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LOGGERS ACROSS AMERICA CONVENE ON ALABAMA COAST FOR AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Hundreds of loggers from across the United States convened at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama for the American Loggers Council (ALC) annual meeting, celebrating 25 years as the national voice for independent contract loggers.



"We were are thankful for all the loggers that have taken the time to be here and celebrate this significant milestone in the history of the American Loggers Council," said Alabama logger Chris Potts, who hosted the annual meeting as ALC President. "This has been an opportunity not only to reflect on our past 25 years, but an opportunity to participate in discussions on where we will go in our next 25 years."

The three day conference included an active logging demonstration near Uriah, Ala. hosted by Thompson Tractor and Weyerhaeuser with Bill Hood from Weiler Forestry on hand to discuss their plans following the acquisition of Caterpillar Forest Products in early September. Technical sessions

on Friday included a presentation by Alabama State Forester Rick Oates. Alabama Forestry Association director Chris Issacson briefed attendees on local workforce development and logger recruitment efforts. Attorney Andrew Perrault provided a presentation on the legal issues involving maintaining the contractor/independent contractor relationship. Miranda Gowell offered an update on Team Safe Trucking, a program focused on increasing safety and training opportunity for log truck operators.



The afternoon session featured an All-Star panel of loggers on "Managing Change in Your Business," featuring Mike Albrecht, Richard Schwab, Mitchell Presley and Bruce Zuber. The panel, moderated by Tom Trone, advised attendees on the importance of adapting in a constantly changing business environment, including operating with a millennial-age workforce, among other issues.

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The ALC President's Award was given to Myles Anderson from Fort Bragg, California, recognizing his long-time service to the logging profession. Timber Harvesting Magazine's prestigious "Logging Business of the Year Award" was given to Miller Timber Services of Philomath, Oregon.



The American Loggers Council's National Logger Activist Award, which recognizes an activist who has demonstrated unselfish time and efforts to promote the timber harvesting profession, was presented to William C. Jones of Alabama.



The Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on September 28 and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, wood-energy, communications, membership, Master Logger and nomination committees. ALC will continue to be active in the policy-making in Washington DC, including advocating for key priorities including passage of the Future Logging Careers Act, Right to Haul Act, bio-mass utilization and federal forest management reforms.

Ladies were treated to a beach bash on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico and a shopping experience in Fairhope, Alabama. Attendees opened their pocket-books on September 27 at the annual ALC President's dinner and auction, where over \$30,000 was raised to support ALC programs and initiatives and another \$10,000 for the Log-A-Load for Kids program, which supports medical services for children through the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



During the closing President's dinner on Saturday night, Shannon Jarvis of Missouri was introduced as the new President of the American Loggers Council. Idaho logger Tim Christopherson and New Hampshire logger Andy Irish will serve as First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively. Shannon stated that his goals during his term as President included furthering the work on a developing strategic plan that would carry the American Loggers Council organization into its next 25 years.

SCTPA Comments: The ALC annual meeting was one of the best to celebrate ALC's 25 years of "Loggers Working for Loggers." South Carolina and SC Timber Producers Association had a great representation for the annual meeting. Attending from SC were SCTPA Chairman Bo Bo Seckinger and Jeanne Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Inc., Hampton; SCTPA board member Danny McKittrick and Kendra McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, LLC, Heath Springs; SCTPA board member Bob Lussier and Cindy Lussier, Great Woods Companies, LLC, Bennettsville; SCTPA Allied Supplier Member Donnie and Karen Watts and Gregg and Cindy Matthews, Palmetto State Insurance Agency, LLC, Lexington; and SCTPA President Crad Jaynes and Brenda Jaynes, Lexington. The Saturday afternoon panel discussion was very well done to hear the different discussions from loggers from around the country. SCTPA encourages our SC loggers to make an attempt to attend an American Loggers Council annual meeting to meet and talk with professional loggers from around this great country.

***See more ALC Annual Meeting photos on page 46.**



21ST SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING

SCTPA is excited about our 21st Annual Meeting to be held February 7– 9, 2020 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Our theme will be very simple... *Challenging Roads to the Future!* Loggers and the timber harvesting industry will continue to face new and different challenges into the future.

Friday's schedule will be a board of directors meeting, afternoon registration and evening welcome reception with food and entertainment. Friday's Welcome Reception entertainment will feature the No Holds Barred Band-DJ-KJ Mix. *PLUS... there will be an Elvis Presley impersonator doing a show.*

Saturday general session speakers will be: Travis Wheeler, Attorney, Nexsen Pruet, LLC to discuss the Anti-Trust Laws. We all hear the term anti-trust...but do we really know what it means. David Cook, SCDOT State Maintenance Director will address the SCDOT Encroachment Standards requirements to cross state owned road right-of-way and address what is required by SCDOT for logging road temporary driveways.

Saturday's luncheon will feature SC Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall talking about how SCDOT is improving SC's road safety, road conditions and bridges and what progress has been made and what infrastructure priorities are there for the future.

Saturday's association business session will feature the association's 2019 financials, Board of Directors elections, any bylaws changes, awards and presentations. We'll also have our prize drawings for the Honda Pioneer 700 Side By Side ATV, Honda Generator and free stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Saturday evening is free to enjoy Myrtle Beach. Carolina Opry discounted tickets are available through SCTPA for the Saturday, February 8th evening show.

We'll have the gospel group Port City Quartet for our Sunday Prayer Breakfast to bless us with their Southern Gospel music and faithful testimony.

Our Silent Auction will be available with a variety of nice items for bidding. Please donate an item. The prize drawings and silent auction help the association financially.

Exhibitors will be inside the conference center with their products and services. Outside exhibits of equipment, trucks, etc. will be in the parking lots.

And of course there will be plenty of door prizes. We'll draw a winner for a nice rifle or shotgun at Saturday's luncheon.

Discounted Carolina Opry tickets for the Saturday evening show February 8th are available for \$34 each and can be ordered with your meeting registration. *That's a \$15.40 per ticket savings versus regular price.*

Contact the Hilton World Wide Reservations directly to make your room reservations. **SCTPA's Group Code is... TMP.** Call Hilton World Wide Reservations at 1-855-778-1190. Be sure to specify *DoubleTree Resort By Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront* when making reservations. Book online at <http://group.doubletree.com/timberproducers>. SCTPA room block cut off is January 20, 2020. After January 20, 2020, standard room rates apply.

Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage everyone to bring your family and employees. Dress is business casual. We ask attire suited for a business meeting is worn.

Go ahead now and block the dates to join us February 7 – 9 for our 21st Annual Membership Meeting. Brenda and I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours truly,

Crad

Crad Jaynes
President

PLEASE NOTE: Sponsor/Exhibitor Packages will be mailed separately to Allied Suppliers & Allied Supporters



2020 SCTPA Annual Meeting

SCTPA 2020 Annual Meeting will be February 7 – 9, 2020 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Reservations are to be made directly with **Hilton World Wide Reservations** by calling **1-855-778-1190**. The SCTPA Annual Meeting Reference Group Code is...**TMP**.

Provide **Group Code TMP** when making room reservations. Be sure to specify *DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront* when making room reservations.

Reservations can be made online by using this booking link. Be sure to use the entire URL for it to work properly.

Booking link: <http://group.doubletree.com/timberproducers>

Hotel: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront

Group Name: Timber Producers

SCTPA room block rates cut off is January 20, 2020. After January 20, 2020, regular room rates will apply. SCTPA has no flexibility with this cut off. Hilton reservation cancellation policy applies.

There is no reservation form for your use. Make room reservations direct with Hilton.

2020 SCTPA Annual Meeting

DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Room Rates

SCTPA Room Block Code - TPM

Room Type	Single Rate	Double Rate
Deluxe Room - 2 Queen Beds	\$ 92	\$ 92
Deluxe Room - 1 Queen Bed	\$ 92	\$ 92
King Suites	\$ 162	\$ 162

Please Note: All rooms are subject to applicable state and local taxes and resort fee plus any other applicable fees charged by the DoubleTree Resort per guest room per night. Hilton policies and fees apply for room reservations as well as room cancellations. SCTPA has no control on these charged fees.



