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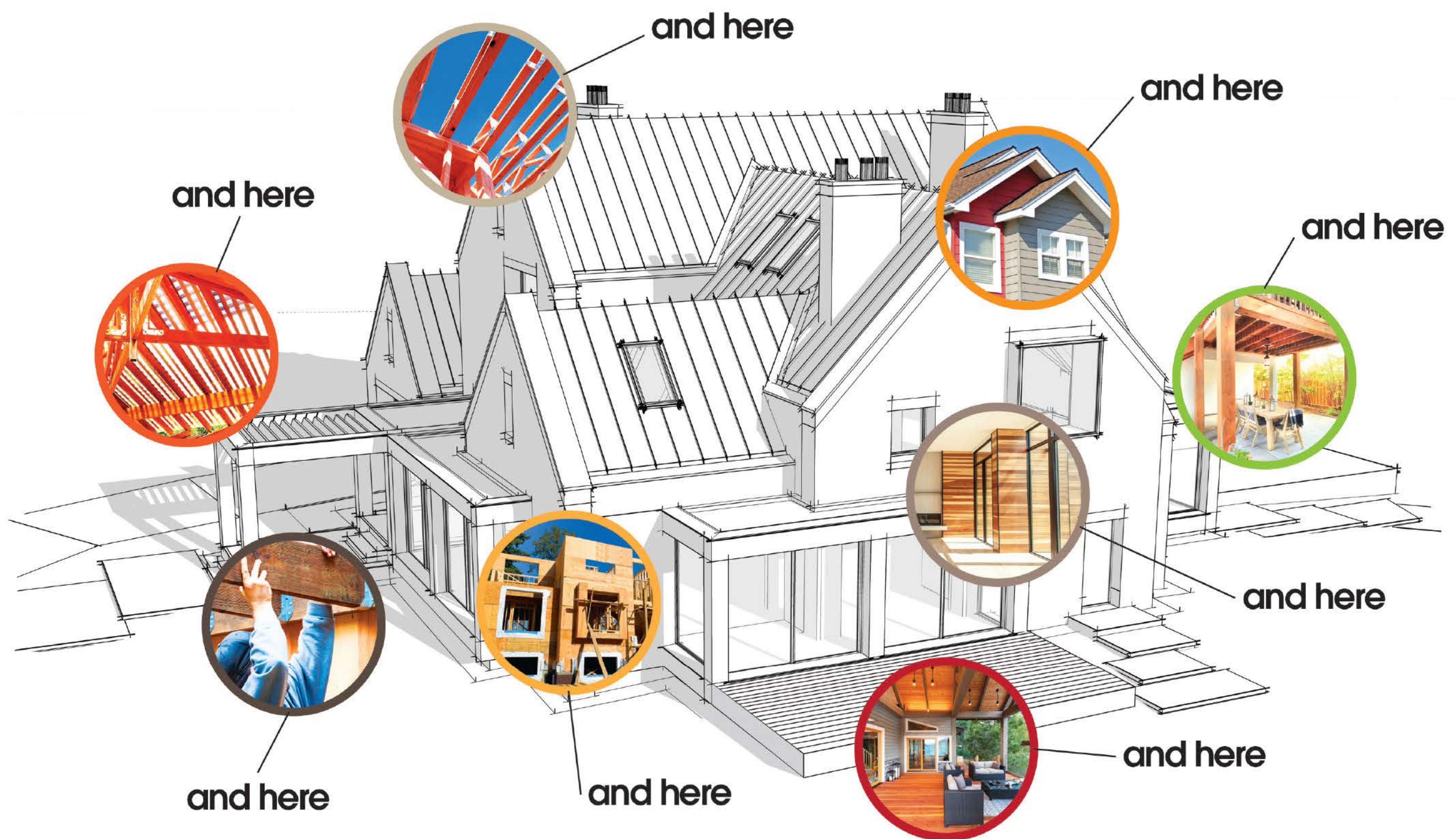




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### Editorial

While the last issue of L&T featured our new Snark, Paul Beltgens, this issue is meant to feature the Hoo-Hoo Office and Museum. I had hoped to have more content and pictures, but we tried to keep this issue short and sweet so that we could get it out quicker and get back on schedule.

January 3rd marks my one year anniversary as HHI Executive Secretary! This job has been a literal answer to prayers and more than I deserve. Thank you all for being wonderful and I look forward to year 2 and all the ways we can and will improve!

I often rack my brain about how I/we can improve HHI, internationally and locally. As far as the Gurdon Club, I was trying to brainstorm what we can provide to potential members that would be worth their while.

