



TIMBER TALK

Your Voice for South Carolina Timber Harvesting

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2008 Annual Meeting Review

Improving Our Industry: How?

Despite struggling economic times over two hundred sixty people attended our 2008 Annual Meeting at the Crown Reef Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, January 25 – 27.

Thanks to everyone for making our 9th Annual Meeting successful, informative and pleasurable.

Your support was absolutely tremendous.

This year's theme was *Improving Our Industry:*

How? The timber harvesting and forest products industry continues to face challenges presented by global competition, efficiency issues, achieving acceptable economic performance, landowner-ship changes, stumpage availability, cost containment and public image.

As the timber harvesting segment and the entire industry faces the multitude of challenges, there must be continued improvements for professional loggers, wood consuming companies and landowners in order to strengthen the industry's position within our country's economy as well as the global economy.

Informative presentations were presented as to how we, as an industry, can continue to improve our competitiveness, our public image through education, our timber harvesting and manufacturing efficiencies, our markets for new alternatives, initiate political change and make improvements for all wood supply chain links.

We proudly welcomed a distinguished speaker group representing the timber harvesting, wood consuming, public education, forest certification,

state government and private industry segments to present their ideas for improvements.

Thanks to our members, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, silent auction donors and guests for making this annual meeting a great experience.



The conference began with the board meeting Friday afternoon with guests Doug Duncan, Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Professional Loggers and meeting speaker George Fletcher, Executive Director of the South Carolina Council On Competitiveness. Board items were discussed with emphasis on the annual meeting. It was a pleasure to have Doug, as he was interested in seeing how the board meeting functioned and learn about issues here in our state as he moves forward with leading the North Carolina association. George joined the meeting to learn how the timber harvesting sector is working to be more competitive with the Forest Products Subcluster.

Friday evening's Welcome Reception featured Dave Gilbert of Partytime DJ's of Columbia playing a variety of music for all the dancers. Plus everyone

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Randy Player sounds like Louie Armstrong!

was entertained by those brave, “wanna be” singers during Karaoke sets. Randy Player of Van Lott did one great rendition of *What A Wonderful World* by Louie Armstrong. He even sounded like

Louie. And then there was the Kathy

Cox and Crad Jaynes duet of Unforgettable which Crad’s part was absolutely “forgettable” because



Kathy Cox & Crad ... Unforgettable??



Kids’ Karaoke

Kathy can really sing and well, Crad simply cannot. And the kids got into the act as well and really did a great job singing. Good times were had by all and thanks to our dancers and singers.

Saturday’s General Session speakers really hit home with their presentations. Charles Johns, President of Johns & Conner, Inc., Hilliard, Florida and immediate past president of the American Loggers Council, led off the morning session talking about how professional loggers must continue to be professional businessmen, improve operational efficiencies, seek new and improved methods in harvesting, must be active in their logging association and be active in their profession. He noted today’s logging professional must be a business person first in order to know costs and be able to survive the economic times and compete in the marketplace. He noted the challenges faced by loggers with fuel costs, stumpage availability and the general attitudes displayed toward professional loggers inside and outside the wood industry. He noted the future depends on how new emerging markets for woody biomass will stimulate alternative competitive markets for loggers.

George Fletcher, Executive Director of the SC Council On Competitiveness described the Council’s framework with the various State Industry Clusters. He presented the presentation from the SCFA annual meeting describing the work and recommendations developed by the Timber Harvesting Subcluster as to what is needed to be more competitive. Thanks to Jay Jackson and Mike Macedo for their input to explain what steps are being taken to increase unmanufactured forest products trucking weight and steps being taken to get the message to the consuming mills to help improve timber harvesting’s competitiveness. George also related important issues the state through the Council is taking to be more competitive in other industry clusters.

Rick Cantrell, Vice President of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative spoke about SFI and how forest and forest product

certification has increased and is becoming more readily accepted by the marketplace. He focused on how SFI had increased its marketing efforts with national and global companies to recognize SFI as a true method of certifying their products are made from sustainable forests. One of the major companies he mentioned as now using the SFI label is Pepsico. He noted improvement will continue as SFI is further recognized as a certification system and this will help the entire wood supply chain.

Danny Dructor, Executive Vice President of the American Loggers Council was scheduled to speak. Unfortunately due to the death of his best friend he was unable to attend so Crad Jaynes presented his speech. His presentation is featured in this issue.

Strom Thurmond High School Science Teacher Penny Morris spoke about her experience on the 2007 SC Teachers Tour and how our industry must do a better job of educating students, teachers and the critical public about sustainable forestry. She noted our industry, including loggers, foresters, mill personnel need to be more involved with local education to improve the industry’s image and educate how the industry truly operates and not how it is perceived to operate. She encouraged everyone to get involved in the education process.

New State Forester Gene Kodama presented an overview of how the SC Forestry Commission operates in its multi-faceted agency of helping landowners, improving our state’s economics by helping to seek new wood using companies to locate in South Carolina, how the agency works for fire fighting, forest inventory and described other Commission functions. He talked



(L-R) Penny Morris & Gene Kodama

about the Commission’s need to have its budget increased to meet the growing demand for wildfire protections. The agency needs increased funding from the state to improve its fire fighting equipment and capabilities as the Wildland Urban Interface grows throughout the state.

Dave Liebetreu, Vice President Global Sourcing, International Paper addressed how his company is addressing areas of improvement such as truck turn times at mills, profitability, wood supply, cost containment, manufacturing efficiencies, marketing not only here in our state, but

across the nation and globally. He expressed that in order for his company to be competitive, he realized his company must also improve within itself as well as help improve the other wood supply links.

The Business Session opened after the luncheon and Dave’s presentation with the 2007 financial report provided by the association’s CPA Larry Godwin of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP. Larry reviewed the financial statement prepared for the audience and reported the association’s total revenues had increased slightly versus last year, but dues revenue had decreased. The revenue increase was due to the commissions



(L-R) George Fletcher, Tommy Barnes, Charles Johns & Rick Cantrell

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received from the insurance program. Without that revenue, the association would have been in trouble. Expenses had increased, but were in line with the budget. The association ended 2007 with a \$14,634 loss. The loss could be mainly attributed to the decreased revenue from the high number of non-renewals. As Larry reported, the money in reserve used for shortfalls is being reduced. This will continue to put financial pressure on the association's operating capabilities. Larry asked the membership to look at what the association had accomplished in its work to represent them. He challenged everyone to increase the membership and again asked if you can, contribute a little more to keep the association moving forward for the future.

Secretary-Treasurer Danny McKittrick reported there were no Bylaws changes for this year. A Board of Directors election was conducted to fill the expiring District 1 Seat held by Dennis Wall. Dennis was not running for re-election.

Steve Thompson, Thompson Logging, Inc., Jonesville, was elected to a four-year term on the board. Steve has been a strong supporter and is very active in his community and the industry. Congratulations Steve!

Five Distinguished Service Awards were presented. Dennis Wall, Mountain View Farms, Inc and W. V. Wall & Sons,



Distinguished Service Awards—(L-R) Rodney Edge, Danny McKittrick & Bob Schowalter.

Inc., Edgefield had served two board terms. He was instrumental in forming the first logger association along with the late Jimmy Watkins of Saluda. He received the Distinguished Board Service Award for his leadership, support and activities during his terms. Congratulations Dennis and thanks for all your years of service.

Next, retired State Forester Bob Schowalter received a Distinguished Service Award for his seven years of service to the timber harvesting industry as he directed the SC Forestry Commission. Bob has been a supporter of professional timber harvesting, this association and the forest products industry. He led the Commission through tough times, but through his leadership the Commission moved forward to improve our state's sustainable forestry industry.

Because of their extraordinary service, Rodney Edge, Tidewater Equipment Company, Newberry, David McKittrick, Demack Timber LLC, Clinton, and Danny McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, Heath Springs, were presented distinguished service awards for their hard work and contributions to the success of the Sawmill and Logging Exposition, SAWLEX, held last May in Newberry County. Thanks guys, we couldn't have done it without you.



Logger Activist Award Winner

on hand to receive the award. Seckinger Forest Products has done an outstanding job in their professional operations, positive advocacy and community activity representing the logging profession and sustainable forestry.

Chairman Tommy Barnes recognized the efforts of Swamp Fox Agency, formerly Grady, Hayes and Bryant, and Forestry Mutual Insurance Company for their contributions to the association and work with members in the property and casualty insurance program that provided much needed revenue to the association. Thanks guys.

Forestry Mutual Insurance Company's Jimmie Locklear presented their company's Outstanding SC Logger Award to Leo Lambert Logging, Inc. of Andrews. Donnie Lambert and the entire Lambert clan were on hand to accept the award. Donnie stated "We must keep SCTPA going because of the outstanding work and representation it provides loggers in South Carolina."

