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Finley Hays was well known for his ability to tell a good story. His unique perspective was gained by growing up in a logging family, and after starting *Loggers World*, talking to loggers all over the country. Finley went on to his Heavenly Reward in 2008 but we have almost 40 years of his writing and storytelling to enjoy. Finley's *Rigging Shack* remains one of the most popular features of *Loggers World* and we think that is appropriate for the man that put so much of his life into his vision of a "Loggers Magazine".

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In the March issue I wrote about how and where I was raised. The rules and the mores and the conduct of that time and place.

From that and those upward looking 'Rigging Shacks' that came before I got more feedback and messages of appreciation than for anything else I've ever done.

BACK THEN:

We were lucky in many ways, I mean us kids were, our parents had it tough. We were raised outdoors and no one regulated our fun. We didn't have to be a little leaguer to have fun. We didn't have to join things and we didn't have supervision when we went to play. Notice I said play and not recreation.

The object of us playing was to get us out of the road and out

from under the eyes of grown ups. All those grown ups had at one time been Children. Without the benefit of Government Pamphlets, or experts of any kind they knew what kids needed. That was to be in the world of kids, they needed their own world. To build shelters, to organize games (even war like games) to pretend and to play.

We had room, lots of room. We had that room because our folks liked and wanted room. I believe if they were starting out today they would likely be homesteading in Alaska or Canada --- or wherever there was room to be had. We had room to wander and to explore and yest to get lost. We had the freedom to get lost, to get hurt, to hurt each other and to do many things with a slight spice of danger to it. We looked after each other because we were all sizes and ages. Big brother looked after little brother

and kept the big brothers of another tribe from picking on little brother in my tribe. We went swimming in swift rivers, we had the freedom to drown. We saved each other from drowning. We watched each other and we advised each other. And yet we dared each other

--- always dive from a higher limb, jump from the railroad trestle and to court danger in many ways.

We had guns, at 12 years old. We were expected to know about them and to handle them with safety. Usually we did --- not always but usually.

We did crazy things. One winter Rhodes Galbraith and I went hunting. Went hunting on horseback. We were duck hunting with .22 rifles. I guess we were maybe 12 years old at the time. We were on top of the world, it was a cold world that day. We had guns and ammunition. We had horses to ride. We had ducks to hunt and lots of ground to explore.

We were in seventh heaven --- out to conquer and to kill ducks. We spotted a goose, swimming in the South Fork of the Nooksack River, and we shot it. I don't remember if the glory of that great shot belongs to Rhodes or to me. But we killed that goose and it went floating down the river and lodged in a deep pool by a log jamb --- but on the far side of the river.

No problem. I had seen Ken Maynard and Hoot Gibson swim a river on their horses many times --- in the movies. I put my reluctant horse into the deep water, that goose wasn't going to

get away from us.

You know something? Horses go underwater when they swim in deep water. The rider gets wet. Horses are horses and not boats. What a cold day to discover that. I got the goose and I got wet --- had to swim most of the way myself

--- but got the goose.

Tied its feet together and draped it over the saddle horn and I headed for home, about 3 miles away and the temperature was about 10 degrees. Met Rhode's Uncle on the road and he ruined our whole day.

Seems we hadn't shot a goose after all. What we shot was a sea gull. That was against the law and if found out we would be put into jail. Out into the woods we went and buried the 'Goose'.

Rhodes went to his home close by and I set out for my home still a couple miles away. I rode awhile and I ran awhile and I was cold. Dangerously cold. Got home and was froze to the saddle. My Dad chipped me loose and my mother plunged me into a tub of cold water.

It hurt but I got over it. Don't think I even caught cold. Never shot anymore seagulls. Never swam a horse in deep water in January either.

That is one way of learning. The hard way to learn. Do what works --- quit doing what don't work and try what might work.

In modern times my parents would have been up for Child Torture several times. They let us go out and make our own mis-

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FROM HAULING TO CUTTING

Stafford Reload began as a trucking company, but the chance to do CTL was hard to pass up

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For Loggers World

Stafford Reload began as a trucking company but has since expanded into two cut-to-length sides based out of Sweet Home, Oregon. They've found a niche in the market as they're one of the few operations in the area that do CTL.

