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American Loggers Council Executive Vice President 2008 Annual Report

Under the leadership of ALC President Ezell Castleberry, and given the current political climate in this election year, the American Loggers Council continued to focus on several legislative issues in Washington, DC, but also spent time focusing on non-political issues as well.

Both immediate Past President Charles Johns and Incoming President Allen Ribelin attended and participated in the Association of Equipment Manufacturers Annual meeting in Florida in November 2007, while President Castleberry attended important Wood Supply Research Institute

(WSRI) discussions at the same time. Johns and Ribelin discussed with industry leaders

the current status of the logging force, while Castleberry continued his efforts to help steer WSRI towards meaningful studies that could help enhance the logging industry.

The ALC became involved with the newly formed organizations, the U.S. Endowment for

Forestry and Communities and attended several meetings to discuss possible projects that they

may wish to consider funding to help promote economic stability in timber dependent communities across the United States. Several members of ALC were invited and participated in those discussions, and later promoted a visit by the U.S. Endowment to the Western Region of the country.

The ALC Board returned to Washington, DC in early April to take their issues to members of Congress, including modifications for the 2007 Farm Bill, the



Clean Water Act Bill. The transportation issue to allow State Legal Weights on the U.S. Interstate Highway System was also

included in the discussions, as were other D.O.T. issues pertaining to the transportation of unrefined forest products.

The ALC also remains engaged with several federal agencies on the Federal Woody Bio-

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Daniel J. Dructor
ALC Executive Vice President

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Member Alert

SCDOT Posting H-10 Bridges #2

With the increased unmanufactured forest products (UFP) trucking tolerance to 15% allowing 84,272 pounds GVW, SCTPA has shared its concerns with SCDOT regarding bridge maintenance and is working to assist in addressing the agency's concerns.

State Director of Maintenance Jim Feda forwarded a statewide directive in July to SCDOT Districts that designated bridges, Class H-10, located on rural and state roads were to be posted to 8 tons per axle and 33 tons GVW. After SCTPA received word of this directive, SCTPA president and board member Joe Young, former SCDOT commissioner, notified SCDOT for clarification and explanations.

After the new UFP 15% GVW tolerance became effective, SCDOT did a structural analysis to determine the operating loading of H-10 bridges. Since the mid-1980's, SCDOT has allowed these bridges to carry the previous 80,608 pounds GVW. However, due to bridge deficiencies and deterioration over time, these bridges have had to be posted back to 8 tons per axle and 33 tons GVW.

Jim Feda indicated to SCTPA the postings will be conducted in three phases. The first two groups are those bridges with deficient decking and deficient substructures. Feda indicated the third group will be re-evaluated and possibly these postings may be held off for a period of time.

Initially there was the thought that SCDOT had miscalculated the new 15% UFP tolerance. However after SCTPA's discussions with Mr. Feda, that was not the case.

With the vast number of bridge postings statewide, UFP and regular trucking commerce is impacted. While SCTPA and the industry recognized additional bridges would be posted due to the increased tolerance plus these bridges' structural deficiencies the large number of bridge postings was not expected.

SCTPA is continuing discussions with SCDOT to hopefully be able to reduce

the number of bridge postings. SCTPA president Crad Jaynes expressed his concern to Jim Feda that such postings are impacting current and future timber harvesting operations and timber sales. Crad requested some type of working relationship with SCDOT be implemented regarding jobs in progress as well as future jobs to be started that may be impacted by H-10 bridge postings.

Feda acknowledged the problem and indicated he had forwarded SCTPA's contact information to all SCDOT districts. If there were bridge-posting problems the SCDOT District Engineer was to contact the SCTPA office. Likewise if there are problems with a timber sale or logging job being impacted by a bridge posting, let SCTPA know and efforts will be initiated with SCDOT to hopefully help resolve the problem.

A meeting was held September 23, 2008 with Jim Feda, Director of Maintenance, and Lee Floyd, State Bridge Engineer. Discussions resulted in a compromise solution. Participating in the meeting were: Crad Jaynes, SCTPA; Bob Scott, SCFA; Bernie Deason, Smurfit Stone, Chairman, SCFA Transportation Committee; Rick Todd, SC Trucking Association; and Jim Griffin, SC Farm Bureau.

The agreement with SCDOT is as follows. In instances where a timber sale or harvest tract is affected by a posted bridge, logger, landowner, or wood buyer should notify the District Engineer providing the tract, road and bridge information. If the bridge can be repaired at reasonable cost, SCDOT will work to repair the bridge prior to when logging begins so that trucks might be loaded to the legal 15% GVW tolerance weight limit of 84,272 pounds. SCTPA and those in the meeting feel the compromise with SCDOT was a reasonable approach.

SCDOT's decision to repair any bridge will be on a case-by-case basis and predicated on repair cost, time required for repair, and other factors as dictated by SCDOT. If SCDOT can reasonably repair the bridge, they will make an attempt to do so.

SCTPA requested the list of SCDOT District Engineer contacts and information regarding the H-10 bridge postings be provided to share with members.

The Group One and Group Two H-10 Bridge Postings lists are available for

members by contacting SCTPA. SCDOT has agreed to post this information on their website. SCDOT website is www.dot.state.sc.us/

Be advised to check your haul routes to identify new bridge postings and re-check your routes regularly in the event the posting occurs while your job is in progress.

In the event you have a situation involving a H-10 Bridge Posting, you should contact the SCDOT District Engineer to identify the H-10 Bridge location and provide the information pertaining to your operation's time frame for harvesting the tract and using the H-10 Bridge.

SCDOT District Engineer Contacts

District 1

Robert Dickenson, 803-737-6660
Aiken, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland, Sumter Counties

District 2

Mark DeZurik, 864-227-6971
Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda Counties

District 3

Jason Allison, 864-241-1010
Anderson, Greenville, Pickens, Oconee, Spartanburg Counties

District 4

Todd Cook, 803-377-4155
Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union, York Counties

District 5

Ray George, 843-661-4710
Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Williamsburg, Marlboro Counties

District 6

Michael Black, 843-740-1667 Ext. 115
Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Jasper Counties

District 7

Efrem Dantzler, 803-531-6850
Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Hampton, Orangeburg Counties

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mass Utilization Group to try and include logging contractors as a first line of response to natural disasters such as hurricanes and other wind events, with hopes that federal agencies, including the U.S. D.A. and F.E.M.A. will seek out professional logging contractors to expedite salvage operations following such an event.

The ALC continues to be represented on the Sustainable Forestry Board and is currently active in pursuing recognition by the SFI® Program for its Master Logger Certification Program. Bob Luoto has replaced Joe Young on the Sustainable Forestry Board, and Danny Dructor continues his work with the SFI® Resources Committee.

The ALC welcomed the North Carolina Association of Professional Loggers as its newest voting member in 2008. Their membership has already shown to be an asset to the ALC by Doug Duncan, Executive Director for the NCAPL, agreeing to chair a Transportation Committee focused on transportation issues and regulations impacting the transportation side of the logging industry.

In July, members of the American Loggers Council were hosted by Oregon Cutting Systems, a division of Blount, Inc., for the Summer Board of Directors meeting in Portland, Oregon. ALC members had the opportunity to visit with Jim Osterman, President of Blount and tour their facilities as well as to conduct ALC business as scheduled. Several of the ALC members also participated in a tour of the Peterson facilities and industry discussions with Peterson President Larry Cumming and other representatives from Peterson in Eugene, Oregon.

It has been a difficult year for the industry over-

all. Although we do not have exact data and numbers, we are aware of the impact that fuel prices, a slumping housing market, low lumber demands and a weakening dollar have had on our industry. Mill consolidation and closures continue to affect our markets. Land ownership changes continue to bring uncertainty for contracts. Logging capacity has declined in all regions of our country and finding individuals who would like to make a career in the timber harvesting profession is becoming more of a challenge.

The American Loggers Council and our members will survive, because that is the character of those that we represent. Those of us who weather the storm will find ourselves in a better position as those that seek our production will now be competing for logging capacity, not just fiber. The opportunities will come when we all learn what the cost of doing business is and even more important, learn when to say no when the rates offered for our services do not cover those costs.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel for all of us that remain committed to looking towards the future. We may not be operating in the "traditional" style that we have in years past, nor delivering to the "traditional" markets we have sustained for the past 100+ years, but the American Loggers Council will remain focused on the future and what it has to offer to all of those that we represent.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of September, 2008, by

Daniel J. Dructor
Executive Vice President

Here's what's going on...