Annual meeting sponsors were recognized and thanked for their tremendous financial support as well as the exhibitors for displaying their services and products.

Special thanks to Uncle Buck for his salesmanship of \$1,785 in raffle tickets for the Remington Spartan shotgun.

Again, thanks to Nichols Store in Mt. Holly and Janice Barnes of Ideal Logging, Inc. for collaborating to furnish the gun won by Roger Cantley of Smith Logging, Inc. of Andrews.

Our Silent Auction was again a great success raising over \$8,000 for the association's 2008 Wood Supply Research Institute logger segment commitment. There were three big items donated this year. One 30.5 forestry tire by Commercial Tire of Georgetown, Andy McAllister, and two 30.5 tires by Titan Tire's Dennis Nutter, Peachtree City, GA, along with Robert and Joe Bostick of Dr. Tire, Estill. We appreciate all the wonderful items donated by members, allied suppliers and friends.

Thanks to everyone who bought the Big Raffle tickets for the 2008 Honda ATV, the \$1,000 cash and the four days and three nights at Crown Reef Resort. After the business session winners were drawn with the Crown Reef accommodations won by Bill Lominick, W. B. Lominick Logging, Newberry, the \$1,000 won by Rick Cantrell, and the grand prize ATV won by Blair McKittrick of Heath Springs. Thanks again for making our Big Raffle another success to support our association's finances and WSRI commitment.

Saturday afternoon's session featured two speakers. First "Professor" Marvin Cribb presented the Horry-Georgetown Technical College's Timber Harvesting Heavy Equipment Operators Program. Marvin serves as the instructor for the



Uncle Buck pushes shotgun raffle



Blair McKittrick's new ATV!

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program that trains students to be timber harvesting equipment operators to enter the industry. Marvin described his program's curriculum as well as highlighted students that had graduated.

Sergeant Don Rhodes, South Carolina State Transport Police Motor Carrier Safety Administration Program Coordinator reviewed the new Driver Performance and History Regulations enacted into the SC Intrastate Unmanufactured Forest Products Trucking Regulations effective January 1, 2007. Due to federal privacy law changes, new guidelines must be followed. He reviewed the required paperwork and procedures necessary for compliance and answered questions related to UFP trucking regulations.



Hi Cotton singers

Sunday's prayer breakfast was awesome. Hi Cotton, a group of overall wearing, ordinary men who are extremely talented singers and musicians, treated everyone to one of the best prayer breakfast performances praising the Lord and lifting spirits as the annual meeting headed to its close. Advice. Go see Hi Cotton if they are performing in your area. They are awesome!

A special thanks goes out to Aunt Delaine, Uncle Buck and Brenda for their tremendous efforts in making our annual meeting successful. Thanks, you are the best.

And of course thanks again to everyone for attending to make our ninth annual meeting enjoyable and successful.



Dennis Wall accepts Board Service Award

2008 ANNUAL MEETING PHOTO GALLERY



Leo Lambert Logging, Inc.



Donnie Lambert



Shotgun winner
Roger
Cantley
& Uncle Buck



(L-R) Professor Marvin Cribb,
Joe Young & Don Rhodes



Board meeting



Ideal Logging Singers

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THINK POSITIVE

By Danny Dructor
Executive Vice President
American Loggers Council

Scheduled to speak at our 2008 Annual Meeting, January 26th, Danny was unable to attend due to the passing of Texas professional logger, James Nutt. Danny said, "James is one of those special persons in my life that took me under his wing and helped steer me in the right direction. If not for James, I would have never had the opportunity or ability to understand and participate in this 'profession that we call logging.' James was my mentor, my teacher, my business partner, but most importantly, my best friend." SCTPA's Crad Jaynes presented Danny's speech to the meeting.

Just when you think that things can't get any worse, they usually do. It is how you react to bad news or a setback in your operations can determine your future.

I can't tell you how many times that I took delivery of a new machine, with new bills to pay, only to be put on quota because it was too dry or not able to work at all, because it was too wet.

As I was thinking about what kind of message to deliver to you today, I first and foremost wanted it to be positive. Lord knows, with escalating fuel prices, mill slowdowns and declining housing markets your business is getting tougher by the day.

It seems that there is always someone out there that can help me to put things in perspective, and much to my relief, that person, on this occasion was Mike Crouse, editor of Logger's World magazine.

For those of you who don't know Mike, he has been an advocate for our industry for many years. His enthusiasm and overall good nature always makes him a pleasure to be around, and it just so happened that in his January column called "from the stump," Mike once again came to my rescue.

Let me read for you a few comments by Mike from the editorial....

"This remains a tough business that demands the best you have to give everyday. Our encouragement today is in watching your own attitude towards business, the future and your customers. Good planning, upbeat attitude, eyes open for the next opportunity, and letting your positive attitude be a hallmark for your crew to follow yields the best results, and draws others of the same mindset to you. Seeing only the downside closes your eyes to those opportunities and similarly confines you to others with similar views."

"Opportunity comes from positive thinking and those who seek it. The best way to find it is to look within yourself and let that attitude permeate everything you do. Of all those factors affecting your life, that is the one you always have the strongest influence over."

We can worry about the weather, and we can worry about fuel prices, but in actuality, how much control do we really have over the two. Certainly we can take steps to conserve fuel, but can we really do anything about the price at the pump? If you are able to walk outside and change the weather from rain

to sunshine, or cold to hot, I would really like to talk to you after the meeting.

All of us can learn from positive thinking. I took a personal hit in December when Congress did not pass an Energy Bill with definitions that were of much use to us for utilizing woody biomass. We had worked very hard over the past 24 months to try and affect change in the Bill that would hopefully enhance and create markets for the logging industry. What came out was a definition that was just about unfriendly to wood producers as a tick is to a dog. As long as you are planting trees today to specifically be used for energy production, you may be eligible for any incentives that other provisions in the bill have set up. If you are harvesting natural stands or plantations that were not set aside for energy production, chances are you will not be competitive in any emerging market for the biomass.

I wasted a lot of time thinking about the outcome of the bill and being angry at the authors. What I should have been thinking is "OK, where do we go from here?"

Another friend of our industry, Fred Deneke, who is a retired USFS guy that had worked in the DC offices and is now helping to steer the "25 X '25" efforts from a forestry perspective gave me a call and asked for clarification on the definitions and was going to present them to the steering committee to see what actions could be taken to amend the language.

Fred set me to thinking again instead of just sulking. Since that conversation, we are seeing some possible opportunities to get the language changed in the Farm Bill to a more wood friendly definition.

All I needed to get me going was a little bit of positive thinking from another individual.

It works that way here in South Carolina as well. We all know things are tough, and they could get tougher, but by pulling together with your Association, you will be able to find the right attitude to keep you moving forward. War stories around the table have some significance if we learn from experience and can share that experience with others, but war stories that are told simply to be a "gripe" session are not productive.

My mentor, James Nutt, a veteran logger from Cleveland, Texas used to tell me, "We were here before they were and we will be here after they are gone." Of course James was referring to the newly appointed contract administrator that the company had sent out to inspect our job that knew very little about on-the-ground harvesting operations making \$25,000 per year and going to tell us how to manage a \$1.5 million investment.

James was right, we are still here, thru the thick and the thin, working together to tackle issues that are impacting our industry and making decisions that will ensure that we will be here long after they are gone.

That is what logging associations are all about. It is not about the association, but its members, because the members are the association. What I have found out over the last 7 ½ years is that there is no silver bullet that will resolve all of the issues in our industry, but if we prioritize the issues as to what is most important to the least, we can collectively utilize our resources and begin to work on the priorities.

Instead of looking at the language in the Energy Bill as a defeat, we should be thinking in terms of how much progress

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has been made in the woody biomass arena to bring wood to the forefront as a viable feedstock for energy production. Five short years ago, you would not have heard one thought towards making energy from trees, and now, a day hardly goes by where you can not find a press release that doesn't have wood to ethanol or wood for bioenergy mentioned.

The work of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association and all of the other State Professional Logger Associations and the American Loggers Council has been tremendous! Millions of dollars are now being invested in bio-refineries, cogeneration plants and wood pellet plants across the United States because we keep telling them if they will build them we will deliver. The federal government is making millions of dollars available in the form of grants and low interest loans to organizations that wish to pursue the idea of renewable alternative energy, including wind, solar and biomass.

Whether or not we will see government incentives that will help jump-start a woody biomass industry here in the United States is yet to be seen, but the stage is already set for private investors to begin looking seriously at alternative energy.