Company co-owners Stevens Stafford and Phillip Stafford (Phil hauled logs in

the 1970s and 80s and originally began work as a logger before moving into trucking) have four trucks now but moved into CTL three years ago, seeing a business opportunity.

"I had previous experience around 2005-06 working for Keith Cowan that owned Timber Tech out of Sweet Home running forwarder and shovel and loved the type of work," Steven said. "So when my friend Jake that's a side rod for Wolfco said they were thinking of selling, it defi-

nately hit a soft spot. There seemed to be an abundance of work, not much competition and it was something we were able to afford to get into."

Located in Linn County, Sweet Home is a town of just under 9,000 people located by the intersection of Oregon Route 228 and U.S. Route 20. The area has plenty of forestland nearby. Some of the major employers in the town are Cascade Timber Consulting (a timber investment management organization), Wey-

erhaeuser and the United States Forest Service.

After buying the CTL operation from Wolfco, Stafford kept their working contract with Weyerhaeuser and they've kept the company busy along with the occasional private job.

"It seems that the CTL is a lot more limited on people willing to do it because it's not high production, and the cost of the equipment is

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high,” Stafford said. “Also it’s a very weather-sensitive job. We are traveling the same skid trails over and over, don’t have the whole unit to get the wood out in different spots.”

Production costs and lack of landowners wanting for CTL has kept competition in the market to a minimum al-

though Stafford said there seems to be more outfits adding on CTL sides or switching to them because landowners are becoming more proactive about commercial thinning with good markets.

He owns a 2015 John Deere 1510E forwarder, a Ponsse Buffalo forwarder, a 2015 John Deere 1270E harvester and a 2017 John Deere

1270G harvester he purchased at the 2017 OLC.

“We expanded to two sides, after our first new machines arrived, I decided to keep the older machines rather than trade in or sell them,” Stafford said. “The workflow was there and the units were waiting for me so it just seemed right. It was pretty smooth transition going from one to two sides.”

Stafford has known Pape

Machinery salesman Scott Panter since middle school and got him into John Deere CTL machinery. He employs both Deeres and Ponsse CTL equipment in his company giving him a diverse equipment list.

“Now that Ponsse has a store and shop here in Coberg, which is minutes from where 90 percent of my work is, it made it easier to give them a shot,” Stafford said. “They are good machines and have great service as well. It also makes it nice when buying a machine to have them work a little harder for the good deals on my end as a buyer.”

Stafford said it’s pretty easy to keep four machines as busy as he wants them, and there seems to be more and more work on the horizon.

“Especially if the feds open up more to thinning which is looking promising,” Stafford said.

CTL has efficiency and results in a streamlined company in terms of size. In total there are eight employees for his company of two sides and three trucks and all employees are in the safety of a cab and are productive every day.

“Some other operations have that many guys - not including truck drivers - on one side,” Stafford said.

Operating for Stafford Reload is four-year employee Chris Looney in the Deere 1510E forwarder. Bruce MacLeod runs the John Deere 1270E harvester and has also been with the company for about four years.

Chuck Thomesen has been with the company for nine months and runs the company’s Ponsse Buffalo while Jarrod Burcham operates the John Deere 1270G. He’s been Stafford’s good friend since high school and has been

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BELOW: Steve's dog, Rhino, takes care of the small wood on the job.



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takes --- there is something Un-american about that.

We weren't coddled but we were loved. There was no doubt that my Dad ruled our family and that he wanted us. We were never made to feel unwelcome. Even during some severe punishment we still knew that we were welcome in the family.

I really believed my Dad when he said, "Son this is going to hurt me more than it is going to hurt you." I knew, somehow I knew, that was true. He didn't enjoy punishing --- it was a responsibility he had. It came with being a father.

One time in my life I did something noble and unselfish. I'll never forget it because it was ennobling to me, a high spot in my life. I doubt if anyone else noticed it when it was happening but I've cherished that memory for some years.

There was me (the eldest) my brother Orville, my brother Charlie, my brother George and our sister Ida Mae. There were 6 years between me and my sister. When I was 12 she was 6 and I wondered if all my life I was going to be twice her age. That really concerned me.

Again when I was about a dozen years old we were hot at 'lassoing' things. Roping things.

