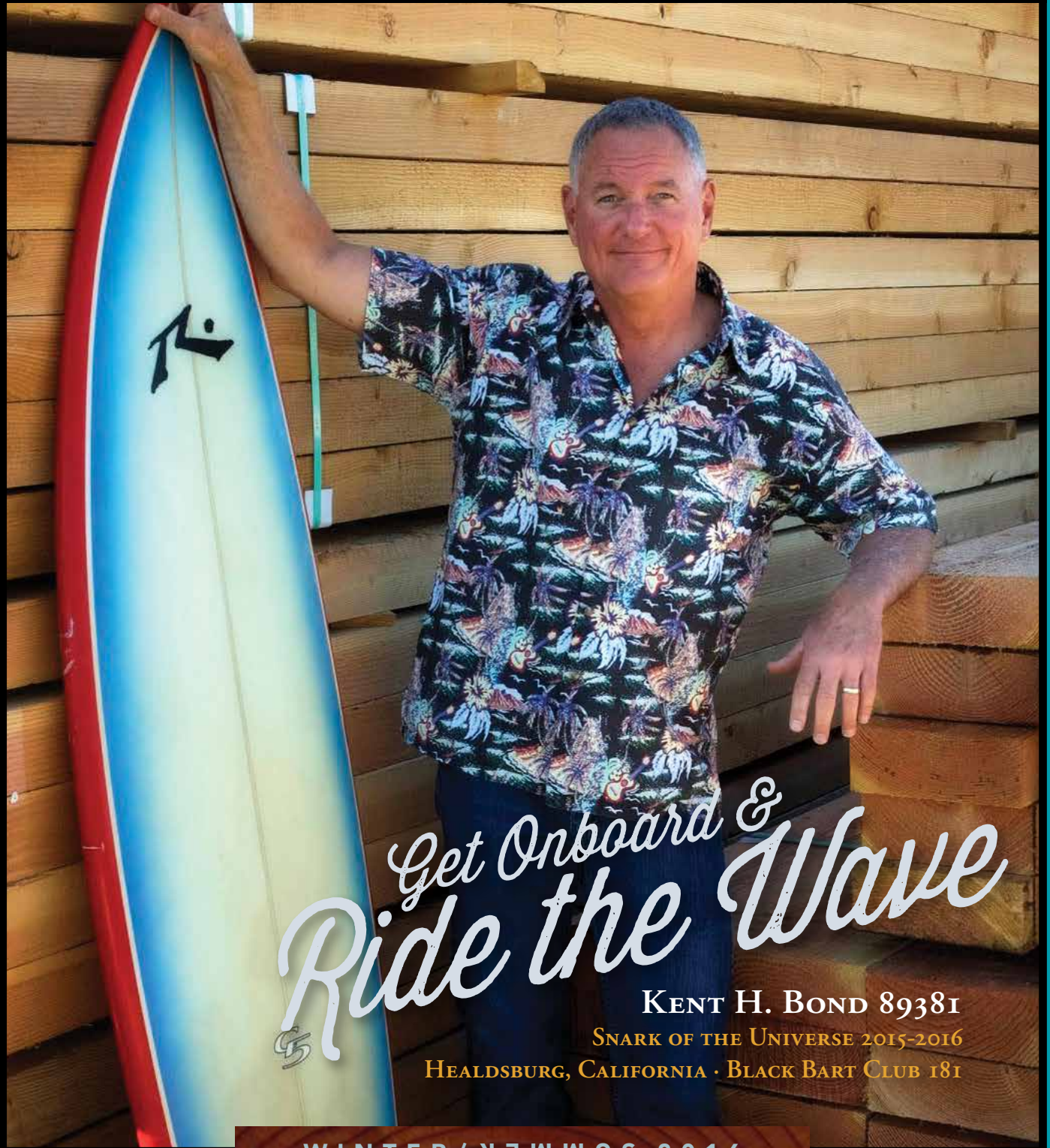


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The Big Issue is Back!

AUSSIE! AUSSIE! AUSSIE! OY! OY! OY! That’s Australia’s national rally cry hoping you’ll rally and join fellow Hoo-Hoos in the land down under in lovely Cairns. Rameses 97 Ray Lamari and his fellow Far North Queensland Club 261 members know how to share the hospitality of their exquisite tropical wonderland. From the lushness of the rainforest in their backyard to the unmatched beauty of the Great Barrier Reef at their front doorstep, you will come home with memories of a grand experience. The members of Jurisdiction IV (Australia, New Zealand, and Malaysia) have an annual convention each April, but this year they have postponed that event to combine it with the international convention September 8–13! You will have a great opportunity to truly share the fellowship on an international scale and make new friends in Hoo-Hoo.

Planning your trip couldn’t be easier with the help of Lindsay Donaldson from AboutAustralia. Started by Aussie natives, these travel experts (now based in San Antonio, Texas), will make your trip easy as an Aussie meat pie. Do not hesitate to utilize their services. Ashley says that because of their personal longtime friendship with Rameses Ray we are entitled to “Mate’s Rates”! You will find their contact information on the convention article pages.

BLACK CATS & KIDS There are two great articles in this issue about what the Twin Cities Club 12 has been investing into the youth of their communities. You’ll read about their ongoing commitments to sponsor teachers to attend forestry education programs and support the Project Learning Tree’s in-classroom experience. You’ll also read about their new GAP (Graduate And Prosper) pilot program which shows high school students first hand opportunities for gainful careers in our industry. Yes, Club 12 has dedicated themselves to supporting the forest products industry in many ways. See if what they are doing can’t be applied in your own club. They will be happy to share what they’ve learned. The education just keeps going around!

FINALLY, THANK YOU ALL AROUND! Thanks to the good work of Michael Nicholson, S9 for Jurisdiction VI, we have a wonderfully full LOG & TALLY. He and his advertising committee (which includes Snark Kent Bond, S9 Jim Maicki, and Club 48’s Jake Power) found many industry supporters to step up and advertise in our publication. We thank these first-time advertisers—and our committed long-time advertisers—for their support. The quality of their character is what allows the quality of this publication to continue. Please take a minute as you read through this issue and make note of who they are. If you see them at a function say thank you. If they are a company that you deal with in business say thank you. If you read this and you are one of these advertisers—I say thank you. Well done and welcome! We are happy to have you with us.

HH&LL—STACEY DOUGLAS JONES 99678

Get Onboard & Ride the Wave

"To realize the value and benefit that Hoo-Hoo provides—as with every other life experience that creates everlasting memories—first you have to participate.

As a passionate surfer, I know in order to catch a wave, surf it, and get the ride of one's life, first you have to paddle out...

You can't catch the wave while standing on the beach."

—SNARK OF THE UNIVERSE, KENT BOND

I am honored to be the Hoo-Hoo Snark of the Universe for 2015/2016. I have been involved in Hoo-Hoo since 1981 and my participation in Hoo-Hoo has rewarded me with many friendships and business relationships connecting me to all facets of the forest products industry through new and old friends worldwide. I am proud to give back to the organization that has given so much to me. Many thanks are owed to those who have gone before me and to you and your local clubs for keeping the Hoo-Hoo spirit alive. Mary Moynihan did a fabulous job as Snark and we owe her a great big "Thank You" for her contribution.

My theme as Snark is simple, ride the wave of Hoo-Hoo. My goal is simple, move Hoo-Hoo forward. Here's the deal. I believe through Hoo-Hoo, a united forest products industry is beneficial and achievable. Hoo-Hoo offers the opportunity for all people from all facets of the forest

products industry to gather in fellowship and create good will. It offers the opportunity for people from all facets of the forest products industry to build relationships, network, serve their communities, and their profession. This grand old Order offers the opportunity to preserve and pass on the heritage and culture of a valuable and proud economic livelihood. Hoo-Hoo offers the opportunity for young people in the forest products industry to meet in fellowship and learn from deeply experienced peers. The founders of Hoo-Hoo got it right when they agreed that the goodwill that develops from the fellowship of lumber people would serve individuals well in their personal and business lives and would indeed foster health, happiness and long life. I have proof that the concept works. What a great concept it is!

To attract more new members the concept must be better understood, packaged properly, kept current, and expressed frequently, clearly and thoroughly.

THUS, A FEW OF OUR OBJECTIVES THIS YEAR ARE:

- 1. IMPLEMENT A WEBSITE UPDATE** that will provide a fresh and current face of Hoo-Hoo to the public and its members, offer more interactive options and more information, improve back-office efficiencies, increase advertising revenue, and provide template for local clubs to use to create their own websites, and more.
- 2. IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC PLAN** that will allow Hoo-Hoo to organize its thinking, organize its approach, measure its progress and achieve what it sets out to achieve.
- 3. UPDATE THE OPERATIONS MANUAL**
- 4. UPDATE THE BYLAWS**
- 5. ESTABLISH A FOREST PRODUCTS EDUCATION PROGRAM** that can be utilized by all clubs to promote the forest products industry.
- 6. ESTABLISH A FORMAL ADVERTISING PROGRAM** to increase revenue from advertising and develop a marketing program.

To reach our goal of riding the wave and moving Hoo-Hoo forward we must achieve our objectives which will create a more valuable return for members and create a stronger desire to participate. We have the greatest pool of talent within the ranks of the organization and we plan to tap it. Your Hoo-Hoo board of directors and committees will do their best to move Hoo-Hoo forward.

GET TO KNOW KENT:

Kent was born in Altadena, California, in 1957, to Joanne & Daryl Bond. He was raised in nearby Whittier with his two younger sisters. His love for the lumber business and passion for the ocean and surfing developed early while playing on lumber piles at his dad's wholesale lumber yard in Long Beach and riding inflatable mats at Huntington Beach under the watchful eye of his mom. His roots in the lumber industry run deep. He spent time working at the Reedsport Mill Co., a large log sawmill in Reedsport, Oregon, prior to attending the University of Oregon. After spending too much time focusing on beer drinking, hell raising, and Cindy chasing (his wife-to-be), he left school for Southern California to work for his dad in the wholesale lumber business.

