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2024 SCTPA Annual Meeting

By Crad Jaynes, SCTPA President

Our 2024 Annual Meeting at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, February 23 - 25 welcomed over 250 attendees to enjoy a weekend in Myrtle Beach. Thanks to Everyone ... sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, board members, members and guests ... for attending.

Attendance was down compared to past meetings. The lower attendance was probably due to the mill closures and slowdowns witnessed in 2023.

It was great to see everyone who attended to hear informative speakers and simply be able to fellowship with friends, family and industry peers. Our meeting was a success because of the support and turnout of everyone.

Thanks to our thirty-four sponsors and twenty-five exhibitors for participating in our annual meeting. Parking lot exhibits featured trucks, trailers, tires and logging equipment.

Friday kicked off with the board of directors meeting with guests who were meeting speakers, industry representatives and members to review the annual meeting, the 2023 association financials, receive up-



dates on state and federal legislative issues and other current issues impacting SC's timber harvesting, wood supply and timber trucking segments.

Friday evening's Welcome Reception was well attended and highlighted by our Live Auction. The auction was hosted and directed by Professional Auctioneer Rafe Dixon of J. R. Dixon Auctions of Sumter. Rafe made the Live Auction a "big hit" as everyone enjoyed bidding on many very nice items that raised \$7,700 for the association. Rafe also directed the Log A Load for Kids Donations Auction raising \$6,450 for Log A Load for Kids. DJ Mike Lockaby provided the evening's entertainment with music for dancing and karaoke.

Saturday's General Session featured five informative speakers. Joe Conrad, University of Georgia Forest Operations Professor spoke about the impacts resulting from the WestRock in North Charleston and Pactiv Evergreen in Canton, NC coupled with Sonoco Products Company not using wood fiber for its products has had



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on SC's wood supply chain. The impacts have been an excess 3.6 million tons of pulpwood available, logging and trucking labor reduced, logging businesses going out and mills reducing wood inventories. Mill closings are occurring all over the country. Attorney Rob Moseley, Moseley & Marcinak Law Firm, spoke about what businesses can do to better protect themselves from liability lawsuits. He addressed the SC Justice Act, SC Senate Bill 533, that would make parties liable in a civil lawsuit only responsible for their percentage of fault by doing away with one party being responsible for the entire settlement. He spoke about the "nuclear settlements" being rendered by the juries and courts. Bob Lussier, President of Team Safe Trucking spoke about changes in Team Safe Trucking (TST) and described efforts to develop new driver education tools for the website. He also did a presentation about his trip to New Zealand and visiting two logging operations, one on the north island and one on the south island. Jonzi Guill, Carolina Loggers Association Executive Director spoke about the mill closures and slow-down impacts in North Carolina. The Canton mill closure impacted western NC and the Riegelwood mill closure impacted eastern NC. Colonel Dean Dill, SC State Transport Police spoke about how the "log trucking" segment is performing on our SC roads. He noted the number of log truck fatalities and accidents were reduced. He said there has been an improvement in service violations for our trucks due to better maintenance.

Saturday's luncheon featured speakers were Scott Dane, American Loggers Council Executive Director, Bill Dine, President Forestry Mutual Insurance Company and Rick Quagliaroli, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast.

Scott Dane updated the American Loggers Council's work and activities. He spoke about how the Council had increased its membership, has been active with Congress and federal agencies to help America's professional loggers. He explained the ALC's image campaign and showed the first video produced to be used nationally to promote professional loggers. Rick Quagliaroli provided an update on the logger owned insurance captive, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast. The captive insurance company is performing well for providing Safety and Driver Training Services, Commercial General Liability and Auto Liability to the members.

In the association business session, SCTPA President

Crad Jaynes provided a President's report highlighting association activities. Secretary-Treasurer Griff Wilson reviewed the 2023 association financials and reported there were no bylaws changes to be presented. Board of Directors running for re-election were Josh Key, Beech Island Timber & Construction, Inc. and John Rice, Rice Land & Timber, LLC with both re-elected to serve on the board. Two new board members were elected. Buddy Lominick, Big Pine Logging, Inc., Newberry elected for Seat 4 and Ron Poston, Ronnie L. Poston Logging, Inc., Hemingway elected for Seat 5. Billy Walker, Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, Laurens and Donnie Lambert, Leo Lambert Logging, Inc., Georgetown received Board Member Service Awards for their long-time service on the board of directors.

Griff Wilson, WilRidge Forestry, LLC, Chester received the SCTPA 2023 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award. Griff is a young professional logger and is engaged in the industry and his community.

Saturday afternoon the SFI Trained Update DVD was presented by SC Forestry Commission BMP Chief Holly Welch. This workshop allowed folks to receive their 2024 SFI Trained Status.

Sunday morning concluded the annual meeting with our traditional Sunday Prayer Breakfast. Special thanks to Port City Quartet for providing inspirational and faithful gospel music along with their testimonies to The Lord. After the Prayer Breakfast the Silent Auction winners were announced and meeting was adjourned.

Special thanks goes out to my family for their help at our annual meeting. The meeting couldn't be a success without these people. Thanks to my wife Brenda, sister-in-law Dee Peake, Dee's cousin Mary Rawl, our daughter Erin Jaynes Sims and SCTPA Communications Director Kathy Fudge and her husband John for all your help. Great Job!

Mark your calendar now for our 2025 Annual meeting to be February 21 – 23 at the Elle Beach and DoubleTree Resorts by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront.

Again... Thanks to everyone for supporting, contributing and attending our 2024 annual meeting.

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SCTPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Crad Jaynes

Greetings and I hope everyone has had a good start in 2024. We're already through the first quarter of this year and time has really gone by quickly.

As I wrote in my last message, hopefully 2024 will be better than 2023. As I said, last year was the toughest year I have witnessed for the wood supply segment in my 47-year career. But that's history now so we'll move on and persevere.

Spring is here, the weather is turning warmer, the leaves are popping out, flowers blooming and the dang pollen has got me stuffed up. But it is SC springtime for sure.

