

TREE LINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

NEW BERN PROVES TO BE PERFECT HOST FOR NCFA MEETING

The NCFA's Annual Meeting, Dynamic Markets & Sustainable Opportunities, wrapped up with a Friday morning meeting of the NCFA's Board of Directors in New Bern. By the time board members were taking their seats, over 250 members had already participated in an informative and entertaining meeting of the state's oldest forest conservation association.

Thursday's speaking program held a captive audience as members heard from leaders of different agencies and industries who were there to share their outlook on where the industry may be headed. From all accounts, the speakers were optimistic about the coming years and the role forest products, forestry, and North Carolina as a whole, will fit into this rebounding economy.

"We received a lot of positive feedback from our members about the quality of our speakers," stated NCFA Executive Vice President Bob Schaefer. "The topics were on target and really informative. Our members really enjoyed the program and the venue."

A full list of the speakers and their respective presentations are listed on the NCFA's website under the members section. Click here to find that page.

The speaking program was broken down in segments. The
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Patti and Al Weller pose for a photo after Al was presented with the NCFA's Distinguished Service Award during the awards dinner. Weller spent his entire career with Weyerhaeuser Company, serving forest landowners through his dedication to his role as a forester and as a strong supporter of the ideals of the American Tree Farm System.



A view from across the pond of the Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo. Live demonstrations took place on each end of the main exhibition area and two more took place on across the pond.

MID-ATLANTIC LOGGING & BIOMASS EXPO SUCCEEDS IN SMITHFIELD-SELMA AREA AGAIN!

The Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo featured plenty of opportunities for loggers to interact with various equipment dealers and vendors during the two-day event that was held in the Smithfield-Selma area for the second time in the last four years. The first time came in 2011 and the site was the same location.

While the weather was a bit wet on Friday morning, the event had favorable weather the rest of the way as exhibitors showed off their newest products both as part of the live demonstrations and the numerous static booths.

"It was a great weekend," stated NCFA Vice President Jack Swanner, "The vendors were really pleased with how everything worked out in terms of the layout of the site and how sales progressed through the weekend. We heard a lot of positive comments from the loggers as well. We truly appreciate all the assistance we received on promoting and producing this event. It is no small task. We are grateful to our partners, Hatton-Brown and the NC Association of Professional Loggers, for their efforts on another great event."

The Expo has taken place in the Smithfield-Selma area in 2011 and 2013 and features
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NCFA ProLogger Henry Burgess (left) and crew make their way into the Mid-Atlantic Expo proudly wearing their ProLogger hats!



Expo visitors enjoyed the opportunity to see live demonstrations and learn more firsthand about the newest equipment at the show.

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TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the North Carolina Forestry Association. News items and photographs should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org.

The NCFA, the state's oldest forest conservation organization, is a private, nonprofit partnership of forest managers, landowners, mill operators, loggers, furniture manufacturers and others that actively promote healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners and forestry-related businesses and organizations that responsibly manage or use forests.

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NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU HOSTS FORUM ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

Michael Chertoff, former Secretary of Homeland Security, delivered the keynote address as the Bipartisan Policy Center sponsored a discussion on immigration reform. Chertoff asserted that true immigration reform would be a boost to the nation's economy and overall security. Chertoff believes a sensible, fair approach to reform where immigrants are given the opportunity and time to legitimize their illegal status will depend on trust among the American people, the government and immigrants.

A four-person panel followed Chertoff's address. The panel, which consisted of Charles Kuck, an immigration lawyer, Whitney Christensen, a lobbyist with the NC Restaurant & Lodging Association, Bert Lemkes, an owner of a 37-acre greenhouse operation, and Pastor Raudel Hernandez, discussed the problems and barriers of the current system.

