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THE HULL'S HEAD INTO THE SUNSET



***The Eldest Members of the
Idaho Logging Safety Team
Say it is Time to Check Out the
Retirement Life!***

***Don and Dianna figured 20 years of
chasing loggers from one end of the
state to the other is about enough.***

I don't know if anyone has noticed lately that time has been going by kind of fast. The latest example of this phenomena was when Don called the other day and told me that he was thinking about retiring. I started laughing and told him retirement

was for people that reached a certain age. He said, "I am there". Then I told him he couldn't retire because he just started doing the logging safety stuff a couple of months ago. Don calmly reminded me, "that was 20 years ago Galen."

Don was the first person Dave Kludt hired, and together they put together the Idaho Logging Safety Program. They were both very experienced loggers but had no clue where they were headed with the safety business. Don remembers, "*We decided to focus on the younger guys because we knew the old loggers weren't going to listen to anything we had to say! There were a few hard hats around, but I don't remember seeing any chaps and I know eye and ear protection had not yet seen the woods. David and I worked hard at selling the safety idea, but without the cooperation of the loggers, it wouldn't have worked. I don't think we could have accomplished anything even close to what we did in any other industry other than timber.*"

I mentioned "eldest members" earlier in the article because with Don's retirement we are also losing Dianna as well. I know all of you loggers recognize Dianna as the lady that does the paperwork at the annual safety meetings around the state.

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This fish was so big it makes Don look thinner and his hair not so grey. Now that is a BIG fish! Don plans on going after some more like this one.

(Into the Sunset con't.)

I can guarantee you we will miss her when it comes time for the meetings next year, but she has meant a lot more than that to the logging safety program. Many of our discussions have ended with “ask Dianna, she will remember who that was” or “ask Dianna, she will remember what we did with that stuff”. She has put up with quite a bit over the years (*a few late night safety card games in the old days*) and always came through it with a smile. A genuine nice lady if there ever was one!

Don obviously has seen a bunch of changes with the safety issues loggers face and he says most have been good. *“Getting guys into the cabs of the machines has been great along with the safety gear they use”*. Being an old timber faller he still worries about the loggers out doing the sawing. *“Just a little mistake and things can go wrong in a hurry”*.

As we are all worried about the way things are going in the logging business, Don told me one more story I thought was worth passing along. He recently stopped at a loggers shop up north and was talking to a logging contractor he has known since he started this job. The contractor was talking about how bad things looked and he wasn't sure how many more years he could hang on. Don said that he agreed with the fellow that things were bad, but then he reminded his friend that they had had the exact same conversation.....**20 YEARS AGO!**

Don said he is just retiring, not moving away. *“You might have to get close to a fishin hole or a golf course to visit, but I will still be around!”* I know how much you loggers have meant to Don and I also know how much Don has meant to Monte, Cliff, Dan M. and myself.

We have all worked with good men over the years and many of us have worked with friends. Regarding Don, we got both.



TALKING SOME MORE ABOUT TIME GOING BY IN A HURRY



Mick McLaughlin walks his and Mary Anne's daughter Molly toward her future husband. Yes, Mick delivered his little girl to her wedding in that shiny log truck in the back ground!

I mentioned in the article on Don's retirement how time seems to be going by kind of quick lately. If we need any more proof of this all we have to do is look at the picture to the left.

Mick and his wife Mary Anne have been long time supporters of our logging safety program. In fact, I remember them attending one of the first first-aid classes we ever did. One reason I remember is because they brought with them a pretty, little girl that they introduced as their daughter Molly.

As you can plainly see by the picture, Molly is still pretty but not so little anymore!

One more thing this picture shows. The reason we want all you loggers getting home safe to your families every night. This is what it is about!

AND EVEN MORE TIME GOING BY BUT SLOWING DOWN ENOUGH TO SAY HI!



Diana B. also decided to jump on the retirement bus recently. Talking to the loggers about her, 100% of them commented on how well she did her job, how neat of a lady she was and how much they would miss dealing with her. That says something!