Right now in the United States, there are 11 wood pellet plants, 14 cogeneration / biomass plants and 4 cellulosic ethanol plants proposed to be constructed for a total consumption of 13,109,000 green tons per year of wood. Given a twenty-six ton payload, that equates to approximately 504,192 truckloads of wood per year. That's progress, and that is just the beginning of the new markets that we are helping to create.

Research continues to move forward involving the conversion processes that will be used and the catalysts that will be the most efficient in the conversion process. The US Forest Service Forest Products laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin has entered into agreements with several private research firms to help make our vision a reality.

So what are we doing in all of this? Promoting. We are promoting the fact that the forests are in need of harvesting and thinning operations to improve forest health. We are promoting that with new manufacturing facilities comes new jobs and rural economic development. We are promoting the fact that utilizing renewable woody biomass feedstocks in a sustainable manner will lead to reduced greenhouse gases. We are promoting the fact that creating new markets for wood can lead to more investments in forest land and help minimize forest fragmentation by giving the forest landowner markets for his products. And finally, we are promoting the fact that utilizing alternative fuels can make us less dependent on foreign oil.

If we tell our positive story to the public long enough, they will hear it. We will attract other positive thinkers to our industry and with that we will create opportunities. Thanks Mike, for reminding me of the power of positive thinking, something that we all could use a little refresher course in from time to time.

AGTEC PUSHES FOR FARM AND FOREST TRANSPORT REFORM

On February 8, a broad coalition of agriculture and forestry transportation interests launched a campaign to reform rules for hauling unprocessed farm and forest products in the U.S. The Mission of the Agricultural Transportation Efficiency Coalition (AgTEC) is to improve the efficiency of transporting raw, unprocessed products from farms and forests to processing facilities. AgTEC currently has 29 members among state and national forestry and agricultural associations.

"The disaster at Minneapolis's I-35W bridge last summer launched a national dialogue over the condition of our nation's transportation infrastructure," stated Richard Lewis, president of the Forest Resources Association, a charter AgTEC member. "As we build consensus for new investment in roads and bridges, we must also consider means to use our highway system more efficiently. Engaging that issue will be AgTEC's main focus."

As a preliminary objective, AgTEC is working with Congress to permit the federal highway system to increase Gross Vehicle Weight limits for unprocessed farm and forest commodities from 80,000 pounds to 97,000 pounds, with the addition of a sixth axle to decrease both

road wear and braking distance. "Our top priorities are to safeguard the public and protect our vital infrastructure," commented Lewis. AgTEC will also raise awareness of the need to maintain state roads in rural areas.

"AgTEC will work with vehicles such as the 2009 Highway Reauthorization Bill to move Gross Vehicle Weight reform forward," stated Fletcher Hall, consultant to AgTEC and former Executive Director of the Agriculture and Food Transporters Conference.

Allowing farm and forest product haulers loaded to state-legal limits to use federal Interstates and highways to bypass roads that run through town centers improves both safety and congestion in urban areas, AgTEC points out.

In addition, rationalizing the hauling of these basic commodities creates savings to the agricultural and forest products supply chains that multiply through the value-creating industries these raw materials support. AgTEC notes that foreign producers in Canada, Europe, and the developing world have done much more to rationalize road-use rules than the United States has and that if the U.S. wants to stay competitive, reform will be necessary.

For more information, visit www.ag-haul.org.

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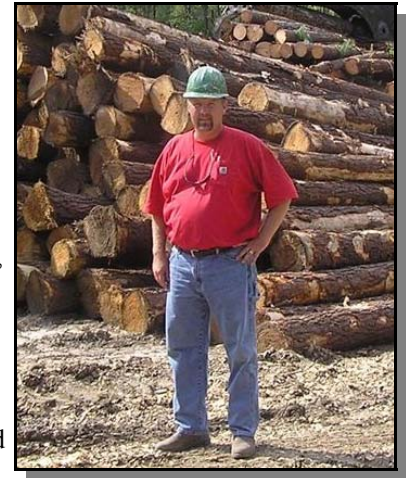
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GENE COLLINS LOGGER ACTIVIST AWARD

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The 2007 *Gene Collins Logger Activist Award* is proudly presented to Seckinger Forest Products, Inc., Hampton. BoBo, wife Jeanne and their company have displayed a sincere commitment in their advocacy for professional timber harvesting as well as their participation in community and industry activities, sustainable forestry practices and education, and positive promotion of a professional business contributing to their community.

A soft-spoken professional logger, BoBo understands the importance of being conscientious, professional and attentive to his business, employees, the environment and promoting a positive image about his profession. As he says, "Production comes second and quality first."

"I believe the big key to successful logging is having good timber to cut and having good working relationships with landowners. I want to be known for being honest, hardworking and doing a quality job."

After graduating in Forestry from Lake City Community College, BoBo began his career as a forest technician and started logging in 1991. He and a partner began with one skidder, one buncher and one loader as S & P Forest Products working with Collum's Lumber in Allendale. Then in 1996 he bought out his partner and formed Seckinger Forest Products.

Currently operating three crews in SC's Lowcountry and southeast Georgia, the chipping operation works with forestry consultants and private landowners delivering to International Paper's Savannah, Augusta and Eastover mills and Weyerhaeuser's Port Wentworth mill. The two conventional crews harvest timber for Collum's Lumber Products, LLC with wood deliveries also going to Grant Forest Products, Inc., Fairfax, and other facilities.

BoBo and wife Jeanne make a great team. Jeanne, a Certified Public Accountant, serves as office manager and keeps the business running from the "numbers" side. BoBo's father, Willie Joe, joined the business nine years ago and serves as the overall supervisor. BoBo stays in touch with his crew foremen, father and Jeanne while tending to the multitude of duties involved in running a successful business.

"People don't realize how much responsibility loggers face with their job. They have to coordinate production, deal with BMP's, public highways, public perceptions, equipment, rising costs and sometimes conflicting personalities." BMP's are second nature to BoBo as he believes and practices good aesthetics and job quality.

BoBo stays busy with his business and that is understandable. However, he understands the importance of being active in his industry, community and profession. He is SFI Trained and participates in training to improve business skills.

Seckinger Forest Products continues to be an active SCTPA District 7 member and supporter of the American Loggers Council and Wood Supply Research Institute. Seckinger Forest Products received the SC Forestry Association 2006 Logger of the Year award and is a Forest Resources Association 2007 national Logger of the Year award finalist.

BoBo participated as a logger member on the Timber Harvesting Subcluster's Return On Logging Team to determine how loggers could improve efficiencies and profitability to remain competitive in today's business climate. He also serves on the Horry-Georgetown Technical College's Forestry Department Advisory Board.

Seckinger Forest Products has an advocacy for reaching out to participate as an active community partner. BoBo and Jeanne co-chaired the Log A Load For Kids program in their area. BoBo is active in the Hampton County Landowners Association and Refuge Hunting Club. He has lent his time to be a coach for recreational teams in his area.

BoBo believes promoting professional timber harvesting and the principles of sustainable forestry are important. On many occasions he has offered his time to show various groups his timber harvesting operations, discuss sustainable harvesting and forestry practices and participate as a leader of tours conducted by Collum's.

BoBo and Seckinger Forest Products understand the responsibilities and importance associated with how professional loggers contribute to their local and state economies, how professional loggers must continue to be the best by working with landowners and wood receiving companies in cooperative partnerships, promoting and practicing sustainable forestry and educating the critical public to better understand timber harvesting is a professional industry concerned about our sustainable and renewable forest resources and our environment.

"I feel strongly about forestry and logging and if I can provide input or contribute in any way to make our businesses better, I'd like to do so." Seckinger Forest Products is a reflection of all the positives of professional timber harvesting.

A leader and advocate with a sincere commitment to professional logging, sustainable forestry, community, family and the principles of outstanding business, SCTPA is proud Seckinger Forest Products, Inc. is our 2007 *Gene Collins Logger Activist Award* recipient.

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SC LOGGING TRUCK ACCIDENTS 2003 – 2007

Sergeant Don Rhodes of the SC State Transport Police led a workshop at the 2008 Annual Meeting and related accident data he had assimilated for Logging Truck Crashes from 2003 to 2007. The 2007 numbers are not finalized.

Over the past five years, there have been 1,237 collisions involving logging trucks in South Carolina. There have been 27 fatal collisions involving logging trucks over that time period (2003 – 2007), with a total of 30 people killed.

The number of fatal collisions and fatalities decreased 50% from 2005 to 2006. Then in 2007 the number of fatal collisions stayed the same and fatalities increased significantly (75%) from 2006 to 2007. Of the 7 persons killed in 2007, 3 were involved in one accident. And the number of fatal collisions and total collisions has remained constant over the past two years.

