

# TREELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

## FORESTRY MUTUAL CHAINSAW COMPETITION CROWNS NORTON, AGAIN!

Forestry Mutual Insurance Company held its annual Logger Challenge competition in late September in Marion, North Carolina as part of Columbia Forest Products Logger Appreciation Dinner. Each year, Columbia invites its suppliers and partners for a night of fellowship and terrific food. There were over 300 people in attendance.

Just left of the big seating pavilion, chainsaw trainers extraordinaire Greg Helton and Bryan Wagner set up a skills challenge for loggers that measured attention and use of safety equipment as well as the timber cutter's skill with the saw.

In terms of attention to safety details, Greg Helton was impressed with the improvement made by the field of competitors over last year's competition.

"Last year, we had 11 of 13 competitors commit a minor safety violation," stated Helton. "This year, we only had two out of 11 have a violation. One forgot to place an ear muff back down and another forgot about his shield. It was a big improvement over last year and shows that safety reminders work. These guys didn't want to lose points."

The cutting tests consist of bore cutting and timber felling on the prepared logs standing within the squared competition area.

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(l-r) Lori Worley received the NCFAs Educator of the Year Award from NCFAs President Marshall Thompson at the Annual Meeting. (article on page 3)



**North Carolina Loggers of the Year!** Wade T. Biggs & Sons were named Forestry Mutual Insurance Company's North Carolina Loggers of the Year at the NCFAs Annual Meeting. (l-r) first row: Shane, Seth, Jack, Katie Biggs. second row: Thomas and Tracy Biggs, Travis and Angela Biggs, Wade and Carolyn Biggs, Forestry Mutual's Brian Macanka. (article on page 6)

## CAMPAGNING FOR FOREST HEALTH ATTRACTS OVER 200 MEMBERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ASHEVILLE

The NCFAs 2016 Annual Meeting took place last week in Asheville. The meeting program featured an interesting speaking lineup that included new U.S. Forest Service Forest Supervisor for North Carolina's National Forests, Allen Nicholas.

Nicholas opened the program with an overview of the current planning process underway for the revisions to the forest plans for the Pisgah and the Nantahala National Forests. The new forest leader stated that the planning process is meant to be more open to stakeholders than ever before in the history of the Forest Service. There are 23 sections in the new plan and are in draft form online on the U.S. Forest site for those interested in reviewing the documents.

Nicholas did highlight a few topics for the audience. He noted the Good Neighbor Program where the U.S. Forest Service will be looking to work with State Forest Services to provide federal funds so forest management activities can take place on federal lands by the North Carolina State Forest Service.

Another topic Nicholas touched on was the wilderness designation. He is always impressed how wilderness discussions can turn out to dominate discussions on forest plan revisions. He stated that there are 53 areas of wilderness currently listed and through the process thus far, he did not anticipate adding any more wilderness area. He stated in some cases, the acreage may be reduced.

A final point of his address was access to National Forests and the collective safety of the general public using the National Forests. There have been several fatalities over the past year. Proper and safe access to the forests are a challenge based on the amount of visitors and users of the forests on a daily basis.

Gordon Warburton with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, who is a participant in the forest planning process, provided his perspective on how forest management is necessary in creating more opportunities for

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Allen Nicholas is the new Forest Supervisor of the National Forests in NC.

# NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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## SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto: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

## THE FFPAC PRESENTS FRIENDS OF FORESTRY AWARDS AT ANNUAL MEETING

The North Carolina Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee (FFPAC) presented their Friends of Forestry Awards this October.

The Friend of Forestry Awards are given annually to a member of the state House and Senate who demonstrates a commitment to promoting forestry, the forest products industry and private property rights.

Created in 1999, the FFPAC is non-partisan and not affiliated with any political party. It seeks to educate as many state lawmakers as possible about the important role forests play in boosting rural economies while providing valuable environmental benefits for all North Carolinians.

This year, the FFPAC recognized Senator Tom McInnis with a Friend of Forestry Award during the NCFCA's Annual Meeting.

