

GENE COLLINS LOGGER ACTIVIST AWARD

LEO LAMBERT LOGGING, INC.

GEORGETOWN, SC

The 2011 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award is proudly presented to Donnie, Rodney, Marty and Gail Lambert, Leo Lambert Logging, Inc. for their sincere commitment to professional timber harvesting, supporting this association, participating in community and industry activities, practicing sustainable timber harvesting, promoting education and positive promotion of professional business practices.

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

Leo Lambert Logging is more than just a business; it's family. The company motto says exactly what is believed and practiced. "Teamwork: Together We Achieve The Extraordinary."

Started by Leo Lambert forty-eight years ago, hauling short wood and short logs Leo Lambert Logging has grown into a multi-dimensional timber harvesting company with four harvesting crews.

Leo passed away in 1993 and now the company is headed by sons Donnie, Rodney, Marty and mother Gail. Donnie serves as President, Rodney and Marty are Vice Presidents and Gail is Office Manager. Donnie's wife Susan and their son Dustin work in the company administrations while son Chad heads up one harvesting crew.

For harvesting tracts and wood deliveries the four fully mechanized treelength operations are lead by Donnie, Rodney and Chad partnering with MeadWestvaco and KapStone, and one crew lead by Marty partnering with Keel's Land & Timber.

Operations are specialized to work with their custom-

ers to meet a variety of harvesting needs. Chad and Donnie thin, Rodney clear-

cuts,

and Marty thins and clearcuts. The company employs thirty-three people.

A range of equipment is used to match the tracts and the goals of their customers with Tigercat being the preferred equipment choice. For the four jobs their Tigercat equipment spread is: eight 620-C grapple skidders; four rubber tired fellerbunchers, two 822 track fellerbunchers, four 234 and one 240 knuckleboom loaders, one 250 track loader and one 860 track shovel.

Fourteen trucks, Mack preferred, are in the fleet with usually two being available as spares. Two contract haulers are used for trucking capacity. The four jobs produce 7,000 to 8,000 tons per week of pulpwood and sawtimber delivered to markets such as KapStone, International Paper, Ingram Lumber Company, West Fraser Lumber and others.

Donnie said one of his highlights of logging occurred back in 1989 when they were working with a helicopter logging crew on Westvaco's Bonneau Ferry property after Hurricane Hugo. He said that was an amazing group to work with for six months. As a thank you, the family received a helicopter ride of the local area by one of the pilots.

Leo Lambert Logging is an active partner in the local community supporting the Georgetown area Klays For Kids Log A Load For Kids event for the past twelve years as a Silver sponsor. The company supports the Dixie Youth Girls Softball Team, Andrews Christian Academy and Andrews High School athletics, Georgetown and Andrews Shriners, March of Dimes Walk for America and Cancer Association Relay for Life.

As supporters and contributors to their local community, Donnie, Rodney and Marty served on their local

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Donnie & Rodney Lambert



Donnie & granddaughter Anna Kate,
Susan & Gail



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Georgetown County Fire Department as volunteer firefighters for ten years.

Leo Lambert Logging is a strong SCTPA supporter having been a logger member since 1999 when SCTPA began. They have attended every Georgetown district meeting and annual meeting over the years. The company received Forestry Mutual Insurance Company's South Carolina Logger of the Year Award in 2007 at the SCTPA annual meeting. The company supports the Forest Resources Association and SC Forestry Association as members.

Donnie, Rodney, Marty and Chad are SFI Trained loggers. The company emphasizes sustainable harvesting practices, safety, professionalism, SC Timber Harvesting Best Management Practices and works conscientiously to meet landowner expectations through exceptional environmental, harvesting and business practice standards.

Each one believes promoting and practicing professional timber harvesting and sustainable forestry principles are foundations to their business, their industry and their success.

Understanding the responsibilities and importance associated with how professional loggers contribute to their local and state economies, how professional loggers must work with landowners, wood suppliers and wood receiving companies in cooperative, mutually beneficial

partnerships, promoting and practicing sustainable forestry, educating the critical public regarding professional timber harvesting, demonstrating a stewardship attitude about our sustainable and renewable forest re-

sources and our environment are all important issues to the company's standards of operation. And this standard is conveyed throughout the company from the top, down to employees. It's all about Teamwork.

Gail says, "Logging is in our blood and we thank the good Lord for blessing our business. I appreciate what the boys have done to keep our business going and headed in a positive direction over the years. We want to be the best in everything we do."

"We wouldn't be in this position if the people we work with hadn't given us a chance to perform and grow to be the professional business we are today. It's the rela-



tionships we have and have had over the years with our partners and customers that have allowed us to grow and be a successful logging business. We were one of the first harvesting jobs to shovel log pine and we thank Westvaco for that opportunity," Donnie said.

Donnie says, "We support the Timber Producers Association because we need its and the American Loggers Council representation in Columbia and in Washington, DC to monitor legislation that may affect our business. Plus keep us up to date with regulatory changes so we can stay in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. I wish more loggers would realize how important our association is and the value it brings in representing, servicing and helping loggers for their best interests and be members to support the association's work into the future for us."

As an association and industry leader with a sincere commitment to professional logging, sustainable forestry, community, family and the principles of outstanding business, SCTPA is proud *Leo Lambert Logging, Inc.* is our *2011 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award* recipient.



The South Carolina Timber Producers Association's Logger Activist Award recognizes a logger member who has demonstrated an exceptional desire to promote and represent the profession by actively participating in association state and district activities, promoting and participating in educational efforts, community action projects and association projects to positively promote timber harvesting's image, conducting business activities in the best interests of the timber harvesting profession to engender the public's trust by meeting and exceeding the American Loggers Council Loggers Code of Practices and has displayed a professional commitment to sustainable forestry practices.

SCTPA's Logger Activist Award was named in honor of Gene Collins of Gene Collins Logging, Inc, Georgetown, because of Gene's dedication to his profession, his unselfish endeavors to promote the integrity of the logging industry within his community, his volunteer work educating children, his use of business practices that engendered the public's trust and his support for professional timber harvesting and sustainable forestry.