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President's Meeting Coming Soon



Have you been putting off registering for the President's Summer Meeting, July 20–22, 2019 at the Tigh-Na-Mara Resort in Parksville, British Columbia? If so, you still have time! PLC President Don Banasky and his wife Krista have put together a fun, relaxing, and educational event.

The first evening will kick off with a pig roast at PLC Director Jacqui Beban's home, followed the next day by a tour of Otter Point Timber and a trip to the BC Forest Discovery Centre. That evening,

after you've had a chance to unwind on Tigh-Na-Mara's expansive beaches, you'll enjoy an amazing outdoor dinner at the resort with a unique First Nations welcome.

The next day, after business meetings are taken care of, there is plenty to do in Parksville, whether you're a hiker, golfer, beach comber, or just like to relax at the spa.

For the full itinerary and the registration form, log on to the PLC website, click on Events, and then go to Summer Meeting. Don and Krista look forward to seeing you!





Pacific Forest Foundation's Adopt a High School Program in Action

By Carmen Smith

R L Smith Logging Inc. and their Pacific Forest Foundation Adopt a High School (AAHS) program took another step forward in April when Triad Machinery sponsored a field trip for students from Wishkah High School in Aberdeen, Washington.

Roger Smith, owner of RL Smith Logging, had successfully presented the AAHS program to seventy Wishkah 7–12th graders in November and saw another opportunity when his company would be logging a job in the spring on Rayonier land, near their school.

The school chose to include only those students in the top two grades who were truly interested in forestry, mechanics, and logging, to participate in the field trip so they would not be distracted by those less interested.

Eight students participated. After a safety briefing, the students were lucky enough to see tower logging, processing, loading, feller bunching, shovel logging, skidder logging, winch assist cutting, grapple logging, and log truck driving. The variety of equipment rivaled that of the Pacific Logging

Congress Live In-Woods show, which also focuses on educating youth.

Andy Hunter, territory manager from Triad Machinery, talked to the kids about diesel mechanics and what path they could take, as well as the value of technology in new equipment. Andy holds a forestry degree, so he was able to answer students' questions as they walked along.

Scott Grigg, timber production forester at Rayonier and Roger's supervisor, told

students about the forestry side and what it takes to manage a forest from start to finish. Dan Stransky, senior timber marketing manager, talked about marketing the timber, sorts, quality, and production numbers. Jeff Curless, resource land manager, who recently graduated from college, discussed reforestation, tree counts, species of trees planted, and how the latest technology in drones is used in these areas. All the speakers did an excellent job explaining how a working forest will last forever.



Roger talked to the kids about the logger's side of the industry, explaining equipment costs, the kind of employees people are looking to hire, communication between operators, safety, and expectations of the industry. "The days of brute strength are gone," said Roger. He emphasized, "We need to do it smart and use technology."

At some of the stops, the equipment operators got out of their machines and talked with the students about where they had started, how long they had worked in the industry, and what types of jobs they had done.

Rayonier does several field trips during the year with government officials, community colleges, and teachers so they had the planning and organizing down. The school bus transportation was sponsored by Triad Machinery, lunches were provided by the school, and Rayonier provided the hard hats and vests.

The kids were genuinely interested in what was going on, amazed at how many jobs are in our industry, and asked a lot of intelligent questions, including

questions about engines and machine maintenance. They were also able to see the feller buncher progress between their first and last stop of the day.

"It is amazing how much they can cut in a day," said one of the students.

Abby, a senior at Wishkah High School, who will be entering the forestry program at Grays Harbor College this fall, summed it up for the group. "This was a great experience, and I'm glad we got a chance to go."

"We need to get involved. We have to actively recruit and make our industry viable."

Roger Smith and the rest of those who put the field trip together were also pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm.

"If we lose our manpower, we lose the value of our equipment," said Roger. "We have a huge dollar investment in equipment, so we can't just sit around. We need to get involved. We have to

actively recruit and make our industry viable."

Scholarships Applicants

More than thirty students from all over the greater northwest and New Zealand applied for the 2018–19 Pacific Forest Foundation scholarships.

Of these students, many are pursuing four-year degrees, but others are focused on pursuing a career in forestry through technical schools. Scholarship awards will be announced this summer.

Although not all students will receive PFF scholarships, we wish them all luck in their future endeavors. It's exciting to see so many young individuals looking to a future in the forest industry.

Career Day at Local High School

By Carmen Smith

In May, Adam Zepp of Fuller Creek Enterprises LLC contacted Roger Smith about helping him at the Career Day of a local high school. As always, Roger said, "Yes."

The two men set up a TV and continually looped the Pacific Forest Foundation's This Is My Office video, and using a laptop, showed drone footage of R L Smith Logging sides and also Tigercat's feller buncher video.

Adam spent time after his long days at work making up a brochure and handouts for the students, with job descriptions taken from the PFF website.

"He really took charge, and it was well received by the school and the students," says Roger. With luck, Adam might just be a future PLC member.



Directors Taking New Roles

Several of our Pacific Logging Congress directors are making moves in the industry. We would like to take our hats off to these three who have taken on new leadership roles.