"We appreciate Senator McInnis's support of forest landowners, our forest products industry, and rural economies in general," stated FFPAC Chair Ashley Faircloth. "Senator McInnis has a proven track record of encouraging the health of our working farms and forests in the face of an urbanizing North Carolina. We are proud to have him as a member of the North Carolina Forestry Association and even happier to recognize his efforts in Raleigh with this award."

In the House of Representatives, The FFPAC named Representative Susan Martin with a Friend of Forestry Award. Due to scheduling conflicts, Representative Martin was unable to attend the NCFCA's Annual Meeting so she received her award at the NCFCA's office in Raleigh.

"We appreciate Representative Susan Martin's support of our rural economies in the North Carolina General Assembly," stated FFPAC member Dwight Batts, who is also a former American Tree Farm System National Tree Farmer of the Year from Wilson County. "As farmers and forestland owners, we rely on lawmakers like Representative Martin, who are committed to conserving the future of our working farms and forests, to speak up for our interests in Raleigh. As our state continues to grow, especially in the urban centers, the need for strong advocates for our rural communities has never been greater. Representative Martin is that type of advocate. We are happy to present her with our Friends of Forestry Award this year. Our forests and farms have shaped North Carolina's economy and our recreational activities since colonial days." ■



(l-r) FFPAC Co-Chair Ashley Faircloth presented Senator Tom McInnis with a Friend of Forestry Award at the NCFCA's Annual Meeting in October.



(l-r) NCFCA staff Chris Brown gave Representative Susan Martin with a Friend of Forestry Award at the NCFCA office in October.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The NCFCA's 2017 Annual Meeting will take place at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in Wilmington on October 4-6, 2017. This always is one of our best attended meeting so we encourage our membership to save the date and plan on joining us on the USS North Carolina Battleship! ■



## WORLEY EARNS NCFA'S EDUCATION AWARD

Lori Worley was honored with the NCFA's Educator of the Year Award for 2016 at the NCFA's Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC. The Educator of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to forestry education in North Carolina.

"We are pleased to recognize Lori for her efforts over the past two years as our Education Committee Chair," stated NCFA President Marshall Thompson. "She has energized our education program with her enthusiasm and desire to set the record straight on how important forestry and the forest products industry are to our state's environment and economy."

"Our Teachers Experience, in particular, has been updated in terms of content and expanded to include a new session in the Piedmont," continued Thompson. "This past year alone, we hosted over 100 teachers through that program."

Worley, who is the Atlantic Region Finance & Planning Manager with Weyerhaeuser, is the NCFA's Education Committee Chair, which oversees programs such as the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience (SFTE) and the Forestry & Environmental Camps.

The SFTE are multi-day workshops for teachers, both high school and elementary, held during the summer in New Bern, Southern Pines, and Asheville. Teachers received Project Learning Tree certificates in addition to visiting forest products companies and working forests.

Worley, who has been with Weyerhaeuser since 1999, graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Relations. She earned her MBA from East Carolina University. In addition to her education work with the NCFA, Worley has represented Weyerhaeuser Company on the Board of Directors for Craven County Partners in education since 2008. ■

## NCFA RECOGNIZES CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR FOR HIS CONSERVATION EFFORTS



(l-r) Jim Sitts presented former U.S. Congressman Charles Taylor with a Forest Conservation Award from the NCFA on behalf of his lifetime achievements as a public official and as a forest landowner. Taylor received the NCFA's Distinguished Service Award in 1998.

## CANAL WOOD'S DENNIS STONE HONORED WITH NCFA'S HIGHEST AWARD

Dennis Stone was presented with the North Carolina Forestry Association's Distinguished Service Award at the NCFA's 2016 Annual Meeting that was held in October in Asheville, NC. The award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated distinguished contributions to forestry, North Carolina's forest products industry, and the NCFA.

