

TREE LINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

FORESTRY DAY, REVERSE RAFFLE AND MEETING OF NCFA BOARD TAKE PLACE ON MAY 20-21, 2014

With an important election this fall, the North Carolina Forestry Association will once again be hosting its Forestry Day in the Legislature! We encourage all members to take the time to travel to Raleigh for a brief information meeting that will start at 9:30 a.m. on the grass of the Halifax Mall. This is the best chance for our membership to show up and promote forestry.

We receive extremely positive feedback from the members of the North Carolina General Assembly and their staff about how enjoyable this luncheon is each year. They look forward to it. Our



(left front) Senator Chad Barefoot is a brave man, sitting down with the Lumpkin clan - Tripp (back left), Arturo (back right), and Parker (front right) - during last year's Forestry Day in the Legislature.

elected officials enjoy meeting voters in their own district, but they are also interested in learning more about the state's top manufacturing industry.

Registration materials for Forestry Day will be mailed

shortly. There is no cost to attend the event, but parking can be difficult so plan accordingly.

After a fantastic Forestry Day, the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee will be hosting its biannual Reverse Raffle Event in the Lincoln Room at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Raleigh Brownstone. All raffle ticket holders are welcome to attend the drawing that will include music and finger foods. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and drawing will begin shortly after. Tickets are being sold currently by NCFA Board of Directors and Friends of Forestry PAC members. Please contact Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 if you would like to purchase tickets or more information on the event.

The following day, the NCFA's Board of Directors will meet at the Brownstone at 9:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Room.

The NCFA has reserved a block of rooms at the Brownstone at a rate of \$109 for those members interested in staying over night. The cutoff for this block is Tuesday, April 29, 2014. ■

NCFA FORESTRY CAMP TO TAKE PLACE IN GREENSBORO

The first of two NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camps scheduled for 2014 will take place on April 30 - May 2 at Carolyn Allen Park in Greensboro. Sixth grade students from Kernodle Middle School will spend two days studying forestry topics and be put to the test on Friday's competition. The camps are staffed by NCFA members and N.C. Forest Service personnel. ■

ANTHONY B. ANDREWS LOGGING: A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

By Chris Brown, NCFA Communications Director

Anthony Andrews and his crew are great examples of the old axiom, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!"

Entering his 30th year with his own company, Anthony B. Andrews Logging, and over 35 plus years in the logging profession, Andrews has seen his share of log quotas, high fuel prices and expensive equipment price tags. But recently, Andrews resolve was inadvertently challenged in a conversation with one of his peers who had decided to leave the logging business about two years ago.

"He didn't think there was a good future ahead for him and his boys so he decided to sell out," explained Andrews. "He told me, 'You need to get out of that stuff while you can. There's no future in it. He said if you look at it, buildings are being made out of metal. Everything is being made out of plastic. The wood business is on its way out.' That's what he was telling me."

After this conversation, Andrews did some reflection on his investment in his company, and not simply in financial terms, but sweat equity and

his family's involvement.

His wife, Betty, manages the books for the company. Sons Garrett, 27, and Tyler, 24, run equipment on his logging crew.

"I thought, we need some way to improve our image," stated Andrews. "A farmer plants his corns. It grows green. It turns brown, and he harvests it. He starts over. People don't see logging that way. Trees are just like corn - it just takes longer."

Believing he needed to do something to combat this negative image, Andrews began brainstorming on what he could do as an owner/operator of a logging company that always puts the landowner's needs first. He wanted to make people think of logging as the conclusion of a renewable cycle, not a destructive conclusion. He thought maybe a sticker for his company's trucks was a good starting point.

"Basically, I was doodling and drawing," explained Andrews. "I was putting
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The Andrews crew poses for a photograph. (l-r) Antonio Vasquez, Joe Rodriquez-Luna, Garrett Andrews, Tyler Andrews, Anthony Andrews, Bryan Stroud and Billy Phillips

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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

CAMP TAKES AIM AT FORESTRY EXEMPTIONS IN LATEST CUT AT TAX REFORM

In March, U.S. Representative Dave Camp, who is the current Chair of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, proposed eliminating the timber tax provisions currently included in the U.S. Tax Code. These provisions have shaped management decisions for forest landowners, both large and small, for years and would no doubt have a severe consequences for future forest ownership.