Our 2024 Annual Meeting February 23 – 25 in Myrtle Beach turned out to be a great meeting. While attendance was down and expected, over 250 attended. Thanks to our sponsors, exhibitors, members, guests and speakers for making the meeting a success. Thanks to our speakers Joe Conrad, Forest Operations Professor at the University of Georgia, Attorney Rob Moseley, Moseley & Marcinak Law Firm, Bob Lussier, Team Safe Trucking, Jonzi Guill, Executive Director Carolina Loggers Association, Colonel Dean Dill, SC State Transport Police, Bill Dine, President Forestry Mutual Insurance Company, Scott Dane, Executive Director American Loggers Council and Rick Quagliaroli, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast.

Our annual meeting Live and Silent Auctions, the shotgun and Blackstone griddle drawings made money for Log A Load for Kids and the association. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Focal points for this year have been to support the development of an Ag and Forestry Bulk Port in Charleston, passage of the SC Justice Act, Senate Bill 533, and SC Department of Transportation funding for bridge improvements. SCTPA continues to monitor and participate with the SC Forest Recovery Task Force which is made up of SC forestry industry stakeholders. The Task Force is seeking opportunities to have more wood using industries developed in SC.

The SC Justice Act, Senate Bill 533, that would end the search for the deep pocket in lawsuits, still has not passed. It made it out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was placed on Special Order but has seemingly stalled again. Hard to get tort reform passed when most of the committee members are lawyers.

SCTPA sent a letter to SC Ports Authority President and CEO Barbara Melvin supporting and urging the establishment of a Bulk Ag and Forestry Port. Such a bulk port could provide an opportunity for the possible establishment of a wood pellet plant in the low country to utilize the excess volume of pulpwood now available. The bulk port would provide the means to load the product onto ships and transport the product to markets.

We attended the SC Chamber of Commerce's Spotlight on Ag and Forestry event at the State Farmers Market in Columbia. The event is to recognize the two industries and present the importance of each segment to the state's economy.

SCTPA did not attend the American Loggers Council Spring Fly In to Washington, DC due to family health issues. It's the first time since ALC started going to DC way back in the early 2000's. Those that attended continued to push the Safe Routes Act, Future Logging Careers Act, Elimination of the Federal Excise Tax, more volume harvested on federal forests and lands and increased woody biomass usage for energy and fuel production. The American Loggers Council under the leadership of Executive Director Scott Dane and the board of directors has grown membership and now has industry members in 42 states.

SCTPA has been working on being able to legally have a wider lowboy than the standard 102-inches. Now it is realized that folks may already be using a wider lowboy. But this initiative is to make it legal in SC to have a wider lowboy than the standard. We have been working with the Forestry Association of SC, Colonel Dean Dill at SC State Transport Police and Mechelle Mabry, Director of the Oversize/

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Overweight office of SC Department of Transportation. Some progress has been made and efforts will continue.

Congratulations to Bob and Cindy Lussier, Great Woods Companies in Bennettsville for an extremely successful Klays for Kids event at Moree's Shooting Preserve in Society Hill. The event raised over \$45,000 for the McLeod Children's Hospital in Florence. Great job by all involved with the fund raiser.

SCTPA welcomed two new Board of Directors elected at the 2024 Annual Meeting. Buddy Lominick, Big Pine Logging, Inc., Newberry and Ron Poston, Ronnie L. Poston Logging, Inc. Hemingway will serve a four-year term. Billy Walker, Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, Laurens and Donnie Lambert, Leo Lambert Logging, Inc., Georgetown did not run

for re-election. Congratulations to Buddy and Ron and thanks to Billy and Donnie for their board service.

Our Spring district meetings are tentative at this point due to a busy May schedule already. If dates and locations are available, then meetings will be held in Walterboro, Newberry, Clinton, Richburg, Georgetown and possibly a meeting in the Pee Dee area. Meeting notices will be mailed out prior to the meeting, placed on our website and published on our Facebook page.

We'll continue to monitor the SC state house legislation and Congressional activities. Most likely there will not be much accomplished in DC since it is an election year.

That's about it for now. Everyone take care and be safe. As always... Log On & Truck Safe!

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2023 GENE COLLINS ACTIVIST AWARD

Griff Wilson WilRidge Forestry, LLC Chester, SC

The 2023 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award is proudly awarded to Griff Wilson and WilRidge Forestry, LLC for sincere commitment to professional timber harvesting, loyally supporting the association, participating in community and industry activities, practicing sustainable timber harvesting, promoting education and positive promotion of professional business practices.

WilRidge Forestry is led by a young thirty-year-old conscientious, professional businessman understanding the value of relationships with customers, employees and industry, environmental stewardship and promotion of a positive image as a professional logger.

Griff started his business in 2016 after graduating from NC State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management. His family has no immediate history in the logging business as his father owned a trucking business and farmed. Griff said, "getting into the logging



business was spurred by my interests in equipment and trucks and being involved in on the ground forestry and logging."

Griff interned with American For-



est Management between his junior and senior year at NC State. The business started as a contractor with Kap-Stone in 2016 and then began buying their own tracts and marketing the products. Griff and Caroline were married in 2019 and have a son Wade Henry nine months old.

Growing up in Lowrys, Griff would log during the summer on his own with a chainsaw, an excavator loader and loading a repaired log trailer and his dad would haul the wood to markets. Then he logged on his own in summers while attending NC State.

Griff started WilRidge Forestry with one crew and now has two crews, one for thinning jobs and one logging for all timber products. He started Wilson Land & Timber, LLC as the wood dealership side of the business with one forester purchasing tracts. Caroline serves as the office manager.

There are 13 employees, 5 drivers and 8 woods workers plus Griff and Caroline. Employees are cross trained to operate multiple machines. Griff and three woods workers are SC Sustainable Forestry Timber Operations Professional Trained and is a SC Registered Forester.

Early on the business used a contract hauler, his father, and began self-trucking his wood in 2018. Preferred woods equipment is Tigercat and preferred trucks are Macks. The equipment spread is now vast. Has nine total trucks, now only running five due to driver shortage. Log trailers are available for all trucks and lowboys to move equipment.

Woods equipment consist of three Tigercat knuckleboom loaders with pull through delimiters, three Tigercat grapple skidders and three Tigercat feller bunchers. Support equipment is available as Griff builds his logging roads and contracts with landowners and forestry companies to perform road work. The support lineup consists of three bulldozers, a John Deere motor grader, John Deere backhoe and tri-axle dump truck.