"I am deeply honored to be the one to present Dennis Stone with our Distinguished Service Award," stated NCFA President Marshall Thompson. "Not only has Dennis demonstrated a terrific commitment to forestry and our association, he gave me my first job when I graduated! Dennis is a former NCFA President, Chair of our Board of Directors, you name it, and he has done it. He is really one of the key people behind the success of our association. A lot of us in this field owe a debt of gratitude to Dennis for his efforts over the years."

After serving four years in the United States Marine Corps, Stone joined the forest products industry where he has spent his career helping Canal Wood Corporation be a leader in the wood supplying sector.

In addition to creating a winning attitude at Canal, Stone donated countless hours volunteering his time and talents to the NCFA. He has been a member of every committee the association has ever created.

In terms of leadership, Stone was the NCFA's President in 1999 and Chair of the Board of Directors in 2000. He was on the North Carolina Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission for two years.

Stone is also a founding member and active participant of the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee. ■



The Dennis Stone employment tree has many branches spread out through North and South Carolina and other parts of the Southeast. Here was a small sampling of those who have worked with Dennis over the years.

## NCFA FORESTRY CAMP SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 31 - NOV. 4 IN WILMINGTON

The NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camp will take place at Hugh McRae Park in Wilmington on October 31 - November 4, 2016 and will once again host students from Roland Grise and Murray Middle Schools. So grab your Halloween mask and sign up today! Please e-mail Chris Brown at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org) if you can spend a day forwarding a positive forestry message!

The NCFA will have accommodations for any instructor who needs to stay overnight. On Thursday evening, Mr. Low Country Boil, Tony Doster, will be preparing a meal open to all instructors and teachers at both schools. This is always a highlight of the camp. ■



# PROLOGGERS



(l-r) Columbia Forest Products Greg Decker poses with Mark Davis and Travis Thompson of South Mountain Pulpwood at Columbia's Logger Appreciation Dinner.

## COLUMBIA FOREST PRODUCTS HOLDS LOGGER APPRECIATION DINNER

Columbia Forest Products held its annual Logger Appreciation Dinner, drawing a crowd of 300-plus. There was plenty of action under the big pavilion and out in the yard. Under the pavilion, a band performed as the meal was set up and loggers, foresters, and others tied to the industry met up for some fellowship and food. It's not often that you see a few log trucks mixed in and around a general parking area - but it was on display on this night in Marion.



Columbia Forest Products Marvin Bagwell and Stacy Bentley presented Billy Rathburn with the company's Logger of the Year.

up a skills challenge that measured attention and use of safety equipment and skills, bore cutting, and tree felling.

When the saw dust finally settled out on the grass, veteran Eddy Norton once again was the winner. He was followed closely by Randall Vass and Dennis Helton. All three were presented with Stihl chainsaws and safety equipment for their efforts.

"We always have great, close competitions," stated Wagner, "and tonight was no different. The guys really did a great job."

The evening at Columbia also featured several elected officials in attendance including U.S. Congressman Mark Meadows, North Carolina Senator Ralph Hise, and North Carolina Representatives Michele Presnell and Josh Dobson. ■

## Forestry Mutual...(from page 1)

In bore cutting, loggers are asked to cut into the log without coming out on either side as they make their way through the log.

"The sides of the log in the bore cut competition represent the hinge wood a logger would encounter in the woods," explained Helton. "If



(l-r) Greg Helton and Bryan Wagner grade the bore cut made by competitor Greg Lewis.

they cut into the side, they would be cutting their hinge wood, and that's not good."

The back of the log was cut to leave a small gap between the middle of the log and the outside edge.

"The second part of the test relates to hazards that might be behind a standing tree such as rock," stated Helton. "The goal is for the logger to complete a bore cut within the log and controlling his stopping point. You should be able to feel when you break through the back half of the tree."

At one point in the competition, a logger stopped his saw with his bore cut nearly complete to walk around and see if he was through the core of prepared log.

"Oh yeah, these guys have learned little tricks along the way," replied Helton when asked about the specific logger. "You know those guys have done it before."