Maybe have a speaker at the meeting like we have at Rotary? Provide information on forestry around us, find someone who knows tips and tricks to help expand business, and/or maybe start a collection of contacts for networking? If anyone has suggestions, please share and email me!

**NEW YEAR, NEW IDEAS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES!**

I pray you all have a wonderful new year, as well as, Health, Happiness & Long Life

**Natalie Leamons 101999  
Executive Secretary**





## HHI SNARK'S DESK

Hello Everyone,

Since taking over as the Snark, I have had a privilege of joining the Vancouver Club #48 Concat with 13 new kittens October 26th, 2023. It was truly a night to remember by all, including our new members. I have to say that I almost lost my voice!

The following morning I was off to Gurdon, Arkansas for my first Forest Festival. There I was met by Rameses Paul Todd in Little Rock, after which we drove south and stayed at Arkadelphia. The next morning we went for a pancake breakfast and met with the local club members in Gurdon. We walked in the parade through the town despite the rain. I would have never thought that it could rain so hard, but this rain and weather did not dampen the spirit of the locals.

In the afternoon, our club team; Paul Todd, Paul Boehmer, Robin Aranza, Steve Allison and I were invited to be judges for the local kids' Halloween costume contest. There were some tough choices to be made. Also, as a tradition, Hoo Hoo International participated at the Forest Festival auction.

We donated a ham, bought it back for \$340 to benefit the senior adult center, then donated the ham to them also.

The next day, Paul Todd and I drove to Houston for the Frank Aranza Golf Tournament held by the Houston club members. The money raised from the golf tournament goes towards Boys and Girls Country, which provides homes for children in need. The following day was cold and wet, only 45 F (usually 70-80 F), luckily for me the golf game was cancelled! Despite the weather, we had a fundraising lunch for the club at the golf course. I must thank the Houston club for welcoming Rameses Paul Todd and myself, with special thanks to Robin Aranza for hosting us and driving us to the various functions.

Unfortunately, Houston club President and J7 Supreme Nine Roland Massey had a medical emergency and could not attend the golf tournament, but I had a chance to discuss with him the future and how to grow the Houston Hoo Hoo club.

November 3rd, my home club, Cowichan Valley #229 held the Annual Fall Social and Reverse Draw. 130 tickets were sold and we received 4 new applications from people wanting to join the club! A good time was had by all.

I've also been in contact with Tim McEntire from NW Montana Club #187 to see what we can do to get this club back active.

On November 29th, club #229 is hosting a dinner to recognize the club directors and all other people who helped to make the International Convention #131 such a success. In the meantime, please support and engage with your local club, and use our Log & Tally magazine to promote.