Averaging eighty loads per week from two crews, WilRidge Forestry supplies wood receiving markets of Boise

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Cascade in Chester, New-Indy Catawba, LLC, in Catawba, Georgia Pacific in Prosperity, Canfor in Camden and Stella Jones pole mill in Whitmire.

Griff and Caroline are active in community activities. Active members of Zion Presbyterian Church, Griff serves as a deacon. He is President of the civic club Highland Ruritan Club and supports the Carolina Softball Team and Union County Livestock Association. He regularly communicates with other loggers in his area about issues both locally and in the industry.

WilRidge Forestry is a SC Timber Producers Association logger member and serves on the association's board of directors as Secretary-Treasurer, attends district meetings in Richburg and the annual meeting. As a forester, Griff is a Society of American Foresters member. The company supports the SC Trucking Association and Forestry Association of SC. The company is a member of the logger-owned captive insurance company Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast.

Griff says, "I am proud to be a professional logger. It's a tough business, but I love what we do. I take pride in doing our work the right way for our forest landowners, markets, community and forest environment to provide sustainability of our forest resources and environment."

Griff says, "I am glad and proud to be a SC Timber Producers Association logger member. I realize the importance of what the association does and brings to our industry's segment by being on the board of directors. I tell people about the importance of having SC Timber Producers Association and tell them, the other loggers in our area who may not be members, the association is there for me, you and our industry as professional loggers. The association is present and working for me as a professional logger as I attend to my job in the woods and running my business to provide the timber to wood receiving markets to produce the products that enhance our daily lives."

"One area our industry needs to do a better job is educating the critical public. Most people don't know about what we do and how we do our jobs. We are forest stewards," Griff says.

SCTPA's President Crad Jaynes says, "I am very proud of Griff and his company for the do it right philosophy they adhere to in their work. Being a young professional logger in a challenging business, he believes in his business, his employees and industry. Our industry needs more young generation loggers. The industry is tough for sure as it has always been. Adhering to the right attitude and work ethic, Griff has proven he is a successful professional logger with an exemplary business."

Understanding the responsibilities and importance

associated with how professional loggers contribute to their local and state economies, how professional loggers must work with forest 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 resources and our environment are all important issues to Griff Wilson and WilRidge Forestry, LLC's business and operational standards.

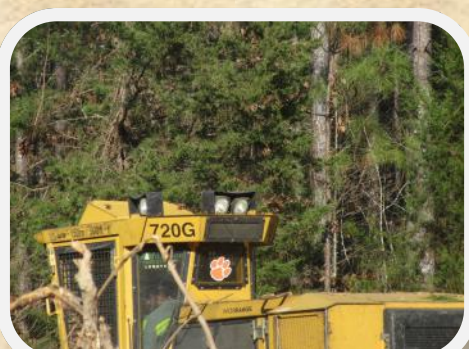
As an industry leader with a sincere commitment to professional logging, sustainable forestry, community, family and the principles of outstanding business, SCTPA is proud Griff Wilson and WilRidge Forestry, LLC is our 2023 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award recipient.

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.



GRIFF WILSON
WILRIDGE FORESTRY, LLC
Chester, SC



Enviva Proceeds into Chapter 11

Enviva Inc., the world's largest producer of industrial wood pellets, and certain of its subsidiaries have commenced voluntary Chapter 11 proceedings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, citing \$1.8 billion of debt outstanding.



Trouble for Enviva became apparent when it filed a 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission upon releasing its third quarter 2003 earnings report, which stated, "Our future profitability and liquidity are expected to be negatively impacted by the following matters which have resulted in substantial doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern."

At the time, Enviva specifically pointed to agreements in late 2022 for it to purchase 1.8 million metric tons from a client, believing that the global wood pellet market was substantially short for the foreseeable future and these purchases would provide an opportunity to flexibly capture margin in future periods. However, market prices for wood pellets during 2023 fell well below the elevated spot market prices of fourth quarter 2022 and lower than the prices at which Enviva agreed to purchase these volumes. As a result, according to Enviva, the anticipated loss on the sale of the purchased volumes was expected to negatively impact the company's cash flow and liquidity through 2025.

Enviva said it was in negotiation with the existing customer to restructure or renegotiate the terms of the 2022 purchase transactions. Recent reports indicate the trade was with German utilities concern RWE, and that Enviva still owes \$348.7 million for the transaction. According to reports, there may have been a lack of internal communication about the commencement of the transaction at Enviva.

Upon the Chapter 11 announcement, Enviva said it has entered into two Restructuring Support Agreements (RSAs). The restructuring is targeted to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2024, and Enviva plans to continue constructing its Epes plant, with an in-service date expected to be during the first half of 2025, but the company announced plans to pause development of the Bond, Miss. facility.



Article from April 2024 Logger News Online, Jessica Johnson, Hatton-Brown Publishers, Inc.

SC PORTS PLANS EXPANSION WITH PURCHASE OF FORMER MANUFACTURING SITE



Ross Norton, March 20, 2024, Charleston Regional Business Journal

South Carolina Ports plans to purchase the former WestRock paper mill site in North Charleston to further expand port capacity at the Port of Charleston.

The SC Ports Board of Directors voted Tuesday to move forward with a purchase sales agreement with WestRock. The transaction is expected to close as soon as practical.

“The tremendous backing from our state and an excellent partnership with WestRock allows us to make investments today that will support our state’s economy and create opportunities for future generations of South Carolinians,” S.C. Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin said in an announcement. “We are adding significant port capacity to support growth in South Carolina and throughout the Southeast.”

The roughly 280-acre industrial waterfront property sits adjacent to North Charleston Terminal, offering a natural extension of the container terminal that will enable SC Ports to handle more cargo for port-dependent businesses, the news release said.

Businessman Ben Navarro, meanwhile, has said he will buy Union Pier from S.C. Ports after a Ports Authority plan for the 70-acre waterfront property was put on hold last summer after a large group of residents and others spoke out against the S.C. Ports development plan for the site.

Terms were not divulged for either real estate deal.

