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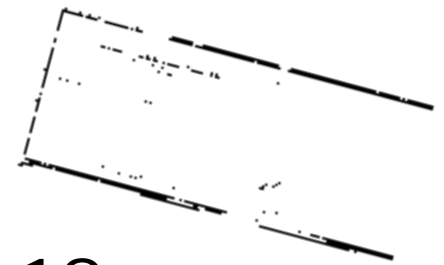
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Another TPA North Star Expo is in the books and I'm sure those who attended will agree that it was once again a great show. I would like to thank all the vendors for their time and effort, as well as the mechanization committee for all its work this past year to make the Expo a big success.

While viewing the equipment demonstrations and the creative harvesting methods, I couldn't

President's Column



help but think of how simple logging used to be compared to today.

Sure, there are more regulations these days, but there are also more harvesting options. Whether employing cut-to-length, or what I call conventional or full-tree logging, I hope our time at the Expo will help us all make wise decisions in the future.

Of course, with the continued economic slowdown, we also have to make wise decisions regarding our spending habits. If there is a silver lining it's that the tough decisions you are all making now will add to better efficiency and profitability as the economy recovers. And remember: let safety be a big part of your thought process.

Distribution of DNR Sales

The DNR Division of Forestry recently completed a comparative analysis of what size of businesses are purchasing DNR timber sales. The analysis compiled sales for calendar years 1996 and 2001. It categorized sales as being purchased by large, medium and small firms based on the name of record on the permits. Large firms were defined as the larger mills. Medium firms were the smaller mills and small firms were loggers.

Following are the results of this analysis:

Firm Size	1996		2001	
	Volume Cords/%	Sales Tracts/%	Volume Cords/%	Sales Tracts/%
Large	139,478/24%	95/12%	190,341/26%	138/13%
Medium	71,680/12%	74/9%	85,892/12%	100/9%
Small	363,431/63%	655/79%	442,653/62%	829/78%
Total	574,589	824	718,886	1,067

The results show that while the total volume sold by the DNR increased by 144,297 cords from 1996 to 2001, the percentage distribution between small, medium and large firms remained the same.

US DOT Numbers: A Note from the Minnesota State Patrol

Sgt. Howard Steele of the Minnesota State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division gave us the following memorandum in regard to U.S. DOT number requirements:

As prescribed in MS 169.185 an owner of a truck or truck tractor having a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 lbs. as defined in MS 169.01, Sbd. 46, other than a farm truck, shall report to the registrar at the time of registration, its U.S. DOT carrier number.

The law takes effect on Aug. 1, 2002. All intrastate commercial vehicle carrier/owners that meet

this definition will be required to obtain a US DOT number. The FMSCA is in the process of developing an updated Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) to allow intrastate carriers and truck owners to apply for a U.S. DOT number via the internet.

If a motor carrier/owner inquires about the process to obtain the U.S. DOT number they can do so by downloading a MCS-150 form from the FMCSA web-site (fmcsa.dot.gov) and then forwarding this information to the Prorate Office of Driver Vehicle Services in the Minnesota Truck Center. The general information telephone number for the Truck Center is 651-405-6161 and fax 651-405-6136.

With the September primary election close at hand a few thoughts on two key races are in order. I've previously written about the loss of seniority that the forested regions of our state face in the Minnesota State Senate with the retirements of Senators Lessard, Johnson and Kinkel, the death of Senator Solon, and Senator Moe's departure as he runs for governor.

In Senate District 6 (Cook, Lake and most of St. Louis counties)

Executive Vice President's Column



Representative Tom Bakk is running in a contested primary. Representative Bakk was first elected in 1994 and

has been a staunch advocate for logging and sound natural resource management. As a veteran of the House of Representatives, he will bring his experience to bear on our issues and has the ability to reach across party and ideological lines to effectively champion our issues.

Bakk's opponent, Bruce Lotti, has no record on our issues and has not spoken to us on them. One thing we do know about Mr. Lotti is that he supported the Green Party candidate in the special election to fill Senator Sam Solon's seat in Duluth.



In the race to fill Representative Bakk's seat in Cook, Lake and northern St. Louis counties, Orr city administrator David Dill is running an aggressive campaign. Dill was one of the key organizers of the Orr-based Little Alfie rally a few years ago. He has a strong record of putting his shoulder to the wheel at the local level on our issues. Silver Bay Mayor Scott Johnson, another candidate for this seat, has also spoke strongly in support of logging.