In terms of tax provisions, the Camp proposal would 1) eliminate capital gains treatment for timber revenue; 2) curtail deductions for growing expenses for businesses with annual gross receipts over \$10 million; 3) repeal the deduction for reforestation expenses. It also makes structural changes by changing the current law by 1) eliminating timber as real property for purposes of the real estate investment trust (REIT) rules (IRC Sections 856 through 859); 2) Exclude timber sale gains as qualifying income for a publicly traded master limited partnership.

The proposal also repeals 1) section 1031 allowing tax deferral for in-kind exchanges of property; 2) Repeal of special provisions for installment sales of "farm property," which the Code defines as including "woodland."

While it is unlikely that any action will move forward this year, the introduction of the proposal clearly puts timber tax provisions in the spotlight as the discussion of tax reform is addressed next session.

NAFO has prepared a formal response to Representative Camp's proposal. NAFO has also sent a letter to Senator Wyden's office about his issue. NCFCA is one of the many state forestry associations to sign onto this letter. ■

EPA ISSUES PROPOSED RULE ON CLEAN WATER ACT

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers released a proposed rule to clarify protection for streams and wetlands under the Clean Water Act (CWA) in late March. The proposal, which was first reviewed and comments were supplied by all interested parties in 2013, seeks to define the issue of jurisdiction on streams and wetlands. In 2001 and 2006, the United States Supreme Court made two decisions on definitions within the CWA that continue to be contested by both sides of this debate.

The EPA maintains that the new proposal seeks to 1) protect most seasonal and rain-dependent streams, 2) wetlands near rivers and streams, 3) other types of waters that have connections with downstream water protection. The proposed rule does preserve the existing CWA exemptions and exclusions for agriculture and forestry.

Some politicians in Washington, including House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers, were not pleased with the proposal. Rogers is concerned that the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are seeking to expand their jurisdiction on smaller streams and wetlands that were previously not covered with the existing CWA.

The comment period will be 90 days and will start once the draft proposal is published in the Federal Register. Members can find the proposal online at: <http://www2.epa.gov/uswaters>. There is a link off of this page to submit comments. ■

NCFCA SETS PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2014

The NCFCA's Annual Meeting Committee met in March to begin preparations for the NCFCA's 2014 Annual Meeting that will take place at the **Grandover Resort on October 1-3, 2014**. The meeting will once again follow the two-day format followed by a Friday morning meeting of the board of directors, but there are a few changes planned for the flow of events. After Wednesday afternoon's recreation events (golf, shooting clay, etc), members will enjoy a reception at the Grandover and will be entertained by The Band of Oz. This should make for an exciting opening night. On Thursday night, the NCFCA will once again conduct its Awards Dinner that will be followed by a Casino Night. One focus area of the speaking program will examine the relationship between forest health and water quality as it plays out across North Carolina. ■

FFPAC MAKES FIRST ROUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee held its first meeting of 2014 to discuss fundraising efforts for the year and the first round of candidate donations.

Chaired by landowner Charles Jones, the FFPAC is once again conducting its Reverse Raffle. Tickets are \$50 for one or three for \$100. The proceeds from the raffle are 25% of the ticket sales up to \$5,000. It is important that ticket buyers **DO NOT** have to be present to win.

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.

The FFPAC also set forth its first round of contributions for candidates. The FFPAC **IS NOT** party specific. It supports those candidates who support forestry, private property rights, and the forest products industry.

The following lists represents those candidates who have a primary election and/or will have a competitive general election.

