

# TREELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

## MURRAY SCORES FIRST OVERALL VICTORY AT WILMINGTON CAMP

The NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camp hosted students from Roland Grise and Murray Middle Schools in Wilmington at Hugh McRae Park in late October.

In the general camp format, students learn about tree identification, land measurement, forest products history, silviculture and wildlife during the first four days of camp. On Friday, the students are grouped by their classes, and they compete against each other for the right to be the overall winner of the camp. The top finishing class also receives recognition on a permanent trophy. In addition, a class is named the top finisher from each school and rewarded with a pizza party.

Ms. Summerlin's class from Murray Middle School recorded a first for Murray as the class was the top overall finisher in the competition, giving Murray the bragging rights for the year. Over the previous three years, a class from Roland Grise was the champion. Ms. Harrison's class was the top finisher for Roland Grise.

Thanks to our NCFA volunteers for taking time out of their schedules to help out with the week-long camp.

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Mary Beth Hanson taught Dendrology during Forestry Camp in Wilmington.

## THE CAMERA DOESN'T CHANGE ITS STORY

When Alton Griffin asked his wife, Sarah, for a dashboard camera for his truck cab for Christmas, he had little idea how important those captured moments in time would be to his professional driving career.

"I was telling my wife about all the crazy stuff that I see," stated Griffin. "I told her I just wish I had a camera so I could show it to her."

Griffin drives for Katesville Pallet Mill, Inc, which is owned and operated by David Kemp in Franklinton, North Carolina. The company was started by David's father, T.T. Kemp, in the 1970's. David added the logging component of the company in the early 1980's.

After receiving his Christmas gift, Griffin installed the video dash camera that provided a clear view of the front end of his truck, starting well before the wheel wells. In addition, the unit included a smaller camera that Griffin mounted on his left rear view mirror that provided a clear view of the back end of his truck.

"He is always telling stories about what's going on out on the roads," stated David Kemp about how the idea got started of putting cameras in the Katesville owned trucks. "I guess now he can just show you the stories."

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(l-r) Alton Griffin and David Kemp pose for a photograph during a recent visit to their job site.

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA BRAVING WILDFIRES DURING DROUGHT

Due to the sheer number of wildfires in the southern region, local, state and federal agencies have banded together in an unprecedented effort to combat this serious fire threat to local communities. The Southern Area Coordination Center has declared the region to be under its high level which is Preparedness Level 5. The last time this occurred was in 2007. The following is a list of active fires. A website address is listed at the end of each fire those readers who would like to get the most updated information. These updates date to 11.23.16.

**HORTON FIRE (NCFS - WATAUGA COUNTY)** The fire is expected to grow, however, projected growth remains inside the identified

containment areas. Over 50 firefighters remained on the fire overnight to strengthen containment lines and to ensure protection for homes in the area. Acreage: 700 - Containment: 20% - Personnel: 100 - Start Date: November 21. <http://hortonfire.blogspot.com/>

**PINNACLE MOUNTAIN FIRE (SCFS / USFS - PICKENS AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES)** The fire has crossed into the northwestern sliver of Greenville County and up against the western side of Table Rock Reservoir. This portion of the fire is the most active area and continues to grow at a moderate pace. The division of 60 hand crew members *(continued on page 3)*

# NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFA. 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 NCFA 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 NCFA 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

## REPUBLICANS MAINTAIN CONTROL OF NC HOUSE AND SENATE AFTER NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

The Presidential result may have been a surprise for some, but North Carolina's Congressional and State General Assembly stayed relatively unchanged overall. In the governor's race, challenger Roy Cooper has a lead (about 5,000 votes out of five million votes cast) over Governor Pat McCrory. The McCrory camp has requested a recount.

In terms of the House and Senate, the Republicans will continue to hold majorities. In the Senate, it appears that the Republicans will hold a 34-16 edge. In the House, the Republican advantage will be 74-45 with one independent. These sizable majorities in the House and Senate to give Republicans the ability to override gubernatorial vetoes and propose state constitutional amendments without garnering any Democratic votes.