The additional land at the WestRock site will expand the terminal’s capacity to handle 5 million containers in the future, and create 5,000 feet of linear berth space for container ships and around 400 acres of terminal space for cargo, according to S.C. Ports.

“South Carolina’s economy is prospering, and we must continue to invest in our world-class port system to support the companies investing in our state,” Melvin said in the release. “This is an incredible opportunity to enhance our high-performing North Charleston Terminal with renewed capacity to handle future growth.”

S.C. Ports plans to modernize the existing North Charleston Terminal with an optimized layout, upgraded cargo-handling equipment and significant new container capacity — “yielding an even more

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reliable, productive port service,” the release stated. Customers will also benefit from the on-terminal rail service offered by Palmetto Railways with dual connectivity to CSX and Norfolk Southern, and proximity to Interstate 526.

“WestRock and its predecessor companies had a long history operating the North Charleston mill, and we greatly appreciate the contributions made by our team members over the years. We are pleased that SC Ports intends to transform the site into a world-class container terminal and continue to support the state’s economy and create jobs for South Carolinians,” WestRock President and CEO David Sewell said in the release.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation is playing a role in the project. As part of its expansion of Interstate 526, the DOT plans to replace the Don Holt Bridge, which will remove height constraints for larger vessels.

Plans are also underway to achieve a 52-foot depth up to North Charleston Terminal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, is undertaking a feasibility study — a critical first step toward deepening this stretch of the Cooper River an additional five feet, the release said.

This deepening effort, combined with the new bridge height, will allow the biggest container ships calling the Port of Charleston to access North Charleston Terminal.

“Modernizing the terminal, raising the Don Holt Bridge, deepening the Cooper River and purchasing the former WestRock property are all critical components that will yield a state-of-the-art North Charleston Terminal,” Melvin said in the release. “These achievements would not be possible without the support and foresight from Gov. Henry McMaster, S.C. House Speaker Murrell Smith, S.C. Senate President Thomas Alexander and the entire S.C. Legislature.”

The site also provides key support functions for Ingevity Corp.’s North Charleston manufacturing facility. S.C. Ports has been working with Ingevity to align their future needs during the transition, the release stated.

S.C. Ports will work with DOT, Palmetto Railways, Ingevity and the city of North Charleston to master plan the infrastructure to best support the region’s economy and residents.

“This land purchase represents a tremendous opportunity to position our port system and our state competitively for decades to come,” S.C. Ports Board Chairman Bill Stern said in the release. “Our port infrastructure investments directly support thousands of South Carolina companies that depend on S.C. Ports to do business, and we are expanding to ensure we have the capacity to handle the growth in the Southeast.”

SCTPA Comments: *The expansion of the SC Ports with the purchase of the former WestRock Paper Mill site brings additional opportunities for the possible development of a Bulk Ag and Forestry Port. There is no mention of this in the article, a Bulk Ag and Forestry Port would provide the ability to have bulk agricultural and forestry products be situated to be loaded onto ships and transported to other markets. For forestry products, wood pellets and wood chips would be the primary products. The availability of such a port would enhance wood using companies, i.e, wood pellet manufacturers, to locate in the state. With last year’s mill closures there is an excess volume of pulpwood available for markets. SCTPA sent a letter to SC Ports Authority President and CEO Barbara Melvin supporting and urging the establishment of a Bulk Ag and Forestry Port. The SC Forest Recovery Task Force which SCTPA participates with is working on this Bulk Ag and Forestry Port as one of the task force’s focus points. While the possible development of a Bulk Port, if it were to happen, will take time to come to fruition.*





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That seems to be a common sentiment amongst a number of logging business owners when it comes to considering how they can improve the way they handle a fundamental part of their logging operation: tracking, receiving revenue for, and paying for the loads they produce.

The problem is: often they don't even know their methods are broken until they try another method.

And then they see the **time they were wasting** with their old methods, and **the money they were leaving on the table** from loads that were paid incorrectly, and the **ticket errors** that their old methods never allowed them to catch. I can say these bold comments because our clients have repeatedly made these observations to me over the years— all because they were willing to embrace a new way of doing things.

Sometimes the most positive outcomes in our lives - and our businesses - come from “making improvements” rather than just “making do.” And those improvements allow us to get ahead instead of just get by.

The last time you bought a new machine for the woods, chances are, your old one was probably still working. Yet you embraced the change because you believed a new machine would help you be more productive.

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The Dismantling of the American Timber Industry

By American Loggers Council

The American timber and forest products industry has been a part of the fabric of the country from the beginning. Clearing land for farming to feed the country, providing timber for lumber to build the country, producing paper to inform and educate the country, a source of firewood to heat our country, biomass to generate electricity to light the country, and a litany of other forest products that America depends on daily.

But now the logger is disappearing, the paper mills are closing, the sawmills are closing, the forests are burning, and the US is importing forest products.

- Over the past 15 months nearly 50 forest products mills have closed and over ten thousands direct and indirect jobs have been lost.
 - Over the past 20 years the logging workforce has declined nearly 50%, with an ongoing 2%-3% contraction annually. The next 5-10 years will see an increase in the number of loggers leaving the industry due to the high age demographic (55+yo).
 - Millions of acres of forest have burned and, in some cases, do so annually.
 - The federal government has created policies, regulations, restrictions, and rules that have starved supply, increased costs, and obstructed market development.
1. Expansion of Endangered Species listings (i.e. Northern Long-eared Bat)
 2. Expansion of Old Growth Forest to drastically increase with Mature Forests inclusion.
 3. Redefining Independent Contractor classification that may undermine the decades long timber industry contractor and trucker model.
 4. Excluding significant sources of forest-based biomass from eligibility under the Renewable Fuel Standard.
 5. Reduced timber sales from National Forests – down as much as 90% in some regions. The national forests do not meet the Allowable Sale Quantity or targets as identified in the respective USFS forest plans.
 - The US has become the leading global importer of softwood lumber.
 - Transportation restrictions that prohibit agricultural commodities from accessing the federal interstate system, at weights otherwise authorized on state and local roadways, in most states.
 - Decreased particulate emissions to levels and standards not equaled in other developed countries and which will inhibit new US industrial development and expansion.

These federal regulations and policies are subjecting the US timber and forest products industries to death by a thousand cuts.



