

TREE LINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

RACKLEY NAMED NCFA INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The NCFA Executive Committee has named current NCFA President Elect/Treasurer Frank Rackley as the Interim Executive Vice President for the NCFA, effective January 1, 2014. Rackley, who recently retired after 40 years of service with Weyerhaeuser Company, will direct the NCFA until a permanent executive vice president is selected in the coming months.

"We are fortunate to have an individual like Frank Rackley to lead our association at this time," explained NCFA President Ray Allen. "He has the proper skill set to keep our staff motivated and on task and obviously an excellent working knowledge of our association as a member of our executive committee for the past couple of years. We have not set a definite time table for naming a new executive vice president, and with Frank in place, it gives us the time to conduct a proper search for our next leader. We really appreciate that he is willing to step in and accept this role."

Rackley has spent the past 11 years of his career with Weyerhaeuser as the North Carolina Timberlands Manager. A New Bern native, Rackley graduated from North Carolina State University with his bachelor's degrees in Wood Science and Technology and Economics in 1973. He earned his MBA at East Carolina University in 1978.

The search committee has already begun an informal search for a new executive vice president. The committee has received several resumes. An interview process may go forward from that point, but if it is deemed the pool of candidates needs to be enlarged, the committee will open a formal search. Frank Rackley will be accepting resumes at frackley@ncforestry.org. ■



Frank Rackley

NEW FOREST INVENTORY DATA RELEASED BY NCF AND USDA

The North Carolina Forest Service and the U.S. Forest Service collaborated on the newest forest inventory data for North Carolina. The data updates the state inventory to 2011.

The 2011 data represents a complete survey collected from 2003 to 2011, including 45 percent new data. Some highlights include:

1) Forest ownership continues to be dominated by the NIPF (Non-Industrial Private Forest Owner) - 79 percent. Public entities own 15 percent and the forest industry represents the balance at six percent. 2) Hardwood forest type is 67 percent of North Carolina's forest. 3) Sawtimber size timber stands represent 55% of the forest acreage in the state.

The full report can be found on the NCFA's website at <http://www.ncforestry.org/nc-forest-data/> ■

THERE IS SOME SHARED HISTORY BETWEEN HAMMILL LOGGING AND CULP LUMBER COMPANY

By Chris Brown, NCFA Communications Director

H.W. Culp Lumber Company, located in New London, is one of the top pine lumber producing facilities of its kind in the nation. The mill produces roughly 100 million board feet annually. To supply this facilities' voracious appetite, the company relies on seven top-notch logging crews. And while Procurement Manager Ed Listerman, who coordinates these crews, would never rate his crews, he does not have a hard time distinguishing who has the most seniority. That proud distinction goes to Hammill Logging and the current operator, Clement Hammill. Clement's grandfather, Walter Hammill, first started hauling lumber to Culp Lumber back in the early 1920's.

"Grandpa worked for Henry's daddy," stated Clement Hammill, referring to his grandfather and Henry Culp's father, Henry Culp, Sr. "Grandpa had a sawmill, and they first started sawing on Alcoa property. And strangely enough, we just moved off an Alcoa track. 90 years later, we are still cutting on Alcoa and we are still hauling to Culp."

While Clement still delivers logs, his brother, Perry, has been working at Culp for the past 15 years in the dry kiln area, maintaining the kiln equipment's performance.

The irony of the timing is not lost on Listerman, who once served as the forest manager at Alcoa, but now runs Culp's procurement and works closely with each of his logging crews.

"These two families have been intertwined in the wood business for a long time," stated Listerman. "It is really unique to have such a long standing working relationship and a testament to the respect and trust the families share."

The story between these two families dates back to the 1920's when the need to clear land for a coming reservoir led to the formation of H.W. Culp Lumber Company. Walter Hammill started out as just one of a small sawmill crew supplying Culp with lumber, but when an opportunity came up, Hammill stepped up to become the crew's sawyer. Clement Hammill retold a story that has been handed down for generations.

