

Machine Stress Rated Lumber Producers Council MSR Update

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A Message from the President

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Greetings from the interior of British Columbia! Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Peter J. Lys and I'm your new Council President. For those of you I didn't get to meet in Point Clear, AL, at this year's workshop, I'd like to formally introduce myself.

I work for the Canadian division of Weyerhaeuser Co., out of Kamloops, British Columbia. I began my career with Weyerhaeuser in 1989, working in our Drayton Valley, Alberta Sawmill. Since then, I've had several roles in Sales & Marketing, including my current role as lumber trader in our MSR Department here in Kamloops.

Stewart Garden did a first class job as Council Presi-

dent for the last two years and I have to say I've got my work cut out for me. But I'm definitely up to the task! We've got some dynamic new additions to our Board of Directors, we recently held a very successful Workshop in Point Clear, AL and are now working on next years conference in Montreal. Stay tuned for details!

You're also going to see an increased advertising initiative by your council going forward as we continue to use the print media as one of our key avenues to create and promote awareness to the benefits and uses of MSR lumber.

Please feel free to contact me anytime on any council matter at 800/663-4814. Thank you!||



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.bcmcshow.com.

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11th Annual MSR Lumber Producers Council Workshop Point Clear, AL • June 8-9, 2005

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The Marriott Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL, played host to the 11th annual MSR Lumber Producers Council Workshop. Sixty of our members participated in this two-day event, which took place on the beautiful Gulf Coast.

Jim Kaake, Georgia Pacific, and Cathy Clay, Howard Lumber, teamed up to organize a very successful MSR Workshop. As it turned out, we finished our conference just in time. Tropical Storm Arlene blew directly into the area on the evening of June 10, the day after our Workshop ended! If you notice the treated pine docks in the background of the picture,



I'm told they all got wiped out by that storm. In fact, these docks were just rebuilt from Hurricane Ivan, which struck last fall! Oh, by the way, that's your President in the middle of the picture above, flanked by Griffin Jones from Canadian Engineered Wood Products on the right and Clay Cole from Louisiana Pacific on the left.

After some opening comments from Jim Kaake and Peter Lys, Richard Harper from the USDA Southern Research Center kicked the off the 11th annual Workshop with a discussion on the Softwood Timber Supply Outlook & Influences. An interesting point from Mr. Harper's speech surrounded the Hurricane season of 2004. In total, 1.5 billion board feet of timber suffered storm damage.

Wade Camp from the SFPA then took the podium to talk about the industry competitiveness of SYP sawmills. This is Wade pictured below.



Always a topic of interest for our MSR Workshop attendees is an economic forecast, and Paul Jannke from Resource Information Systems Inc (RISI) didn't disappoint. The timing of our Workshop coincided with RISI's latest economic update release. This update was so recent that it wasn't even posted on their website yet. Although many economists are calling for a cyclical decline in Housing Starts in the second half of 2005, RISI has amended their outlook for 2005 to remain strong with the decline now pushed out to late 2006.

Special mention goes out to Cathy Kaake from the Southern Forest Products Association.

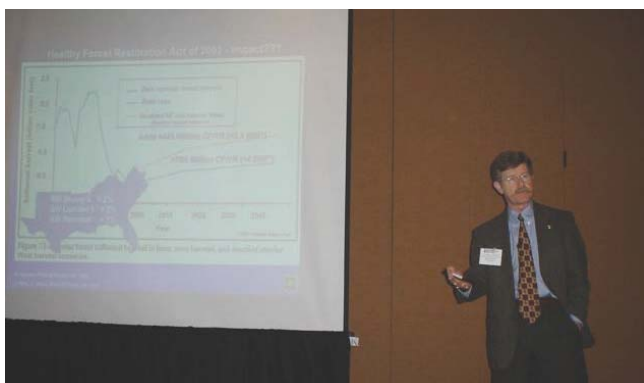
Along with Cathy's presentation on Raised Floor Foundations, she also served as official MSR Workshop Photographer, A.V. Assistant, and Mardi Gras Dinner co-host (Cathy supplied ALL the beads)!
THANK YOU CATHY!