2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

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

WHEN: Noon, Saturday, February 8, 2020

**WHERE: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront
3200 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 Financial Report.
- ✦ Be presented bylaws amendment recommendations for approval and adoption.
- ✦ Elect Board of Directors.

As a member, you should plan to attend the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting. This is a member privilege and wonderful opportunity to get involved in your Association.

You can participate in the decision making process through interaction with the Board of Directors and fellow members. Your vote is needed for the adoption of Bylaws recommendations, if Bylaws changes are needed, and Board of Directors elections.

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 **February 7 – 9, 2020 at Myrtle Beach's DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront for your Annual Membership Meeting.**

Annual meeting registration and information packages will be mailed to all categories of active members. Sponsor and Exhibitor packages will be mailed separately to prospective annual meeting sponsors and exhibitors.

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21st SCTPA Annual Membership Meeting

MEETING AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting... Members & Guests Welcome
3:00 p.m. Registration Desk... Open Until 8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception... Food, Music & Dancing with a *DJ*!

Conference Center
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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
8:15 a.m. Speaker: Travis Wheeler, Attorney, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, Columbia
Anti-Trust - Do You Understand the Law & Seriousness of the Law
8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
9:50 a.m. Speaker: David Cook, SC Dept. of Transportation, Columbia
10:55 a.m. Morning Break
11:50 a.m. Break for Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Membership Luncheon & Business Meeting
12:45 p.m. Chairman's Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
Speakers: Christy Hall, SC Secretary of Transportation, SCDOT
Rick Quagliaroli, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast
Business Session: President's Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report, Board Elections,
Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
2:50 p.m. Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. Workshop: SFI Trained TOP DVD Module for SFI Training For
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5:00 p.m. Adjourn
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *Port City Quartet - Gospel Music Group*
10:05 a.m. Silent Auction Announcements & Final Comments
10:30 a.m. Adjourn Meeting

Conference Center

3rd Floor

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

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

EXHIBITOR HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING!

2020 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

February 7 - 9, 2020

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Discounted <i>Carolina Opry</i> Tickets <i>Saturday Evening Show, FEB. 8, 7 p.m.</i> <i>Tickets Are Non-Refundable</i> <i>Save \$ 15.40 Per Ticket</i>	_____ @ \$ 33 Per Person = \$ _____.		
		TOTAL \$ DUE & PAID \$	_____.

* Please Refer to Member & Active Member Employee Descriptions Below *

Return Completed Registration & Check Payable To: SC Timber Producers Association (SCTPA)

*Members ** = Active Members, Allied Supplier Members & Allied Supporting Members with Paid Dues.
Active Member Employee ** = Active Logger, Wood Dealer or Trucker Member Sponsored Employees Only not an owner, partner or corporate officer of active member's business. Supervisors & employees are encouraged to attend.
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Regular Hotel Room Rates Will Apply After January 10, 2018. Hilton Room Cancellation Policy Applies.

SCTPA Annual Meeting Cancellation Policy: Full refund if written cancellation received by January 1, 2020.
50% refund if written cancellation request received by January 10, 2019. NO REFUND after January 10, 2020.

Additional Names for Annual Meeting Registration & Name Badges:

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2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Two Board of Directors Seats will need to be elected at our February 8, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board terms for Seat 4 served by Billy Walker, Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, Laurens, and Seat 5 served by Donnie Lambert, Leo Lambert Logging, Inc., Georgetown will expire December 31, 2019.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

Board members serve four-year terms. Board responsibilities are to establish policies, direct legislative advocacy, guide programs and efforts to improve and benefit the timber harvesting industry, oversee association fiscal responsibilities and charge association staff to fulfill the association's duties and daily functions.

Board members are responsible for attending board meetings and local district meetings. Plus, promote professional timber harvesting in SC, seek SCTPA members, represent the association at events where needed and promote the association. One board meeting is conducted at the annual meeting with bimonthly meetings held in Columbia beginning at the end of February or early March.

Any member solely and directly engaged in the logging business and in good standing with paid dues as of December 31, 2019, may be nominated for any of the upcoming seats regardless if current board member has indicated running for re-election. Any member regardless of location is eligible for nomination. Logger members are encouraged to enter your name or the name of another logger member as an eligible candidate.

To enter your name for nomination or to nominate someone else, please contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office no later than January 17, 2020.

Thanks for your assistance in this important association process.

Nominations Committee

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AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL (ALC) PROGRAM DETAILS



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Program Details:

- Members receive a \$2,000 **CASH** rebate on Models 567, 367, or 365.
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- ALC members must be in good standing for at least 90 days prior to taking retail delivery.
- ALC members must take retail delivery between **January 1, 2019** and **December 31, 2019**.
Retail delivery is defined as the time the ownership of the truck is transferred from the Peterbilt dealer to the customer.

Other Details:

- Request for customer rebate incentives must be **received by ALC** within 90 days of taking retail delivery.
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2019 LOGGER ACTIVIST AWARD NOMINATION

Nominations for SCTPA's **2019 Gene Collins Logger Activist of the Year Award** are being sought. Award will be presented at the 2019 Annual Membership Business Luncheon and Meeting convening at noon, Saturday, February 9, 2020 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 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 15, 2020. Thank you for your nomination and association support.

Nominations Committee

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2019 Logger Activist Award Nomination

Nominee Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ SC Zip _____

Contact Office _____ Home _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

Nominated By _____ Date _____

Contact: Office _____ Cell _____

Describe nominee's activities: _____

Use Additional Pages If Needed



Developing Technology for the Forest Industry - Part 2

By Eric Kingsley, FRA Northeast Region Consultant

The forest products industry is positioned for technological change. We've certainly seen significant increases in the equipment our industry uses – in the woods, in the log yard, at the mill. However, there are lots of opportunities to harness information technology and make the forest products industry supply chain more efficient and transparent. In last month's Woods to Mill blog, I asked what issues people are facing that might be solved with technology solutions, particularly apps, software programs or other. Here's some of what I heard:

"One of the things on the top of my list is to have wood and chip drivers scale in at our mills using their smartphones, making the entry / exit more efficient... but the biggest motivator for me is to make it more safe. Most scale houses are inherently risky (high traffic, uneven walk surfaces, tight spaces, etc.). It drives me crazy every time I hear about a truck driver tripping or falling or having some sort of a safety incident / near miss." – pulp and paper mill

"We have an internally developed app that provides us the ability to complete a form, email it to anyone in the company (including automatic distribution by form), stores the record in a searchable database. It will also record GPS location and allows us to share pictures. We must have about a dozen regularly used forms that are completed on it. Mostly for logging, some for safety." – landowner

"Maybe a bit off target, but something that tracked current and pending industry policy at the state and federal levels (something more encompassing than simple compliance) might be useful to some." – industry consultant

"At [company], we are currently working on a project to improve our scaling functions at all of our scale houses. One objective is to keep the driver sitting in the cab of his truck while he does his transaction at the

scale house. We have had at least three driver injuries from slips/trips/falls at the scale house each year for the last five years.

The second objective is to bring more transparency and reportability to the full supply chain. We would like to be able to see loads that are headed our way (allows better workload planning, etc.). We would like to be able to reliably capture the GPS coordinates of the source of every load. Our suppliers would like to be able to see where their trucks are at all times, how many loads they have delivered, how long the wait is at each location, etc. Currently, there are a number of systems out there that address some of these concerns, but nothing touches on all of them.

The safety issue of keeping the driver in the truck is not adequately addressed with a kiosk box at the scales. Just visit any scale house and watch how different sized trucks driven by different sized drivers manage to reach that box. The driver stepping out of his cab to stand on his fuel tank and stretch to reach the kiosk is probably more unsafe than the driver climbing down out of the cab. Simple, inexpensive, cell phone or tablet-based systems to facilitate these transactions would be useful to everyone in the industry. Getting a critical mass of user acceptance will depend on providing many features at a reasonable cost." – pulp and paper mill

These are all great ideas and may provide opportunities for developers to work with our industry. In addition to these specific ideas, I heard from a forester who said, "I believe that our industry is on the forefront of a technology shift, due to shortages in labor, an aging workforce and infrastructure, as well as antiquated technologies." It's clear that there are opportunities to utilize technology to improve the forest industry supply chain, and I look forward to seeing (and sharing) what solutions come next.