"Mr. Culp came down there to check on them and the crew was just sitting around because the sawyer had not shown up, which I have been told he was known for," stated Clement.

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Clement Hammill

NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the bi-monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,000 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

FOREST ROADS PROVISION INSERTED INTO THE NEW FARM BILL

After months of discussions and debate, a compromise on language for the Forest Roads provision was reached earlier in late January. The language was inserted into the Farm Bill that is on course to be approved in 2014. While it was not the exact language that forestry interests were looking for, the provision was one of the few regulatory items that were added to the Farm Bill.

The final language preserves the EPA's long-standing policy of managing silviculture activities according to each state's best management practices (BMPs). The language permanently bars permits and citizen suits for forest roads and silviculture activities under EPA's stormwater program. The language does give EPA the ability to consider non-permit measures for forest roads in the future if it deems necessary.

The House approved the Farm Bill just a few days later. It heads to the Senate for a vote. It is expected that this version of the Farm Bill will be approved.

The major opposition to the Forest Roads provision as it was originally written was from the EPA, which feared that it would lose its ability to step in at the state level if a problem persisted in regards to forest roads and water quality that the state's Best Management Practices (BMPs) did not adequately address. Forestry interest maintain that compliance with Forest Practice Guidelines and the use of BMPs already protects water quality and other environmental issues.

It is hoped that this provision in conjunction with the Supreme Court decision from last year that ruled in favor of forestry interest with finally resolve this issue both at the regulatory and judicial levels. Thanks to the NAFO staff for keeping all forestry interests, including the NCFCA, up-to-date on this issue. The NCFCA has signed onto several NAFO petitions and contacted both members of North Carolina's House and Senate on this issue over the past year. On the tax side of things in Washington, the NCFCA has also signed on in support in preserving tax provisions for forest landowners that are now being reviewed by Congress. ■

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR HARDWOOD CHECKOFF PROGRAM IS EXTENDED

The USDA has announced that the public comment period for the proposed the proposed Hardwood Lumber and Hardwood Plywood Promotion, Research and Information Order (aka the Hardwood Checkoff Program) has been extended on the U.S. Department of Agriculture website until February 18, 2014. The address is: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=AMS-FV-11-0074>.

Once the comment period concludes, the USDA will take an undetermined time frame to compile and consider the comments received. When the USDA has been completed its assessment, the USDA will release a final rule that will be voted on by all eligible hardwood manufacturers and hardwood plywood manufacturers to determine whether they support the program. In general terms, the goal of the proposed rule would establish a new program, which is commonly referred to as the Hardwood Checkoff, that would be funded by an assessment on hardwood lumber manufacturers and hardwood plywood manufacturers.

At the NCFCA's Board of Directors meeting, the Hardwood Checkoff Program generated a healthy discussion where board members familiar with the proposed rule shared some details and perspective on the process and rule. The program was seen as unfavorable by the board members in attendance. There was a question by one board member on why the NCFCA does not develop a position against the Hardwood Checkoff Program. NCFCA President Ray Allen, who does not favor the program, believed that it was only fair to the entire membership and in the best interest of the NCFCA to not take a position on this issue. He believed it was an issue that should remain within the hardwood community and not pull in other entities and ask them to pick sides. Consequently, the NCFCA will not be taking a position and will not submit comments going forth. ■

NCFS STATE FORESTER GREG PATE HEADS HOME TO ALABAMA



Greg Pate

North Carolina State Forester Greg Pate retired from his position on January 31, 2014.

He has been named the new Alabama State Forester and will begin his new job on February 3, 2014. Pate spent 30 years working for the NCFS but is originally from Alabama.