He joined Hoo-Hoo and the Inland Empire Club 117 in 1982 and transferred to Black Bart 181 in 1988 after his move to Northern California. He enjoys spending time with his family. He loves to go surfing.

He and Cindy have been married for 35 years and live in Healdsburg, California, where they raised their two sons Daryl and Dallas.

He is grateful for: Having a loving, tight-knit family to share life with; having the opportunity to work with, learn from, and be friends with the greatest people in the greatest industry; being able to work side-by-side with his dad roll some dice with him; and being an American.

HOO-HOO—IT HAPPENS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

In my recent travels I was able to attend the Forest Festival in Gurdon, Arkansas, the birth place of Hoo-Hoo. I visited the Hoo-Hoo museum and the executive office where our very own Beth Thomas works her Hoo-Hoo magic daily. The whole town of Gurdon embraces Hoo-Hoo with open arms. Hoo-Hoo banners line the streets and a granite monument, complete with iron cats perched on top and the name of every Snark engraved on its face, greets you as you arrive. Standing in the same place that the founders of Hoo-Hoo stood over 123 years ago really made me understand how deep our roots go and how important Hoo-Hoo has been to our industry.

We held a special board meeting in the James A. Jones Board Room at the Hoo-Hoo museum with the faces of past Snarks staring over our shoulders, urging us on from their places of honor on the wall. The museum is a gem and I highly recommend a visit for every Hoo-Hoo member.

I attended a great golf event put on by the Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181 and a golf and dinner event put on by Houston Hoo-Hoo Club 23. I am almost an official Texan after Roland Massey, vice president of Houston Club 23 gifted me a 6x Stetson hat! All I need now is an oil well, a steer, and a Lone Star beer and I'll be official! Both events were well attended and great fun. Thank you to both clubs for making me feel welcome and at home. More travel to come and I am looking forward to it!

Hoo-Hoo happens at the local level. Thanks to those who make the local clubs active and strong. Your labor of love will help us ride the wave of Hoo-Hoo and move it forward for generations to come.

If you have any thoughts, ideas or comments about how to move Hoo-Hoo forward or are interested in contributing time in your area of expertise as a committee member I would love to hear them. You can reach me at 707-894-1606 or kent@all-coast.com

Hope to see you in my travels.

Health, Happiness and Long Life

—KENT BOND 89381
Snark of the Universe



Our gang at the Gurdon Forest Festival in late October made sure everyone knew the Black Cats were back! No tricks, just treats at the HHI intergalactic headquarters right there on Main Street.



At the North American Wholesale Lumber Association trade show in Houston in November, I saw support for Sioux Valley Club 118 on display in a booth manned by Tony Fleischman. What a great idea.



Got the hat, now where did I leave my horse? While visiting Houston Club 23, the club's vice president Roland Massey gifted me with the Snark's traditional silver Stetson! Thanks, y'all!



It was off to Detroit after Boston for their annual Christmas party where we enjoyed the festive holiday lights with Susan Scheuer, Jim Maicki, Robyn Beckett, and my First Lady, Cindy.



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Bridging the GAP

Recruiting for the Future—Theirs and Ours

—by Guy M. Marzano 100754 Vicegerent Snark, Twin Cities Club 12

At a Twin Cities Club 12 Board meeting, one of our directors, Paul Boehmer 88436, shared an article about some industry people in the southeast taking young people camping to learn about the forest. He added that he was given the article by a former member of the club who said that he would rejoin our club if we offered a similar program.

Our board members discussed the idea and decided not to go forward with the idea as presented for various reasons. However, further discussion led to three pertinent observations:

1. Intercity schools in the Twin Cities had low high school graduation rates (Minneapolis had a 47% rate—with much lower rates in certain demographic groups),

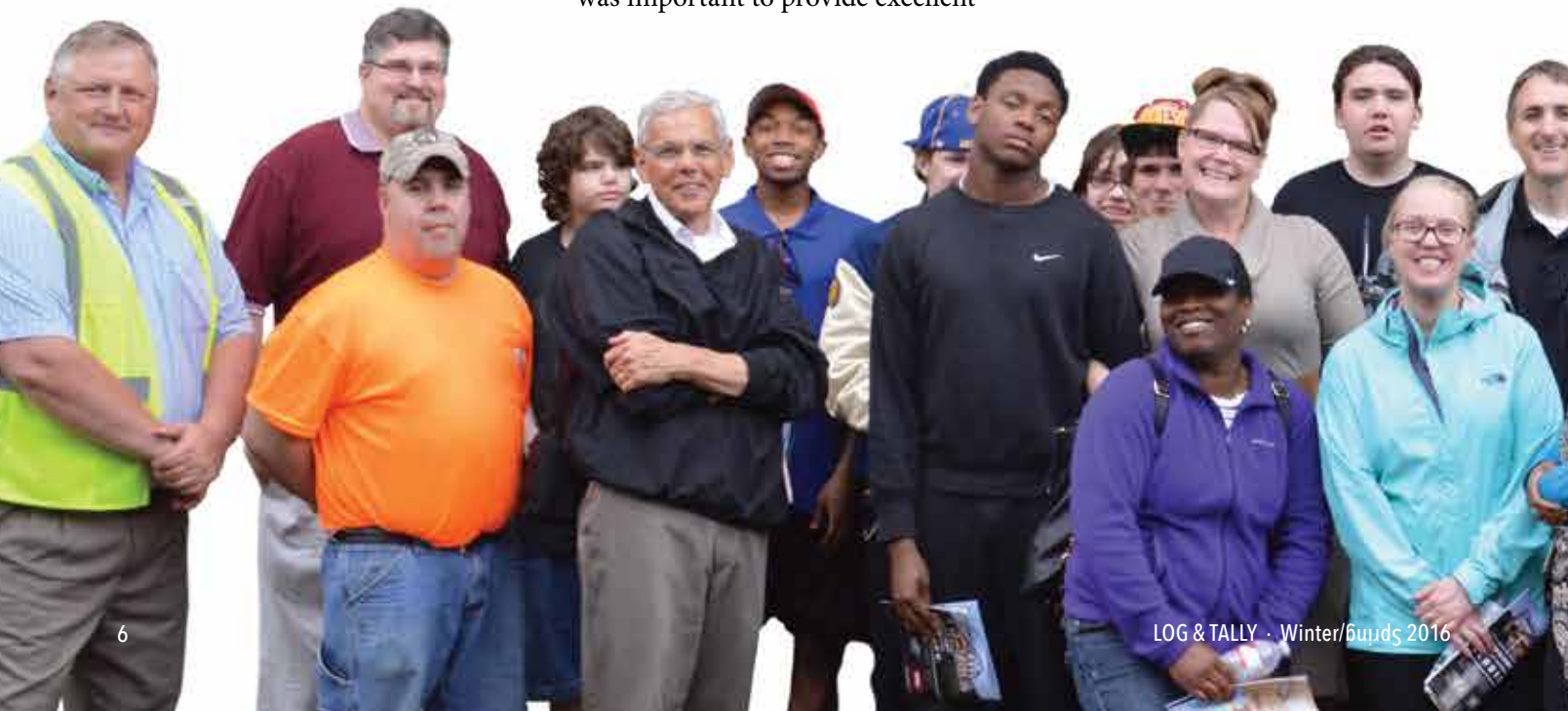
2. The Lumber & Building Materials (LBM) industry in our area had an aging workforce with many employees nearing retirement age, and
3. Local LBM companies had difficulty recruiting dedicated, reliable workers to replace those retiring despite offering excellent pay and benefits.

To address these issues, Club 12 developed the GAP (Graduate and Prosper) program. Our mission was to inspire students to stay in school, graduate, and possibly explore a career in the LBM industry. The thought was to take students on a day long field trip on a luxury motor coach to see three different aspects of our industry—retail, wholesale, and specialty LBM facilities. Our board of directors formed a consensus on this approach and also agreed that it was important to provide excellent

(and school-approved) lunches and snacks throughout the day.

Thanks to information from S9 Dave Siwek 93438, Club 12 approached Carla Steinbock, the principal of Edison High School in (Northeast) Minneapolis with the idea. Dave had suggested Ms. Steinbock based on her reputation for doing progressive educational programs.

Ms. Steinbock referred us to Eryn Warne, assistant principal, and Nora Guerin, senior career and college center coordinator at her school. After explaining we could take up to 48 students and pay all the expenses for the entire day, these school officials were overjoyed and overwhelmingly embraced the idea. They volunteered to obtain permission slips and photo releases as well as recruit students for the trip. The school also agreed to provide chaperons.



GAP Day was scheduled for Thursday, May 7. Mary O'Meara Moynihan 96820 took time from her duties as the Snark of the Universe to spend the whole day on the tour. Board member Guy Marzano planned the event; Denny Felicetta obtained all the snacks; and club president John Gerlach 100500 and Paul Boehmer arranged for the motor coach and lunches. Later John and Paul, along with other senior managers, facilitated the tour of Weekes Forest Products. Pat Hegseth, with the assistance of another manager, organized and conducted the tour of Seal-Rite Doors.

The day went smoothly for the 21 students and five staff that went on the tour. The students (and school staff) were impressed by the professionalism and enthusiasm of people they met at the facilities they visited. They were also surprised at the technology employed. They heard from key people about the importance of graduating from high school. Best of all, they got to meet and get inspired by high level managers and successful sales people who started working at entry level in the yard or driving delivery trucks. Importantly, they met and were inspired by women in key positions as well.

At the beginning of the day, students were told there were hazards where we were going. They were given packets of information including safety information. Safety, was emphasized repeatedly during the tour.

A brief survey at the end of the day showed awesome results:

1. Eighty-two percent of the student participants "Strongly Agreed" or "Agreed" that they were more likely to stay in school and graduate as a result of this initiative. The other 18% circled "No Opinion" and wrote in that they planned to stay in school and graduate anyway.
2. Fifty-four percent "Strongly Agreed" or "Agreed" that they would now consider the LBM industry as a career option.