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Chuck Thomson stands by the Ponsse Buffalo he has been operating for the last six months. He started out on a harvester. Stafford has known Pape Machinery salesman Scott Panter since middle school and got him into John Deere CTL machinery. He employs both Deeres and Ponsse CTL equipment in his company giving him a diverse equipment list. "Now that Ponsse has a store and shop here in Coberg, which is minutes from where 90 percent of my work is, it made it easier to give them a shot," Stafford said. "They are good machines and have great service as well. It also makes it nice when buying a machine to have them work a little harder for the good deals on my end as a buyer."

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"The operators know where to go and do a good job, they like to bounce around in what they're operating so things don't get old," Stafford said.

Typical jobs depend on the time of year and the average

size of unit is always between 60-120 acres. Winter time we push the terrain to a 40-to-50 percent slope while in the summertime the company is able to go to a 60 percent slope and possibly a 70 percent slope in perfect conditions.

Stafford initially started with one truck but has since expanded so he can haul for his own CTL sides and for good friends Burke Logging

and McCullon Logging. Stafford Reload also does hauling for Weyco around Springfield, Oregon with sawlogs going to Santiam in Lebanon and chipwood going to tops in Springfield.

"Two CTL sides keep two short loggers busy and then some," Stafford said. "It just depends on the hauls really. We've had some longer hauls lately, around six hour round-trips."

The wood has been adding up this fall and they've been able to keep three trucks busy but Stafford has other contractors that keep their third truck hauling.

"I keep my wood moving best I can and then help out wherever else that I can," Stafford said. "The drivers are great about keeping in

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2015 CAT 525D Skidder, Dual-Function Boom, Grapple, Winch, Cab, AC, 30.5 Tires, 2,200 Hours, All updates performed by Peterson Tractor.....\$190,000



2013 John Deere 648H, Dual Function Boom, Grapple, Winch, 7,600 Hours, CAB, Air, Will have 2 New 30.5 Tires, Direct Drive, Good Machine, More photos soon.....\$119,500



1996 PETERSON 4400B GRINDER, CAT 3412 @ 800 hp, 3 axle w/all new tires, twin disc clutch, dual horizontal rams for feed, heavy rotor, good last clean older unit, approx 87,000 lbs w/o tractor.....\$89,500

2014 John Deere 748H Log Skidder, Dual Function Boom, Grapple, Winch, Good 30.5 Tires, 6,990 Hours, Direct Drive Runs Well, Tight Center.....\$139,500



1989 CAT D6H, grapple, fixed boom, NO winch, 19,647 hours, S/U blade, differential steer, good undercarriage, trade-in.....\$70,000



2001 VALMET 603S FELLER BUNCHER, Cummins, saw head, AC, chains on 28C tires, runs well.....\$32,500



1997 Kenworth T300 Service Truck, Cummins, PAC brake, 10 spd, 221,049 miles, 255/70R/22 tires, Maintainer body, 6,000lb crane, gas compressor, was working daily.....\$30,000

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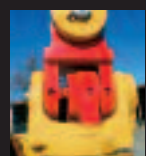


2005 ZEHR HG4000 GRINDER, early Diamond Z, 2009 CAT C27, Tier II, 1,050 hp, remote, stacking conveyor, 8 NEW tires, good brakes, twin-disc clutch, hamermill approx. 62" x 17".....\$129,500

2006 Kawasaki 852V, Approx. 4.8 Yard Smooth Bucket, New 26.5 Radials, New Injectors, Cummins, Good, Clean Unit, 7,435 Hours, Additional 80 hours use since pictures were taken and new tires installed.....\$80,000



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2012 VOLVO G990, Tier III, 265 hp, Volvo 11 speed transmission, 16' board, push block, rear ripper, joy stick controls w/steering wheel, 20.5 radials, super clean, prior demo rental unit, 967 hours,\$135,000



CAT 140M AWD, 14' board, HD cutting edge, rear ripper, push block on order, aux. hydraulics, very good 14:00R24 Michelin Snow Plus tires, cab, air, clean unit, 6,485 hours.....\$160,000



2013 CAT 930K, QC, bucket, 2,745 hours, prior rental machine, very nice condition, rental unit.....\$120,000



2010 PETERSON PACIFIC 5900EL, low hours, CAT power @ 765hp, C18, remote, 4-pocket disc, P.T. Tech hyd clutch, 3/4" chip size, end load spout, 300 gal. water tank w/pump for fire suppression IQAN screen, 2,400 hours, very good unit, consigned, west coast location.....\$265,000



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Operator Bruce MacLeod poses in front of the John Deere 1270E processor for the Loggers World photographer. Bruce said he's been operating processors for 10 years.