While forestry was not discussed, immigration reform could prove to be beneficial in the long run since it may lead to the simplification of some of the current temporary Visa programs that can be obtained by workers who participate in the tree planting industry. ■



Michael Chertoff (at podium) was the keynote speaker at the meeting at the North Carolina

NCFA Annual Meeting...(from page 1)

first portion focused on the forest resource and the demands different markets are placing on it. The second portion let industry leaders themselves talk about emerging and traditional markets. A complete list of the speaking program can be found on the NCFA's website, www.ncforestry.org, under the members section. Click on the tab that highlights a review of the 2013 Annual Meeting. The agenda and links to the presentations can be found on this page.

In an effort to help provide members with the best meeting experience possible, the NCFA with the generous support of Forestry Mutual Insurance Company, collaborated with Gather Digital to provide a mobile application for the meeting that members could download to their smartphone. Members were able to find the up-to-date agenda, speaker information, exhibitor and sponsor details, and a complete attendee list. The application is still available and all of the speakers presentations have been put up on the app for those who might want to check it out. If you would like to, please follow these directions. iPhone and iPad users -- search "NCFA Annual Meeting" on the Apple App Store; Android users -- search "NCFA Annual Meeting" on the Google Play Store; Blackberry, Windows, others - go to this address on your smart phones (omit www): <https://ncfa.gatherdigital.com/>. Members who took advantage of the application really enjoyed the convenience of having the entire meeting at their fingertips. The NCFA will certainly build on this experience for next year's meeting.

In addition to the speaking program, NCFA members played golf, shot clays and did some kayaking on Wednesday afternoon before coming together at the New Bern Convention Center for a reception.

Thursday evening, the awards banquet was held prior to the Fantastic Shakers taking to the stage. Al Weller was presented with the NCFA's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, for his efforts working with forest landowners, the North Carolina Tree Farm Program, and his volunteer efforts with the NCFA over his 40 plus year career with Weyerhaeuser. Forestry Mutual honored Anthony Andrews with its E.K. Pitman Logger of the Year Award. A profile of Weller and Andrews will be highlighted in next month's issue of TreeLine.

Please Mark Down the Date: The NCFA announced that next year's meeting will take place in Greensboro at the Grandover Resort on October 1-3, 2014. ■



N.C. State Professor Dr. Bob Abt delivered an excellent presentation on how markets have and will impact silviculture activities in North Carolina and the Southeast into the future.

Mid-Atlantic Logging Expo...(from page 1)

great highway access from Route 40 and Interstate 95. The next Expo will take place in 2015 and will most likely take place in the vicinity of the last two.

"We also would like to thank all of the members of the NCFA's Safety and Logging Transportation Committee who came out to volunteer their time so this show would be a success. Now, they can all get some time off to rest up for the next one in 2015."

At press time, final attendance numbers were not available for the Expo, but there was a steady traffic of visitors. Vendors reported that the orders were strong at the show and considered it a success. ■

NORTH CAROLINA EXPORTS WOOD CONFERENCE: CHARTING A COURSE TO GLOBAL WOOD MARKETS

The North Carolina Exports Wood Conference will detail and discuss what are the opportunities, what are the challenges, and where do we go from here in terms of structure of our ports and potential markets. The audience will include those companies interested in tapping into international markets, foresters and consultants, economic developers and commissioners, forest industry, and others involved in wood based markets. Here is a quick look at the agenda.

November 13, 2013

8:15 a.m. Pre-conference tour bus departs from the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center parking lot.

6:00 p.m. Evening social sponsored by NC Association of Professional Loggers follows.

November 14, 2013

8:00 a.m. Session I: Entering the export market: opportunities, challenges, and requirements

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Session II: Procuring sustainable feedstocks from Southeastern forests for wood exports - resource availability, economics, and challenges

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Reception

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner with Dean Mary Watzin, NCSU College of Natural Resources

November 15, 2013

8:00 a.m. Session III: Moderated Panel Discussions: Panel will attempt to answer the question "How will increased exports and new markets change management on the ground?"

12:00 noon Conference concludes

Continuing Forestry Education credits are available and a complete agenda and registration materials can be found online at <http://www.cvent.com/events/nc-exports-wood-conference/event-summary-415e3482a2644ceeb18de5f7754cf2cb.aspx>.