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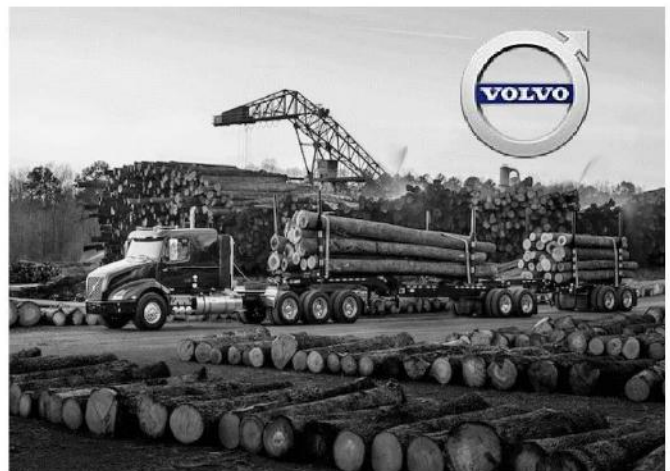


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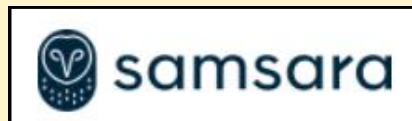
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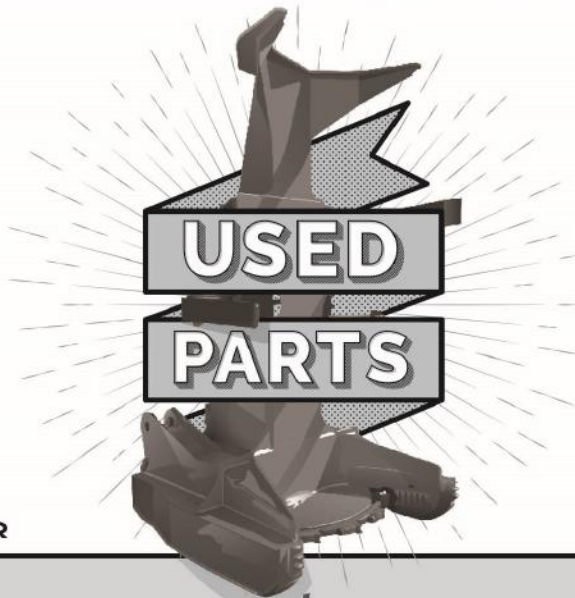
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The Government's Role in Rebuilding the American Timber Industry

Congress and the Administration can take action to fix, correct and rebuild the renewable, sustainably managed timber and forest products industries, and national forests. They have the opportunity to reverse the negative consequences of ill-conceived policies that have demonstrably created harmful economic and environmental impacts.

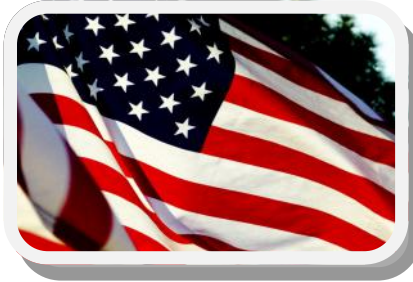
The following actions will reverse the detrimental trend warnings detailed and create rural jobs, improve forest health, reduce carbon emissions, mitigate wildfires, improve transportation safety, and transition into green renewable forest-based bioeconomy (renewable hydrogen, sustainable aviation fuel, biocrude, industrial wood pellets).

Increase Federal Timber Harvest Volumes: Areas that have large management of federal timber have the poorest forest health conditions and forest markets compared to regions that have the majority of timber privately owned and managed. Federal timber management must increase the supply of timber actively managed and sold to stabilize markets, ensure market viability, and improve forest health.

Cease National Forest Amendment Initiatives to Impose New Restrictions: The expansion of forest protections to include "Mature" forests under the premise that mature forests are necessary to develop more "old growth" forests is a circular reasoning argument whose logic could be applied to protecting young forests so that they can become mature and then become old growth. The reality is that the "mature" protection designation is merely a facade that will remove more national forests from active management and will be another weapon for incessant litigation.

Renewable Fuel Standard: The Renewable Fuel Standard represents the opportunity for multi-billion dollars investment in forest-based feedstock

to produce renewable energy, renewable fuel, renewable chemicals and the transition from fossil fuels. The EPA must support a broader interpretation of eligible forest-based feedstocks. All other developed nations have recognized and practiced this concept in support of their carbon reduction strategy.



Domestic Industrial Wood Pellet Market: The U.S. is a major exporter of industrial wood pellets for renewable energy production in Europe and Asia. The U.S. does not have a domestic industrial wood pellet industry. Forecasts indicate that energy demand is

predicted to increase, while the U.S. takes coal fired power plants offline. Industrial wood pellets can be a "drop in" replacement for coal. The U.S. must develop a domestic industrial wood pellet industry.

Safer Routes: The 2024 Transportation – HUD bill included language to allow agricultural commodities interstate access in Mississippi up to the state legal limit (88,000 pounds). Similar provisions have been established in New England and Minnesota, as well as increased interstate weights for grandfathered interstates in North Carolina and Wisconsin. The option should be extended to all states.

Future Logging Careers: Logging is a multi-generational small family business similar to family farming. Family farms are able to teach the family business to the next generation and allow them to actively participate in the farming operations (mechanized equipment) at 16 years old. The Future Logging Careers Act would allow family logging businesses the same opportunity. With the ongoing and future projected loss of logging workforce, it is imperative that the next generation have the opportunity to learn and continue with the family logging business.

Elimination of the Federal Excise Tax: The federal excise tax was established over 100 years ago to pay for WWI. It levies a tax on trucks and trailers that adds \$30,000 to the cost. It has proven detrimental to investment in new, cleaner, safer trucks.

GARAMENDI, KING INTRODUCE BIOMASS FOR TRANSPORTATION FUEL ACT

March 14, 2024, Press Release

Supports renewable electricity from forest byproducts to charge electric Vehicles

WASHINGTON, DC—This week, Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) and Senator Angus S. King, Jr. (I-ME) introduced the "Biomass for Transportation Fuel Act" (H.R.7609), with U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Representatives Jared Golden (D-ME02) and Ann Kuster (D-NH02). This legislation would allow facilities generating renewable electricity from forest biomass like woodchips or sawdust to finally participate in the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program, which forces fossil fuel companies to subsidize alternative energy.

