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# Finley's Rigging Shack "Classic"



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The best time of the year is here now. I like this time of the year but will be looking forward to some fall activities and looking forward to other things - - - all in the future. At the same time must concentrate on getting the most out of each day as it comes along. Can ruin a lot of good things by always looking to and concentrating on the future.

We have had a good first half of the year. Excellent in fact. Lots of traveling and meeting new people, keeping in touch with old friends and finding out over and over again that this is a dynamic and forward moving industry loaded with excellent people to see that it keeps going and growing.

New problems, new ways of solving them and new methods used in all phases of logging. Keeps the interest high and the inventive juices flowing. Exciting!

## DOWN

I sometimes get this way. As interesting as my work is there is still a lot of routine to it and the jobs that must be done even if they aren't the most challenging jobs in the world. I guess this happens to almost all people. There is a time, at least for me, when I don't seem to be getting anyplace, when the work don't come out right, when whatever I do should have been done better and quicker.

. There is an answer to this and I know what it is but being semi-stupid I don't always apply the answer. Believe that at times I enjoy being down in the dumps a bit. Must or I wouldn't

spend any time there. The answer is ACTION. Logic can't control how I feel but action always will. When I have a job I dread doing, the very best thing for me to do is to get out and do the damned job and get it over with. Usually it isn't nearly as bad as I thought it was going to be. Once I start thinking I got 'er

made and do some coasting, things go downhill.

## RETIREMENT

As we get older we are constantly urged to slow down and take it easier. That doesn't work for me - - - but it might for most people. Everything works Best for me when I work at it. I got to go out after it. If I set and wait it just don't work. I've always marveled at our ideas of the rewards of retirement. We work hard all our lives and then we think we can cut the switch and sit down in the rocking chair and retire to a life of enjoyment.

Sam Churchill is retired and he and his wife are happy - - - but they have more activities and are busier than when they were both working for a living.

Roy Mulford has retired but he is as busy as he can be. Retiring don't necessarily mean resting.

Woody Gifford worked for years for Weyerhaeuser and he retired. Before he did he went to some classes, sponsored by Weyerhaeuser, to learn how to cope with living when you don't go to work every day. Think he worked it out nicely. I'd like to do more fishing and hunting. At least that is what I tell myself. But I'm lyin to me and know it. I've got lots of fishing equipment including a fine boat. I've got rifles and shotguns and all the stuff for hunting. The only way my boat gets wet is to get rained on. Last fall only hunted one week end - - - and that was most enjoyable.



FINLEY HAYS

The fact is that I'd rather run around and bother loggers and see what they are doing and how they do it than almost anything else in this world. That is proven by the fact that I do it - - - even when I don't have to.

Sometimes it is hard for me to know when I'm being realistic with myself or not. Hell of a note when I lie to myself. But I do sometimes.

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE:

One of the most frequent questions I get is "Are you going to keep running Finley's Rigging Shack?" The answer is yes, and there are a couple of reasons.

First, Loggers World and Log Trucker is and always will be Finley's creation. He put his energy, his imagination and his character into the creating of these magazines and that still resonates deeply with most of our readers. Since I re-started the magazines 3 months ago, I've heard many untold and unpublished Finley stories. It seems Mr. Hays had a habit of doing good deeds without any recognition in addition to his telling of amusing stories and happenings. I have some very big logging boots to fill to keep Loggers World alive in the fashion of Mr. Hays.

I'll do my best.

Second reason to keep Finley's Rigging Shack is that many of the things he wrote about are still current issues. This was impressed upon me as I proof-read this month's Rigging Shack column that Finley wrote almost 40 years ago. More often than not, the things that were on Finley's mind then are still things we find ourselves thinking about today. Since very few people can tell a story like Finley could, we will

keep his voice and his peculiar understanding of the issues facing the industry alive. While I don't think Finley would have anticipated how long his writing would stay current, I am happy to bring his understanding of the issues, and his ability to entertain us to the generations that follow. I think he would like that. KC

## In This Issue...



COVER PAGE PICTURE: BRIAN DHOOGHE runs his 2014 Hitachi 370 shovel on the Quinault Indians Reservation outside of Hoquiam, Wash. The shovel has a 43-foot boom and was purchased from Pape Machinery in Montesano, Wash.