The NCFA is one of the numerous sponsors of this conference and Jack Swanner will be one of the hosts on the pre-conference tour ■



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POINT OF VIEW

RETAIN THE HOFMANN FOREST

Fred Cabbage, Professor, Registered North Carolina Forester, NCFCA Member, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, N.C. State University

NCFCA members are well aware that North Carolina State University, the College of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources Foundation have announced a sale of the Hofmann Forest.

The private Natural Resource Foundation has not released any specifics of the sale, nor heeded almost unanimous public opposition to the sale, which includes a broad spectrum of professors, students, foresters, environmentalists, local residents, and citizens.

More than 2000 persons have expressed their opposition to the sale of the Hofmann Forest, through an on-line petition (1,280 persons), Facebook (330), faculty (50) and student (100) signed petitions, and the North Carolina Division of the Society of American Foresters (representing ~600 foresters).

Furthermore every one of many newspaper opinion or editorial articles have opposed the sale, as have the Onslow County Commissioners, and dozens of blog writers in the popular and university web sites.

The Natural Resources Foundation Board, which is comprised of very distinguished pulp and paper, energy, and wood products executives, has voted twice to sell the public Hofmann Forest, and NCSU and the Endowment Fund are pursuing that effort now.

However, a large majority of those board members live out of state and none live near the Hofmann. The Board has no foresters registered in North Carolina, no professors or students, no local residents, and perhaps no NCFCA members.

In response to the proposed sale, a coalition of professors, foresters, landowners, and wildlife conservationists have filed a lawsuit to enjoin the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of North Carolina State University, the state agency that owns the Hofmann Forest, from selling the state forest.

We believe that selling the Hofmann in its entirety betrays our mission of teaching about natural resource management and practicing what we teach, will lead to substantial damage of the natural environment in Jones and Onslow counties, and violates state environmental and public process requirements for such a major environmental decision.

Hofmann Forest was transferred from the Forestry Foundation to the Endowment Fund of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University in 1977, in order to clearly place the forest under state ownership and thus avoid paying property taxes that would have otherwise been due in Jones and Onslow counties.

The Hofmann is the largest single tract of property owned by the State of North Carolina, and it is the largest university-owned teaching and research forest in the world.

The Natural Resource Foundation and the Endowment Fund at N.C. State University did not complete any assessment of the environmental impact of different alternatives to selling state-owned Hofmann Forest, or seek any public agency or citizen input, which is required for State lands by North Carolina's Environmental Protection Act (SEPA).

Given its immense size and its strategic location linking Croatan National Forest to additional core protected lands to the north and south, Hofmann State Forest is clearly one of the most significant public conservation areas and corridors for biological diversity in North Carolina.

The Hofmann also has high quality runoff from the Forest drains to three sensitive Coastal Plain rivers—the Trent, the New, and the White Oak. Substantial portions of the forest are prime development land and severe water quality degradation would result if that development were allowed to occur.

We believe that the enduring mission of the Hofmann State Forest has been to teach, research, and demonstrate our professional skills and principles of sustainable forestry and the land ethic, and to practice what we teach in the unique Coastal Plain environment.

There are many alternatives that were promoted by the Natural Resource Foundation before their ultimate vote to sell Hofmann Forest in its entirety, such as conservation easements, timber deeds, partial land sales, or leases to the military or TIMOS/REITs, or simply retaining the Hofmann.

Under SEPA, these alternatives should be fully examined for their economic, environmental, and social impacts. Furthermore, agency and public input should be sought and incorporated in a SEPA analysis before we decide the fate of this irreplaceable university educational asset.

North Carolina State University spokespersons have stated that a sale will be a generate millions of dollars annually for students and faculty support. This presumes that we will get large returns from stock market investments, which is moot, or that we can spend the principal, which we should not.

The Hofmann has generated about two million dollars net annually to the College of Natural Resources. In fiscal year 2012, undergraduate students received only about six percent of those funds for scholarships and other direct cash benefits, faculty less than two percent and graduate student assistantships about 18 percent. The rest went to college and development office administrators and staff.

