

# TREELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION



## NCFA ANNUAL MEETING - CAMPAIGNING FOR FOREST HEALTH - OCTOBER 5-7, 2016

We are just a month away from the NCFA's 2016 Annual Meeting that will take place at the historic and beautiful Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville. The meeting runs from October 5-7. A complete schedule of events can be found on page five.

Appropriately in a presidential election year, this year's theme will be **Campaigning for Forest Health**.

The pre-registration response for the meeting has been terrific and the NCFA's room block at the Grove Park is now full. If you have not made your hotel reservations yet, there may be some additional rooms at the Grove Park remaining at market rates. Please contact Ann Harper with the NCFA if you have any questions about room reservations.

The meeting will get underway on Wednesday with the golfers enjoying the Grove Park Golf Course while the shooters will be heading to the Biltmore Estate. Both venues should be outstanding!

On Wednesday night, a DJ will provide entertainment for the opening reception. It will be a great time for members to get together in a relaxed atmosphere.

The speaking program will get started bright and early on Thursday morning. The NCFA is fortunate to have Allen Nicholas, the new Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in North Carolina, on hand to provide members with an update on North Carolina's National Forests and the current revisions to the forest plans. Nicholas assumed his new position last December.

While the morning portion will focus on National Forests and forest health, the afternoon session will address the recent trends in the forest products industry.

Crawford Murphy and Michael DeVere of CLT USA will be presenting information on (continued on page 3)

## CONGRESSMAN GEORGE HOLDING VISITS INEZ FOREST INDUSTRIES AND TONEY LUMBER IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

United States Congressman George Holding was out and about in his district in August as he visited an active logging operation and toured a sawmill that has been a mainstay in Franklin County for decades.

Glenn Coleman and his crew with Inez Forest Industries showcased one of their operations, providing Congressman Holding with a unique look at the harvest operations. After watching the busy interaction on the log deck between trucks, loader and skidder, Congressman Holding moved a bit deeper into the operation and witnessed the felling of a few trees with a fellerbuncher.

Coleman was encouraged by Congressman's interest in his operations and witnessed his surprise when the first large tree hit the ground.

"Oh yes, he asked a lot of questions and was definitely entertained by all the activity," stated Coleman. "In particular, the sawhead machine really that blew his mind. He just couldn't believe that a machine could cut a tree down that big that fast, so yes, he was very engaged. He really was trying to learn as much as he could, at least that what it seemed like to me."

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(l-r) Nancy Thompson with Weyerhaeuser, Chris Brown with NCFA, David Bacon with Inez, Rendell Brown with Inez, Glenn Coleman III with Inez, Dawn Coleman with Inez, Congressman George Holding, Rux Boyd with Union Level Land & Timber, Will Coleman with Inez, Eli Kassnove with Inez, Jack Swanner with CLA and Pryor Gibson with NCFA. (Missing from photo from Inez Forest Products) Jimmy Silver and Francisco Sanchez Vidal.

## LOG A LOAD TOURNAMENT LOOKING FOR HOLE SPONSORS AND PLAYERS

There will be a Log A Load Golf Tournament at River Landing in Wallace on October 20, 2016. Check-in is at noon and tee-off is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. An awards dinner will follow the tournament at River Landing. There are opportunities to register as an individual, a team and to sponsor the event as a hole sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Brewer at (910) 620-2503 or scott.brewer@ipaper.com. ■



# 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 FRIENDS OF FORESTRY PAC ANNOUNCES SECOND ROUND OF SUPPORT FOR FALL ELECTIONS

The Friends of the Forestry Political Action Committee (FFPAC) made its second round of contributions to candidates seeking state office this fall. Funds for the FFPAC are generated by the FFPAC Reverse Raffle and by contributions throughout the year.

This year's raffle sold over 800 tickets, totaling over \$27,000 dollars. The raffle proceeds added an additional \$22,000 to the Friends of Forestry PAC bank account. When the FFPAC met, it had a total of \$37,519.30 in the account.