2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Silent Auction Item Donation

Our Silent Auction has been successful because of the participation of our Allied Supplier, Allied Supporting and Individual Members. Our 2020 Annual Membership Meeting, February 7—9, at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, will again feature our Silent Auction. Auction proceeds are used to help financially support the association.

Would you and/or your company like to donate an item or contribute financially towards the purchase of a Silent Auction item? This is voluntary. Even if you are not attending the meeting, but would simply like to participate, we would certainly appreciate your contribution and involvement.

If you are interested, please return this form to the SCTPA office. Or you may contact the SCTPA office at 1-800-371-2240, fax 803-957-8990 or email bcipaw@windstream.net for more information. Your company will be recognized at the meeting as a Silent Auction Donor.

Thanks for your support in our efforts to continue representing professional loggers and timber producers here in South Carolina. Your Silent Auction donation is greatly appreciated. Your contribution may be tax deductible as a contribution to this association.

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As We See It: Follow the Plan, Achieve the Goal

By Shannon Jarvis

As loggers we have a cutting plan whenever we're felling a tree. We know where we want the tree to fall. Sometimes it may not go perfectly as planned despite our best efforts. It might get hung in another tree, or it may go the wrong way completely. All sorts of things can and will happen. In the end, however, we focus on achieving the goal and we get the tree down. Having a plan and achieving the goal is my approach to logging. This will also be my approach over the next year as President of the American Loggers Council.

My name is Shannon Jarvis. I am a 5th generation logger from the great state of Missouri, and I am my state's first certified Master Logger. I own and operate Jarvis Timber Company in Potosi, Missouri. I am a husband and a father of five. I am honored to have been chosen by my peers to serve as ALC president. I am grateful to follow in the footsteps of past presidents who have founded and grown the only national organization that's led by loggers for loggers, and I will seek to set an example for those who will follow after my term is complete in 2020.

My presidency will focus on executing ALC's &"five year plan" with the goal of strengthening its status as a national organization and an influential voice in forestry and natural resources. The goals of our plan are to attract more individuals to the timber industry; improve public relations and views on the timber industry; and build the Master Logger program, promote it, and help recognize the loggers who are doing the right thing.

I never set out to become the leader of this amazing group of individuals. I joined 10 years ago at the request of my state organization because they were interested in implementing the Master Logger program from the ALC. Along the way, I was inspired by the many great leaders that have been associated with this organization. I found that their causes be-

came my causes. The ALC is a unique assembly of many similar, and yet vastly different people. The concerns of the Western members are drastically different from those in the Deep South. The same could be said for every region that collectively gathers under the banner of "American Loggers Council."



As an organization with a wide variety of issues and interests, from tariffs to excessive environmental regulations and everything in between, my approach to the ALC Presidency will be to follow the plan and strive to find common ground. I will encourage each logger to walk a mile in their fellow loggers' boots, and try to see things from a different point of view other than their own.

No matter what challenges may arise, we will put our boots on, lace them up tight, and go to work together. Then when the time comes for us to step down from our roles and pass the torch to the younger generations, be able to look back and proudly say that we left it better than we found it. We executed the plan and "got the plan done" and as a result we positioned the logging industry for a great future.

Shannon Jarvis owns and operates Jarvis Timber Company in Potosi, Missouri, and serves as President of the American Loggers Council.

The American Loggers Council is an 501(c)(6) not for profit trade association representing professional timber harvesters throughout the United States. For more information please contact the American Loggers Council at 409-625-0206, or americanlogger@aol.com, or visit our website at amloggers.com.



PROCLAMATIONS

Presidential Proclamation on National Forest Products Week, 2019

LAND & AGRICULTURE

Issued on: October 18, 2019

Our Nation's forests and woodlands provide millions of Americans with an abundance of job opportunities, goods, and recreational activities. During National Forest Products Week, we pay tribute to the forest products industry for the important contributions it makes to our society and economy, and we recommit to keeping our wooded landscapes vibrant and strong.

Ninety-six percent of the industrial wood used in the United States comes directly from domestic supplies, making the forest products sector a truly American industry. The millions of acres of forests across our country supply the resources for paper and packaging materials, lumber for our homes, renewable energy materials, and countless other products. In addition to the tremendous impact the forest products industry has on our economy, businesses in this sector are at the forefront of conservation efforts, practicing responsible resource management and maintaining a strong commitment to preserving our abundant forests.

My Administration is working to protect our Nation's forests so that the forest products industry can continue to manufacture goods for domestic and global markets. Last year, I signed an Executive Order aimed at increasing responsible forest management and coordinating Federal, State, tribal, and local assets to prevent and combat the wildfires that have sadly devastated parts of our Nation's woodlands. I also signed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, which will help preserve the health of our forests and increase economic opportunities for the entire forest products sector. This bipartisan legislation promotes active management of natural resources, including our forests, and maintains strong rural development and research initiatives that benefit communities where the forest products industry drives local economies. It also promotes using America's forest materials, like cross-laminated timber — a strong, resilient product — as an innovative approach to constructing tall wooden buildings.

This week, we recognize the importance of the raw materials our forested lands supply for the production of goods throughout our country and around the world. We also pledge to support the proper management of our forests and woodlands so that they can continue to help power our economy and provide recreational opportunities for Americans for generations to come.

Recognizing the economic value of the products yielded in our Nation's forests, the Congress, by Public Law 86–753 (36 U.S.C. 123), as amended, has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday in October of each year as “National Forest Products Week” and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 20 through October 26, 2019, as National Forest Products Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to reaffirm our commitment to our Nation's forests.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

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- Verification of membership or affiliation status with ALC.
- Association membership must be valid for at least **90 days prior** to retail sold date.
- Trucks must be **new** and never been retail sold regardless of model year or mileage.
- Maximum of **five (5)** trucks per customer/company in a calendar year.
- Rebate claim must be processed within **30 days** of retail sale date.
- Not valid for gliders.
- Only one association rebate can be applied per claim per truck.

Process:

1. Association member advises dealer he or she is a member of the American Loggers Council or affiliate organization, and asks dealer to verify membership with ALC.
 - To verify membership, dealer needs to contact Mr. Daniel J. Dructor, American Loggers Council via e-mail at americanlogger@aol.com or by phone at 409.625.0206.
 - Please identify yourself as a Western Star Dealer requesting approval to offer a discount to the customer. Provide applicant name, organization, and membership number, if applicable.
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2. Association member makes his/her best deal on up to **five (5)** new trucks or tractors.
 - Truck can be from stock or new order.
3. Dealer report and enter the retail sale date and warranty registers the truck(s).
4. Dealer submits a TIA using General Adjustment Form referencing Customer Name, Association, and membership number (if applicable) in the notes section.
 - *If Association does not have a membership list or number, proof of membership (i.e. Membership Card or Membership dues receipt) must be attached in TIA system.*
5. Dealer submits Rebate Claim Form through the DASH.
6. Association membership and truck sale are verified before TIA is processed.
7. Dealer can apply the credit as requested by the customer/member:
 - Dealer uses rebate toward the deal listing the rebate as a line item on the invoice.
 - Dealer credits customer's parts/service account with full rebate amount.
 - Dealer pays the customer full rebate directly.

Western Star will send a Thank You letter to the customer to thank them for their purchase listing the rebate that was processed.

Dealer is responsible for ensuring all conditions of this program and Association memberships are met. TIA's will not be approved if any condition or Association memberships are not in accordance with this program.

For questions, please contact Susan Phan at 503.745.2146 or susan.phan@daimler.com.

WOOD MAGIC FOREST FAIR CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF EDUCATING CHILDREN

Wood Magic Forest Fair was established 20 years ago with the goal of educating school children about sustainable forestry, our forest environment, timber harvesting, reforestation and forest products. The program initially designed for fourth grader education level has now in recent years changed to target fifth graders due to the state department of education revising curriculums.