Diana Ball (left) has worked for Potlatch at Headquarters for the last 31 years.

Marsha Godwin (standing) stopped at Headquarters recently to say hi to Potlatches Jim Mallory and Bev Bower. Marsha works for Dabco Logging in Kamiah. Marsha and Bev have talked on the phone for over 20 years but it was the first time they met!



Bev has been tending to the forestry type books for the last 32 years and Marsha has been tending to Dabco's books for the last 22. Mr. Mallory falls under the category of "boss", but he, like most of the logging contractors around the state, will admit that people like Diana, Bev and Marsha are the ones that keep the wheels turning.

**All 4 of these people helped with our safety program over the years.
Thanks to All!**

SHAWN PINEDA LOGGING TRANSFORMS HOE INTO A HANDY YARDER

Shawn shows Dan Musselman, Associated Logging Contractors safety man, his Hitachi Yarder. Pineda had this machine equipped with drums and tower to allow his company the ability to yard timber that a conventional system could not.

You can not tell by this photo but the operator was able to maneuver off the main road and skid a corner that would not have been accessible otherwise. The drums will spool 800 feet of 5/8th cable so it will reach out quite a ways. It has good line speed and seems to be an awful good machine for strips of that length.

Shawn also pointed out to Dan why this yarder is safer for his crew to work around, which is always appreciated!



BE PREPARED for HANDLING an EMERGENCY THIS WINTER By Doctor Cliff

It sounds like many of you loggers are going to have a little time off before they send you back to work (after the weather turns ugly) so it may be a good time to look over the first-aid kits. Get the summer's dust off of them and check the contents. Also, get the GPS locations for your upcoming job sites.

* Be prepared to keep an injured person warm if rescue is delayed by having blankets or sleeping bags on the job.

* Be prepared to handle a rescue on your own if communication is not available with the State Comm. Center. Last winter the deep snow caused some of the Micro-Wave and cell towers to loose ability in a few areas around the state.

You loggers know that winter time really complicates rescue. Communication problems, delayed ground and air rescue and the threat of hypothermia because of the wet and cold does not make rescue any easier.

Have the crew prepared to do the stabilization and transporting of the injured person themselves. We all know it is best to let the EMT's handle the hurt logger, but sometimes you may have to take action on your own to save the injured person.



Editors Note:

While we all know Cliff has been called a lot of names, I am not sure "doctor" has ever been one.

Suzy Kludt

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME SO I TOOK PICTURES



Driving through the woods the other day I spotted out of the corner my eye something that took my breath away. Looking between the trees I knew I was watching either a dinosaur or a cable machine loading logs. Now I was sure people would believe me if I told them I had seen a dinosaur, but a 68 Link-Belt loading logs....I don't think so!



BILL COWGER assured me my eyes weren't deceiving me. I was looking at his pride and joy. Bill said he spent 20 or 30 years logging over in Montana straightening those fellows out, but thought he better get back over here to Idaho and get us squared around.

Bill remembers how long he had been married when he bought his Link-Belt and that is the way he remembers his anniversary. And people don't think loggers are romantic!

Bill and his Link-Belt have a few logging seasons on them but both look in very good shape and will be around for several more, loading logs, and doing it quite safely I might add. Good Job Mr. Cowger!

JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKS!

I know it would be an understatement to say that everyone is a little concerned about how things are going in the world. You loggers have been talking about a "wreck" coming for a lot longer than most. With this on your minds along with unbelievable high fuel prices and all the other issues that have been going on, you in the timber business have had quite a year. Along the way you have also probably produced logs more efficiently than ever before. Lumberjacks are a remarkable bunch.



With the weight of all that on your shoulders, you have accomplished one other little thing. You kept *SAFETY* part of your outfit! I am not going to jinx things by talking about the lack of accidents this year, I am just going to say "keep up the good job".

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