"I can honestly say that I have been the luckiest person in the world having spent 25+ of those years working with the most dedicated, resourceful, hard working, and family oriented people around," stated in an e-mail to co-workers and friends within the NCFS. ■

NC SFI SIC DISPLAYS AT WOODWORKS WORKSHOP



The North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee staffed an exhibit at the "Southeast Wood Solutions Fair" that had over 450 registrants. The event was sponsored by Woodworks. The attendees were primarily architects and engineers. Rand Matthews organized the SIC outreach effort. (l-r) Mike Adams, Scott Smearmin, Rand Matthews and Chip Miller manned the exhibit in two man teams during the event. ■

A NEW LOOK FOR TREELINE

The NCFA's TreeLine will feature a new look and delivery times in 2014. The newsletter will now be bi-monthly and printed on a higher quality stock of paper.

The newsletter will continue to be posted online at the NCFA's website, www.ncforestry.org. Members are also encouraged to sign up for the NCFA's weekly e-mail newsletter by visiting the NCFA's home page and plugging in their e-mail address. The e-mail newsletter is sent out each Friday afternoon. ■

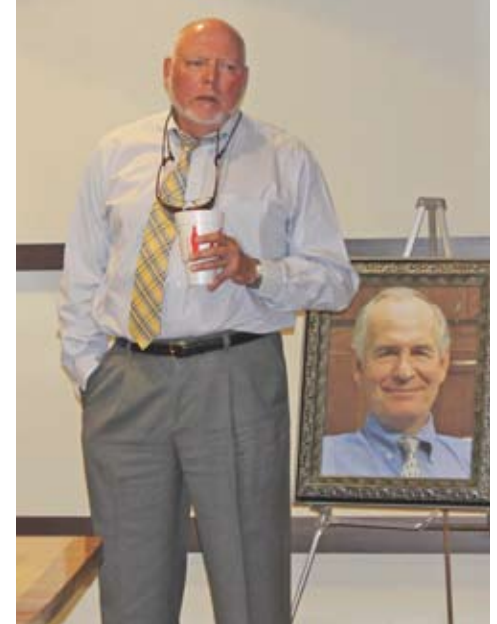
NCFA BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETS IN 2014

The NCFA's Board of Directors held its first meeting of 2014 in January and approved a new operating budget for the NCFA and the Forest Education & Conservation Foundation (FECF). The approved budget will be a balanced budget with a projected surplus of less than \$10,000. It was noted that the revenue projections were conservative.

Prior to approving the budget, Interim Executive Vice President Frank Rackley led the board through a review of the financial results for 2013. The association, which was projected to run a deficit in 2013, ended up with a surplus of over \$100,000 for the year. The numbers represent unaudited cash results and a more detailed report will be provided at the next board meeting. Some income items such as membership dues and the NCFA's Annual Meeting generated revenues exceeding the budget expectations while the association's expenses were lower than expected.

Rackley was encouraged by the final numbers and believed the association is poised to build on this momentum in 2014. He complimented the NCFA staff for their diligence over the past year.

After the board meeting, the NCFA staff, executive committee and board members returned to the NCFA office to officially dedicate the NCFA's building in the memory of the late Bob Slocum, the NCFA's long-time Executive Vice President. The Slocum family attended the event and were very appreciative of all of the support expressed by NCFA members. ■



Parker Lumpkin addressed the gathering of board members and friends. He related his experiences and deep friendship with Bob Slocum and the profound impact Slocum had on the development of the NCFA.

NINE ELECTED TO NCFA BOARD

The NCFA's Executive Committee and Board of Directors have been established for 2014 through appointments and elections. A complete listing can be found on page two.

Nine members were recently elected to the NCFA Board members for three-year terms. The members include:

East

Scott Brewer, International Paper
Fay Raynor, Domtar
Riddick Ricks, Forest Landowner

Central

Billy Barnette, Bosie Cascade Moncure
Doug Burleson, Canfor Southern Pine
Bernard Rose, Kapstone

West

Mark Church, Church & Church Lumber
John Fletcher, Pisgah Hardwoods
Patrick Parton, Parton Lumber

The NCFA staff appreciates our membership participating in this election through the postcard vote. ■

FRIENDS OF FORESTRY PAC HOLDING REVERSE RAFFLE ON MAY 20, 2014

The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee will be conducting a Reverse Raffle on May 20, 2014 at the Doubletree by Hilton - Raleigh Brownstone. The raffle reception will start at 6:00 p.m. and the first of the tickets sold will be drawn.