The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee supported 44 candidates this election year, distributing \$50,000. The following is a list of the candidates.

CHAMBER	P	NAME	RESULT
HOUSE 10	R	JOHN BELL	Won
HOUSE 52	R	JAMIE BOLES	Won
HOUSE 98	R	JOHN BRADFORD	Won
HOUSE 103	R	WILLIAM BRAWLEY	Won
HOUSE 22	D	WILLIAM BRISSON	Won
HOUSE 120	R	KEVIN CORBIN	Won
HOUSE 4	R	JIMMY DIXON	Won
HOUSE 36	R	NELSON DOLLAR	Won
HOUSE 95	R	JOHN FRALEY	Won
HOUSE 112	R	MIKE HAGER	Withdrew after primary
HOUSE 17	R	FRANK ILER	Won
HOUSE 92	R	CHARLES JETER	Withdrew after primary
HOUSE 83	R	LINDA JOHNSON	Won
HOUSE 75	R	DONNY LAMBRETH	Won
HOUSE 53	R	DAVID LEWIS	Won
HOUSE 35	R	CHRIS MALONE	Won
HOUSE 8	R	SUSAN MARTIN	Won
HOUSE 111	R	TIM MOORE	Won
HOUSE 49	R	GARY PENDLETON	Lost in Election
HOUSE 118	R	MICHELE PRESNELL	Won
HOUSE 87	R	GEORGE ROBINSON	Lost Primary
HOUSE 97	R	JASON SAINÉ	Won
HOUSE 1	R	BOB STEINBURG	Won
HOUSE 45	R	JOHN SZOKA	Won
HOUSE 27	D	MICHAEL WRAY	Won
HOUSE 2	R	LARRY YARBOROUGH	Won
HOUSE 73	R	LEE ZACHARY	Won
SENATE 18	R	CHAD BAREFOOT	Won
SENATE 17	R	TAMARA BARRINGER	Won
SENATE 26	R	PHIL BERGER	Won
SENATE 34	R	ANDREW BROCK	Won
SENATE 6	R	HARRY BROWN	Won
SENATE 21	D	BEN CLARK	Won
SENATE 44	R	DAVID CURTIS	Won
SENATE 38	D	JOEL FORD	Won
SENATE 47	R	RALPH HISE	Won
SENATE 10	R	BRENT JACKSON	Won
SENATE 9	R	MICHAEL LEE	Won
SENATE 25	R	TOM MCINNIS	Won
SENATE 19	R	WESLEY MEREDITH	Won
SENATE 8	R	WILLIAM RABON	Won
SENATE 27	R	TRUDY WADE	Won
NC LABOR	R	CHERIE BERRY	Won
AG COM	R	STEVE TROXLER	Won

## Western NC Wildfires...(from page 1)

and three bulldozers assigned to this growing section is constructing lines from Table Rock Reservoir on the east around the fire to Benfield Road on the west where Greenville and Pickens counties meet. Acreage: 6,000 – Containment: 35% – Personnel: 263 – Start Date: November 9 <https://www.state.sc.us/forest/>

**CLEAR CREEK FIRE (NCFS / USFS - MARION, MCDOWELL COUNTY)** A 10-mile stretch of N.C. 80 is closed from Toms Creek Road to the Blue Ridge Parkway at the Yancey County line. Firefighters continue to improve indirect fireline and hold the fire on the southern and eastern edges of the fire. Crews working the northern edge of the fire continue to hold the fire and continue with firing operations as needed. The fire is expected to spread to the West due to continuous fuel. Acreage: 2,006- Containment: 10% – Personnel: 224 – Start Date: November 20 <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5106/#>

**MAPLE SPRINGS FIRE (USFS - LAKE SANTEELAH AREA, GRAHAM COUNTY)** Firefighters are still mopping up and patrolling containment lines; rehabilitation and reseeding work continues. A reconnaissance flight last night revealed only three small areas of heat on the Maple Springs Fire, all of which were well within containment lines. Acreage: 7,788 – Containment: 69% – Personnel: 263 – Start Date: November 4 <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5090/>