The candidate to be concerned about is Tofte outfitter Bill Hanson. Hanson, the darling of the greens, has gone so far as signing onto a

legal brief with the enviros on the lawsuit that went to the Supreme Court challenging Boise's pulp mill improvement project. I can also tell you that as a frequent visitor to Sawbill Lake, where Hanson's business is headquartered, that it's rare to stop in his store without being greeted by the Sierra Club's latest "Alert" on one issue or another. As an activist in Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, I don't think Hanson will have our interests on the top of his list.



The sun has set on the 49th North Star Expo and we are already beginning to plan for next year's 50th rendition of the logging show. While attendance was down a bit this year, vendors reported doing brisk business with their customers. Clearly the economy and a jumbled mill landscape impacted attendance, but all of the vendors did a great job in showcasing their wares.

Mechanization Committee Chair Warren Johnson and the entire committee did a great job as always and are looking for ideas on how to make next year's 50th North Star Expo the best ever. If you have any ideas, let us know.



I had the opportunity to meet with the new USFS Region 9 forester, Randy Moore, a few weeks ago. Randy comes to this important position directly from having been the supervisor on the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. Moore is an impressive person who said all of the right things about accountability, forest plan revision and getting the timber program back on line in the Chippewa National Forest. I came away from our very direct meeting hopeful that he will deal with these issues but knowing how short the time is to make real changes, especially on the Chippewa.



You may have read about South Dakota Senator Tom Daschle's successful effort to exempt the Black Hills National Forest from most environmental review requirements for their management

and timber sales. TPA has contacted Minnesota Senators Mark Dayton and Paul Wellstone asking for similar treatment. While we have not received written responses to our letters yet, Senator Dayton's staff has indicated that they will work to help us on this issue. As expected, Senator Wellstone's staff has expressed a variety of excuses why they can't help us. This has been pretty typical during Senator Wellstone's two terms in office. He expresses his verbal support for logging and multiple use management, but when it comes time to do something positive, it's never possible and our requests are met with a variety of excuses.



A big thank you is in order for the DNR Division of Forestry. In the fiscal year which ended on June 30, the DNR offered 995,000 cords of wood for sale. This record offer is a testament to the hard work of division employees and the timber sale initiative that TPA championed during the 2001 legislative session.

There are budget storm clouds parked over DNR headquarters right now. With the current state budget deficit, the division is being forced to implement staff and program cuts. This will have an impact on the amount of timber that will be offered for sale during the current fiscal year. The best estimates are that somewhere between 750,000 and 830,000 cords will be put up for sale.

Mike Carroll and his team are working hard to protect field programs and the timber sale program which is one of the state's few money making activities. TPA has already weighed in on this and will be back at the State Capitol next session to support the division's ability to profitably manage our public forest lands for the benefit of all.



We've just completed another analysis of the Chippewa National Forest here in the office. We did this with our Geographical Information System. The analysis mapped out the areas the Chippewa has quit managing because of the northern goshawk, the black throated blue warbler and

special management complex reservations. While the areas overlap some, they total 62 percent of the entire Chippewa land base.

Funny, this has been done without a single public hearing, without a forest plan amendment, without an EA or EIS and without a single NEPA document. When the Chippewa decides to offer a truckload or two of wood for sale, they spend a couple hundred thousand on environmental review. When they make nearly two-thirds of this public land off limits, they don't even send out a press release.

TPA has contacted the Chippewa about this and shared our analysis with USFS leadership and our congressional delegation. As yet we've received no response from the Chippewa.



It was our turn to host the Lake States Federal Timber Purchasers Congressional Staff Tour this year. We were pleased to have staff from the offices of Congressmen Oberstar and Gutknecht and Senators Dayton and Wellstone, all

of Minnesota, on the tour. We also had staff from the offices of Congressmen Stupak and Levin of Michigan. Additionally some of the brass from the USFS and U.S. Senate staff participated.

Two of the stops on the tour were TPA members' logging jobs. Alan Ernest demonstrated his cut-to-length system on a pine thinning for Hedstrom's on the Superior National Forest. Tom McCabe Jr.

showed off his operations on a St. Louis County sale north of Duluth.

I was very pleased that both operations exhibited great attention to safety. While they knew we were coming, you could tell that safety was an everyday part of their operations. Make it an everyday part of your operation too.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom McCabe Jr.".