The tickets are drawn one at a time. Tickets will be continued to be drawn until the LAST ticket is drawn or the remaining ticket holders agree to share the pot evenly. Tickets are \$50 for one or three for \$100. The proceeds from the raffle are 25% of the ticket sales up to \$5,000. In the past, winners have shared this amount. In

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PROLOGGER GUIDELINES GET REVIEW AND UPDATE FOR 2014-2016

The ProLogger Guidelines were revised in the joint meeting of the NCFA's Safety, Logging Transportation Committee (SLTC) and the NC SFI State Implementation Committee (NC SFI SIC) that took place in January. The program's guidelines had not been revised since 2009. The SLTC and the NC SFI SIC had representatives on the subcommittee for this review and the new guidelines were approved by both committees during the joint meeting.

The significant changes are 1) one deadline for taking the continuing education module and payment of dues (June 30th); and 2) new reinstatement options for a ProLogger missing the single deadline date. The complete revised guidelines are listed on the NCFA's website on the ProLogger page.



(left) Forestry Mutual's Greg Helton reviews proper felling technique at one of the ProLogger base courses.

The revisions reflect the evolution of the program as well as the opportunity to improve the performance of the program for ProLoggers.

MODULE 14 SCHEDULE

The NCFA's ProLogger program consists of a continuing education element that requires ProLoggers to participate in one class on an annual basis. The modules are developed through input from the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee, the NCFA's Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company, North Carolina Department of Labor, North Carolina Highway Patrol and the North Carolina Forest Service.

Module 14 classes are now being held throughout the state. Here is a list of the upcoming classes that have been reported to the NCFA. If you are a member company holding a class, please call or e-mail Chris Brown your class date and any other important information such as a map and/flyer. ProLoggers are encouraged to check with the company that they supply to check on the availability of the next Module 14 class in their area.

- Feb. 6, 20145:00 – 7:00 p.m..... Lampe & Malphrus, Smithfield
- Feb. 11, 20146:00 – 9:00 p.m..... Domtar, Plymouth
- Feb. 13, 20145:30 – 8:30 p.m.Weyerhaeuser Pulp Mill, Room 6, New Bern
- Feb. 15, 20147:00 – 9:00 a.m.Dudley CNS Training Room, Dudley
- Feb. 20, 20145:00 – 7:00 p.m.Dudley CNS Training Room, Dudley
- Feb. 25, 20145:30 – 8:30 p.m..... Roaring River VFD, Roaring River
- Mar. 6, 20145:00 – 7:00 p.m. Lampe & Malphrus, Smithfield
- Mar. 7, 20141:00 – 4:00 p.m..... Room 108, Halifax CC, Weldon
- Apr. 8, 20146:00 – 9:00 p.m..... Domtar, Plymouth
- Apr. 10, 20145:30 – 8:30 p.m.....Weyerhaeuser Pulp Mill, Room 6, New Bern
- Apr. 24, 20146:00 – 9:00 p.m..... Forsyth County Ag Center, Winston-Salem
- Jun. 24, 20146:00 – 9:00 p.m.....Roaring River VFD, Roaring River ■

PROLOGGER BASE COURSE SCHEDULE



The NCFA will host three base ProLogger courses in 2014 with a possibility of having a fourth added at a later date. Courses will be held in the eastern, central and western part of the state this year and are listed below. The central class had definite dates, but the location has not yet been finalized. It will either be at Montgomery Community College or Forsyth Community College.

The base course takes two and a half days to complete, starting on a Wednesday and concluding with a Friday lunch.

For those loggers who would like to become ProLoggers, they can submit a registration form to the NCFA office either by mail or fax to sign up for the next available class. By sending in this registration form with payment, loggers are added to the NCFA's ProLogger Hold List.