SCTPA's Crad Jaynes discussed the data with Sergeant Rhodes and presented several points of interest. One question asked was "how did our industry's numbers compare to other types of trucks, such as long and short haul freight, both intrastate and interstate, tankers, or other types of trucking segments?" Don had not done an analysis of that.

Another point related was the total number of vehicles on our roads had increased significantly over the past four years. Despite having an increase over the past two years since 2005, overall the total collisions had decreased by fourteen since 2003. But, the 2007 numbers were not final as of January 26th.

Crad requested Don, if he could, compare log trucking to other trucking segments for collisions and fatalities. One significant difference would be the total population of other trucking types versus the number of logging trucks in the state. Don indicated he would try to see what comparative data he could produce.

Now, based on the data, the wood trucking segment must continue to do everything possible to hire, train and maintain safe, qualified drivers and maintain equipment to the highest standards. Log trucking is "visible" to the motoring public. You can't hide a load of roundwood.

Granted, and drawing on past statistics, many accidents involving our trucks and other types of "big" trucks are not the truck driver's fault. Nonetheless, it's a big truck and if it involves a log truck there will always be adverse publicity.

The motoring public does not understand how to share the road with big trucks. Just because an 18-wheeler log truck has 18 tires, the public mistakenly thinks that with 18 brakes, you should be able to stop an 80,000-pound log truck on a dime and give back nine cents change. It just doesn't work that way.

So it is imperative the unmanufactured forest products trucking segment continue to do everything possible to reduce the number of collisions, have and be professional drivers and watch out for other motorists. Nothing speaks louder about our industry's public image than accident statistics like these.

Logging Truck Collisions, 2003 – 2007*

Year	Collision Type			Total	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
	Fatal	Injury	PDO**			
2003	3	96	163	262	3	134
2004	8	90	156	254	8	124
2005	8	74	143	225	8	116
2006	4	77	167	248	4	114
2007*	4	85	159	248	7	121
Total	27	422	788	1,237	30	609

2007* - Preliminary Numbers

PDO** - Property Damage Only

Prepared By Sgt. Don Rhodes, SCSTP, Jan. 2008

New Board Member Elected

Steve Thompson of Thompson Logging, Inc. was elected to serve on the board of directors for Seat 1 at the 2008 Annual meeting.

He takes over the seat vacated by Dennis Wall whose term expired December 31, 2007 and chose not to run for re-election. Dennis Wall, W. V. Wall & Sons, Inc. and Mt. View Farms, Inc., Edgefield, served on the board of directors since 2000. Thank you Dennis for your loyal and distinguished service and leadership to the association.

Steve, a third generation logger, grew up in the timber harvesting business working with his father Vernon. Thompson Logging, Inc. has been operating since 1983.

Operating two crews with fourteen employees, Steve oversees the operations and is actively involved in the daily operations of his crew while his brother Vernon, Jr. heads the second crew. Steve's crew primarily thins and while the other crew concentrates on clearcut tracts. Steve purchases most of his tracts and supplies wood to AbitibiBowater, Capps Brothers and other local markets.

Steve, wife Penny, son Stevie, 18, and daughter Sierra, 14, reside in Jonesville. Steve was elected to the Jonesville Town Council in April 2006 and has been an active leader in this capacity for the local community. He was appointed interim

Administrative Chief of Police during the regular chief's leave of absence. Active in Gilead Baptist Church he served as a Sunday school teacher and deacon for six years.

Steve is an active District 3 member and attends district meetings and the association's annual meetings. He is SFI Trained through 2009 and participates in ongoing training to improve his business practices.

Steve works in his area to promote the association, professional timber harvesting and stays in contact with the association to stay abreast of issues affecting his business. A conscientious professional, family man and community leader, Steve Thompson embraces the responsibilities associated with operating a reputable logging business and giving back to the community.

Congratulations Steve and welcome aboard.



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COURTING DISASTER IN THE FORESTS

It's become kind of a repetitive, predictable and depressing reality in the world of federal forest management: litigation in some court in some distant state has the potential to put the kibosh on projects here in Northwest Montana.

The latest is a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in favor of the Sierra Club's claims regarding a "categorical exclusion" rule for hazardous fuels projects on less than 1,000 acres. The rule is intended to reduce the red tape and analysis required for projects that fit certain criteria, and by Sierra Club thinking, that is pretty much the problem with the rule.

Our problem with that line of thinking is that it dwells on bad things that might happen with a fuels reduction project, such as cutting down trees. But it doesn't consider the merits and benefits that result from hundreds of projects that were approved under the rule nationwide, including nine active projects on the Flathead National Forest.

Those projects are still under way, even though the appellate court has ordered a lower court in California to issue an injunction stopping the so-called "cat-ex" projects. That process could take months, and by that time, hopefully most of the projects on the Flathead will be finished or close to completion.

But hey, what's more important? Lawsuits, lawyers and a bureaucracy tied up in red tape, or a federal agency that is capable and expeditious in being a responsible neighbor?

That's how it should be. The Sierra Club, after all, did not have to demonstrate any environmental harm that would result from projects on the Flathead or other forests scattered across the country. It wasn't even necessary to show the slightest deviations from forest management standards.

The Flathead projects have tended to be conservative, with no road construction and thinning activity focused on the forest understory, rather than removing the biggest, most fire-resistant trees.

Because all of the projects are situated on national forest lands directly adjacent to private property and homes and businesses — rather than in distant roadless areas — they have been the subject of intense public scrutiny. Staffers on Flathead ranger districts have had to work closely with neighboring landowners, in some cases just to get access to the project area.

The entire purpose of the litigation, it seems, is simply to make it more difficult — maybe as hard as possible — for the Forest Service to do work that has for several years been considered a national priority because of widespread, large-fire activity.

When the appellate ruling came out in December, just after California had endured a historic fire season, Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell pointed to a series of projects that had been carried out in the Golden State under the rule, almost certainly alleviating the severity of the fire season and the loss of property.

But hey, what's more important? Lawsuits, lawyers and a bureaucracy tied up in red tape, or a federal agency that is capable and expeditious in being a responsible neighbor?

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MEMBER ALERT

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SCTPA's 2008 New Member Campaign

The association needs to grow its membership particularly in the timber harvesting sector since that is the primary segment represented, as well as increase membership in other areas such as truckers, wood dealers and businesses associated with timber harvesting.

The board of directors has agreed to award \$1,000 in a drawing to be conducted at the 2009 Annual Meeting, by the way our 10th anniversary meeting, to a dues paid current member for bringing in a new member or members during 2008.

Here's how this works.

- When a current paid member gets a non-member to join SCTPA, the current member's name will be entered into a drawing for each new member joining.
- Campaign will end December 31, 2008. Both new and current member must have paid dues as of December 31, 2008.
- Each time a current member brings in a new member, the current member's name must appear on the new member's application. Write the current member's name on the application in the top right hand corner.
- Upon receipt of each new member's application and paid dues, then the current member's name will be entered.
Example - If Larry Logger is a current, dues paid member and brings five new members with paid dues then Larry Logger's name will be entered five times.
- New member dues must be \$200 minimum to qualify.

- Drawing will be at the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting's Saturday luncheon and association business meeting.

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"Thanks to your support and generous contributions, the lives of numerous children have been enriched during the last 19 years," Advisory Group Chairman Robert Williams told donors nationwide. "This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of Log A Load For Kids. Let's strive to carry the load for children, our most precious resource, even higher these next twenty."

SCTPA thanks the Forest Resources Association for being the program's national sponsor, everyone in South Carolina for your diligent efforts to organize, sponsor and participate in Log A Load events, the SC Forestry Association for administering the program here in SC, and to every SCTPA member contributing to this worthy cause.

It's all about helping kids who need the medical assistance provided by our Children's Hospitals.

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South Carolina - \$ 70,000



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GILBERT FFA FORESTRY TEAM HEADED TO NATIONALS

The Gilbert High School FFA Forestry Team took first place honors in the state finals held at the Georgetown campus of the Horry-Georgetown Technical College, according to John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA organization. "This is the second consecutive year a Gilbert team has taken top honors in the state FFA Forestry Finals," he said.

Team members Samantha Mack, Nathan Price, Michael Emmer and Zachary Taylor along with FFA Advisor Derrick Cooper were awarded expense-paid trips to the 2008 National FFA Convention to compete in the national finals. Samantha Mack was the high individual scorer. Zachary Taylor was the second high scorer and Michael Emmer came in as the third high scorer in the statewide competition.

Barnwell County Career Center FFA members Ralph Bodiford, Jonathan Gray, Cassie Simmons, Paul Thomas and Denis Pressley were named the State Runner-up team. They were coached by Mindy Sandifer, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor.