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2011 Deere 959K with 340 saw, # 022447, 10,000 hours..**\$100,000**

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touch with other contractors to make everyone's wood flow."

While everyday operation has its challenges, Stafford says that makes the days go by fast. The challenges can be wood drying out in the summertime and while they

are strictly a short log operation, not all mills like short logs so they have to get creative with sorts.

Stafford gets machines from Papé and Ponsse while getting hose from Pacific Rubber in Eugene. Melcher Logging has also sold Stafford Reload a harvester and has been a huge help with knowledge as they were

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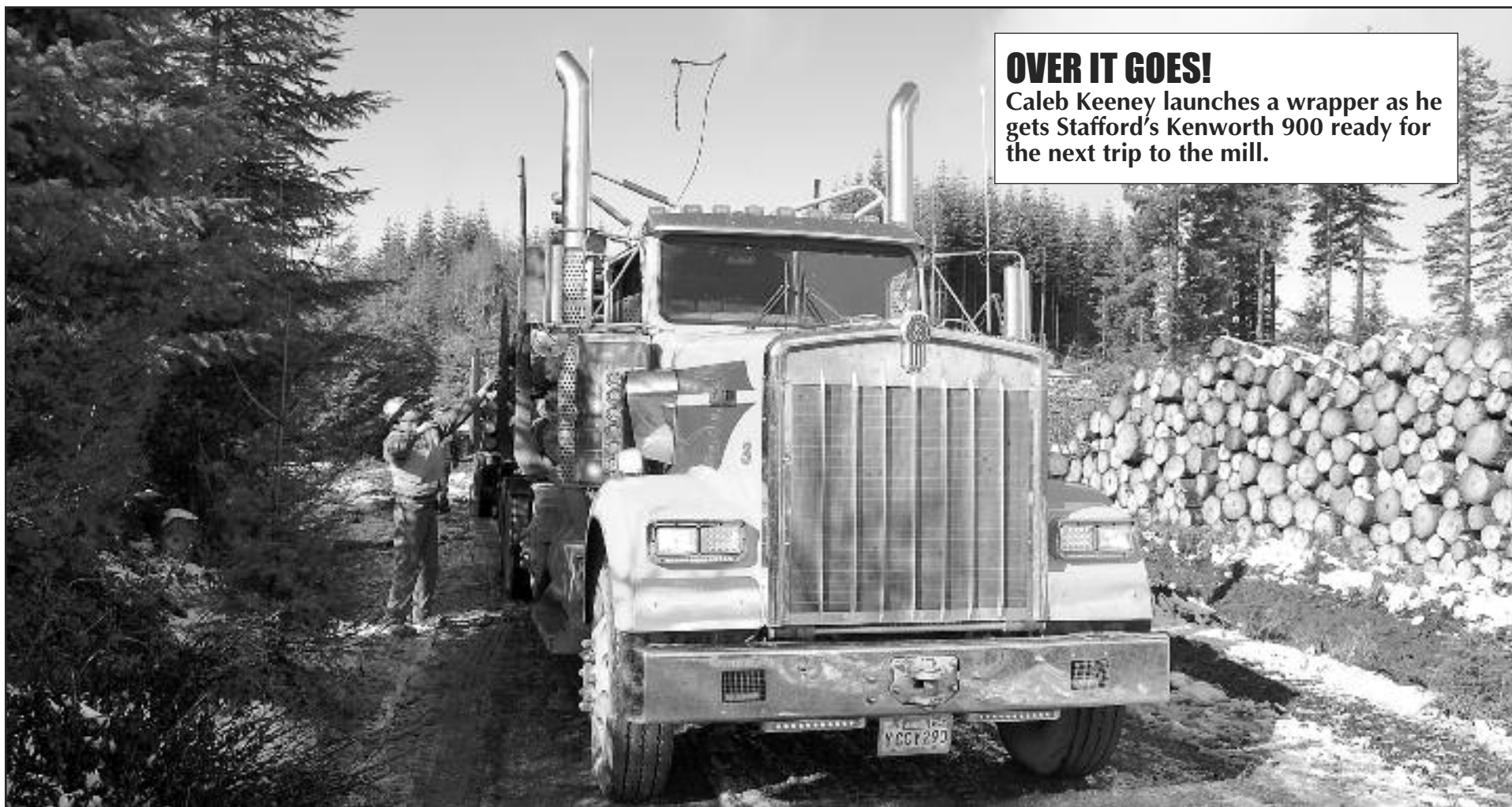
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Diamond D210, rblt Cummins, low hrs on trans, new bearings in drum set, boom & gantry, good lines	\$320,000
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REMEMBERING FINLEY HAYS