WMFF 5th Grade Classes at Harbison

Wood Magic Forest Fair is a free, fun, forestry-fact-filled field trip and festival for fifth-graders. A four-hour program of forestry-related educational experiences and demonstrations, the fair combines hands-on activities with visually engaging presentations to teach children about the importance of forest lands to wildlife, the economy and our daily quality of life. The program is designed to enable fifth-graders from across the state to:

- Demonstrate awareness that our society depends on forests for many products we use every day and that these products improve our quality of life.
- Explain the difference between renewable and non-renewable natural resources and apply the reduce-reuse-recycle principles of conservation.
- Recognize that many different management techniques are required to insure long-term sustainability of our forests.
- Describe the many environmental, social and economic benefits of our forests.

These goals are accomplished through a variety of 25-minute hands-on activities led by volunteers from numerous organizations. Classes move from station to station to participate and learn. Some of the stations visited are the saw mill, web of life,

good fire bad fire, paper making, timber harvesting equipment and of course see the magic show. Classes are guided by forestry folks who volunteer their time to serve.

The SC Wood Magic Forest Fair was first held October 18 – 22, 1999 at Harbison State Forest in Columbia. This extremely successful program



now has over 20th Anniversary Event at Harbison 36,385 participants in the 20 years since it began. Fairs are conducted in three state locations – Piedmont, Midlands and Coastal regions.

Every year teachers are asked to administer a Pre-Test and a Post-Test for the children who attend Wood Magic. Here are a few highlights of those test measures and are a testament to the program's effectiveness.

- Students show a +28 percentage-points gain in knowledge about forests in all of the major categories measured. Overall, the students' scores increased from 55 percent on the pre-test to 83 percent on the post-test.
- Before the program, only 329 % of the students understood the U.S. has more forests today than it did 100 years ago. After the program, 79% knew this to be the case.
- 87% of the students now recognize that more trees are planted each year in SC than are harvested.
- Before the program, only 30% of students thought using trees for the products we need is an environmentally friendly thing to do. After participating, 82% now recognize the environmental benefits of forests and believe this to be true.
- After the program, 91% of students recognize trees are a renewable natural resource.
- After attending the fair, 66% of students understood the main reason to recycle paper is to save landfill space and reduce waste. Only 29% understood this before the program.
- Before attending, 45% of students thought prescribed (controlled) fires were harmful to

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forests and wildlife habitat. Afterward, 91% of students recognized prescribed forests are used to improve forests and wildlife habitat.

SC Timber Producers Association is very proud to have participated as a sponsor, class guide and instructor for twenty years.

The Wood Magic Forest Fair held October 28 – November 1 at Harbison State Forest in Columbia included an afternoon 20th anniversary gathering of sponsors, guides, instructors and volunteers. A large crowd turned out to celebrate this 20 year milestone of success in educating children about sustainable forestry and forestry industry. SCTPA's president Crad Jaynes attended the event and thanked everyone for their hard work to make Wood Magic Forest Fair the outstanding program it is and for the program's success of educating children about our industry.



Classes gathered for departure



Classes gathered for magic show



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FMCSA CLEARINGHOUSE: Pay to Play, and You Must Play

The countdown is on to January 6, 2020, the official compliance date for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's ("FMCSA") Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse").

According to the Executive Summary of the Final Rule, "the purpose of the Clearinghouse ... is to maintain records of all drug and alcohol program violations in a central repository and require that employers query the system to determine whether current and prospective employees have incurred a drug or alcohol violation that would prohibit them from performing safety-sensitive functions covered by the FMCSA and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) drug and alcohol testing regulations." 81 FR 87686.

In theory, the Clearinghouse sounds great -- a one-stop, "liquor store drive thru" to assist Carriers in verifying qualified drivers. The FMCSA has set up scores of webpages dedicated to promoting and explaining the program and hailing its strengths:

"If a driver has a drug and alcohol program violation in one State, then applies for a commercial driver's license in another State, will the Clearinghouse be able to connect that driver's drug and alcohol violation history to the new CDL?" **Yes.**

"Does the Clearinghouse contain all drug and alcohol information for a driver in one place?" **Yes.**

"Is the Clearinghouse subject to the Privacy Act requirements?" **Yes.**

"Can a driver correct information recorded about him in the Clearinghouse?" **Yes.**

According to the FMCSA, "the Clearinghouse will improve highway safety by helping employers, FMCSA, State Driver Licensing Agencies, and State law enforcement to quickly and efficiently identify drivers who are

not legally permitted to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) due to drug and alcohol program violations.

This secure online database will provide access to real-time information, ensuring that drivers committing these violations complete the necessary steps before getting back behind the wheel, or performing any other safety-sensitive function." "FMCSA: Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse "Coming Soon Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse", <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/> (September 10, 2019).

It's all very exciting. Until you read further. The fine print gets you every time, and the time for the practical application in preparation for compliance with the Clearinghouse rules is immediate.

In reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions concerning the Clearinghouse, or even better, the language of the Final Rule itself, it becomes quite clear the benefits of the Clearinghouse come most often at the expense of the employer in the way of time, personnel obligation, and financial resources.

Employers may register for the Clearinghouse as early as this fall to create an account to gain access to the system. The majority of Clearinghouse obligations may be found at FMCSA §§382.701-727.

These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following requirements for employers of drivers: 1) conducting a pre-employment query of the Clearinghouse for driver drug and alcohol histories (382.701(a)); 2) conducting an annual query of the Clearinghouse for all employees subject to controlled substance and alcohol testing (382.701(2)); 3) retaining query records for three years (382.701(3)); obtaining driver written or electronic consent to access the Clearinghouse for a particular driver's records (382.703(1)); and reporting the results of various alcohol, refusal, and negative return to duty tests in sufficient detail and with adequate documentation within three business days (382.705(b)). The regulations leave open the option of penalty for noncompliance. As an added difficulty, drivers must first provide consent within the Clearinghouse before employers can access specific driver data.

As for cost, pricing options were recently released by the FMCSA on August 20, 2019 for query plans (i.e. driver data search plans). Individual query plans charge a flat rate of \$1.25 per query, which is applied to both limited and full queries. Various "bundles" are also available within the individual query plan.

For example, employers can pay \$125 for 100 queries,

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\$1,250 for 1,000 queries, or \$9,375 for 7,500 queries. The unlimited query plan charges an annual fee of \$24,500. All employers of CDL drivers are required to purchase a query plan, beginning now, in the fall of 2019.

The bottom line is an employer of commercial drivers is required to utilize the Clearinghouse, which means it is required to comply with entering data into the Clearinghouse and pay a fee to use the Clearinghouse.

You must pay to play, and you must play. Although employers are able to use third party administrators under the rule, for most, the Clearinghouse will mean

recruiting, HR, or safety departments will be faced with an additional task of not only pulling Clearinghouse data, but ensuring timely data entry as well.

The legal implication of non-compliance goes beyond non-feasance with a new program. In a world of Reptile litigation and negligent supervision claims, stringent record keeping and FMCSA compliance becomes more important than ever. Time is of the essence to establish a game plan to put personnel in place, set aside a budget, and figure out how to emphasize the positives of the Clearinghouse while mastering the employer obligations.

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Sky is an employee, truck driver, for Bob and Cindy Lussier, Great Woods Companies, LLC, Bennettsville, SC. Sky is a valuable team member of the Great Woods Companies. Great Woods Companies is a SCTPA Timber Harvester member and Bob serves on the SCTPA board of directors.

Little Schuyler is going in for his fifth open heart surgery on December 16 in Charleston. Sky and Renae will miss a lot of work time to make trips back and forth to the hospital with him.

Renae lost her mother a couple of months ago and now the holidays are coming soon. They have just had a rough time this year and we want to be able to help them.

Sky is the first one to help others and never asks for anything in return. Now it's time to return the favor.

SCTPA wants to help this worthy family and if you would consider helping, your donation would be so appreciated by the Whitney family.

Cindy Lussier established a Go Fund Me account and the account link is shown below. Or you may send your donation payable to... Sky Whitney. Send

your donation to Bob and Cindy Lussier's home address at 1841 Odom Lane. Blenheim, SC 29516. Any amount donation is appreciated.