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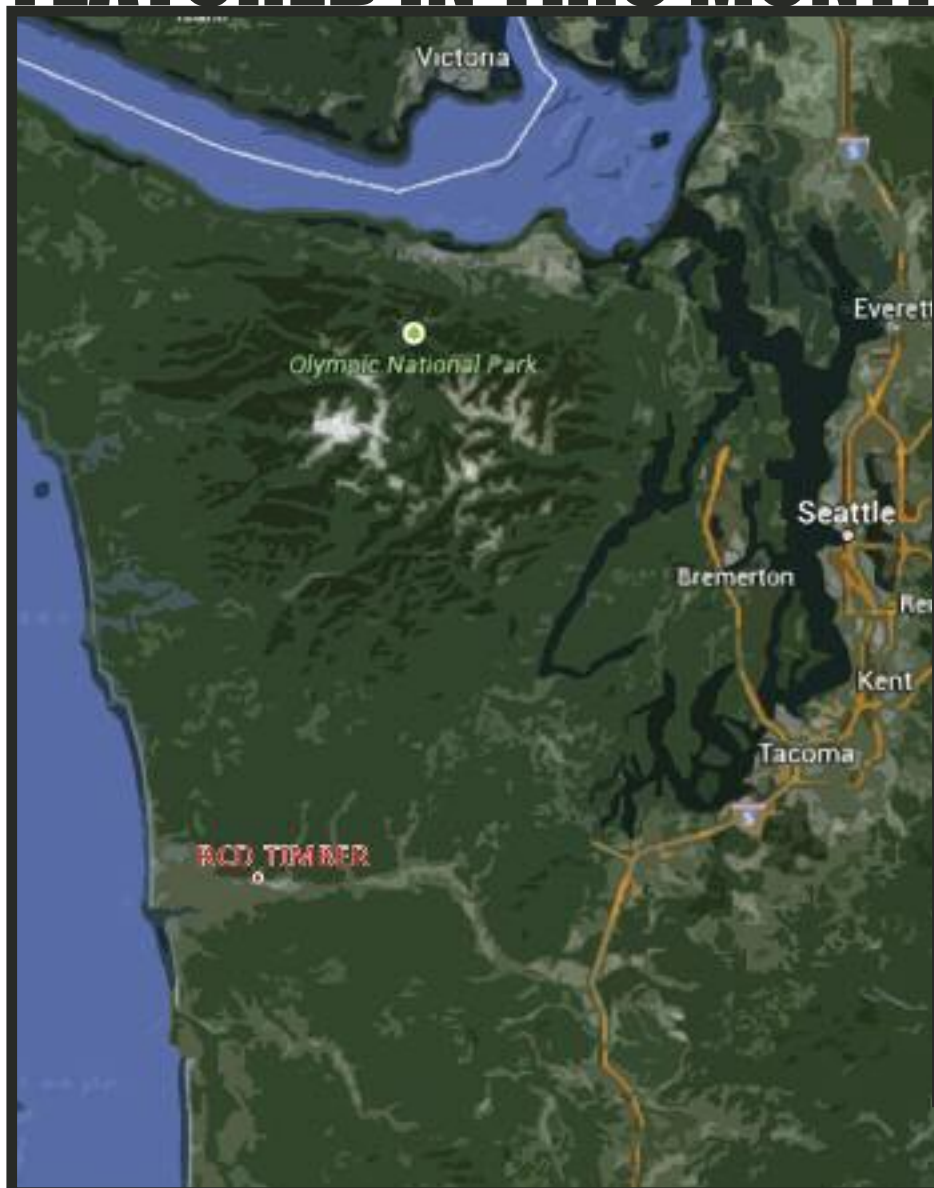
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## RCD TIMBER

**Based out of Hoquiam, Wash.** RCD Timber is a three-man shovel-logging outfit that primarily operates on the Quinault Indian Reservation for Quinault Land and Timber Enterprises. **Brothers Brian and Joey Dhooghe** decided to strike it out on their own and recently hired **cousin Ed Stearns** to run their Doosan 225 loader with a 36-foot boom. "We've got a good team and it's just easy out here," Joey said. "Brian and I have been working together all our life so it's just like tying your shoes."

**JOEY AND BRIAN DHOOGHE** were born and raised in Hoquiam, Wash. and now they operate just outside of town on the Quinault Indian Reservation.



## HOQUIAM, WASHINGTON

A town of roughly 9,000 people, Hoquiam sits on the shores of Grays Harbor and borders with the city of **Aberdeen, Wash.** Both Hoquiam and Aberdeen share an economy based in lumber and exports. While the town was officially founded in 1890, **the first logging operation in Hoquiam was established by Ed Camp in 1872.** In 1882, George Emerson established a 300 acre mill in the town. The extension of the railroad from Aberdeen to Hoquiam in 1898 made it an important logging hub in the region.

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**RCD TIMBER  
HOQUIAM, WASH.**

By Brandon Hansen

To say that RCD Timber is a close-knit company would be an understatement: the three-man crew consists of two brothers and their cousin.

To say that RCD Timber is a skilled operation would also be an understatement since brothers Brian and Joey Dhooghe along with cousin Ed Stearns bring nearly 70+ years of combined experience in the woods.

Brian Dhooghe knows a thing or two about a logging company after starting out in the woods at the age of 17 and traveling as far as Alaska. The shovel operator was with Homchick Logging for 10 years of his career, which spans 26 years, and half a decade with A-1 Timber.

From 2009-2012, Dhooghe went up north to Alaska for A-1 Timber, but the time away from his family in Hoquiam, Wash. made him think he could do things differently.

"It was definitely an experience and it wasn't a whole lot different from logging down here," Dhooghe said. "The biggest thing was the distances between cities. You could have a three hour flight from Anchorage and then another hour from the town you landed in."

It was a good job for a single logger, Dhooghe said, but not for a family guy.

