



Appalachian Sustainable



BoilerMACT, Public Timber Focus Of Meeting

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. members will learn from industry leaders and a U.S. Congressman about issues that will impact the hardwood lumber industry this year.

AHMI invites you to the 2011 Summer Conference at the Nemaquin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, PA, on July 23-26. This annual event brings together AHMI members and families for timely business, ample networking and fellowship.

The Monday business session begins with U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson, PA-5, who serves on the House Agriculture Committee. He has been instrumental in increasing the timber harvest on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania this year and will discuss the same strategy for other national forests in the Appalachian Region.



Rep. GT Thompson

As a member of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Education & Workforce Committees, he brings his expertise and knowledge to bear on the issues facing rural businesses, communities, and families, in order to improve the lives of the citizens of the Fifth District. In addition, during the 112th Congress, Thompson serves as

A life-long resident of Howard Township, Centre County, PA, Thompson was first elected to represent Pennsylvania's Fifth District in the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 4, 2008 and sworn in to his second term on Jan. 5, 2011.

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Conference Business Program

Rep. Thompson on National Forests Greenhouse gas rules for wood boilers Biomass fuel designation for hardwood Update on Hardwood Checkoff

Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy & Forestry.

Hardwood Federation Director Deb Hawkinson will discuss proposed regulations on BoilerMACT by the Environmental Protection Agency. New rules will be announced later this year that change air quality rules for boilers.

Heather Bartlett, an environmental engineer with SLR Consulting, will share specific AHMI member company examples under the proposed rules. SLR is an independent and employee controlled international environmental consultancy that provides multidisciplinary advice on environmental and sustainability issues.

The final Monday session is important to every hardwood producer and distributor with wood chips. Hardwood biomass is at the center of green energy policy and the National Alliance of Forest Owners has been battling for its inclusion. Dave Tenny, NAFO director, will discuss that group's fight to reduce restrictions on biomass fuels and the potential markets for AHMI members.

Tenny joined NAFO from the American Forest & Paper Association, where he was vice president of forestry and wood products. Prior to that, he served as deputy undersecretary for natural resources at the United States Department of Agriculture and on staff of the Committee on Agricul-

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Meetings

2011 Summer Conference - July 23-26

The Nemaquin, Farmington, PA

2011 Fall Meeting & Tour - Oct. 12-13

Zanesville, OH

2012 Annual Meeting - Feb. 29-March 4

The Marco Island Marriott, Marco Island, FL

The way I see it...

By Tom Inman, AHMI President

...registrations are pouring in for the 2011 AHMI Summer Conference at the Nemaocolin on July 23-26. Meeting attendees will hear from a Congressman who understands the need for increased harvesting on National Forests and is working on our behalf.

The agenda also includes a report on BoilerMACT and AHMI has secured an environmental engineer who will talk specifics about the air quality rules. The consultant will use actual AHMI member companies for examples of who will be adversely affected by the rules and who will not. You will want to hear this presentation.

A final speaker will talk about biomass and how wood fiber fits in. This impacts almost every AHMI member company. And then there is the Hardwood Checkoff. Learn more in this newsletter and register NOW!

...Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. is planning a busy summer and fall meeting schedule for promotions. The staff will participate in or sponsor the following events:

July 15-16 - WVFA Annual Meeting, Canaan Valley, WV

July 24-26 - AHMI Summer Conference, The Nemaocolin, Farmington, PA

Aug. 3 - Appalachian Hardwood Forest Research Alliance Workshop, Roanoke, WV

Sep. 21-24 - NHLA Convention, Nashville, TN

Oct. 4-5 - Hardwood Federation Fly-In, Washington, DC

Oct. 12-13 - Fall Meeting & Tour in conjunction with HMA, Zanesville, OH

Oct. 16-18 - International Scientific Hardwood Conference, Blacksburg, VA

Oct. 23-28 - High Point Furniture Market, High Point, NC

Oct. 26-28 - AHEC European Convention, Warsaw, Poland

For more information on these or suggestions for other events, please contact Tom Inman at AHMI at 336-885-8315 or email to tom@appalachianwood.org



HIGH POINT - Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. welcomes the following new member to the association:

Consumer

Lincolnton Furniture Co.

Bruce Cochran

190 Cochran Road

Lincolnton, NC 28092

New members are the lifeblood of the association and we need your help connecting with new people or former members. Please call the AHMI office at (336) 885-8315 with suggestions of customers and competitors who can benefit from participation in the association.