SCTPA and I appreciate everyone's kindness in helping this family.

Crad Jaynes
President

SC Timber Producers Association

Here is the link to the Go Fund Me page if anyone is interested in providing a donation - https://www.gofundme.com/f/whitney-family-home-fire?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR040oNX4oSxiAG-uoJ2e958si4aCMI0D6fgc6kV7FS21aRu1l-wX49EcHg



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SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

American Loggers Council Annual Meeting *Orange Beach, Alabama*

By Crad Jaynes, President & CEO

South Carolina had a very wet period for over five months from October until March. First in October, Hurricane Florence flooded eastern SC in the Pee Dee areas and into NC. Record rainfall and devastating flooding washed roads and bridges out and caused the closings of many roads. Loggers were forced to move westward to find drier tracks. In many instances tracts were inaccessible due to flooding, road closures and bridge closures. For many days some loggers could not get to their equipment on tracts where harvesting had stopped due to the weather. Wood receiving mills shut operations for a few days because of the hurricane. Second event was Hurricane Michael hitting and crossing the state along the middle of the state as it advanced from Georgia to North Carolina bringing more rain to already flooded areas. At least Uncle Michael was fast moving versus Aunt Florence that lingered for several days.

So SC's loggers really took a beating over the late Fall, Winter and early Spring months. After Florence and Michael SCTPA did a survey of many Pee Dee area loggers and the average production days lost ranged anywhere from 4 to as much as 10 days. Simply put... it was wet, wet, and more wet.

After the hurricanes markets have remained good with sawmills operating at a little less than full capacities, but wood has been moving. Quotas kicked in when it dried up, but still markets were taking wood. Pulpwood receiving markets have remained steady to strong over the course of the year.

There were mill acquisition announcements in the state. WestRock purchased the KapStone Charleston Kraft paper mill in Charleston, SC. Canfor entered into a purchase agreement with Elliott Sawmill in Estill, SC. Canfor now has a four sawmill presence and

WestRock has a two paper mill presence in the state.

SCTPA entered its 20th year with our "Log On Truck Safe" Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, February 2019. Trucking was the driving issue as Auto Liability insurance premiums have skyrocketed for most log truck owners. Finding and maintaining safe, qualified drivers has been a "real" issue for the unmanufactured forest products trucking segment in SC. The attendance was outstanding as over 400 attended with twenty-nine inside exhibitors and trucks, trailers logging equipment displayed in the parking lot areas.

SCTPA proudly welcomed several outstanding speakers. Retired SC State Transport Police Captain Rick Shell, Pre-Trip, LLC, Laurens, SC, presented his Trucking Audit 101 and explained the federal and state trucking regulations plus what to expect and how to be prepared for a trucking audit. Robert Crenshaw, Area Director with ReadySC and Apprenticeship Carolina discussed the new Logger Apprenticeship program for high school juniors and seniors and adults to enter to learn about the timber harvesting industry. Participants can learn about logging and operations by being an apprentice with a logging business. They can go to a jobsite and learn, but are restricted from operating logging equipment. But the apprentices can learn all the other facets of the business. Robert talked about how SCTPA Vice-Chairman Josh Key and his company was instrumental in developing the program and how it was working for Josh's company Beech Island Timber & Construction, Inc., Jackson, SC. Josh has four apprentices and the apprentices get paid during their apprenticeship and the logging company receives state tax credits.

Carlton Owen, President of the U.S. Endowment for

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Forests & Rural Communities was the featured Saturday luncheon speaker. He discussed the work of the Endowment in many phases of the forestry industry for product development and innovation. He talked about the Real Time Turn Time application being piloted in SC with the assistance of the U.S. Endowment and The Worthwhile Company. The computer and/or cell phone "app" allows loggers and drivers to see what the actual real time turn time is at mills across the state by tracking the trucks registered in the system. The "app" has been successful in helping loggers pick up a few more loads during the week. The "app" improves trucking efficiencies with over 344 trucks in the pilot project.

Rudy Ritter and R. A. Ritter Logging Company, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC, was presented the SCTPA 2018 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award for their outstanding timber harvesting business, their sincere commitment to community involvement, sustainable forestry education and support of SCTPA. Forestry Mutual Insurance Company awarded their Logger of the Year to Jack Gaston, Gaston Logging, LLC, Lockhart, SC, for their outstanding business and outstanding safety program as a policy holder. Swamp Fox Agency, LLC awarded their Timber Industry Leadership Award to Ryan Walker, Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, Laurens, SC, for his work in promotion, outreach and education for professional logging and sustainable forestry. An association founding father and twenty year board member, Joe Young was presented the SCTPA Board of Directors Service Award as he stepped down from the board. Joe's presence in the industry is widely known and he has been a tremendous spokesman for our industry. Joe also received the award naming him Board of Directors Emeritus as he will be an honorary lifetime board member.

South Carolina's legislative session was active for forestry and trucking issues. SCTPA supported the SC Trucking Association (SCTA) and the Forestry Association of South Carolina (FASC) in efforts for legislative issues such as tort reform, finding ways the state can assist in attracting and training more truck drivers for all trucking segments. SCTPA, SCTA and FASC testified at SC House of Representatives hearings to encourage the General Assembly's help by providing more funding to technical schools for CDL driver training, funding for the Associated Industries of SC Coalition Be Pro Be Proud SC campaign and pass legislation to curtail or at least reign in the overzealous attorneys' media

advertisements. Board member Tommy Barnes, Ideal logging, Inc., Edgemoor, SC, testified at one hearing and told the sub-committee he and his company were just one truck wreck from being homeless due to the plaintiff's attorneys feeding on the trucking industry. He ended his testimony by saying "when those hyenas finish with us, they're coming after you." SCTPA supported SCTA's legislation that passed providing protections to CDL drivers and CDL driver employers against liabilities because a CDL driver is deemed to be a qualified driver. The sales tax exemptions issue came to a head and the sales tax exemption for off-road diesel fuel and agricultural equipment replacement parts, including logging equipment, was upheld and not impacted. SCTPA and FASC continue work to change the law for the transportation of logging equipment on a lowboy to be exempt up to sixteen feet wide just like the exemption for agricultural equipment transportation. Tort reform discussions will be a major issue in the 2020 legislative session. SCTPA is supporting the SC Civil Justice Coalition to work on tort reform. FASC and SCTPA have begun work to increase trucking GVW for transporting unmanufactured forest products from timber harvesting sites to wood receiving mills from the current 84,272 pounds to 90,000 pounds on state roads. SCTPA supported the SC Forestry Commission's annual budget request with attendance at House and Senate budget hearings and provided support letters.

Local issues continue such as counties attempting to restrict log truck traffic on county roads, both paved and dirt. SCTPA partners with FASC to work with local governments to resolve the issues and educating the counties about the SC Right to Forestry Law that provides protections against counties and municipalities passing ordinances that restrict or prohibit sustainable forestry practices. Several municipalities and counties have posted roads to no truck traffic without SCDOT's approval. More counties are attempting to pass ordinances to restrict log trucks and basically all heavy trucks from using county maintained roads. Counties are trying to recoup road repair costs by incorporating in their ordinances surety bonds, penalties and pre and post site notifications and inspections. SCTPA continues to partner with the SC Forestry Commission and the Forestry Association of SC to make good things happen for South Carolina forestry, logging and forest products sectors.

SCTPA continued its activities with the SC Biomass Council as SCTPA president ended serving as chair-

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man. The Biomass Council continued its work on improving the use of woody biomass and other biomass products in SC manufacturing and energy generation. Activities continued with the Statewide Trucking Task Force, SFI State Implementation Committee, SFI Timber Operations Professional Training Program, Team Safe Trucking and organizations such as the Forestry Association and the SC Trucking Association and SC State Transport Police. SCTPA continues to work with SC State Transport Police on issues for unmanufactured forest product trucking regarding size, weight, inspections, accidents and regulatory enforcement. Issues of State Transport Police's focus have been safety and driver behavior have been discussed. SCTPA continued representing timber harvesting in coalitions to promote forestry, agricultural, wildlife, natural resources and agribusiness to promote these segment's importance to the SC General Assembly, state agencies and public for economic development.