"I have long supported a utility-scale subsidy for biomass electricity to incentivize proper forest management in fire-prone states like California. As western states face increasingly severe and year-round fire seasons, this will help to reduce the artificially high levels of biomass on our forestlands due to man-made climate change, drought, invasive species like bark beetle outbreaks, and years of mismanagement," said Congressman Garamendi (D-CA). "Renewable electricity from biomass helps to reduce our nation's greenhouse gas emissions and transition to a clean energy economy. While these measures alone will not solve the climate crisis or prevent all catastrophic wildfires, they are undoubtedly part of the solution. I am thrilled to partner with Senator King on the 'Biomass for Transportation Fuel Act', which supports good-paying forestry jobs in rural communities from California to Maine."

"Sustainable, science-based management is critical to preserving our forests, but the practice often results in leftover low-value timber that can pose wildfire dangers in drier parts of the country. Finding creative new incentives to keep this biomass off our forests' floors is integral to the success of our state's forest products industry and economy," said Senator King, co-chair of the Senate Working Forests Caucus.

"The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program already includes forest biomass as part of the program, and the Biomass for Transportation Fuels Act simply requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fully implement that law and ensure that biomass gets the same treatment as other sources included in the RFS. A more efficient RFS approval process means for-

est producers are more easily able to dispose of low value timber through the RFS, turning it into alternative fuels. This commonsense legislation is a win-win that will create more renewable fuel and reduce a safety risk."



In passing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140), Congress made electricity from renewable biomass—including waste-to-energy from separated yard or food waste—eligible under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Despite years of Congressional urging, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has yet to approve a single biomass electricity facility under the program. Some pending applications for biomass electricity have been pending for nearly a decade.

- The "Biomass for Transportation Fuel Act" (H.R.7609) would:
- Fully implement the eligibility for electricity generated from renewable biomass (including biogas) under the RFS program, provided by Congress in 2007.
- Direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to approve the pathway for renewable electricity from biomass, only those feedstocks already eligible under the RFS (agricultural waste; forest byproducts; municipal/commercial food waste, etc.).
- Make biomass (hazardous fuels for wildfires) removed from federal forestlands eligible under the RFS. Current law only allows for biomass collected from non-federal lands, including privately owned land, state or locally owned public lands, and tribal land held in trust by the federal government.

The following organizations have endorsed the "Biomass for Transportation Fuel Act" (H.R.7609): RFS Power Coalition, American Biomass Energy Association, American Biogas Council, Waste to Energy Association (WTEA), National Association of State Foresters, American Loggers Council, National Alliance of Forest Owners, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, California Biomass Energy Alliance, Milk Producers Council (of California), New York Bioenergy Association, Michigan Biomass (Coalition), Associated California Loggers, Associated Oregon Loggers.

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As the American Loggers Council President, I will do my best to help represent loggers at the national level. My best will require continually falling back on quotes from my two grandmas, one from Grandma Ainsworth, and one from Grandma Albrecht. I will share these quotes in just a moment, but I'd like to first better explain who I am.

The "tag line" at the end of my article notes I have a forestry degree from Duke with some past industry leadership roles. Nice, but that doesn't really explain who I am. The most spot-on characterization I've ever received was from an old cat skinner named Roy Paterson. I was in my early 30's on a forest road crew down at Shaver Lake, California. There were about eight of us, a cobbled together crew tasked with getting some logging roads built. The first night at dinner, Roy had us go around the table and introduce ourselves.

A couple of guys were loggers, one was just out of prison, one was Roy's nephew . . . don't remember the others. Each introduction was short, not eloquent, but sufficient. I was last, and proceeded to pontificate about my forestry degree, my previous work as a consultant in North Carolina, and other drivel. When I was done, there was an awkward silence. Then Roy looked straight at me, and in his low, gravelly voice said, "You ain't nothin' but an educated saphead." The seven other guys guffawed as I turned beet red. From that day on, we all worked as a team, and got a lot of road built.

Over the past 40 years since that humbling beginning, I have been blessed to work with, and learn from, some of the best loggers in California. I was privileged to be hired 35 years ago as general manager of a logging and trucking firm. The owner of that family-run company patiently mentored me, and I became co-owner a few years later. I have always appreciated the great education that my parents worked hard to make possible for me, but



my real-life education happened much later in the woods.

I got past Roy's fairly accurate description, and logging got into my blood as much as, maybe even more than, the love of forest silviculture and management that had brought me there in the first place. Over the years, our company has had as many as 75 employees, with 22 trucks, 2 cut-to-length sides, a mechanized side, 2 chipping sides, and a CAT side. I've been to numerous logging truck wrecks, and have transported a few employees to ER, trying to decide whether or not to stop at the stoplights.

We've had years that ended with all the bills paid and money in the bank. We've had really rough years with one that ended up visiting with a bankruptcy attorney. That served to make us realize that bankruptcy is much worse than the hard work to avoid it. Our company has thinned roughly 75,000 acres of public land on the Stanislaus National Forest. If anything, this "educated saphead" has learned that he is no more than one cog in the wheel we call logging.

Over the past three decades, our logging business has downsized right along with California's timber industry. I've watched logging get rebranded as timber harvesting, then forest thinning, then vegetation management, to the newest moniker, forest restoration. Today, loggers are tasked with producing a product America needs and wants, while trying to protect anything that might get harmed by our operations. Over the years, that has included

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spotted owls, pine martens, goshawks and a myriad of floral species. I remember a job where we had to protect a “frog crossing.” Loggers have always worked hard to protect forest ecosystems and the creatures that live there, but we too often see environmental protections designed to “prevent” rather than protect.

Now looms another challenge to “protect” trees. Spurred on by an environmental watchdog group called Environment America, the newest issue confronting our industry is the recent Biden Administration directive regarding “mature and old growth” forests. Here’s where Grandma Ainsworth’s advice would come in handy. As folks considered this topic, she would have advised, “Keep an open mind, but don’t let your brains fall out.”