So Dhooghe returned to his home of Grays Harbor County, Washington and worked again for Homchick Timber for a year. It was then when he kicked around the idea with Grind Transport partner Andy Rogers about two small businesses working as one. Rogers background in

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**- BRIAN DHOOGHE -**

**BROTHERS AT WORK**, Joey and Brian Dhooghe started their logging operation this year and teamed up with Grind Transport out of nearby Central Park, Wash. to log for Quinault Land and Timber Enterprises on the Quinault Indian Reservation. Joey has been following his brother Brian around the job site since he was ten years old. Brian, who spent three years logging up in Alaska, moved back to be closer to family and has over 26 years of experience in woods.



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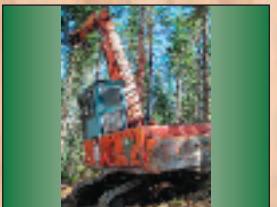
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- JOEY DHOOGHE -

JOEY DHOOGHE operates his 1995 325 CAT with a 622B Waratah processor on RCD Timber's jobsite near Lake Quinault on the Quinault Indian Reservation. Dhooghe has over 20 years of experience and likes the size of the operation. "We've got a good team and it's just easy out here," Dhooghe said. While the company eventually wants to upgrade, Dhooghe added that his CAT runs everyday and is very reliable after the machine had spend years working around the Forks area of Western Washington.

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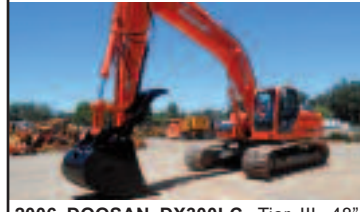
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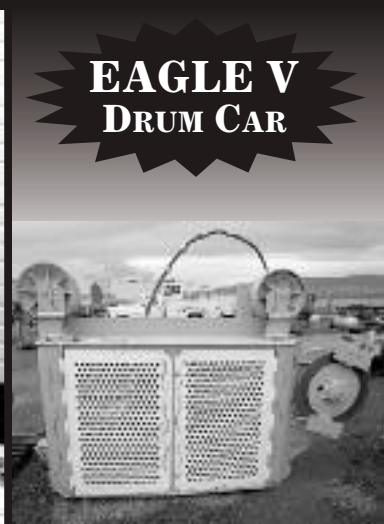
THE FIRST PURCHASE FOR RCD TIMBER was a 2014 Hitachi 370 with a 43-foot boom for Brian Dhooghe to operate. Purchased from Pape Machinery in Montesano, Wash. Dhooghe said they had the machine ready in a couple of weeks. RCD Timber started operation in March and have had steady work for Quinault Land and Timber Enterprises. The only shovel of the operation, Dhooghe said the machine feels very stable on uneven terrain. Brian has over 26 years of experience after starting out in the woods when he was 17 years old. From 2009-2012, Dhooghe was operating up in Alaska for A-1 Timber.



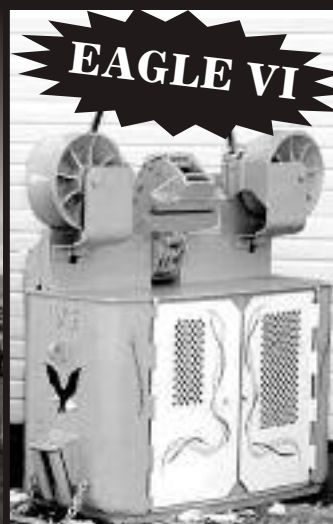
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## RCD Timber

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the trucking business around Aberdeen along with the Dhooghe's experience in the woods provided a unique opportunity to start both Grind Transport and RCD Timber.

"Andy and I had got to talking and we were thinking about doing this but weren't sure how we were going to do it," Dhooghe said.

Grind Transport was featured in the September issue of Loggers World, and has three log trucks. Dhooghe teamed up with his brother Joey for the logging side of things and a solid partnership was born.

"We just kind of followed Brian around and he's always looking out for us," Andy Rogers said. "He runs all the physical logging and my wife and I do all the fi-

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**- BRIAN DHOOGHE -**

nancial bookwork."

Dhooghe started by buying a 2014 Hitachi 370 shovel with a 43-foot boom purchased from Papé Machinery in Montesano, Wash.

"That was our biggest purchase and they were great," Brian said. "We just called them up and they had that rolling in a couple weeks."

Then the Dhooghe's purchased a 1995 CAT with a 622B processor head for Joey.

"I've been around it so much, it was a lot of paper work and to get everything lined up," Brian said. "But as far as doing everything else, I've done so much it feels like the same thing now, except that now there's nobody else to answer to."

Brian added an advantage to

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the operation was the owners are the operators and no one is sitting at home or in an office. They also want to stay condensed and efficient.

While RCD Timber is young, having just started in March of this year, they've already found a solid company to work for in Quinalt Land and Timber Enterprises which supplies them with steady work on the Quinalt Indian Reservation.