L-R Pinnacle Trailer's Trip Tanner & SCTPA members Jerry Truesdell and Steve Thompson at Spartanburg store grand opening



Crad talks wood products & sustainable forestry at Aiken Middle School

SANTEE COOPER & ROLLCAST ENERGY, INC. PARTNER TO PRODUCE ENERGY

On October 7th at the Newberry Opera House in Newberry, South Carolina, Santee Cooper and Rollcast Energy, Inc. announced an agreement to build a wood-using power plant in Newberry County.

Project leaders were present including Lonnie Carter, Santee Cooper Chairman; Penn Cox, Rollcast Energy President; Tim Adams SC Forestry Commission; Joe E. Taylor, Jr., SC Commerce Secretary; and Henry Summer, Newberry County Council Chairman along with SC House member Jeff Duncan and SC Senator Ronnie Cromer and other interested parties. SCTPA attended the announcement to represent the timber harvesting industry.

Rollcast Energy will build a 50-Megawatt power plant using woody biomass to generate power to sell to Santee Cooper. This project is a win-win for Newberry County, Santee Cooper, Rollcast and timber harvesting businesses in the area.

Gray water from the Newberry water treatment plant will be used along with woody biomass in the forms of wood chips, logging residues, land clearing woody debris and roundwood in the power generation processes.

The plant is a \$170 million investment, generating 25 to 35 jobs at the plant and will stimulate additional economic inputs into the county and surrounding areas. Target date for going on-line is 2011.

SCTPA congratulates Santee Cooper and Rollcast Energy for their commitment to produce clean energy using our renewable and sustainable forest resources.

Comments By Lonnie Carter, Chairman, Santee Cooper, At The Rollcast Energy, Inc. Announcement, October 7, 2008 Newberry Opera House, Newberry SC

Hello and good morning. I'd like to thank all of for joining us here, in this historic and beautiful building, as we make a little history of our own.

Santee Cooper is South Carolina's largest producer of electricity, with generating capacity of about 6,300 megawatts. We supply power, either directly or through the state's 20 electric cooperatives, to about 2 million South Carolinians in all 46 counties across the state.

Our mandate is to provide low-cost, reliable electricity to benefit residential, commercial, wholesale and industrial customers, and to do so in an environmentally responsible way.

Many of you may be our indirect customers. If you are a member-owner of Newberry Electric Cooperative, then Santee Cooper makes the power that Newberry delivers to your house. I'm happy to say that the Electric Cooperatives have all been great supporters of Santee Cooper's efforts to grow its renewable energy portfolio.

Santee Cooper's top priority is planning to meet this growing state's energy needs, now and into the future. By 2025, there will be one million MORE people living in South Carolina ... and they will all want their lights to come on every time they flip the switch. We think the best way to meet that need is a balanced approach that combines traditional base load generation, new nuclear power and our growing initiatives in conservation and renewable energy.

Santee Cooper is a leader in environmental stewardship, with more than 40 years' experience in environmentally friendly programming. We were the first utility in the state to generate and sell renewable Green Power in 2001, when we launched our first landfill gas generating station. We have four such stations now and a fifth in the works, generating power from methane gas that occurs naturally in the garbage decomposition process.

We have several solar projects, including home-based initiatives and school-based demonstration projects through which students monitor a solar panel we install at their school, in partnership with the local electric cooperative, and the students learn first-hand about the opportunities and challenges of solar power. We also have solar power on the grid, through solar panels at Coastal Carolina University.

Santee Cooper is researching other renewable opportunities, including the possibility of harnessing coastal wind for energy. We have two such projects underway and are hopeful that they will ultimately lead us to viable wind energy generation.

Another promising opportunity is woody biomass. In simple terms, this means generating power from forest waste, yard residue and other sources of woody trash. This is material that otherwise goes to landfills. Santee Cooper's Board of Direc-



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tors approved a concept for biomass generation this summer, and authorized us to contract with companies who would generate the power for us. That's why we're here this morning.

I'm happy to announce that Santee Cooper is contracting with Rollcast Energy, Inc. for 50 megawatts of renewable biomass generation.

You will hear more in a few minutes about Rollcast and its exciting plans for Newberry County. Let me close by telling you what 50 megawatts of green energy means to Santee Cooper and ultimately South Carolina.

As I mentioned, Santee Cooper has always taken seriously its role as environmental steward. To reaffirm that commitment, our board set a goal last October that by 2020, we will generate 40 percent of our power from non-greenhouse gas emitting resources, biomass fuels, conservation and energy efficiency. At that time, we were generating about 10 percent of our power from those resources.

This contract with Rollcast anticipates generating power by 2011. It will move Santee Cooper significantly towards that 2020 goal. Our existing renewable generation – which includes four landfill generating stations and several solar facilities – totals less than 20 megawatts, all in all. Our new contract with Rollcast is for 50 megawatts, enough to power 25,000 homes.

Santee Cooper is pleased to be working with Rollcast to provide environmentally friendly energy to this growing state. Our venture will do more than that though – it will provide jobs and an economic investment in South Carolina, and I'll turn the microphone over so you can hear more along that line. Thank you.

**Comments by Tim Adams,
SC Forestry Commission,
At Loblolly Green Power Announcement
October 7, 2008
Newberry Opera House,
Newberry, SC**

I would like to join Joe Taylor, Lonnie Carter and all of you in attendance in welcoming Loblolly Green Power to the forestry community here in South Carolina. Aptly named for our most abundant tree, loblolly pines have been powering South Carolina's economy for generations. With the development of this new market for one of our forest products, Loblolly Green Power will help solidify forestry's place as South Carolina's #1 manufacturing industry.

Loblolly Green Power will join a vibrant forestry community here in Newberry and the surrounding counties that includes the landowners, loggers, and lumber mills. To the 145,000 forest landowners in South Carolina, development of a biomass industry will translate into higher timber receipts and lower cost of site preparation due to better wood utilization during harvest. To the hard-working loggers, this new plant offers an opportunity for growth in a familiar industry. To the existing lumber and other solid-wood product mills, Loblolly Green



Power will be a new customer for the valuable mill residues that are produced as a by-product. To the residents of the area, this biomass plant represents homeland security through increased energy independence by using an abundant, home-grown, fuel source.

Newberry County is well-suited to serve as home for South Carolina's first large, independent biomass plant. Still rural in nature, Newberry and its adjacent eight counties contain 2.6 million acres of forestland. Forests occupy three out of every four acres in this area. These forests are diverse with a proportionate mix of hardwood and softwood forest types. The landowners historically have proven themselves to be good stewards of the land through active forest management such as tree planting. Twenty-nine percent of the area's timberlands are managed as high-production plantations.

Active management by landowners has resulted in a sustainable forest that is growing in wood volume over time. Over the past 20 years, the wood volume in this area has increased by 18%. Newberry County consistently places in the top tier of South Carolina counties in the value of timber harvested. However, even while supporting the existing mills, this area's forests are growing 16% more wood than is being utilized annually. For southern yellow pines, the story is even more promising with 29% more wood being grown than harvested annually.

Loblolly Green Power's technology will allow the company to utilize biomass from multiple sources which are all present in this area. Logging residues, primarily bark and tree tops left after harvest, are currently under-utilized as a biomass resource statewide. Mill residues are already being utilized, but they may be redistributed to new users based on proximity. Wood from land clearing for development is an especially attractive source of biomass due to its "avoided landfill costs." Other forestry sources of biomass include wood from both commercial and non-commercial thinnings. The amount of wood available from thinnings for biomass operations is largely a function of cost. Non-forestry sources of biomass are also available and include such things as crop residues and poultry bedding. All told, we estimate there to be 4.5 to 5 million tons of biomass available within Newberry and its adjacent counties. The estimated quantity of biomass just from residues is 3.5 times the volume of biomass required for this project. It is safe to say that Newberry is a great location for this plant.

Again, the Forestry Commission is proud to welcome Loblolly Green Power to the forestry community here in South Carolina. One of our agency's key functions is to aid in developing new markets for the forest products produced here in state. Before a company makes a decision on where to spend their capital investment, they need to be assured that the biomass resource is present. The Forestry Commission is committed to providing up-to-date, reliable forest resource data on which both new and existing companies can base their decisions.