I’m afraid that on the old growth topic, it may be too late. If some folks’ brains haven’t fallen out, they most certainly are leaking. Under these recently implemented guidelines, any new projects proposing vegetation management that occurs where “old growth conditions exist” must be “submitted to the National Forest Deputy Chief for review and approval.” It often takes years to get forest management projects approved at the Forest Supervisor and Regional Office levels. I can only imagine how long it will take to also clear the Deputy Chief’s office.

Since 2015, 20% of all the mature giant sequoias in the world have been lost to catastrophic fire. This fact inspired Congress in 2022 to pass H.R. 8168, the “Save Our Sequoias Act.” Endorsed by the Save the Redwoods League, the act declares an emergency to expedite work on the ground intended to “save” the sequoias. That work has to include thinning out forests that are now so overgrown that even the fire-resistant old growth giant sequoias are succumbing to catastrophic wildfire. How work around the giant sequoias will square with the old growth “hands off” edict from the President remains to be seen.

America currently has approximately 112 million acres of Designated Wilderness, 425 National Parks, 6,792 State Parks, and approximately 13,000 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. The proposed protections for mature (80 million acres) and old growth (32 million acres) would more than double the amount of American “protected” forestland restricted to minimal or zero production of wood products.

This is a good spot to update an important fact: **America is no longer the second leading importer of**

lumber in the world. We are now the number one IMPORTER of lumber in the world. So, Congress, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management . . . as extreme environmental groups lobby you daily and litigate you often, Grandma Ainsworth would remind you, “Keep an open mind, but don’t let your brains fall out.”

I’ll end this message with Grandma Albrecht’s quote. She said these words during the height of WWII just after receiving the news that her oldest son had been killed when the B-17 he piloted was shot down, and her other son (my dad) had just been wounded with a bullet that grazed his head. She said, “God knows, He loves, He cares, nothing this truth can dim.” I share these words for any of you loggers that are facing personal hardship right now, whether with business, employees, family, the challenges of logging, or simply discouragement with the direction our country seems to be taking.

One Sunday afternoon after church, our pastor pulled me aside and said, “Mike, you are called to be an “encourager.” I think I’ve failed that calling with my past few messages, so I’ll tell you now the title of my next message: “What’s Going Right.”

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"What's Going Right"

Written By: Mike Albrecht

This 3-word title could end with a period, an exclamation point, or a question mark. For this article, my intent is to stay with an exclamation point.

I'll set the stage for the "exclamation point" with a few facts as follows.

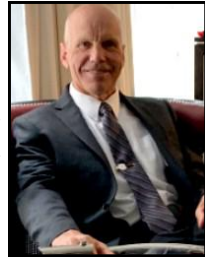
Currently, over 56% of America's 760 million acres of forest is privately held by approximately 10 million family forest owners. The vast majority of these private ownerships are east of the Mississippi. (The majority of these eastern forest landowners are well aware of the many western forestry challenges (debacles) and hope they stay . . . west!)

The western loggers might choose the title to read "What's Going Right?" with a question mark. Regardless, optimism can be found in the fact that the majority of America's forests are privately owned and cared for by tree farmers across our country who see wisdom in managing for multiple uses, while profiting from a renewable resource . . . trees. I think if we can all "hang on" for a bit longer, America's trees, and the loggers who harvest them, will soon be more highly valued.

Here's why I say that. Wood, in the form of lumber, the renewable resource and product we understand, is steadily becoming the world's preferred building material. Alex de Rijke, director of the London-based cross laminated timber (CLT) firm, dRMM, put it this way, "Timber is the new concrete. ... the 17 century was the age of stone, the 18 century was the peak of brick. The 19 century was the age of iron, and the 20 century the century of concrete. The 21 century will be the time for timber."

Canadian architect Michael Green summarizes it like this: "Climate change and the need for more urban housing collide in a crisis that demands building solutions with low energy and low carbon footprints. As a renewable material grown by the power of the sun, wood offers a new way to think about our future." The fact that architects and builders are embracing CLT as the preferred building product for

the future should be viewed by us loggers as a major "exclamation point" to tag onto "What's Going Right."



Here are a few more points to consider. The average person can go about 3 weeks without eating. Thank God that we have the world's best farmers and ranchers feeding America and so many others. That same average person will expire in about 3 to 5 days without water, and in about 3 minutes without oxygen.

Hydrologists estimate that 60 – 70% of America's water flows out of our forested watersheds. On average, scientists estimate that one acre of trees can produce enough oxygen for 18 people to continually breathe freely. And who is entrusted to work in our forests, watersheds, and airsheds that provide us with the very essence of life? The American logger! That trust is the foundation for this title "What's Going Right!" To maintain that trust, we must continue to train our logging crews that there are two products that demand our full consideration: What we haul out of the forest, and the forest we leave behind.

I'll end with something else going right, maybe the most hopeful thing of all. John Buckley (representing the environmental community in our region) and I (representing the timber industry) fought through the California timber wars of the 1980's and 90's. John and I both had our voices, our pens, and our "people" who engaged in the battles with us.

In California, Y2K ushered in drought, bark beetles, and catastrophic wildfires into our forests. As Sierra Nevada forests were being strangled to death from too many trees, vast swaths began to succumb to disease and burn right before our eyes. Our warring factions had an epiphany: We had better lay down our arms and figure out how this could be turned around before the forests both sides wanted to protect ended up being destroyed.

In 2010, 30 different local and regional groups

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(including environmental groups, the timber industry (contractors, sawmills, associations), homeowner groups, recreational users, USFS, BLM, PG&E, and others) got together, checked our egos and pride at the door, and began a discussion that continues today. It centered on two key points:

1. We wanted to protect our forests for multiple uses.
2. Protection would require removal of excess trees and vegetation that fuel massive wildfires as well as the markets essential to process those materials.

We got off to a slow start. It took four meetings to name the group. At one point I suggested "Collaboration Results in Analysis Paralysis." The group did not like the acronym "CRAP." We eventually settled on Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions, and "YSS" was born.

