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2007 LOGGERS FIRST AID and SAFETY TRAINING (Be There Or Be Square)

It is that time of the year again that all of you lumberjacks look forward to with eager anticipation, the annual safety meetings!!! These meetings are for all the loggers in Idaho and their spouses. There will be doughnuts and coffee provided by local equipment dealers and served at 7 a.m. The classes will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and be finished by noon. Along with the first aid and emergency rescue, we will also offer training in hazardous communication, tag-out and energy control, blood-borne pathogens and hearing conservation, which are required annually according to federal regulations.

Please note on the schedule (**page 5**) that the classes that are marked with one asterisk will be followed by a 1 1/2 day LEAP update. These are put on by the University of Idaho Extension so you need to contact your extension office to register.

Pro-Logger training will be offered again this spring south of the Salmon River. The Idaho Dept. of Lands' folks will put on an eight-hour training session with the location and time announced later.

There will also be FIRE TRAINING provided in several areas around the state. We encourage the logging crews to attend these Pro-Logger accredited classes if at all possible. Knowing what to do, and doing it safely, in those first crucial moments after a fire starts on your logging job is invaluable. (**schedule page 5**)



**HONEY, WE CAN GO TO
HAWAII ANY OLD TIME
BUT THE LOGGERS SAFETY
CLASSES ONLY COME
AROUND ONCE A YEAR!!!**

GUYLINES

By Cliff Osborne

A 98 Link-Belt line machine had a close call when a button on one of the guy lines pulled off. When this happened, it put all the stress on the other guy line causing it to break. The line machine tipped up to such a degree that there was about 5 feet of space under one of the tracks. The operator was quick to release the main line and drop the skyline, preventing the machine from tipping over.

The crew had replaced one of the pressed on buttons with a wedged type because the line had been damaged. It is recommended that guy lines be attached with an eye and a shackle. If a button is used with a bell, the button should be pull tested. The wedge type buttons stress test 60% of normal strength, and also have a tendency to slip off hammered line.



AND WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT OF ALMOST TIPPED OVER LINE MACHINES...

A different line machine just about went over the bank when a double sheaved guy line block broke in half. The crew had a strap attached to two stumps and threaded through the block. The guy line was also threaded through the block and attached back to the top of the boom. When the block came apart, the operator was able to get the lines lowered just before the machine went over, letting it slam back in the road. This crew had worked hard guying their machine correctly only to have the block fail. Make sure the whole crew knows to keep an eye on all the rigging and let the boss know if they see something out of whack.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING ???

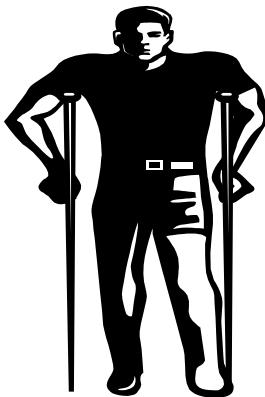
By Galen Hamilton

I was typing in the front page of this newsletter when I came to the part about filling in what year it is. I whipped in 2007 and started to move on when it hit, ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY! (nothing gets by me!) I know they say time goes by faster as we get older, but this is getting ridiculous. So, even though you loggers are reading this in 2007, I wanted to take a quick look back at 2006.

I was talking to a timber faller recently and he asked how the past year went safety-wise. I gave him my patented "REAL GOOD" answer. He then said, "So, there were not any bad accidents?" I said, well, yes there were, and we started talking about them, and there were quite a few. He then asked if there were any fatalities and I said there had been four, and we talked about them.

After a minute this faller looked at me and said, "You know Galen, that doesn't sound like such a REAL GOOD year to me." Driving out of the woods that afternoon I realized that timber faller was exactly right, we had a crappy logging season last year as far as safety was concerned.

We had accidents last year that occurred when loggers were doing their job correctly and they still got hurt. We had accidents last year when some loggers dropped down their guard for a split second and they received serious injuries. And, (I will get yelled at for this) we had accidents last year that were plain *** stupid!



In all of these there is a lot of pain and suffering, not only to the loggers but also their families. We also can't forget that the huge amount of dollars it takes dealing with these accidents impacts everyone in the industry.

I think now that I am up here on my soap box it is supposed to be the time that I explain how we are going to fix all of this. As a well trained safety expert I would like to announce.....I ain't got a clue!