Judicial Branch

Justice Mark Martin \$500

House of Representatives

67 Justin Burr (R) \$500
 109 Dana Bumgardner (R) \$500
 112 Mike Hager (R) \$500
 79 Julia Howard (R) \$500
 111 Tim Moore (R) \$1,000
 37 Paul Stam (R) \$500
 87 Edgar Starnes (R) \$500
 27 Michael Wray (D) \$500

Senate

48 Tom Apodaca (R) \$1,000
Contributed for event earlier in 2013
 18 Chad Barefoot \$1,000
 26 Phil Berger (R) \$1,000
 6 Harry Brown (R) \$1,000
Contributed for event earlier in 2013
 36 Fletcher Hartsell (R) \$500
 47 Ralph Hise (R) \$500
 10 Brent Jackson (R) \$1,000
Contributed for event earlier in 2013
 7 Louis Pate (R) \$500
 29 Jerry Tillman (R) \$1,000

In total, the FFPAC's first round is \$9,500, which is close to half of the money on hand prior to the Reverse Raffle event. NCFCA members are encouraged to participate in the raffle by purchasing tickets. The FFPAC also typically receives donations from members. The goal is to reach \$50,000 for the fall election. ■

FORESTRY MUTUAL ENLARGES FOOTPRINT

Like the company he directs, Forestry Mutual President Keith Biggs has a pretty big footprint to start with, but with the company's new movement into Georgia in 2014, Biggs might just have to go out shopping for some new boots - or at least some field representatives anyway!

Forestry Mutual started as a Self-Insurers Fund in the early 1970's and evolved into a Mutual in the early 1990's. The company's original mission remains current - reduce the costs of workers compensation insurance by providing quality



Keith Biggs

insurance alongside of second-to-none safety training. The company has a bevy of field representatives and two chainsaw trainers. This approach worked so well in North Carolina that the company grew into Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and now Georgia.

"We like staying within our niche," stated Forestry Mutual President Keith Biggs. "With the economic pressure on logging over the last four or five years, we keep looking at different areas."

Five states is an impressive footprint, but each step has come only after the proper research has been completed by Biggs and his staff.

"One of the key criteria for me is, what are the workers' comp laws in that state?" stated Biggs. "Is it even feasible to go into that state? Then you need to know if there is a need in that state and the supply of timber in the state. Georgia meets all of those requirements."

The other consideration for Biggs is the safety commitment to the new business. Consequently, Biggs likes to take his time when striking out for new territory. The prior expansion to

Georgia was into Tennessee, which occurred in 2009.

"You don't want to bite off more than you can chew with our business model," explained Biggs. "We do a lot of manpower with our loss control staff. We want to make sure we have all our bases covered and don't get spread too thin."

Biggs expects to add some more field representatives and continue to work with two agencies in Davis Garvin and Swamp Fox that are partners with Forestry Mutual in other states and have a large presence in Georgia. He also has added a special caveat to new business in Georgia.

"We will not write anything in Georgia that is non-mechanized," stated Biggs. "It will all be fully mechanized. There is a lot of it down there so I am not really worried about that aspect of that."

Forestry Mutual is coming off one of its best years in terms of claims and overall safety performance by its policyholders.

"We had one of our best years in our history," affirmed Biggs. "Our loss ratio at the end of the year was only 32 percent. That is outstanding in a high-hazard business."

In explaining the loss ratio, for every dollar the company takes in, about 32 percent was reserved for claims. Typically, Forestry Mutual needs to be under 45 to 50 percent to remain a viable company since it is so heavily staffed in loss control through its field representatives and trainers.

"Our loss control is a big expenditure for us, but we hope we save it on the claim side," stated Biggs. "Our focus is preventing accidents and injuries among our policyholders. If we can do that, and folks are going home from work each night, then it's worth it. That is our goal."