The cost to Club 12 was \$1,500 total. This included lunches, snacks, motor coach transportation, and printing of information for participants. Several people have concluded that it would be a great return on investment (ROI) if we got just one reliable, effective employee out of this project.

Although the Twin Cities Club 12's board of directors were extremely

pleased with the results of this pilot program, we'd like to do it even better the next time.

Some lessons we learned:

1. It may be better to conduct this program in the fall as students are busier in spring with events like prom.
2. It would be a good idea to "sell" the field trip in advance to fill the motor coach as renting one is one of the biggest fixed expenses.
3. It would be a good idea to notify media in advance of the event to obtain better press coverage.

We hope this gives other clubs an idea of what can be done in their local areas. What started as a small idea grew because interested people were interested in making it happen. With the declining number of trade classes offered in secondary education, many young people who may not be destined for a four year college are stymied in choosing a career path. This pilot program allows these high school students an opportunity to start planning for a career now. Our industries can only be better served by their talents.

For details on the GAP program, contact Club 12 President John Gerlach john.gerlach@weekesforest.com (612)999-8310



CAREERS & TRAINING: Job Roles In Our Industry

The forest, wood, paper and timber products industry employs hundreds of thousands of people all over the world in all sorts of jobs—the variety of opportunities is endless. From planting the seed, harvesting the tree, processing the log, to manufacturing and selling the product, it takes many different skills and interests to bring wood related products to the marketplace.

For instances, according to the U.S. Government Department of Energy, over 900,000 Americans are employed directly by the forest products industry and the industry provides jobs in all 50 states while being a top 10 manufacturing employer in 48 states.

Whether someone wants to work with their hands in the outdoors, or operate high-tech machinery in a cutting-edge sawmill or paper mill, there's a career for practically everyone in the forest, wood, paper and timber products industry.

Just like the GAP program outlined by Twin Cities Club 12 on the previous page, other programs exist to help people find their right career in the forest products industry. Two such programs as shown on the right are being done in Australia.

By the way, Black Bart Club 181's publicity chairman Jessica Bruzzone was so inspired by what Twin Cities accomplished, she has started the ball rolling in her own club! What about your club? How can you help create the next generation of colleagues and members?

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GrowingCareers is a one-stop portal for all careers, education and training information within the forest and wood products industry. Direct links to vocational and university courses are available, as well as information on training scholarships. They provide video case studies, employer profiles and much more.

The Australian forest and wood products industry is one of Australia's largest and most diverse industries, providing a broad array of career opportunities in areas including science, research, manufacturing, engineering, logistics, trades and sales to name a few. The industry provides Australia with a wide range of essential materials—from the wood used to build houses and furniture to the paper we print on. Many of the people who work with wood—from carpenters and builders to joiners, cabinetmakers, and those in the forestry and timber processing industries—share a love of the material and its importance to humanity.

The industry is a big employer. From statistics taken in 2007-2008, the turnover of Australia's forest product industries was more than \$21 billion, or 6.7% of their total manufacturing output. The sector employed more than 120,000 people (Source: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, 2009) so whatever someone's skill or level of expertise they're likely to find an interesting and exciting career.

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TABMA is a not-for-profit group training organization operating across Australia since 1987. TABMA employs apprentices and trainees and places them with local tradespeople and businesses. They were set up originally to service the timber and construction industries and have since expanded to service many other industries.

Almost all entry level position can be filled with a trainee or apprentice. TABMA's 25 years of experience shows that companies who invest in the training and development of their new recruits and create a stable and sustainable workforce.



Project Learning Tree

Helping Teachers Teach About the Forest

— by Guy Marzano 100754, Laura Duffey 101405, and Misi Stine 101407

As Hoo-Hoo members, we believe that young people hold the keys to the successful future of the forest products industry, and that it is probably never too early to teach children about the forest.

Although children learn in classrooms and through reading, studies show that lessons are more effective when they see, touch, hear, smell, and taste things through their senses. Field trips, “hands on” exercises, stories, aromas, and flavors are powerful. Every child learns a little differently so a “mix” of teaching methods—especially sensory ones—is most effective.

Project Learning Tree (PLT) courses are written by teachers that understand how children learn most effectively. PLT courses utilize a suite of books that contain lessons about trees, forests, forest products, and the environment.

Lessons are designed for specific groups of learners from age three through adult. Every lesson uses trees, forests, and forest products to facilitate the study of math, science, social studies, and the language arts.

PLT’s slogan is Teaching people how to think; Not what to think. This approach is highly successful in providing accessible, scientific, fact-based lessons.

PLT’s record speaks for itself. In competing for an exponentially growing host of interests that draw children’s attention, PLT has grown in popularity since its inception. Thousands of teachers across the country now use it.

Educators must attend a workshop to obtain PLT course materials. Studies have shown that once teachers complete a workshop and do some student activities during the workshop, they are much more likely to incorporate meaningful sensory activities into their curriculum. Also, a PLT workshop is a professional development activity that results in teachers’ earning continuing educational credit toward their creditinal.

In Minnesota, the PLT State Coordinator, Laura Duffey, is an Education Specialist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Minnesota DNR has embraced this program because

it recognizes the importance of promoting sound education of the state's natural resources—especially trees and forests. Over 17.4 million acres (more than two thirds) of Minnesota is forested. Forests provide \$16.1 billion in economic impact. This includes approximately 62,400 jobs.*

Organizing even one workshop is no small feat. Among other duties, Laura has to set up venues, arrange for an instructor, and advertise for people to come. Last fiscal year, twenty-four (24) sessions were held.

People who are interested in becoming facilitators, often seasoned teachers already, must work extensively with the State PLT coordinator to learn about PLT's philosophy and its instructional practices before facilitating a workshop.

Misi Stine, the operations and IT manager at St. David's School in Minnetonka, Minnesota, is a well known and well respected PLT instructor from the Twin Cities. She recently provided an overview of PLT at the 123rd Hoo-Hoo International Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota. Misi is so devoted to PLT that she even takes vacation days from work to conduct PLT seminars.

Educating teachers through PLT is a positive way to combat inaccurate perceptions of the forest products industry such as "cutting trees is bad." At PLT, attendees learn accurate information about forests, how much everyone relies on them, and the complex issues of keeping forests in good health—which will enable us and our descendants to depend on them in the future.

The Twin Cities Hoo-Hoo Club 12 has sponsored many Minnesota DNR workshops over a period of several years by paying for books and providing lunch and snacks for attendees. Typically, two members from Club 12 attend a workshop. After obtaining snacks and supplies prior to the event, one representative typically stays the whole day, and the other picks up lunches and any additional items needed.

In 2014–2015, the club sponsored a record four seminars because it knows forest education is an important investment in the future.

PLT's state of Minnesota contact is Laura Duffey at (651)259-5263 or laura.duffey@state.mn.us. Within Twin Cities Club 12, contact John Gerlach at (651)393-2709 or john.gerlach@weekesforest.com, or Guy Marzano at (612)839-7288 or guymarzano@gmail.com.

* These statistics are from *Standing Tall*, page 9, a publication which describes forestry in Minnesota. To read more about the forest of Minnesota in log onto <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/forestry/standing-tall-MN-DNR-forestry.pdf>



Australia's Forestry Education Program Shares Knowledge With Teachers

Knowledge has the power to change the way people think about things, like trees, wood products and whole industries. Now the Australian forestry education website (www.forestlearning.edu.au) is providing teachers with resources developed to support the Australian curriculum. Using the website teachers can deliver lessons and more—but only if they are aware of it and here, you as a member of Timber Communities Australia have a part to play.

Developed by Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA), ForestLearning is an innovative online resource that not only provides teachers with relevant and interesting lesson materials, but can also make their jobs easier, so it's an asset they'll be keen to know all about.

A industry targeted publicity campaign was launched last year and included postcard inserts in the October 2015 editions of *Timber Trader*, *Australasian Timber* and *Australian Forest and Timber News*, as well as banner ads and information on industry news sites. These communications were designed to do one thing, engage industry and motivate them to help communicate the benefits of ForestLearning to teachers.

The ForestLearning website has been updated to include teaching resources in line with the Australian curriculum. The wide range of activities, lesson plans and worksheets make it easy for teachers to integrate into the curriculum.



Cat Tales



Sharing the News of Hoo-Hoo

HHI— FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

I like January when everything feels NEW and as I write this Hoo-Hoo is off to a wonderful NEW start for 2016. For instance, something new this year is the first female Rameses in Mary O'Meara Moynihan. New to the helm of Hoo-Hoo is the talented Kent Bond as our Snark of the Universe. Now updated is Hoo-Hoo's strategic plan that is a NEW beginning for our board of directors, committees and their chairs.

I've had the great opportunity to work with the International board of directors in welcoming some NEW faces to our committees. Personally, in chairing the membership committee and operations manual committee, I have welcomed Susan Scheuer 100598 (Detroit), Brian Pierce 94717 (Black Bart), John Gerlach 100500 (Twin Cities), Greg Gomon 91348 (Black Bart); and have received much help and support from long-time members, Ron Gattone 99428 (Sydney), Heather Gattone 100067 (Sydney), Jim Spiers 97670 (Cowichan Valley), Mary O'Meara Moynihan 96802 (Twin Cities), R97 Ray Lamari 97512 (Far-North Queensland), Pieter Verlinden 92501 (Brisbane), Jim Maicki 86469 (Detroit), Stacey Jones 99678 (Black Bart) and Snark Kent Bond 89381 (Black Bart). Thank you all so much for being a leader in Hoo-Hoo!

The operations manual is being updated, and some NEW items will be added. This is a great project and will be a wonderful tool especially in the hands of our club presidents. The goal of the operations manual committee is to keep it updated and available to all members. Please feel free to go to the Hoo-Hoo website and review the current manual. Again, it is a great resource. Feel free to contact me with any recommendations.