SCTPA along with the Forestry Association of SC are founding members of Associated Industries of South Carolina Foundation and continued supporting efforts for Be Pro Be Proud SC. The program is modeled after the successful Arkansas Be Pro Be Proud program. This effort is aimed at middle and high school students, at-risk students and adults to enter the skilled-trades careers, blue collar sector, for training and job facilitation. The project did receive some state funding passed by the 2019 General Assembly to build and deploy a mobile skilled professional jobs promotion tractor trailer unit with the trailer equipped with work stations for displaying job careers in forestry, construction, agribusiness, trucking, heavy equipment and others. SCTPA attended a meeting of Coalition members at the SC Chamber of Commerce to discuss the logistics of the efforts.

SCTPA and Southern Loggers Cooperative (SLC) continue to work to establish fuel depots in the state. The Allendale, Georgetown and Orangeburg depots have been operating with continued interests from WestRock to locate a SLC fuel depot at the Florence paper mill. Further efforts are being made to locate a SLC fuel depot at the Carolina Chips wood chipping facility in Holly Hill, SC. This mill operated by Price Industries supplies chips to the WestRock paper mill in Charleston. SCTPA acts as the SC on-the-ground representative for the program.

SCTPA participated in the 2019 SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers Tour, a five-day sustainable forestry

education program. This year's June tour was "hot" as usual and was based in the Pee Dee area. Teacher participation was down as only eighteen teachers participated. Even though down on quantity the quality was high. Statewide teachers toured a private tree farm, industrial and state forest timberland management sites as well as visiting a sawmill, paper mill, particle board mill and seeing active logging sites.

SCTPA board members Danny McKittrick, Josh Key, Bob Lussier, BoBo Seckinger, president Crad Jaynes and Josh's brother John visited our South Carolina U.S. House and Senate delegation during the American Loggers Council Spring Fly In and board meeting in Washington, DC to promote the ALC issues and state issues related to sustainable forestry, professional logging and trucking and garner support for the Safe Routes Act and Future Logging Careers Act. SCTPA's president attended the American Loggers Council's summer board meeting in Portland, Oregon sponsored by Daimler Trucks North America.

SCTPA continued providing the SFI Training in our Timber Operations Professional (TOP) program to members using the DVD format for the annual training period of July 1 – June 30. SCTPA participates in the 2-Day TOP program for the initial SFI Trained status in SC.

As South Carolina's professional timber harvesters, wood suppliers and timber truckers continue to face challenges, SCTPA will continue to assist timber harvesting and wood supply business professionals meet and exceed the challenges for improved economic, production and market opportunities.

SCTPA is proud to be THE association representing, servicing and advancing the professionals harvesting, producing and trucking South Carolina's sustainable forest resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Crad Jaynes
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Department of Motor Vehicles

To: All customers paying the Road Use Fee for a large commercial motor vehicle

From: Laura Bayne, Director of Vehicle Services *LB*

Date: October 23, 2019

Subject: Road Use Fee (RUF) Calculations

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) received stakeholder feedback that the agency was incorrectly assigning "Fair Market Value" (FMV) for the basis of the Road Use Fee (RUF) calculation paid by commercial motor vehicles. In response to this feedback, the DMV has revised its process to account for the FMV definition provided for in SC Code §12-37-2820(A) rather than the definition provided for in Title 56. The law reads:

The Department of Motor Vehicles annually shall assess, equalize, and apportion the valuation of all large commercial motor vehicles and buses of motor carriers registered for use in this State under the International Registration Plan or otherwise pursuant to Section 56-3-190. The valuation must be based on fair market value for the motor vehicles and an assessment ratio of nine and one-half percent as provided by Section 12-43-220(g). Fair market value is determined by depreciating the gross capitalized cost of each motor carrier's large commercial motor vehicle or bus by an annual percentage depreciation allowance down to ten percent of the cost...

Gross capitalized cost is further defined in SC Code §12-37-2820(B) as "the original cost upon acquisition for income tax purposes, not to include taxes, interest, or cab customizing."

When the DMV took over this responsibility from the Department of Revenue, the agency did not have any vehicle-specific FMVs it could use as a starting point for calculations. So, the agency utilized the same process that DOR did when a FMV based on an invoice or bill of sale did not exist: it queried Price Digest with the VIN to determine the FMV. In some cases, this valuation benefitted the customer, but in other cases, it did not.

If you disagree with the DMV regarding the amount of RUF you owe (based on the Price Digest valuation) for a specific vehicle, please e-mail the appropriate e-mail address below **before** remitting payment for the RUF. In that e-mail, please provide any and all supporting documentation you have (bills of sales, invoices, and your last PT-441/PT-453) that would show your gross capitalized cost for each specific vehicle. If you do not have documentation to demonstrate your gross capitalized cost, you can 1) have the DMV continue to use the Price Digest valuation for your vehicle or 2) provide the DMV with a certified appraisal of your vehicle to use in the calculation.

The subject line of all e-mails sent should read "RUF Calculation."

For apportioned, interstate large commercial motor vehicles: MCSRUF@scdmv.net

For large commercial motor vehicles operating solely within South Carolina: cartaxes@scdmv.net

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2019

The Honorable Patrick Pizzella
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Acting Secretary Pizzella:

We are writing to request the Department of Labor's (DOL) assistance in providing much-needed regulatory relief for our nation's forest products industry through granting an exemption pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S. Code 213(c)(1), (2), to permit young adults between the ages of sixteen and eighteen to participate in and learn the operations of family logging businesses under the direction and supervision of their parents.

The forest products industry is an economic driver that provides good-paying jobs in many rural communities across the country. Nationwide, this sector employs nearly one million workers and accounts for approximately four percent of the total U.S. manufacturing GDP. Additionally, the industry is a leading producer and consumer of renewable energy and over the years has set the global standard for sustainable forest harvesting.

Despite the significant economic and environmental benefits of sustainable tree harvesting, the industry is facing significant workforce shortages that could hinder the future growth of this important manufacturing sector. While we strongly support skills-based and technical education programs, many young people are enrolling in colleges that do not provide students with the skills and training needed to pursue logging careers.

However, much like farming and ranching, the timber harvesting profession is often a family run business where the practice and techniques of harvesting and transporting forest products from the forest to receiving mills is passed down from one generation to the next. Unfortunately, young men and women in families who own and operate timber harvesting companies are denied the opportunity to work and learn the family trade until the age of eighteen.

Timber harvesting operations are labor intensive, highly mechanized and technical careers that require on-the-ground training to promote efficiencies and expertise in performing those operations. This requires young men and women to learn how to run the business, including equipment operation and maintenance, prior to the age of eighteen.

The economic vitality of our nation's forest products industry is essential not only to these local communities and regions but also to the nation's manufacturing base. That is why we introduced the bipartisan and bicameral *Future in Logging Careers Act*. Absent congressional action, we encourage the DOL to consider granting an exemption to allow sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds to work in mechanized logging operations, provided they are under parental supervision.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this issue further with you and your staff. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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SCTPA President Crad Jaynes said, "SCTPA is pleased and proud to partner with Michelin North America to offer this valuable and cost saving opportunity for our members. Our members are always our first priority and when our association can provide a cost saving program like this, it is a "win" for everyone. I appreciate Michelin partnering with us in this program."

This program is available to ALL active dues paid members in all SCTPA member categories. Program is effective as June 1, 2019. Members are able to visit any local Michelin dealer. Program requires an application be completed and the use of a credit or debit card.

Member Process for SCTPA Michelin & BFG Tire Program

- 1) Contact SCTPA to receive active member number, membership period and member status (logger, wood dealer, etc.).
- 2) Must be an Active Dues Paid SCTPA Member.
- 3) Interested SCTPA members should reach out to your local Michelin Tire Dealer.
- 4) Complete the application and forward it to Jalisa Byas (Jalisa.byas@michelin.com) or Steve Wilt (Steve.wilt@michelin.com). Jalisa is the SC Representative and Steve is the Territory Manager. Application available from SCTPA. Write your SCTPA member number and member period on the application at the top left under Michelin logo. *Example: SCTPA ##### / 01-01-19/20*. Sign and send both the Application and Conditions of Sale pages.
- 5) Either Jalisa and/or Steve will verify active membership with SCTPA's Crad Jaynes.
- 6) Once application is verified, it will be sent to Michelin for approval.
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- 10) Once a member is registered on **Michelinb2b.com**, member will have access to all their purchase reports and tire pricing.
- 11) Members can go to any Michelin dealer to purchase tires.
- 12) Tires cannot be ordered online or shipped to the customer. Must go through a Michelin dealer.