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Fred Cabbage



MODULE 14 IS COMPLETE - TRAINING KICKS OFF AT MID-ATLANTIC LOGGING EXPO

The NCFA's ProLogger continuing education element training officially got underway during the Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo. Class sessions were held on Friday and Saturday to give those ProLoggers who wanted to get a jump on the training year a chance to participate in the class. A total of 25 ProLoggers took advantage of the offering.

"We really had no idea how many ProLoggers would make the module a priority," stated NCFA Vice President Jack Swanner. "All we can do is make these courses as available as possible for all of our ProLoggers. This is just another venue, another chance for our ProLoggers to get the training. We will definitely do it again next Expo. Hopefully, we will build on it and be one of the reasons for coming out to the Expo."

Module 14, which was once again produced by J.P. Dame and his Firehorse Films Studio, details four topics in the two hour program, including Rutting, Emergency Plans, Overhead Hazards and Technology.

The NCFA would like to thank all the ProLoggers and training partners who participating in the making of this module. The NCFA would also like to thank the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee and Lampe & Malphrus Lumber Company for its support of the video.



ProLoggers participated in Module 14 under the NCFA's training tent at the Mid-Atlantic Logging Expo. Classes were held on Friday and Saturday.

As a reminder, **PROLOGGERS** must take Module 14 by **JUNE 30, 2014** to remain in the program. Any ProLogger who fails to take Module 14 by this deadline will be **REMOVED from the program** and will have to take the base course over again to re-enter the program. ProLogger dues must be paid to the NCFA by July 31, 2014. Failure to pay dues will also disqualify a ProLogger from the program.

ProLoggers are encouraged to check with their suppliers in the coming weeks to find out when a Module 14 class will be held in their area. A complete list of classes will be highlighted in this newsletter, on our website, and as part of our weekly e-mail newsletter. If you would like to sign up for this weekly update, go to our home page, www.ncforestry.org and enter your e-mail in the appropriate box. You will automatically be signed up. ■

PROLOGGER REPORT

A total 1,380 ProLoggers maintained their ProLogger status by taking the continuing education class, Module 13, and by paying their \$100 dues. A total of 52 ProLoggers failed to take Module 13 and have been dropped from the program. Another 60 ProLoggers managed to take the continuing education module but did not submit their payment. They also will be dropped from the program.

Earlier in 2013, two ProLogger base courses were held in Kinston on April 24-26, 2013 and in Winston-Salem on June 12-14, 2013. The two classes graduated 90 new ProLoggers.

The training for this ProLogger year (2013-14) is Module 14. The module includes segments on Rutting Prevention, Emergency Action Plans, Equipment Technology, and Heads Up for Safety. This module will be shown throughout the state at various forest products facilities and community colleges.

In other news, a new education sub-committee has been formed from the Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee and North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee to evaluate the current standards and procedures for the program going forward. Items to be reviewed will be the dates of the ProLogger year, course requirements, payment requirements, and deadline dates for the module completion and payment of dues. ■

DOMTAR TO EXPAND ITS OPERATIONS IN GREENVILLE

Domtar Corporation announced in September that it will expand its facility in Pitt County. The company plans to create 35 new jobs and invest \$100,000 over the next three years in Greenville. This expansion is in addition to the approximately \$20 million of capital already invested in the region by Domtar during the past two years.

"Domtar has found a perfect fit for its Personal Care division's North American Operations Center right here in Greenville," said Governor Pat McCrory. "Their expanded presence will strengthen eastern North Carolina's reputation for having a talented workforce. Domtar can be an example to others of the strong talent pool and attractive quality of life that characterizes Greenville, Pitt County, and all of eastern North Carolina."

Domtar, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Attends Healthcare Products of Greenville, decided to locate their North American operations center in Pitt County. The move will create 35 finance and accounting positions.

"Companies like Domtar know North Carolina's skilled workforce gives them a competitive edge," said Secretary of Commerce Sharon Decker. "Our state must continue to support growing our existing businesses through investments in education, job training programs and critical infrastructure."