Dumb Decision on Deanship

Commentary by Wayne Brandt

As previously reported in the Timber Bulletin, U of M College of Natural Resources Dean Al Sullivan will step down this fall. The U appointed a search committee to narrow the list of applicants, screen four finalists and send its thoughts forward to the university administration. The ultimate decision maker for this position was then Provost and now acting U of M President Robert Bruininks.

The search committee was chaired by Dean of Continuing Education Mary Nichols and included faculty and staff from the College of Natural Resources four units and the NRRI. I was the only non-university person on the committee and was honored to be asked to serve.

I started my service on the search committee with high hopes, a single objective and two divergent perspectives. My hope and objective were that we would find the best possible person to be dean and that that person would ultimately be selected and accept this very important position.

My perspectives were as a third generation graduate of the University of Minnesota and as an outsider who deals with the university and other powerful institutions on a regular basis.

My two brothers and I all graduated from the University of Minnesota. My mother and father graduated from the U. My maternal grandmother attended and her brother, my great uncle, received his Ph.D from the university. What my family has

achieved has been heavily, and positively, impacted by the public education we received at this great institution. I thought that this was a useful perspective.

As an outsider to academia, yet someone who regularly interacts with the university, I thought I could also bring an external perspective to the committee's

Stafford to be Named Dean

Dr. Susan Stafford, currently a faculty member at Colorado State University, will be recommended to the University of Minnesota's board of regents at their September meeting to become the new dean of the College of Natural Resources. Her confirmation by the board of regents is expected.

Stafford was formerly head of the department of forest resources at Colorado State before her position and role changed resulting in her no longer being a department head. The forest resources department at Colorado State is rated 13th nationally, compared to the University of Minnesota's which is rated first.

Dr. Stafford is expected to assume her duties as dean at the beginning of October.

deliberations.

Ultimately, I was wrong on my hope, objective and the perspectives I thought I could bring.

Hostile would be too strong a word to describe the reactions of many on the search committee to an outsider's perspective. Condescending is a good description but doesn't really get the point. I think deaf adequately describes how well many members heard what I had to say as someone from outside of their world.

As someone who thinks Minnesota and the U of M are top notch, I can honestly say that this perspective

was met with something that bordered on hostility. I was really taken aback by this, particularly coming from people who have a large part of their wages paid by the taxpayers of this state.

So much for my perspectives.

As for my goal, to get the best possible person selected for this position, this clearly was neither the purpose of the search nor its outcome. Instead of a candidate of accomplishment, drive and savvy, the administration went with an undistinguished, politically benign dean.

The most disturbing event of the entire search was the conduct of some of the faculty in the department of fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology. This gutless crew took it upon themselves to have an unsigned letter bashing one of the candidates distributed to the search committee. Their reprehensible conduct clearly proved the old axiom: "the reason academic politics are so vicious is because the stakes are so low."

I don't want this commentary to be entirely negative, although this search committee was the most frustrating professional experience I have ever endured. The search allowed me to meet and interact with several outstanding faculty members who I did not previously know. These clear thinkers give me hope for the natural resource programs at the U.

Does any of this diminish the importance or our industry's relationship with the College of Natural Resources? No. It simply means that we will need to focus even more heavily on the programs that are important to us and the future of our state's natural resources.

TPA Proudly Presents: The 49th Annual North Star Expo!

by Rachel Benishek

On Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002, the NorthStar Expo returned to the Itasca County Fairgrounds in Grand Rapids, Minn. Everyone was happy to be back to familiar stomping grounds. The 49th Annual NorthStar Expo showcased 75 exhibitors displaying logging, trucking, and sawmill equipment as well as many other supporting industries and businesses. Although Expo attendance was not as high as in the past, most people agree that it was a quality show, especially considering these economic times. While economics may not be cooperating, Mother Nature did her part; it rained at night and was beautiful and mostly

sunny during the days for the Expo! We appreciate the efforts of all exhibitors for their attendance at this year's Expo and their support of the forest products industry. We especially want to thank the following sponsors for their contributions in support of the 2002 NorthStar Expo: Boise, Hedstrom Lumber Co., Potlatch, SAPPI Fine Paper North America, Stora Enso North America, North Shore Forest Products Inc., Trus Joist A Weyerhaeuser Business, and UPM Kymmene Blandin Paper Co. Thank you for all of your efforts in making the NorthStar Expo a great event!

Workshops and Seminars

It was a busy year for the workshops and seminars at the

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A special thank you to the sponsors.