AHMI Offers Log Study

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturer, Inc. is cooperating with the Appalachian Hardwood Center at West Virginia University to offer a sawmill assistance program to AHMI members.

The program consists of on-site mill studies to help mills better understand their lumber grade yields and overrun/underrun, using the mill's log grading system. Each cooperating mill will receive a comprehensive, log by log analysis of the mill study results, including spreadsheets to analyze log pricing.

Each study consists of approximately 100 logs of a single species selected by the mill. Each log is characterized/graded and then processed through the mill, keeping track of each board and cant.

The process occurs over two days, with the first day dedicated to collecting the individual log data and the second day processing the logs through the mill. Mill studies have been completed at more than a dozen sites in the Appalachian region and the data will be used to help sawmills determine if existing log grades and values are effective.

For more information about the mill studies and scheduling, contact Tom Inman at 336-885-8315.

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ture in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) is a growing national alliance of U.S. private forest owners, managers and organizations dedicated to protecting and enhancing the economic and environmental values of privately owned forests through targeted policy advocacy at the national level.

Following the business session, golf and sporting clay tournaments are set for Monday afternoon. A reception will be held Monday from 6-7 p.m.

The conference will close with a report on the Hardwood Checkoff program on Tuesday morning. Blue Ribbon Committee Co-Chairman Jim Howard will give an update at 9 a.m.

"We have an outstanding line up of speakers with key information for the hardwood lumber industry on major government initiatives ranging from timber sourcing to air quality regulations," said Tom Inman, AHMI president. "Every AHMI member company can learn something from our business sessions and then have vital networking time with others during the conference."

The AHMI program begins with an informal reception for early arrivals on Saturday, July 23 at 6 p.m. On Sunday, July 24, optional golf is available along with the enjoyment of Nemaocolin amenities. Meeting registration begins at 4 p.m. with the Welcoming Reception at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Nemaocolin room reservations should be made before June 24 at www.nemaocolin.com and enter the group code AP0711. You may also call 1-866-344-6957. AHMI meeting registration is available at www.appalachianwood.org/meetings.htm and a form is included on page 6 of this newsletter.

Reservations for dinner are required for most of The Nemaocolin's restaurants and we strongly encourage you to make your dinner reservations early. Also make plans to enjoy the attractions and activities of the Nemaocolin like the animal habitats and zoo, a new 300' zip line, ropes course, airplane and antique car museums and more.

Please return your meeting registration form by July 15. If you have questions, please call the AHMI office at (336) 885-8315 or email to tom@appalachianwood.org.

Summer Conference Agenda

Saturday, July 23

6 pm - Early arrival reception

Dinner on your own

Sunday, July 24

10 am *Optional* Golf for early arrivals (contact the AHMI office for details)

4-6 pm - Registration open for materials

6 -7 pm - Reception

Dinner on your own

Monday, July 25

8:30 am - General Session

U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson

Increasing National Forest Harvests

Hardwood Federation update

Air Quality Rules for Wood Boilers

Biomass as a Green Fuel

12:15 - Golf Tournament on Mystic Rock

1 pm - Sporting Clays Tournament

6-7 pm - Reception

Dinner on your own

Tuesday, July 26

7:30 a.m. - AHMI Board of Trustees breakfast

9 a.m. - Hardwood Checkoff update

Have a safe trip home

Benefit To Aid Smith Family

MORGANTON, NC - Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. has been asked to share a fundraising effort to help a former member.

Don Smith Sr., former owner of Hardwood Associates of Morganton, NC, suffered a life-altering stroke in 2009. Because of this, the death of his son, Don Jr., and the economic downturn, he was forced to declare bankruptcy in 2010 and has lost his business, home of 45 years, and other personal property.

His church has started a benevolence fund to help them purchase a home and provide health care. To participate in the fund, please send donations to: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Benevolence, c/o Paul Chapman, W.M. Cramer Lumber Co., P.O. Box 2888, Hickory, NC 28603. For more information, contact Chapman at 828-397-7481.

Growth Models Focus Of Forestry Meeting

The 2011 Appalachian Hardwood Forest Research Alliance workshop and meeting will be held Aug. 3 at the Stonewall Resort and Conference Center in Roanoke, WV. AHFRA will again partner with the Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. for this joint meeting.

Dr. John Brooks will discuss his research on Whole Stand Appalachian Hardwood Growth and Yield Systems. This AHFRA-funded project began in September 2009 with the objective of developing a whole stand growth and yield model to predict future trees per acre, basal area and volume. This topic was at the top of the prioritized research agenda and should provide members with a valuable tool in managing their timberlands.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., break for lunch and should be completed by 3:30 p.m. There will be informal golf at the Stonewall Resort beginning at 4 p.m.