The committee went through the list of possible candidates to support and agreed on the list below. It was decided prior to the selection that the committee would attempt to distribute as much money as appropriate, but would keep some funds in reserve for additional support in the fall.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District	Party	Name
22	D	WILLIAM BRISSON
103	R	WILLIAM BRAWLEY
4	R	JIMMY DIXON
36	R	NELSON DOLLAR
83	R	LINDA JOHNSON
75	R	DONNY LAMBRETH
53	R	DAVID LEWIS
8	R	SUSAN MARTIN
111	R	TIM MOORE
49	R	GARY PENDLETON
118	R	MICHELE PRESNELL
97	R	JASON SAINÉ
45	R	JOHN SZOKA
2	R	LARRY YARBOROUGH

### SENATE

District	Party	Name
18	R	CHAD BAREFOOT
17	R	TAMARA BARRINGER
26	R	PHIL BERGER
34	R	ANDREW BROCK
6	R	HARRY BROWN
10	R	BRENT JACKSON
9	R	MICHAEL LEE
25	R	TOM MCINNIS
19	R	WESLEY MEREDITH
8	R	WILLIAM RABON
27	R	TRUDY WADE
NA	R	CHERIE BERRY
NA	R	STEVE TROXLER

Earlier in the year, the Friends of Forestry PAC supported 26 candidates for the 2016 primary and the general election. Of those candidates, 17 had primary elections. The FFPAC supported candidates won 16 races.

In leadership news, FFPAC Chair Charles Jones requested that a new person step forward to fulfill the role of chair. Jones has led the FFPAC for the past 10 years. He has been a huge proponent of the FFPAC and has put in countless hours over the years raising the awareness of how important it is to our membership. The NCFCA staff would like to thank Charles for his terrific work over the years! After discussions, the FFPAC will be led by Co-Chairs Ashley Faircloth and John Gray.

The FFPAC will meet again post general election to discuss future contributions and plans for the 2017 fundraising efforts.

If you have any questions about the FFPAC, please contact Chris Brown at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org) or (800) 231-7723 ext. 3. ■

the emerging cross laminated timber market. Cross laminated timber is allowing the inclusion of wood into larger, taller building and offers a more appealing choice of construction for architects and builders alike.

Keeping with forest products trends, Eric McConnell with North Carolina State University will detail his recent publication on forest inventory and the forest products industry in North Carolina.

The speaking program will conclude with a presentation by James Lewis of the Forest History Society on the America's First Forest.

If you would still like to register for the meeting, there is still time to register for the entire meeting or the one-day speaking program. Materials can be found online at [www.ncforestry.org](http://www.ncforestry.org).

The NCFA will once again be holding a silent auction to benefit the Forest Environmental & Conservation Foundation. The FECF supports the NCFA's education outreach programs such as the Forestry & Environmental Camps and the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience.

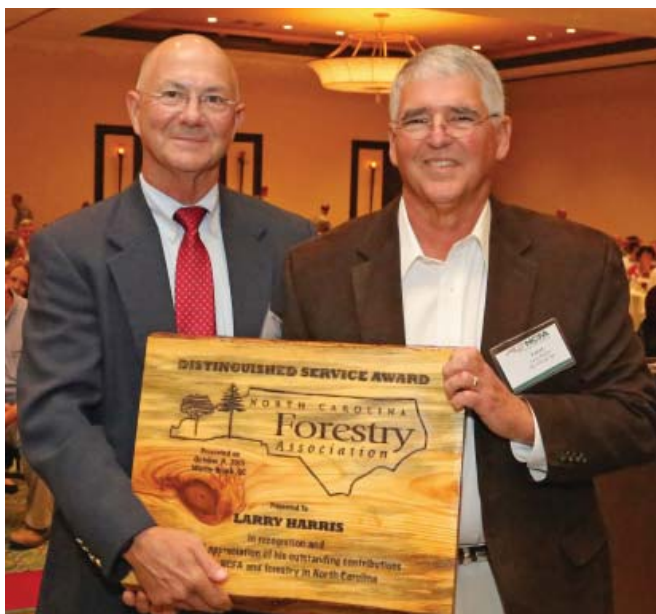
The chairs of this year's silent auction committee are Greg Decker and Linda Holton. If you have an item for the auction, please contact Greg or Linda. Greg Decker - Columbia Forest Products, NCFA Silent Auction Chair, email: [gdecker@cfpwood.com](mailto:gdecker@cfpwood.com), Mobile: (828) 442-8508 or Linda Holton, NCFA Silent Auction Co-Chair, email: [holtonlj@gmail.com](mailto:holtonlj@gmail.com), Mobile: (252) 229-3101.

There will be a host of awesome items up for auction again this year. Favorites include some fabulous hunting and fishing opportunities, the chance to cheer on the Carolina Panthers, and other great arts and crafts generated and donated by our members.