- April 2-4, 2014 Craven County Center**
New Bern, NC
- June 11-13, 2014..... TBD**
- October 8-10, 2014..... McDowell CC**
Marion, NC

Friends of Forestry PAC...(from page 3)

In addition to the final cash prize, special prizes will be awarded to the 100th, 250th, 500th and 750th ticket drawn. It is important that ticket buyers DO NOT have to be present to win. Raffle tickets have been distributed to NCFA Board of Directors and are available from the NCFA office.

Heading into 2014, the FFPAC has established three levels of participation, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Tickets purchased count towards this participation goal. Gold is a \$500 contribution, Silver is \$250, and Bronze is any contribution under \$250.

Please contact Chris Brown (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 if you have any questions or would like to purchase raffle tickets. ■

FORESTRY DAY IN LEGISLATURE - MAY 20, 2014

The NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature will take place on May 20th on the Halifax Mall at the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh. Registrations will be mailed out to members closer to the date. The day will start with a briefing a 9:30 a.m. by NCFA staff. After the briefing, members will be allowed to meet with their representatives, leave information with them, and invite them back to lunch at the tent at 11:30 a.m. Members are encouraged to participate in this very important event. ■

There is Some History...(from page 1)

"Grandpa told Mr. Culp that he had been watching him saw, and he said to Mr. Culp, I believe he could saw. Mr. Culp said, why don't you try it? I'll hang around here, watch you for a little while. He stayed there for about two hours. Mr. Culp told him, I believe you have the hang of it. Just be careful."

Walter Hammill continued working on the crew for the next six years until he decided to purchase his own equipment in 1928 and strike out on his own through a partnership agreement with one of his four brothers. The brothers sawed and delivered different lumber to different companies in the area, but Culp was the main destination. While the first names changed over time with Hammill Logging and Culp Lumber, for the next forty plus years, the relationship stayed on track. One of those new first names was Max, who is Clement's father. Max Hammill stepped into his father's role in 1946 as the leader and as Clement says, became the "fiber that held it all together" during his time in the woods. The new first name at Culp was Henry, who is regarded as the architect of what Culp Lumber is today.

A testimony to the relationship these two shared

can be heard in the quote Clement shared when his father warned him about leaving the family logging business to work for another area mill.

Clement recalls his father's warning, "As far as I am concerned, Henry Culp is the only man in this area that has a sawmill. You go do what you need to do, but I think you are going to find out that you are making a mistake."

It is important to point out that this relationship was not without its share of controversy. Take the incident of February of 1973 for example. Henry Culp was in the process of reworking his business model. In those days, in addition to its own sawmill, Culp relied on the production of portable mills and purchased lumber. The problem was there was no way to regulate the length. Henry had a plan.

"In February of 1972, we were sawing up on a hilltop," recalls Clement. "It was wet, messy. All the belts and stuff on the sawmill were frozen. It had been cold that morning. Henry had an old International Scout. He never came to the woods unless he wanted something. He either wanted something special for the mill or wanted a different length of lumber. He got out and told Daddy, I need to talk to you all a bit."

"Daddy, said, Uh-oh, what have we done now," Clement retells with a chuckle.

"Come Spring next year, we are not going to take any lumber anymore," Clement remembers Henry saying. "We are going to put a stationary mill in. We want you all to shut your sawmill down."

Well, this new arrangement didn't sound too promising to Max Hammill. He protested that there would be no way to determine who brought in what logs and

how would they be compensated. Henry countered that he would now be paying for logs based on their weight, which was a trend taking hold in the Southeast. The discussion continued downhill as the two discussed the logistics of shedding the current sawmill and purchasing new equipment. At that point, Clement recalls, Henry was clearly getting agitated with how the conversation was going.

"Henry said, if you don't want to quit sawing, I will tell you what we will do, we go on the other side of the yard and clear a place off," stated Clement. "We will put your sawmill over there. I'll saw pine. You'll saw hardwood."

Max Hammill continued to press his point by pointing out that the crew's only off days were rainy days, so if the mill was inside, he would never get a day off.

