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**ALC Holds Annual Meeting**

*Over 250 attend Annual Membership Meeting in Eureka, California*



**Hemphill, Texas (October 5, 2015)** –The American Loggers Council (ALC) recently held its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Eureka, California, on Sept. 24 – 26 and had over 250 attendees including loggers, and sponsors that have helped support the work of the Council over the past twelve months and twenty-one years.

This is the first time that the loggers have returned to California since 2001 when Kerry Charlton served as President of the organization.



*l-Henry Schienebeck, r-Myles Anderson*

Henry Schienebeck received the President’s award for his efforts and accomplishments over the past several years and Montana logger and businessman Floyd Quiram with Quiram Logging, Inc. received the prestigious Timber Harvesting “Logging Business of the Year Award.”

The three day conference included a logging tour, technical sessions, business meetings and awards presentations where the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association Executive Director



*Floyd Quiram Logging, Inc.*



*l-Frank Myers, r-Myles Anderson*

The American Loggers Council’s National Logger Activist Award that recognizes a logger who has demonstrated unselfish time and efforts to promote the timber harvesting profession was presented to Frank Myers with Gahsburg Land and Timber Company located in Gahsburg, Virginia.

The Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on September 26th and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, biomass, communications, membership, Master Logger and nomination committees.



Congressman Tom McClintock, who chairs the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and the Environmental Regulation addressed the group at the Saturday luncheon discussing the legislation that is currently working its way through Congress that addresses the need to eliminate fire borrowing and provide better management on U.S. forest Service lands.



*Congressman Tom McClintock*

Technical sessions on Friday included presentations from Mike Rose with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers on how the ALC and their organization could work together on like issues when seeking to preserve jobs and industry here in the United States, Jimmie Locklear with Forestry Mutual Insurance and several other insurance representatives discussing the issues they are faced with when trying to insure log trucks and the need for driver training to keep CSA and safety scores low in order to be able to provide insurance, Nick Smith addressing the work that he has done with the Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities program, and a panel that included Keith Argow from the National Woodland Owners Association, Dan Tomacheski with Sierra Pacific, and Jim Dudley with the Swanson group discussing what their respective organizations were looking for when hiring a contractor in today's market, as well as the concerns that they have with logger attrition and their ability to seek out loggers for hire.

Ladies events included a visit to the scenic Avenue of the Giants where the Redwood trees are nearly touching the roadway as well as a luncheon at Rosina's vineyard where Associated California Logger member Rosina Lewis hosted a tour of their

vineyard. Saturday the ladies were given the opportunity to explore historic downtown Eureka, California, as well as have a luncheon at the historic Carson's Mansion on Humboldt Bay.



Attendees opened their pocketbooks on Friday evening at the annual ALC auction where a record \$23,645 was raised to further support the work of the Council.

During the closing President's dinner on Saturday night, President Myles Anderson from Fort Bragg, California introduced as the new President of the American Loggers Council, Florida logger Richard Schwab. Mississippi logger Ken Martin, Oregon Logger Mark Turner, and Alabama logger Chris Potts filling the Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer positions on the Executive Committee. Mr. Schwab stated in his remarks that "I plan on moving forward with three goals in mind, 1) increasing the visibility of the organization among our peers, 2) Reviewing the five-year strategic plan and coming up with ways to make this organization even stronger, and 3) Increasing our presence in Washington, DC by making an extra effort to bring more people to the Spring Fly-In to make visits to the Hill."

Outgoing President Myles Anderson again recognized and thanked all of the sponsors of the American Loggers Council emphasizing the importance of their contributions in keeping the Council funded and moving forward.

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor thanked outgoing President Myles Anderson for his leadership over the past twelve months and assured the group that the industry is in good hands with young men like Myles Anderson and Richard Schwab representing the professional timber harvesting industry.

### **About American Loggers Council**

The American Loggers Council is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization representing timber harvesting professionals in 30 states. For more information contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or visit their website at [www.amloggers.com](http://www.amloggers.com).