In addition, there will be a raffle for a week's stay at Myrtle Beach! Tickets for this special raffle will take place all day on Thursday and the winner will be drawn during the evening entertainment.

Speaking of entertainment, the band Sweetwater Junction will be providing a wide range of musical selections after the awards banquet on Thursday evening.

On Friday, the NCFA's Board of Directors will meet in the morning to conclude the meeting. ■



(l-r) Frank Rackley presented Larry Harris with the NCFA's Distinguished Service Award at last year's Annual Meeting.

# POINT OF VIEW

## LETTER IN SUPPORT OF NC AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER

Dear Friends of Forestry,

We are reaching out to you today in support of our friend, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. Commissioner Troxler is running for re-election in a unique election cycle since it includes voting for the next President of the United States.

Commissioner Troxler is a terrific advocate for agriculture and forestry in our state's capital. With an ever-urbanizing North Carolina, we **NEED A STRONG VOICE** for agriculture and forestry in Raleigh. We are fortunate to have Steve Troxler as our Commissioner of Agriculture and ask that you consider supporting him.

Commissioner Troxler has repeatedly demonstrated his understanding of the many challenges we face on a daily basis with forestry and the forest products industry. He and his staff are committed to the sustainability of our forests and the conservation of working farms and forests in our state.



(l-r) NCFA Member and North Carolina Tree Farmer Albert Shaw and North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler posed for a photo during the North Carolina Forest Service's 100th Year Celebration event.

The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee has already verbally and financially supported Commissioner Troxler's campaign. The FFPAC is a non-partisan PAC that supports candidates that promote forestry, the forest products industry and private property rights. There is no partisan intent expressed in this letter, no known negative of his opponent, and no organized effort other than our desire to elect the best candidate for an extremely important position in our state government.

The forest products industry provides a \$20 billion economic impact to the state on an annual basis. There is roughly 18.6 million acres of forestland in North Carolina. An important step in ensuring the future of our forests in terms of quantity and quality is to create and maintain a fair regulatory and tax environment that encourages landowners to actively manage their forests and for forest products companies, both big and small, to invest in their futures.

We appreciate your time in reading our letter and hope you will consider supporting Commissioner Steve Troxler in this fall's election.

Sincerely,

Judy & Dwight Batts  
North Carolina Tree Farmer

Chris Logan  
Valwood Corporation

Jeff Edwards  
Edwards Wood Products

Louis Bodenhamer  
Bodenhamer Nursery

Albert Shaw  
North Carolina Tree Farmer

# PROLOGGERS

## THANKS TO OUR INSTRUCTORS AND PROLOGGERS FOR 2016

The NCFA staff would like to thank all of our ProLoggers and our company volunteers for another great year of training. If you any questions about your ProLogger status, please call Eddie Reese (919) 834-3943 ext. 2 or Chris Brown at (919) 834-3943 ext. 3. All ProLoggers are encouraged to log into the Members Only section of the NCFA's website to update their mailing information to ensure they receive updates on the program.

The Module 17 class, which is the required class for 2017, will be offered starting in October of 2016 and will run up until the June 30, 2017 deadline. ■



### Congressman George Holding Visits...(from page 1)

Just like the trees on the deck, the tour went from the woods to the mill as Congressman Holding stopped by at Toney Lumber Company to see how trees are turned into products.

Toney's Doug Dunne provided an excellent step by step tour of the mill from start to finish, explaining the level of technology in today's mills.

Again, Congressman Holding was impressed with the combination of technology, creativity within the mill's operations, and the efficiencies built into the operations.

Mr. Frank Toney, who is now in retirement (so he claims), provided some historical perspective on the operations in Louisburg.

All in all, the Congressman spent two-plus hours with Inez Forest Industries and Toney Lumber. He was extremely impressed. He voiced his appreciation for citizens who are creating quality jobs and the willingness to be doing the right things with such a valuable resource.

For Coleman, it was an hour or so out of his normal schedule, but he believed it was worth it.

"It seems to be very important," stated Coleman. "They just don't know what we are going through out here. When I explained to him the different prices of equipment from 15 years ago versus to now, he was really surprised. I think he has a better idea on what we are facing down here."

The NCFA staff would like to thank all of its members involved in the tour for their time and efforts. ■



Congressman Holding (left) and Will Coleman discuss the skills needed and the assorted challenges of operating a loader.



Congressman George Holding (middle) received a start to finish look through Toney Lumber Company in Louisburg. (l-r) Doug Dunne, Frank Toney, Congressman George Holding, Roger Melvin and John Melvin.