"As a wood fiber innovation company with a global sales footprint in pulp, paper and absorbent hygiene products, North Carolina is a big part of our growth story," said Domtar President and CEO, John D. Williams. "With a fluff pulp mill and bio-chemical plant in Plymouth, a personal care manufacturing facility in Greenville, as well as our global personal care headquarters in Raleigh, this state is a symbol of Domtar's past and future working together for long-term prosperity."

The project was made possible, in part, by a performance-based grant from the One North Carolina Fund of up to \$70,000. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches. Other partners that assisted with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community Colleges, Pitt County Development Commission, Pitt County and the Pitt County Committee of 100. ■

LIFE AFTER DEAD WOOD

By Daniel Hubbell, American Forest Foundation

My Land Plan, the American Forest Foundation's (AFF) woodland owner website, provides a fun and interactive tool for landowners to map their land and its important features, connect with professional, set goals and take action on their land. More than 3,000 woodland owners have already mapped a quarter of a million acres of land.

We know that biodiversity, hunting, and recreation are extremely important for many of America's 22 million family forest owners. That's why My Land Plan has published a new information section on snags, logs, and brush piles. That's right: dead wood.

At first, glance leaving dead wood where it lies may seem like a waste but this practice can actually form a key component in a forest management plan. Wildlife biologists estimate that up to 20 percent of woodland species depend on stumps, dying trees, logs, and other woody debris to survive and thrive. Wildlife managers and foresters across the country encourage landowners to leave some of these decaying wood features on their land.

With today's perfect storm of invasive pests, disease, catastrophic fire, flooding, drought and storms, active stewardship is essential to the health of our forests and its inhabitants. My Land Plan's snags, logs, and brush piles information can help any woodland owner start attracting wildlife in just a few steps. Learn more at mylandplan.org/snags.

Check out My Land Plan for information about species that depend on these dead or decaying features for survival and how to properly create and maintain them. At a time when our forests are under siege from a variety of threats, many North American species struggle for healthy woodland habitat. My Land Plan can help ensure that both landowners and their favorite species can get the most out of your land.

Sign up for My Land Plan to protect the benefits that come from forests—wildlife habitat, clean water, clean air, outdoor recreation, wood products, and good paying rural jobs. Create your secure account today at www.MyLandPlan.org/signup. If you have questions about My Land Plan, please contact the American Forest Foundation at info@mylandplan.org. ■

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(l-r) Forestry Mutual's Coy Baker and Davis Garvin's Mark Fryer were two of the exhibitors on hand representing their companies during the NCFCA's Annual Meeting.

Retain the Hofmann Forest...(from page 3)

This high overhead ratio suggests that more money from a sale will not necessarily provide a windfall for students or faculty, but we would lose the forest forever.

We would be much better off with the substantial current Hofmann Forest revenues and keeping the Forest for educational, research, and demonstration values, even if we do seek some better ways to monetize its land value.

As a coalition of foresters, professors, students, alumni, local residents, environmentalists, and North Carolina citizens, we hope that the university will halt this sale of the state Hofmann Forest, comply with appropriate SEPA analysis and consultation requirements before a sale is even considered, and retain our ownership and pride in this world renowned university educational asset. ■



(l-r) Lori Worley of Weyerhaeuser and Frank Rackley, also of Weyerhaeuser, pose for a photo during the Wednesday night reception. Weyerhaeuser was a sponsor and exhibitor at the NCFCA's Annual Meeting.

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FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP TO TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH IN WILMINGTON

The NCFCA's next Forestry Camp will host sixth grade students from Roland Grise and Murray Middle Schools on October 21-25 in Wilmington at Hugh McCrae Park. The camp will be directed by the NCFCA's Executive Vice President, Bob Schaefer. This camp has been extremely popular with the teachers in this area and should be another great week of forestry education. ■

LANDOWNERS' CORNER

NC FOREST SERVICE ADDS WARREN COUNTY TO QUARANTINE AREA FOR EAB

The North Carolina Forest Service has added Warren County to the quarantine rules restricting the movement of hardwood firewood, ash nursery stock and other ash materials after the emerald ash borer (EAB) was confirmed to be in trees in the county. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler signed an emergency quarantine order allowing the expansion in late September. Granville, Person and Vance counties were already under quarantine from when the pest was first detected in the state in mid-June.