Setting up a tree felling competition presents its own sets of challenges in a setting that does not allow for poles to be planted and/or real trees to be dropped. But that didn't stop Bryan Wagner for inventing his own twist to include a felling competition.

"So I was lying in bed one night trying to figure out how to come up with a way to test felling accuracy without actually cutting down a tree," stated Wagner. (Can you tell this guy loves

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## Annual Meeting...(from page 1)

wildlife, particularly wildlife that is dependent on quality, early successional habitat. He noted that there are only forest management activities on 600 acres of the national forests in western North Carolina on an annual basis.

Andrew Goldberg with the Appalachian Woodland Alliance provided an overview of his organization's certification efforts in western North Carolina and former North Carolina State Professor Fred Hain detailed the Forest Resource Alliance's goal of combatting the Woolly Adelgid pest that is killing Hemlock trees.

The afternoon session took on an economic perspective as architects Crawford Murphy and Michael DeVere showed how the emergence of cross laminated timber is creating new opportunities for wood in the tall building arena.

Eric McConnell with North Carolina State University provided a detailed update on his most recent document, North Carolina's Forests and Forest Products Industry by the Numbers.

Bob Schaefer and Tommy Cabe provided forest landowner viewpoints from the working forest conservation easement perspective and forest management as part of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Tribe's long term goals.



*Thanks to our exhibitors like Louie Bodenhamer (left) for their support.*

Award. Stone is a former President and Chairman of the Board for the NCFA. Other award winners included Lori Worley as the NCFA's Educator of the Year Award. Forestry Mutual presented its E.K. Pittman Safety Awards and recognized Wade Biggs and Sons Logging as North Carolina Loggers of the Year.

On Friday morning, the meeting concluded with a meeting of the NCFA's Board of Directors. One of the action items for the NCFA's Board was the approval of the Forest Management Committee's proposed position statement on National Forests. It is now on the NCFA website under new issues

The NCFA staff would like to thank all of the members who volunteered to help plan and facilitate this year's meeting. Special thanks to Linda Holton, Greg Decker, Donna Conwell, Rhonda McNairy, Frank Rackley, Kathy Faircloth, and Chuck Daniels for their efforts!



*With a DJ on Wednesday night and the Sweetwater Junction Band on Thursday, there were plenty of opportunities to smile for the camera!*

The Forest History Society closed the afternoon session with the showing of America's First Forest DVD production.

The entire speaking program and the corresponding power point presentations can be found on the NCFA's website or by downloading the NCFA's Annual Meeting App.

On Thursday evening, Dennis Stone of Canal Wood was presented with the NCFA's top award, the Distinguished Service



*Golf at the Grove Park was gorgeous!*

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# LANDOWNERS

## THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND AWARDS MORE THAN \$3.8 MILLION FOR PROJECTS

The North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund recently awarded more than \$3.87 million to help communities across the state protect farmland and promote agricultural enterprises.

"I am excited that we have been able to assist with the funding of easements on more than 2,500 acres of farmland across our state," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "These easements take the development pressure off of these families and help maintain their status as working lands for generations to come."

More than \$2 million went towards obtaining conservation easements on lands that border military bases in Hyde and Bertie counties. This money was set aside by the General Assembly to maintain working lands as buffer zones around military bases.



*Steve Troxler, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner, announced ADFPTF awards in September.*

- **The North Carolina Forestry Association** received \$30,000 to aid in the development of the Working Lands Trust as an operating land trust through outreach and education.
- **The Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service** received \$20,000 for a feasibility study to determine the need and location for a multipurpose facility and farmers market in Franklin County.
- **Orange County** received \$32,500 for the Client Requested Operations Purchase (CROP) Fund, providing short-term cash flow assistance, allowing them to defer payment on specialized services, installation fees on new equipment, or consulting services during their production season. Clients will then repay the fund as their product is sold after production season.
- **Carolina Farm Stewardship** received \$7,420 to purchase biosecurity supplies for 35 farmers, increasing their ability to offer safe agritourism events and provide biosecurity education to consumers, neighboring farmers and regional partners.
- **The Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District** received \$109,730 to assist with the purchase of a 20-year easement on 125 acres in Mitchell County.
- **Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy** was granted \$157,500 for the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 115 acres in Buncombe County.
- **The Catawba Lands Conservancy** was granted \$89,700 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 103 acres in Lincoln County.
- **The Piedmont Lands Conservancy** was granted \$476,416 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 344 acres in Caswell County.
- **The Sandhills Area Land Trust** was granted \$44,786 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 57

acres in Scotland County.