Hunter Harrill

Dr. Hunter Harrill is leaving the University of Canterbury (UC) School of Forestry in New Zealand after eight years

to take up a new position as Assistant Professor at California's Humboldt State University.

Rien Visser, director of Forest Engineering at UC acknowledged Hunter's influence saying, "He will be missed, as our students have greatly benefited from Hunters' knowledge and enthusiasm for all things harvesting, and he was well known to many loggers, especially those running cable logging systems."

The move is an excellent opportunity for Hunter and his wife Katie, as they will be heading back to where they both studied and have extended families. And this move is already providing some collaboration opportunities between the two regions renowned for cable logging and working on steep slopes.



Anthony Robinson

The team at Logging and Sawmilling Journal and TimberWest magazine was pleased to

announce Anthony Robinson as the new owner. Anthony was associate publisher for two-and-a-half years prior to making the acquisition.

After completing his MSc at the University of British Columbia (Faculty of Forestry), Anthony worked in operation forestry management and has now found himself as the director for LSJ Publishing, the parent company of both industry-acclaimed magazines.

Anthony's 10-year career in forestry and natural resource management has included project management, consulting, operational planning, harvesting, mining, and geographic information systems.



Casey Black

Earlier this year, Casey was promoted to Olympia Export Manager of Weyerhaeuser Company where he oversees the

operations of the Olympia Export Yard.

Casey began his career in the forest products industry as a Forestry Technician in 1998 with Port Blakely Tree Farms LP in McCleary, Washington. From there, he has held numerous forestry and operational roles as a Field Engineer, Area Forester, Contract Logging Superintendent, Log Buyer, Director of Safety, Company Harvest Manager, and Area Manager. This experience included work at Port Blakely Tree Farms, Green Diamond Resource Company, Rainier Veneer Inc., and finally Weyerhaeuser.

In addition to the PLC, Casey is a member of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Logging Conference; he served as Chairman of the Board in 2017 and as a director of the Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference.

Get Ready for Hawaii

As you probably already know, this year's congress will be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on the Big Island of Hawaii, November 4-6, 2019. The theme is the Power of Change, and speakers will be covering topics such as crisis management, promotion through social media, and hiring veterans. There will also be great networking events, including an exciting tour. A full, detailed itinerary will be posted soon.

In the meantime, make your resort reservations today! Rooms are filling up. Call 1-800-445-8667 and use code PLC for the group rate. If you plan to fly Alaska Airlines and are booking online, use the code ECMC260 to receive an additional 6% discount.

We look forward to seeing you in Hawaii. Aloha!





Adopt a High School Presented to 750 Contractors

By Carmen Smith

In early April, Roger Smith presented the Pacific Forest Foundation's Adopt a High School Program (AAHS) to the Idaho Forest Group's (IDFG) annual contractors meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Bill Wiggins, in charge of the program, had seen Roger on the Workforce 2020 panel, where he talked about the AAHS program. Bill thought it would be beneficial to have Roger come to their conference and talk to their contractors about the program.

Roger's presentation to 750 contractors that day was very well received. "It got people talking about a solution to the problem," says Roger.

The IDFG, in their closing statements for the day, said that they believed in the program so much they would help out any contractors who would like to start going into schools and/or hosting field trips.

2019 Strategic Planning Committee Winds Down

This year the members of the PLC Strategic Planning Committee were hard at work, looking at ways the PLC and PFF can be more relevant and sustainable in the years ahead.

They met a number of times since the first of the year, and as they put the final touches on their report, we would like to thank them for the work they did.

The team was led by Past President Jeff Wimer and included Don Banasky, Casey Black, Duane Doyle Jr., Tom Holl, Doug Mays, Diane Mettler, Craig Olson, Ken Schirman, Carmen Smith, and Roger Smith.

Stay tuned, as the team will be sharing its insights and strategies soon.

Going once, twice... Supporting Sponsorships and Auctions

Every year, the Pacific Logging Congress works hard to raise money to fund and administer the Pacific Forest Foundation educational programs and scholarships. The PLC does this through its annual auction and sponsorships.

Your generous past donations have allowed the PLC to:

- Provide tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships.
- Create and administer programs like the Adopt a High School Program.
- and associations by sharing our educational materials, like the popular This Is My Office video.
- Present a dynamic annual congress with a variety of networking opportunities and top industry speakers.
- And much more.

We invite you to support the PLC and its many efforts this

year. If you would like to donate an auction item, be a sponsor, or both, please contact any of these individuals.

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Thank you in advance for your support. It's because of your generosity that the PLC has been making a positive impact in the industry since 1909.

Are Your Dues Current?

In March, invoices for PLC dues went out to companies and their representatives. To-date there are a number of companies with membership dues still owing.

If you are wondering if your company's dues are outstanding, go to the PLC website, click Membership, and log in. If you have any issues logging in or would like to be billed directly, please contact Diane Mettler at diane@pacificloggingcongress.com or call (360) 832-1745.

Thank you for taking the time! Your dues provide funds for the day-to-day expenses of the PLC and allow it to stay operational.