Strom Thurmond team members Forest Coleman, Zack Rearden, Josh Corley and Sam Northrop placed third in the state finals. Their coach was Hugh Bland, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor.

The State Forestry Career Development Event is sponsored and conducted by Horry-Georgetown Technical College with assistance from Clemson University Agricultural Education administrative staff. Additionally, Resource Management Services, LLC headquartered in Georgetown, presented each of the championship team members a personalized pocket safety orange timber cruising vest. Other event sponsors included International Paper and Low Country Forest Products.

Brian J. Clark, Academic Chair for Forestry, Wildlife, Timber Harvesting and Welding Programs at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, DeAnna Eddy, Professor of Forestry Management Technology and Marvin Cribb, Instructor – Timber Harvesting coordinated the event.

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KNOW WHO YOU ARE WORKING WITH

My father always told me that I needed to know who I was working with and how to knock on their door if I intended to be successful. His philosophy has carried down to me and I am passing it on to my sons.

We as loggers should take heed in my father's words. We have to know who we are working with and where to find them. From the contract administrator or forester in the woods, to the procurement manager at the mill, we need to be able to effectively communicate and establish relationships that will help to improve our businesses.

There is real opportunity within the forest industry to improve the way we are communicating and conducting business, but for some reason, the suppliers and the mills often find themselves sitting on opposite sides of the table.

One of the tools available is the FRA hosted mill/supplier workshops. I have not had the opportunity to attend one yet, but I do believe that it would be a good first step in helping to establish a relationship with consuming mills so that both the mill and the suppliers could better understand each other's issues. All suppliers should be invited to attend as well as mill managers, procurement managers and field foresters/contract administrators. What is even more important is that there is some accountability and performance measures put in place to follow up on the discussions to see if indeed improvements from both the supplier and the receiving mill are being implemented.

Another good source of information currently being made available are the results from the Wood Supply Research Institute who have looked at things like mill turn around times, logging costs and competitiveness issues with other countries. This data needs to be disseminated and utilized in a progressive manner that would affect change within the industry. If the results of the efforts of the WSRI are simply read but not taken advantage of, then the time, effort and resources poured into the program are wasted.

Perhaps one of the most critical needs of the industry right now is to join forces and find common ground on the issue of biomass. One of the reasons that wood got beat up pretty bad on the definition of an eligible feedstock for incentives to create energy and transportation fuels in the 2007 Energy Bill (H.R. 6) simply because we could not get unified across the industry on the definition and instead let others decide for us.

This industry, including loggers, mills and forest land-owners have got to do a better job of communicating with one another if we are going to be successful. We have to know who we are working with and how to knock on each other's doors.

MARCH 2008

INCREMENTAL CHANGE

A meeting was recently held in Atlanta, Georgia by a group of professionals, including academia, equipment manufacturers, media, TIMO, mill and logger representatives. The primary purpose of the meeting was to identify critical issues which were impacting timber harvesting communities across the United States and discuss just what could be done to try and improve the operating conditions and the current health of this most important sector of the Timber Industry.

What we heard was much of the same rhetoric that we have been trying to focus on for the past 15 years; economics, public perception, competing in a global economy, public policy, logger certification/licensing, efficiency, markets and aging workforce.

The subjects were nothing new to those of us already involved in the industry, but what did come to surface was the urgency to address these issues before a further collapse of the logging sector within the industry.

At first, the task appears to be overwhelming at best, but when the realization sets in that there is not a silver bullet or a magic wand that can be waved to cure all that ails the industry, we begin to focus on what can be done incrementally, without incurring a lot of costs, to help begin the cultural change that must take place in order for this industry to grow and prosper.

Perhaps we already have some of the information in hand to bring about incremental change that will lead to profitability and sustainability of our operations, but just haven't spent enough time applying that information on the ground to make needed improvements.

A case in hand is the truck turn around time study completed by the Wood Supply Research Institute several years ago. The purpose of the study was to recognize the inefficiencies of the wood supply chain and the cost to both the timber harvesters and the consuming mills when trucks sat in a parking lot waiting to be unloaded.

The result of that study was a immediate decrease in truck turn around time in many facilities, but as the years have passed, I'm afraid that many of those past practices which resulted in poor turn around times at the mills have resurfaced, and again there is no accountability for lost production due to poor unloading practices taking place in mills across the country.

How much would it mean to your bottom line if you knew that when you sent a truck to the mill that upon arrival, it would take no more than 20 minutes to unload the truck and have it headed back to the woods? You may not be getting any more for your haul rate, but the extra load or two that you could gain per day would have an enormous

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financial impact on your operation. It would also result in a lower cost to the mill if they could systematically revamp their operations to unload more volume during the same operating period.

If we are going to transition this industry into the 21st century, and be competitive in a global economy, then we must not only collect data to show us where the inefficiencies in the supply chain are hurting us, but we must also stand ready to take the necessary steps and long term on the ground commitments by all sectors of the wood supply chain.

This incremental change could be the first step in a whole list of issues which are plaguing the industry here in North America, and by addressing change one step at a time, could lead us to the overall cultural change that is needed throughout our industry.

Let's give it a chance.

Ezell Castleberry is the President of the American Loggers Council, which represents over 50,000 logging professionals in 28 states. Ezell's operations are headquartered in Castleberry, Alabama. For more information please contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or e-mail at americanlogger@aol.com

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Unified Carrier Agreement Questions & Answers

A. WHO FILES UNDER UCR?

1. Who Is Subject to UCR?

Answer: Any motor carrier that operates in interstate or international commerce is subject to UCR. Included are many businesses that were not subject to the old Single State Registration System – private carriers, exempt carriers, regulated carriers that did not travel into SSRS states, brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies. Carriers based in Canada and Mexico that operate in the United States are subject to UCR.

2. How does a driveaway/towaway operation (no owned or leased CMVs) fall under UCR and the fee structure?

Answer: Drive-away operations in interstate commerce require the person/company to file an UCR application and pay the lowest fee category of \$39. The drive-away vehicles are the freight and should not be looked at to determine if the freight being moved is a commercial motor vehicle.

3. Does an INTRASTATE only transporter of hazardous materials (regulated by USDOT) need a UCR?

Answer: No

4. Is a motor carrier who operates only within a commercial zone transporting interstate freight required to file under the UCRA?

Answer: Yes

5. Is an exempt motor carrier, that is, one that hauls agricultural and other commodities exempt from federal operating authority requirements, required to file under the UCRA?

Answer: If the carrier operates commercial motor vehicles, yes.

6. If a carrier's vehicles travel only in states that are not participating in UCRA, is the carrier still required to file under UCRA?

Answer: Yes.

7. A seasonal carrier owns no vehicles but leases 25 commercial motor vehicles from Ryder for a 10-day period, 6 trucks for a 10-day period and 25 trucks for a 10-day period. Since each lease period is less than 30 days, would the carrier fall in the lowest UCRA fee bracket (0-2 category) and pay \$39.

Answer: Yes.

8. Is John Doe operating as a motor carrier under the d/b/a John's Trucking and as a broker under the d/b/a John's Broker Service required to register twice under the UCR Agreement; once as a motor carrier and again as a broker? Would the same be true for a corporation such as JD, Inc., operating as a motor carrier under the d/b/a JD Trucking and as a broker under the d/b/a JD Brokerage?

Answer: In both instances, there is a single sole proprietor and a single corporation. That entity would only register once.

9. Does a person operating two separate legal entities (a motor carrier and also a broker) required to register twice under the UCR Agreement, once as a motor carrier and again as a broker?

Answer: Yes.

10. I own a household goods moving company that provides intrastate transportation under authority from my state, and provides interstate transportation under an agreement with a national van line. Under that agreement, the national van line leases my commercial motor vehicle(s) for each interstate move. Does my company need to register in the UCR Agreement?

Answer: No. However, the national van line that leases your commercial motor vehicles would have to register.

11. Would a towable forklift weighing 13,000 lbs need to be registered for UCR?

Answer: Yes, if the forklift is in fact used in interstate commerce. The definition of a commercial motor vehicle is a towed vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds.

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- 12. A company operates vehicles owned by the Department of Energy. The company has its own USDOT number as a private carrier and provides the drivers for the vehicles. There is no lease agreement and the vehicles have no markings other than a U.S. Government license plate. The vehicles are being operated across state lines but do not stop at weigh stations. Do they register under UCR? What fee bracket do they fall into?**

Answer: The company is treated as a drive-away operation and will file an UCR application. The fee bracket will be the lowest fee category.

- 13. Is a carrier that has a contract with the US Postal Service to haul mail subject to the UCRA?**

Answer: Yes. The transportation of all US Postal Service mail is considered interstate commerce, including transportation wholly within a state.