We look forward to working with you as you move forward with this project.

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**Comments By Penn Cox, President,
Rollcast Energy, Inc.,
At the Rollcast Energy, Inc. &
Santee Cooper Announcement,
October 7, 2008
Newberry Opera House, Newberry SC**

Thank you all for coming out. I would like to thank the State of South Carolina, the Central South Carolina Alliance, the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the local economic development commission, Newberry County and the City of Newberry for all their help. Of course, I would particularly like to thank Santee Cooper, including Lonnie Carter, Marc Tye, Steve Spivey and Liz Kress. I would also like to thank Collin Franceschi of Rollcast for doing the heavy lifting on our end.



Today's announcement is an important first step in a project that hopefully will lead to others — not just in South Carolina, but throughout the United States. Santee Cooper has made a commitment to produce 40% of its electricity from sources that do not emit greenhouse gasses. This is a significant challenge that makes Santee Cooper one of the leaders in this country on the issue of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and we are pleased to help them achieve this goal. Once this plant is operational, it will provide carbon neutral electricity for approximately 25,000 homes. This, coupled with Newberry's share of nuclear power, will make the region one of the few areas in the country that is powered almost entirely with carbon neutral electricity.

Renewable power is still a relatively small portion of the overall generation portfolio in the United States. It is growing, but today accounts for only around 7% of total generation in the country. There are a lot of reasons that it is important to see this penetration grow in the future. Among

the benefits of renewable energy are that it is inherently cleaner than many other forms of supply, it reduces production of greenhouse gasses, it increases fuel diversity and reduces our dependence on energy imports.

Much of the conversation around renewable energy is focused on wind and solar power. This conversation leaves out the oldest source of energy in the world and one that is particularly important in the southeast: biomass. Here in the Southeast, we are the Saudi Arabia of biomass and we should take advantage of this resource. Hopefully, other utilities in the region will follow Santee Cooper's lead and work to utilize better this local energy source. If they do, South Carolina will be well on its way to becoming one of the leading states in renewable energy while increasing the employment base in the sustainable forestry industry.

Rollcast Energy is committed to working with forward-thinking utilities like Santee Cooper to turn as much of our underutilized, sustainable biomass resource into electricity as possible. The Loblolly plant will use this resource: primarily forestry residues and recycled land clearing debris to generate electricity from wood that is now often being land-filled or simply left to decay on its own. The plant will represent an investment in the area of approximately \$170 Million and create 25-30 full time jobs at the plant. Perhaps more importantly, the plant will create indirectly an estimated 200 new positions in the forestry and recycling industries as those industries now have an economic incentive to process that waste wood into a valuable source of energy.

As I mentioned earlier, this announcement is only one important milestone in making this project a reality. We still have a lot of work to do to develop and construct the plant if we want to have it on line by the end of 2011. We are looking forward to working closely with the community to make this happen. In particular, we are very excited to work with regional recycling operations and the logging community who will be extremely important partners in processing and consolidating the waste wood that will fuel this plant.

Thank you all very much and, again, we look forward to working with you in the future.



Facing L-R Lonnie Carter, Joe Taylor,
Penn Cox, Henry Summer and
Tim Adams



Lonnie Carter & Penn Cox sign
Loblolly Pine Power agreement

SCTPA Chairman's Message ...

As Chairman, I felt it necessary to update everyone as to where the association stands now regarding its ability to continue operations.

First let me say, I understand the economic challenges loggers and others in the wood business are facing now. Simply put, these are difficult times. And these economic conditions have also created a financial hardship for the association.

Second, our board and I want to thank all our loyal members who continue to support this association and likewise thank our new members for coming on board this year.

As the board expressed, our association has come too far over the last nine years to stop now. Our successes have been the result of a dedicated mission to represent and service the professional timber harvesters, wood suppliers and timber truckers of this state. Our successes have been made possible by our members' loyal support.

An emergency board meeting had to be called on October 8th to review the association's finances and develop a revenue strategy to be able to operate through that month as well as determine a strategy for the remainder of the year. The operating accounts had reached a level that there were not available funds to continue.

Let me offer a few explanations as to why this occurred. First, our president and accounting firm closely monitor association finances with oversight of the board. Our shortfall did not occur because of any financial improprieties. It is a matter of cash flow.

During the last four months of the year, the number of renewals is much lower. Compounding our financial crisis is the revenue amount not received from a large number of past due renewals, plus the member terminations for non-payment of renewals. We have seen this before, but not to the magnitude we face now.

The board decided to take the responsibility of raising needed revenue by seeking assistance from members, seeking new members, contacting past due members in our areas, and individually making an effort to secure funding. We also agreed that members who normally renew between January and March could have the option to move their renewal date to the last three months of this year by paying their renewal dues now. Or members could simply contribute what they could as an additional dues amount for their current member year.

I want to thank our board members and also thank our members who have contributed more or who have reached out to bring in new members to our association

over the past few weeks. You know who you are and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

These efforts have helped with needed revenue allowing the association to make it through October and operate into November. But we are still facing an uphill struggle.

Despite our financial difficulties, we will hold our annual meeting in January. Changes had to be made, but we look forward to our 10th anniversary meeting.

The annual meeting sponsorship, registration and ATV raffle packages have been mailed. But any revenue received for this has to be set aside to pay for our annual meeting so this revenue is not available for operations. So we still need operating capital for our association to make it to the end of the year.

Again, I understand our industry's economic challenges and the difficulties we face. But I also understand the value and leadership our association provides for our industry as our voice for timber harvesting. And I feel our members and supporters understand the same value.

If you can, I would like to ask that you make an additional contribution to help us through this difficult time. Remember, 90% of your paid dues and additional contribution is tax deductible.

For those who have paid their dues and even paid more already this year, thank you. It's that kind of support that keeps SCTPA going.

As a reminder, we still have the new member contest going whereby any active dues paid member bringing in a paid new member qualifies for the \$1,000 drawing at the 2009 annual meeting. There are still too many loggers not supporting SCTPA yet they too receive the benefits.

I know where there is a will, there is a way. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your association's Chairman and be a part of this organization. That is why I felt it necessary to update you and reach out for your support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any board member, the SCTPA office or me. It's our association. Let's keep it going to benefit our members, our profession and our industry.

Sincerely,

Tommy

Thomas G. Barnes, Sr.
Chairman, SCTPA
Ideal Logging, Inc.

Proverbs 3: 5 & 6 – Trust in the Lord, with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.



10TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING

“Adjusting To Change”

Our 2009 Annual Membership Meeting celebrating our **10th Anniversary** will be January 30 – February 1 at the Crown Reef Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach.

The timber harvesting and forest products industries have faced drastic changes over the past year. Fuel costs skyrocketing to all time highs have been the greatest change resulting in reduced wood supply capacities, reduced timber harvesting operations, reduced production and severely changed already slim bottom lines.

The housing crisis changing solid wood products markets, the continued devaluation of the U.S. dollar in the global economy changing global competitiveness, a U.S. presidential, Congressional and state elections changing the political climate and future woody biomass markets changing wood supply systems have distinct impacts of change for our industry creating new adjustments in the way business is done.

“Adjusting To Change” will be our 10th annual meeting focus. As the timber harvesting segment and the entire forest products industry faces the challenges of change, there must be changes in the way loggers, wood suppliers, wood consuming companies and landowners do business for the future. Whether it is cultural, economic, efficiency, relationship or system changes, changes and adjustments are needed and must be enacted in order for the links of the wood supply chain to improve and prosper.

Interesting facets will be explored as to how the industry adapts to changes and how the changes will affect the industry in South Carolina as well as nationally and globally.

We are proud to have distinguished speakers to address changes in our political landscapes, our industry and future changes of alternative wood markets.

General Session Speakers

Danny Dructor, Executive Vice President, American Loggers Council

Richard Lewis, President, Forest Resources Association

Rick Todd, President, SC Trucking Association

Erika Hartwig, SC Energy Office

John Long, Chief Financial Officer, East Coast Ethanol, LLC (invited)

Elizabeth Kress, Renewable Energy Principal Engineer, Santee Cooper

Collin Franceschi, Manager, Project Development, Rollcast Energy, Inc.

Luncheon Speakers

Kathy Abusow, President, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc.