In 2013, what we all feared the most happened: the Rim Fire. The Rim Fire burned 247,000 acres, 80,000 acres of it in Yosemite National Park. It threatened San Francisco's water and power supply, which resulted in national attention. After the smoke settled, YSS went to work promoting over 300 million board feet of timber salvage, thousands of tons of biomass removal that was converted to electrical power, and tens of thousands of acres of reforestation.

None of this has gone perfectly, but our collaborative results stand in stark contrast to the millions of acres of forest carnage that lie fallow across the state of California and serve as a testimony to mankind's unwillingness to compromise. Because of the efforts of the YSS collaborative, over \$100 million has been sent to the Stanislaus National Forest in the past two years to facilitate over 200,000 acres of landscape level projects.

A recap of "What's Going Right"...

1. The majority of America's forests remain privately stewarded by folks who value "multiple use" forest management.
2. Loggers are entrusted by the American public to work in forests that provide the very essence of life: our water and air.
3. The 21st century is ushering in an enthusiastic "yes" to using wood as the primary building material for our future homes and cities.
4. "Working together" is slowly but surely replacing the "Timber War" approach to imple-

menting forest management solutions.

Right now, "What's Going Right" can end with an exclamation point. With the American Loggers Council's work at the national level, and your work in your community, we can keep the question mark out of the title.

Mike Albrecht, President
American Loggers Council

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Mike Albrecht has a master's degree in forestry from Duke University, is a Registered Professional Forester in California, and has worked for over 45 years in forest management and the forest products industry.

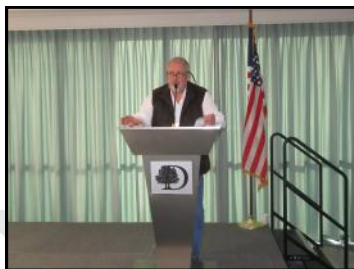
Mike currently serves as president of the American Loggers Council and is a past president of Associated California Loggers and the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference.



2024 SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING PHOTO GALLERY



ALC Executive Director Scott Dane addresses Saturday luncheon



SCTPA Chairman BoBo Seckinger opens Saturday morning session



Bill Dine, President Forestry Mutual Insurance Co. speaks at Saturday luncheon



Jonzi Guill, Carolina Loggers Assn. Executive Director speaks about the mill closings impact on NC loggers



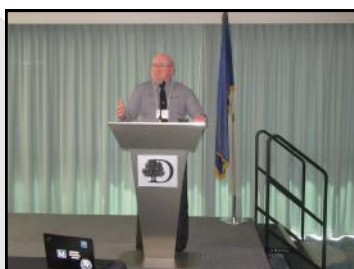
Rob Moseley talks about business liabilities



Saturday General Session Speakers - (l-r) Bob Lussier, Jonzi Guill, Joe Conrad, Rob Moseley, Col. Dean Dill



Griff Wilson, WilRidge Forestry, LLC, receives the 2023 Gene Collins Logger Activist Award



SC State Transport Police Col. Dean Dill speaks about the SC log trucking segment



Forestry Insurance Co. of the Southeast's Rick Quagliaroli speaks about the Captive Insurance Co. at Saturday's luncheon



(l-r) Crad Jaynes, Rick Quagliaroli, Bill Dine and Scott Dane



Donnie Lambert receives his SCTPA Board Service Award

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SCTPA Good Time Choir



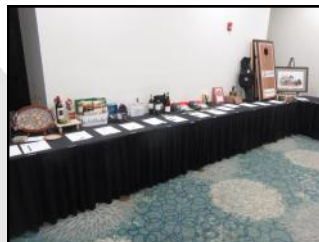
SUNDAY Prayer Breakfast
gospel group Port City Quartet



Auctioneer Rafe Dixon doing
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Overlooking the parking lot



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MICHELIN & B. F. GOODRICH TIRE SCTPA MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

SC Timber Producers Association is proud to offer this Member Benefit Program. SCTPA has partnered with Michelin and B. F. Goodrich (BFG) to offer ACTIVE dues paid members the opportunity to save money on tires through this program.

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. 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. Contact Michelin's Sharon Warner, 386-479-1169, email sharon.warner@michelin.com to receive an application. Sharon will ask questions regarding number of tires to be purchased, who pays and how.
5. Sharon Warner will verify active membership with SCTPA's Crad Jaynes.
6. Once application is verified, it will be sent to Michelin for approval.
7. Michelin will provide the customer with a Bill To and Ship To Number. At that time, the member will have to Register their account at **Michelinb2b.com** and upload the member's Credit or Debit Card.
8. Program available to ALL members registered as active dues paid SCTPA members.
9. Program available for Michelin and B.F. Goodrich tires. Tires available are Truck, Light Truck, Passenger Car & Agricultural, Industrial & Off Road Tires & Retreads.
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 Tires. Should a member have any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Warner or SCTPA.

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Mark Your Calendar

May 2024

- 7 SCTPA Walterboro District Meeting, Olde House Café, 6:45 p.m., 1274 Bells Hwy, Walterboro, 6:45 p.m.
- 14 SCTPA Newberry District Meeting, SC Farm Bureau Office, 7:00 p.m., 2216 Wilson Road, Newberry.
- 12 Happy Mother's Day!
- 16 - 17 Forestry Association of SC, Young Professionals Meeting, Mt. Pleasant. Contact Emily Oakman at FASC, Columbia, 803-798-4170.
- 27 Memorial Day.
- 30 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Hampton Inn Harbison, Columbia.

June 2024

- 11 SFI State Implementation Committee Meeting, SC Forestry Commission, 5500 Broad River Road, Columbia. Headquarters, Columbia.
- 16 Happy Father's Day!

July 2024

- .4 Happy Independence Day!

August 2024

- 22 Timber Operations Professional (TOP) Initial Training Class, SC Forestry Commission Headquarters, Columbia. Contact Guy Sabin at Forestry Association of SC to Register, 803-798-4170.
- 29 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Hampton Inn Harbison, Columbia.

SCTPA is available to those needing to view the 2024 SFI Timber Operations Professional (TOP) Update Video to continue to be SC SFI Trained for the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 period. Contact SCTPA and a group live class or individual live class can be arranged.

Spring District Meeting dates are subject to change. Meeting notices will be mailed, posted on SCTPA Facebook page and listed on the website www.scloggers.com prior to scheduled meeting.

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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