The federal tie-down and truck weight regulation workshops were well attended.



Jake's Quality Tire, Duluth, won first place for the outdoor displays.



Tony Kowitz with his first place best load.



A. M. Ludwig Saw Shop Ltd. of Thunder Bay won first place for the indoor displays.



Overall winners of the loader contest, left to right, Tony Kowitz, Gordy Dobbs, Mark Bowman and Jon Peterson, mechanization committee member.



Media loader contest winner was Mayor Marc Koprivec of Keewatin, left, runner-up was Pat Puchella of radio station B105 in Duluth.



The master loader contest winners were Ramon Killmer, Al Johnson and Richard Meyer (not pictured).



Tom McCabe Jr. won the grand prize, an Efco chainsaw donated by Tilton Equipment Co. Presented by DeWane Leafblad of Tilton and Warren Johnson, mechanization committee chairman.

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 NorthStar Expo. The Minnesota Tree Farm System joined us on Friday for their annual awards banquet to recognize outstanding Minnesota Tree Farmers and Tree Farm Inspectors. After their banquet, they joined others to listen to Dr. Mike Kilgore's presentation on the "Minnesota's New Forest Property Tax Law: The Minnesota Sustainable Forest Incentive Act" which was passed by the Legislature in 2001. The Sustainable Forestry Incentive Act (SFIA) creates tax incentive to encourage private forest land owners to make a long-term commitment to good stewardship and management of their forest resources. Dr. Kilgore gave an excellent presentation on the process required to participate in the incentive program. The SFIA requires landowners to have a forest management plan and follow that

plan, including the use of timber harvest and forest management guidelines. Landowners must enroll for at least eight years, maintain property taxes, and annually certify compliance in writing that they are meeting the requirements of the law. Landowners who own at least 20 acres of contiguous acres and meet the above requirements will be eligible to receive an annual incentive payment of at least \$1.50 per acre or more each year. Thank you for the excellent information Dr. Kilgore!

Sgt. Howard Steele of the Minnesota State Patrol deserves a huge round of applause. Not only did he put a presentation together specifically for the Expo about Load Securement/Tie-down requirements, but he presented it three different times! The three 1-1/2 hour training sessions were attended by a total of 80 people. The attendees listened to the

specific guidelines regarding the new Federal Tie-down Standards; they were also involved in some hands-on experience and discussion of proper chain, binder and blocking/bracing techniques for both tracked and rubber tire equipment. A very special thank you to Pittack Logging for loaning us the truck, trailer and tracked equipment, and to RMS and Don Dens Sales for bringing the rubber tire equipment in for demonstration purposes. Without the equipment on site we would not have been able to do the hands-on training that complemented the presentation. Sgt. Steele also got lively discussions started about lighting and flagging requirements for oversize and tree length hauling. Not only did Sgt. Steele present good information and explain the concepts clearly, he provided a variety of options for lighting requirements and worked through



Everyone enjoyed the picnic and social hour.

many diagrams using different chain sizes and types, as well as blocking/bracing techniques. The new Federal Tie-down/Load Securement regulations have not been formally adopted, and we will keep you informed as we get more information. Sgt. Steele stressed that there will be an implementation period once the new regulations are in place. One other important topic covered briefly during the discussions was the US DOT Carrier Number requirement for registration in intrastate hauling.

Best Load Contest

There were only two entries for this year's Best Load Contest, but as always they were excellent examples of safe, well-maintained, polished trucks and were difficult to judge. Congratulations to our first place winner Tony Kowitz, of Nistler-Kowitz Logging, sponsored by SAPPI Fine Paper North America. Second prize was awarded to Tony Nistler Trucking of Petty & Sons Timber Products, Inc., sponsored by International Paper. Thank you for your efforts for bringing in the Best Loads of the Year!

Exhibitor Competitions

The exhibitor competitions are also hard fought battles and equally difficult to judge for best display and content. The contest is broken down into Indoor and Outdoor exhibit classes. And although we'd like to be able to recognize all of our exhibitors, we had to narrow our choices down to the top three exhibits in each category. We would like to

congratulate our top three Indoor Exhibitors: First Place is presented to A.M. Ludwig Saw Shop, Second Place to CATCO Inc. and Third Place goes to Menominee Industrial Supply Co. Our Outdoor Exhibitors also have three top prizes, congratulations to: First Place presented to Jake's Tire, Second Place to All State Peterbilt, and Third Place to Great Lakes Trailer.