By Sherman Ousdale

Finley and I lived less than 1 mile apart in 1930 – by 1935 Finley had started work in the woods and I was only 5 years old! (Can that be right? I am 86 now?I)

The first time I recall meeting Finley was in 1946. We were both working for the US Forest Service out of Glacier, WA in the Mount Baker National Forest.

At that time there were many forest fires. The main fire was at Silesia Creek, roughly 10 miles from the nearest road. We set up a camp between the 2 Twin Lakes mainly to put out spot fires in that area. We had about 15 men – I was appointed Camp Cook! At 15 years of age!

Most of our supplies came in by pack train. The two fellows that owned the horses were Paul and Leck Bottiger, from Glacier. I suppose the powers that be thought it would be cheaper to supply us by air! The planes came over and 90 percent of our supplies landed in the lakes. I recall one that landed on the Terra Firma. One half of the load was a case of eggs and other was butter and jam. End of that story.

One afternoon we got word that one of the fellows on the fire at Silesia Creek had suffered a broken leg. The foreman there was Finley Hays. They managed to get the fellow on a horse and proceeded up the trail. They didn't get very far when something spooked the horse. Over the bank he went! Now they had a fellow with two broken legs.

Finley sent a runner back for more men and a stretcher.

I was instructed to have things to eat and lots of coffee as they were expected to hit our camp between 9 and 10 that evening. Everything turned out as well as could be expected.

The next time I run across Finley was in 1952 at Reedsport, Oregon. As usual he was pushing camp for, I think, an outfit called Carlson Logging.

My next encounter with Finley came about in 1954 or 55. I was working for George Impero out of Kendall, WA.

Winter was setting in and George told us that he was contracting out the yarding and loading to Finley Hays and that he wanted to employ the current crew. That was ok with us. After about 3 or 4 weeks winter was upon us. Big time. One morning when we finally got to our normal parking spot we noticed 2 extra log trucks. The weather conditions were real bad. Some might call it a blizzard.

It was obvious that us employees were not too anxious to get out of the warm crew bus. Shortly Finley pulled on his high topped high rigger boots and without lacing them up, jumped out of the crew bus and informed us that we were going to get wet before the day was over. Then he jumped into the nearby, half frozen creek! The water was over his high boots! I thought "This fellow has to be nuts!"

His chokerman didn't show up this day so Finley was on the rig-

ging by himself. It was real nice Larch timber and he yarded just a bit past the guy line circle! We put out 13 loads that day and on the way home he told us that was his last day and that we could pick up our checks the next day at a house he and Jean were renting at Kendall.

That may have been the first time that I met his wife Jean. She was a beautiful Canadian girl. The thing that impressed me was that he had a check protector! I had never seen one. As I left I wondered what his next project would be.

As things turned out Finley was an entrepreneur before the word was invented. He wanted to be a professional Gofer. He washed dishes in San Francisco. He checked out many logging outfits in California, Oregon and Washington. He made a deal with Jack McAfee at General Chain Saw Supply in Bellingham and spent some time with his friend Howard Rothenbuhler, selling Talkie Tooters. When I had a joint at Glacier he tried to sell me some matchbook advertising!

By now we are getting into the 60's. He came up with an idea to start a local logging show to help those injured in the woods. It became the Deming Logging Show and it is still going strong 50-plus years later.

Early in the 60's Finley and Jean started Loggers World Publications. He finally got what he wanted.