North Carolina is the 20th state in the country to confirm the presence of the destructive pest, following the discovery of an adult beetle and other signs of borer activity in trees in Granville County by staff with the N.C. Forest Service. Additional surveying found signs of emerald ash borer activity in the bordering counties of Person and Vance.

"Following the initial detection of emerald ash borer in the state, our staff began more intensive surveying and trapping in neighboring counties and those efforts yielded more borer activity, which we thought was likely," Troxler said. "We will continue to look for the presence of emerald ash borers and ask for the public's cooperation with these quarantine rules to restrict the movement any further."

The beetle was first detected in the United States in Michigan in 2002. It is responsible for the death or decline of tens of millions of ash trees across the country.

Under the state quarantine, all hardwood firewood and plants and plant parts of the ash tree -- including living, dead, cut or fallen, green lumber, stumps, roots, branches and composted and uncomposted chips -- cannot be moved outside the four counties.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Plant Industry Division and N.C. Forest Service are working in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Symptoms of emerald ash borer in ash trees include a general decline in the appearance of the tree, such as thinning from the top down and loss of leaves. Clumps of shoots, also known as epicormic sprouts, emerging from the trunk of the tree and increased woodpecker activity are other symptoms. The emerald ash borer is not the only pest that can cause these.

Emerald ash borers overwinter as larvae. Adult beetles begin to emerge from May to June and can be found in the summer months. The adult beetle is one-fourth to a half-inch long and is slender and metallic green. When the adults emerge from a tree, they leave behind a D-shaped exit hole. The larvae can also create serpentine tunneling marks, known as feeding galleries, which are found under the bark of the infested trees.

Home and landowners are encouraged to report any symptomatic activity in ash trees to the NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division hotline at 1-800-206-9333 or by e-mail at newpest@ncagr.gov. The pest can affect any of the four types of ash trees grown in the state. ■

NCFS TO USE WASP VS. EAB

The N.C. Forest Service is enlisting a small, stingless wasp in its battle with the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB). Dr. Kelly Oten released a species of parasitoid wasp that can kill emerald ash borer larvae in September in the agency's attempt to slow the spread of the EAB. The wasp lays eggs inside the borer larvae, and as the young wasps develop, they kill the ash borer larvae.

The release will take place in three locations in Granville County: four miles northwest of Oak Hill, four miles northwest of Townsville near Kerr Reservoir, and one mile north of Stovall.

"The wasps are from China, where EAB originated, and they target this beetle specifically," said Oten, forest health specialist with the Forest Service. "The wasps are being reared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in a laboratory in Brighton, Michigan and have been released for biocontrol of EAB in 16 of the 21 states where the borer has been found."

Releases of these wasps are conducted under specific USDA guidelines, Oten said. The release is being done in coordination with both private and public entities that have forest resources affected by EAB. ■

NCTFP ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013 AT BATTS TREE FARM

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program is reaching out those who might be interested in being a sponsor at some level for its 2013 Tree Farm Annual Meeting to be held on the Tree Farm of Dwight and Judy Batts, Wilson County, NC, 2012 NC Tree Farmers of the Year, on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

The effort is being led by NCFCA member Dave Woodmansee. There are suggested sponsorship levels outlined below, but any commitment will be appreciated. All sponsorship funds will be utilized to reduce the registration fees for attendees to encourage more family participation in this year's meeting.

While two sponsor levels are indicated, the program understands the present economic conditions may

dictate a smaller amount and any level will be greatly appreciated. All questions can be forwarded to Dave Woodmansee, RF at (252) 947-2345 / DWWForester@aol.com or Leslie McCormick at (919) 917-8646 / nctreefarm@gmail.com.