Senator Jim DeMint, United States Senate (invited)

Jeff Duncan, SC House & Agriculture Committee Chairman Candidate (invited)

Registration is Friday afternoon with an evening Welcome Reception featuring a DJ offering a variety of dancing tunes and entertainment accompanied by plenty of food, beverages and fun so everyone can meet and greet on our first evening.

Saturday's General Session, Membership Luncheon and Business Session will feature our speakers. At the luncheon and business session we'll present our 2008 Logger Activist Award and Distinguished Service Awards, hold board member elections, hear association financial news, vote on any bylaws changes and give away door prizes. We'll draw winners for a Honda ATV, \$1,000 cash and four days and three nights stay at the Crown Reef Resort.

We are pleased to have Mathew Smidt and his Auburn University team. They will present their Logging Cost Model on Saturday afternoon to help loggers in their business. This project was developed through the Wood Supply Research Institute.

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Our 10th Anniversary Celebration Saturday evening will feature a dinner with entertainment provided by Dana Watkins performing her rendition of Country Music Legend Patsy Cline. Association president Crad Jaynes will address the gathering to provide thoughts about ten years of service. Tickets must be purchased for this event. Tickets are \$25 per person. Dress for the dinner is business casual.

We are excited to have back for our Sunday Prayer Breakfast the little package of dynamite Victoria Huggins who thrilled us with songs and testimony back in 2006.

Our Silent Auction to raise funds for the association will be back with a variety of nice items for bidding. A special 10th Anniversary quilt is being made for the silent auction.



Victoria Huggins

Exhibitors will be on hand with their products and services. And of course there will be plenty of door prizes. Uncle Buck will be heading up our on-site Raffle. ATV Raffle tickets can be purchased on site for the ATV drawing.

Seven (7) SFI Trained Continuing Education Hours will be awarded for attendance. Registered foresters can receive Category I Continuing Forester Education Credits.

Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage you to bring your family and employees. Dress is business casual for our entire meeting.

Go ahead now ... *Reserve Your Room ... Send In Your Registration* to join us January 30 – February 1 for our 10th Anniversary Celebration and 2009 Annual Membership Meeting. I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours truly,
Crad Jaynes
President & CEO

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SCTPA welcomes the support of our new members.

**Adams Logging, Inc., Union
AA& D Logging, Orangeburg
CMIII Logging, LLC, Florence
Moore Timber, LLC, Georgetown
Mahon Forest Products, Inc., Gray Court
W. K. Brown Timber Corporation, Hodges
Simmons Logging Co., LLC, Woodruff
Capps Brothers Woodyard, Landrum
The Tire Shop, Jonesville
CANFOR / New South, Conway
Express Hydraulics, LLC, Union
United Wood Treating Co., Whitmire
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forest products industry.



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Peerless Quality

- Rugged, Aluminum Construction
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- Larger Payload: 65,000 lb. capacity
- Open Top, Mitered Front
- Financing Available

CHIP TRAILERS



Peerless Quality



Full sized rear door is skinned with galvanized expanded metal and hinged at the top for easy discharge of payload.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DINNER

Since January 1999 S C Timber Producers Association has been the organization dedicated to representing and servicing the professionals harvesting, supplying and trucking South Carolina's sustainable and renewable timber resources.

SCTPA will celebrate its 10th Anniversary at the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting, January 30 – February 1, at the Crown Reef Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach.

For our 10th Anniversary, a dinner with entertainment will be conducted Saturday evening January 31st beginning at 7 p.m. in the Tradewinds Ballroom at the Crown Reef Conference Center.

A plated dinner will be served with entertainment provided by Dana Watkins performing her full costume fantastic tribute to Country Music Legend Patsy Cline.

Dana auditioned at the October board meeting. And honestly with your eyes closed it sounded just like Patsy was in the room singing.

SCTPA's President will address the gathering highlighting ten years service to the timber harvesting industry. Brenda and Delaine are planning a decorative event to celebrate our 10th anniversary. A cash bar will be available.

Advance tickets must be purchased to confirm event attendance with the Crown Reef. Tickets may be ordered on the Meeting Registration Form and are \$25 Per Person.

Prepaid 10th Anniversary Dinner Tickets will be included in registration packages. If space available, dinner tickets can be purchased at registration or maybe at the door for \$35 per person.

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2008 Logger Activist Nomination

Nominations for SCTPA's **2008 Professional Logger Activist of the Year Award** are being sought. Award will be presented at the 2009 Annual Membership Business Luncheon and Meeting convening at noon, Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the Crown Reef Resort Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

This award recognizes a Professional Logger who has demonstrated an exceptional desire to positively promote and represent the timber harvesting profession by actively participating in association activities, educational efforts, community action, industry advocacy, and engendering the public's trust with commitment to the American Loggers Council Professional Logger Code of Practices and by displaying a commitment to sustainable forestry principles and practices.

You may nominate a SCTPA Logger Member or yourself. Contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office by January 21, 2009. Thank you for your nomination.

Joe Young, Chairman, Low Country Forest Products, Inc.

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2008 Logger Activist Nomination

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January 30 - February 1, 2009

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<i>Saturday Evening, January 31, 7 p.m.</i> <i>Advance Tickets Should Be Purchased.</i> <i>Dinner Tickets Received At Registration.</i> \$35 per person at door, if available.				
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2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: Members of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc.

WHEN: Noon, Saturday, January 31, 2009

WHERE: Crown Reef Resort Conference Center

2913 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Be it known to all members, this is the official call to the Annual Membership Business Meeting of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc. to be conducted at the above specified time and location.

At the Association Business Session, members will:

- Be provided the Association Annual Report & Financial Report.
- Be presented bylaws amendment recommendations for approval and adoption.
- Elect three members to fill Seats 2, 3 and 8 to serve a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the Association.

If you are interested in having your name or another name nominated and considered by the Nominations Committee, wish to enter such name into nomination, and have it printed on the election ballot, you must contact a Nominations Committee member no later than January 21, 2009. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the election process for election to the Board of Directors.

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You can participate in the decision making process through the election of Board of Directors. Your vote is needed for the adoption of Bylaws recommendations, if Bylaws changes are needed. Your active participation in your association is important plus the sharing of your ideas will help shape the association's future and the timber harvesting industry in South Carolina.

Take advantage of this opportunity to play an active role in SCTPA. Make plans to join your peers **January 30 – February 1, 2009 at Myrtle Beach's Crown Reef Resort & Conference Center for your 10th Anniversary Annual Membership Meeting.**

Annual meeting packages have been forwarded to members. Contact SCTPA for registration, sponsorship, exhibitor, silent auction donation and meeting information.

10th Anniversary Annual Membership Meeting

Adjusting To Change

MEETING SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Conference Center

- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting... Members & Guests Welcome
- 3:00 p.m. Registration Desk... Open Until 6:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception... Food, Music & Dancing with a DJ!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Conference Center

- 6:30 a.m. Member & Guests Breakfast
- 6:45 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
- 8:00 a.m. General Session: Welcome, Invocation, Antitrust Statement & Announcements
 - Speaker: *Richard Lewis, President, Forest Resources Association, Rockville, MD*
 - Speaker: *Danny Dructor, Executive Vice President, American Loggers Council, Hemphill, TX*
 - Speaker: *Rick Todd, President, SC Trucking Association, Columbia*
- Morning Break
 - Speaker: *John Long, Chief Financial Officer, East Coast Ethanol, LLC, Newberry, SC*
 - Speaker: *Erika Hartwig, Woody Biomass, SC Energy Office, Columbia*
 - Speaker: *Elizabeth Kress, Engineer for Renewable Energy, Santee Cooper, Moncks Corner*
 - Speaker: *Collin Franceschi, Manager Project Development, Rollcast Energy, Inc., Charlotte*
- 8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
- 11:45 a.m. Break for Luncheon
- 12:00 p.m. Membership Business Luncheon & Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. President's Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
 - Speaker: *Kathy Abusow, President, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Washington, DC*
 - Speaker: *SC Senator Jim DeMint, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC (Invited)*
 - Speaker: *Representative Jeff Duncan, SC House of Representatives, Laurens*
- Business Session: President's Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report & Vote, Board of Directors Election, Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
- 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break
- 4:00 p.m. Workshop:
 - Logging Cost Model Developed By Mathew Smidt & Team at Auburn University.*
 - Project Funded by the Wood Supply Research Institute.*
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn
- 7:00 p.m. 10th Anniversary Celebration, Dinner & Entertainment by Dana Watkins Performing as Country Music Legend Patsy Cline

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Conference Center

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *Victoria Huggins, Victoria Huggins Ministries, St. Pauls, NC*
- 10:15 a.m. Silent Auction Announcements & Final Comments
- 10:45 a.m. Adjourn Meeting

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Friday, 5:00 – 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:00 – 9:15 a.m.