"They've been really great to work for," Brian said. "They've been around the harbor for 25 years in this industry and if a guy works hard for them, they can make a good living. Nobody is getting rich but we're just trying to make a good steady job."

A good steady job is something Joey Dhooghe is used to. Having worked with his brother Brian before for years, Joey started bugging Brian on the jobsite when he was ten years old.

"We've got a good team and it's just easy out here," Joey said. "Bri-

an and I have been working together all our life so it's just like tying your shoes."

Since all their jobs are on the Quinalt Reservation, the commute is usually within an hour and everyone gets to sleep in their own beds at night.

"We're just a small crew that puts out big production," Joey said.

Joey and his strong work ethic does all the processing for the operation, while the Dhooghe's father Walt takes care of the chains and bars for the processor.

"We just take everything to him and he does it at home," Brian said. "He keeps all the bars straightened for us. My dad has always been in the timber industry and we always worked together at A-1. He's ran a lot of equipment."

The biggest change to the operation has been the hiring of cousin Ed Stearns and purchasing a new 2014 Doosan 225 with a 36-foot boom and 64-inch grapple for loading responsibilities from Cascade Trader in Chehalis, Wash. Tim Ward helped with their order on a

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**See "RCD Timber"**



THE OPERATION HAS BEEN STREAMLINED, with RCD's addition of a loader, letting Brian Dhooghe focus fully on shovel logging in his 2014 Hitachi 370 shovel with a 43-foot boom purchased from Pape Machinery in Montesano, Wash.

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RANDY HADLOCK has his 2005 388 Peterbilt log truck loaded by Ed Steans in a Doosan 225. Hadlock is a partner in Grind Transport and grew up in Vancouver, Wash. but moved to Grays Harbor County in 1976 and has had his CPL since 2001. The new Doosan loader, which was purchased from Cascade Trader in Chehalis, Wash. was ordered on a Wednesday and delivered to the worksite by that next Thursday. "It's a tremendous change," Brian Dhooghe said. "I don't have to run out on the road [in the shovel] and it's not much of a hassle to balance that out. We have three machines now and not very many people try to do this with two machines."



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Wednesday and had the Doosan out on the jobsite by the next Thursday.

Before Stearns came on board, Brian would have to leave his shovel logging responsibilities to load Grind Transport's trucks. Now he can focus solely on shovel logging while Stearns loads the trucks.

"It's a tremendous change," Brian said. "I don't have to run out on the road and it's not as much of a hassle to balance that out. We have three machines now and not very many people try to do things with two machines."

Stearns began logging in 1987 running a power saw and become a shovel operator in 1991.

"I'm not an office person," Stearns said. "I enjoy being out here in the outdoors and I enjoy the people I work with. We've worked together in other operations and it's a perfect fit. Everybody knows what they're supposed to do and it's just comfortable."

Stearns was recently married on July 5 to his wife Karla.

New things aren't strange to RCD Timber, who are the new kids on the block in the Grays Harbor logging community, but they were welcomed by everyone.

"Quinalt were happy to hear we were starting up," Brian said. "There's not too many new logging companies popping up. The ones al-

ready around are doing fine but just not a whole lot of new ones are being formed."

RCD Timber and Grind Transport have a lot of appreciation for the work that Mack Yowell from Maintenance Weld, Columbia Gear Case Rebuilders and KC Truck Parts do for their companies.

A majority of RCD's logs travels on Grind Transport's log trucks back to Hoquiam and Aberdeen which is where the Dhooghe's immediate family lives. Family is important to the operation. RCD stands for Brians 9-year old daughter Ronni Carolynn Dhooghe that passed away from leukemia.

"She always wanted me to buy my own shovel so we did," Brian said.

Brian also has a 19-year old daughter Tiffani playing volleyball at Grays Harbor College and is planning on transferring up to Eastern Washington University to enter into their dental hygienist program. His wife Melissa is also very supportive of the venture.

"We're a small company and we're not trying to tear the world apart," Brian Dhooghe said. "We just want to do a decent job with the people we have. Everybody here likes working together and I feel like we don't have the conflict of a bigger company."

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BRIAN DHOOGHE AND QUINALT LAND AND TIMBER ENTERPRISES' President Steve McCracken pose for this photo before talking about where RCD Timber's next move will be. Brian describes his company's relationship with Quinalt as "great to work with. They've been around the harbor for 25 years in this industry and if a guy works hard for them, they can make a good living."

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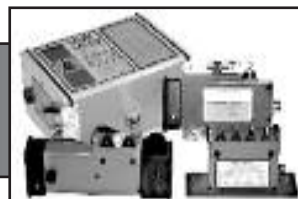
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## FROM THE PAST

The Lewis County Historical Museum in Chehalis, Washington recently had a logging exhibit highlighting the rich logging history in their area. The exhibit featured several old logging artifacts along with Finley Hays articles from *Loggers World*. Here are some images from the museum.