Loader Contest

The loader contest was held both Friday and Saturday. This event is usually well attended by operators who want to pit their skills against other operators by beating the clock and making no mistakes. There are two classes for the loader contest, the loader contest contestants and the Masters Contest, who have to be 50 years old or better. We rank the participants in each category by day and by overall score for both days; so we have daily top three winners and overall best time winners for the show. And the winners are:

Friday

- First Place: Tom Long with 4:29:52
- Second Place: Gordy Dobbs with 5:00:49
- Third Place: Mark Bowman with 5:02:00

Saturday

- First Place: Gordy Dobbs with 4:04:00
- Second Place: Tony Kowitz with 4:41:49
- Third Place: Tom Long with 4:51:09

The overall winners (with the best average time for both days) were: First Place – Gordy Dobbs,

Second Place – Tom Long and Third Place – Tony Kowitz. The Masters Competition was not quite as well attended, but the winners are:

Friday

- First Place: Al Johnson with 6:42:21

Saturday

- First Place: Ramon Killmer with 5:42:03
- Second Place: Al Johnson with 6:59:62
- Third Place: Richard Meyer with 8:32:85

The overall Masters winners were: First Place – Ray Killmer, Second Place – Al Johnson and Third Place – Richard Meyer.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who participated. These are the guys to beat next year!

Celebrity Loader Contest

The celebrity loader contest had two participants this year and a great time was had by everyone who participated and who watched the competition. TPA would like to thank Pat Puchalla and Marc Koprivec for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the NorthStar Expo and compete in this contest. Our first place winner was Marc Koprivec, mayor of Keewatin, Minn., who successfully defended his title once again. Second place winner is Pat Puchalla, B105 Radio, Duluth, Minn., and our announcer for the loudspeaker at the Expo. Congratulations! The loader is more difficult to operate than it looks and you both did well.

Log-a-Load for Kids Dunk Tank

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time to be a victim of the infamous dunk tank. Our participants included representatives from: SAPPI Fine Paper North America, UPM Kymmene Blandin Paper, Chippewa National Forest, Boise, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Transportation and Itasca County. With your "willingness" to get dunked, you helped raise nearly \$500 for the Log-a-Load for Kids fund.

Social Hour, Dinner, and Door Prize Drawings

For those of you who missed the
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dinner and social event – you missed great food and equally good company. The attendance was good and along with the food, the door prizes were well worth the wait. **The Grand Prize, won by Tom McCabe Jr. of Duluth, was a chainsaw donated by Tilton Equipment Company.** We would also like to thank the following companies for donations for the door prizes: Great Lakes Trailer, SAPPI, Air Hydraulic Systems, Industrial Lubricant Co., Nortrax, Skubic Bros. International, Viking Industrial, Mid-States Equipment, Serco Loaders, Tilton Equipment Co., RMS, Interstate Detroit Diesel, Woodcarvings by Michael Sinesio, Wells Fargo, Lake Superior Mack, Rigging and Wear, Smith Tire and Glen's Truck Center. Thank you for your support!

The Timber Producers Association would like to thank the members of the mechanization committee, the University of Minnesota, and all those involved with the NorthStar Expo for your support and hard work. Without the contributions of donations, vendors and volunteers there would be no show. Thank you!!

SafeZone

Topic: Information needed when calling 911 for emergency assistance on a cell phone.

Overview:

Did you know that the 911 system is not as sophisticated as you might think? Using your cell phone to call 911 doesn't necessarily mean that they can track you by satellite and get an ambulance to your accident. It doesn't even mean that you will automatically get a dispatcher that is in the same county.

911 has improved our emergency response system in a million ways, but many people assume it is capable of things that it may not yet be able to accomplish. In discussions with people from around the state you will hear that they have called 911 on their cell phone and the dispatcher has known what mile marker they were close to when they made the call,

you also hear about the guy that called 911 from International Falls and talked to someone in Eveleth. One person has related the story that 911 was called for an accident in the woods on a logging job and he couldn't remember how to tell them how to get to the job-site with the ambulance and had to go meet them in his pickup. If you think these are uncommon or outrageous incidents, **the information in this article is critical to your safety and your emergency response system!**

Topic Information:

After hearing some of these experiences as well as having to call 911 and speaking with a dispatcher two counties away that didn't have any idea where I was calling from, much less how to translate my directions for the ambulance, I decided to do some research on what to expect when you call 911.