## WILDLIFE SOCIETY HOLDING CONVENTION IN RALEIGH

The Wildlife Society (TWS) annual convention is coming to Raleigh October 15-19, 2016. The meeting is one of the largest gatherings of wildlife professionals and students in North America.



Attendees will have the opportunity to experience more than 600 wildlife science and management educational opportunities, engaging field trips and workshops, and more than 40 networking opportunities.

For more than 75 years, TWS has been protecting the future of wildlife and wildplaces through science-based education and by sharing best practices in wildlife management.

If you have any questions or would like to register and/or exhibit at the meeting, please contact, Todd Menke, Assistant State Director, Certified Wildlife Biologist, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, at 919-326-6923. ■

## LAST BASE PROLOGGER CLASS TO TAKE PLACE AT MONTGOMERY CC

The NCFA will conduct the third and final ProLogger Base Course of 2016 on September 14-15, 2016 at Montgomery Community College in Troy, NC. The class is open to all loggers who are seeking ProLogger certification. Please contact Eddie Reese at (800) 231-7723 ext. 2 or at ereese@ncforestry.org to pre-register for the class. You can register the day of the course by paying the \$250 registration fee at the door. ■

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Blue Ridge Lumber** is seeking a sawyer for a circle mill with 5/mbf production annually. Responsibilities include sawing logs for maximum value recovery by following daily cutting orders and achieving proper levels of yield. Accountable for proper operation of the carriage, feed works and log turner, and checks lumber thickness at saw. Candidates must have experience on circle mill and pass drug test. Apply by emailing Blue Ridge Lumber at brlumber@yadtel.net or in person. Blue Ridge Lumber is located on 2854 Old US Hwy 421, Yadkinville NC 27055. Phone number is 336-961-5211.

**The N.C. Forest Service** is advertising a vacant Water Quality Forester position for the northern coastal plain region. The Water Quality Forester (WQF) will coordinate the water quality (WQ) program within the Coastal Division and provide technical guidance to district personnel regarding the WQ program. For specific job-related questions, please contact Jim Slye, Assistant Regional Forester for Forest Management, at 252-520-2402 or james.slye@ncagr.gov.

## ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORS

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If you would like to exhibit at this year's meeting, please contact Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3

## NCFA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

- 12:00 p.m. Golf Tournament, Grove Park Golf Course
- 1:00 p.m. Sporting Clays, Biltmore Inn Sporting Clays
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception, Grove Park Inn

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome - Marshall Thompson, NCFA President
  - 8:10 a.m. U.S. Forest Service Update/Forest Plan Revision  
- Allen Nicholas, Supervisor for NC National Forests
  - 8:50 a.m. Forest Plan Revisions and NC Gamelands  
- Gordon Warburton, NC Wildlife Resources
  - 9:30 a.m. Forest Certification in WNC  
- Andrew Goldberg, Appalachian Woodland Alliance
  - 10:10 a.m. Break
  - 10:25 a.m. Forest Health and Current Threats  
- Fred Hain, Forest Restoration Alliance
  - 11:05 a.m. Cross Laminated Timber  
- Crawford Murphy, CLT USA
  - 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Legislative Awards
  - 1:00 p.m. Forest Inventory and Forest Products Industry  
- Eric McConnell, N.C. State University
  - 1:40 p.m. Working Forest Conservation Easements  
- Bob Schaefer, WLT Chair
  - 2:20 p.m. Break
  - 2:35 p.m. Forest Management on Cherokee Forest  
- Tommy Cabe, Cherokee Representative
  - 3:15 p.m. First in Forestry Production  
- James Lewis, Forest History Society
  - 4:30 p.m. Adjourn Speaking program
  - 6:00 p.m. President's Reception
  - 7:00 p.m. Awards Dinner and Silent Auction
  - 8:00 p.m. Sweetwater Junction Band
- ### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016
- 8:30 a.m. NCFA Board of Directors Meeting



(l-r) Weidner Abernethy, Carolina Base Pac, Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry, and FFPAC member Fred Hardin met for breakfast recently in Newton, NC. Hardin thanked Commissioner Berry for her support of the forest products industry and presented her with an FFPAC contribution for her re-election campaign.