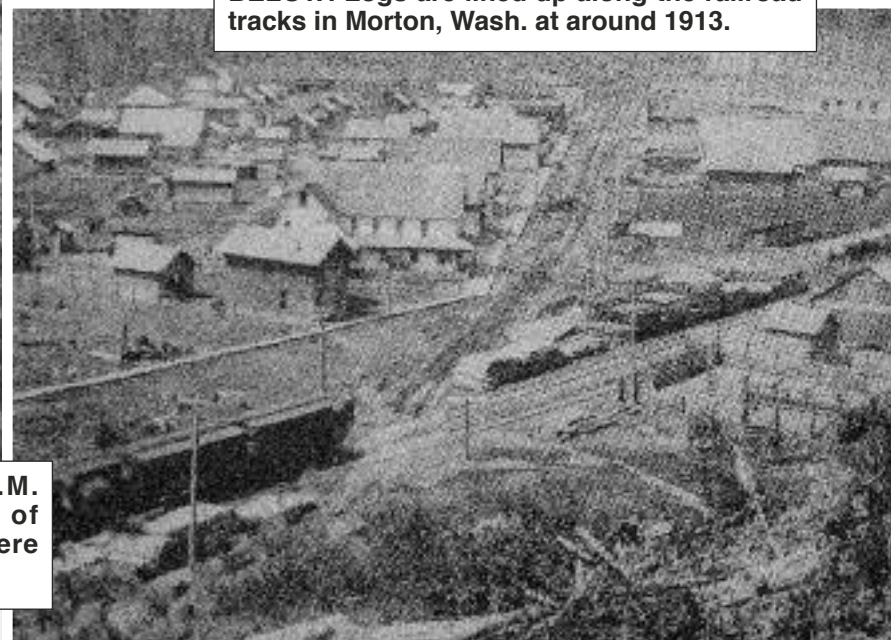
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## THE ISLAND RESORT HARRIS, MICHIGAN

by Mike Crouse

Over 200 loggers representing 26 states, and a host of manufacturers joined to celebrate the American Loggers Council's 20th Annual Meeting recently held in Harris, Michigan (just south of Escanaba) at the Island Resort and Casino in late September. "I am proud that we were able to return to Michigan on our 20th anniversary and celebrate not only the past twenty years of the organization, but the direction that we will head well into the future" said ALC outgoing President Brian Nelson. "We're excited about the progress that has been made and look forward to extending those efforts as we head into 2015. We are confident that we are headed in the right direction with our goal of being the national hub for logger information exchange, linking local, state and regional organizations around the country."

Many of those attendees arriving a day early took advantage of the logging tour to see one of Nelson Logging's working sites that had been laid out to accommodate not just Nelson's harvesting operations but also as a live demonstration of new equipment from a host of manufacturer's including John Deere, Ponsse, Peterson, Morbark, Vermeer, Barko, and Waratah. A lot of iron on a single logging site well laid out, easy to access, and access both to the equipment and factory technical specialists. The weather was especially cooperative with dry weather and a moderate climate where only a few weeks prior the ground was



THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S for the American Loggers Council during their recently completed 20th Annual Meeting in Escanaba, Michigan.

wet from constant downpours.

A complete hot lunch was provided on site, and those wishing to could return the woods machinery afterwards.

The meet and greet that evening closed the day.

Friday started early at 6:30 with the buffet breakfast, which led into technical sessions.

The first technical session was moderated by Tom Trone (John Deere), who led off delivering an economic perspective from the manufacturer's perspective. "We still see a robust economy," Trone said. "For the size of our economy, 2.9% is good," then he added that, "...interest rates remain remarkably low."

"We see some growth in 2015," Trone added, "...optimistically we see possibilities, pessimistically

we're very cautious," part of which comes from the housing growth starts being, "...sort of anemic, which makes us very nervous... (and) NOT what we expected, (so the growth is) slow but improving," which is helping to "...drive the demand up (for wood products) with limited supply."

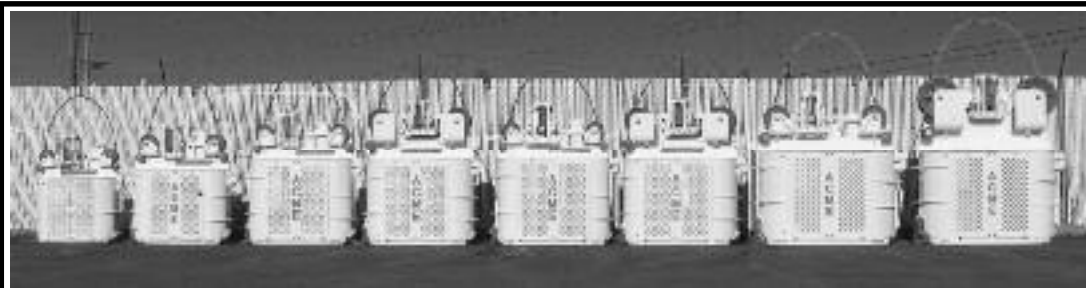
One issue of some concern in the logging business, said Trone, is "...how difficult it is to find employees," due to competition for workers by others seeing similar work force skills, and their being a competitive wage (which can vary widely in different regions). Another related issue is where to find, develop and attract tomorrow's work force to the industry.