Back by popular demand was our Industry Panel. Pictured below (from left to right) are Ken Kellams of FBI Buildings Inc, Dennis Fahey of North Star Forest Materials, Randy Graham of Georgia Pacific, Craig Steele of Schuck & Sons Construction, Brad Douglas of AF&PA and Don Scott of Truswal.



After hearing from Brad Douglas, AF&PA, Francois Robichaud, Forintek Canada Corp and Bob Browder, Southern Pine Inspection Bureau, we wrapped day one with three Machinery Product Updates. Ty Ehrman, Metriguard addressed the MSR Workshop first followed by Daniel Sandin from Sweden representing Dynagrade and finally Peter Carter from New Zealand representing CHH Fibre-gen. This Workshop was truly and international affair! Here are some more pictures from day one of the Workshop:



Day 2 was “tour day” and the Council is grateful to Ricky Stanley and all the great folks at TR Miller Mill Company in Brewton, AL for hosting a mill tour, lunch and a Woodlands Tour! Here are some pictures from day two:



In the true spirit of the MSR Lumber Producers Council, there was no better way to wrap up a successful Workshop than with a Mardi Gras Dinner and a Dixie Land Band. And given the beautiful locale of Point Clear, AL, and the Marriot Grand Resort hosting our event on the shores of Mobile Bay, it was a perfect close to a great conference.



So thanks to all who participated in our 11th Annual MSR Workshop, plans are underway for the 12th Annual MSR Workshop, to be held in Montreal. Our goal is to be ready to promote next year’s Workshop by this October at BCMC in Milwaukee, WI. ||



Cathy Clay and Jim Kaake, the Co-Chairs of the 11th Annual MSR Workshop would like to thank our Sponsors. Because of your generous participation we were able to have an informative and entertaining workshop.



Canfor is the world's largest producer of MSR lumber. They have a growing MSR sales team, 7 mills producing MSR and some of the latest mill technology. Canfor is committed to supporting the needs of the component industry and produces 2x3, 2x4, 2x6 MSR in 4 key grades 1650, 1800, 2100 and 2400. Other grades are available on request. They are developing a range of products and services to help ensure that MSR plays an increasing role in residential and non-residential construction.



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Howard Lumber Sales Inc. was established in 1986 by the late and widely respected Howard Mosley Sr. Howard Mosley Jr. took over the reigns of Howard Lumber in 1996. The home office is in Alexandria, Alabama and they have 10 Sales Offices in the Eastern US including the US Virgin Islands. They distribute lumber thru a Company Warehouse, Reloads, and Mill Direct rail and truck shipments. They specialize in Southern Yellow Pine, and MSR Eastern and Western Spruce. They have a strong customer base in Truss Manufactures and engineered wood product end users. They also manufacture Interlock Southern Pine Roof Decking.



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.



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SFPA was founded in 1915 as the Southern Pine Association. Today, SFPA is recognized as one of the foremost trade organizations in the forest products industry. SFPA represents Southern Pine lumber manufacturers from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.



TR Miller Mill Company, Inc 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 for the Southern Forest Products Association since 1915, the American Wood Preservers Association since 1927 and the Southern Pressure Treaters Association since 1954. TR Miller is also a member of the MSRLPC, the Alabama Forestry Association and the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association.



Weyerhaeuser Company is an international forest products company with annual sales of \$19.9 billion. Our company was founded in 1900 and currently employs about 55,000 people in 18 countries. We've ranked in the Fortune 200 since 1956. Weyerhaeuser is proud to be a member of the MSR Lumber Producers Council.

Election Results & Board of Director Appointments

Our *long awaited* election results are in and the Council is proud to welcome the following two new members to the Board of Directors:

- Robbie Floyd, TR Miller Mill Co, Brewton, Alabama
- Jean Luc Carrier, Tembec Forest Products Group, Timmons, Ontario

We're also pleased to welcome back some familiar names to the board:

- Stewart Garden, Canfor, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Craig Steel, Schuck and Sons Construction, Glendale, Arizona
- Cathy Clay, Howard Lumber, Orange Beach, Alabama
- Griffin Jones, Canadian Engineered Wood Products Ltd, Sidney, British Columbia

Your full list of Council Board members is below and can also be found on our website at www.msrlumber.org. ||

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, Midwest Airlines 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Fountain Hills, AZ

Summit Forest Products
St. Laurent, QC