

Machine Stress Rated Lumber Producers Council MSR Update

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EIGHTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP RECAP

In late spring of this year, the Council went south to host its Eighth Annual Workshop in Biloxi, MS. Participants convened from April 2-4 at The Beau Rivage resort to attend the MSR Council's Annual Workshop. Additional highlights included several educational sessions presented by industry leaders. The Workshop festivities ended with mill and forestry tours.

MSRLPC President Blair Buchanan of Weyerhaeuser Company opened the Workshop on Wednesday morning with a welcome ceremony and presented an overview of the day's sessions.

Debbie Burns, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (SLMA), and Frank Dottori, President and CEO of Tembec Forest Products, gave a joint keynote address during the Wednesday luncheon. They spoke on the controversial Canadian Lumber Import Dispute, an issue that has been of great concern among professionals in the industry since the 1996 U.S. – Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement expired in March 2001. The session began



Lisa Johnson



Jim Loy

with a review of the history of the dispute as well as explaining the current status of the U.S./ Canadian dispute. Finally, Burns and Dottori provided a forecast of the International Trade Commission's ruling on injury to the U.S. timber industry caused by Canada's trade practices and also presented the Canadian view of the current lumber dispute.



Cathy Kaake



Keith Kinser

Additional Wednesday sessions focused on a variety of subjects, ranging from the mold epidemic to a new quality control program. Cathy Kaake of the Southern Forest Products Association presented the informative seminar, "Mold Issues," which covered some frequently asked questions regarding mold and its effects on lumber. Kaake wrapped up the seminar with discussions on supply chain responsibilities, complaint provisions and construction tips. Lisa Johnson and Jim Loy, both of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB), gave a joint presentation on the Bureau's role in the emergence of MRS lumber production in the south and the status of visual grading machines in the Southern Pine industry. Keith Kinser of



Curtis Miller



Les Jozsa

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Kintec, LLC, gave another notable presentation, speaking about the Wood Truss Council of America Quality Control (**WTCA QC**) program. Kinser gave a brief history and progression of the program and discussed how the implementation of **WTCA QC** can impact the quality and consistency of structural building components.

Other presentations included Bob Berg's "Economic Update," "Utilization of MSR Lumber" by Curtis Miller and Les Jozsa's "From the Stump to the Mill."

The Council would like to extend a special thank you to Silver Sponsor, International Paper Company and Bronze Sponsor, Pope & Talbot, for helping to make the Eighth Annual Workshop such a success. Support from our sponsors brings educational programs such as this workshop to the industry. Thank you!

Electronic presentations are available for purchase on CD-ROM for \$10. Videotapes of the presentations are also available for \$15 each. Both will be shipped via the U.S. Postal Service. Please contact Kathy James in the Business Office for a copy of either the CD or videotape.



Attendees make their way through registration.



Lunch was followed by the Keynote Address presented by Debbie Burns and Frank Dottori.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

16-18: Building Component Manufacturers Conference, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH. Visit www.bcmshow.com or call 608/274-4849 ext. 9.

19: WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel Columbus Downtown, Columbus, OH. For more information contact WTCA at 608/274-4849 or email meetinginfo@woodtruss.com.

24: Wood Solutions Fair, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL. Contact Monique Béland or Audrey Mattila at 613/747-0466 for details, or visit www.cwc.ca.

November

7: Wood Solutions Fair, Holiday Inn SIA, Denver,

CO. Contact Monique Béland or Audrey Mattila at 613/747-0466 for details, or visit www.cwc.ca.

December

5: Wood Solutions Fair, Ottawa Congress Center, Ottawa, ON. Contact Monique Béland or Audrey Mattila at 613/747-0466 for details, or visit www.cwc.ca.

May 2003

6-7: MSRLPC Ninth Annual Workshop, Quebec City, QB. Contact Kathy James for more information or visit www.msrlumber.org.

October 2003

8-10: Building Component Manufacturers Conference, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ.



NEWS TO NOTE

Production Survey Available

The 2001 MSR Lumber Production Survey is complete. Please contact Kathy James in the Business Office if you would like to receive a copy or have any questions.

Wood Solutions Fair - Tampa

The Council will be exhibiting at the Wood Solutions Fair in Tampa, FL on October 24, 2002.

BCMC

The MSR Lumber Producers Council will be exhibiting once again at BCMC. We will be in booth number 343. Please stop by to see us. Any members interested in volunteering their time to man the booth should contact Kathy James in the Business Office at 888/848-5339 or msrlpc@msrlumber.org.

Committee Sign Up

A recent mailing was sent to the membership requesting assistance in forming committees for the MSR Lumber Producers Council. This mailing was only distributed to the Council's main contact for each member company. Although the main contact may not be available to volunteer time on a particular committee, the Board asks that the main contact consider the availability of other employees within the company. If there is a person within the company who would be a great asset to one of the committees and who is available to volunteer, please contact our Business Office.

Regional Representation

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, a discussion took place regarding the possibility of regional chapters/representatives. The Board will be considering this suggestion further and may form a sub-committee to investigate the possibility further.

Marketing Plan

The Marketing Committee has recently completed a general marketing plan for the MSR Lumber Producers Council. The purpose of the marketing plan is to provide direction for the marketing activities of the Council and to provide potential members with an idea of the benefits of becoming a member of the Council.

New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the MSR Lumber Producers Council:

Gulf Lumber Company Inc

Mobile, AL

Tolleson Lumber

Perry, GA

TR Miller Mill Company

Brewton, AL



SAVE THE DATE!

The MSR Lumber Producers Council Ninth Annual Workshop is scheduled for May 6-7, 2003 in Quebec City, QB.

Planning is underway and further details will be available soon.

Mailings will be sent out and information will be posted on the web site as soon as details are available.

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NOMINATION PROCESS CHANGE

The Board of Directors recently discussed the nomination process for the annual Board of Directors election. The main concern of the Board was to target additional representation from more companies. A mailing will be sent to the entire membership asking if they have an interest in nominating someone from their company to stand for election to the Board of Directors. An information sheet including a description of the position and the commitment required to serve as a Board member will be included in the mailing. The Board of Directors will make follow up calls to any members who do not respond to the mailing. The nomination process will begin in early December.

Mission Statement: The Machine Stress Rated Lumber Producers Council has been formed to promote the benefits of Machine Stress Rated lumber for the purpose of increasing the usage and acceptability of our product. It is the intent and mission of the Council to improve, promote and advance the common interest and general welfare of all phases of the Machine Stress Rated lumber industry. We intend to engage in market promotion, collection of information, product research, and aid our grading agencies in forming proper rules and standards which will further the business of the general membership of the Council.

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