SCTPA is pleased to offer our members this tire discount program on the high quality tire products offered by Michelin Tire and B. F. Goodrich Tire. Should a member have any questions, feel free to contact SCTPA.

Handout information from presentation by Andrew Perreault, Attorney with Goforth Hale LLC, Attorneys at Law, Birmingham, Alabama at the 25th American Loggers Council Annual Meeting, Orange Beach, Alabama, September 27, 2019

Maintaining the Contractor / Independent Contractor Relationship

1. The ultimate issue is how much control you have over the means of work. The general test in determining whether your company might be held liable under the theory of *respondent supervisor* (agency/employee status) is whether the employer has reserved the right of control over the means by which the work is done. The alleged employer must have reserved the right to direct not only what work was to be done, but also how that work was to be done. Control is not established if the owner retains the right to supervise the independent contractor ("IC") merely to determine if the IC performs in conformity with the contract.
 - a) You are looking to avoid an employer/employee relationship, and /or the appearance that the IC is acting as an agent of your company.
 - b) Some issues showing control:
 - i. Do you set the work hours?
 1. Try to be flexible.
 2. Obviously if delivering timber, must be in the woods when your crew is there if the crew is to load the trailer.
 - ii. Do you tell the IC how to complete the work?
 1. Don't set times for work breaks, etc. Don't tell the IC when to arrive and go home.
 2. Do not mandate which employees the IC uses. The IC needs to be responsible for staffing the job for the work to be completed.
 3. Do not require which employees the IC hires and fires.
 4. Similarly, do not ask for certain trucks or trailers. Let the IC provide as they see fit.
 5. Do not set requirements on how the timber is delivered, such as the preferred routes.
 6. You should still require safety protocols be followed while on site, for example requiring on site personnel to wear hard hats and vests.
2. Do you have a written contract?
 - a) A written contract is not required, but certainly suggested. Some companies have actual contracts, and some do not. Just because you do not, does not mean a contract relationship does not exist, but it is safer if you do have a contract in place.
 - b) What should the contract include?
 - i. First and foremost, you should include the requirement that the IC carry appropriate amounts of liability insurance to cover their work, and that the policy name you as an additional insured. You will want to make sure you get a copy of the policy as well. You want to make sure you are not paying for the insurance or making any strict requirements as to how it is procured or who the insurer is.
 - ii. It is recommended to ask that the IC carry Workers Compensation Insurance. Otherwise, it could create a situation where the IC will try to create an employee relationship so you will be responsible for the Workers Compensation Liability, and not the IC.
 - iii. You should state in the contract that there is an owner / IC relationship in place, and the IC is not to be considered an employee. Can help if for some reason the IC comes back down the line and tries to claim employee status.
 - iv. Set forth how the IC will be paid.
 - v. Note they are to be paid via 1099 by job, load etc., not by an hourly rate or via a payroll W-2. Typically, IC's are paid by the work completed, not by the time spent on the job. Do not have your IC "clock-in" and "clock-out."
 - vi. Do not take taxes out of any payments to the IC or make any other deductions.

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- vii. Make sure the relationship can be terminated "at will." In other words, you can cease using the IC's services without sufficient reason.
- c) What should the contract not include?
 - i. Try not to include strict guidelines on how the work is to be undertaken or the means by which it is completed.
 - ii. The more detail that is included which sets forth how the work should be conducted, the more ammunition for saying an employee relationship exists
- 3. Try to refrain from providing tools and supplies.
 - a) When possible, the IC needs to use their own equipment and supplies. In the context of an independent hauler, this means their own truck, trailer, tie downs, and flags.
 - b) If delivering loads, have the IC purchase their own fuel, and not fill up at your expense.
 - c) Do not provide the IC with a company phone.
 - d) If the IC is using a truck you own, even in a lease arrangement, there will be an argument that your company is controlling the work.
 - e) If the IC is on site and missing certain required equipment, it is fine to provide it for them. Items such as required hard hats, safety vests, etc. However, if possible, have the IC ultimately purchase their own, or charge them for what you provided.
- f) Some items you must unavoidably supply, such as mill entrance and ID cards, permits, etc. Just use your common sense.
- g) Don't ask the IC to put a logo or sticker of your company on their truck or equipment.
- 4. Do not prohibit competition.
 - a) If you require the IC to work exclusively for you, it will give the appearance of an employer/employee relationship.
 - b) Allow the IC to conduct work for other primary contractors.
 - c) If possible, try to use different IC's for your work. The more exclusive the relationship you have with the IC, the more they look like an employee.

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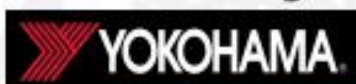
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Risch, Golden Lead Bipartisan Effort to Level the Playing Field for Family Businesses in Forest Products Industry

To help family logging businesses address workforce shortages in the forest products industry, U.S. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine), joined by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), led a bipartisan and bicameral group of 16 lawmakers today calling on the Department of Labor (DOL) to take action. The members urged DOL to grant a regulatory exemption that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to learn the logging trade under parental supervision.



“The forest products industry is an economic driver that provides good-paying jobs in many rural communities across the country,” the lawmakers wrote. “Much like farming and ranching, the timber harvesting profession is often a family run business where the practice and techniques of harvesting and transporting forest products from the forest to receiving mills is passed down from one generation to the next. Unfortunately, young men and women in families who own and operate timber harvesting companies are denied the opportunity to work and learn the family trade until the age of eighteen.”

The changes requested in the members’ letter mirror those proposed in the Future in Logging Careers Act, which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 so that 16- and 17-year-olds are allowed to work in certain logging operations under parental supervision. The legislation was introduced by Sens. Risch and King (I-Maine) as S. 818 in the Senate and by Reps. Golden and Thompson (R-Pa.) as H.R. 1785 in the House.

“The economic vitality of our nation’s forest products industry is essential not only to these local communities and regions but also to the nation’s manufacturing base,” continued the lawmakers. “That is why we introduced the bipartisan and bicameral Future in Logging Careers Act. Absent congressional action, we encourage the DOL to consider granting an exemption to allow sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds to work in mechanized logging operations...”

The farming and ranching industry already enjoy a similar exemption. Such a change would help address the workforce shortage in the logging industry and help to prepare young Americans for careers in timber harvesting. Logging is complicated and technical work that demands training and experience that many colleges do not offer. Forcing family members to wait until the age of eighteen to begin the intensive on-the-ground training that logging demands denies many small family businesses the help they need, and many aspiring young loggers critical professional experience.

Volume and value recovery comparison of processor and conventional systems in pine stands of the U.S. South

Cut to Length harvesting or Tree Length harvesting - Study looks at value and volumes generated from both systems in the U.S. South. The study suggests both volume and value increased with the CTL systems.

Some sawmills in the U.S. South have begun purchasing prime length sawtimber processed by processors instead of, or in addition to, tree-length sawtimber produced by pull-through delimiters and slasher saws. The goal of this study was to compare volume and stumpage value recovery of two variants of the whole-tree harvesting system: processor and conventional.



Volume and value recovery comparison of processor and conventional systems in pine stands of the U.S. South

Study By - Patrick M. Grove, Joseph L. Conrad, IV & Joseph Dahlen. Published in the Journal of Forest Engineering, September 9, 2019

ABSTRACT

Some sawmills in the U.S. South have begun purchasing prime length sawtimber processed by processors instead of, or in addition to, tree-length sawtimber produced by pull-through delimiters and slasher saws. The goal of this study was to compare volume and stumpage value recovery of two variants of the whole-tree harvesting system: processor and conventional.

