking System for wood hauled to IP Eastover.

Not only does Danny run his business, he also oversees the wood procurement for the Circle S Shaving Mill. McKittrick Timber operates as a logger/dealer utilizing the harvesting services of two subcontract loggers.

Growing up working at his father's sawmill, Danny ran the company logging crew. He attended the National Hardwood Lumber Association lumber grading school in Memphis, Tennessee becoming a certified hardwood lumber grader. In 1981 he took over his grandfather's short wood logging business and in 1986 he started his own tree length logging business.

Danny has served on the association board of directors since 2003 when he filled the term of Gerald Truesdell. He has served as Vice Chairman and since 2008 as Chairman providing leadership for the association to move forward. In 2010, Danny received the association's Jimmy Watkins Community Service Award.

His professional service includes attending Wood Supply Research Institute meetings, traveling to Washington, DC to participate in the American Loggers Council Spring Board Meetings and visits to our SC Congressional delegation to promote issues affecting SC's logging and forestry industry. He attends the American



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Loggers Council annual meetings and represents SCTPA on the American Loggers Council board of directors.

He has worked in educating local students by participating in the association's educational program at Andrew Jackson Middle School for 164 students. He help lead a forestry tour and cook lunch at Goodwill Plantation in Eastover for the Ag & Forestry class at Andrew Jackson High School. He serves on the Andrew Jackson High School Ag & Forestry Advisory Board.



He participated and led discussions with Lancaster County Council and attended Council meetings regarding a proposed ordinance to prohibit "big" trucks parking on private property in rural areas. He was instrumental in stopping this

adverse ordinance.

His discussions with a local SC House member and county officials prevented Lancaster County from enacting an ordinance requiring unmanufactured forest products trucks to have a permit to use county roads.

Danny has participated on the SC Teachers Tour by being on the logging tour stop to interact with the teachers. He provided hay wagons for the 2008 Teachers Tour to transport the teachers to Ideal Logging's logging job tour stop.

Community service not only includes involvement in your local area, but also active involvement in making a difference within your industry's community. Over the years Danny McKittrick has shown his sincere commitment to total community service.

Danny should be called the "Local Chef." He is always volunteering his services in supporting local events being the cook and in some cases even the dishwasher. And he has gained quite a reputation for his culinary talents. His featured local events are the McKittrick Community Labor Day BBQ as well as the Duncan Creek Farms Thanksgiving BBQ.

Community involvement is a way of life for Danny and his family. He provided his home cooked food for the Andrew Jackson High School football and baseball teams while son Dylan was playing

and been an active booster club member. He was recently elected Vice President of the Andrew Jackson High Booster Club. He displays a sign at football games showing the SCTPA and ALC logos.



A member of Faith Baptist Church he cooks for the Valentine's Day and Mother's Day events. He is a Gideon, Youth Group sponsor, serves on the Mission Board, a church trustee and has been church greeter.

Danny does not shy away from lending support to local events. He and his company have sponsored the Muscular Dystrophy Golf Tournament in Kershaw, the Partners for Youth Golf Tournament in Lancaster, Andrew Jackson High School Booster Club Golf Tournament and Lancaster County Parks and Recreation baseball and football. He is also a member of the Cattlemen's Association.

Even with his involvement in his business and community activities Danny offers the services of his small sawmill to saw lumber for people's needs.

Danny is a SC SFI Trained logger. The company emphasizes sustainable harvesting practices, safety, professionalism, SC Timber Harvesting Best Management Practices and works conscientiously to meet landowner expectations through exceptional environmental, harvesting and business practice standards.

He believes promoting and practicing professional timber harvesting and sustainable forestry principles are integral to his business, industry and success. Danny says, "You have to practice what you say to help the public, landowners and our customers understand we are professionals harvesting timber. We take a great deal of pride in our business and work hard to meet and exceed our customers' expectations."

Understanding the responsibilities and importance associated with how professional loggers contribute to their local and state economies, how professional loggers must work with landowners, wood suppliers and wood receiving companies in cooperative, mutually beneficial partnerships, promoting and practicing sustainable forestry, educating the critical public regarding professional timber harvesting, demonstrating a stewardship attitude



about our sustainable and renewable forest resources and our environment are all important issues to the company's business and operational standards.



Danny says, "Our association is dedicated to representing and

servicing the timber harvesting segment of our state's forestry industry. I have been able to watch as the association has grown and been able to see first hand what it has accomplished. Sure, we've had our tough times just like the logging business. But our association is there as a resource to act on issues to help loggers operate their businesses. Being involved with the American Loggers Council has shown me we have a professional organization representing America's logging professionals in Washington, DC and around the country for important issues affecting our industry. We need to keep working to gain more loggers supporting the association to continue its efforts to be there for us for issues, legislation, regulations and education. I am proud of the association's partnership with SC Forestry Association and SC Forestry Commission. Cooperatively we can continue working on issues affecting harvesting, supplying, trucking, regulations, markets and economics."

Dedicated to his family, wife Kendra, daughters Savannah, Blair, Cassidy and Shannon, son Dylan, and grandchildren Jordan and Aidan, his Faith in The Lord and the logging profession, these are Danny's priorities in life.

As an association and industry leader with a sincere commitment to professional logging, sustainable forestry, community, family and the principles of outstanding business, SCTPA is proud *McKittrick Timber* is our 2012 *Gene Collins Logger Activist Award* recipient.