**TELLICO FIRE (USFS - NANTAHALA GORGE AREA, SWAIN AND MACON COUNTIES)** Fire crews will continue maintaining dozer, hand lines and contingency lines. Acreage: 13,874 – Containment: 91% – Personnel: 258 – Start Date: November 3 <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5084/>

**BOTELER FIRE (USFS - CHUNKY GAL AREA, CLAY COUNTY)** Fire crews will continue to maintain and patrol control lines as well as improve, secure and mop up firelines. Acreage: 9,031 – Containment: 77% – Personnel: 270 – Start Date: October 25 <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5075/>

**CATHEY GAP FIRE (USFS - JACKSON/ TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LINE)** The Cathey Gap Fire is part of the Boteler Fire Complex. Acreage: 123 – Containment: 90% – Personnel: 21 – Start Date: November 17 <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5105/>

**PARTY ROCK FIRE (NCFS - LAKE LURE AREA, RUTHERFORD, BUNCOMBE, AND HENDERSON COUNTIES)** Businesses or residents in the Lake Lure area who have questions about smoke damage and insurance claims can contact the Lake Lure Chamber of Commerce at 828-625-2725. Anyone with fire or smoke damage should consult with their insurance carrier before signing contracts for cleaning or repair services. Acreage: 7,171 – Containment: 54% – Personnel: 651 – Start Date: November 5 <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5092/#>

**CHESTNUT KNOB FIRE (NCFS - SOUTH MOUNTAINS STATE PARK, BURKE COUNTY)** Fire operations will include mop up and holding the fireline  
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## DWR ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR HURRICANE MATTHEW CLEANUP IN THE NEUSE AND TAR-PAMLICO BUFFERS

The Division of Water Resources will adhere to the following procedures during cleanup from Hurricane Matthew in the protected Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffers.

A variety of exemptions in the buffer rules allow for cleanup to occur without having to obtain verbal or written permission from the Division of Water Resources. These exemptions include the following activities.

1. Removal of debris
2. Pruning forest vegetation: The rules require that normal pruning should be done in a way that does not compromise the health and function of the forest vegetation. DWR will assume that trimming needed to remove hurricane-damaged tree branches or other hurricane-damaged vegetation is exempt.
3. Removal of individual trees which are in danger of causing damage to dwellings, other structures or human life. These trees should be cut at ground level without removing or disturbing the root mat.
4. Construction of temporary roads that disturb less than or equal to 2,500 square feet, provided that vegetation is restored within six months of initial disturbance
5. Issuance of a DCM emergency permit: When the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) issues an emergency permit to rebuild or replace hurricane damaged structures, impacts in the protected riparian buffer must be in the same footprint as the original impact and not exceed the original square footage. Alternatively, impacts in the protected riparian buffer that do not exceed the original square footage may be moved back away from the water's edge or CAMA marsh.

DWR will interpret these exemptions broadly to allow foresters, municipalities, homeowners and their contractors to quickly complete cleanup of hurricane debris in the impacted areas. Property owners are not expected to re-plant trees in buffer areas affected by the hurricane, but exposed areas need to be stabilized to avoid erosion. These exemptions are comprehensive and allow for cleanup of damaged areas affected by the hurricane, including the use of mechanized equipment. If heavy equipment is used or temporary roads constructed, those activities need to avoid creation of new ditches or other features that would drain water through the buffer and into the adjoining surface waters. When practicable, all stormwater through the protected buffers shall be diffuse or discharged in a way as to not cause erosion or further damage to the protected buffer.

There are several uses in the buffer rules that allow for cleanup to occur after receiving written approval from DWR. These approvals will be handled by DWR's Central Office and Regional Offices and will be processed as quickly as possible. Some of these uses include the following:

1. Protection of structures, facilities and streambanks if additional disturbance of the riparian buffer or stream channel is required
2. Streambank stabilization: Please note that in coastal counties, these approvals may be granted by DCM.
3. Construction of temporary roads that disturb greater than 2,500 square feet or for bridge construction or replacement

Any impacts to wetlands and streams beyond the scope of the Neuse or Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Rules, including the use of heavy equipment in wetlands, may require coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Wilmington District Corps' Office issued a public notice of their emergency procedures on October 4, 2016.