I'm excited to continue to work with the membership committee in developing a Hoo-Hoo membership marketing kit. Our goal is to put into the hands of each member a valuable tool to educate, invite, excite, and grow our membership one lumber person at a time. Personal invitations will always be the best approach, but with proper support materials each of us can bring another person into Hoo-Hoo.

If you haven't visited the Hoo-Hoo website recently, please do. We have posted our first "welcome video" by the Snark of the Universe, Kent Bond. Feel free to share this video on Facebook or via email. In a brief amount of time, Kent explains why Hoo-Hoo is so valuable to him personally, and, as a whole, to the lumber industry. I welcome any comments in regards to this video. Your input is valuable as we develop these marketing tools.

Stacey Jones and the membership committee will be working on a new brochure that each member can use as a personal invitation to join Hoo-Hoo. We should see that completed by the board of directors mid-year meeting in March. Speaking of the mid-year meeting, it will be from March 4–6 in Las Vegas at the D Hotel & Casino (formerly Fitzgerald's). All board members and committee members are welcome to join us. Feel free to contact Snark Bond if you are interested in attending.

As president of the Detroit Club 28, I would like to congratulate our board on a wonderful Christmas party this past December. We had over 70 people along with Snark Kent Bond and his lovely wife, Cindy, at our event. It was at the Dearborn Inn which some of you will remember from the 2013 Detroit convention. We had a fantastic event! Snark Kent did an awesome job sharing his heart with Detroit. He auctioned off some wonderful items as Jim Maicki served as his wingman and paraded the items around for bidders to see. Special thanks to Jim for his hard work in inviting people from the retail side of the lumber industry to the party. And thank you Jim and Jackie Maicki for hosting the Snark's reception, too! You both are super stars!

I had the privilege of attending the concatenation in Boston in December. The Harry A. Folsom Club can always be counted on to welcome new kittens into the fold with much enthusiasm and excitement. Jack & Rita Miller, Steve Jankins, and Joe Burgoyne really know how to show you a great time in a great town!

The Australian convention is just around the corner! Make sure to register as soon as possible and join us for an awesome time. You can visit the website hoo-hoo.org or just look through this publication for your registration form.



Mr. Manny Update

Many of you may not have heard, but our dear friend Rameses 86 Manny Litvin, who will be 93 this year, was in a terrible car accident on October 29 near his home in Michigan. Along with many other injuries, he suffered a fractured neck that

required surgery. Further surgery was required to put in a pacemaker to relieve some heart issues. As of this writing Manny is still in the care of medical professionals, but has been moved into a rehabilitation center. He no longer has a trach tube or cervical collar! Yeah! Being unable to communicate verbally for many weeks due to the breathing equipment must have been very difficult for this very talkative man with lots to share. Happily, those hindrances have been removed and Manny can now talk to his heart's content. He is eating on his own, but has not been able to get up and walk at this point. His short-term memory has suffered, but he does know his family and remembers those who visit often. Our hope is that through rehabilitation he will walk again and eat normally. If you'd like to send a card or letter to Manny, please feel free to send it to my attention at 5726 Woodmire Drive, Shelby Township, MI 48316. We appreciate your thoughts and continued prayers for Manny.

I would like to close by extending my condolences to Mary O'Meara Moynihan and her family. It was a shock to hear that her husband, Kevin, passed away in mid-January. Mary you are greatly loved and cherished in our organization and as a friend! May God bring you great comfort at this time.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life

—ROBYN ROOSE BECKETT 99870
First Vice President

HHI – JURISDICTION 2

The Detroit Club is off to a great start for Hoo-Hoo year 2015-2016 with dues collection at +90%. Detroit 28 has four reinstatements and two new members as of the end of October.

The Detroit Club 28 Christmas Party was at the Dearborn Inn on December 7, 2015. It was a sell out with over 70 in attendance and we were honored that Snark Kent & Cindy Bond were on hand to participate in our

Gala Christmas Event. The concat for our kittens was very special with Snark Kent leading the initiation.

Of our 300 trees planted this spring in Detroit in conjunction with Motor City Blight Busters, I'm happy to say 295 of them sported fall colors. A nice percentage to be sure. If we can get them through the winter they will have another long growing season in which to establish their roots.

Jurisdiction II and the Detroit Club 28 are busy with committees for Hoo-Hoo International. With Robyn Beckett, our club president, stepping up to serve as Snark in 2016/2017 she will no doubt have us all immersed in Hoo-Hoo in the coming year. Speaking of Robyn, she and I had the pleasure of attending the Gurdon Forest Festival October 31, 2015. Such a great event in the hometown of Hoo-Hoo.

Detroit Hoo-Hoo Club 28 is cementing plans for a teen tour of a lumberyard and a two-step distributor which will include a presentation of careers in our industry for these teens as well as an offer of internship. At the HHI convention last September, the Twin Cities Club presented their high school tour program which provided a perfect template for our club—our hats are off to Guy Marzano and the Twin Cities Club. I will have more on this in the next LOG & TALLY.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life

—JIM MAICKI L-86469
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction II

HHI – JURISDICTION 4

In October I had the pleasure to visit the Malaysia Hoo-Hoo Club 275 to present to their members the two award pins they had been given—one at the J-IV convention and one at the HHI convention—for their Forestry Fun Run Project.

We had a very interesting dinner meeting where the guest speaker spoke about his motor bike trip from Singapore to Paris. I always find it very interesting to hear about adventures I would never do or even think of doing... remember it does not always have to be about timber and lumber to get members to come along to a meeting. I was fortunate to sneak out before the karaoke started {which always follows their meetings}.

A highlight of the trip (and no surprise for all those in Hoo-Hoo who know me) the shopping was fantastic!

Other clubs in J-IV have been meeting on a regular basis. Two clubs even plan a joint camping experience together with more camping trips planned.

On December 6, I attended with Rameses 101 (AKA my husband Ron) a Christmas lunch hosted by Brisbane Club 218. We had a most enjoyable time catching up with old friends at this well attended event where even Harvey Strack came all the way from Western Australia (a mere 2244 miles apart) just for lunch!

I am looking forward to Snark Kent's mid-year board meeting in Las Vegas in early March and to visiting most of the clubs in J-IV in 2016.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life

—HEATHER GATTONE 100067
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction IV

HHI – JURISDICTION 6

At the Southern California Club 117 concat meeting on October 21, one of the members read the Code of Ethics to those assembled—a Club 117 requirement for every meeting. While listening to the words I thought that with another year coming to a end and the code being so important to me, a review of a couple of the ethics might important to you, too.

Ethic #4: To cultivate true friendship and therefore confidence among persons engaged in the lumber industry.

I think this is one of the most important of the Hoo-Hoo ethics. True friendships, even between competitors, is the essence of our organization. At the meeting on October 21, I watched some of the best lumbermen and women in our industry laugh, talk, socialize, and just have a great time together. Most were competitors, either retail or wholesale, and all were cultivating friendships that will last for years to come. These friendships grow confidence not only for those persons, but for our industry as a whole.

Ethic #6: To consider our vocation worthy and to be worthy of our vocation as the nation's home builders.

I know how hard we all work and how fast the days go by, but let's not forget what a important job we have in building our cities, states, and our country. Along with the unethical Wall Street crowd, the recession we just went through was helped along by revenue loss in the lumber industry, both in residential and commercial projects. I know that one leads to the other, but it just shows how important our industry actually is to the prosperity of our country. So the next time you sell a stick, or write up an order—large or small—remember that in a small way you're helping America grow strong.

You can find the Code of Ethics and Golden Rule of Hoo-Hoo on our international website at hoo-hoo.org. I highly recommend you go to that site and reread our

Code and learn a little more about our wonderful Order.

I also recommend that at each Hoo-Hoo meeting the Code of Ethics be read to the group. I promise it will give each one attending something new to think about regardless of how many times they've read the Code or heard it.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life

—MICHAEL NICHOLSON 89383
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction VI

HHI – JURISDICTION 9

Between rain, floods and "Snowmageddon", it has been a crazy start to the new year. We are looking forward to spring. In the meantime, I am settling into my new position on the Hoo-Hoo International board.

As a new Supreme Nine I am looking at my jurisdiction and wondering how I can turn things around and get clubs active again to recruit new and retain current members. This got me thinking to when I first joined Hoo-Hoo. The meetings were interesting and it was great to talk to people you don't see often, but I noticed I was starting to lose interest—as were other members my age or younger. One reason for this was the age gap that existed in the Atlanta/Dick Wilson Club.

I recently spent the holidays asking myself what turned me around and hooked me on Hoo-Hoo again and I think I came up with the answer—at least for me—I got asked to go to a HHI convention. I have now attended three conventions and look forward to many more.

But, more important in my regained enthusiasm was attending the Gurdon Forest Festival in October (for the fourth time in as many years). This small town event has been a real eye opener for me. Held annually on the last Saturday in October, it is nothing big or fancy, but we are made to feel very welcome. The citizens of Gurdon truly appreciate the fact that we come from all over—many traveling very long distances—to be there. Heck, the Hoo-Hoo museum alone is worth the trip and when you throw in JR Thomas's famous chili—that's just the icing on the cake (so to speak).

This year due to mechanical breakdown we were unable to use the tractor and wagon to ride in the parade. We had to walk the parade route, and to me it was so much more enjoyable as we were able to interact easily with the crowd (and them with us). This was when I think I finally got hooked once and for all. Every one of us, no matter the age, education or hometown, was just having a good time. The camaraderie and the feeling of being

with family, my Hoo-Hoo family, was awesome.

There is a famous legend in Gurdon about an unexplainable light that appears hovering about the railroad tracks at night. While Hoo-Hoo may not be “a legend” in Gurdon, you do get the feeling of being part of something much bigger and more important than yourself. We are an ongoing part of the town’s history.