- 14. Does a carrier using a van to haul placarded amounts of hazardous materials in interstate commerce need to file under the UCR program no matter what the weight of the vehicle?**

Answer: Yes

- 15. Under a long-term lease, who files the UCR application and counts the number of commercial motor vehicles, the leasing company or the motor carrier?**

Answer: The motor carrier.

- 16. Does a company with customized transport vehicles file under the UCR program?**

Answer: Yes, if the customized transport vehicles fall within the definition of a commercial motor vehicle utilized in interstate commerce.

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17. Are PODS (portable on demand storage) that are specially designed containers to store household goods considered trailers for counting commercial motor vehicles?

Answer: No.

B. HOW ARE FEES COMPUTED?

1. What are UCR fees?

Answer: The program's fees are based on the number of commercial motor vehicles operated by your company (trailers are also counted as a commercial motor vehicle). Brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders pay a flat \$39 fee.

Bracket	Number of CMVs owned or operated by motor carrier or motor private carrier	Fee Per company for motor carrier or motor private carrier	Fee per company for broker, freight forwarder or leasing company
B1	0-2	\$39	\$39
B2	3-5	\$116	
B3	21-100	\$231	
B4	21-100	\$806	
B5	101-1,000	\$3,840	
B6	1,001 and more	\$37,500	

C. HOW ARE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES COUNTED?

1. How do I count the number of commercial motor vehicles to report in columns A, B, C, and D of Section 4 on the UCR application form?

Answer: You have two options: (1) Use the number of commercial motor vehicles listed on the last MCS-150 form you submitted for your USDOT number; or (2) Use the number of commercial motor vehicles you operated for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2006.

D. GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Will I need to carry a credential in the truck?

Answer: No. You are not required to carry any proof of compliance in the vehicle. You can carry the receipt for payment of the fees if you choose.

2. I am out of business and don't need a USDOT number anymore. Should I file the UCR form?

Answer: No. To have your DOT number cancelled, fill out items 1-16 of a new MCS 150 form, check the Out of Business box at the top of the form, sign and mail it to: FMCSA, Attn: USDOT Number Application, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. You can call FMCSA's toll free number at 1-800-832-5660 to have a MCS-150 form mailed to you.

3. What if I add more vehicles throughout the registration year?

Answer: "Supplemental" applications are not required under the UCR. Vehicles added during a year will be paid for during the following registration year. The UCR requires the fee paid reflect the number of CMVs operated in the last reported MCS-150 form or in the preceding 12-month period. You must indicate which criteria you are using under Section 4 of the UCR application.

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4. What is freight forwarder?

Answer: The term “freight forwarder” is an individual or company (other than as a pipeline, rail, motor, or water carrier) that receives shipments and combines them for transportation by a pipeline, rail, motor, or water carrier.

5. What is a broker?

Answer: The term “broker” is a person, other than a motor carrier or its employee, who acts as agent of the motor carrier for compensation to provide or arrange for motor carrier transportation.

6. What is a leasing company?

Answer: The term ‘leasing company’ means a lessor that is engaged in the business of leasing or renting for compensation motor vehicles without drivers to a motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder.

7. How does a company correct with FMCSA the information previously submitted on an MCS 150 form with FMCSA?

Answer: If a company finds that it needs to correct or update the information it has earlier submitted to FMCSA on a Form MCS 150, the company should go to https://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov/LIVIEW/PKG_REGISTRATION.prc_option and update the system using their previously assigned pin number or print the MCS-150 form and submit to FMCSA (or the carrier’s base state IF the base state processes MCS-150s).

8. What is a registrant DOT number?

Answer: States in the federal PRISM program are required to obtain a US DOT number from each entity that registers a vehicle with them under IRP. When an entity seeking to register a vehicle would not otherwise need a DOT number, such as an owner-operator without his own authority and permanently leased to a motor carrier, or a leasing company that rents or leases vehicles to motor carriers (but does not operate the vehicles itself), the state issues the entity what is referred to as a registrant DOT number. The holder of a registrant DOT number is not a motor carrier and is not subject to UCRA.

9. What happens if I don’t register under UCR?

Answer: Enforcement officials across the nation may detain vehicles operated in interstate commerce and subject them to enforcement action. States may also be conducting audits to ascertain proper fees have been paid. The type of enforcement action will be dependent upon each individual state. Roadside enforcement will begin on or about November 15, 2007.

10. I am confused by the various definitions of commercial motor vehicle and how they relate with regard to the UCR Agreement. Would you please explain the differences?

Answer: There are two definitions of a commercial motor vehicle that apply to the UCR Agreement.

The first definition is used to determine whether the company files a UCR application. This definition references the transportation of property and passengers using a commercial motor vehicle as defined under section 31132, US Code. Section 31132 refers to vehicles that are designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation, or designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) not for compensation.

The second definition of a commercial motor vehicle used under UCR is taken from section 31101, US Code, for the payment of fees. These two definitions are the same for freight operations and transporting hazardous materials but differ for passenger operations. Section 31101 refers to vehicles that are designed or used to transport more than 10 passengers.

The effect of the difference between the two definitions in the number of passengers the vehicle is designed or used to transport may mean that a company is required to file a UCR application but may not have any vehicles to report and pays the lowest tier fee.

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E. HOW DO I USE THE NATIONAL UCR SYSTEM FOR REGISTRATION?

- 1. I have received forms and instructions from my base state. Am I required to send the information back to them or can I use the Indiana system instead?**

Answer: Any one required to file under UCR may use the national web based system hosted by Indiana. When you go into the system and your physical address is located in a participating state, the system will treat this application as if it was being filed in your base state. Information and monies will be shared with that state on a monthly basis. To ensure that the base state is properly selected and will receive your fees, please verify that the physical address is correct before completing your application process (if not, the correction must be made to your MCS-150 first (see Question D7) – wait 24 hours and then process your UCR application). If your company is not located in a participating state, the system will ask you to make a base state selection.

- 2. One of the acceptable forms of payment listed for the UCRA fees is e-check. What's an e-check?**

Answer: An e-check is a method of payment by presenting or giving the customer's bank account number and bank routing number to electronically charge the customer's account. No special account or process is needed.

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The next Timber Harvesting Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate Class will begin on May 19, 2008. The one semester, 10-week program focuses on equipment safety, operation and maintenance. Horry-Georgetown Technical College is proud to offer a program of study for those interested in a career operating the heavy equipment used in the timber harvesting industry and elsewhere.



Examples of heavy equipment used in timber harvesting include skidders, feller-bunchers, log loaders and dozers. In addition, students will be instructed in basic preventive maintenance for most types of heavy equipment.

"The forest products industry is expanding in the State of South Carolina and the need for graduates who are skilled in the operation of timber harvesting equipment is increasing", says HGTC President Neyle Wilson. "The support from industry for this program has been fantastic. We could not have asked for better array of partners."



The Timber Harvesting Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program complements the other programs here at Horry-Georgetown Technical College: Associate Degree Programs in Forestry Management Technology and the new Forestry/Wildlife Emphasis track. These are the only two-year Forestry Management Technology programs offered in South Carolina.

For more information about the Timber Harvesting Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate or the other Forestry programs offered at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, contact Brian Clark at (843) 520-1418 or email at brian.clark@hgtc.edu.

FRA 2008 ANNUAL MEETING & BIO-ENERGY CONFERENCE: "NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW ISSUES"

Rockville, MD – The Forest Resources Association is ready to take your registration to attend FRA's 74th Annual Meeting, followed by a two-day "Bio-Energy Wood Supply Chain Conference," at the Marriott Hotel at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. FRA's Annual Meeting will run April 12 and 13 (Saturday and Sunday), and the Bio-Energy Conference will run April 13 and 14, beginning with a reception the evening of the 13th.

Attendees may attend both meetings at a package rate or select one or the other.

The April 13-14 conference on the Bio-Energy Wood Supply Chain will bring bio-energy entrepreneurs and wood supply chain managers together to explore New Opportunities and New Issues, addressing the information gap that must be bridged for today's wood supply chain to serve rapidly emerging bio-fuel and bio-energy markets. Panelists will address the Drivers, the Technology, the Wood Supply Chain itself, and the Economics influencing the supply chain.

Participants will learn about:

- evolving feedstock specifications;
- new directions in wood sourcing;
- current and potential synergies between traditional and new markets;
- new opportunities for today's supply chain participants;
- technical and logistical challenges for the future.

Confirmed speakers include Ernie Shea of the 25x25 Alliance; Dale Greene and K.C. Das of the University of Georgia, Ben Thorp of the Flambeau River Biorefinery, Tom Johnson of The Southern Company, Lisa Lippai of Global Choice Energy, Bryce Stokes of the U.S. Forest Service, Jarmo Ylinen of Porini Log Oy, Dick Carmical of the Price Companies, Eric Kingsley of Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, John McKissick of the Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, and Pete Stewart of Forest2Market.

