

Machine Stress Rated Lumber Producers Council MSR Update

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Beautiful Quebec City Home to Council's 9th Annual Workshop

The Ninth Annual MSR Lumber Producers Council Workshop will convene May 6-7, 2003, at the Hilton in lovely Quebec City, Canada. Following a welcome reception on the evening of May 5, the two-day workshop lineup is packed with engaging speakers who will cover a wide range of timely topics. Scheduled speakers and topics include:

- Marc Boutin, Quebec Lumber Manufacturers Association (QLMA), will present on MSR Growth in Eastern Canada.
- Richard Desjardins, Forintek Canada Corp., will provide a MSR Quality Review and Update.
- Bob Berg, Resource Information Systems Inc (RISI), will deliver the Economic Update and Opportunities for Growth.
- Metriguard, Inc., COE Newnes and Dynalyse, will offer MSR Equipment Updates and Yield Improvements.
- The MSR Lumber Customer Panel will provide an opportunity to ask questions of MSR customers.
- Étienne Lalonde, Canadian Wood Council, will present "Creating New Market Opportunities for MSR."
- Bill Love, Tembec Forest Products, will present "Building with Wood—Opportunities & Obstacles."



In addition to these speaker sessions, the Council has also planned two tours to coincide with this year's workshop: one to Gérard Crête & fils, an MSR lumber mill that features the Dynagrade Machine; and one to Forintek Canada Corporation's Eastern Lab. Also, don't miss the QLMA Ice Breaker Reception and lobster dinner overlooking the St. Lawrence River to conclude this year's workshop.

Don't forget to plan for a little sightseeing in conjunction with this year's workshop. Referred to as the most European city in North America, Quebec City is alive with shopping, outdoor activities and a wealth of restaurants and pubs. The city boasts numerous historic and religious sites, as well as amusement parks, museums and other tourist attractions. For more information on events taking place during the time of the workshop, visit www.quebecregion.com.

Plan today to attend this exciting and informative event. For registration information, contact Kathy James at the Business Office (888/848-5339 or msrlpc@msrlumber.org) or visit the web site at www.msrlumber.org. To secure hotel accommodations, contact the Hilton Quebec directly at 418/647-2411. Please refer to the Association of Wood Manufacturers Conference.■



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NEWS TO NOTE

Wood Solutions Fair - Charlotte, NC

The Council will be exhibiting at the Wood Solutions Fair in Charlotte, NC on May 22, 2003. For more information about the fair, contact Kathy James at 888/848-5339 or email msrlpc@msrlumber.org.||

Web Site Reconstruction

The MSRLPC web site is currently being reconstructed and redesigned by Building Online, a professional web design and marketing company. Remember to check out our web site, www.msrlumber.org, on a regular basis to see the new design as it develops.||

Marketing Plan Available

Copies of the recently completed MSR Lumber Producers Council marketing plan are now available. Contact Kathy James in the Business Office (888/848-5339 or msrlpc@msrlumber.org) if you wish to receive a copy or have any questions.||

BCMC

The Council will be exhibiting once again at the 2003 Building Component Manufacturers Conference (BCMC). Boasting the theme "New Frontiers," the 2003 show will be held October 6-8 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza in Phoenix, AZ. Join us in Phoenix and explore the new frontiers available! For details about this year's show, visit www.bcmcshow.com.||



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

30-May 3: Wood Truss Council of America (WTCA) Open Quarterly Meeting & Legislative Conference, Washington Court Hotel, Washington, D.C. For more information, contact WTCA Staff at 608/274-4849.

May

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

7-9: Quebec Lumber Manufacturers' Association Annual Meeting.

22: Wood Solutions Fair in Charlotte, NC. Contact Kathy James for more information or visit www.msrlumber.org.

June

25-27: EXPO 2003—Forest Products Machinery & Equipment Exposition Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. For more information, visit www.sfpa.org/expo, or contact Tami Kessler at 504/443-4464, FAX 504/443-6621 or email tkessler@sfpa.org.

August

6-8: Wood Truss Council of America (WTCA) Open Quarterly Meeting, Seattle Marriott Waterfront, Seattle, WA. For more information, contact WTCA Staff at 608/274-4849.