The processor system used a processor on the landing to produce prime lengths while the conventional system used a loader, pull-through delimiter, and slasher saw to produce tree-lengths.

Four harvest sites were split, with half of each site harvested with a processor system and the other half by a conventional system. An optimal bucking program was written to estimate theoretical stumpage value for sampled trees under tree-length and prime length specifications. Tree-length specifications resulted in slightly higher theoretical value per tree, assuming mill specifications were followed exactly ($p < 0.05$).

In practice, however, processor crews producing prime lengths recovered greater stumpage value than conventional crews producing tree-lengths. Actual stumpage value of trees produced by processor crews exceeded maximum simulated values by an average of 7%, whereas conventional crews exceeded simulated values by 1%.

Variation in timber utilization per hectare was high, but processor crews recovered an additional 16 t ha⁻¹ and 295 USD ha⁻¹ relative to preharvest inventory estimates compared to conventional crews ($p > 0.10$). Adding processors to logging crews in the U.S. South is a viable option that may increase volume and value recovery, especially when mills demand close adherence to specifications.

This study work was supported by Interfor Corporation.

October 29, 2019

Re: **S. 723 – “SC Hands-Free Act”**

MEMO: Senate Transportation Subcommittee



The South Carolina Truck Caucus would like to express its strong support for S. 723, known as the “South Carolina Hands-Free Act.” Restricting certain types of hand-held devices, particularly cell phones, for all drivers is necessary to reinforce appropriate driving behaviors and improve roadway safety. This bill is a good step forward in working to reduce the number of crashes caused by cell phone distraction in South Carolina.

Since 2012, pursuant to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR), practically all commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have been prohibited from texting and hand-held use of cell phones. Effectively, these drivers are federally prohibited from texting, holding, dialing, and reaching for a hand-held cell phone. These are very stringent restrictions placed on the trucking industry and the penalties for violating these regulations are significant.

Under the federal regulations, CMV drivers who are convicted of a hand-held cell phone violation twice within a three- year period will be disqualified for 60 days. If convicted for a third violation within three years, the driver will be disqualified for 120 days. Drivers are subject to federal civil penalties of up to \$3,685 for each offense. Motor carriers that allow their drivers to use hand-held cell phones while operating a CMV face a maximum civil penalty of \$14,739 per violation. Additionally, violating a distracted driving regulation results in a 10-point violation, the highest penalty, in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) motor carrier rating system.

As part of the federal requirement to obtain Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) funding, South Carolina has adopted the FMCSR. In meeting this requirement, South Carolina has codified by reference the FMCSR, which are enforced by the State Transport Police Division of the Department of Public Safety. The Truck Caucus further believes that if South Carolina is requiring strong restrictions for CMV drivers, these restrictions should apply to all drivers, and that violations should be issued via the Uniform Traffic Citation by all traffic law enforcement officials in the state.

Truck Caucus organizations, and their constituent members, consistently advocate for reasonable, uniform, and enforceable highway safety laws. Specifically, strengthening the distracted driving laws and regulations will save lives, improve fleet safety, while hopefully improving the state’s standing as worst-in-the-nation in highway deaths.

We urge the General Assembly to pass S. 723, which imposes restrictions on the general driving population consistent with those imposed on the commercial trucking industry.

Sincerely,



This prohibition does not include citizen band radios, GPS, and fleet management systems, and allows use for emergency purposes.

49 C.F.R. §Appendix B to Part 386—Penalty Schedule: Violations and Monetary Penalties (a)(3)

49 C.F.R. §Appendix B to Part 386—Penalty Schedule: Violations and Monetary Penalties (a)(4)

“The Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) rating system is FMCSA’s data-driven safety compliance and enforcement program designed to improve safety and prevent CMV crashes, injuries, and fatalities. CSA consists of three core components; the Safety Measurement System (SMS); interventions; and a Safety Fitness Determination (SFD) rating system to determine the safety fitness of motor carriers.” <https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

References:

The Truck Caucus is a loose-knit alliance of trade associations whose members operate commercial motor vehicles, and have common interest in workforce, safety, regulatory, taxation, and liability issues.

49 C.F.R. §392.80. Prohibitions against texting. / 49 C.F.R. § 177.804 Compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

49 C.F.R. §392.82. Using a hand-held mobile telephone. / 49 C.F.R. § 177.804 Compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

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Forestry generates \$21.2 billion impact on SC's economy

ISLE OF PALMS, S.C.—State Forester Scott Phillips, agency head of the South Carolina Forestry Commission, announced the economic impact of forestry in South Carolina Thursday, citing the agency's most recent Economic Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN) study.

In detailing the \$21.2 billion impact that the allied sectors of forestry and forest products-related industries generate on the Palmetto State's economy, Phillips also revealed that forestry provides more than 98,000 jobs and \$4.9 billion in labor income.

"IMPLAN updates are a pulse check on the health of forestry in South Carolina," said Dr. Tim Adams, Resource Development Division Director with the SC Forestry Commission and lead author of the economic impact study. "Based on this check-up, South Carolina's forest industry has recovered from the Great Recession, and our prognosis is for continued growth."

The pulp and paper industry produces more than the economic footprint of all other sectors combined – solid wood products, timber, logging, forest recreation and furniture – with a contribution of nearly \$12.8 billion. Compared to other leading industries in the state, forestry ranks #1 in jobs, #2 in labor income and #3 in direct economic output.

"Recent announcements and new investments in our industry along with our strong timberland base will ensure that forestry will continue to be an important part of South Carolina's growing economy," said State Forester Scott Phillips. "And while producing all these positive economic impacts, the active management of our forests also produces clean air, clean water, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat and the beautiful aesthetics that draw people to our state."

The full economic impact study is available on the Forestry Commission's website at the following link:
www.trees.sc.gov/pubs/scfcimplaneconomicimpactstudy2018-web.pdf

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State Forester Scott Phillips unveiled the results of the Economic Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN) study conducted by the South Carolina Forestry Commission Thursday. Pictured above from left to right are President and CEO of the Forestry Association of South Carolina Cam Crawford, Phillips, FASC Chair Jimmy Sanders, SCFC Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams, SCFC Chair Walt McPhail and President of the SC Timber Producers Association Crad Jaynes.

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ALC Annual Meeting 2019



Jim Hubbard, USDA Under Secretary for National Resources & Environment



Mitchell Pressley, Mid-Star Timber, welcomes ALC to his logging job



SCTPA board member Danny McKittrick at logging job



SCTPA Board members Danny McKittrick & BoBo Seckinger



ALC Member meeting



ALC Board Meeting



SCTPA Board Chairman & ALC Board Member BoBo Seckinger at ALC Board Meeting



(l-r) ALC Logger Panel
Richard Schwab (FL), Mike Albrecht (CA), Mitchell Presley (AL), Bruce Zuber (OR)



Mark Your Calendar

November 2019

- 1 Wood Magic Forest Fair, Harbison State Forest, Columbia
- 18 – 23 Wood Magic Forest Fair, Hobcaw Barony, Georgetown. Contact Matt Schnabel, SC Forestry Commission Harbison Environmental Education Center, Columbia for Information.
- 20 SCTPA Board Members Meeting with SC State Transport Police, Blythewood
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving!!! Eat Mo Turkey!!

December 2019

- 12 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m., SC Forestry Commission Headquarters, Columbia
- 24 Christmas Eve. Santa's Coming!!
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 31 New Year's Eve – Ring Out the Old Year & Bring In The New Year!

District meeting dates may be changed. Meeting notices will be mailed prior to scheduled meeting. Meeting dates will be posted on SCTPA website ... www.scloggers.com.

Members & Non-Members are encouraged to attend our district meetings to know what the issues are affecting the industry.

Need SFI Trained DVD Class or other training?

SCTPA can provide the New DVD Training Module for SFI Trained status. SCTPA is an approved DVD training class facilitator and will be scheduling classes during the year. Other training programs are available for safety, driver training, equipment lockout & tagout, hazardous materials spill control on logging sites and forestry aesthetics.

Truck Driver Training Workshops will be scheduled. Watch the Mark Your Calendar section of this newsletter for dates. Notices for SCTPA workshops & events will be forwarded.

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