## PLT BOOTCAMP SCHEDULED

The North Carolina Project Learning Tree will be holding a training workshop designed for forestry professionals on November 7-9, 2016 in Fuquay Varina, NC. Participants will be trained in PLT, discover links between forestry and K-12 educational standards. To learn more contact Renee Strnad at renee\_strnad@ncsu.edu. ■

# LANDOWNERS

## SFI CONTINUES TO ENGAGE THE INTERNATIONAL FOREST COMMUNITY THROUGH PEFC

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Inc. announced in September that the SFI 2015 - 2019 Forest Management Standard has again met the rigorous third-party assessment of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

This is SFI's fourth PEFC assessment. The SFI Program was first endorsed in 2005. PEFC is an umbrella organization that endorses national forest certification systems developed collaboratively by diverse stakeholders, tailored to local priorities and conditions.

"SFI makes important contributions that address the unique needs of North America's forests and communities, and is a valuable national member working with PEFC to elevate the role of responsible forestry," said Ben Gunneberg, Secretary General of PEFC. "Only forest certification standards that meet our rigorous meta-standard and that are developed in an open, transparent manner through a multi-stakeholder process are endorsed by PEFC."

PEFC's sustainable forest management criteria are founded on internationally recognized criteria and indicators developed by government agencies around the world. The SFI Program was re-endorsed by PEFC after a 60-day public comment period, a detailed examination and third-party assessment against nearly 200 criteria by a PEFC-approved assessor and a review by the PEFC Panel of Experts.

The criteria are grouped into four broad categories covering the degree of transparency and how the standard was developed; what it contains in terms of specific forestry measures; its third-party accreditation policies; and how rigorously it is administered. PEFC members vote whether to endorse each certification program.

"We are extremely proud to be endorsed by PEFC International and to be a part of a global network with national members in 42 countries who share a commitment to sustainable forest management. PEFC's endorsement reinforces our position as an internationally respected program with tough requirements to strengthen forest practices and support communities across North America," said Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI Inc.

This continued PEFC endorsement also increases SFI's international recognition through products certified to SFI Standards, which are sold in more than 120 countries around the world. In addition, SFI's global recognition is augmented through recognition by other sustainability groups including the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, The Sustainability Consortium and GreenBlue.

Forests certified to the SFI Forest Management Standard now cover more than 113 million hectares across North America, accounting for 40% of PEFC's total certified area globally. This PEFC endorsement means fiber from forests certified to SFI will continue to be accepted as certified content for use in both SFI chain of custody certification and product labels and PEFC chain-of-custody certification and product labels.

This vast landscape provides habitat for a wide range of species and flyways for migratory birds. The scale of this landscape amplifies the importance of SFI's effort to measure the conservation-related values of forests under the influence of SFI's Standards. PEFC's recognition of this work is complemented by SFI's recent membership in the International Union for

Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which is another important example of how SFI is leveraging its international partnerships to advance forest conservation.

In Canada and the U.S., in addition to SFI, PEFC has also endorsed the CAN/CSA-Z809 Sustainable Forest Management Standard and the American Tree Farm System.

### About Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), is a leading global alliance of national forest certification systems. More than 260 million hectares of forests are certified to PEFC's internationally recognized Sustainability Benchmarks, supplying more than 16,000 Chain of Custody certified companies with responsibly sourced timber and wood-based products. PEFC was founded by small- and family forest owners to demonstrate excellence in sustainable forest management. *For more information, please visit [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org).*

### About the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Inc. (SFI)

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) stands for future forests. SFI® is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting forest sustainability and supporting the links between sustainable forests and communities through grant programs, carefully targeted research, direct leadership of critical initiatives, and partnerships that effectively contribute to multiple conservation objectives. SFI's Forest Management, Fiber Sourcing and Chain of Custody Standards work to ensure the health and future of forests. Through application of these certification standards, SFI's on-product labels help consumers make responsible purchasing decisions. The SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard also meets the rigorous third-party assessment of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). SFI Inc. is governed by a three-chamber board of directors representing environmental, social and economic sectors equally. *Learn more at [sfiprogram.org](http://sfiprogram.org).* ■

## ENHANCING WILDLIFE HABITAT WORKSHOP IN NEW LONDON, NC

The North Carolina Tree Farm program will be hosting a workshop on September 21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New London Volunteer Fire Department. The workshop will detail balancing commercial production and habitat management to meet a variety of landowner objectives. To register or for additional information, please contact Leslie McCormick (919) 917-8646 or [nctreefarm@gmail.com](mailto:nctreefarm@gmail.com). ■



*Thanks for the Support! Judy and Dwight Batts, former North Carolina and National Tree Farmers of the Year, presented Representative Susan Martin with a campaign contribution from the Friends of Forestry PAC.*



## CLAY SHOOT BENEFITS JAMES AND CONNIE MAYNARD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Log A Load for kids hosted their 21st Annual Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot on August 5-6, 2016 at Rose Hill Farm in Nashville, North Carolina.