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JORDAN LUMBER RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY

Jordan Lumber Co. & Supply was presented with the 2013 BB&T Insurance Services Lighthouse Beam Safety Award. The award recognizes overall safety performance and implementation of effective safety policies and procedures. (l-r) Jean Hudson, Human Resources Assistant, Jeff Jordan, Safety Coordinator, Robin Little, BB&T Insurance Services National Forest Products Practice, John Coyle, Director of Human Resources. ■





PROLOGGER DEATH POINTS TO DANGERS OF WORKING WITH MULTI-PIECE RIMS

The potential danger of working with multi-piece rims was demonstrated in February as Ray Blankenship, co-owner of Blankenship Logging, was killed while attempting to change a tire on his G.I. truck that he used to spot loaded trailers. According to reports, Blankenship had changed the tire and was in the process of fastening the wheel to the truck when the multi-piece rim separated in a violent release. The explosion and resulting flying debris proved to be fatal.

Born in McDowell County, North Carolina on March 20, 1960, Blankenship started logging at a young age working with his father and brothers. His brother Palmer was his partner in Blankenship Logging. He was one of the "original" ProLoggers, having earned and maintained his status since 1995. Blankenship was a deacon at New Manna Baptist Church where he enjoyed serving as a bus driver and mechanic in the Bus Ministry for 27 years.



Ray Blankenship

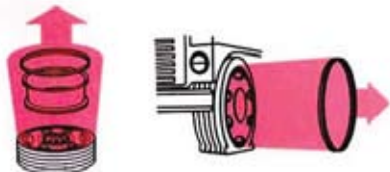
While multi-piece rims are being phased out of use, they can still be found on older trucks, tractors and buses. In terms of logging, they are common on older trucks such as G.I.'s that Blankenship was running on his logging operation. These rims have proven again and again to be extremely unpredictable and the North Carolina Department of Labor urges extreme caution when working with multi-piece rims. The following recommendations and warnings are extracted from a Hazard Alert from the North Carolina Department of Labor.

Recommendations

When working with multi-piece and single-piece rimmed wheels, always use a cage or barrier to protect the worker. There is no greater safety measure than a protective barrier for employees. If the rim is painted or the markings otherwise illegible, the wheel and tire assembly should not be serviced.

Employees should be reminded regularly of the dangers of working around single-piece and multi-piece rim wheels. Employees must be extremely cautious when mounting and demounting rim wheels. Safety precautions should extend to other activities such as inflating, deflating, installation, removal and handling.

For employees working on either single-piece or multi-piece rim wheels, the dangers of a sudden release can be deadly. Multi-piece rims are even more dangerous because of the various pieces flying off during a violent release. With multi-piece rims, employees also must take care to ensure that parts have not been mismatched mistakenly. ■



This graphic shows the danger areas in red where the top ring of a multi-piece rim

NCFA SEEKING INPUT ON TROUBLE BRIDGES

The NCFA's Jack Swanner is cooperating with several partners to collect information on troublesome bridges across the state that impact the trucking of forest products. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has begun a total review of bridges across the state that are in need of an upgrade or repair.

Obviously, posted bridges present challenges. Swanner is asking that if a member has a specific bridge that presents a problem to please call him at (800) 231-7723 ext. 2 or e-mail him at jswanner@ncforestry.org to report the location.

NC DOT has pledged to try to address those bridges that present the biggest problems for commerce in the state. ■



Forestry Mutual...(from page 3)

Over the years, Forestry Mutual has kept claims low by prioritizing troublesome trends. They see the claims and when a trend emerges, Biggs and his staff address the issue through direct contact with policyholders and specialized training. The newest concern on the Forestry Mutual radar screen is trucking, trucking, trucking.

"Five years ago, 68% of our claims came from other people causing our trucks to wreck," explained Biggs. "In the last few years, it's been our guys. A lot of it is just speed. And I mean excessive speed for conditions. Speed in curves."

The most frustrating element for a logger is that once a truck leaves the deck, he loses a lot of control of what goes on from that point on the road that is full of variables.

"I am trying to encourage our loggers to start putting GPS units on their trucks," stated Biggs. "We have a logger in South Carolina that got them on his. He has a company policy - if you get a speeding ticket 10 miles plus above, automatic termination. We need all of our loggers to look at it that way."