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Come Join Us For This Exciting 10th ANNIVERSARY 2009 Annual Meeting!



BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

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- Board seats for election or re-election are: Seat 2 – Billy McKinney, McKinney Brothers Logging, Inc., Union; Seat 3 - Norman Arledge, Arledge Logging & Timber, Inc., Landrum; Seat 8 - Frampton Ferguson, Ferguson Forest Products, Inc., Luray.

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AS I SEE IT ...

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PRESIDENT ALLEN RIBELIN, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA



NOVEMBER 2008

A full day of traveling to return to Arizona from the 2008 annual conference gave me some time to reflect on this year's meeting and to look toward the coming year and what it might bring. It was reassuring that many members are doing well and that some mills are being fair, adjusting weekly for ever increasing fuel prices and giving allowances to accredited contractors for their efforts at improving their professionalism. The situation is not quite so rosy for others; many have made the difficult decision to cease operating ... many continue to struggle day-to-day just trying to stay afloat ... while others are sitting on large volumes of log inventory (well we are anyway) with no markets ... most certainly interesting times.



I would like to personally thank our associate members for supporting the American Loggers Council; specifically thanking those that also step-up and additionally support the annual meeting. Without your support we could not function. We realize that in this current economic crisis your budgets are also getting tighter and that you need to realize a return on these sponsorship investments.

We are additionally thankful that many of you also participate in our meetings and events; we find that the relationships that are built as a result of this participation are of great value; we hope that you deem this a two-way street and you find your association with us as valuable. I commit to you that we will more fully participate in activities that through much planning and effort on your part are prepared for the logger attendee's benefit. Let us march forward together, making this a better organization.

I would also like to thank our logger members for their attendance and participation at the annual meeting for without your participation the council would be ineffective. I am truly grateful for the relationships that I have forged over the many years I have participated with the American Loggers Council and count many of you among my dearest friends.

This year we lost one of our most steadfast supporters with the passing of Texas logger, Gene Borders. I appreciate Christene Borders' and Christy Borders Mills' attendance at the meeting this year, continuing the legacy of support from this successful Texas contractor. Gene, you will be missed.

DECEMBER 2008

"ILLEGAL LOGGING"

The galvanizing event that so solidly established the American Loggers Council in 1994 was the proposed adoption of new logging training and performance guidelines and the structure of the delivery mechanism to the logger on the ground. Now, some fifteen years later we are well into the process with our *MasterLogger™ Program*; with many of our member state's templates having been approved by the ALC's *MasterLogger™* committee but we are not there yet. With a broader implementation of the *MasterLogger™ Program* we hope that additional timber will be harvested by accredited professional contractors and that the bad actors in the industry will find it difficult to procure contracts. While the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Standard (SFIS) clearly states the performance measures that program participants are required to adhere to, the actual practices are still not consistent with the purpose and intent of the standard.

Many of the "illegal logging" practices keep the public eye focused on the bad actions of the few while the commitment to professional standards generally goes unrecognized, often by the very mills that require it.

- The report of a contractor cutting outside of the sale boundary may certainly be "news" but it is also news when a group of professionals, typically at their own expense, complete a comprehensive *MasterLogger™* training regiment (MLA has a 64 hour curriculum for example).
- The report of contractors paying wages in cash may certainly be "news" but it is also news when professional contractors spend their Saturdays in *MasterLogger™* classes learning how to become better practitioners.
- The report of contractors utilizing "undocumented workers" to unfairly compete may certainly be "news" but it is also news when professional contractors serve their communities, mostly behind the scenes, volunteering of their talents to better their neighbors.
- The report of contractors ignoring the state weight laws (or the mills condoning it) may certainly be "news" but it is also news when professional contractors support programs like "Log-A-Load" and "Provider Pals" with their own resources.

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- The report of contractors not covering their employees with required workers compensation insurance coverage may certainly be "news" but it is also news that professional contractors attend annual logging conferences spending most of their time in classes and listening to presentations to further enhance their skill set to better compete in a challenging market.

It is also disappointing to me to hear of inconsistent practices by the very consuming mills that promote the SFI® Standard. The logs from these "bad actors" generally end up through the same wood yard gate that the professional contractor's logs do, and once unloaded and decked are really hard to differentiate; hence the procurement dilemma as seen by the logger's eye. Many consuming mills acknowledge their logging contractor's accreditations with incentives while others simply "talk the talk." Standards are applied differently not only from one state to another or one region to another but within a large consuming companies own operations. Often the forester's implementation and/or understanding of the standards and the mills policies are in conflict. Even without SFIS Objective 11, those of us that contract on government tracts have long been required to comply with similar contract language, and then as now, some mills chose to ignore the requirement. The professional logger is left to try to sort it all out and often has to interpret mixed messages from different levels within the mills all the while working on less to do more.

SFIS Objective for Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Objective 11. Commitment to comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, or local laws and regulations.

Performance Measure 11.1. *Program Participants* shall take appropriate steps to comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, and local forestry and related environmental laws and regulations.

Indicators:

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3. Demonstration of commitment to legal compliance through *available regulatory action information*.
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Performance Measure 11.2. *Program Participants* shall take appropriate steps to comply with all applicable social laws at the federal, provincial, state, and local levels in the country in which the *Program Participant* operates.

Allen Ribelin is the 2009 President of the American Loggers Council, which represents over 50,000 logging professionals in 28 states. Allen's family's operation, High Desert Investment Company is headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona. For more information please contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or e-mail at americanlogger@aol.com.



ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS!

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New Study Reveals Agribusiness Number One Industry in SC

Farming and Forestry have \$33.9 billion in economic impact

Contact: Sandy Boozer
Executive Assistant, Palmetto Agribusiness Council
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For Immediate Release:
September 17th, 2008

Modern agribusiness has eclipsed manufacturing and tourism as South Carolina's leading economic cluster, according to a new study released today by the South Carolina Agribusiness Council (PABC) and the South Carolina Forestry Association. Agribusiness includes all aspects of farming and forestry.

The study was conducted over a period of nine (9) months by Dr. Harry Miley of Gallo and Associates of Greenville, S.C. The new research shows that all commodities and services in modern agribusiness, taken together, have a \$33.9 billion impact on South Carolina's economy, larger than any other sector.

Also, as employment in other parts of the economy has declined, agribusiness is growing and now provides jobs for nearly 200,000 South Carolinians. "The bottom line is that South Carolina's oldest industry has entered the twenty-first century with great promise in the emerging economy," Miley said.

A former chairman of the S.C. Board of Economic Advisors and chief economist under Governor Carroll Campbell, Miley said he based his research on impact models generated by the IMPLAN system. "The data clearly shows that Agribusiness is growing and has become the largest sector in our state's economy," Miley said. He cited the following factors:

- Agribusiness is making an increasingly large contribution to labor income, output and jobs.
- The agribusiness industry generates a total output of direct and indirect activity of \$7.5 billion in annual labor income.
- The agribusiness industry is also a major job producer, with direct and indirect employment of 199,469 of the State's jobs.

Several policy makers and agribusiness leaders were on hand at a press briefing held at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture in Columbia. The findings of the study were greeted with enthusiasm.

"This research confirms that South Carolina's oldest industry is now a critically important part of the knowledge based economy," said Edgar Woods, chairman of the Palmetto Agribusiness Council. "The industry that provides consumers with food, clothing and shelter is the dominant economic force in our state. Our challenge now is to accelerate the application of new technologies and new methods to agribusiness to strengthen South Carolina's economic future," he added.

Forestry officials made the case that emerging technologies for alternative fuels will help the agribusiness sector grow even faster in the years ahead. "This is just the beginning compared to what we are likely to see in the coming decades," said Bob Scott, President of the S.C. Forestry Association. "Whether its carbon credits or biofuels, South Carolina will be on the cutting edge."

Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture, said he hopes this new research will open the eyes of the State's economic policy makers, to the "present scope and future potential" of agribusiness. "In energy development, conservation, marketing and emerging technologies, modern agribusiness can have a positive impact on our future in ways we can't even imagine today," Weathers said.

SC Representative, Jeff Duncan, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, called on members of the state legislature to look closely at the results of the study. "Agriculture should not be seen as what our State used to be. It's the backbone of our economy," he said. "As elected officials, we have a responsibility to do all we can to support growth in the agribusiness sector. Our future depends on it."

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The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008 Breathes New Life into Program for Schools, Roads and Stewardship Projects

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, 2008—More than \$500 million for FY 2008 will be available to 41 states and Puerto Rico for improvements to public schools, road maintenance and stewardship projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS Act).

For initial Forest Service implementation of payments to states under the new law, critical deadlines must be met by states and counties to ensure timely 2008 payments. Each state must submit the following information to the Forest Service by November 14, 2008: (1) each county's election to receive a share of the state payment under SRS, or a share of the state's 25-percent payment; and (2) for each county that elects to receive a share of the state SRS payment, the county's allocations for projects. Counties in states that receive transition payments must also make these elections and allocations.

State payments for fiscal year 2008 will be issued no later than January 15, 2009.

Commenting on the SRS reauthorization and the FS implementation plan, U.S. Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell said, "The reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act represents renewed and, in many cases, new opportunities, for counties, Resource Advisory Committees, and National Forests to work together to maintain infrastructure, improve the health of watersheds and ecosystems, protect communities, and strengthen local economies. We look forward to collaborating with communities to fully implement the Act."

Since 1908, 25 percent of Forest Service revenues, such as those from timber sales, mineral resources and grazing fees, have been returned to states in which national forest lands are located. The original SRS Act (P.L. 106-393) was enacted to provide assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests in federal lands. The funds have been used for schools and roads as well as to create employment opportunities, to maintain current infrastructure, and to improve the health of watersheds and ecosystems.

P.L. 110-343, enacted on October 3, 2008, reauthorized and amended the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-393). Please see the SRS Act Web site for more information on the new law as it will be implemented by the Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs>

The Forest Service manages approximately 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands. For more information, visit: www.fs.fed.us.

Legislative History of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), Public Law 106-393, was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands. The last payment authorized under P.L. 106-393 was for FY 2006.

On May 25, 2007, the Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007, P.L. 110-28, was signed into law. It included a provision for payments to States and counties for FY 2007 and extended provisions of Title II and Title III of the SRS Act. A recent report, "Sustaining Forests and Communities" summarizes activities under the previous SRS Act. Additional information about SRS Act activities during fiscal years 2000 through 2007 is on the "Payments to States" website.

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On October 3, 2008, P.L. 110-343 (H.R. 1424, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008, and Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008) was signed into law. Section

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601 of Division C of P.L. 110-343 amends and reauthorizes the SRS Act (P.L. 106-393). The SRS Act, as amended, retains the original title.

With notable exceptions, the amended SRS Act is similar to P.L. 106-393. The structure and significant elements of Title I have been amended, but Titles II and III remain mostly intact with a few important changes.

SCTPA Comments: *This is good news for counties located in South Carolina's Sumter and Francis Marion National Forests. Without the funds, these counties would have had to reduce or even eliminate services using funds received through this program. SCTPA supported the continuation of this program.*

OVERLOAD: ARE WEIGHT LIMIT CHANGES THE LAST STRAW?

By Suzanne Hearn, Forest2Market
Article appeared in Forest2Market's newsletter.

After the deadly collapse of a bridge in Minnesota, almost everyone agreed: the state of infrastructure in this country is due for an overhaul. Many states quickly began evaluating the soundness of bridges, and in some cases revising weight limits and scheduling reconstruction. Overall, this sounds good – if our bridges are safer we're safer. Sometimes, though, the devil is in the implementation of the regulation, and not the regulation itself. That's what is happening in the state of South Carolina.

South Carolina has begun re-posting weight limits on the state's bridges. As a result, loggers are finding that bridges they have driven over for years have had weight limits lowered, prohibiting the trucks from reaching local mills by the most direct routes. For loggers, this could be worse than inconvenient.

We've heard one report of loggers in S.C. who have had to take a six-mile detour through residential neighborhoods to reach a local mill. For some South Carolina loggers, this change seems like the last straw.

Not only is there concern about safety of the residents on the new route, but these concerns are added to the already significant issues facing loggers. Squeezed by high oil costs, high equipment costs, tight credit, worker's compensation, safety standards, shrinking demand for timber and slim profit margins, most loggers are wondering how they will survive. Others are planning an exit from the business.

And this is not just in S.C. Loggers and logging companies across the United States – some of them generations old – are experiencing the same situation.

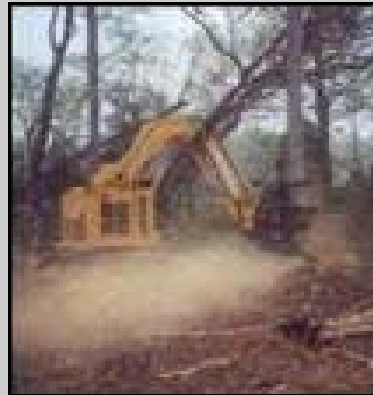
Once the housing market recovers, we have to wonder who will be around to harvest and deliver stumpage and chips to the mills. You can grow as many trees as you want, and you can reopen and boost production at local mills and even bio-energy facilities.

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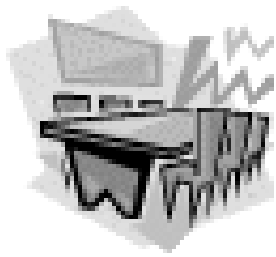
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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SCTPA's board of directors convened at the SC Forestry Commission headquarters, Columbia, for the October 23rd meeting. Highlights are:

- President updated the status of 2008 active member renewals, past due renewals and new members. President noted the number of past due members and the revenue impact of not receiving these renewals. President noted that past due invoices had been forwarded and many of the past due members would have to be terminated soon due to cost of continuing to forward the newsletter and mailouts.
- President reviewed Wood Supply Research Institute financial status, the completed Auburn project for Extended Working Hours, the Auburn Logging Cost Model workshop held in Columbia and the strategic planning meeting held in Forsyth, GA with Crad Jaynes, Tom Reed and Jim Fendig. Board discussed the association's current inability to pay the 2008 pledge due to association's poor financial status. Board expressed its desire to honor the 2008 pledge by requesting WSRI accept payments over time when funds are available. Chairman requested President draft a letter to WSRI Executive Director explaining association's financial status and dues payment request. There was a discussion about the 2009 pledge of \$2,500 requested by WSRI due to association's financial status. Board deferred any decision until a later date after determining the future status of the association's financial position at the end of the year.
- President reviewed the status of the association's Property & Casualty and Health insurance programs for commission revenue received to date.
- President reviewed the status of the SCDOT postings of the two groups of H-10 bridges statewide. Reviewed the September 23rd meeting with Jim Feda and Lee Floyd at SCDOT to discuss the bridge postings. Meeting was attended by Crad Jaynes, SCTPA, Bob Scott, SCFA, Rick Todd, SCTA and Jim Griffin, Farm Bureau. Meeting outcome was that SCDOT would work to repair bridges within reason where a bridge posting affected a timber tract and timber harvest. Board discussed the possibility of examining some form of fee payment, a fee paid for unmanufactured forest products trucks, paid over a period of five years from the unmanufactured forest products industry with the funds dedicated to H-10 bridge improvements since UFP trucking is most affected by the postings. Probably not applicable, but might be an idea to consider if the particulars could be worked out and the fee would not be economically undesirable.
- President reviewed the 2009 annual meeting and the changes being implemented due to the association's financial status. Dana Watkins visited the board and auditioned to perform her Patsy Cline show at the 10th anniversary dinner.
- President reviewed the meeting with Suzanne Hearn at Forest2Market and updated the progress of the partnership proposal for their company to offer services to SCTPA members.
- President noted SCTPA assisted in supplying the logs used at the SC State Fair for the Paul Bunyan Show and SCTPA's banner was displayed at the show. Member Hodges Log & Lumber supplied and transported the logs to the State Fair.
- President reviewed the American Loggers Council annual meeting in Montgomery, Alabama in September. Meeting well attended for the board meeting, member meeting and new ALC president is Allen Ribelin of Arizona.
- President reviewed the information regarding the SCFC BMP Expert Review Team looking at sites. Board expressed some concern regarding the Corps of Engineers participating on the review teams. Board requested president to follow up with SCFC's Guy Sabin. Board member Clyde Brown is participating on the review team

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for sites in the Newberry area.