Meeting registration fee is \$75 and includes materials, breaks, and lunch. Golf is an additional

\$40. Please complete the registration form and send with payment to AHMI. This meeting is open to all AHFRA and AHMI members and guests.

To register for the AHFRA/AHMI Forestry Division meeting, please complete the enclosed form and mail before July 27 with your credit card information or check to AHMI, P.O. Box 427, High Point, NC 27261.

AHMI has requested five (5) hours of Continuing Forestry Education credits from the Society of American Foresters and certificates should be available at the meeting upon completion.

Room block at the Stonewall Conference Center - AHMI has reserved a block of rooms at the center for Aug. 2 and 3. Rooms are limited so please make your reservations as soon as possible at 1-888.278.8150. Single rooms are \$109.99 plus tax per night.

For more information, please contact AHMI at (336) 885-8315 or e mail to tom@appalachianwood.org.

2011 AHMI / AHFRA Workshop

Aug. 3, 2011 Stonewall Resort and Conference Center

MEETING FEE: \$75 per person (includes materials, lunch and breaks)

NAME: _____ Fee: \$75

NAME: _____ Fee: \$75

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Optional Golf Tournament on Aug. 3 \$40 _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT (Visa or Mastercard only)

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION _____

CARD BILLING ZIP CODE _____

PLEASE RESPOND BY July 27. You may also send payment by check.

Mail to: AHMI, PO Box 427, High Point, NC 27261.

Please duplicate this form if needed.

Inman Assists AHEC In Interzum Cologne

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. President Tom Inman participated in the Interzum Cologne Trade Fair in Cologne, Germany assisting the American Hardwood Export Council.

The show was well attended with many buyers representing timber importers and manufacturing companies visiting the display. Inman had the opportunity to speak with many of them and found they were from across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia and New Zealand and included furniture, flooring, door and window, and millwork manufacturers.

Most buyers were seeking White Oak, Walnut and Ash in both logs and lumber. The booth was designed to promote Red Oak, Poplar and Ash and these species received some attention from attendees.

"Germany remains a stable economy and the other European countries are struggling, especially Spain where unemployment is high," Inman said. "The Spanish Timber Importers director reported that recent elections have brought changes to the

USFS Predicts Fewer Forests

ASHEVILLE, NC - The USDA Forest Service and the Southern Group of State Foresters released the first phase of the Southern Forest Futures Project report in May which predicts urbanization, bioenergy use, weather patterns, land ownership changes and invasive species will significantly alter the South's forests between the years 2010 and 2060. About 23 million acres of forest land are projected to decrease.

Project team members used computer models and expert analysis to develop the report. It will serve as a guide as Forest Service personnel seek to maintain vitality and efficiency of forests.

Beginning in Fall 2011, the Forest Service will release separate reports that detail the findings and implications for forest management and conservation for five sub-regions of the South, which include Appalachian/Cumberland and seven of the 12 Appalachian states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.



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regional governments to more pro-business people and that should lead to improvements in coming months."

The Middle East continues to show promise with keen interest from buyers in Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Dubai. Australian cabinet makers liked the look and price of Poplar.

AHEC released information on its work to provide Life Cycle Analysis for hardwood products to meet European Environmental Product Declarations. The new program is designed to provide more information for selecting building materials that meet environmental criteria.

The event attracted dozens of media representatives and generated articles in both trade and consumer publications.

For more information on the show, please contact Inman at the AHMI office.

Century Receives Award

HICKORY, N.C. — Century Furniture will be honored on July 4 by Made: In America, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit educational group that seeks to help revitalize U.S. commerce.

Century will receive the group's 2011 Best: Made in America, recognizing the case goods and upholstery manufacturer and its employees for their outstanding U.S.-made products. Century was founded in 1947 by Harley F. Shuford and is in its third generation of family ownership.

"Century Furniture has a demonstrated commitment to the highest standards of good corporate citizenship," James De Lorbe, chairman and CEO of Made: In America, said. "Throughout an era in which manufacturing has continuously shifted overseas, the company has a 60-plus year track record of ongoing production in the U.S. and to providing meaningful jobs to American workers."

"We are humbled and gratified to be selected for this honor," said Century President and CEO Eric Schenk. Century has been an AHMI member since 1984.