Maybe in a hundred years people will look at our faded photos and wonder about our lives (or they will wonder what a paper photo is...). When I spend time in Hoo-Hoo’s museum and study the photos of those who came before me I realize I am among some of the finest people in the world! So if you are looking for ways to attract and retain new members get them to an event. The Forest Festival did it for me. For you (or them) it might be a convention—both are great. The important thing is to just get involved. The rest will take care of its self.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—PAUL TODD 99499

Supreme Nine Jurisdiction IX

13 – TACOMA-OLYMPIA CLUB 89

First, let’s tidy up the news from last year and get it in the Hoo-Hoo history. It may seem like old news, but if you haven’t heard it yet it’s still news! Right?

At the end of last June we held our Building Material Sale. Thanks to the donations of our sponsors (Savage Wholesale, Pape Material Handling, Schindler’s Wood, Fred Tebb and Sons, DW Briggs Co., Manke Lumber, Mary’s River Lumber, Orepac Building Products, LNS Sales, Western Wood Preserving, RFP Manufacturing, and Screw Products) and chairperson Joe Petree’s great organizational skills—our sale was a success! Thanks also to Mike Clothier for making the location arrangements and assisting on Friday prior to the sale when the material was being delivered.

Friday, August 14 was the 4th Annual Mel Smeder Memorial Golf Tournament. Despite all of our hot and dry weather for what seems like months on end, this Friday it decided to pour down rain...all day! We had a large group of golfers who weathered the storm and afterwards enjoyed a barbecued steak dinner at Brookdale Golf Course. Sponsors for this event included: Alta Forest Products, Mary’s Rivers Lumber, Pape Material Handling, Matheus Lumber, Starboard Door, RFP Manufacturing, Manke Lumber, Screw Products, Columbia Bank, Yunker Painting, and Al & Georgia Meier.

Saturday, August 22 was the date for our annual picnic at Mike Hinthorne’s house. Each year the club provides the proteins and attendees bring salads, side dishes, and dessert. We had a special guest at the picnic...five-month old Landon Thomas who is Mike’s grandson... such a cutie! Thank you Mike for once again being the host with the most.

The following Club 89 members and guests traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to enjoy the Hoo-Hoo International Convention: Nancy Brown, Jim Miller, Joe and Terry Hammerschmith, Larry and Linda Viguerie, and Mike and Donita Clothier. The convention is so much fun, and as I’ve said, what makes it so much fun is the fantastic family of Hoo-Hoo people. It was a great feat of organization by the host club. There are quite a few people already committing to next year’s convention which will be in Australia.

Our annual Christmas party was held on Tuesday, December 1 at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club. We enjoyed the piano entertainment by Gerry Martin during a very delicious dinner. Our silent auction and live auction resulted in a good amount of dollars which the club was able to donate to the Tacoma Rescue Mission. They have a very good program which provides not only meals and housing, but also programs to help get people jobs, medical help, and whatever else is needed to lead to a better life. Thank you to all who participated in our club auctions. Your generosity helps to maintain our donation levels.

As 2016 got underway, a group of us met for a tour of the Lakewood Boys and Girls Club. We were all very impressed with the program that is serving 350+ children each day. Some of the children arrive right after school are there until 7:00 PM. They provide a snack, art and recreation programs, help with homework, dinner, and many other special programs provided by partners that work with the Lakewood Club. They have to raise 88 cents out of every dollar in order to maintain their program. Monthly charges are on a sliding scale, but no child is turned away because their family cannot pay. Judy, who gave us the tour, reported that it takes \$360 per month per child. Club 89 will make a donation to help this worthy organization. Again, thank you to all of the companies and people who enable us to make these donations. Your dollars are being well spent!

Club 89 is currently preparing for our annual Crab Feed which will be held at High Cedars Golf Course in Orting, on Tuesday, February 9. The golf course does a wonderful job preparing the food and we have a silent

auction with baskets prepared by the board members. We have three new prospective members so it looks like a concat is on the horizon. Good news for our club! In the meantime, I'm eagerly awaiting an early spring because I miss the sunshine and digging in the dirt.

Respectfully submitted,

—TERRY HAMMERSCHMITH
Secretary/Treasurer

13 – WINEMA CLUB 216

Continuing the old news is good news trend, September was an eventful month for the Winema Club.

On September 6 the Friends of Collier Park held their annual Logger's Breakfast on the banks of Spring Creek at Collier State Park, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Five members of the Winema Hoo-Hoo Club—Dick Barlow, Bob Anderson, Dick Miles, Ken Dunn, and Paul Wunder—joined Carrie Gildersleeve with the kitchen efforts. We also had Howard Jones making pancake batter and Chuck Ehlers making cowboy coffee. We served bacon, sausage, eggs, and pancakes to a crowd of about 170 this year. The attendance was down a little from past years, but we think the event was a success.

Speaking of small crowds, our annual Old Timers meeting, also at Collier State Park Logging Museum, was only attended by a group of eleven members and guests. Nine of the members were board members. At this meeting anyone over 65 years of age gets in free. Only one in the crowd had to pay!

Finally, the sixth grade forestry tour sponsored by the Oregon State University extension service was held on September 17–18 just off Clover Creek Road about 20 miles west of Klamath Falls. The tour has several stations describing different things in our forests in Klamath County. Our club manages the forest products station.

This year, the local Klamath County and city schools, plus one from Northern California, brought about 700 students, parents, and teachers to the tour.

Ron Loveness from the Winema Club led the charge, bringing in Denny Holl, Paul Wunder, and Dave Danforth to help with the classes. This is Ron's 50th year of helping with our station. This stop on the kids' tour explains how many products come from our forests and we try to make the point that our forests are a renewable and sustainable source of materials for people to use in their every day lives.

Following such a positive experience with the kids, this fall was also a sad time for our club. We had four members pass away in a very short time span. John Tritch and John Humer, both Winema past presidents; and Bernie Agrons and Fred Forsythe all passed away.

We finished the year with our annual Past Presidents/ Elimination Drawing. We had a pretty good turn out of 56 members, spouses, and guests. The top prize of \$1000 went to Ted Paddock who last won the prize twenty-six years ago. We awarded a total of \$1150 in cash. The other big winners were Ron Loveness (\$100) and Daniel Leavell (\$50). There were 14 past presidents in attendance (maybe because we gave them a free meal) and by all reports it was a successful event.



14 – MT. GAMBIER CLUB 214

Mt. Gambier member Graham "Slim" Fennell was honored last August when he was inducted into Australia's National Road Transport Hall of Fame. The Road Transport Historical Society is dedicated to

the preservation and presentation of Australia's unique road transport heritage. It does this at its magnificent Shell Rimula Hall of Fame at Alice Springs, the traditional birthplace of the roadtrain.

Each year at their annual reunion, they induct worthy people who have contributed to the transport industry. They need to have spent a major part of their lives doing this. Slim Fennell was nominated for his long history with trucks for most of his working life.

It seems awards are a family thing for the Fennells. Their daughter Wendy was honored the same month as her father as "South Australia's Business Woman of the Year" from a nominated pool of 26 other worthy nominees. Wendy began her working career at her family owned business G & R Logging; a company that was established by her parents Graham and Val Fennell and partner Ronnie Nilsson in 1991.

Starting in her teens, Wendy worked tirelessly alongside her brother Barry to help grow the business into the major plantation hardwood and softwood harvester and transporter it is today. She is now the managing director of Fennell Forestry, and sits at the top of her field, competent, successful and highly respected amongst her peers and community.

J6 – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLUB 117

There was another amazing meeting and concat held by Southern California Club 117 at the Anaheim Hills golf course on October 21, 2015. There were 55 members and nine kittens. It's noteworthy that prior to the evening meeting 18 members hit the course for a round of golf—the economy must be getting better!

The concat went well and we welcomed the following kittens: Danny Adrea, Humboldt Redwood; Steve Brown, California Timberline; Craig Crafton, Hoover Treating; Bill Gaita, Capital Lumber; Jose Jimenez, Nichols Lumber; Justin Kam, Capital Lumber; Cathy Escacera, Capital Lumber; Stephenie Richardson, Rim Forest Lumber; and Gerardo Rios, Universal Forest Products.

A great time was had by all who enjoyed the oven roast pork with all the trimmings. As usual, after introductions and the pledge of allegiance, a member of the club recited the Code of Ethics and Golden Rule to the audience. Someone new is chosen each meeting to recite the two most important concepts of Hoo-Hoo. In this case, it was Luis Mendez from Capital Lumber and Chris Huntington of Jones Wholesale.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—MICHAEL NICHOLSON 89383
Supreme Nine Jurisdiction VI

J6 – BLACK BART CLUB 181

By the end of October, all the news confirmed an El Nino winter headed our way. A good thing, too, for those of us in northern California who have been living with a terrible drought. Things finally slowed down allowing some of our industry personnel to take a much needed break after some terrible wildfires tore through our communities this fall burning thousands of structures and leaving devastation all around. Anticipation arises as we, the lumber industry, wait to play an integral role in rebuilding these communities. Soon, truck after truck will be rolling out of local mills and lumberyards with materials to start building, literally, from the ground up.

In a time like this, we realize we have much bigger role than just buying, selling and touching lumber. Our industry provides vital networking required to get things going at a mill and on its way to a project that may be as small as a tree house or as big as an entire community. With such great tasks ahead of us, it's comforting to know the friendliness and effectiveness of this Hoo-Hoo fellowship.

Our success as an industry comes partially because we are friends that enjoy getting together inside and outside of work. Over Hoo-Hoos' 124 years of history, it has been evident that getting to know others in this trade has a major benefit for the industry, as well as for our personal and professional lives.