October

8-10: BCMC, Phoenix Civic Plaza, Phoenix, AZ. Visit www.bcmcshow.com.

Logan Receives First Annual Award



The MSR Lumber Producers Council is pleased to announce that James D. (Jim) Logan, P.E. of Metriguard, Inc. is the recipient of the Council's first Annual Award. The purpose of this annual award is to recognize and honor individuals that have provided exceptional service to the industry at large and the Council in

particular, and have given of themselves in ways above and beyond the promotion of mechanically graded lumber. Jim Logan, co-founder of the MSR Lumber Producers Council (1988), is an excellent choice as the inaugural recipient of this award.

After receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Idaho and serving as a Deputy Sheriff for Latah County, ID, Jim Logan began his career in Washington State University's College of Engineering in 1963. He started in the Wood Technology section, Research Division, and then moved to the Electrical Engineering department in 1966.

In 1972, Logan co-founded Metriguard as a partnership, and it was incorporated as a regular Washington Corporation in the fall of 1973. An earlier personal consulting assignment by Logan for a group of lumber companies led to the development of a new electronics package for the CLT-1, Continuous Lumber Tester, and improved performance and accuracy for this equipment. Over the following 20 years or so, Logan made many improvements to the design of this equipment to increase the accuracy and make the equipment more stable and reliable. This effort led to the development of the Metriguard Model 7200 High Capacity Lumber Tester (HCLT) in 1995. Since that time he and Metriguard's Jim Allen have been improving the computer and software system to incorporate new sensors and data processing to improve the ability of the equipment to predict mechanical properties of lumber.

Metriguard continues to improve its existing products and develop new equipment for testing and quality control of wood products. Logan, currently President and Chairman of the company, is active in the engineering design of Metriguard's products and works with cus-

tomers on a regular basis to help improve value-added profits from operation of the company's products. He and his company recently completed construction of a mobile MSR demonstration lab mounted on a 54-ft curtain side trailer to aid in this effort.

In addition to his work with Metriguard, Logan is a cofounder of the MSR Lumber Producers Council and served as Secretary/Treasurer from 1988 through 1999. He is currently the Registered Agent for the Council and has served on the Council's Board of Directors since 1988. He is a member of ASTM, FPRS and IEEE and served on NFPA's Wood Industry Management Committee. Logan is a Registered Professional Engineer in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and is the inventor of the Ultrasonic Sheet Material Testing Apparatus (Ultrasonic Veneer grader), the Transverse Vibration E-Computer, the Electrostatic particle alignment process, the High Capacity Lumber Tester, the Shaft Speed and Hot Bearing Detector Apparatus, the Apparatus and Method for Measuring Wood Grain Angle, and others. He has also authored and presented more than 20 technical papers on various aspects of nondestructive testing and quality control of wood products.

In response to receiving the award, Logan commented: "I thank members of the Council for this award. I would like to acknowledge the help of Ed DeKoning and Len Moyer, two rare individuals who got me started on this path. And we wouldn't still be here if it were not for the wonderful customers who have kept us in business for 30 years, and the fine dedicated staff at Metriguard. Nor would it have happened had not all the previous work in this field been done that provided the knowledge base that we were able to build upon. I share this with all of these people, and I accept the award on their behalf."

Jim Logan and his family recently moved to a small farm in Pullman, WA, where they built a new house and are enjoying the activities of the boy scouts and girl scouts, as well as basketball, bowling, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, bicycling, landscaping and gardening. Logan's No Cow Ranch has its own fire department, a diesel powered 1941 Kenworth open-cab pumper, that the Logans and their neighbors run in the local parades.■

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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COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

The Council is proud to be an organization through which members make industry contacts, are exposed to top marketing and technical experts on MSR lumber, and strive to grow the industry. While all members benefit as a result of being a part of the association, the best way to maximize the benefits of membership is to get as involved as possible. That being said, we are looking for volunteers to join our committees. Committees looking for new members include Workshop, Technical, Membership, Web Site, Newsletter and Marketing. All of these committees support the Council's mission of promoting the use of MSR lumber. If internal commitments prevent you from volunteering, please consider the availability of other representatives from your company who can contribute time, expertise and ideas to these important committees. Feel free to contact any one of the Council's board members to discuss committee involvement and learn more about each committee's activities. ||

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