\$250 sponsors receive: company name and logo on the registration materials which will be mailed to 850+ Tree Farmers, 200 Tree Farm Certifier/Inspectors and our partner organizations; company name on place cards at the awards breakfast; company name on a sponsor board in the meeting room.

\$500 sponsors receive: all of the above plus space for a display at the Wilson County Ag Center where the awards breakfast will be held plus a complimentary meeting registration.

The one-day meeting will be extremely informative for all forest landowners, regardless of whether they are currently enrolled in the Tree Farm program or not. Registration materials are available online at <http://www.ncforestry.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Tree-Farm-Annual-Meeting-Registration-2013.pdf>

Tree Farm Annual Meeting Wilson County Ag Center

7:45	Registration opens	competitive species, wildlife benefits,
8:30	Breakfast served	cost-share programs.
9:00	Business Meeting & Awards Presentations:	Pond and Wetland Management:
	25 and 50 Year Tree Farm, Hardhat, Inspector of the Year, Outstanding Tree Farmer, Overview of Batts Tree Farm	pond development, water quality, invasive species, retention and drainage methods, dams, wetlands
10:30	Load vans to travel to Tree Tree Farm	Timber Management: management plans, site prep, planting density, seedling selection, pre-commercial and commercial thinning, final harvest, logging contracts
11:00	Tour of Tree Farm	Youth Activities (Kindergarten-6th grade): Offered during adult field tour. Tree measurement, soil and water conservation demonstration, geocaching and build your own bluebird box
	Preserving the Past: special sites, easements, artifacts, preserving old buildings, protecting animal and plant species.	1:15 Lunch (barbecue)
	Understory Management: mowing, thinning, herbicides, prescribed fire, invasive and	3:00 Vans depart for Agricultural Center ■



Judy and Dwight Batts will be hosting the North Carolina Tree Farm Program's Annual Meeting Tour this year.

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	City
Randal Barnes.....	Kenly
Wayne Boseman.....	Enfield
Cape Fear Hunting Club.....	Raleigh
Corbett Ridge Hunt Club.....	Elon
Thomas Coxe, IV.....	Gatesville
Helene Cser.....	Raleigh
F. L. Adams Agri Partnership.....	Rowland
General Utility Co., Inc.....	Benson
Glenn/Harvey Hunting Club.....	Raleigh
Tyler Hall.....	Fremont
Allen Hardison.....	Fremont
Nancy Havens.....	Sullivans, SC
Rick Jefferds.....	Angier
Jesse Godwin Hunt Club.....	Kenly
Jonathan Harris Trucking.....	Warrenton
Justin Donnelly.....	Zionville
Lathan Farm Hunt Club.....	Greenville
Andrew Malpass.....	Delco
Andrew McAdams.....	Palm Harbor, FL
Jewell McAdams.....	Columbia, SC
R. Keith McAdams.....	Columbia, SC
Garry and Danya McQueen.....	Raleigh
MEI Hill LLC.....	Maccies Fielo
Mid-County Hunting Club.....	Plymouth
Tyler Pollock.....	Louisburg
Raleigh Durham RTP LLC.....	Charlotte
Lawrence Eugene Rowland.....	Tarboro
Sidney & Steve Scott.....	Tarboro
Shady's Sensation, LLC.....	Wadesboro
Ben Spence.....	Gates
Superior All Wood Services LLC.....	Marshville
The Wesley Merritt Chesson III, LP.....	Raleigh
Clint Umphlett.....	Gates
W & T Logging LLC.....	Windsor
June Whitaker.....	Littleton
Zanes Mountain.....	Zebulon
Zanes Mountain Properties LLC.....	Zebulon