He served as the first president of the Log Show and was also the first Bull of the Woods in 1966. He continued to help the Log Show through his Loggers World.

At one of our monthly general meetings I announced that the coming Saturday's work party would also be "Clean Shirt Day." As expected, someone wanted to know what that was. It told the boys the Finley would be here with at least 3 cameras around his neck! It was a well-attended work party.

Finley was in the area on a regular basis in the late 70's and my wife Liz and I were glad to see him at our home in Acme.

One day around Easter time, here he comes. My wife Liz was just starting supper – Morel Mushrooms! I told Liz that she best put on another pan as I led Finley into the living room where we enjoyed a couple shots of O B Joyful. When Liz called us to the table Finley announced that he had just ate! I escorted him to the table and there was the largest platter of mushrooms that I have ever seen. After about 20 minutes there were 11 left. Finley said he was to the complete full mark and I said that was no problem as I would take the remaining 11 in my nosebag the next day. Then I was called to the phone. As I recall it was a short conversation but when I got back the platter was empty!

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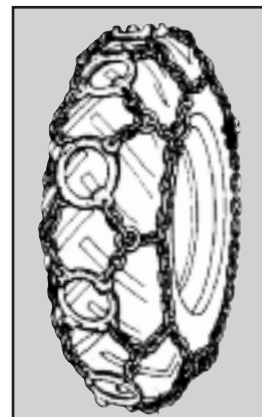
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Remembering Finley

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Fast forward a few years. I heard through the grapevine that Finley had got religion and I wondered what effect this would have on things.

Shortly Easter time came along and here comes Finley. I didn't offer him a drink but escorted him to the table. He said "Oh Praise the Lord" when he saw the platter of mushrooms. I said "Well that's fine Finley as I am sure the Man Upstairs has something to do with these in the first place but I think we should also praise Steve Strachila as he was the old friend that found them, picked them and delivered them." He said "You are absolutely right." He never came up with any religious convictions after that mushroom feed.

I have often thought back, over the years, how lucky I was to be able to spend years with George Impero and Finley Hays. Some fellow with more ambition than I have could put out a very interesting 600-page book on these two colorful people.

I continued to get letters from Finley after he sold out to Mike Crouse. In one day's mail I had a letter from him that contained

two books of stamps. I got the message! When that didn't work to his satisfaction he sent me a big package of large legal size yellow tablets. He sent me enough that I still have a couple left. He was interested in his friends in this area and mainly how things were going at his favorite Log Show.

I had a letter from him in 2007. He had a fairly new John Deere diesel tractor that he wanted to donate to the Log Show. The stipulation was that we had to come and get it and also that we had to transport all of his personal books that he wanted to donate to the Deming Library. After a quick call to DLS President Grant Pederson, we were heading south.

At 90 years of age, on December 3, 2008, Finley answered the "Final Whistle" and started his journey "Over That High Mountain."

The Log Show people decided to make a permanent plaque, in honor of Finley and place it on the wall of our grandstand. It tells about this fellow that became a legend in his own time. It states that he knew more loggers than any other man on earth. And I think the last few words on the Memorial Plaque sums it up. The last few words say "Another part of America is gone."



Rigging Shack

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Cows, calves, each other, other kids, wheel barrow handles, fence posts, swinging gates --- anything. My Dad didn't like us roping the cows --- had something to do with them getting excited and holding back on the milk supply. So we never roped the cows --- when Dad was home.

One day Dad wasn't home and there we were yelling and chasing cows and throwing a rope on them. I got a rope on a big old Holstein and that cow went thru the fence and on down the road a couple of miles. At a bawling run with my new 40 foot 'Tom Mix' lasso rope from Sears and Roebuck trailing along with her. I hated to get cow manure on my rope and that cow was ruining it.

Dad came home from work. Tired as usual and facing the evening chores --- also as usual. We scared kids didn't want to tell him a Cow was missing but we were smart enough to know he was going to discover it himself at milking time. After all we only had four milking cows so one gone left a big hole in the herd. We had to tell him. We did and we all spent a lot of that night finding that cow and

herding it back home.

Dad was quiet and from experience we knew he was most dangerous when quiet because normally he was a singing, joking, story telling man.