HH&LL,

Paul Beltgens 90980, Snark

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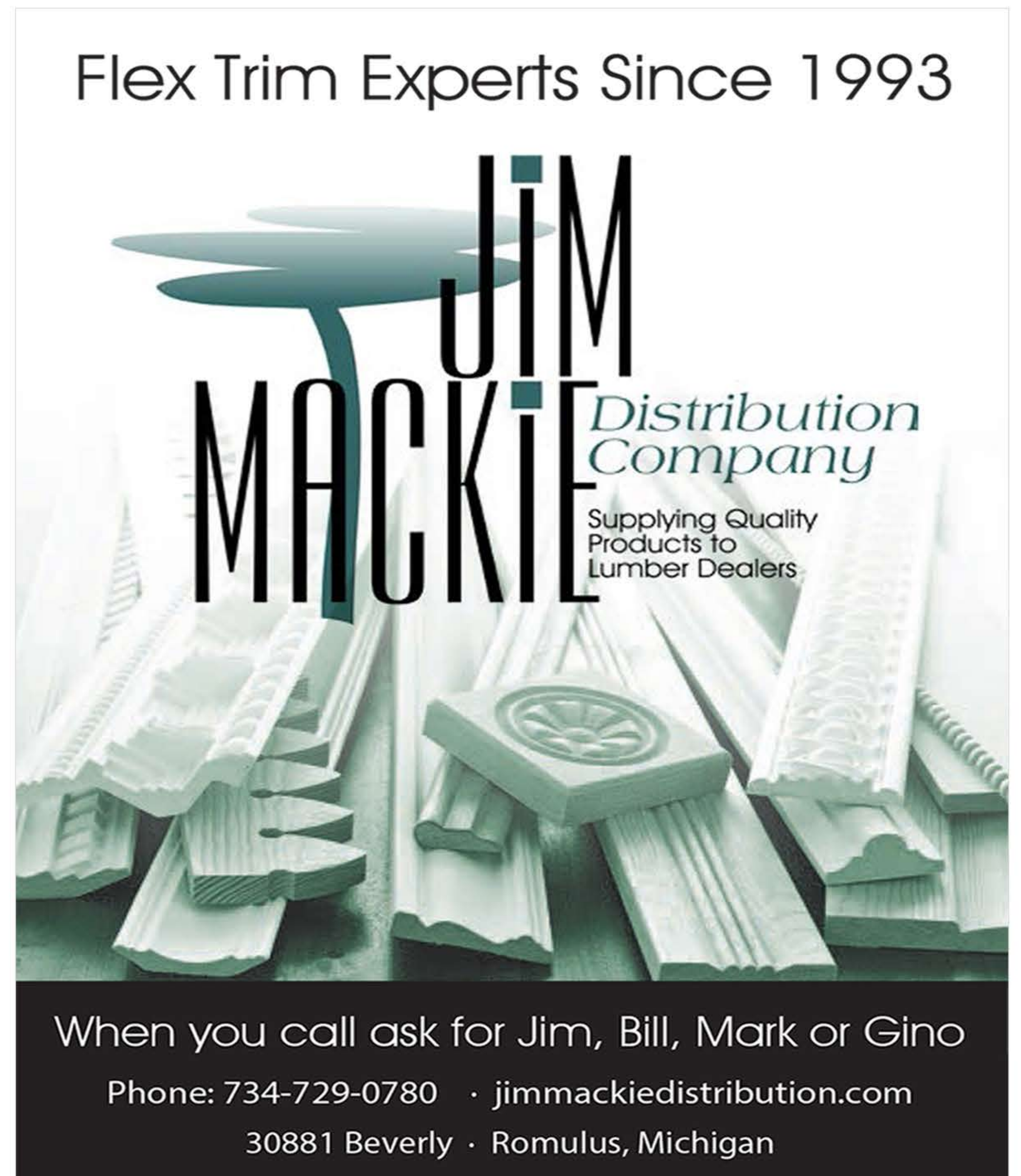
Hope everyone is doing well.

As 2023 draws to a close I can truly see a revived energy and vigor as we head into 2024. It was a rough time during covid, but thanks to so many who love this organization, things are going much smoother and positive. When we finally got to meet back in person it was like an excitement switch had been turned on. There are so many good people everywhere I visited in the last 2 years. I see the future getting better and better. We have had a resurgence in new members which is very positive as we start a new year. There may still be a few bumps in the road, but working together we can smooth it out. I am so looking forward to seeing you at the 2024 convention. It should be a lot of fun.

Thank you one and all for everything that has been done to assure the future of HooHoo continues into infinity and beyond.

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## FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The new Hoo-Hoo year is underway full steam – and very busy.

As the new First Vice President of Hoo-Hoo International, I am a member of six committees and the chairman of three: one of which being the Marketing Committee. We have met via Zoom and have a wonderful team full of energy and ideas. Our objective is to promote Hoo-Hoo through different channels. In addition to the current items available online and at the Hoo-Hoo Museum, we plan to add more swag items that could also be sold to our local Clubs for their events. Another opportunity to market ourselves will be through partner advertising with the many trade groups and publications in our local markets.

As Chair of the Membership Committee, I am optimistic that we will increase our membership. While we have not yet formally met, I like the sentiments I hear when speaking with others throughout our organization. I want to compliment Black Bart Club #181 for their goal of growing their membership by 50% this year.

I encourage all of you to bring a coworker or customer to one of your Club events, let them experience the value of Hoo-Hoo.

As the Chair of the Operations Committee, the team is reviewing the current Operations Manual to update as needed; I know, exciting stuff – LOL.

Looking forward to the start of 2024 and the California Trifecta, I hope to see you at one of the meetings.

HH&LL

**John W Taylor – 95673**  
HHI 1st Vice President



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# EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Greetings from Gurdon!

Visitors at the museum have slowed down since summer is over, but a homeschool group did visit and had a great time! After showing them around the museum and telling them about Hoo-Hoo, we walked down to the monument and crossed the tracks for a picture in front of the mural. Afterwards, they visited a logging site!



New flagpoles were installed in October thanks to many donors! We also purchased a new American flag that was the same size as the others.



