



Appalachian Sustainable



National Forests, BoilerMACT Top Agenda

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. invites you to the 2011 Summer Conference at the Nemaocolin 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 Nemaocolin is an outstanding property and offers a wide array of activities for all ages.

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.

Our Monday business session begins with U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson, PA-5, who serves on the House Agriculture Committee. He has been instru-

Conference Business Program
Rep. Thompson on National Forests
Group targets more NF harvesting
Hardwood Federation updates
Greenhouse gas rules for biomass boilers
Update on Hardwood Checkoff

mental 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.

A second speaker is from the Federal Forest Resource Coalition and will share their work in increasing the timber harvest on public lands. Tom Troxler, FFRC director and chairman of the Federal Timber Purchasers Council, will explain how that group is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Hardwood Federation Director Deb Hawkinson will offer an update on legislative activities on these and other concerns.

The final session is important to every AHMI member with a wood fired boiler. The Environmental Protection Agency rules for air emissions from boilers will be announced in July and a speaker from the National Alliance of Forest Owners will present timely information on the new regulations. Dave Tenny, NAFO director, will discuss that group's fight to reduce restrictions on biomass fuels and how AHMI members can operate under the new guidelines.

Following the business session, golf and sport-
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The Nemaocolin is located in Farmington, PA

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Meetings

2011 Summer Conference - July 23-26

The Nemaocolin, 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

...weather is playing a significant role in the production of Appalachian hardwood lumber this spring. Many mills are reporting that log supplies are fair with most claiming "not enough."

There are obvious factors: a wet spring has slowed logging; low timber prices are not motivating timber owners; and sales of lumber remain sluggish. The supply is creeping closer to demand which has pushed prices on a few species and grades.

The bright spots in demand are Ash, Hickory and White Oak. Poplar remains steady while calls for Maple, Cherry and Birch have declined.

What will the summer bring? If production remains at current levels, the supply/demand ratio should nudge prices marginally for species. Any increase in demand will be felt immediately.

...another great lineup of speakers and business topics are set for the 2011 AHMI Summer Conference at the Nemaocolin. There is belief that the time may be right for a concerted effort to increase the harvest from the National Forests.

Meeting attendees will hear from a Congressman who understands it and is working on our behalf. Two others will talk on additional efforts.

A final speaker will explain gas emissions for boilers and the EPA rules on BoilerMACT. This impacts almost every AHMI member company. Learn more in this newsletter and register today.



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

Distributor

TCI Supply Inc.

Todd Brown

PO Box 1848

Thomasville, NC 27360

DG International Inc.

Paul de Grijs

821 Curtis Drive

Nashville, TN 37207

Consumer

Appalachian Wood Pellets, Inc.

John Crites II

PO Box 846

Petersburg, WV 26847

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.

New member information packets are also available from the office for distribution by AHMI members.

Appalachian Hardwood Promotion Plans For 2011

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. will participate in or sponsor the following events:

May 11-13 - Stiles Machinery Show, High Point, NC

May 13-15 - Appalachian Lumbermen's Club, Myrtle Beach, SC

May 25-28 - Interzum Cologne, Germany

June 22-24 - AHEC Asian Convention, Nanjing, China

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

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

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

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

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ing 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.

Nemacolin room reservations may be made today at www.nemacolin.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 Nemacolin's restaurants and we strongly encourage you to make your dinner reservations early. Also make plans to enjoy the animal habitats and see bears, tigers and more or fly down the zip line at speeds up to 60 mph.

Please return your meeting registration form by July 1. If you have questions, please call the AHMI office at (336) 885-8315.



Nemacolin Offers Fine Dining, Lions, Collections, Zip Line

Located on 2,000 acres in southwestern Pennsylvania, the Nemacolin hosts Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond lodging and dining awards.

Culture is an experience at Nemacolin with daily art tours of the multi-million dollar Hardy Family Art Collection, cooking classes and wine tasting in the state-of-the-art Académie du Vin. There are also museums of antique automobiles and aircraft.

In addition to the internationally acclaimed Woodlands Spa, the resort offers 36-holes of championship golf including the Pete Dye designed, PGA-tested Mystic Rock. For shooting, the Nemacolin Shooting Academy has 30-stations for wing shooting on 140 acres.

For a more rugged and adventurous experience for the family, the Nemacolin Adventure Cen-

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 Biomass

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

ter includes the Wildlife Academy, home of the Equestrian Center, animal nursery, habitats and educational programs. You will see lions, leopards, two-toed sloths, alligators, snapping turtles, black bears, zebra, buffalo, tigers and hyenas are just some of over 100 animals on the property.

Come experience the ride of your life on our 1,060' Fatbird Flyer Zip Line. Reach speeds of up to 60 mph and soar through the air at 300' elevation. The ultimate in suspended outdoor adventure, the elevated ropes course will challenge and reward at 40', featuring eight obstacles, including the 250' Classic Zip Line. The 20' elevated mid air ropes course features five obstacles, including the 250' Classic Zip Line.

For shoppers, there are 14 specialty shops in Heritage Court, plus nearby Uniontown boasts the ultimate outdoor store, Woodlands World.

Chestnut Group, MeadWestvaco Plant Trees

RUPERT, WV - The West Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation planted more than 650 blight-resistant American chestnut trees on MeadWestvaco lands near Rupert, as part of a species restoration project funded through a Sustainable Forestry Initiative conservation grant.