"This event brings together hundreds of people, men, women and children, all with a common purpose: to make a difference in a child's life," said Rhonda James, director, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



Log A Load For Kids is a nationwide giving campaign through which loggers and others contribute to local hospitals to provide medical care to kids in need, regardless of their families' ability to pay.

The Clays for Kids event is one of the state's biggest Log A Load events, featuring several levels of competition and a huge raffle at the end of the afternoon.

North Carolina loggers have been loyal supporters of this program for decades with events across the state annually.

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised by the eastern area Log A Load For Kids benefits their local Children's Miracle Network program that includes the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville, NC.

To date, the eastern North Carolina Log A Load for Kids has raised almost two million dollars for their local hospital.

Thanks to Buddy Shavender and Rhonda James for sharing this information and photos. ■



## ROLLOVER ACCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE by J.J. Lemire, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

*Rollovers? Ever been affected by this type of mishap?* Most, if not all rollovers are preventable. In a very small number of cases, some rollovers occur due to other vehicles that caused the mishap, leading to a rollover. In the forest product industry, log trucks are the culprits.

Log trailers have a higher center of gravity than a normal cargo load, and consequently, they are more susceptible to rollovers than cars, pickup trucks and SUV's.

It takes 0.4 gravitational forces (g's) or less to rollover. A car must exceed 1.3 g's compared to 1.1 g's for a pickup truck or 0.8 g's for a SUV for them to rollover. It is extremely easy to exceed the gravitational forces on a log truck.

It is also important to identify where rollovers frequently occur:

- Drifting off the pavement onto a soft shoulder
- Making a tight corner
- Striking a curb
- Running into a ditch
- Entering or exiting onto a ramp at excessive speeds
- Going around a curve too fast

Not surprisingly, speed is the number one cause of rollovers. Traveling too fast for the road conditions even on a good day can result in a rollover. If you add rain, ice, sleet or snow to the excessive speed, you will certainly turn your loaded trailer over. Please, **SLOW DOWN** and adjust to weather and road conditions.

The weight of the load when a driver drifts off the pavement onto a soft shoulder can cause rutting and make it hard to return the vehicle back onto the pavement. Sometimes, the driver over reacts and jerks the steering wheel will lead to a rollover. So what can you do?

One area to focus on is the loading process of the trailer.

- Heavy logs on the bottom
- Loader operator should distribute the weight evenly throughout the bunks
- Make sure tie downs/binders/straps are tight before leaving the deck
- Check tie downs/binders/straps along the route as they will loosen.

The other obvious area is driving the truck.

- Use caution when turning or changing lanes
- Slow down when entering or exiting onto highways
- Follow speed limit signs going into curves
- Keep the tires on the pavement
- Do not let cell phones or CB radios distract you
- Adjust your speed to the weather conditions
- Give yourself extra time so as not to feel rushed
- Keep following distances so you have time to react to traffic changes

Remember to give yourself adequate time, keep your speed under control and maintain proper following distances. Above all else, keep the truck and trailer on the pavement. ■

## EXPORT CONFERENCE IN CHARLESTON, SC

The South Carolina Forestry Commission will be hosting the Southern Forest Products Export Conference on October 17-18, 2016 in the historic port city of Charleston. The focus of the two-day meeting will be on key global markets. For more information about the conference, please contact Tim Adams, Resource Development Director, South Carolina Forestry Commission at (803) 896-8802 or tadams@scfc.gov. ■

# TREE LINE

SEPTEMBER 2016



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## JUST ASK ROY




The NCFCA 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 NCFCA'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 NCFCA's website. NCFCA staff would like to thank Roy for helping us out with this project! The videos are also on the NCFCA's YouTube feed. The goal is to add to this library of questions and answers in the coming year.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 20, 2016, NCFCA Office, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.  
Forest Management Committee
- October 5-7, 2016, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC.  
NCFCA Annual Meeting
- October 22, 2016, Hill Forest, Durham, NC.  
NC Tree Farm Program Annual Meeting
- October 27, 2016, Drake Landing, Fuquay-Varina, NC - 9:30 a.m.  
Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee
- November 9, 2016, NCFCA office, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.  
North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee

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