Biggs believes that a shift in the federal government's approach to weight limits could reduce the exposure log trucks face every day. Trucks may be loaded to the North Carolina limit, but that puts them over the federal limit. Consequently, those loaded trucks cannot travel on any federal road.

"Right now, we got log trucks going through communities and school zones and all that where they could be out there on the interstate, getting their product to the mill quicker and safer," stated Biggs. ■

MODULE 14 SCHEDULE

April 22, 2014 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC.

Contact Renee Winslow at (252) 771-2497

April 24, 2014 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Forsyth County Ag Center, Winston-Salem, NC

May 2, 2014 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Edwards Wood Products at Liberty, NC

Please RSVP to Mike Patram (336) 516-5713

May 13, 2014 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

McDowell Tech CC, Marion, NC

May 16, 2014 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Roxboro Room D-101, Piedmont Community College, Roxboro, NC

May 23, 2014 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Domtar, Bennettsville, SC. Please RSVP to Matt Krawiec (843) 479-6531

June 24, 2014 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Roaring River VFD, Roaring River, NC

June 27, 2014 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Stan Adams Training Facility, 2832 Big Woods Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Please check www.ncforestry.org for the latest schedule for ProLogger Module 14 and Base Courses.

Andrews B. Andrews Logging...(from page 1)

pictures on the wall and that went on for about 6 or 8 months. We finally got this logo. The little tree is the seedling. The larger tree is the tree growing about the thinning age. The large tree is the mature tree for the clearcutting."

Once he came up with his prototype logo around the dinner table, Andrews showed his logo to kids, college kids and adults. From these unofficial test groups, Andrews was pleased with the message his audience took away from the logo. They saw the circular logo as a cycle of plant, grow and harvest. And for Andrews, it was important to put America in the logo.

"This is the best country that there is," stated Andrews. "I may not agree with everything that is going on, but it's still the best country in the world. So I wanted to make sure that I put that on there."

Andrews' original goal was to make some stickers and mud flaps for his trucks so maybe, when his trucks were stopped at a red light, the public would get a better idea about what logging is all about. After outfitting his own equipment, Andrews thought it might something that others in the industry - regardless of where they come in on the forestry cycle - would appreciate the logo.

"I just feel like it's a good logo for everybody," stated Andrews. "We printed up a bunch of bumper stickers, hard hat stickers, cups and some mud flaps. We have just got it off the ground in terms about promoting it."

The promotion of the logo might be in its beginning stage, but its popularity has already caught on with loggers at the grass roots level throughout the southeast. With some sponsorship help by the NC SFI State Implementation Committee, the logo was highlighted at the Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo in 2013. It was also on display when Andrews was named Forestry Mutual's

Logger for the Year in 2013 at the NCFA's Annual Meeting.

Anthony Andrews started his logging career on a full-time basis back in 1978, working for one of his mother's brothers, George Griffin aka Sweet Pea. After graduating from Bethel Christian Academy in 1975, Andrews worked at a local auto parts store and filled in on the weekends with on his uncle's crew.

"I started out working on Saturdays," explained Andrews. "The guys who worked out there all week didn't like working on Saturdays. I hadn't been out there all week, so I didn't mind it."

After six years a full-time employee, Andrews decided to strike out on his own, forming Anthony B. Andrews Logging, Inc. in 1984. The company effort was a family affair at this point as Anthony and Betty were married in 1982.

"You know when you are young and foolish," explained Andrews responding to why he decided to start his own company. "You will try anything. That's sort of what I did. It was pretty bad because by the time I got started, the quotas were really bad. You could hardly sell any pulpwood."

Andrews started out with a John Deere skidder, a Barko loader and a little 10-wheel truck with a kicker on the back. All of the felling was done manually with chain saws on this three man crew. Andrews pointed out that his company benefitted from two brothers, Virgil and Wiley Hart, who were two veteran chain saw men.

"They were from the old school," stated Andrews. "That's all they ever did. They knew what to do and knew how to work a saw. There are not too many guys around like them anymore."