Several clubs and members donated to help support Gurdon's Close-Up group travel to Washington, D.C. This is a cause that is very special to Gurdon Hoo-Hoo Club 120 member Anita Cabe 100007 so they were more than happy to help out and support Gurdon's kids who aspire to travel and learn more about our country.



The 2023 Forest Festival was a success and it was good to have several Hoo-Hoo's back in Gurdon! The weather was not ideal, but we made the best of it...even walking/riding in pouring rain.



Snark Paul Beltgens and Chairman of the Board Paul Todd carried the banner - thankful for umbrellas!



Executive Secretary Natalie Leamons in the back of the truck with the kids! Gurdon Club member Billy Tarpley 91099 driving with Houston Club members Steve Allison and Robin Aranza inside throwing candy.



S9 J8 Paul Boehmer with Lucy, Snark Paul Beltgens, Rameses 107/Chairman of the Board Paul Todd, Executive Secretary Natalie Leamons and Rameses 106 Steve Allison in front of the museum & office



## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



*Judging the costume contest*

■ Operations at the HHI office are moving a long and I am still learning a lot and have a long way to go. Please make sure you open and read emails from HHI. That's my main method of communication when requesting content for Log & Tally, sending invoices and reminders, etc.

■ We would love to see more members and clubs send in articles, stories, pictures, etc. for the Log & Tally. It is also important that we sell ad space and Business Builder ads, so please consider purchasing one!



*Bidding up the ham at the auction*

■ The website is still a work in progress, but it is SO beneficial to you. There is a lot of information under the Resources tab and we do our best to keep the calendar up-to-date. Take some time to explore the website and make sure you have claimed your account and are able to log in.

■ December 31st is my one year anniversary of being concatenated and January 3rd marks one year working for you! It has been a fast, but GREAT year and I am loving this position so much. There is a lot of positive excitement about how our organization can grow, but I do need to stress that it takes EVERYONE to make it great. We are all busy, but I ask that members get more involved in their club so that the majority of business doesn't fall on one or two people. If you look at the most successful clubs, they have at least 5 people that are very involved and they have regular meetings. If you don't like how the word "meeting" sounds, call it "Hoo-Hoo Dinner" or "Hoo-Hoo Hangout"! Everyone needs a break and could use a little fun. Maybe that one night a month everyone can unwind, have some food and drinks, play some music in the background, and relax.

■ I pray we can all pack up the past, learn and grow, cherish the good times, and move on to this new year with a positive outlook and improve ourselves so that we can help and love each other better. God Bless you all!



*Hoo-Hoo with Gurdon Forest Festival Queen and Princesses*



## THE HOUSE OF HOO-HOO AT THE CHAUTAUQUA

The Pana Historical Society recently recreated an historic event in early October - the Chautauqua. These events were held in Pana from 1900 - 1931, for 10 days, in what is now Pana's Kitchell Park. The event used to be centered on religious, political, social and sporting themes.

Pana has been rich in history and one of the things about the Chautauqua which intrigued people was the House of Hoo-Hoo at the event.

In recreating the Chautauqua, the historical society also recreated the House of Hoo Hoo as part of the festivities, drawing the interest of nearly all who intended. featured in the "House" were photos and relics of Pana's past, which included a racing cup won at the 1908 event, which was presented to Zora Ledbetter by Frank James, brother of the infamous Jesse James. Frank used to call the horse races at the event.



*Pana Chautauqua-goers on August 13, 1910, posed with William Jennings Bryan, a familiar figure on the chautauqua circuit in Illinois. Families sometimes spent weeks at the Pana Chautauqua, setting up house in one of the tents rented by the Chautauqua Association. The occupants of this tent dubbed their summer quarters "The House of Hoo-Hoo." See Story on page 3. (Photo courtesy Pana News-Palladium)*



Some other notable people who were highlighted at the older events were Williams Jenning Bryant, John Phillips Sousa, and well-known regional preacher Billie Sunday. Bryant is shown in the middle of the above photo, seated. To the left of him is locally famous philanthropist, Capt. John Kitchell, who donated the land for the park, hence it being named after him.

Included in this year's event were a kids fishing derby, old time baseball game, pie baking contest, pie eating contest, Black Horse Native American Lodge, bike races (in lieu of horse races), and two nights of musical entertainment.





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## FULL STEAM AHEAD – THE HILLCREST #1 SHAY STORY

Ever ridden on a Shay? This could be your opportunity!