FRA has also invited Governor Brian Schweitzer, of Montana, and Bill Schafer Senior Vice President, Business Development for Range Fuels, to address special sessions.

The Bio-Energy Conference will serve in lieu of FRA Annual Meetings' traditional General Sessions, but the two-day Annual Meeting's Committee sessions will provide strong topical content. Highlights include:

- A Panel of Mill Managers providing their perspectives on the wood supply chain, at FRA's National Supply Chain Committee.
- A panel discussion on Illegal Logging and Forest Certification Security during the National Forest Products Security Group Workshop, with presentations from SFI's Kathy Abusow, FSC-US's Corey Brinkema, AF&PA's Brett Smith, and the World Bank's Bill Magrath; as well as an Update on Current Security Issues from DRM's Aaron Gilland.
- A Global Wood Flow Update from RISI's Bob Flynn at the International Committee.
- Presentations on Glatfelter's Decoupled Wood Supply Chain (Jeff Jenkins) and on Using GPS to Increase Trucking Efficiency (Frampton Ferguson, SCTPA board member).

The Exhibitors Hall will be open Sunday and Monday, with a silent auction to benefit the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety Foundation. FRA will recognize the nation's best in Logging, Pro-Forestry Activism, and Technical Writing at its Annual Awards Luncheon, Sunday afternoon.

For best rates, be sure to register by February 28, 2008!

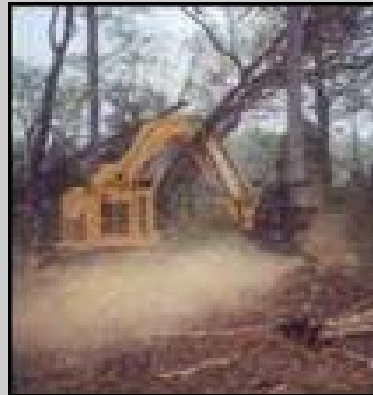
For the latest available program information, including a downloadable Registration Form, please visit FRA's home page at www.forestresources.org, or contact Sylviane Mason at smason@forestresources.org, 301/838-9385.

SCTPA members are encouraged to attend this informative meeting and welcome FRA to South Carolina.

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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SCTPA's board of directors convened at the Crown Reef Resort Conference Center Board Room, Myrtle Beach, for its January 25th meeting prior to the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting. Highlights are:

- Chairman Tommy Barnes called meeting to order with invocation provided by Joe Young. All board members were present. Guests welcomed were Doug Duncan, Executive Director of the NC Association of Professional Loggers and George Fletcher, Executive Director of the SC Council On Competitiveness, speaker at the annual meeting.
- Wood Supply Research Institute update provided by president. President reviewed the status of the Decoupled Trucking projects in Alabama and South Carolina. GPS units were being installed on the White Wood, Inc. trucks (Walterboro, SC) within the next few weeks and the SC phase would be up and running. Alabama phase is moving forward with dispatcher in place but due to market conditions, some of the data has been limited due to haul distances, quotas, etc. However, project appeared headed in the right direction for the data capture needed for fulfill the project's deliverables.
- President reviewed the association insurance programs' commission revenues for 2007 year as received for the Property & Casualty and Health insurance programs. Commission revenue exceeded budgeted amount and the revenue was vital to assisting the association's financial position for 2007.
- President updated the two House Subcommittee hearings he attended for the Strobe Light Bill (H 3853) and SC Forestry Commission budget request. President noted that New State Forester Gene Kodama presented the Commission's information very well and was supported by a large contingent of other affiliated associations, agencies, lobbyists and wood industry representatives. The strobe light bill passed out of the Education and Public Works Subcommittee with recommended amendments to specify the strobe light was for use when hauling unmanufactured forest products so as not to impose the same on other loads extending over four-feet past the end of the trailer. Strategy to have an amendment to H3853 entered in the Senate to increase the GVW tolerance by 5% for unmanufactured forest products trucking is still being pursued. GVW would increase to 84,200 pounds. President expressed cautious optimism about passage and expressed appreciation to SCFA's Bob Scott for his work and that SCTPA was partnering with him in this legislative activity.
- President reviewed the information for the upcoming Spring ALC Board Meeting in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 5th. Prior to the board meeting, SCTPA will visit SC's Congressional delegation to promote issues relating to timber harvesting. Chairman Barnes and President Jaynes will be attending. Board members Danny McKittrick and Billy McKinney indicated their desire to attend as well. Congressional visits will be Thursday, April 3rd, and Friday, April 4th.
- Information revisited regarding the election and term of association officers. Board agreed to table the item until the February board meeting.
- President reviewed information regarding the Wood Supply Research Institute 10th Annual Meeting to be conducted at the Marriott at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, April 11th in conjunction with the Forest

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Resources Association annual meeting, April 12 – 14. Board members are invited and registration materials are available through FRA or SCTPA office. Chairman Tommy Barnes and SCTPA President and current WSRI Chairman Crad Jaynes will be present for the WSRI meeting. Board member Frampton Ferguson will make a presentation at the FRA meeting.

- President and board reviewed the 2007 Financial Statements prepared by Larry Godwin, Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP. The 2007 financial statement dated December 31, 2007 showed the association incurred a fiscal loss of \$14,634. Line items were reviewed and explained by the President. Larry Godwin would present the one-page financial summary at the annual meeting business session. President indicated the 2008 budget had not been prepared due to awaiting the final 2007 statements. 2008 budget would be presented at the February board meeting for review and approval.
- Board discussed issues regarding the HGTC Operators Program such as attracting and retaining students and having logging equipment units available for training. Board requested President to examine marketing recommendations as well as arrange a meeting with HGTC's president to discuss the program's status.
- President updated the board with the annual meeting information for sponsorships, exhibitors, registrations, speakers and events to occur over the weekend's meeting. Meeting financials to date were reviewed and explained. Board discussed the \$100 drawing for an attending voting member to be presented at the Saturday luncheon. Drawing would be announced at the luncheon and conducted during the business session. Board discussed the need to bring new members, particularly logger members, into the association.
- Board discussed conducting a drawing for \$1,000 at the 2009 annual meeting whereby any active paid member would be eligible for the drawing for every new paid member brought into the association between January 1 and December 31, 2008. Board agreed to the idea and motioned that a fund be established for \$1,000 to be awarded via a drawing at the 2009 annual meeting, whereby for every paid new member joining the association presented by a paid current member, the current member's name would be eligible and entered into the drawing for each new member they bring into the association by December 31, 2008. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Board requested President to incorporate the motion into an article in the next newsletter for member notification.
- Next board meeting is February 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the SC Forestry Commission headquarters, Columbia.

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Forest Fire Jihad Being Threatened On Terrorist Websites

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U.S. officials monitoring terrorist web sites have discovered a call for using forest fires as weapons against “crusader” nations, in what may explain some recent wildfires in places like southern California and Greece.

A terrorist website was discovered recently that carried a posting that called for “Forest Jihad.” The posting was listed on the Internet on Nov. 26 and reported in U.S. intelligence channels last week.

The statement, in Arabic, said that “summer has begun so do not forget the Forest Jihad.” The writer called on all Muslims in the United States, Europe, Russia and Australia to “start forest fires.”

The posting quoted imprisoned Al Qaida terrorist Abu Musab Al-Suri, as saying “Jihad is an art just like poetry, music, and the fine arts. There are people that draw and there are others that are jihadists. They both act upon inspiration.”

Al-Suri is a senior Al Qaida leader captured in Pakistan in 2005 who is believed to be in U.S. custody.

“The idea of forest fires is attributed to him, may God set him free, as is in this short clip,” the writer stated.

The posting said that setting forest fires were legal under extremist Islamic law as part of a “eye for an eye” and that can produce “amazing results.”

Wildfires in California burned more than 500,000 acres beginning in October and authorities said arson was to blame for some of the fires. In August, wildfires broke out in Greece that authorities say were deliberately set.

The writer stated that it was permissible to burn trees in carrying out jihad.

“Scholars have justified chopping down and burning the infidels’ forests when they do the same to our lands,” the writer said.

The writer stated that “targeted forests” are in the nations that “are at war with Muslims,” including the United States, Europe, Russia, and Australia.

Other nations, including Brazil are “off limits” because Brazil has not joined the “armies of the crusade.”

On damage caused by wildfires, the report said that the fires typically take months to put out which means that “this terror will haunt them for an extended period of time.”

The fires also will cause economic damage because it will limit exports of timber used to make furniture and also will cause losses to pharmaceutical companies that use trees for ingredients for drugs, the posting said.