He also noted that logging production is "...growing, but flattering

as well." Trone said, "...there are plenty of trees, and demand," yet there are a "...lot of constraints in the middle (of the business)," with regulations, and trucking is tight. He noted the time is right to ask how to reduce some of the burdens.

Trone emphasized that at Deere, "...we think there's another 4-5 very positive years," in the future. He suggested that as successful loggers, "...you need to be a marketer looking for other ways to take your products to different markets and marketers. That takes a very different set of skills. I see many progressive loggers going beyond loggers, back into the value chain and back into the market."

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Tones's three-logger panel included Brian Nelson (MI), Mike Anderson (CA), and Charles Johns (FL), who even though being in different markets, with differing state/regional politics, spoke on common themes.

When asked the most important opportunity and trends in forestry, the common theme: know your actual costs as a logger, from the price of stumpage to the costs of operations (including depreciation). Anderson noted optimistically, "...with shortage of equipment and qualified crews, there's an opportunity for fair prices and longer seasons." Nelson also noted there is opportunity there, "...if you're willing to take the risk. The demand for wood is growing. The risk is do you really want it, (considering) the age of the work force, (and) do you wish to invest when you do not know it if (this upswing) will last...there's a lot of risk involved."

The largest threats to the logging industry brought out familiar themes: excessive regulation, competitive wages, and the cost of establishing/financing a new logging company. Regulatory extremes vary significantly by state, Anderson explained noting in particular one large landowner in California's experience on two timber harvesting plans on similar land within five miles of one another one in Califor-



**THE FORESTRY TOUR** was at (Pres. Brian Nelson) Nelson Logging's site, which included a mix of Nelson's machinery with new iron on display from several other manufacturers. One of those was Ponsse's new Scorpion harvester with Ponsse H7 processing head.

nia (costing \$9,000, yielding 400 pages and taking five months to approve) versus the other plot in Oregon (about \$400, two pages, and taking a day). He noted, "...it's not unusual to spend two years getting a permit and the average cost is huge....and if you have a flake for a neighbor, the costs can skyrocket."

What's needed (from outside your company) to make your company grow? Key to growth is having a true business understanding of what it costs to be in business and make a profit. "Most loggers really don't know," said Trone. "They live by their check book and cash flow, but there are other factors. The reg-



ulation costs are higher for everyone. Compliance is incredibly expensive. As a country, we don't have the return for the costs of regulation compared to the rest of the world."

Anderson said, "...there's no reason why we can't achieve protection at a fraction of the cost we're paying now."

While the panel overall was kind in their phrasing, what emerged was the consuming mills needing to share their profits with loggers to attract the next generation into the

business.

Nelson hit the nail on the head in talking about industry's cry at training the next generation, given the mills saying, "...there's the rate, take it or leave it." He noted, "We have to say no more." The work ethic and demonstration of profit has to be demonstrated. "Train the next generation to take over? The next generation is not interested. We

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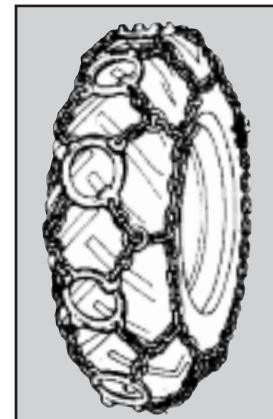
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need to do that before they are 18."

The second tech session was presented by Peterbilt on Natural Gas fueled trucks, "...an abundant fuel supply," said Jim Zito, elaborating that "...the opportunity (in natural gas fuel) is the cost difference between the two (liquid fuels (diesel) and natural gas (LNG-liquid natural gas) and Compressed natural gas).

There are considerations in doing this, difference in the motor and fuel storage options, but the point in the presentation is that option is available and at least worth knowing about.



**MIKE ALBRECHT** with Sierra Resources (Jamestown, CA) was recognized with the ALC's first ever National Loggers Activist Award.



**PAST ALC PRESIDENTS** were recognized at the 20th Anniversary Meeting with a commemorative placard (forthcoming to those not in attendance). From the left are Brian Nelson, Ezell Castleberry, Steve Hannington, Ken Swanstrom, Earl St. John, Mike Wiedeman, Matt Jensen, Steve Sherich, and Charles Johns.

The third technical session was presented by T.E.A.M. (Timber Equipment Applications Management, group leader Jimmie Locklear (Forestry Mutual) and three members of the T.E.A.M. members. Locklear gave a history of the group's formation from 2001 with the goal of reducing fire incidents on logging equipment, by bringing loggers, insurers, and manufacturers together and working toward solutions that would reduce the incidence and severities of fires on that equip-

ment. They listed a number of innovations since 2001 to achieve that end with significant success by working cooperatively. Along with regularly cleaning debris, checking electrical connections, installing on-board fire detection and suppression system and the emergence of telematics systems to monitor machinery and components, they've made a lot of progress in achieving the goals that brought them together in 2001, with more to come in the future.