During this early stage in his company's history, Andrews was given a piece of advice that has remained with him to this day.

"Ben Barrow told me when I first started," stated Andrews, "and, Barrow himself had logged with mules, that you can always look around you and see guys with stuff nicer or newer than you, but you hot to work with what you got."

In the early days, Andrews just hung in there, dealing with log quotas and high fuel prices.

"I have literally called and begged for one load of pulpwood," stated Andrews with a smile.

As time went on, his company began to grow along with his reputation as a quality logger. Today, the Andrews crew numbers seven in addition to several truck drivers hired within three different trucking companies the family owns.

And while he has not purchased new equipment recently, his stable of cutters, skidders and loaders is much more impressive. His equipment includes Low Ground Pressure adjustment such as wide, dual tires and a tract cutter.

Primarily a final harvest operation, Andrews and his crew strive for 125 truckloads a week. With the weather and other factors, the crew averages close to 100 loads a week according to the most recent review by Betty Andrews.

In addition to balancing books and writing checks, Betty Andrews also coordinates the company's monthly safety meetings. Now, this is a pretty clever idea considering that at least three of the seven man crew are used to taking direction from Betty, including two from their birth!

"She comes out to the job at least once a month," stated Andrews. "Or if something comes up that she thinks we should know about, she will come out to give us an update. She is just really organized. You know how men are. We just aren't just as organized."

Betty's organizational skills



Garrett Andrews running a loader.

and the crew's attention to safety resulted in the selection as Forestry Mutual's Logger of the Year in 2013. Asked about his company's safety record, Andrews credits his wife, his crew, and the improvements in the equipment.

"Now most jobs are mechanical and I think that's the biggest thing for safety," stated Andrews. "With your delimiters, buck saws, and fellerbunchers, you just don't have a man on the ground with the chainsaw."

Andrews also strives to keep his experienced crew on the same machines, believing familiarity with the machine makes everybody a little sharper on a daily basis. Brian Stroud, Anthony's brother-in-law who has been with Andrews for 20 years, runs one of the two loaders on the job. Garrett Andrews, on the job since 2008, runs the other loader. Billy Phillips, another 20-year veteran with Andrews, runs one of the cutters and does mechanic work. Anthony runs the crew's other cutter. Joe Rodriguez-Luna and Antonio Vasquez, both 15 year crewmembers, run the company's skidders. Tyler Andrews joined the team in 2011 and fills in on the skidder, cutter and also serves as one of company's on-site mechanics.

Even though he has a veteran crew, Andrews' log deck is complete with numerous signs that remind everyone visiting the job site to be safe and smart on the job that day.

"Even though you have all this great equipment, you can (continued on page 7)

LANDOWNERS

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FORESTRY ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Under the expert direction of Northampton County Ranger Rodney Black, the Northampton Forest Landowners Association held its annual meeting in Jackson, NC. The meeting was re-scheduled from two weeks ago when it was postponed by snow.

Joseph Long, a charter member of the association, was named Northampton County's Forest Landowner of the Year in what is always a competitive field of landowners.

"Selecting one landowner out of this group is always tough," stated County Ranger Rodney Black. "They all deserve recognition for their outstanding stewardship."

Black noted that two recent North Carolina Tree Farmers of the Year have come from Northampton County, including Eugene Brown who was the 2013 NC Tree Farmer of the Year. Black also recognized and thanked his staff for their efforts over the past year is serving the community.

The featured speaker was Rob Trickel with the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Trickel gave an excellent presentation on forest pests currently active and those presenting threats to North Carolina.

"Our efforts to deal with pests is really a "good news" story, but we encourage landowners to stay vigilant," stated Trickel. "They are the best eyes we have on the forests."

Trickel urged the landowners in attendance to not hesitate to call his office or the local county ranger if they believe they have a pest problem in their forests. Landowners can call their county ranger or contact Trickel at (919) 857-4858 or via e-mail at rob.trickel@ncagr.gov. ■



(l-r) Joseph Long was presented with Northampton County Forest Landowners Association's Landowner of the Year Award Northampton County Ranger Rodney Black presented the award to Long, who is a charter member of the Northampton group, which dates back to 1970.