I guess I will do what I always do and lay it back on you loggers. You guys know what goes on out there better than anyone else and you know your jobs better than anyone else. Maybe take an extra second every now and then and look things over a little closer. If you see someone on the crew that might need a little reminder, don't be shy to let them know. If you see someone on the crew doing something that you know dang well is going to end up getting them or someone else hurt, you pick up the biggest limb you can, walk up behind them and swing just as hard.....I mean let the boss know.

On kind of a personal note, but still speaking of time flying by, as I was writing this I glanced at the calendar and noticed it had been exactly a year to the day that our boss, David Kludt passed away. There is not a day that I go to the woods that several loggers ask me how his family is doing and tell me how much they miss him. (us too) Anyway, David always hated to sound negative about how things were going, so ending this article and sending us in to next logging season, I will pass along something positive. David's son Nels, and his wife Leah, had a baby boy a few months ago and he is healthy and growing like a weed. In fact he is too long to fit into pajamas made for kids twice his age and he spends most of his time laughing at the rest of the world. So what did they name this big, long Kludt fellow that has a grin that makes everyone smile? That would be spelled DAVID.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE LOGGER FIRE-TRAINING REFRESHER ???

By Terry White

Orofino Area Fire Warden for the Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protection Agency (CPTPA)

I know it can't be for the box of 2 day old donuts or the 50 quarts of black, lukewarm coffee. While most of you don't have aspirations of being professional fire fighters for the forest service, there are still some good reasons for attending this session. Aside from getting 4 pro-logger credit hours and the opportunity to visit with old friends, you might actually pick up some new info and have some fun.

When a fire occurs on your strip you want to put it out, so hopefully this training will help in doing that safely and quickly so you can get back to logging. It can also be helpful to get to know your local fire folks through some of these training sessions rather than in the middle of the night on a fire. The training also helps fire-fighters and your employer reduce liability and possibly insurance costs in the long run because we are providing a safety meeting like your weekly tail-gate sessions and hopefully reducing the chance of injury.

Safety is what this is all about because no one wants to spend Friday afternoon in the doctor's office. Thanks and we will see you there!



MONTE'S MAINTENANCE TIPS

WINTER OVERHAUL

The time is nearing when outfits will be doing their winter overhaul. Often guys from the logging crews will come into the shop and help out working on the equipment. I know there are a lot of loggers who are very good mechanics, most not by choice but from doing what they have to do to keep things running.

It is a good idea to take a few minutes to familiarize them with the safety tools of the shop. Things such as the location of the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), fire extinguishers, first aid kits and emergency contact numbers. It is also a good time to go over, or develop, your lockout-tag out program.

While you are reminding the guys when to wear the safety glasses, check to make sure you can see through the ones that are available. Supply rubber gloves for the boys cleaning parts at the solvent tub and hearing protection for everyone within a half mile when one of those loggers drops a track pad on their toe!

ELECTRICAL CABLES

Whether you are working on the logging equipment, trucks or the man wagons, there are few things to keep in mind when servicing the batteries or charging systems.

This is an excellent time of the year to inspect all cables from their source to their end. Any nicks in the cable's coating, rubbed areas or pinch points should be taken care of.

We have all heard stories of equipment and trucks burning up because of damaged cables arcing to metal. A while back, one of the electrical cables on a road grader "shorted" out, and actually started the machine. The grader promptly drove over the bank and kept running until it was out of fuel.

Try going back to the shop and explaining that one to the boss!

2007 TRAINING SCHEDULES FOR IDAHO LOGGERS

LOGGERS SURVIVAL FIRST AID

CITY	DATE	LOCATION
Orofino *	Wednesday, Feb. 28	Best Western Lodge, Rivers Edge**
New Meadows	Thursday, March 1	New Meadows Senior Center
Post Falls *	Tuesday, March 6	Post Falls Theatre, 1486 W. Seltice**
Sandpoint	Wednesday, March 7	Bonner County Fair Grounds
Troy*	Thursday, March 8	Troy Lions Club
St. Maries (1)*	Tuesday, March 13	Eagles, 707 Main St.
Princeton	Wednesday, March 14	Palouse River Community Center**
Pierce	Thursday, March 15	Pierce Community Center
Bonnors Ferry*	Tuesday, March 20	Boundary County Fairgrounds
Wallace	Wednesday, March 21	Elks Temple, 419 Cedar Street
St. Maries (2)	Thursday, March 22	Eagles, 707 Main St.
Grangeville	Tuesday, April 10	Elks Lodge, 111 S. Meadow
Emmett	Wednesday, April 11	Gem County Senior Cit. Center
St. Anthony	Thursday, April 12	South Freemont Senior Center