Following lunch was a presentation of telematics and how those systems are a part of machinery manufactured over the past several years by most manufacturers. Telematics is the convergence of technologies, a combination of GPS, wireless telecommunications, global networks, microelectronics and computers on the machines, it was explained. Those data collectors all over the equipment bring that data together for our use as we need it, allowing the owner (or operator) to monitor and keep track of those components and how they are used, for better efficiencies and better use. It's been in place for more than a decade in farming where better management from that information has allowed equipment to be used and managed far more effectively. "By 2020," said Jason Koskinen (CAT), "telematics is likely to have a market penetration similar to the

cell phones over the past 10-15 years."

Friday evening everyone gathered for the meet and greet, followed immediately the the ALC silent and live auction.

Saturday morning was the ALC's annual Board of Directors meeting, with a changed formats, moving ver-



**MYLES ANDERSON** (Anderson Logging, Ft. Bragg, CA) is the new President of the American Loggers Council.

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bal reports to the general meetings, rather than giving them at the BOD meeting and repeating in the general.

The board approved a new contract for Exec. Director Dructor, then adjourned, for the full membership meeting that began shortly after including the full list of reports.

In comments from the floor, Rich Palermo, (Charlottesville, VA) and National Chairman for Log A Load for Kids, explained "... we helped raise over \$40 million for Children's Miracle Network," and introduced Sheri Hanson (Hanson Logging, Chewelah, Washington) as the new National Chair for the coming year.

Larry Cumming (Peterson Pacific) noted that one bright spot in the biomass market has come from pellets.

It was noted that on this 20th Anniversary of the ALC's founding it enjoys the strongest funding and support since inception, including

significant sponsorship participation well in excess of this year's original goal. Pres. Nelson stated, "(First ALC President) Earl St. John noted one of his goals was to give loggers a national voice," from the group's inception, "... and that's been achieved now." Not only do we have a voice in Washington DC but many within DC will seek out the expertise and thinking of the ALC on issues that affect logging and natural resource management of federal forestlands.

Saturday's luncheon included recognition of ALC sponsors for the past year, including special recognition with the "President's Award" for two individuals: Keith Olson (Montana Loggers Assn.) and Jim Geisinger (Assoc. Oregon Loggers) for their efforts and accomplishments over the past several years.

Also at the luncheon, California Logger Mike Albrecht received the first "National Logger Activist Award," which recognizes "...a logger who has demonstrated unselfish time and efforts to promote the timber harvesting profession." Albrecht

is with Sierra Resource Management located in Jamestown, California.

Saturday evening's President's Reception and Farewell Dinner was particularly special with its being the 20th anniversary of the organization's founding, made even more so by the keynote speech for the evening coming from the founder and first president of the ALC, Earl St. John. He was late joined by other past presidents in attendance (nine including Nelson), all of which received a special plaque commemorating this being the ALC's 20th year and their place in the line of past presidents.

The meeting concluded with the passing of the gavel from outgoing president Brian Nelson to incoming President Myles Anderson (Anderson Logging) from Ft. Bragg, California. Anderson stated, "I plan on keeping the momentum that we have built up over the past twenty years moving forward," and "that there is still much work needed at the federal level on the issues that will help those that we represent participate in the economic recovery being seen around the country."

At the close, Exec. Director Dructor thanked Nelson for his 12 months of service and leadership in the ALC, and looks forward to the upcoming year with Anderson at the helm, "...to ensure that the American Loggers Council will continue to be the 'national voice' for professional timber harvesters."



**EARL ST. JOHN, First President of the American Loggers Council addressing this years 20th Anniversary Meeting.**



**THIS YEARS recipients of the ALC's President's Award for outstanding service to the Council were (left) Keith Olson, Montana Loggers Assn. (being congratulated by ALC Pres. Brian Nelson, and Jim Geisinger, with the Associated Oregon Loggers.**



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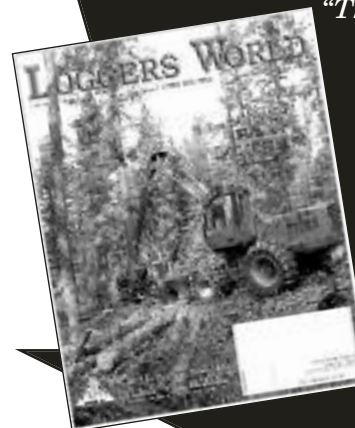
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Summary Judgment....

## White House's Scorn for Constitution Evident in Court

by William Perry Pendley

**There has been much in the national news about the "lawlessness" of the Obama administration,** including this testimony of a self-proclaimed liberal law professor: "We are in the midst of a constitutional crisis with sweeping implications for our system of government[, which] threatens the stability and functionality of our tripartite system...." "We are now at the constitutional tipping point...." Unaddressed, however, is the manner in which the president's disdain for the other co-equal branches is evident far from Washington.

That President Obama's "anti-constitutional excesses"—as Representative Tom Cotton (R – 2th AR) characterized them—extend deep into the bureaucracy and into the most prosaic of cases became evident recently in a lawsuit filed by the holder of a Reagan-era federal oil and gas lease in Montana who seeks simply the right to explore for energy on his property.