- President reviewed information from the SFI State Implementation Committee meeting in Columbia that he did not attend. President presented information regarding the new Charleston County Ordinance requiring permits for logging and the activity regarding Greenville County's revision of its Stormwater Runoff regulations and the proposed removal of the exemption for forest roads and agriculture roads. President noted member Steve Smith of Carolina Wood, Inc. had worked with Greenville County to stop this exemption removal. President noted his activity with this issue and his conversation with the Greenville County official that confirmed the exemption would not be removed.
- President reviewed information from the TOP Task Force meeting in Columbia he did not attend. TOP program schedule for 2009 presented and the Task Force approved the removal of the TOP Refresher class requirement for the first three-year period, but retained the minimum four hours for BMP training for the first three-year period.
- President and member Joe Young reviewed the Timber Equipment Applications Management meeting they attended in Raleigh, NC. Presented information about a potential new fire suppression system for logging equipment and housing the TEAM website under the FRA's Southwide Safety Committee.
- President presented information regarding the Santee Cooper and Rollcast Energy, Inc. announcement meeting in Newberry for the new wood using energy plant to be built in Newberry by Rollcast with operations beginning in 2011.
- President presented information regarding the SCFC woody biomass survey being forwarded to loggers and wood suppliers by Tim Adams.
- President presented information regarding the reciprocal agreement with NC Association of Professional Loggers for membership of NC loggers in SCTPA and vice versa.
- President updated the progress of developing a SCTPA website. NCAPL's Doug Dun-

can is working with SCTPA to develop and implement the site within the next month.

- Board discussed the current SCTPA dues structure, but tabled the issue until next board meeting.
- President reviewed current financial status for available operating funds and reviewed the estimated funding needed to continue operations through the end of the year. Based on the current balances, funds were available to get through October. Based on the board's strategy from the emergency board meeting held October 8th, board would continue to seek additional assistance from members to help with the financial deficit, as well as seek new members and contact past due members in their areas. Board discussed other avenues for obtaining revenue such as an equipment auction, marketing program, special event such as a clay shoot, etc. President will keep the board informed of finances.
- President and member Joe Young were attending a meeting after the board meeting with the SC Office of Wages and Child Labor to obtain information regarding wage payments and applicable laws in SC that apply to logging so as to supply such information to members.
- State Forester Gene Kodama visited the board meeting and updated legislative issues such as budget reductions initiated by the General Assembly recently. The first budget cut as 2.5% then 3% and then went to 10% and as of this meeting, budget cut to SCFC is 12.9%. He noted some agencies were protected. He also discussed the summary he prepared for SCFC that was presented to the appropriate legislative contacts. Gene discussed the 25% revenue returned to counties with state forests from the timber sales and other activities. Twelve counties received a total of \$672,000 in 2008 from SCFC. He discussed the new Grow Some Green campaign to encourage landowners to reforest. Reforestation has declined in SC over the last few years.
- Next board meeting is December 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the SC Forestry Commission headquarters, Columbia.

MESSAGE FROM WSRI CHAIRMAN

Emailed October 9, 2008



TO: WSRI Board Members & Members

On October 2nd Wood Supply Research Institute (WSRI) Executive Director Jim Fendig, incoming Chairman Tom Reed and I met in Forsyth, GA for a WSRI review and strategic planning session. Tom will be assuming the Chairman's role at the 2009 WSRI annual meeting.

Our purpose was to review WSRI's progress, current and future status and consider what steps and/or processes were needed to move WSRI into the future. As we all know too well, our economy is not good for all businesses, and particularly segments of the wood supply chain.

During these economically challenging times, we feel this is where WSRI and its past projects may be well suited to provide information to be implemented into the wood supply chain to enhance our economics as well as improve processes and efficiencies within the wood supply chain.

Jim prepared an issues list which we tackled wholeheartedly and honestly to determine the needs of our members and our industry from the perspective of what can WSRI and its completed projects provide as meaningful information for improvement if the information from already completed projects were instituted on the ground in various capacities that would assist any one and/or all wood supply chain segments.

The revisions to the bylaws as well as the restructured dues configurations were discussed. Jim has forwarded the information regarding the bylaws and dues changes for everyone's review and vote.

We also discussed the "disenchantment" with WSRI in the logging communities and how WSRI can make itself more appealing to this community for participation in WSRI as well as how can the projects that have been completed that deal with the timber harvesting segment be presented and implemented more effectively. Various considerations were discussed as to how to improve the logger's involvement from logger associations as well as looking to see how the information available can be distributed to the segment and how can this information be implemented by those on the ground as well as those receiving the wood.

One area that we felt was needed for improvement is to develop a better delivery system for WSRI projects. In the past the projects have been publicized and made available to members and others for review and hopeful implementation of the projects findings. However, looking back perhaps WSRI has not done as good of a job in this respect.

To encourage the use and implementation of WSRI projects and use of the information presented in the projects, we determined that more WSRI educational events are needed. Therefore we decided to look at the completed projects and determine which projects may be appropriate for presentations throughout the WSRI membership and the industry.

Now at this meeting we did not go back to the projects, but will do so later. But based on the completed projects we feel it would be advantageous to look to the project managers and researchers to see if they would consider reaching out to the WSRI members and the industry by providing area and/or regional WSRI project workshops to present and explain the projects findings and help formulate processes for implementation of the projects into the system.

Tom, Jim and I agreed this was a viable approach to getting the message to folks about WSRI and the projects that may be useful during this time we are facing. We formulated no set plan for this, but feel this concept is one that can and will be explored and worked to the benefit of everyone.

We had a very good and meaningful meeting. I have been privileged to have been involved with WSRI from the beginning. I still feel strongly WSRI has a place in our industry and has produced very informative and useful information. But projects and their data are only as good as the implementation. So there is more effort needed to be placed on getting the information in the right hands of decision makers and the movers and shakers that can make a difference.

Right now it is tough for everyone. And I will be brutally honest, my own association is struggling to simply make it through the end of this month as well as try to make it to the end of the year. But I am not alone. Our industry has seen drastic changes over the past year and a half that has and will continue to affect all the links of the supply chain.

Perhaps now is the time. Let's keep working together to use WSRI projects to the benefit of our industry. Let's try to pull together to keep the WSRI momentum going for our futures. Our industry has been the last car on the roller coaster before, as the last to reach the bottom and the last to go over the top. But with the good Lord's graces and His blessings we will persevere and hopefully be able to use WSRI as a tool for improvements.

I thank each and every one of you for your time, commitment and input into WSRI.

Sincerely,

Crad Jaynes

Chairman, WSRI

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LETTERS COMMENDING PROFESSIONAL LOGGERS

Gene Kodama, SC State Forester, forwarded these letters regarding landowner J. A. Scott, III, Greenville, and Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, Laurens, and SCTPA wanted to share these.

Too often commendations for professional loggers go unheard. Robert and Billy Walker, Walker & Walker, LLC are longtime, outstanding SCTPA supporters. Their business and employees are tributes to the professional timber harvesters of South Carolina.

October 28, 2008 Letter to Henry E. Kodama, SC State Forester

Dear Mr. Kodama,

I recently sold a tract of timber on my farm. I had many acres of beetle-damaged pine, some hardwood thinning, and a lot of firebreaks that I wanted opened up.

I had a timber management plan done by Mr. Bob King through your department, which was a great help. Mr. King suggested the methods that I followed and recommended Walker Brothers from Laurens to do the work because of their ability to chip the pulp rather than haul long wood.

Being a farmer and steward of the soil, I was reluctant to do "clear cutting" because of erosion potential and mere bad looks of the land afterwards. After meeting with Mr. Wayne Funderburg of Walker and Walker Logging, I decided to give it a go.

I put a lot of stipulations into the contract; borders on the roads and adjoining property, cleaning of decks and skid roads and other things as well. I must admit Mr. Funderburg cocked his eyes when reading the details of the contract but he took it.