This good news story, describing the restoration of an historic Shay steam logging locomotive was, in part, made possible through the support of the Cowichan Valley Hoo Hoo Club (#229) and a number of its members. Step back in time to the turn of the 20th century, when rail logging reached its high point throughout coastal British Columbia and most of the Pacific Northwest, as companies sought to harvest timber from remote and difficult terrain conditions. These logging firms were faced with accessing timber, transporting logs to tidewater and, at the same time, remaining competitive in the markets they served.

These challenges demanded the use of specialized equipment that, with minimal capital outlay, could satisfy those needs. The use of steam locomotives, as a means of transport, had been well established by this time, however, the conventional rod locomotive of the day could not cope with the difficulties of the steep terrain. Remarkably, other locomotive designs had been established, notably geared locomotives, which proved much more successful in dealing with severe logging terrain irregularities.

It is estimated, during the steam locomotive era, some 200 steam locomotives were used in British Columbia. It is further suggested that the bulk of these engines were geared locomotives with the Shay design being the most prominent and favoured engine of the day. The Shay design originated in the United States and the locomotives were built at the Shay Locomotive Works in Lima, Ohio. Its offset boiler was designed to accommodate the vertical cylinders along with the full length line shaft. This line shaft, in turn, provides the connection to the geared drive wheels. This arrangement is characteristic of this type of engine. It could handle the severe grades and extreme track curvatures. Its only compromise was that it could not match the speed of a conventional rod locomotive. One such gear locomotive is the Hillcrest #1 Shay.

It was built in the Lima factory in 1920 as a narrow-gauge unit but was converted to standard gauge at the time of its purchase by Mr. Carlton Stone. The #1 Shay was used at his Hillcrest Lumber Company operations in the Cowichan Valley, B.C. for fourteen years. It was originally designed to burn wood but was soon converted to fire on oil.

This locomotive had several owners over the years and, except for a short stay at “Expo 86” in Vancouver, BC, has remained a fixture of the Cowichan Valley. It hauled logs for the Hillcrest Company until 1934, when it was replaced by a larger locomotive. The Hillcrest Shay was subsequently sold to McNeil and Munn Lumber Company, also located in the Cowichan Valley.

In 1943 the #1 Shay was purchased by the Mayo Lumber Company. In 1947, after sitting idle for four years, it was moved to the docks at Crofton, B.C. where it operated as a yard engine under the company name of Osborn Bay Wharf Company. At this time, it was converted to burning coal. In February 1964 the #1 Shay was acquired by Mr. Gerry Welburn, founder of the B.C. Forest Discovery Centre (B.C. Forest Museum). Over the next few months the locomotive was restored to its original condition, converted yet again to fire on oil, and returned to narrow gauge in order to operate on the Forest Discover Centre trackage. In July 1964 the #1 Shay began a 35 year career transporting thousands of patrons at the Centre before being idled in 1999 as a result of severe thinning in the firebox and boiler area. A completely new boiler was needed to replace the 1920 vintage all riveted boiler. Late in the fall of 2015, at a regular meeting of the Forest Discovery Centre Board of Directors, concern was expressed over the lack of a suitable backup for the steam train excursion, the signature attraction for the Centre. The decision was made to take on the task of replacing the worn out boiler and returning the #1 Hillcrest Shay to operating condition.

Geo Tech of Crofton, a pressure vessel specialist, was approached to design a new boiler to current engineering and regulatory standards, obtain required safety authority approval, and construct the boiler according to these standards. An agreement between Geo Tech and the B.C. Forest Discovery Centre was signed early in 2016. It was hoped that volunteers, both internal and external to the Centre, would undertake and coordinate repairs to the remaining components. As a result, in May 2016, the Centre announced the “Full Steam Ahead Project” – the rebuild of the Hillcrest #1 Shay locomotive. The budget was set at \$125,000 and a timeline of two years. Fund raising got underway. Initially it was thought the locomotive drive train was in reasonable shape with the main repair need being a new boiler. Following disassembly and inspection, however, it became clear that virtually every component on this historic locomotive needed serious repair or replacement. The wheels and undercarriage, in particular, were in a very worn out state. The wheels required reprofiling, axles needed to be machined, drive train and axle bearings all needed to be replaced as well as the main crankshaft bearings. The steam engine cylinders required re-boring and new pistons manufactured. Further, some of the steel undercarriage components were irreparable, requiring new machined replacements. Also, the brake shoes needed to be remanufactured.

The extent of the above work and the time needed to undertake all the additional items found to need repair had greatly affected progress with the restoration. Much of the work required professional help and consequently a significant amount of the work had to be outsourced, much of it to Cowichan Valley Hoo Hoo Club members. Many of the contributing trades businesses experienced conflict with their own business demands creating locomotive repair work delay. Geo Tech experienced delays in the boiler design and procedural approval by the Technical Safety B.C. authority.