- **The Southwestern NC RC&D** was granted \$213,719 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 50 acres in Haywood County.
- **The Haywood County Soil and Water Conservation District** received two grants: \$173,000 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 46 acres and \$78,277 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 21 acres, both in Haywood County.
- **The Foothills Conservancy** was granted \$278,000 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 180 acres in Cleveland County.
- **The Land Trust for Central North Carolina** received \$71,500 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 72 acres in Randolph County.
- **The Triangle Land Conservancy** was awarded \$18,500 to assist with the purchase of a perpetual conservation easement on 53 acres in Johnston County.
- **The Working Lands Trust** received four grants totaling over \$2.07 million to assist with the purchase of perpetual conservation easements on farms near military installations in Hyde and Bertie counties. The trust received \$859,406 to assist in purchasing an easement on 462 acres and \$857,888 to assist in purchasing a perpetual easement on 386 acres in Hyde County. The trust also received \$186,890 to protect 186 acres and \$166,800 to assist in purchasing a perpetual easement on 213 acres in Bertie County. ■

## WADE T. BIGGS & SONS LOGGING RECOGNIZED WITH PITTMAN AWARD

Forestry Mutual Insurance Company (FMIC) honors its top safety performers with E.K. Pittman Safety Awards. E.K. Pittman, the first chair of Forestry Mutual serving from 1971-1984, was a strong proponent of safety and the use of safety personal protective equipment (PPE).

The E.K. Pittman Safety Award for Logger of the Year recognizes only those top performing loggers that show a genuine concern for the safety of their crew and go above and beyond the basic safety requirements to ensure a safe and productive environment.



*Wade Biggs*

This year, Forestry Mutual's Logger of the Year for North Carolina was presented to Wade Biggs of Pinetown. Biggs, who owns and operates Wade T. Biggs & Sons Logging, received the award at the North Carolina Forestry Association's Annual Meeting. Biggs got into the logging business with his father while working on the family farm. He started his own company in 1985 with a three-man operation. Today, he has an eight-man crew, including his two sons, Travis and Thomas.

"Wade and his sons run a first-class operation," stated Forestry Mutual President Keith Biggs, who is not related to Wade. "His company has not filed a claim since becoming a policyholder in 2011. Safety is the company's top priority. A lot of times we ask ourselves where is our next generation of loggers going to come from? Well, it's obvious that our industry relies on quality, family-run operations like Wade has created by his hard work and determination through the years."

Wade Biggs credited the support he has received over the years by friends and family, especially his wife, Carolyn, who he credits for sticking by him when he had to make big decisions - right or wrong - she was there to support him. The entire Biggs family was on hand to celebrate. ■

## Forestry Mutual...(from page 4)

his job?) "In the past we would put in poles or find a row of trees, put the flour bags out there, and away we'd go. But we cannot do that everywhere. Then it hit me - will just measure the notch!"

With a set of prepared logs, Wagner and Helton painted notches on each side of the block. Loggers were tasked with completing a bore cut through both painted areas.

"The goal there is to teach these guys to have a level bore cut," stated Helton.

With the bore cut completed and a top notch completed earlier in set up, Wagner and Helton set out a nail some 30 feet away from the bore cut. The logger then set the bottom notch, aiming for the nail. After the cut was complete, Helton and Wagner measured with two tape measures from each side of the bottom notch to the nail.