The first thing to remember is in an emergency situation you will forget approximately 90 percent of what you have been trained to know. In other words, the situation where he couldn't remember the directions would be fairly common, especially if you have just started at a new job-site. And don't assume that you won't forget just because you've been there a thousand times, because you might not be able to be specific enough for the ambulance.

Cell phones are very different than calling from a house or other land line. Where you are and what tower you are bouncing off of can make a huge difference in what dispatcher you reach; you may not contact someone close to your actual location. Also, depending on your cell phone provider, you may not get a dispatcher from a county at all, you may reach the State Patrol. Another thing to remember is that not all cell phone providers have shared the same amount of information with emergency management systems. Many times your cell phone call will show up as a "wireless customer" rather than the number, so if you get disconnected the dispatcher will not be able to call you back to continue the conversation. (Remember that you might not bounce off the same tower if you call back.)

All counties have different

capabilities in regard to emergency response management, but right now GPS information is not going to help in most cases. Although I was told that most areas will hopefully have the capability within the next five years. There are many counties that have single button phone transfer systems to other local counties, but this is not as common as needed. Not all counties have one single dispatch location. For example, St. Louis County is divided into different regions for emergency response and they may have to transfer you to another dispatcher within the same county. Another huge factor to remember is if you are in contact with the State Patrol, they cannot dispatch ambulance services, they have to contact the nearest county dispatcher for that service.

Information needed for a 911 cellular call:

The following list was created after conversations with county emergency response/911 management personnel. It is important to relay this information as it is presented here or as they ask for it to ensure you get an efficient response.

1. **Tell them what county you are in when you call.** This will let the dispatcher immediately know if you need to be transferred.
2. **Tell them you need an ambulance.** This will tell the State Patrol that you need to be transferred to the county dispatcher, and lets the other dispatchers know where to start the system.

At this point you may be asked for additional information, or you may just need to start relaying some other information as follows. *Please know your cell phone number* and be ready to give it to the dispatcher in case you get disconnected. Print it on paper and tape it to your phone so you will always have it available for the person making the call (you may be the injured party and someone else may have to call for you). Does everyone you work with know where the cell phone is and how to use it to call for help?

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3. **Know how to give clear directions to your location.** This is the most important part of getting good response. It is probably best to have 911 directions to your job-site written down somewhere easily accessible so you can simply read them to the dispatcher. This will be especially helpful if you are trying to keep someone from bleeding at the same time you are making the call. There are

a few key things to remember about directions for ambulances:

- A. **They can only drive on good roads.** If you need 4-wheel drive to get down the nearest road the ambulance will not get there and they will need other equipment. Let them know they won't be able to get close to the victim with an ambulance.
- B. **Clear directions includes road names.** County and state roads are easy, but town roads require the name from the green and white address signs. They will not be able to find you if you say "town road 2422." They need the 911 address road names, such as East Goose Road.
- C. **Know the Town, Range and Section information for your site.** They can often use this information to start narrowing down directions and/or maps. It is also helpful if you end up needing airlift services with a helicopter.
- D. If possible, **know the address of the house nearest to where you are located.** The address number is typically on a red and white or other sign and is a minimum of four numbers long. Mile markers are in this category

as well if you are in a traffic accident.

4. **Speak clearly and slow down.** It is stressful to be in an emergency situation, but if the dispatcher can't understand you or has to have you repeat information it will take longer to get help. Take a deep breath and concentrate on clearly explaining the information they need to help you.
5. **Remember that the dispatcher will ask you for any information they need that you do not automatically provide.** Don't worry about what you might forget.