"Henry said," according to Clement, who at this point was glad he had stayed a safe distance from the debate, "I don't care what you do, it don't make any difference whatever you want to do, but I am telling you at this particular time, we are going to quit taking lumber and you need to get ready."

In April of 1973, Max Hammill took out a \$6,000 loan to start up a logging venture. Henry Culp had decided that for his company to succeed, he needed to be able to set the production schedule. He was moving towards accepting tree length logs, which again, was something new for the industry at this point.

"The tree length deal was the idea of him getting exactly the length he needed," explained Clement. "It may



Perry Hammill oversees the operations of the dry kiln equipment.

sound like it was an ultimatum, but really, he knew where he was going and he gave us an opportunity to be a part of it."

Forty-plus years later the last line of logging Hammills is still making the most of that chance.

Clement, a NCFA ProLogger since 1996, owns and operates Hammill Logging. The crew has two skidder drivers, one fellerbuncher driver, one full-time mechanic, three truck drivers and one contract truck driver.

As for his role in the company, Clement relates that he is "...here, yonder and everywhere", but spends most of his time running one of the loaders. His wife, Kay, handles the books for the company. He relies on the expertise of the folks at John Woodie Enterprises to keep his fleet up-to-date.

His crew is primarily a pine crew that does not put anyone on the ground. Clement explains on any given tract, his crew goes through and cuts all the pine first and then goes back for the hardwood pulpwood. The last to go is the hardwood sawtimber.

"The most important reason why we do it that way is that the trees are now out to themselves," explains Clement. "It doesn't make any difference if it goes this way or that way. We can double cut with fellerbuncher."

While Hammill, 63, has (continued on page 7)



Allen Hammill keeps Culp Lumber's fleet of trucks running smoothly.

WORKSHOPS

The N.C. Forest Service's Urban & Community Forestry Program is partnering with N.C. State University Forestry Extension to offer workshops on Community Forest Stewardship. Visit www.ncsu-feop.org/community for full details. The dates include:

February 13, 2014 - Community Forest Stewardship workshop will be held at the Catawba County Center, Newton, NC.

February 18, 2014 - Community Forest Stewardship workshop will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Riverfront, New Bern, NC.

March 18-20, 2014 - A Longleaf Alliance Academy for landowners will take place at Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve, Southern, Pines. Check out www.longleafalliance.org for info.

April 2-4, 2014 - The 2014 Forestry Summit, entitled *Forest Products and Services for Global Markets*, will be held at Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA. The workshop will include members of Virginia Forestry Association (VFA), the Virginia Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF), and the Appalachian Society of American Foresters (SAF). For more details, check the workshop schedule on the NCFA's website, www.ncforestry.org.

April 10, 2014 - The Western North Carolina Timber Conference will be held in the auditorium at The Regional High Technology Center, 112 Industrial Park Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786.

OVER 125 PARTICIPANTS ATTEND NORTH CAROLINA EXPORTS WOOD CONFERENCE

The first North Carolina Exports Wood Conference took place over two days in New Bern back in November. Directed by North Carolina State University Extension Forestry, the North Carolina Forest Service, and the North Carolina Department of Agricultural International Marketing, the conference hosted 125 professionals directly engaged in the forest products industry. The agenda and presentations from the conference are available at www.ncexportswood.com.

The conference got underway with a tour of the Port of Morehead City that was led by the North Carolina Port Authority. During the tour, the authority reviewed plans to increase log and wood pellets exports via ongoing upgrades to the ports in Morehead City and Wilmington.

The next day, the conference examined the export market opportunities to Asia and Europe. China is still seen as a real market opportunity as demand remains high. Europe also continues to demand American hardwoods and a steady flow of industrial pellets.

It was noted by several speakers that communications and relationship building was important to maintaining market opportunities. Certifications must also be met. Expectations

must be met. The business has to make sense to both parties.

In the afternoon, the topic of growth and drains on forests in North Carolina and the southeast were discussed using current data. A review of how in the context of how and a historical look at the role forests have played in meeting the demands of markets both domestically and abroad.