If both tape measures read 30 feet and 30 feet, the logger is right on the money with his aim. A 30 and 29 reading would put the logger at a minus 1. A few of the loggers did manage to record a perfect 30-30 on the tapes. It's safe to say that as accurate as most of these loggers were with their notch, a four-inch flour bag would have been popped by all competitors. The nail just raises the bar.

When the saw dust finally settled out on the grass, veteran chain saw competitor Eddy Norton once again was the winner. He was followed closely by Randall Vass, who has been the overall winner in years past, and Dennis Helton. All three were presented with Stihl chainsaws and safety equipment for their efforts.

"We always have great, close competitions," stated Wagner, "and tonight was no different. The guys really did a great job." ■



(l-r) Greg Helton, Eddie Norton, Bryan Wagner and Eddie Campbell pose for a photo after Norton was announced as the winner of Forestry Mutual's 2016 Logger Challenge.

## 85TH ROLLEO SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 12

The North Carolina State University Forestry Club will be hosting the 85th annual Rolleo on Saturday, November 12th, 2016 at the Carl Alwin Schenck Memorial Forest in Raleigh, NC. Admission is free. The competition starts at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. There will be a fundraiser lunch available for purchase. ■



## BUCKSAW SAFETY STARTS WITH SET-UP

by Bryan Wagner, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

Recent deaths and injury have occurred that involved employees being struck with objects thrown from the bucksaw and most were a result of poor set-up. Catastrophic injury or death can also result from saw chain failure and this is a maintenance issue.

**What must an employee know?** Mechanical log bucking has been a

tremendous improvement for our industry. It has eliminated ground personnel which in turn has greatly reduced risk. While the bucksaw can reduce the risk on our jobs, it can also be a very dangerous tool should a malfunction take place. Bucksaw safety can be broken down into two areas: positioning the bucksaw and maintenance.



### SAFE SET-UP

- The bucksaw should be set up pointing away from the busy deck or landing area.
- The loader operator must be "out of line" of the bar and chain unit.
- Loader doors and windows must remain shut while the saw is being operated.
- Never engage the saw if machinery or people enter the "No Zone"!
- All lock and tag out procedures shall be followed during maintenance times.