The Corps' Regulatory Field Offices can be reached as follows.  
Raleigh Regulatory Field Office: 919-554-4884  
Washington Regulatory Field Office: 910-251-4610  
Wilmington Regulatory Field Office: 910-251-4633



## PROLOGGER DATABASE RESET FOR 2017

The ProLogger database has been reset to mark the new education year for 2016-2017. All ProLoggers listed on the site are in **GOOD STANDING** until August 1, 2017.

The date that every ProLogger needs to remember is June 30, 2017. All ProLoggers must take Module 17 and pay their dues by this date.

Module 17 classes will begin in October and will be held throughout the year at various locations. Please consult the NCFCA's website and newsletters for the schedule of classes. ■



### Western NC Wildfires...(from page 3)

in all divisions. Acreage: 6,435 – Containment: 65% – Personnel: 257 – Start Date: November 6 <http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/5101/>

**DOBSON 3 FIRE (BIA – QUALLA BOUNDARY, JACKSON COUNTY)**  
Acreage: 756 – Containment: 96% – Personnel: 56 – Start Date: November 2 <http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/5097/#>

**ROCK MOUNTAIN FIRE (USFS - SOUTHERN NANTAHALA WILDERNESS AREA, NORTH GEORGIA AND CLAY AND MACON COUNTIES IN NC)** Evacuations remain in effect, and the containment line near Tate City has been extended to the end of Tallulah Road into North Carolina. Operations today will again focus on protecting homes and property east of the fire in the areas of Betty's Creek Road and Patterson Gap. The structure protection group will be staffed with additional personnel to strengthen and build on their work from yesterday. All dozer lines to protect the area are expected to be completed today. Containment efforts will continue on the northern edge of the fire. Acreage: 16,698 – Containment: 30% – Personnel: 467 – Start Date: November 9 <http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/5100/#>

Thanks to the U.S. Forest Service and the N.C. Forest Service for providing this update and more importantly, the dedication of their staff in battling these wildfires on challenging terrain. At this point, there have been no serious injuries reported within the fire fighting ranks. ■



Thanks to Our Brave Panel! (l-r) Nancy Thompson, Perry Hunt, Host Joe Stewart, Bruce Evans and Fred Hardin posed for this photo after a successful taping of the next Working Lunch television episode that appears on UNC TV. Our members discussed a few of the pressing issues facing the forest products industry in addition to pointing out the positive role the industry plays in our state's economy and environmental efforts. The episode will be shown on December 16, 2016.



(l-r) Scott Brewer presented Jim Hancock, Cade Hancock, Mac McClure and Pierce Hodonette (not pictured) with the first place trophy for the Forrest R. Lewis Memorial Golf Tournament.

## LOG A LOAD RAISES \$13,500

The North Carolina Log A Load program hosted the Forrest R. Lewis Memorial Golf Tournament in November at River Landing. In addition to providing a great time for golfers on a terrific course, the tournament raised \$13,500 for the Children's Miracle Network. Congratulations to International Paper's Scott Brewer and his supporting cast and partners for once again hosting a top-notch fundraiser! Thanks to the sponsors for this year's event.

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| Ingram Woodyards               |                                     |



## The Camera Doesn't Change Its Story...(from page 1)

Stories can be funny and produce lighthearted entertainment. Accident reports are not fun and are serious business.

After two on the road accidents in 2016 that involved Katesville trucks equipped with dash video cameras, Kemp is a firm believer in the value of capturing video evidence. In both instances, the video captured by the dash camera provided the investigating officer enough information to exonerate Kemp's drivers from any wrong doing.



*The dash mounted camera provides a wide bumper to bumper view of the front end of the truck.*

"Stories can change," stated Kemp. "The camera doesn't change. It's been really beneficial for our company. If we hadn't had them installed, we would be going on somebody's word."