The final day of the conference featured two panel discussions. One examined how increased exports may change forest management on the ground. Historically, the resource has been shaped by markets. Stronger markets provide an incentive to forest landowners. The second panel consisted of private industries that are exporting pellets, fluff pulp, and hardwood logs. This panel discussed the challenges of the export marketplace.

Based on the popularity and success of this initial conference, a formal partnership was created to address this issue in the future. The Mid-Atlantic Forestry Export Conference (MAFEC) includes representatives from North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

The next conference will take place fall of 2014 in southeast Virginia. Plans are to rotate the conference with South Carolina hosting in 2015 and North Carolina in 2016. ■

NEW MEMBERS

Rand Almond	Oakboro
Tyler Almond	Oakboro
Dawn Anderson	Tarboro
Peter Anderson	Tarboro
ASC Construction	
Equipment USA, Inc.	Charlotte
Travis Basden	Pink Hill
Bear Tracks Hunt Club	Purlear
Rosalind & George Boothby	Wadesboro
Joshua Bright	Seven Springs
Douglas Bullock & Phyllis Adams	Tarboro
Caraway Hunt Club	New Bern
Bo Collins	Robbinsville
Mary & Bob Creed	Durham
Robert Cordon	Washington
Dennis Devane	Ivanhoe
Craig Ellis Outfitters	Middlesex
Franklin Hunt Club	Youngsville
Slade Gleaton	Charleston, SC
Grice & Co. Woodyard, LLC	Delco
Erwin Gullickson	Bolivia
H & M Quality Logging, Inc.	Elizabethtown
Mike Hobbs	Louisburg
Craig Hodges	Wilmington
Howard Harmon Hunt Club	Aulander
Hercurleigh Charles Sr.	Louisburg
M & M Hunting Club	Clayton
Janice Malpass & Alvin Hough	China Grove
J n L Trucking LLC	Peachland
Billy McCormick	Mt. Gilead
McLendon Logging Inc.	Mt. Gilead
Middle Swamp Logging, Inc.	Gates
Tyrone Moody	Louisburg
Lloyd Morgan	Rutherfordton
North Hampton Hunt Club	Washington
Willie Pridgen	Atkinson
Price Road Farm, LLC	Clayton
Brian Robinson	Rutherfordton
Shaver Forestry LLC	Cleveland
O.G. Spell Jr. Revocable Trust	Wendell
T.A. Logging, LLC	Oakboro
Terry Road Hunt Club	Hillsborough
Joseph Tucker	Louisburg



(l-r) Fred Hardin accepted a plaque in recognition of his service on the NCFA's Executive Committee in 2013 from NCFA's Chairman Allen Plaster at the January board meeting.

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seen his share of changes over the years, the most dramatic for him is the manufacturing capabilities of Culp Lumber.

Just recently, Clement was out surveying a tract of timber that he would be cutting. It was some 56 acres. A local resident asked him how long it would take him to complete the job. Clement estimated it would be about three or four weeks. The resident was amazed that it would be that quick.

"What is really amazing," explained Clement to the resident, "is that it is going to take me a month to cut this tract. The sawmill that I am hauling it to, it will saw it in two 10 hour days."

Hammill, who admits to being a little too independent to work as anything else than a logger, has seen his share of ups and downs over his career. He has made some missteps, but has been smart enough to get back on the track to face the challenges that go hand in hand with the logging profession.

"I'd like to think my biggest challenges are behind me," stated Hammill. "You know we have been in this thing for so long. We are used to breakdowns, we're used to bad weather, we're used to bad times. We're used to quotas. It's kind of challenge every day."

One of his worst moments came some five years ago when his cousin and business partner of 30 years, Barry Hammill, fell while working in his shop and struck his head. The fall caused permanent damage, forcing Clement to buy his partner out.

"It was the hardest thing I have ever to do," explained Hammill.

Hammill is no spring chicken and most of his crew is a little long in the tooth as well, but this does not stop this crew from focusing on the present with a glimpse of optimism towards the future.