### MAINTENANCE

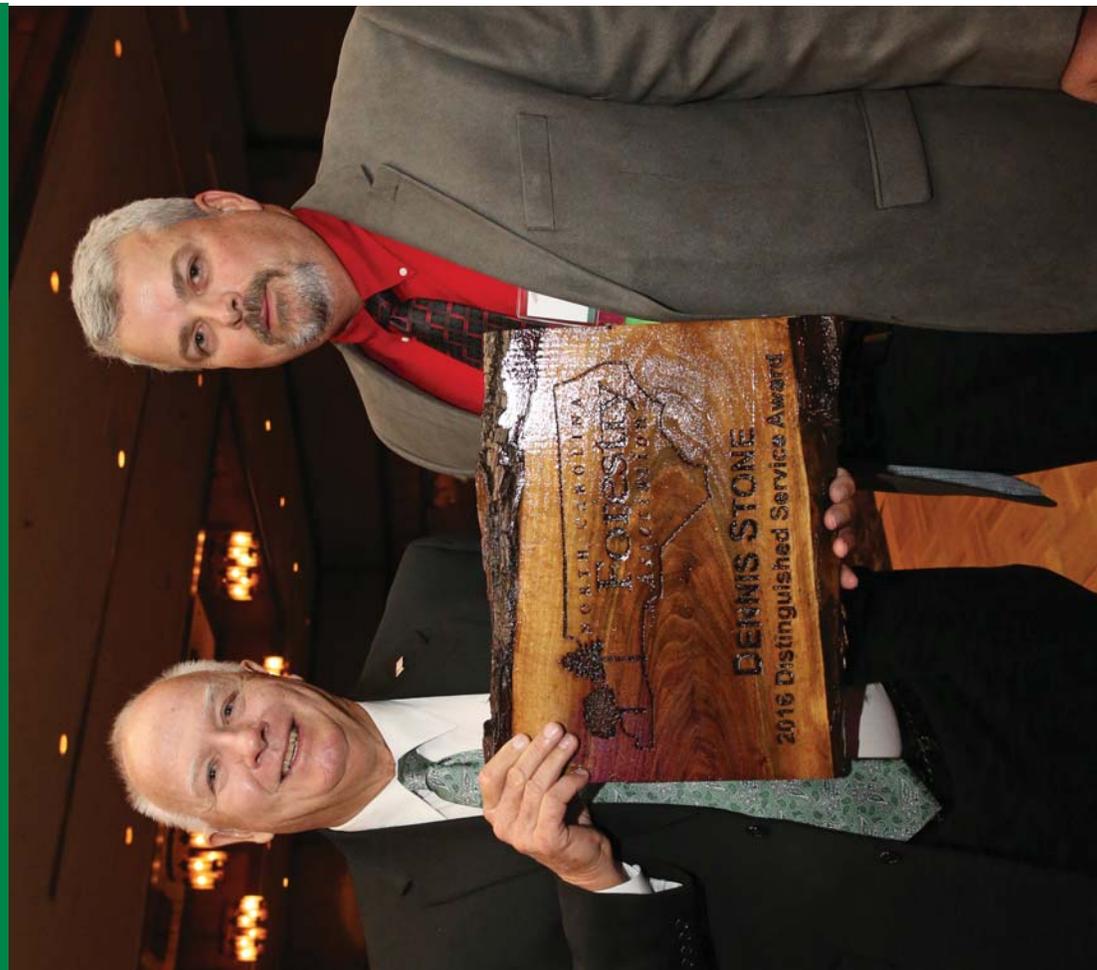
The bucksaw is basically an "over grown" chainsaw. Basic bar and chain maintenance should be followed to avoid saw chain failure, which could result in an injury. A broken link of 11 BC chain proves to be a very lethal projectile. If the chain doesn't break, there is no accident!

- Make sure the saw chain is sharp. A dull chain causes undo wear to other chain components, sprockets and guide bars. Above all it is inefficient.
- Frequently inspect all chain components, which include rivets, drive links, and side straps. Check for excessive wear, cracks, or broken rivets. The chain must be put "out of service" until repairs can be made.
- Inspect drive sprockets and roller sprockets. Worn sprockets cause damage to drive links and the chassis of the saw chain.
- Inspect the guide bar for wear. Bar rails must be true. File or grind burrs from the bar. A true bar will allow the saw chain to cut straight.
- Use a good quality bar and chain oil, this will help to reduce friction, and add to the life of the bar and chain. Do not use discarded motor oil.
- All repairs are to be made with the machine locked out and tagged out.

Have an increased awareness when you are around the landing or deck. Stress proper maintenance to keep the buck saw operating efficiently and safely. Make the right decisions. Let's go home the same way we arrived at the job site - safe and alive. ■

# TREE LINE

OCTOBER 2016



(LEFT) DENNIS STONE RECEIVED THE NCFEA'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM MARSHALL THOMPSON AT THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING IN ASHEVILLE.



The NCFEA has added a new feature to its website - ASK ROY - as a way of reaching out with video productions that address questions about forestry. Roy Jarrard, a forester and long-time volunteer instructor at the NCFEA's Forestry & Environmental Camps, was recruited to bring his perspective and unique delivery to this new education initiative. The videos are now online under the 'Teachers' tab on the NCFEA's website. NCFEA staff would like to thank Roy for helping us out with this project! The videos are also on the NCFEA's YouTube feed. The goal is to add to this library of questions and answers in the coming year.

Sign up for the NCFEA's weekly e-mail newsletter by typing in your e-mail on the home page - [www.ncforestry.org](http://www.ncforestry.org).

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November 9, 2016, NCFEA office, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.  
North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee -

October 27, 2016, Drake Landing, Fuquay-Varina, NC - 9:30 a.m.  
Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee -

October 22, 2016, Hill Forest, Durham, NC.  
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## Upcoming Meetings

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