Meetings and events bring us together and our club had a great time at the annual golf tournament on October 9, 2015, at the Ukiah Valley Golf Course. Thirty-eight members and prospective members attended. The 1st place winners were Lee Burgess, Bill Harris, Toby Newman, and Steve Miller; 2nd place to Jon Hagan, Vince Vierra, George Hamman, and Dennis Stack; 3rd to Jim Russell, Micah Smith, and Ben Campbell. Closest to Pin honors to Dan Wirt and Vince Vierra. Longest Drives belonged to Jim Russell and Greg Vincent. Great job guys!

All in all, we had another successful year filled with fun and philanthropic deeds that aided the forest industry and our community. Black Bart Club 181 gathered to support commerce and each other at events such as: Industry Night at The Broiler Room in Redwood Valley in January, a poker tournament at the Burgess Horse Barn in Healdsburg in April, a clay shoot at Wing and Barrel in Petaluma in August, a golf tournament at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course in Ukiah in October and we had one of the best concats in recent history with some of the traditional rituals and garb! Myself, and many other, left feeling content as we are all apart of something bigger than ourselves. When a club or company has a rich, deep history like Black Bart does, it's easy to feel pride and community. We have an identity established and built over the decades by knowledgeable and respectable individuals. This didn't happen by accident...our forefathers had a goal in mind and we are all living it, because it's something worth believing in. Life is, in my opinion, all about giving back and leaving this place better than we found it for future generations. This year, we gave back in meaningful ways by contributing to North Coast Opportunities which benefited victims of the Valley Fire. We also contributed to Redwood Empire Food Bank, Ukiah Food Bank, and Santa Tim! Club 181 touched a lot of lives in 2015 and we don't plan on slowing down in 2016. I encourage everybody who is anybody to come out to one of our events and support the mission we have set out to achieve.

Health, Happiness, and Long Life,

—JESSICA BRUZZONE 101333
Publicity Chair, Black Bart Club 181

18 – TWIN CITIES CLUB 12

Salutations from the Twin Cities! As you read in the last LOG & TALLY, the 123rd HHI Convention is in the rear view mirror. We all are deeply appreciative of both those in attendance and the efforts of everyone that played a part in making the convention happen—the convention chairperson, committee members and volunteers, the sponsors, the Her Royal Highness (the Snark of the Universe), etc. A genuine thank you to all.

After a collective post-convention “sigh,” we were back-to-business but with a new energy to keep the fires burning on a number of fronts. Our goals include increasing membership, continuing our efforts with educational initiatives, diving deeper into getting the club website live, raising club funds, etc.

An election luncheon in early October added a new board member (welcome to Bridget Reynolds, Dean of Construction Sciences & Building Technology at Dunwoody College of Technology) and allowed us to outline some of our action items, set dates for club events, etc. The first event (Turkey Trot, 11/19/2015) welcomed some active members, but also some faces that were absent from the club for years. It provided a great mix for our evening presentation/discussion of “What’s new in Hoo-Hoo Club 12?”

Following on the heels of that event, on December 10 we welcomed Snark Kent and his First Lady Cindy Bond back to town for our Lumberman of the Year banquet. It was a packed house with over 80 in attendance (which included over a dozen previous recipients) to recognize Paul Boehmer for his service and commitment to the industry. Congratulations Paul!

On the work front, our club earmarked funds for four Project Learning Tree (PLT) training sessions this fiscal year. We see great value in paying back to the community through education about the forest products industry and proper stewardship. The first of these new PLT sessions was held this past fall with three more on the docket for this winter and spring. In closing, Twin Cities Club 12 wishes to express our deepest condolences to our dear friend and Hoo-Hoo's most recent Rameses, Mary O'Meara Moynihan, on the sad passing of her husband Kevin in early January. Experiences such as these bring the Hoo-Hoo motto closer to heart as each life is always too short and must be lived to its fullest every day. Until we meet again in person or communicate, may I wish you—

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—JOHN P. GERLACH, 100500
President, Twin Cities Club 12



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A Star Is Born

After Years In the Making



The Star of Hoo-Hoo is a symbol that represents the values of the International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. It is also a prestigious item to possess by members (and even non-members) of HHI.

It was conceived in 2012 by then Snark Ron Gattone on one of his many flight from Australia to the North America for the good of the Order. The initial concept was to encapsulate Hoo-Hoo's Golden Rule in a symbol which eventually became this award medallion. It is a 9-pointed metal piece with an inner circle housing the Hoo-Hoo emblem, the Great Black Cat. An outer ring displays the essence of the Golden Rule, which reads "Our Golden Rule—which we accept as the basic principal of peace and prosperity for the world". Each of the nine points of the star has inscribed in it one of the nine values of the Golden Rule, by which, each member strives to live by—to be Fraternal, Helpful, Grateful, Friendly, Tolerant, Progressive, Industrious, Ethical, and Loyal. Each tip of the nine points terminates in a small circle with the value's number inscribed in it. "At the base of the star, between points 4 and 7, a scroll houses our wonderful motto—Health, Happiness, and Long Life," Ron says of the design. "All of the words and numbers on the star can be read from one view point without rotating it."

After finalizing the design during that 14½ hour flight, Ron set out to acquire board support for his idea. "When visiting Gurdon for the Forest Festival, I showed my then final sketch to several members," reports Rameses 101. "Much to my surprise, very little interest was displayed by those who saw it. I found it challenging to cope with the lack of interest in the star given that I was so passionate about its purpose, symbolism and its design. I did not allow this lack of interest from others to diminish my passion and enthusiasm to proceed to its finalization." It took a few attempts and a change to the by-laws to accomplish, but Ron's perseverance prevailed and the Star of Hoo-Hoo was born.

Taking full lead on the project, Ron brought his concept to fruition and had 100 cast (at Ron and Heather Gattones' own expense) in Australia by a company called Benson House. Working with their foundry manager on the technical aspects, final improvements were made and the work order signed on October 15, 2014. In June 2015, 100 Stars were completed to satisfaction and successively engraved 1 of 100, 2 of 100, and so on. Through their always present generosity, all 100 medallions were donated by the Gattones to Hoo-Hoo International.

Reception of the final Star validated Rameses Ron's dedication and vision and the sale of the Stars has begun. Most have been purchased and awarded to worthy recipients—most recently by Black Bart Club 181 to honor the hard work and years of club service by member David Dahlen 94339. David, who was very surprised, received his Star and the club's thanks during their Industry Night dinner in January.

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Good of the Order.*

The two intentions for the Star of Hoo-Hoo:

First, to award the Star to recipients that have demonstrated exemplary dedication to the advancement of Hoo-Hoo International.

Second, to provide funds for running of the international office and for promotional purposes.

To satisfy awarding the Star to a recipient, only a club can purchase one from the international office, and then only a Hoo-Hoo club can make a presentation to a recipient. When awarded, the back of the Star shall be engraved "Awarded by (Club Name) to (recipient name) for meritorious service to Hoo-Hoo International on (date)."

The Star may also be purchased by any individual or organization (of member or non-member status). As of 2015, the price structure of the Star shall be as follows:

1. When purchased by a club — \$199 USD
2. When purchased by a member — \$299 USD
3. When purchased by anyone *other* than a Hoo-Hoo club or member — \$399 USD

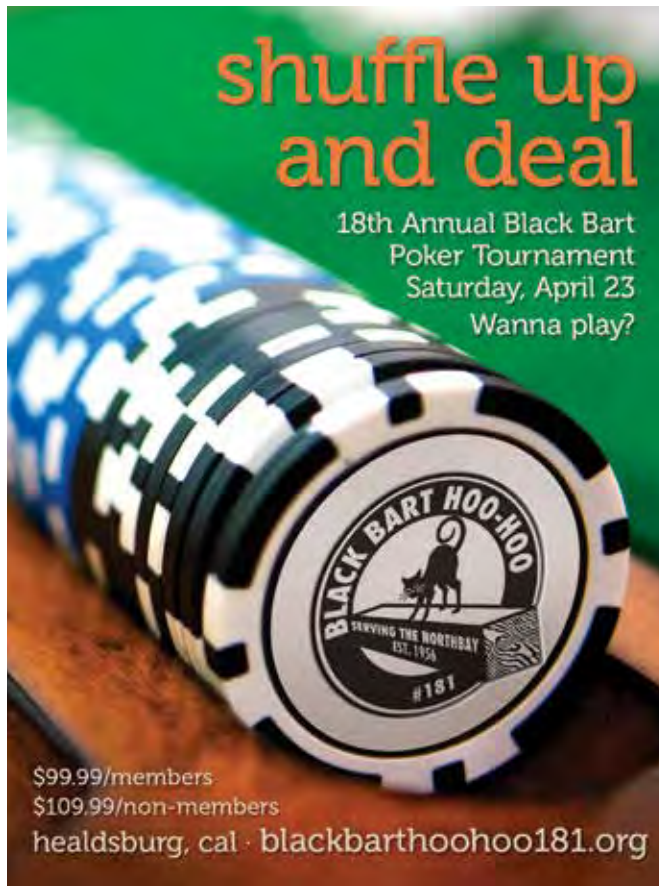
Prices may be changed by the HHI Board at any time.

A register of all the sales of every Star shall be established and maintained by the International office recording the date of sale, sum paid, number of the Star, the club or person who purchased it along with their contact details. When a club makes the purchase, the name and contact details of the recipient shall be notified to the International Office at the time of purchase.

Each Star is engraved on the back from 1 to 100. Star number 99 is dedicated to the Hoo-Hoo Museum and held for historic purposes. Number 9 was sold at the Minneapolis Convention in September, 2015, and purchased by Tacoma-Olympia Club 89 member Jim Miller 101099 by phone for hundreds of dollars in a lively auction. He kindly donated it to the Hoo-Hoo Museum to preserve the nines (9 and 99) for history.

It is not necessary to sell the Stars in numerical order. Each October, during the Forest Festival in Gurdon, a stock take must be conducted of the Stars by those Board members present and the record of the stock take is to be sent to each member of the current Board.

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Club 261 President Rameses 97 Ray Lamari and his fellow members have planned an exciting adventure for all who are attending. By combining the Jurisdiction IV annual convention with the international convention, this promises to be a well attended event and one not to miss.