Smoke caused by the fires will create pollution and military forces could be tied up fighting fires. The report noted that U.S. military forces in Iraq or Afghanistan “could even be recalled” as occurred following hurricane Katrina, which did not occur.

“Imagine if, after all the losses caused by such an event, a jihadist organization were to claim responsibility for (starting) the forest fires,” the writer said. “You can hardly begin to imagine the level of the fear that would take hold of people in the United States, in Europe, in Russia, and in Australia.”

The report said that Abu Musab Al-Suri, urges terrorists to use sulphuric acid to start a forest fire, as well as gasoline.

The article was signed by Abu Thar Al-Kuwaiti, on behalf of a group called the Al-Ikhlas Islamic Network

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SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE PROGRAM MARKS RECORD GROWTH

Arlington, VA January 15, 2008 – The Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI[®]) program recorded substantial growth in 2007, including a 750 per cent increase in locations with SFI chain-of-custody certification that can track products from certified forests.

“We started 2007 with 21 certificates at 48 locations, and ended it with 102 SFI chain-of-custody certifications at 408 certified locations,” SFI Inc. President and CEO Kathy Abusow said. “This represents a 386 per cent increase in certificates and a 750 per cent increase in certified locations – and it appears the momentum will continue in 2008.”

Chain-of-custody certification means a company has a tracking system in place that identifies the amount of certified, uncertified and recycled content in the forest products it buys, uses or sells.

There was also an impressive increase in the amount of SFI-certified lands – to 143.7 million acres (58.1 million hectares) at the end of 2007 from 135 million acres (54.6 million hectares) at the end of 2006. The SFI sustainable forestry certification program is one of the largest in the world, with a standard based on principles and measures that promote sustainability including measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk and forests of exceptional conservation value.

Abusow said she was not surprised by the SFI program’s growth. “More companies and more consumers are understanding the benefits of forest certification, and know that when they see the SFI label on a product – be it a juice box, printer paper or a two-by-four – that the wood fiber in that product is from a legal and well-managed source.”

“Consumers are enthusiastically embracing SFI certification because they want to know they are buying forest products with a solid environmental pedigree,” said Larry Selzer, President and CEO of The Conservation Fund. “The SFI program is fully independent, with a board that represents environmental, social and industry equally. It’s clear that SFI and all those who adhere to the SFI standard are committed to continuous improvement, protecting forests of exceptional conservation value, and stopping illegal logging.”

“In light of today’s global markets and the fact that 90 per cent of the world’s forests are not certified, it is especially important to recognize forest products that come from certified well-managed sources of supply,” Abusow said. “By asking for SFI-certified products, customers can reward a company’s environmental stewardship and, at the same time, know they are helping to strengthen forest management globally. SFI certification is a nice addition to any corporation’s corporate social responsibility portfolio of tools. SFI certification is good for business and good for forests.”

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Companies that recently earned SFI chain-of-custody certification include Quebecor World, EarthColor, Smith-Litho, xpedx, Graphic Communications, JELD-WEN and RR Donnelly's plant in Chamblee, GA. Program participants that recently had lands certified include BC Timber Sales, Crown Pine Parent, Downie Street Sawmills, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Scotch Plywood Company and Evergreen Pulp Inc.

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About SFI Inc.

SFI Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and is solely responsible for maintaining, overseeing and improving the Sustainable Forestry Initiative program. SFI Inc. directs all elements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative program including the SFI Standard, chain-of-custody certification, labeling and marketing. SFI Inc. is overseen by a three-chamber Board of Directors representing social, environmental and economic sectors.

For more information about the SFI program, visit www.sfiprogram.org

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS CONVENE TO DISCUSS ILLEGAL LOGGING

WASHINGTON, DC – An international forum has concluded that while some major initiatives are being developed to address the critical issue of illegal logging, stakeholders around the world must work together to develop tools to address this problem.

More than 100 experts from around the world came together to examine the complex issues around illegal logging and associated trade – from legislative changes in the United States to carbon credits for better forest management – at Forest Trends' 2nd annual Potomac Forum on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade.

Illegal logging and associated trade is a major international problem that depresses prices, frequently leads to unsustainable harvesting and great environmental damage, deprives governments and local economies of revenues, undermines the rule of law and sometimes generates funds to support and perpetuate armed conflicts. A recent study estimated that illegal timber and wood products flooding the marketplace have depressed world timber prices by seven to 16 percent on average. U.S. wood exports are estimated to lose more than US\$460 million in revenue each year. Globally, illegal logging results in annual losses of at least US\$10 billion to US\$15 billion of forest resources from public lands alone, according to the World Bank.

"Bringing together a broad range of experts is an excellent way to increase awareness and understanding of how U.S.-based organizations can act to reduce the social, environmental and economic damage caused by illegal logging," said Michael Jenkins, president of Forest Trends. "This meeting introduced some new initiatives and also showed how progress has been made on certain activities in the nine months since we last had an update."

Forum participants, many of them specialists in development and trade, came from U.S. and foreign government agencies, the forest industry and non-governmental agencies from as far away as China. They focused on matters pertinent to North American-based organizations, businesses and markets, including international developments in both producer and manufacturing countries exporting to the United States such as Indonesia and China, or consumer jurisdictions importing U.S.-produced wood products such as China and Europe. An update session on U.S. legislative initiatives provided the latest information about on-going efforts to amend the Lacey Act to stop imports of illegal wood.

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"Governments cannot be expected to provide all the solutions on their own. The private sector, particularly forest companies at all stages of the production chain, and lending institutions must face up to how their investment decisions can encourage forest-related crime," Jenkins said. "Active engagement with these groups must be part of a wider conservation strategy."

Sessions included a follow-up to the United Nations conference on climate change held in Bali in 2007 that looked at the challenges involved in building a carbon market in jurisdictions without adequate enforcement and monitoring, and discussed the relationship between illegal logging and REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation). In addition to the Lacey Act amendments, the forum learned of other U.S. actions such as the multi-agency U.S. Treasury's Strategic Economic Dialogue's bilateral agreement with China on illegal logging and the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement's annex on forest governance.

"Forests worldwide have a huge capacity to provide livelihoods for rural poor people, to contribute to economic development of countries and to ensure global and local public good services," said Gerhard Dieterle, forestry advisor for the World Bank, one of the forum sponsors. "The Potomac Forum clearly underlines that good governance and a stable institutional, legal and policy framework are key factors for countries with the greatest need of incentives to maintain forests and discourage deforestation."

Kathy Abusow, president and CEO of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), also a forum sponsor, congratulated Forest Trends for arranging and hosting the event. "This kind of broad international perspective is essential to achieve the goal of fostering a constructive network of stakeholders interested in working collaboratively to find and deliver practical and effective solutions to the critical issue of illegal logging."

Other forum sponsors included the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Forest Service. Forest Trends (www.forest-trends.org) is an international non-profit organization that works to expand the value of forests to society by promoting sustainable forest management and conservation.

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- 11 TOP Refresher Class, Allendale. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
- 12 TOP Streamside Management Zone Class, Allendale. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
- 17 Laurens/Greenwood District 5 Meeting, Hummingbird Café, Laurens, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Chester/Catawba District 3 Meeting, Front Porch Restaurant, Richburg, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Easley/Upstate District 4 Meeting, Fatz Café, Easley, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Lugoff/Midlands District 10 Meeting, Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, Lugoff, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Newberry/Fairfield District 2 Meeting, Mt. Bethel Garmany Community Center, Newberry, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Walterboro/Low Country District 6 & 7 Meeting, Longhorn Steakhouse, Walterboro, 7:30 p.m.

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- 7 Union Area District 3 Meeting, Midway BBQ, Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Moncks Corner District 8 Meeting, Gilligan's At The Dock, Moncks Corner, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Georgetown/Coastal District 9 Meeting, IP Mill Hut, Georgetown, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Wood Supply Research Institute Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach. Contact SCTPA office for information.
- 12-14 Forest Resources Association Annual Meeting & Biomass Conference, Myrtle Beach. Contact SCTPA office for information.
- 16 TOP Safety Management For Pro Loggers Class, Georgetown. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
- 17 TOP Pre-Harvest Planning Class, Georgetown. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
- 22 Newberry/Fairfield District 2 Meeting, Mt. Bethel Garmany Community Center, Newberry, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, SC Forestry Commission Headquarters, Columbia, 10:00 a.m.

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- 12 Saluda/Edgefield District 1 Meeting, Matthews BBQ, Saluda, 7:30 p.m.
- 21,22 TOP 3-Day Class, Clemson. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, & 29 864-656-0606.
- 27 Newberry/Fairfield District 2 Meeting, Mt. Bethel Garmany Community Center, Newberry, 7:00 p.m.

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