We got home, we got the cows milked and we got called to the wood shed. Dad took my long special rope and with an axe and the chopping block he made about forty real short ropes out of it. Not much talking yet.

Then he got a stick and motioned to me. He always started with me --- when he was meanest and strongest. I got a good one, he wore out two, maybe three, sticks.

After my whacking, and in between howls and sobs, I confessed to my Dad that my brothers had nothing to do with the incident. The blame was all mine.

That was my noble deed. Taking the blame. Of course that was true it was all my doing. But if you knew how ornery I was and how I enjoyed seeing my brothers get punished you'd put that one noble act of mine in its proper perspective.

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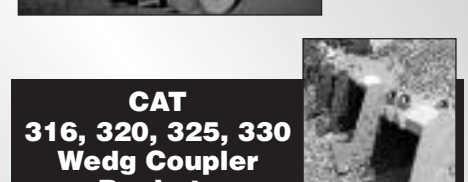
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State of the Association Report 2017

by Danny Dructor

The American Loggers Council has flourished under the leadership of Presidents Ken Martin and Mark Turner and the entire executive committee and Board of Directors in 2017. Our membership remains strong and many of our goals and targets have been met due to the hard work and diligence of the many volunteers who work tirelessly to not only promote the organization, but this profession that we call logging.

On the legislative front, we set a record attendance at the Spring Fly-In with 61 participants making another record 160+ visits to Capitol Hill over a two day period. We carried 4 primary issues that included the Future Logging Careers Act, The Resilient Federal Forest Act, The Right to Haul Act and the Wildfire Funding Act to

members of Congress.

We also discussed creating parity between woody biomass and other renewable energy sources to promote markets and create jobs for our industry, and were able to make inroads with other organizations as we moved all of these issues forward. For the first time in 20 years, we received support from the Forest Resources Association for our truck weight language and we also were asked and assisted the Biomass Power Association in seeking opportunities to promote markets for woody biomass utilization. We have seen movement in all four primary efforts, including the inclusion of the Future Logging Careers Act in the Resilient Federal Forests Act which has cleared both the Natural Resources and Agriculture committees in the House.

To be certain, the ALC has

established excellent working relationships with many offices and agencies in Washington as a direct result of the commitment that many of the Officers and Directors of the ALC as well as their respective State and Regional Association Executives continue to make each and every Spring during the journey to DC.

We remain in close contact with the Federal Forest Resource Coalition as they pursue legislation to expedite and increase the pace and scale of the Federal Timber Sale program, and the ALC is an integral part of Team Safe Trucking organization promoting driver training to reduce accidents and lower CSA scores as well as the Wood Supply Research Institute seeking ways to reduce costs and increase efficiencies across the entire wood supply chain.

Our membership continues to grow with the addition of Individual Logger Memberships, our finances are strong, we have welcomed two new sponsors into the organization in 2017, and the rebate opportunities for ALC members and affiliates should help our member state and regional organizations to attract new members. Thanks go out to both Peterbilt and Western Star for making those programs available to ALC members.

In July, Board member agreed to fund a revitalization of the ALC Master Logger Certification program as proposed by the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forests and the PLC of Maine, and we are excited about the opportunities that the program could bring in promoting the timber harvesting profession and helping to gain public understanding of the role that we, as loggers, play in sustainable timber harvesting techniques.

Our communications network continues to expand through both our web site and social media outlets, and Nick Smith has done an excellent job

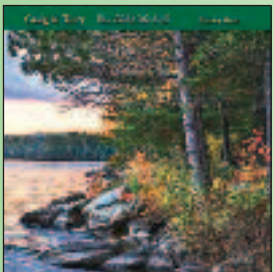
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Summary Judgment....

Secretary Zinke's Monumental Disappointment in Montana

by William Perry Pendley

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's leaked report on President Trump's ordered review of 27 national monument designations or expansions of the last 21 years was trebly disappointing. He failed to recommend revocation of any Clinton and Obama decrees despite finding that many failed to satisfy the requirements of the Antiquities Act of 1906. He offered boundary adjustments for only four (two in Utah, one in Oregon, and one in the Pacific) but suggested, with unwarranted optimism, the worst of the others could be eased by expanding the lawful activities there. Finally, he urged using the widely discredited Act to set more land off limits, including, in his backyard in Montana. Because the national forest he wants closed holds oil and gas leases issued by the Reagan administration

that were cancelled illegally by Obama's official, the question is whether he and Attorney General Jeff Sessions will defend lawlessness.

