

Machine Stress Rated Lumber Producers Council MSR Update

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A Message from the President

Stewart Garden, P.Eng. • Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

Greetings from Vancouver –

The excitement is building for our annual workshop! The venue and program are finalized and we look forward to this annual gathering of professional colleagues and friends. The market has been eventful this year - successes and challenges have included the weather, record housing starts and industry consolidation - so we will have lots to discuss in Point Clear, Alabama.

MSR Council members in the South are working hard towards an exceptional event. The speaker line up includes MSR experts from North America and around the world. Sawmill tours are always a highlight and the support for these tours from T.R. Miller and International Paper is appreciated. On

the social side, we are looking forward to being Jazzed up with local music!

The 2004 MSR production survey will be distributed at the June Workshop and we expect to see another year of production growth in North America.

My two year term serving the MSR Council as president will end at the Alabama Workshop, and I would like to thank the membership and board of directors for their support and commitment that has made the council such a unique and successful organization.

I look forward to seeing you in Point Clear!||

Stewart G.



11th Annual MSR Workshop

The 11th Annual MSR Lumber Producers Council Workshop will convene June 7-9, 2005, at the Marriott Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama. Held in conjunction with the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau, the workshop schedule includes meetings on June 8 and tours and dinner on June 9. See pages 2-5 for a schedule of events, speaker biographies, a registration form and accommodations/travel information.||

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W E S T R E S S Q U A L I T Y



Schedule of Events

As of 5 May 2005

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2005

- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **MSR Lumber Producers Council Board of Director's Meeting**
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Welcome Jazz Reception**

WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2005

- 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM **Continental Breakfast**
7:45 AM - 8:15 AM **Outgoing President's Address**
Stewart Garden, Past President - MSR Lumber Producers Council
Incoming President's Address
Peter Lys, President - MSR Lumber Producers Council
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM **Softwood Timber Supply Outlook and Influences**
Richard Harper - USDA Southern Research Center
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM **SYP Sawmill Industry Competitiveness**
Wade Camp - Southern Forest Products Association
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM **Coffee Break**
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM **RISI's Economic Forecast**
Paul Janke, Vice President - Resource Information Systems Inc.
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM **Raised Floor Foundation Promotion**
Cathy Kaake - Southern Forest Products Association
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Buffet Lunch**
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Industry Panel**
Panel speakers include I-beam producer, agricultural truss manufacturer, wholesale and distribution, residential truss manufacturer, truss plate engineer, A.W.C. Regional Engineer, and glu-lam manufacturer.
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM **What Component Manufacturers Want From Lumber Suppliers**
Francois Robichaud - Forintek East Canada
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM **Coffee Break**
3:15 PM - 3:35 PM **Southern Pine Inspection Bureau Update**
Bob Browder - Southern Pine Inspection Bureau
3:35 PM - 4:45 PM **Machinery Product Advances and Improvements**
CCH Fibre-Gen, Dynalyse AB, and Metriguard Inc
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Reception at Felger Point**

THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2005

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **TR Miller and International Paper Mill Tour**
Bus trip to TR Miller, Breton, AL then International Paper, McDavid, FL. Lunch provided. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 55 PERSONS.
6:00 PM - 10:00 pm **Mardi Gras Dinner Extravaganza**
To be held at Julep Point. Music by Dixie Land Band.

FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2005

- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Southern Pine Inspection Bureau MSR Technical Meeting**
Not included in MSRLPC Registration. Information to be provided by SPIB.

11TH ANNUAL MSR WORKSHOP

Get to Know Your 11th Annual MSR Workshop Speakers

Softwood Timber Supply Outlook & Influences

Wednesday • June 8 • 8:15 - 9:00 am

Richard A. Harper, CF, RF

Forest Resource Analyst
USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA)
Knoxville, TN

In 2004, Richard Harper joined the USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis as a Forester - Resource Analyst. Currently he is responsible for FIA data analysis and reporting for Georgia. He has a BS in Forest Management (1975) and an MF in Forestry (1979) from Clemson University. With 28 years of professional experience, Richard is a Certified Forester (CF), a Registered Forester (RF) in SC, NC, and GA, has a SC Real Estate license, and is an active member in the Society of American Foresters, and other regional and local forestry associations.

SYP Sawmill Industry Competitiveness

Wednesday • June 8 • 9:00 - 10:00 am

Wade Camp

Director, Market Economic Services
Southern Forest Products Association
New Orleans, LA

Wade Camp earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Purdue University in 1979 and his Masters in Forestry from Duke University in 1988. He is a Registered Forester in the state of Mississippi and holds his MBA from the University of Dallas.