NC TREE FARMER BREVARD PASSES AWAY



Leo Brevard

Leo Brevard, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, died peacefully on December 22, 2013. He was born December 20, 1921.

Brevard's passion was forestry. In addition to being a Certified Tree Farmer, and Certified Stewardship Landowner, Brevard was the recipient of the 2008 North Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year.

After graduating from Edneyville High School, Brevard attended Brevard College and Appalachian State Teachers College. His education was interrupted when he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marines and served proudly with the 5th Amphibious Tractor Battalion in the Pacific Theater during WWII. First Lieutenant Brevard participated in the amphibious landings at IWO JIMA where he went on to command Company "A" during the battle. At the conclusion of WWII, Brevard resumed his education at Appalachian State Teachers College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and History. During his tenure as a teacher and coach at Valdese High School, his football and basketball teams were always competitive. ■

NEW MEMBERS

Member	City
Almond's Logging	Oakboro
Anson Wood Products	Mt. Gilead
Ashton Lewis Lumber Company	Gatesville
Meryen Basaga	Wilmington
George Browder	Winston-Salem
Cotton Creek Chip Company	Mt. Gilead
Robert Clark	Angier
Chris Jordan	Mt. Gilead
Coffield Knight	Rocky Mount
D.L. Logging	Roaring River
John Eide	New Bern
Evergreen Logging Inc	Evergreen
Ty Aubrey Gay	LaGrange
Nathan Hall	Mt. Airy
Harris Brothers Logging	Macon
Matthew Havens	Plymouth
Mike Hardinger	Southern Pines
Reed Lancaster	Tarboro
Craig Lewis	New Bern
Justin Morris	Mt. Gilead
McCormick Logging	Mt. Gilead
David Adam Nelms	Castalia
Josephine Newall	Angier
Powell Properties of Edgcombe	Rocky Mount
Jonathan Randall	Fuquay-Varina
Locke Rowe	Mt. Airy
Renewable Wood Resources	Tarboro
Sandy Creek Hunt Club	Hampstead
Sexton Forest Products	Winton
Michael Sweeney	Louisburg
Glenn Warren	Raleigh
Watson Group Hunt Club	Leland
Ariella Wilson	Wilmington
James Youngblood	Forest, VA

SAVING THE FARM WORKSHOP HOSTS 150

The 9th Annual Saving the Farm Workshop hosted over 150 landowners in Wake County in February. The North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee was one of the title sponsors for this event that is under the direction of the energetic Dale Threatt-Taylor, who is the District Director for Wake Soil & Water Conservation District.

One takeaway that Sheriff Donnie Harrison shared with landowners dealing with trespassers is the use of paint instead of posted signs. Landowners can use purple paint on boundary trees every 100 feet apart. The paint must be purple, at least three feet off the ground, no higher than five feet, and must be 8 inches in height. He recommended painting the width of the tree in that 8 inch block. The paint must be on all boundary trees - not just those facing roads. ■



Donnie Harrison

TIMBER PRODUCT OUTPUT NEEDS YOUR INPUT

The 2013 Timber Product Output (TPO) Survey, a joint effort between the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS), is being launched in March 2014 and will continue over the summer months. This biennial survey canvasses all primary wood-using mills statewide and complements the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program. An online version of the survey form, including instructions, can be found at <http://ncforestservice.gov/test/millsurvey.htm>.

For additional information, please contact Clay Altizer, NCFS Utilization Forester at (919) 857-4840 or clay.altizer@ncagr.gov. ■

EDUCATION COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The NCFA's Education Committee held its first meeting of 2014 in March at the NCFA's office. It had been quite a while since the Education Committee had formally met and consequently, the committee members were assembled by recommendations by NCFA members.