"We are going as long as we gonna go," stated Clement. "I don't have any intentions of quitting. Things are starting to pick up. Things are going to get better."

When Clement does call it quits, it most likely will bring the end to a 90-year relationship between two families that have built careers and helped their communities through their work in the forest products industry since no direct relative is currently logging with the company or shown any interest in the field.

In addition to the dollars and cents, Clement's incentive to keep producing is the fellowship he shares with his crew members, many of which have been with him for numerous years.

"I really have a great crew," stated Clement. "You asked me earlier on what keeps me coming back out to the woods, and I would say it's been these guys. They are dedicated to the cause - and that's what kept this company going all these years." ■



ARE YOU HAVING A BAD DAY?

Have you ever heard someone say, 'He's having a bad day'? Workers in our industry, like no other, cannot afford to have a bad day! The risk involved in a daily logging operation is astonishing. The mere weight of the trees and the equipment is staggering, not to mention gravity, and stored energy thrown into the equation. One mistake can lead to life altering injury or death. A recent claims review has our attention focused on two main areas, overhead hazards and rolling logs.



OVERHEAD HAZARDS

Falling limbs and tops have accounted for 31 claims since 2007. Of the 31 claims, 21 were lost time incidents. The total claims cost in this class was over two million dollars. All of these claims had the potential for severe injury or death. We must protect ourselves from hazards from above.

- Use approved personal protective equipment for head and cut protection
- Look and scan at least 100 feet ahead for overhead hazards
- Scan at least 50 feet ahead for your ground travel path
- Don't place yourself under any object that can fall or move due to gravity
- Maintain at least two tree lengths from tree felling areas
- Make yourself highly visible, wear high visibility colors
- Maintain communication with anyone in the work area
- Maintain proper working distances. Avoid working too close
- When possible, use mechanized equipment to limit risk to ground personnel

ROLLING LOGS

Employees suffered 12 claims from rolling logs since 2007. The total cost of claims was over 500 thousand dollars. Spring poles and tension wood accounted for 11 claims in the same time period. These two injury class codes are associated with topping and limbing operations. We can reduce risk by:

- Identifying tension wood
- Using proper body placement - Stay on the "good side" of the tree or limb
- Using limb locks and top locks
- Having skidder operators spread the grappled wood after they drop it to avoid rolling logs or trees
- Not walking on unstable trees or logs
- Maintaining proper working distance between equipment and ground workers
- Staying alert! Constantly scan for hazards

Identifying hazards on the logging job is our first responsibility to our loved ones. Proper decisions and techniques can insure our safe return home. In the end, we cannot afford to have a bad day. If you have any questions about this article or need more safety training information, please contact Forestry Mutual Insurance Company at (800) 849-7788. ■

TREE LINE

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2014



(l-r) Allen Hammill, Hank Culp, Perry Hammill and Clement Hammill continue a tradition of two families working together over generations.

NCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

EVENTS

Forestry & Environmental Camps
Greensboro Camp, Carolyn Allen Park, April 30-May 2, 2014
Wilmington Camp, Hugh McRae Park, October 13-17, 2014

Friends of Forestry Reverse Raffle,
May 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. the DoubleTree by Hilton - Brownstone, Raleigh

NCA Forestry Day in the Legislature
May 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the NC General Assembly, Raleigh

NCA Annual Meeting
October 1-3, 2014 at the Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC

Sustainable Forestry Teachers' Academies

Mountain Academy: June 16-20, 2014
Coastal Academy: June 23-27, 2014

MEETINGS

Board of Directors

May 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. the DoubleTree by Hilton - Brownstone, Raleigh
October 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC.

Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee

April 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at McLaurin's Farm in McColl, SC
August 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the NCA Landing, Holly Springs, NC
November 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at Drake's

NC SFI State Implementation Committee

May 14, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the NCA
August 13, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the NCA
November 12, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the NCA

Public Affairs Committee

February 19, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the NCA

Forest Management Committee

February 26, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the NCA

Friends of Forestry PAC

February 19, 2014, 1:00 p.m. at the NCA



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