Cairns (which is pronounced a little like “Canz”) is the gateway to Queensland’s tropical north. A stylish city, it is also renowned for its relaxed, tropical climate and laid back ambience.

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GENERAL CONVENTION QUESTIONS Download our itinerary, registration form, and hotel form on the Hoo-Hoo website www.hoo-hoo.org.

R97 Ray Lamari will be happy to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at ray@everestone.com.au or call +011-61-419022683

Further information will also be available on the J-IV website www.hoo-hoo-jiv.org.au



THE LOCATION Getting to Cairns is relatively easy. Most North Americans can find a good selection of flights to Sydney with connecting flight directly to Cairns International Airport.



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THE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 9/7

- HHI Board Meeting (half day afternoon)

THURSDAY 9/8

- Registration
- HHI Board Meeting
- Golf (optional)
- Ice-Breaker Cocktail Party

FRIDAY 9/9 – RAINFOREST DAY

- Rameses Breakfast
- Skyrail/Kuranda Village/Lunch/Scenic Railway
- International Speaker
- Evening free to explore Cairns

SATURDAY 9/10

- Presentation of Flags/Business Session
- Group Lunch – Hoo-Hoo Challenge
North America v Australia
- Evening free to explore Cairns

SUNDAY 9/11 – GREAT BARRIER REEF DAY

- *Reef Magic* Great Barrier Reef Experience
- Evening free to explore Cairns

MONDAY 9/12

- Business Session
- Awards Luncheon
- Installation of Officers/Embaling of the Snark
- Incoming Board Meeting
- Gala Dinner

TUESDAY 9/13

- Jurisdiction IV Mid-Year Board Meeting





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Railway Lands Open

And Mount Gambier 214 Delivered the Goods



The old Railway Lands were a hub of local commerce throughout the city's history. Mount Gambier had an extensive goods yard and a locomotive depot with a roundhouse.



In 2015, after over a year of work, the Railway Lands was completely transformed into a public community space that will be used for events and activities throughout the year.



This is just one of the natural play structures created at The Rail with wood supplied by Mount Gambier Hoo-Hoo Club 214 members and supporters.

On Sunday, November 15, 2015, the Mount Gambier Hoo-Hoo Club 214 was able to see their more of good works in action when, on a lovely spring day, a new park opened in the South Australia town of Mount Gambier reutilization the site of the old Railway Lands. Attended by thousands of people, the opening was the culmination of the work of many over a period of years.

Mount Gambier Railway Lands is a unique and exciting new public space located in the heart of the city. 'The Rail', as it is nicknamed, is an initiative of the City of Mount Gambier to support the community by offering a site for a range of events and activities throughout the year.

Club 214 had a dinner meeting some months ago with Michael Silvy from the City of Mount Gambier as guest speaker. Mr. Silvy presented a detailed, visual plan of the Railway Lands project and the club unanimously decided to bring strong support by sourcing large logs for the Adventure Playground. This natural playground area is fantastic and includes a huge sand pit, a running stream (from storm water retention on site) complete with log crossings, and timber mazes. It is a popular place to play for children and families.

Coordinated by Club 214 secretary Lew Parsons, two truckloads of logs were delivered to the Council Depot ready for placement. The logs were harvested from many forests near Tantanoola, just before the fire at the Bluff in January 2015, destroyed so much timber.

The trees were logged by Fennel Forestry Pty. Ltd.; selected and sorted by K.C. & M.R. Boulton Pty. Ltd.; and were finally loaded by Gambier Pine Harvesting onto trucks owned by Gabrielli Transport for delivery to the Council Depot.

The dollar value of this contribution was substantial and, in time, more of the logs will be installed on-site.

This was an enormous project for Club 214. All our forestry industry supporters can be very proud of this must-see model playground and provides great inspiration for other projects that fellow Hoo-Hoo clubs can initiate or assist in building.

-by Brian Page 82335, Mount Gambier Club 214 Publicity Officer

The Ultimate Log Ride!

The World's Fastest Log Now Set to Help Our Hero Veterans

The dream of building the world's "fastest log" car is now complete and in the Guinness Book of Records. Bryan Reid Sr., founder of Pioneer Log Homes in British Columbia and star of HGTV's reality TV show the "Timber Kings", finished his 2,200-lb car (crafted from a single Western Red cedar tree) in January and tested its twin turbines while setting the record.

The "One Cedar Rocket" attempted its historic run on January 20 at Wild Horse Pass Raceway in Chandler, Arizona, just before going on display in the Pioneer Log Home exhibit at the Barrett Jackson auction in Scottsdale, January 23–31. The car will spend the remainder of the year showcased around North America before being auctioned for charity in 2017. All proceeds from the sale will go to support veterans' groups such as the Medal of Honor Museum Foundation, Camp Patriot, Wounded Warrior, Yellow Ribbon America, and others.

"The thought has been in my mind for many years to build a log car," said Bryan Reid Sr., "but the idea became a reality in Scottsdale last January when I was able to put a dream team in place to actually construct it." Bryan invited Louis Horschel, owner of Buffalo Turbines near Buffalo, New York, and master mechanic Gerald Overton to join him in the civic quest to take a single log and build it into a functioning (and fast)



It's as if Fred Flintstone and George Jetson got together to collaborate on a race car. The One Cedar Rocket set the world record with Bryan Reid Sr. (second from the left) at the wheel with the Guinness crew on hand to document the event.



The *One Cedar Rocket* is now the fastest motorized log in the world having setting the record in Arizona this January!

record setter. All three men are tremendous supporters of our military service people and this seemed a unique way to say thank you for their service.

Harvested in British Columbia, the log's shape reminded Bryan of the Bonneville Salt Flat speed cars from the 50s and 60s and an idea was born. Crafted from a 240-year old Western Red cedar—coincidentally the same age as the signing of the Declaration of Independence—"The tires are rubber, the axles and frame are metal, the wheels are aluminum, but the rest of it is all log," Bryan said. "Even the handcrafted fenders, turned hubcaps, and tail fin are wood!"

Most of the chassis was taken from a 1990's RX7 because it has independent suspension, 4-wheel disc brakes, the proper width and wheel base, and a perfect gear ratio for an electric conversion (4:10). According to Bryan, "this eliminated the need of a transmission and could be direct drive from an electric motor to a differential via a coupler." Gerald Overton was responsible for the complete rebuild of the chassis, brake and steering system. The electric/battery system integration was done by Randy Holquist of Canadian Electric Vehicles.

Thousands of hours were spent by many preparing this car for the record setting venture. "The cedar log itself is Mother Nature's design, we just took her creation and were able to put some rubber to the road," the Timber Kings star said of the project. "It's exciting that there's already a standing bid on it and it is very substantial. More importantly, knowing all proceeds will go to help and honor veterans is very satisfying."

Deeply Rooted in Our Community



Hoo-Hoo people are generous. The monies raised at the club events like golf tournaments, crab feeds, and surplus building material auctions supply the funds that are redistributed to bring positive change to those in need. Trust that your support is appreciated.

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- Phoebe's Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Strides For Survival
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- Ahearn Foundation (military charities)

JURISDICTION II

DETROIT CLUB 28

- Motor City Blight Busters
- Michigan Forest Association
Teacher Tour

JURISDICTION III

SPOKANE CLUB 16

- Hoo-Hoo Express Wooden Truck Toys
(handmade items for local charities)

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CLUB 33

- Food For Lane County
- Cascade Raptor Society
- Day Care Nursery

SEATTLE CLUB 34

- Hope Link *(toy drive)*

PORTLAND CLUB 47

- Open House Ministries
Family Shelter
- Oregon State Scholarship
(Forestry Dept.)
- Royal Family Kids Camp

TACOMA OLYMPIA CLUB 89

- Tacoma Nature Center at Snake Lake
- The Rescue Mission
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- of Puget Sound

HONOLULU CLUB 142

- Oreogon State Forestry Scholarship
Fund *(Honolulu forestry students)*

NW MONTANA CLUB 187

- The Needy Childrens Fund
- Alert Rescue Helicopter Program
- Firewood Delivery *(for veterans and those in need)*
- Family Forestry Expo

WINEMA CLUB 216

- Oregon State University Elementary
School Forestry Tour

NORTH CASCADE CLUB 230

- Town of Oso
- *(mudslide disaster relief)*

N. E. WASHINGTON CLUB 238

- Various State High Schools
Forestry Programs
- Colville Fish Hatchery Educational
Program
- Temperate Forest Foundation
- Retirement And Convalescent
Homes Solar Power

JURISDICTION IV

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JURISDICTION V

VANCOUVER CLUB 48

- Evans Lake Forest Education Society
- Vancouver Childrens Hospital

COWICHAN VALLEY CLUB 229

- BC Forest Discovery Center in
Duncan
- Vancouver Island University Forestry
Program Student Bursaries
- Eve's Provincial Park

JURISDICTION VI

S. CALIFORNIA CLUB 117

- The City of Hope
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Homes for Our Troops

BLACK BART CLUB 181

- Sturgeon's Mill Restoration Project
- Hoo-Hoo International Museum
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- Santa Tim Charity
- Toys for Tots Foundation
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HUMBOLDT CLUB 63

- Humboldt State Forestry
Scholarship Fund

JURISDICTION VIII

TWIN CITIES CLUB 12

- Project Learning Tree
- St. Paul Public Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Temperate Forest Foundation
- University of Minnesota
Forestry School
- Habitat For Humanity
- Minnesota Children's Museum
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SIoux VALLEY CLUB 118

- Muscular Dystrophy Bike for Cure
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EUGENE D. (GENE) ZANCK – RAMESES 71 – L-68162

Spokane Club 16 · Spokane, WA

Rameses 71 Gene Zanck, 88, passed away on December 23, 2015, in Spokane, Washington.