Three of Kemp's trucks have dash video cameras presently, but he plans to have all six of his trucks furnished with dash cameras that include a rear shot camera as well in the next two weeks. The cost of the initial cameras were about \$150 a unit. Based on his company's experience, Kemp is considering upgrading to a more elaborate model, somewhere in the \$450 range.

"We are talking about going to one that's a little bit more expensive, but it includes more features such as the GPS tracking of the truck," stated Kemp. "That way you can tell what the truck is doing."

When asked if he has received any objections from his drivers when he informs him about the installation of dash cameras, Kemp just smiled and shook his head no.

"It is good for the driver," replied Kemp. "It can save him a lot of hassle."

Kemp makes this claim based on his company's firsthand experience. When Griffin was involved in an accident, he recounted that the trooper asked about the video camera on the dash and then asked to see the memory card. The trooper then

went back to his vehicle, inserted the card into his computer, and from the video footage, the trooper was able to witness the accident. He was able to determine the speed of the Griffin's truck and see the timing of the incident. In this case, the officer determined that Griffin was not at fault for the accident.

"It's really cut and dry," stated Kemp. "That's what I like about it. You don't have to go on anybody's word."

In terms of maintenance, Griffin insists that it is not much effort to keep the camera ready to roll each day. He upgraded his memory card from the outset to 32 GB so he could capture a complete day on one card. If he needs to save anything from the day, he can download the footage to a computer in the evening.

Kemp, who has built his company on new ideas, plans on recommending dash cameras with the front and rear end cameras to his contract loggers as well.

After graduated from East Carolina University in 1983 with an Industrial Technology and Business Administration Degree, Kemp returned home to Katesville Pallet to inform his dad that he wanted to start a logging company. Dad was not too happy.

"I was in the dog house," stated Kemp with a chuckle. "My dad said he spent too much money on the education for me to go into the logging business."

In what David would later see as an effort to discourage him from the logging world, T.T. Kemp took David to an auction and bought him a skidder with a flat shearer on the front and a grappler on the back, an old wheel loader and a truck and a trailer for the grand total of \$17,000.

"My dad thought that would be enough," recalled Kemp. "That I would say the heck with it and do something else. I brought all the stuff back to the shop, rebuilt it, and then I went to work. That's how I started."

Some 33 years later, Kemp coordinates three logging crews and one thinning specific operation. He has 22 employees, which includes shop help. His equipment lineup includes five skidders, four knuckleboom loaders, three fellerbunchers, two bulldozers and one excavator.

"I really don't have any regrets," stated Kemp. "I mean, I understand this can be a tough business, but no regrets."

Kemp started his career working closely with Champion Paper Company and harvesting timber on company land.

"Nobody wanted hardwood at the time, and we had the hardwood sawmill," recounted Kemp. "So, when we logged their tracts, all they wanted was the pine. They would virtually give me the hardwood to get it off the tract so they could replant. So, that was basically, it solved my problem of having enough wood to cut."

Today, coordinating a harvest schedule is a top challenge since Kemp purchases his own timber as well as working locally with different mills in the area.

"You have a lot of competition for timber," stated Kemp. "I work really well with Toney Lumber (in Louisburg, NC) because we are basically five miles apart - my shop and their sawmill. They are after a totally different type of timber than I am so we really work well on that end."

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*David Kemp runs three logging crews and one thinning specific operation. Katesville Pallet Mill, Inc. is based in Franklinton, NC.*

# LANDOWNERS

## NC TREE FARM PROGRAM HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING AT HILL FOREST

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program held its 2016 Annual Meeting at the Hill Forest in October as many former Wolfpack foresters had the chance to return a campground they had not seen in many years.

Greg Conner, a consulting forester and a Tree Farm inspector, figures it might even be some 44 years since he set eyes on the property, but hey, who's counting?

The morning portion focused on recognition of volunteer efforts and outstanding Tree Farmers in the program.

The Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year was awarded to brothers Tim and Sam Johnson for their efforts on their family Tree Farm in Harnett County. The farm has been in the family since 1780 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Most in attendance were familiar with the property since Tim and his family hosted the 2014 Tree Farm Annual Meeting.