In 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—south of Glacier National Park, the Great Northern Railroad, and U.S. Highway 2, east of private lands, and southwest of the Blackfeet Reservation in Glacier County in northwestern Montana. In 1983, an application for permit (APD) to drill a single well was submitted to evaluate the potential of that part of the Overthrust Belt, whose unique geology may yield "100 trillion cubic feet of natural gas." After repeated reviews un-

der the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which found no "cultural resources" and identified "no religious site or activities," the APD was approved in 1985, 1987, 1991, and finally in 1993—subject to onerous mitigation measures and mandated new reviews if producible quantities of energy were found.

Nonetheless, the Clinton administration tried to kill the lease. In 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997, Secretary Babbitt temporarily suspended lease activity for various purposes; then, in 1998, he made it indefinite. (In 1983, the nearby Blackfeet tribe supported leasing, but over the years changed its position, issued drilling rights on its reservation, and asserted the area is sacred, although one federal official sug-

gested that a \$5 million payment would remove all objections.) In 2013, Mr. Longwell sued Obama officials to end the decades-long suspension. In 2015, hearing of his forlorn plight, a federal judge called it "Kafkaesque" and ordered a prompt decision. In 2016, the Secretary of the Interior ruled; but, instead of allowing Mr. Longwell to do what he contracted for and was lawfully permitted to do, she cancelled his lease and voided his APD.

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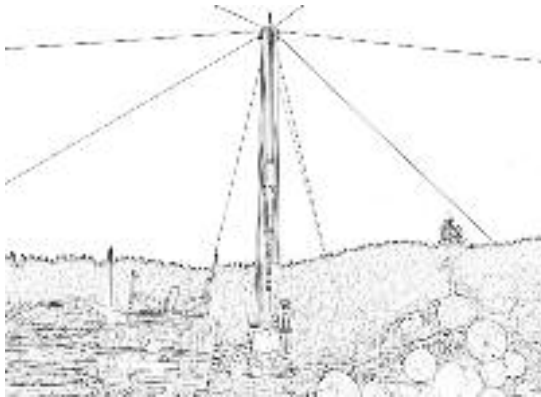
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rized Secretaries to issue and oversee oil and gas leases, such as the one held by Mr. Longwell, has an energy lease been cancelled, unilaterally, let alone one issued more than three decades earlier and subjected to a decade of intense, thorough, and painstaking review. Stunning-

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of keeping the monthly electronic newsletters both timely and informative on the issues that are currently impacting our industry.

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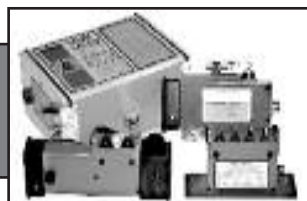
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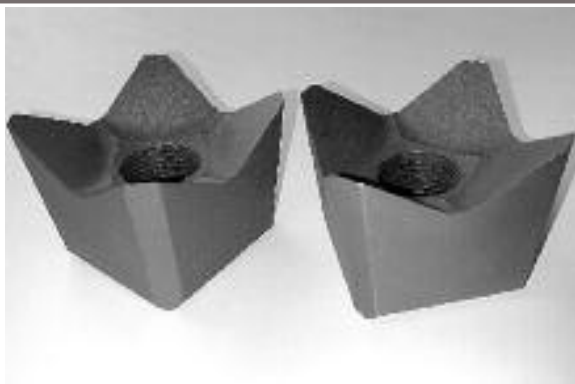
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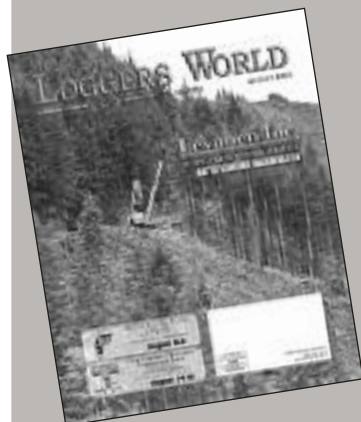
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