Aside from introductions, the first order of business was to select a committee chair. Lori Worley with Weyerhaeuser agreed to serve as the committee chair.

In addition to hearing a historical perspective on the NCFA's education efforts dating back to the establishment of the Public Education Initiative, the committee also received an update on the Project Learning Tree program from state coordinator and education committee member, Renee Strnad. ■



In the high school division, the Wilson 4-H Envirothon Club "The Mighty Minkles" finished first with a score of 444 points. The NCFA donated posters towards the teachers workshop portion of the 2014 Area IV Envirothon and NCFA staff took the opportunity to take in the competition held at the Armory in Warren County. A total of 11 counties make up Area IV and the counties are not limited to one entry. The top seven finishers in division move on to the state finals held at Cedar Rock Park in Burlington in April. ■

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still slip and fall if you are not paying attention to what is going on," stated Andrews. "With the signs, we are just trying to constantly remind them to be safe, be careful."

Without the Hart brothers as part of the crew anymore (both passed away of natural causes several years ago), Andrews acknowledges that he does not have anyone on his crew who would come close to having their expertise with a chain saw on his crew now even if he had some manual felling to complete.

"All my crew has been shown the proper way to use a chain saw, but you really have to have guys who do it all the time to be good at it," explained Andrews. "Without that experience and day-to-day workload, it's just dangerous."

The two youngest crew members on this team, Garrett and Tyler Andrews, have literally grown up with their father's crew. Andrew never pushed his profession on his boys. Garrett went to Lenoir Community College after graduating high school. He chose to join his dad in 2008.

"I like running the equipment," stated Garrett Andrews. "I run the loader. That's what I like doing."

Tyler Andrews joined the team in 2011 on a full-time basis and runs three different pieces of equipment - the shovel, the skidder or his dad's cutter - that is when Anthony is willing to give up his seat.

Anthony Andrews, who is 56, concedes that his sons interest in the profession and involvement in his company's operations has kept him motivated through this most recent economic downturn.

"I want to keep this successful and keep it going so they will have something to continue," stated Andrews. "They took interest. They work hard. So, hopefully they will be able to keep going and make a living. If it weren't for them, I probably wouldn't be as enthusiastic about keeping it going."

Over his career, Andrews has weathered the tough times and been diligent during the good times to build his business to the point where it is today. He cites his passion for perfection as the driving forces behind his company's success.

One recent landowner, Ashley Faircloth who oversees the Hofmann



Tyler Andrews working on a skidder.

Forest in Jacksonville, North Carolina, had this to say about Andrews and his crew after a recent harvest operation.

"Anthony and his logging crew set the ideal standards for any logging operation when it comes to professionalism, working in an environmentally sound manner, and keeping safety a top priority during their operation," stated Ashley Faircloth. "His crew is always striving to perfect their craft. As a landowner, I was impressed with the quality of their work. I expect to realize lower reforestation costs since the harvest operation was left so clean and in such great shape."

For Andrews, he certainly appreciates compliments. It is one of his goals - a goal that frequently leaves him living his profession well after he has left the woods.

"It's always on your mind even when you are not out here," stated Andrews. "When I get home, I am always thinking about my job and wanting everything to be right. Of course, you want to be perfect. You are looking for ways to make things better. That's a big part of it."

As for things getting better, Andrews believes that the economy may finally be recovering.

"From what I have been hearing, there is a little bit of light at the end of the tunnel," stated Andrews. "A few years ago, that light was about out."

Through the promotion of new logo in a recovering market, Andrews hopes to build on this momentum to create a future the next generation of loggers.

"Through all that I have faced over my career," explained Anthony, "I have always tried to remember Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with All thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." ■

TREE LINE

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Anthony Andrews, who is most comfortable in the driving seat of his cutter, sets high standards for his veteran crew.

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 1-3, 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 Landing, Holly Springs, NC

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
May 13, 2014, 9:30 a.m. at the NCA

Forest Management Committee

TBD

Friends of Forestry PAC
June 24, 2014, 1:30 p.m. at the NCA



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