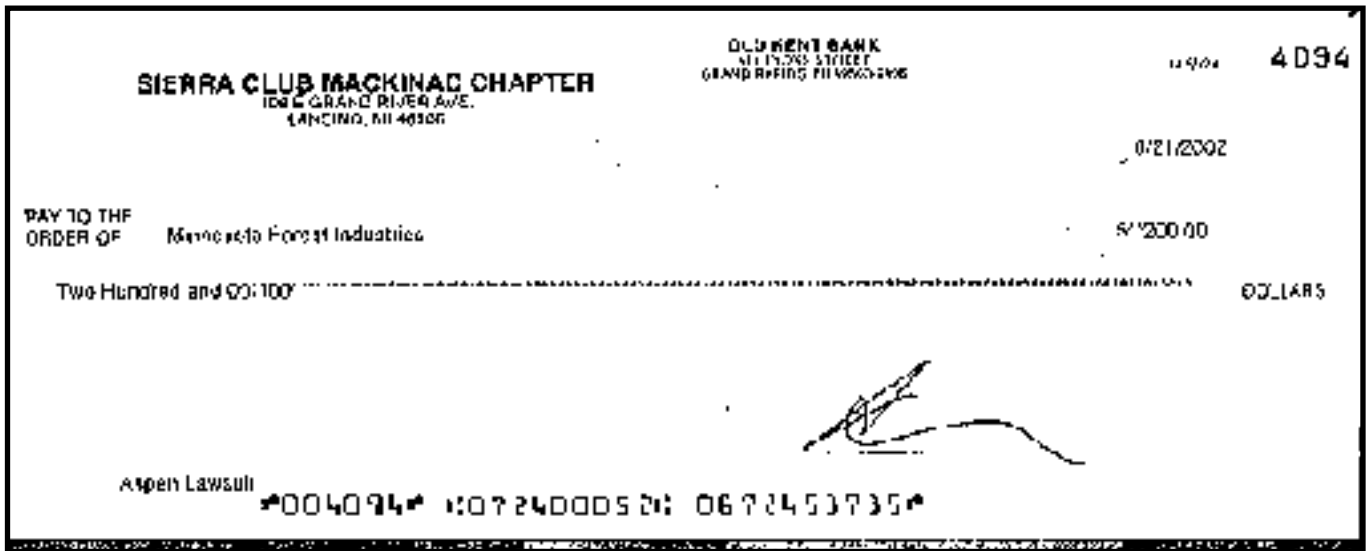
Summary:

Knowing the limitations of cell phone 911 calls and being prepared to give clear directions to a dispatcher could save someone's life. Take the time to remember these basic things:

1. Tell them what county you are in when you call.
2. Tell them you need an ambulance.
3. Give clear directions to your location.
4. Speak slowly and clearly.

Never assume that they know where you are when you use your cell phone to call in an emergency situation. Hopefully, you will never need to know this information, but be prepared in case you do. Make sure everyone on your job-site is aware of this information as well.

Seeing is Believing



The check shown above is real. It should probably be in Ripley's Believe It or Not. Yes, the Sierra Club wrote a check to the industry. The check covered direct expenses incurred in the Yaba Timber Sale Litigation. This was the lawsuit where the Sierra Club asked that all aspen harvesting be stopped in the Lakes States.

The check was made out to Minnesota Forest Industries which acted as the fiscal agent for itself, the Minnesota Timber Producers Association, the Ruffed Grouse Society and Lake States Lumber, who jointly intervened in this action. The Sierra Club asked the federal court in Michigan to dismiss this case after its attorney moved out of the region and they were unable to find anyone else to represent them.

LOGGERS OF THE PAST . . .

Before First Aid Kits Came to Camp

by J. C. Ryan

This story is reprinted from an earlier *Timber Bulletin*—one of the first of “Buzz” Ryan’s ever-popular contributions to these pages. The *Bulletin* will continue to reprint selected stories from the memories he recorded for us.—*Editor*



Today, with all the logging companies and loggers setting rigid accident prevention and control programs, I can't help but look back to woods safety in the old days.

Accidents were rare then. I can recall clerking in a 175 man lumber camp where I didn't report an accident during an entire year. In the many years I was associated with my father's logging jobs, I only remember reporting two lost-time accidents.

One was when a group of men were trying to lift a sick horse to its feet and it struggled and fell back on one of the men's feet, breaking it at the ankle. And this was not really a lost-time accident, as the man was back in camp with a cast on his foot within 24 hours. He spent the rest of a winter as night fireman.

The other accident occurred when a two loader slipped on the frost atop a load and fell on a man's shoulder, breaking his upper arm. It was nearly spring, and he was able to return to work for several months.

A few cuts and bruises were common. And head injuries due to falling limbs or dry tops were very few. Most injuries came during loading or breaking down skidways or decked logs—occasionally a man would be caught by a fast rolling log as high decked logs were broken down.

Prior to 1919, a first aid kit was never found in a lumber camp. It was only after workmen's insurance laws were passed that insurance companies insisted first aid kits be in every camp. If a man got a scratch or cut, he would apply balsam pitch or a chew of Pueraria toluana to it, and it would heal in a few days. The only medicines sold in the camp commissary were Kwikheal bone liniment, Davis Vegetable pain killer, castor oil, Prunella, Vaseline, Jamaica Ginger, Cascara pills, carbolic salve, and in later years aspirin tablets. Most camps had more medicine on hand for the horses than they had for the men.