I am very well pleased at the outcome of this work. The Walkers, Robert and Billy did every single thing that I had asked for and perhaps more, they were prompt in getting on the job and did no damage to the land. They left the land just as I had asked. I have had many people comment to me the good job that was done by the Walkers.

I have since seeded the decks, skid roads and firebreaks and it looks really great.

I know you get complaints about timber harvesters. I hope you will be pleased to hear a letter commending the Walkers for their commitment to do a good job in your industry.

Sincerely,
J.A. Scott, III
J.A. Scott Farm
Greenville, SC

November 4, 2008 Letter to Mr. J. A. Scott, III

Dear Mr. Scott,

I am pleased to hear that you had a positive experience with Walker Brothers, Bob King, and the South Carolina Forestry Commission and with clear cutting as a forest management tool. Both loggers and clear cutting have occasionally suffered from some undeserved negative comments, and your positive words are welcome.

Of course, most loggers are fine businessmen and valuable members of our communities who do their best to please their customers while maintaining the level of production that is necessary to stay in business. And, clear cutting is just one method of harvesting and regenerating timber that, if applied correctly, does not damage soil and water resources.

There will always be some segment of society that believes loggers and clear cutting damage the forest. But experiences like yours and the communication of such successes really help dispel this sort of inaccuracy. Cooperation among groups like the SC Forestry Commission, SC Forestry Association and SC Timber Producers Association and active landowners like you also help improve the work done in the field and spread this good word to the public.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare and send you very positive letter and for being an active member of our forestry community. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Henry E. Kodama
State Forester

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November 10, 2008 SCTPA Letter to J. A. Scott, III

Mr. J. A. Scott, III
J. A. Scott Farm
P.O. Box 9285
Greenville, SC 29604

Dear Mr. Scott,

State Forester Gene Kodama forwarded your positive letter regarding the timber harvesting work performed by Walker & Walker Logging of Laurens and I wanted to respond.

This association represents and services the professional timber harvesters of South Carolina and is a charter member of the American Loggers Council. This association adopted the American Loggers Council Logger's Code of Practices for its members. And based on your letter, it appears the Walkers certainly lived up to that code.

Robert and Billy Walker are outstanding professionals and businessmen. Their operations are a tribute to the work performed by professional timber harvesters. Professional loggers are stewards of our forests and lands just like you as a farmer.

I truly appreciate you taking the time to relate the positive experience you had with the Walkers, their forester Wayne Funderburg and their operations in meeting and exceeding your requirements and expectations.

Many times the unknowing public frowns upon sustainable forestry practices and professional timber harvesting. But much of this can be attributed to the lack of sustainable forestry knowledge and how our industry grows, manages, harvests and regenerates our renewable forest resources. And all the while our sustainable and renewable forest resources produce the timber and wood fiber to manufacture over 5,000 products that enhance our daily lives.

Professional loggers like the Walkers take pride in performing timber harvesting operations in a sustainable manner to enhance our soil, water, timber and wildlife resources.

On behalf of this association, our board of directors and its members, we thank you for relating your positive timber harvesting experience with Walker and Walker Logging. Too often such a commendation like yours for a professional timber harvesting business goes unheard. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Crad Jaynes
President



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Life's Humorous Moments

By Dave Barry, Syndicated Columnist

This is from news hound Dave Barry's colonoscopy journal: I called my friend Andy Sable, gastroenteritis, to make an appointment for a colonoscopy. A few days later, in his office, Andy showed me a color diagram of the colon, a lengthy organ that appears to go all over the place, at one point passing briefly through Minneapolis.



Then Andy explained the colonoscopy procedure to me in a thorough, reassuring and patient manner. I nodded thoughtfully, but I didn't really hear anything he said, because my brain was shrieking, quote, 'He's Going To Stick A Tube 17,000 Feet Up Your Behind!'

I left Andy's office with some written instructions, and a prescription for a product called 'MoviPrep,' which comes in a box large enough to hold a microwave oven. I will discuss MoviPrep in detail later; for now suffice it to say that we must never allow it to fall into the hands of America's enemies.

I spent the next several days productively sitting around being nervous. Then, on the day before my colonoscopy, I began my preparation. In accordance with my instructions, I didn't eat any solid food that day; all I had was chicken broth, which is basically water, only with less flavor.

Then, in the evening, I took the MoviPrep. You mix two packets of powder together in a one-liter plastic jug, then you fill it with lukewarm water. (For those unfamiliar with the metric system, a liter is about 32 gallons.) Then you have to drink the whole jug. This takes about an hour, because MoviPrep tastes - and here I am being kind - like a mixture of goat spit and urinal cleanser, with just a hint of lemon.

The instructions for MoviPrep, clearly written by somebody with a great sense of humor, state that after you drink it, 'a loose watery bowel movement may result.' This is kind of like saying that after you jump off your roof, you may experience contact with the ground.

MoviPrep is a nuclear laxative. I don't want to be too graphic, here, but: Have you ever seen a space shuttle launch? This is pretty much the MoviPrep experience, with you as the shuttle. There are times when you wish the commode had a seat belt. You spend several hours pretty much confined to the bathroom, spurring violently. You eliminate everything. And then, when you figure you must be totally empty, you have to drink another liter of MoviPrep, at which point, as far as I can tell, your bowels travel into the future and start eliminating food that you have not even eaten yet.

After an action-packed evening, I finally got to sleep. The next morning my wife drove me to the clinic. I was very nervous. Not only was I worried about the proce-

cedure, but I had been experiencing occasional return bouts of MoviPrep spurtage. I was thinking, 'What if I spurt on Andy?' How do you apologize to a friend for something like that? Flowers would not be enough.

At the clinic I had to sign many forms acknowledging that I understood and totally agreed with whatever the heck the forms said. Then they led me to a room full of other colonoscopy people, where I went inside a little curtained space and took off my clothes and put on one of those hospital garments designed by sadist perverts, the kind that, when you put it on, makes you feel even more naked than when you are actually naked.

Then a nurse named Eddie put a little needle in a vein in my left hand. Ordinarily I would have fainted, but Eddie was very good, and I was already lying down. Eddie also told me that some people put vodka in their MoviPrep. At first I was ticked off that I hadn't thought of this, but then I pondered what would happen if you got yourself too tipsy to make it to the bathroom, so you were staggering around in full fire hose mode. You would have no choice but to burn your house.

When everything was ready, Eddie wheeled me into the procedure room, where Andy was waiting with a nurse and an anesthesiologist. I did not see the 17,000-foot tube, but I knew Andy had it hidden around there somewhere. I was seriously nervous at this point.

Andy had me roll over on my left side, and the anesthesiologist began hooking something up to the needle in my hand. There was music playing in the room, and I realized that the song was 'Dancing Queen' by ABBA. I remarked to Andy that, of all the songs that could be playing during this particular procedure, 'Dancing Queen' has to be the least appropriate. 'You want me to turn it up?' said Andy, from somewhere behind me. 'Ha ha,' I said.

And then it was time, the moment I had been dreading for more than a decade. If you are squeamish, prepare yourself, because I am going to tell you, in explicit detail, exactly what it was like.

I have no idea. Really. I slept through it. One moment, ABBA was yelling 'Dancing Queen, feel the beat of the tambourine,' and the next moment, I was back in the other room, waking up in a very mellow mood.

Andy was looking down at me and asking me how I felt. I felt excellent. I felt even more excellent when Andy told me that it was all over, and that my colon had passed with flying colors. I have never been prouder of an internal organ. On the subject of colonoscopies ... colonoscopies are no joke.

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NOVEMBER 2008

- 19 TOP Refresher Class, Columbia. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
- 25 Newberry District 2 Meeting, Mt. Bethel Garmany Community Center, Newberry, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2008

- 11 SCTPA Board Meeting, SC Forestry Commission, Columbia, 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas to Everyone!
- 31 New Year's Eve.

JANUARY 2009

- 1 Happy New Year To Everyone!
- 30 – SCTPA 10th Anniversary Annual Membership Meeting, Crown Reef Resort
- Feb. 1 & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach.

FEBRUARY 2009

- 14 Valentine's Day. Don't forget your sweetheart!

MARCH 2009

- 11, 12, TOP 3-Day Class, Columbia. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
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APRIL 2009

- 15 TOP Safety Management for Pro Loggers Class, Florence. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.
- 16 TOP Harvest Planning Class, Florence. Contact Susan Guynn, Clemson Extension, 864-656-0606.

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