NCFA'S HUNT CLUB INSURANCE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW AS SEASON STARTS

The NCFA's Hunting Lease Liability Insurance program continues to be popular with landowners and hunt clubs. The program is one of the most affordable options for landowners while providing quality coverage. Traditionally, the NCFA has over 700 hunt clubs enrolled in the annual program that runs from August 1 to August 1 of a given year. The policy runs for the calendar year that a club signs up during. As of September, a total of 467 hunt clubs and 526 landowners have signed up for the NCFA's coverage. The policies cover over 239,326 acres. The NCFA is still accepting applications from hunt clubs for coverage for the 2013-2014 year. NCFA staff will process the applications as they arrive at the NCFA office. The coverage is in place once all payments and necessary information has been submitted. Certificates of proof of insurance are then mailed to both the hunt club and the participating landowner. If you have any questions about this program, please call the NCFA office at (800) 231-7723. ■



IN-WOODS CHIPPER SAFETY NEEDS TO BE STRESSED

Jimmy McCraney, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

The headline reads: "A supervisor with over 15 years' experience in the logging industry loses arm, from his elbow down, and part of foot in a chipper accident."

The supervisor noticed that the chains on the fail of the whole tree chipper had sustained much wear and needed to be replaced. Normally, this task takes three people to complete. On this day, the supervisor ignored established maintenance procedures and proceeded with the task alone. At the chipper, he lifted the door to gain access to the chains. He then stepped up on the stabilizer bar and got his left foot caught between the stabilizer bar and the in-feed roller (which is approximately a two inch gap). This caused the supervisor to lose his balance and as he was falling, he reached to catch himself and got his left arm caught between the stabilizer bar and the in-feed rollers. This activated the residual pressure left in the hydraulic system and allowed the chain that rotates the in-feed rollers to move. The pressure caused the rollers to turn and trapped the supervisors arm and foot between the sharp teeth of the in-feed rollers. The resulting damage from the pressure was the amputation of the left arm, from the elbow down and his left foot.

In-woods chippers are now in wide use by logging operations to produce chips and mulch. They are in the mobile wood processing equipment class and are very efficient, very powerful, and very dangerous to work around. Supervisors and employees must be alert and careful when operating or conducting



maintenance operations on an in-woods chipper. Unsafe operation or maintenance practices will cause severe injury or even death.

When chipping is being done as part of a logging operation, the OSHA Logging Operations standard requires that employers ensure that all logging machinery be maintained in a serviceable condition. To that end, the logging standard requires that all machinery to be inspected daily and any discrepancies documented and/or repaired. Failure to correct any discrepancies that result in an employee(s) being injured could result in negligence.

The OSHA standard requires any employee that operates in-woods chipper to have mandatory training prior to using the machine. Employees operating the chipper should be properly trained in starting and stopping procedures, machinery lockout, maintenance, and emergency safety controls. Although the hazards associated with chipper use are generally known, awareness of these hazards and the associated safeguards must be highlighted and strictly reinforced.

In-wood chipper blades can rotate at over 2,000 revolutions per minute, so it is important that all safe guards, including doors, housing, and covers, are properly installed. The machine should be equipped with a mechanical-feed control bar. The bar controls the chipper's rollers when it is activated and should include a quick-stop and reverse-feed controls. In-wood chippers must also feature a bottom-feed stop bar and panic bar that prevents an operator from being pulled into the blades.

According to the OSHA Integrated Management Information, 39 employees were killed in chipper accidents over a 10 year period. Of those fatalities, the vast majority (78 percent) resulted from being caught in the chipper, and most of the remainder resulted from "struck-by" debris accidents. Do not allow your logging operation to become part of an accident statistic. Train your employees to know the hazards associated with in-wood chippers and ensure your Supervisors enforce and adhere to established maintenance procedures. ■

TREE LINE

OCTOBER 2013



Swamp Logger Bobby Goodson (middle) poses with Frankie (left) and Resa Capps and their children at the Mid-Atlantic Expo.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2013

- 2 NC Tree Farm Annual Meeting, Batts Tree Farm, Macesfield, NC
- 6 SLTC Meeting, Drake Landing, Fuquay-Varina, NC
- 13 NC SFI SIC Meeting, TBD
- 13-15 NC Wood Exports Conference, New Bern, NC

December 2013

- 25-26 Christmas Holiday

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