(l-r) Leslie McCormick presented Tim Johnson with the 2016 North Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year Award with current NC Tree Farm Chair Maurice Hull.

The Tree Farm Inspector of the Year was presented to Thad Banks, who has been inspecting Tree Farms since 2004. He has guided 24 Tree Farms into the program and conducted over 30 re-inspections over the years.

Three Tree Farm Inspectors received Bronze Hat designation, which means they have enrolled 25 Tree Farms into the American Tree Farm System. Mark Bost, Todd Dowdle and Logan Scarborough all reached that milestone this year.



(l-r) David Halley presented Thad Banks with the NC Tree Farm Inspector of the Year Award.

The Robert Cooper Leadership and Service Award was presented to James Jeuck, who has served as the North Carolina Tree Farm Program's Vice President of Administration since 2009. Jeuck, a Tree Farm Inspector, has led numerous outreach activities for the North Carolina Tree Farm Program with forest landowners in addition to serving on Outstanding

## FRED WHITE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DUKE FOREST, PASSES AWAY

Fred Myerle White III died on October 25, 2016 at his home in Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill. He was born in 1928 in Memphis TN to Fred M. White Jr and Emma Sudduth White. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ludie Harvey White; his brother George S. White; and his three children, Elizabeth (Bess), Daniel, and Bruce; his six grandchildren; and his four great grandchildren.

During his 60 year professional forestry career, White was first employed by Chicago Mill and Lumber Company in Greenville, MS as a management forester for lands along the Mississippi River. This was followed by two years as a draftee in the U.S. Army. He completed his MF Degree from Duke University, and then served as management forester for the Rome Kraft Company of in Rome Georgia, where he met and wooed his future bride Ludie Harvey.

After several years in the forests of Georgia and Alabama he returned to Duke University's School of Forestry as Director of the Duke Forest, Assistant Professor of Silviculture, and Assistant to the Dean.

White then joined North Carolina Forest Service as Section Chief for Management and Development, leading many programs and processes throughout the state.

Fourteen years later, he retired and joined a group of young men-including a number of his students from Duke-who created The Forestland Group, a Timber Investment Management Organization which purchases and manages forestland as an investment for many endowment and retirement funds. White was Chief Forester for this group and as such eventually oversaw three million acres of forests in North and Central America.

White was active in legitimizing the forestry profession, helping found the NC Board of Registration for Foresters. In addition, White was active in important local organizations like the Forest Stewards Guild, North Carolina Forestry Association, and Society of American Foresters.

His accolades include the Forest Stewards Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, Duke University School of the Environment Distinguished Alumni Award, North Carolina Forestry Association Distinguished Service Award, North Carolina Wildlife Federation Conservationist of the Year, and North Carolina Society of Consulting Foresters' Forester of the Year.

White earned academic degrees in forestry from the University of the South, Sewanee TN and from Duke University. ■

### Tree Farm Hosts Annual Meeting continued...

Tree Farmer of the Year Selection Committee.

The second portion of the morning program included a bus tour of the Hill Forest where landowners learned more about different management activities taken place including a cooperative water quality buffer study by the U.S. and North Carolina Forest Services, native grasses, song bird netting station, an open hardwood stand, and then a compare and contrast location between a thinned and non-thinned forest stand. ■



(l-r) James Jeuck was honored with the Robert Cooper Leadership and Service Award, which was presented by Maurice Hull.

## The Camera Doesn't Change...(from page 5)

Kemp still utilizes a shop at his sawmill, but he shut the mill down in 2008 when the economy reached its low point.

"Everything at the mill is paid for," stated Kemp. "But we weren't making money so we decided to shut it down. It's still ready to run, but at this point, logging is all I can handle."



In his role, Kemp is a rover among his crew providing oversight on complicated harvesting operations or just filling a seat in a piece of equipment in case of an absent crew member.

"Well, I basically try to figure out each day where we might have the most need for me to be at in cases of problems," stated Kemp. "Like, for instance here, we got this cell phone tower that we are cutting close to, so I like to be close by for stuff like that. If we are on a wet tract, I am trying to help make it flow a little bit better."