RISI's Economic Forecast

Wednesday • June 8 • 10:15 - 11:15 am

Paul Jannke

Vice President
Resource Information Systems, Inc. (RISI)
Bedford, MA

Paul Jannke specializes in the analysis and forecasting of the wood products industry. His area of expertise is the econometric modeling and forecasting of the North American lumber and panel markets. Specifically, Paul is responsible for RISI's lumber and structural panel demand, supply and price forecasts. In addition, Paul is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and development of the RISI Wood Products Model.

Paul authors the quarterly North American Lumber Forecast and the monthly lumber commentary which regularly updates RISI's analysis and forecast for North American lumber markets. In addition, Paul has co-authored many studies on the international lumber, timber and panel industries and has presented at numerous international

conferences on the markets for lumber, engineered wood products and structural panels. He is recognized as a leading analyst in these areas.

Before coming to RISI, Paul was a research economist at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden, specializing in econometric modeling. Paul holds a Master's degree in economics from Boston University and a Bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Connecticut.

Raised Floor Foundation Promotion

Wednesday • June 8 • 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Cathy Kaake

Director, Engineering & Framing Markets
Southern Forest Products Association
New Orleans, LA

Catherine Marx Kaake, P.E. is a registered Professional Engineer with a masters degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin. Cathy has over 25 years of experience in the structural wood products industry, first with the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, and then with Alpine Engineered Products in South Florida.

For the past 19 years, Cathy has been with the Southern Forest Products Association where she directs the structural marketing program for Southern Pine lumber. Ms. Kaake is the author of numerous technical marketing publications on the proper use of lumber in structural applications. She was instrumental in the development of the Raised Floor Systems Design & Construction Guide.

What Component Manufacturers Want from Lumber Suppliers

Wednesday • June 8 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm

François Robichaud

Market Researcher
Forintek Canada Corporation
Saint Foy, QC

François Robichaud is a market researcher in forest products marketing at Forintek Canada Corp. Forintek is Canada's national research institute on wood products. He holds a master degree in forest economics from Laval University. His work at Forintek has focused on the attributes demanded by wood products end-users such as component manufacturers and homebuilders. The industrialization of housing techniques and its impacts on the forest products industry are among his research priorities. François also took part in projects on the markets for furniture components as well as other value added products. He is currently registered as a Ph.D. student in Forest Products Marketing at UBC, where he develops his interest for the dynamics and impacts of marketing communications for wood products.

Workshop Activities & Entertainment

Jazz Reception

Tuesday • June 7 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Music by CJ Landry

A veteran of the U.S. Navy music program, CJ Landry has performed with a number of bands including Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Larry Elgart, Buddy Morrow, Stan Rubin NY City Band, Bud Forrest's In the Mood Band, Glen Miller, Sammy Kay, Guy Lombardo/Art Mooney and the CJ Landry Orchestra.

T.R. Miller & International Paper Mill Tours

Thursday • June 9 • 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

T.R. Miller Mill Company, Inc • Brewton, AL

T.R. Miller began operations in 1872 and currently employs 250 people. The company's key operations (annual output) is as follows: Lumber Division - 95 mmbf, Pole Division - 120,000 poles, Specialty Division (flooring, siding, boards) - 8 mmbf, Lattice Division - 300,000 panels, Woodlands Division - 55,000 acres. The company has been a member of the Southern Forest Products Association since 1915, the American Wood Preservers Association since 1927 and the

Southern Pressure Treaters Association since 1954. T.R. Miller is also a member of MSRLPC, the Alabama Forestry Association and the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association.

International Paper - McDavid Lumber Mill • McDavid, FL

International Paper's McDavid Lumber Mill is a Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) mill located in the Florida Panhandle. The mill opened January 23, 2000, and produces 2x4 MSR & 2x6 MSR. With a total lumber production of 250 mmbf, they are the largest of IP's 21 mills. McDavid has a CLT with dual line. Truck and rail shipments are available. The McDavid mill employs 150 employees. They are an SPIB Mill and a member of the MSRLPC.

Mardi Gras Dinner Extravaganza

Thursday • June 9 • 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Julep Point, Music by Dixie Land Band

The Dixie Land Band provided by the Jubilee Jazz Society is dedicated to the preservation of Dixie Land Music. They are an eclectic group of musicians with roots in the heart of the New Orleans French Quarter.



Accommodations & Travel Information

Grand Hotel Marriott • Point Clear, AL

800/544-9933 • www.marriottgrand.com

Be sure to mention the code "MSR Lumber" for special rates.