The American chestnut tree once produced high-value wood products, such as furniture and rail ties, and was a valuable food source for a wide variety of wildlife from bears to birds. An estimated four billion trees were lost to an exotic, Asian, fungal disease (chestnut blight) during the first half of the 20th century.

"The trees planted Saturday are the result of 30 years of scientific research for blight resistance and American chestnut growth characteristics," said Jimmy Jenkins, President of the WV Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation.

"The return of the American chestnut to its former range in the Appalachian hardwood forest ecosystem is a major restoration project," said Bryan Burhans, President and CEO of The American Chestnut Foundation.

Volunteers from the West Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation, MWV, SFI, Glenville State College forestry students, WV Division of Forestry, Meadow River Watershed Association, and the West Virginia SFI State Implementation Committee participated. The project will eventually plant 3,000 American chestnut trees in the southeastern US.

"As a company committed to effective and sustainable management of forestlands, MWV welcomes the opportunity to be part of this tremendous effort to restore the American chestnut," said Gene Hundley, President, MWV Forestry.

USDA Publishes Softwood Checkoff Order

The US Department of Agriculture has published the Final Proposed Rule and Referendum Order to establish a softwood lumber check-off to fund a softwood lumber promotional program.

The rule, published in the Federal Register on April 22, 2011 for 30 days, calls for a referendum in May, and affects companies that manufactured and shipped within the United States or imported into the United States 15 million board feet or more of softwood lumber during 2010. Softwood lumber exported from the United States during that period is not counted.

To view the Final Proposed Rule and Referendum Order, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and type "softwood lumber" in the search box (box labeled "Enter Keyword or ID"). Scroll down to access the "Proposed Rule" titled Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Orders: Referendum Order. In the far right column under "Actions," click on "Open Docket Folder" and then click the PDF.

The Blue Ribbon Commission for Check-off (BRC), a group of 21 North American softwood lumber CEOs and business leaders, has crafted a program to stem the loss of share in traditional

markets to competing products and grow share in markets historically under-represented by lumber such as the non-residential sector.



WORKSHOP

NHLA Offers Education Course

A four-day forest to market course that provides the essential building blocks for a strong foundation within the hardwood industry is offered by the National Hardwood Lumber Association on June 12-16 in Memphis, TN

"The course gave me the confidence and credibility to talk intelligently with both internal and external customers thus being able to add more value to the organization. In addition, the interaction with the other students gave me an insight that I could not have received by just learning about the industry in-house." - David Hillier, Controller, Weston Premium Woods

Questions about Hardwoods 101 or any other education program should be directed to Chris Churchill, Director of Education at 901-399-7555 or c.churchill@nhla.com.

AHMI Offers Green Resource Solutions

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. has six offerings for members who are seeking "green" documentation for their Appalachian hardwood products.

AHMI has partnerships with the WoodNet Market Council and Columbia Forest Products to provide access to Forest Stewardship Council Group Certification to AHMI members. The two companies currently hold group certificates with participants across the eastern U.S.

AHMI began offering pre-audit services from a contractor in 2008 for members seeking Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Forest Stewardship Council or Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification approval. SFI discounted its fees for AHMI members.

The association also developed a relationship with NSF to provide auditing for all of the schemes at a discounted rate for AHMI members.

The Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable program offers certificates and letters verifying the resource is from the sustainable Appalachian Hardwood forest. To learn more about all of these offerings, please visit the AHMI website at www.appalachianhardwood.org. For specifics on Group Certification, visit the website and click on the link from the home page. There are forms to print, complete and return to the AHMI office.

Approval for the group program could be completed in less than 30 days. If you have questions, please contact Inman at 336-885-8315.

Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable certificates

US Green Building Council LEED 5.1 & 5.2 requirement certificates

Pre-Audit Services for FSC, PEFC & SFI certification

FSC Group Certification for forestland and chain of custody

SFI forestland and chain of custody certification cost-savings plan

Audit Services for FSC, PEFC, SFI & American Tree Farm System

Research Grants Awarded For Biomass

WASHINGTON – U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu recently announced a total of \$47 million to fund eight research and development projects that will support the production of biofuels, bioenergy and high-value biobased products from a variety of biomass sources.

“The projects that we are announcing today will spur innovation in bioenergy by developing renewable resources that produce energy more efficiently and do so in a sustainable way,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Advances made through this research will help boost rural economies by developing and testing new processing facilities and profitable, energy-rich crops that U.S. farmers and foresters will grow.”

The projects are funded through the Biomass Research and Development Initiative and will help increase the availability of alternative renewable fuels and biobased products to diversify the nation’s energy resources. Funding is provided through USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and DOE’s Biomass Program. Each award was made through a competitive selection process.

The following projects have been selected for awards:

Domtar Paper Company, LLC, Fort Mill, SC, \$7,000,000. This three-year project will work to build a demonstration plant using two technologies to convert low-value byproducts and wastes from paper mills into higher-value sugar, oil, and lignin products.

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., \$6,932,786. The purpose of this project is to improve the economics for biorefineries by using on-farm processing to convert biomass to a mixture of butanol, ethanol, acetone and organic acids. The product can then be easily transported to a biorefinery for further processing. The project will integrate input from experts in a variety of disciplines.