Why there were fewer accidents in the old days, I do not know. But it was probably because men were better trained. It was a bad mark against a man if he allowed himself to get hurt. No one

wanted to hire a careless man, and no one wanted to work with a careless man. Men

took great pride in being able to do a job without having or causing an accident.



Woods workers performed many dangerous jobs, dressed for cold weather and recorded remarkably good "no-lost-time" records.



Coming Events

■ Minnesota DOT Northern Zone Spring Restrictions Meetings.

When the new weight law passed last session the legislature added the requirement that MnDOT complete a study of the Spring Load Restriction Northern Zone. In response to the legislative requirement, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has requested TPA's input during their study. They have created a committee to review the information about the current zones and make

recommendations about possibly changing the zoning structure (adding an addition zone, redesigning the current boundaries, etc.) There will be three meetings through the end of the year. The actual committee is so far comprised of MNDOT personnel, State Patrol, some county personnel, a Minnesota Trucking Association representative and myself. However, Glenn Engstrom with MNDOT has asked for our input on where they will draw the boundaries, and would greatly appreciate your attendance at as many of the meetings as you can make. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Sept. 18, 2002 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Grand Rapids at the Itasca County Courthouse. Review the current seasonal load placement process, the basic science behind seasonal load limits and the traffic patterns in the Northern Zone. Discuss possible options. Make assignments to list potential options and gather additional information.

Oct. 23, 2002 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Grand Rapids at the Itasca County Courthouse. Discuss draft report. Review potential zone boundary options. Select and prioritize options stating pros and cons for each.

Nov. 20, 2002 – 9 a.m.-3

p.m. at MnROAD. Discuss final draft report. Review final recommendations for zone boundaries.

Member attendance at these meetings is important for future zone boundaries. *If you want to make comments or present concerns, but can't attend the meetings please call Rachel at the TPA office 218-722-5013 and make certain your concerns are presented to the group.*

■ TPA Meeting with Hubbard County about Transportation Issues.

Sept. 23, 2002, from 9-11 a.m. TPA will meet with the Hubbard County highway engineer, county sheriff and other county officials

to discuss transportation issues in Hubbard County. The meeting will focus on discussions concerning nine-ton route restrictions on timber hauling. This is a proactive and informative meeting to discuss concerns and understand the county road system. We will ask for a review of current road limitations and discuss our priorities. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in a conference room at the county highway building.

■ Annual Timber Producers Association and Minnesota Department of Transportation Joint Meeting.

On Oct. 29, 2002, the Minnesota Timber Producers Association and MnDOT will meet to discuss transportation issues throughout Minnesota. The meeting is scheduled in Grand Rapids at the Sawmill Inn from 9:30-noon. There will be representatives from MnDOT Districts, MN State Patrol, Counties, and the MN TPA present. Issues to be discussed include: TPA Road Priorities Project, MnDOT District reports, the MnDOT Weight Education Project and a variety of

Legislative issues. *Anyone interested is welcome to attend, please RSVP your attendance to the TPA office 218-722-5013.*

■ **St. Louis County Logger's Forum**
St. Louis County has announced that they will hold a meeting to be used as a follow-up to the April 23, 2002, Logger's Forum that was held in Floodwood. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for sometime in October, and they will announce the date, location and time of the meeting at a later date.

■ **Business Continuation Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-12 noon, for business owners who are presently, or will be, selling or transferring ownership of their company.**

Your presenter, Jim Counter, of J. A. Counter & Associates, Inc. has 39 years of experience in the financial services profession.

J.A. Counter & Associates is the number one general agency with supervisory jurisdiction under broker/dealer Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc.

Jim has earned the designations of CLU and CHFC and has a master's degree in financial services.

J.A. Counter and Associates is presently in the process of a transfer of ownership within the family. Business planning is Jim's expertise.

This workshop is being sponsored by Prather Financial Services, 717 N.E. 4th St., Grand Rapids, Minn. 55744 (Daryl Prather)

Please call for your reservation, 218-326-2707 or 1-866-326-2707. There is no charge for this workshop and lunch will be served.

I encourage your attendance and I would also encourage you to invite your accountant and/or your attorney. This will be a great opportunity to share information and ideas with one of the leading business planning professionals in the industry.

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