Situated on 550 secluded acres in the Fairhope suburb of Point Clear, the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa offers a dramatic departure from conventional Gulf Shores hotels and accommodations. Here, you'll experience first-class luxury and a wide variety of onsite features, just 22 miles north of Alabama's popular gulf-coast beaches. Gaze out over the shimmering waters of Mobile Bay, or play a round on your choice of two 18-hole Robert Trent Jones championship golf courses - all without leaving the comfort of our resort. Deluxe accommodations hold a standard of Southern graciousness that has reigned for more than 150 years. Discover this four-diamond gem, tucked away from the mainstream Gulf Shores Alabama hotels.

The Grand Hotel Marriott is filling quickly for Tuesday, 7 June 2005. The hotel has started a wait list for this date. Please reserve your room today. If the hotel is booked for Tuesday, please add your name to the wait list and reserve rooms for Wednesday, June 7, through Friday, June 10. In order to meet the requirements of our contract with the hotel we need to maintain our room numbers for Wednesday through Friday. An alternate hotel for Tuesday, June 7, is Key West Inn Fairhope 251/990-7373.

Airports near the Grand Hotel Marriott include: Mobile Municipal Airport - MOB (35 miles), Pensacola Regional Airport - PNS (50 miles), Biloxi Regional Airport - GPT (100 miles) and New Orleans Airport - MSY (170 miles). Shuttle service is available from the airports for a charge. Contact the Transportation Department at 251/928-9201 ext 6721 for details. For more accommodation and travel information, visit www.msrlumber.org/accomodations.pdf.



11TH ANNUAL MSR WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION FORM

Name:
Company:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone: Fax:
Email:

Registration Fees

Discount extended through April 29

Table with columns: Registration Category, Early Registration Discount through April 15, Full Registration after April 15. Rows include MSRLPC Member, Truss Manufacturer, Non MSRLPC Member, etc.

All Fees in US Funds

Mardi Gras Dinner:

Table for Mardi Gras Dinner options: Attendee Dinner, Spouse / Guest Dinner with checkboxes and prices.

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES

\$ []

Tour Attendance:
[] Yes, I will attend mill tours
[] No, I will not attend mill tours
(SPACE IS LIMITED TO 55 PERSONS)

Method of Payment:
[] Check or Money Order Enclosed
[] Please Invoice

Registration Fees: Registration fee includes tour transportation, receptions, continental breakfast, and lunch. The Mardi Gras Dinner is a separate charge.

Please complete each section of this form to assure proper registration. Please complete one form per individual attending. Make copies for additional attendees. Fees are per person.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be provided for cancellations received after 15 business days prior to the 1st day of the Workshop. Notification of cancellation must be provided in writing.

Mail or fax the completed form to:
MSR Lumber Producers Council • PO Box 6402 • Helena MT 59604 • (888) 212-5110 Fax



The MSR Lumber Producers Council will participate in the following Wood Solutions Fairs during the remainder of 2005:

September 29 • Long Beach, CA

November 2 • Ottawa, ON

December 1 • Minneapolis, MN

For details, visit www.cwc.ca.



The MSR Lumber Producers Council will also exhibit at the Building Component Manufacturers Conference:

**October 12-14
Milwaukee, WI**

For details, visit www.bcmshow.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

7-9: 11th Annual MSR Workshop, Marriott Grand Hotel, Point Clear, AL. See page 1 or visit www.msrlumber.org for details.

21: Southern Forest Products Association (SFPA) 2005 Mid-Year Meeting, Omni Hotel at CNN Center, Atlanta, GA. For details call Tami Kessler at 504/443-4464 ext. 222.

23-25: Forest Products Machinery & Equipment Exposition (EXPO 2005), Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. Detailed information about the show is available at www.sfpa.org/expo, including a floor plan and list of confirmed exhibits.

August

17-19: WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting, Denver, CO. For more information, email wtca@woodtruss.com or phone 608/274-4849. Everyone is welcome to attend.

September

29: Wood Solutions Fair, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. For details visit www.cwc.ca or email wsf@cwc.ca.

October

12-14: Building Component Manufacturers Conference, Charlotte Convention Center, Milwaukee, WI. Visit www.bcmshow.com.

15: WTCA Open Quarterly Meeting, Milwaukee, WI. For more information, email wtca@woodtruss.com or phone 608/274-4849. Everyone is welcome to attend.

November

2: Wood Solutions Fair, Ottawa Congress Centre, Ottawa, ON. For details visit www.cwc.ca or email wsf@cwc.ca.

7-9: Southern Forest Products Association (SFPA) Annual Meeting, Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, Destin, FL. For more information, call Tami Kessler at 504/443-4464 ext. 222.

December

1: Wood Solutions Fair, Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN. For details visit www.cwc.ca or email wsf@cwc.ca.

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.