* Indicates Leap classes that follow first aid

**Indicates NEW addresses for first aid classes at three different locations

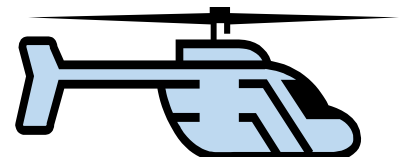
LOGGERS FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING

CITY	DATE	LOCATION
Orofino	Tuesday, Feb. 27	Armory 10210 Hwy 12
Princeton	Wednesday, March 14	Palouse River Community Center
Pierce	Thursday, March 15	Pierce Community Center
St. Maries	Thursday, March 22	Eagles, 707 Main St.
Emmett	Wednesday, April 11	Gem County Senior Center

TIMES: Orofino will start at 8:00 a.m. All others start at 12:00 p.m. following the first aid classes. These classes are taught by fire fighting professionals from the Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protection Agency (CPTPA) and the Idaho Dept. of Lands. The classes will last approximately 4 hours and NO lunch will be provided so bring along your lunch pail. If you have any questions call Terry White at 208-476-5612 or for the Emmett class call Roy Peckham at 208-334-3488.



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 Monte Biggers 365-4769 Cliff Osborne 875-0690
 Don Hull 667-8646 Galen Hamilton 935-0401





Henderson Logging - Lewiston Idaho

Leroy Hall (pictured left) operates one of Steve Henderson's line machines. The 45 foot Thunderbird yarder has three (3) guylines and, in this particular case, Leroy and his crew were attaching each guyline to a block. A strap goes through each block and then back to anchors (stumps). In order to secure the yarder, he was tied back to six (6) individual stumps. When Leroy feels the stumps are not of sufficient strength he will guy off to a dozer or other artificial anchors.

Steve Henderson makes sure all of his crews understand the importance of anchoring and they do not take any shortcuts when it comes to safety and anchoring systems.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK HENDERSON LOGGING !!



AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTERS

By Monte Biggers

A log truck driver asked me some questions about automatic slack adjusters the other day and I found that I couldn't truthfully answer him, so I did a little research and this is what I found.

You need to check your brake adjustments just as often as you checked your manually adjusted brakes. Auto slacks have a better safety record than manually adjusted brakes, but are not fool-proof.

After the initial adjustment, an auto slack equipped brake should never be out of adjustment through the life of the brake shoes. If they are found to be out of adjustment, they should be taken up only enough times to get the truck safely back to a qualified mechanic.

The auto slack brakes should not be manually adjusted for a long period of time. When not functioning properly, they back off faster than a manual slack and can fail completely.



DONOHOE LOGGING HELPS OUT WITH SAFETY VIDEO

When the video camera came out we searched for Mitch's best side. After looking at all the angles it was determined that Mitch's best side was his wife Angel!

Mitch and Angel operate Donohoe Logging with Mitch's dad, Larry. We know how busy you loggers are and we just wanted to thank the Donohoes, along with all the other loggers around the state, for helping us out.

ANOTHER AVERAGE LOGGING JOB HERE IN IDAHO

We have written quite a bit about maintenance in this issue of the newsletter and here is another helpful hint to pass along. The next time you have to take a look at the underneath side of one of your machines, just wander out in your logging strip and find a 14 foot stump to drive up on as this logger did with his D-6.



Log Trucker Killed in Tragic Accident (we edited this story out of LOG TRUCKER magazine)

A trucker hauling a load of logs in the state of Washington lost the brakes on his truck and was tragically killed after he jumped from the truck and was struck by the trailer. Investigation showed that the truck had suffered an air leak sometime prior and the driver had patched it up using black electrical tape. Instead of heading into the shop as was company policy, for some unknown reason, he took the risk to get another load of logs.

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