In June of 1982, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued Sidney M. Longwell of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a 6,247 acre oil and gas lease in the Badger-Two Medicine Area of the Lewis and

Clark National Forest in Glacier County in northwestern Montana. The next year, Mr. Longwell assigned the lease to America Petrofina Company of Texas, which later became Fina Oil and Chemical Company. In October of 1983, Fina submitted an application for permit to drill (APD) to evaluate the natural gas potential of that part of the Overthrust Belt.

After extensive review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), seventy-six (76) separate appeals, and a ruling by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLM), the BLM, in consultation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approved the APD in 1985, then again in 1987, once again in 1991, and finally in January 1993.

In April of 1993, seven environmental groups filed a lawsuit challenging the approved APD. Then U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D - MT) introduced legislation to bar any and all surface disturbances on oil and gas leases in the area and to evaluate the area for wilderness designation; he also demanded that President Clinton's Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt im-

pose a moratorium on oil and gas drilling there. In 1997, the lawsuit filed by the various environmental groups was terminated.

Meanwhile, in June of 1993, Secretary Babbitt suspended activity on the lease purportedly awaiting congressional action. In 1994 and 1995, he extended the suspension for the same reason. In 1996, he continued the suspension but asserted that it was necessary to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In 1997, Secretary Babbitt extended the NHPA-related suspension and finally, in 1998, he continued it indefinitely!

In 1999, in the face of the interminable delay, FINA assigned its lease and APD rights back to Mr. Longwell. In July of 2004, he assigned his rights to his company Solenex, LLC, which, in May of 2013, asked that the suspension be lifted and he be allowed to drill; that request was denied. In June of 2013, Mr. Longwell sued Secretary Sally Jewell and others.

Days ago, Obama administration lawyers told a federal district

court that the suit must be dismissed because an Interior Secretary may suspend oil and gas leases indefinitely and federal judges cannot do anything about it. Besides, argued the lawyers, the 20-year delay is not "unreasonable" because the federal agencies have been working "hard" generating study after study, at taxpayer expense, of the proposed wildcat well.

Such contempt for the Constitution concerns more than just the law professors called to testify before Congress. The Obama administration's refusal to develop energy on the third of the country owned by the federal government and open to that activity has real life costs. Over the last five years, as oil and gas production on State and private lands has increased by 61 and 33 percent respectively, production on federal lands has fallen by 6 and 24 percent.

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The twentieth annual meeting of the American Loggers Council held in Escanaba Michigan has come and gone. A special presentation was made to all of the former Presidents and it allowed for each to say their piece about the formation and the path of the ALC. Mike Crouse from Loggers World spoke very descriptively of the first meeting, and the trials and tribulations that went into forming the ALC. There was much to reflect on with the 20 year history and clearly some of the issues that brought Loggers together then are still bringing them together today. The ALC has grown in its 20 years and I hope that we can continue that growth moving forward, building strength and increasing our umbrella as "the National Voice for Professional Loggers."

We must all continue working to make the Timber Harvesting portion of our industry a profession. There are many

in our industry that are happy to sit by and let others do this work for them, but I believe through the growth and understanding of ALC that this will change. I hope that as more Timber Harvesting Professionals come to understand what the ALC is about their participation will increase. Our strength is in a common message supported by large numbers, and we must continue to build alliances with other National Organizations. The ability to be active at the National level is in each of our own hands as Professional Loggers in this Country. The American Loggers Council has, through great leadership, become a strong organization with many doors opening to it; however, it needs the support of all the fiber producing States to be as strong as possible.

There was a panel at this year's meeting that put 3 loggers at the table, one from Florida, one from Michigan and one from California. The questions revolved around what the loggers thought were opportunities and what were threats to their ability to successfully operate a logging business. The threats occupied much of the discussion and were focused on regulation, workforce and markets. While the geographic location of the loggers was much different, the threats were very similar. While we all have regional issues there

are many issues facing Loggers on a National level. This National stage is where the ALC can help so long as we are united.

Moving forward the ALC has many issues that are being worked on and many more that we hope to be working on soon. The ALC continues to be requested for testimony by various committees in Washington DC as issues arise that will impact fiber production in this country.

The ALC is knee deep in legislation, meetings, conference calls and everything else as we fight off the constant barrage of issues coming out of Washington DC. This work is vitally important to our industry, but cannot be done without the financial assistance of the ALC's great Sponsors. Please go to our Web Site, [www.americanloggers.org](http://www.americanloggers.org), to see a list of the Sponsors that contribute to the ALC which in turn allows us to represent Loggers in Washington, DC. If you do business with any of these Sponsors please thank them, as it is their support that allows for our activism.

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ger Member and stand with us. I look forward to working with all the great leaders in this industry that are currently involved with the ALC and hopefully some new ones in the coming year as we continue to build our strength as Professional Timber Harvesters. Please stand with us and be heard, if our industry is to prosper we must increase our activism.



*Myles Anderson is the current President of the American Loggers Council and he and his father Mike own and operate Anderson Logging, Inc. based out of Fort Bragg, CA.*

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