Kemp does not maintain set production goals on his crews because of the amount of specialty projects his company contracts on a regular basis. Instead, he formulates production expectations based on each job, and he rewards his crew members for meeting those goals.

In terms of trucking and the recent issues with truck safety, Kemp believes the improvements in truck performance has been lost on the general public.

"I don't think people realize that these trucks are a lot faster on the take off than they used to be and they keep their speed going up a hill a whole lot better than they used to," stated Kemp. "They are thinking, well, I am going to get stuck behind a slow truck, and it's going to go up a hill at 25 miles per hour. Whereas now they go up a hill at the speed limit, pretty much. People don't take that into consideration when they are making their driving decisions."

As for Kemp's driver, Alton Griffin, he sees this reality every day. While Griffin is not willing to rank his dash camera as his best-ever Christmas gift, he is will to put it in his top five.

"But, I will say this, I will never drive another truck without one," stated Griffin with a smile. ■

## SAVE THE DATE!

The NCFAs 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! ■



## TRUCK DRIVER'S ACTIONS IMPACT SAFETY

Each day across America millions of truck drivers haul products to support our economy. Trucking plays a huge role in the wood products industry from logs to finished furniture. Trucking is the way our industry moves its products to market. Once the truck leaves the logging job or mill, drivers are on their own and away from direct supervision. There is a huge amount of responsibility and liability based upon the driver's decisions and actions.

The US Federal Highway Administration releases data each year the we must take to heart. Driver safety is extremely important, and we must do all we can to reduce the number of accidents. Make safe driving a lifelong habit. Did you know that EVERY 21 MINUTES, a road departure fatality occurs.

As we investigate the ever-increasing numbers of truck accidents, we found two main causes - SPEED and driver distractions. Items such as using a cell phone or CB radio, becoming sleepy from long hauls, and boredom are all dominos in the accident process. The driver has direct control of both the speed and distraction factors. Control them and you make it home to family and friends. Do nothing and the end result is you become a statistic for us to talk about.

But what about external sources of hazards beyond your control? How often have you seen, or heard of another driver that cuts the truck because the driver did not want to be stuck behind the tractor and trailer.

Hazard recognition can help reduce the number of accidents caused by the truck and trailer leaving the road. Let us look at these hazards and address some simple ideas how to keep safety awareness at a high level. Some topics to discuss include:

- **Animals on the road** - do not try to swerve suddenly to avoid them as the center of gravity can move and cause rollovers.
- **Fog and heavy rain** - slow down when visibility is not good. These conditions reduce the distance you can see in front of you.
- **Gawking at the scenery** - avoid this distraction and keep your attention on the road in front of you.
- **Road conditions** - pot holes, loose gravel and uneven surfaces create hazards that can lead to flat tires, or loss of control of the truck. Scan ahead to avoid them.
- **Narrow roads** - slow down to navigate areas on bridges and country roads.
- **Farm equipment** - if you drive in rural areas, this is a way of life. Be prepared for the unexpected.
- **School buses** - always be aware that these buses make frequent stops and that the children do not always follow the rules when crossing high traffic areas.
- **Curves** - slow down. More trucks rollover due to excessive speed for the road condition. You may be doing the posted "speed" as you enter a curve or ramp but it may be too fast for your load.
- **Black ice and snow** - in many areas, bridges especially, ice and snow can cause you to lose traction. Use caution as the weather ices before the road."

Accidents can be prevented. Lowering risk through safety awareness reduces the chance of an accident. Taking the time to hold safety briefings will demonstrate your concern for them. ■



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE NCFEA STAFF

DECEMBER 2016



ROBBY EVANS TAUGHT TREE MEASUREMENT DURING THE NCFEA'S FORESTRY CAMP IN WILMINGTON.

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NCFEA Annual Meeting - October 4-6, 2017, Wilmington, NC

Mid-Atlantic Logging Expo September 15-16, 2017, Smithfield/Selma area

Forest Management Committee - February 18, 2017, NCFEA Office, Raleigh, NC

Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee - January 18, 2017, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee - January 18, 2017, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

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