Gene was born May 2, 1927, in Chicago to Joseph and Florence Zanck. He joined the Marine Corps on the third try at the young age of 17 (after he figured how to misrepresent his age). He was a China Marine and served in Korea. He maintained an affiliation with the China Marine group throughout his life.

Gene started his career in the forest products industry with Boise Cascade and eventually founded his own company, Pre Built Structures, a modular building company in Spokane, Wash. He took pride in building quality homes and commercial

structures for clients in the Northwest and Alaska.

Gene served as Snark of the Universe in 1978-79 and with his wife Jackie traveled extensively to Hoo-Hoo events including the convention in Australia. They made many lifelong friends and continued to attend international conventions and local meetings until recently. Gene was a strong man with a large presence and was remembered by most who met him. He generally had an opinion he was willing to share and prided himself in sharing his knowledge and experiences with others. He will surely be missed by friends at future gatherings of Hoo-Hoo's.

Gene enjoyed many activities including fishing, hunting, gardening, racquetball, woodworking, politics and especially traveling. Gene & Jackie spent many years traveling in their motor home throughout this "great country of ours". They spent winters in Arizona returning to Spokane full time in 2010. But amidst these many activities, Gene's family and a daily prayer remained foremost. His love of family was seconded by his love of the Marine Corps and his country. Even to his last days, Gene put up the American Flag daily.

Gene is survived by his wife Jackie of 63 years, sons Daryl (Pamela) of Spokane, Barry of Irvine, CA, Perrin (Mary) of Spokane, Gary (Kathy) of Sisters, OR and daughters Karen (John) Chuday of Mill Valley, CA and Mary (Mark) Brinkman of Post Falls, ID. He will be missed by his 13 grandchildren and many relatives, friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by daughter Cheryl in 1973.

BERNARD Z. AGRONS 80460

Winema Club 216 · Klamath Falls, OR

Bernard Z. Agrons 80460 died on October 16, 2015, in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

He was a soldier, commercial forester, business executive and legislator during his lifetime.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 1922, to Russian immigrant parents. His mother, Rose died when Bernie was young and his father, Phillip, remarried to a woman named Pauline.

Bernie served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II, in the Pacific Theater including the central Philippines campaign.

After the war ended, he met the love of his life, Betty Jo, at an Army social event and they were married as soon as the war was over. Bernie spent some time working

in the insurance business, and then decided to go to college. He attended the UC Berkley in California and studied forester.

His first professional success was at Rockport Redwood Company, where he became a vice-president.

He worked briefly for Weyerhaeuser Company in both Tacoma, Wash., and North Carolina. He finally ended up in Klamath Falls, Ore., where he became the regional vice- president in charge of timberlands and the enormous mill in Klamath Falls.

Shortly after his retirement, Bernie was elected to the Oregon Legislature where he served from 1983 -1991.

Bernie is survived by his daughter, Judy Bergstrom (Bruce); grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

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ROBERT J. BOUCHER 72810

Twin Cities Club 12 · Spokane, WA

“How-yah doing young man” was the greeting you first heard from Bob in person or over the phone. After that there were these sayings, “Big mill stock”, “Why don’t you try a unit and tell me how it compares”, “How’s your accounts receivables”. Those were just of the few classic sayings that you would hear from Bob.

Bob left us at the age of 98. He was a Vaudeville dancer and comedian, ladies man, dog lover, lumber baron, state fair fan and an all-around good guy.

He started his lumber career at Superior Lumber Co., St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1951. He was concatted into the Twin Cities Hoo-Hoo Club on November, 16, 1961. Through out his career many customers referred to him as “Mr Cedar”. He was an active seller of mainly cedar products until 2008 when the economy and his health slowed him down. He had business cards printed up and passed them out at the assisted living home where he lived. He loved life, his family, community and people. As one of the countless lumber associates he mentored through out the years stated, “He potentially could be on the Mount Rushmore of Lumbermen in the State of Minnesota, if not for his contributions, certainly for his longevity.”

FREDRICK FORSYTHE 100828

Winema Club 216 · Klamath Falls, OR

Fredrick William Forsythe, 57, left this world on October 15, 2015, at OHSU in Portland, Oregon, after a brief illness. Whether you called him son, dad, or friend, he left us too soon.

Fred graduated from Henley High School in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 1977, where he excelled in football.

He always had a sparkle in his eyes and he never failed to help a friend in need. Fred worked in the refrigeration business for many years and finally worked for Klamath County in their maintenance department.

Fred was on the board of directors of the Winema 216 for the past three years.

Fred is survived by his mother, Marcia Forsythe, daughters Dawn Dodson and Ashley Waggener; Sister Patricia Forsythe, grandchildren; partner, Teresa Hernandez; constant companion, Jesse James; and a large circle of friends.

JOHN HUMER 96809

Winema Club 216 · Klamath Falls, OR

John Lewis Humer, 72, died in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on October 2, 2015.

John was born on May 31, 1943, in Findley, Pennsylvania, to John and Hilda Humer. The family moved to Arizona where he graduated from San Pasqual Valley High School. He then attended Imperial Valley Community College and then San Diego State University. He married Joyce Lubke in 1968 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He worked in the timber industry before becoming a field supervisor for Basin Transit in Klamath Falls.

John was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge and he was a past president of the Winema #216 Hoo-Hoo Club.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; son, John Humer; brothers, Henry and Samuel Humer; sisters Kathleen Ball and Martha Benjalmins; two grandchildren; nine honorary grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. (BILL) LENTES 88098

Spokane Club 16 · Spokane, WA

Bill Lentes, 87, passed away on January 4, 2016, in Spokane, Washington, after a short illness.

Bill was born September 23, 1928, in Spokane to William & Rosamond Lentes and was a lifetime resident. He served in the Navy as a See Bee in Guam in the late 40’s. When he returned from the service, Bill worked as a carpenter before establishing a cut stock business. Bill had a knack for designing equipment to process and handle materials in an efficient manner which contributed to the growth of the cut stock business. During its 40 year history, Dellen Wood Products became a major producer of 4/4 industrial pine cut stock. The company was sold in 2001 and Bill retired to fishing and traveling.

Bill was a wood worker at heart. As an active member of Spokane Hoo-Hoo Club #16, Bill took great pride in participating in the Club’s production of the “Hoo-Hoo Express” wooden trucks. Dellen Wood Products provided the raw material for the trucks in dimensions that made the production by a dedicated group of volunteers very routine. From 2001 through 2015 approximately 30,000 trucks were built by club members and other volunteers and given to local

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and international charities. Bill had a routine for the assembly of a portion of the of truck bodies that was envied by all.

In addition, Bill was generous in providing resources for club activities and events. Office staff at Dellen Wood Products helped coordinate activities and occasionally, Bill would fire up his famous hamburger grill for a social gathering of club members. A special treat for club officers and board members was a cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene with Bill & Ellen on their Bluewater Cabin Cruiser. Bill was a genuine self-made person that loved to share his success.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Ellen, in 1998. He is survived by his three children, David (Heidy) of Las Vegas, Richard (Jody) and Randal of Spokane Valley, and three grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Richard Lentes, and by Joanne Jones, his companion for the past 15 years.

JOHN WILLIAM TRITCH 81545 Winema Club 216 · Klamath Falls, OR

John William Tritch passed away on September 14, 2015, due to complications from prostate cancer.

John was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on June 23, 1939. He received his education from East Noble High School, where his father was principal and his mother a teacher. He went on to attend Purdue University, where he received a degree in forest management in 1961.

John married his high school sweetheart, Suzanne Lee Febles on June 24, 1961. They spent their honeymoon driving to Oregon, where he worked as a forester at Steam Boat Ranger Station. The Berlin Crisis sent them to Stuttgart, Germany, where he served as a first lieutenant in the Tank Transport Division. After his deployment in 1967, John received his MBA from the University of Wisconsin and they travelled back to Oregon and made it home. John worked for Boise Cascade, Columbia Plywood, Alpine Veneer, and finally retired from Columbia Forest Products in 2000.

John was a past president of Winema Hoo-Hoo Club 216 in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three children: William Tritch of Greensboro, North Carolina; Dr. Todd Tritch, Eugene, Oregon; and Rachel Tritch Lewis, Davidson, North Carolina; and four grandchildren.



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To gain and farm his patch of soil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow with ease:
The stronger wind, the stronger trees;
The further sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength.

By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In trees and men good timbers grow.

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We find the patriarchs of both.

And they hold counsel with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife.

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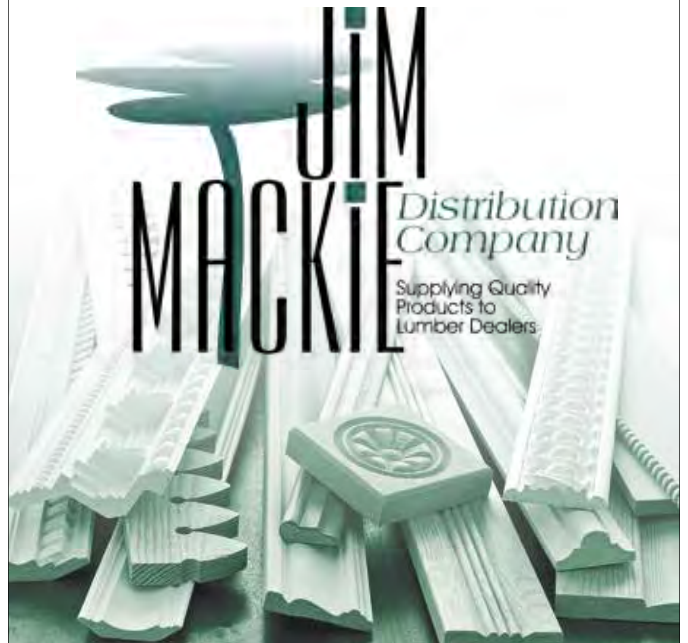
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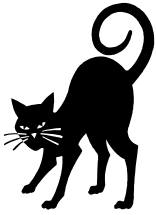
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