All of this and Covid 19 getting in the middle of the restoration process significantly extended the original repair timeline. While the project timeline exceeded the initial time estimates significant progress was made by the volunteers doing the myriad of required repairs. Internal volunteers at the Discover Centre rebuilt and repainted the original engine cab. Work continued on the engine cylinders, pistons, crankshaft, and other engine components. The wheels were machined and reprofiled and generally made ready for reinstallation on the undercarriage frames. New axle bearings along brake shoe components were fabricated and installed.

Fund raising was a very significant part of this major restoration project. Response by the local community had been very gratifying with many contributors indicating they had ridden the train when they were younger and “Yes – very definitely they would support the locomotive restoration!” In total some \$200,000 was raised with some very notable contributions from **North Cowichan Municipality, Peninsula Co-Op, Pacific Energy, Stone Pacific Contracting, Haka Enterprises, Cowichan Valley Hoo Hoo Club (#229), Catalyst Pulp and Paper, Duncan and District Vintage Machinery Society, and GAIN – Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit.** To the many funding supporters for this project – **A VERY GRATEFUL THANK YOU!**

The original budget for the cash required to restore this locomotive was \$125,000. By the end of the project this had been well exceeded with \$200,000 in funding donations having been raised. At completion, including “in kind” donations, more than a further \$250,000 had been provided. A significant amount of the in kind donations was labour and machine time at Hoo Hoo Club member facilities. On top of these contributions to the project was the tremendous amount of donated time by the volunteers who disassembled the locomotive, repaired, and restored components, and reassembled the machine. The estimated total value of all cash contributions, machine shop labour and machine time and volunteer time is greater than \$800,000. Without this tremendous local support this project to rebuild and restore the historic Hillcrest # 1 Shay locomotive would not have been so successfully completed.

The very significant support by **Geo Tech**, whose help and effort with the replacement boiler, was central to the successful conclusion of this project. We are further indebted to the following businesses for their huge contribution of “in kind” donations: **Metal Tech Industries, Duncan Iron Works, Nanaimo Foundry, Pro Fab Industries, Poland Crane, Paulcan and Jemico Enterprises, Western Forest Products, Cloverdale Paint, Fastenal Canada, A.J. Forsyth Steel, Catalyst Pulp & Paper, and Praxair.**

To this group of “in kind” supporters another **VERY GRATEFUL THANK YOU!**

Volunteers were the third essential group to the successful completion of this project. **Pat Hosford, a very well qualified tool and die tradesman and his team** along with **Norm Bumstead and his crew of retired pulp mill tradesmen** were the key volunteer teams on the project. Pat and his helper completely rebuilt the actual steam engine for the locomotive. Norm has a well equipped shop facility where he and his group of tradesmen repaired and rebuilt all the running components to the locomotive. Without these dedicated teams of volunteers, the successful completion of the restoration of the #1 Shay would not have been possible. To Pat and Norm and their respective crews, a **VERY HEARTFELT THANK YOU!**

With the completion of the Hillcrest #1 Shay restoration project the B.C. Forest Discovery Centre now has the only operational Shay locomotive in Canada. Equally important, the steam train excursions ride, that have attracted not only local visitors, but tourists from all over the world, will be sustained. The project is now completed and all at the Forest Discovery Centre staff, volunteers, and Board members want to express a **VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAD A HAND IN THIS PROJECT!**





## FEATURED ARTICLES

### HOUSTON CLUB 23

Greetings from Houston, Texas!

Houston has been extremely hot this year and we broke many records for both high temps and time with no rain...almost 3 months! We are finally out of that and will probably have a cold winter here. Our winter usually lasts about 2 weeks. We have 2 weeks of winter, 2 weeks of spring, 1 week of fall and the rest, SUMMER!

Houston Hoo-Hoo Club #23 had our 18th annual Frank Aranza Golf Tournament at the end of October. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with our plans, and we were rained out. However, we were able to have a small gathering to present our gifts to the new Snark, Paul Beltgens and to Rameses Paul Todd. We have a tradition of rewarding a Snark visit with a nice Stetson hat to remember their trip. Our previous Snark Paul Todd was not able to come last year so he received his gift this year and Paul Beltgens begged me not to buy him a hat, so we surprised him with some Texas suspenders!



We are planning to once again have an outing at Boys and Girls Country on December 8th to take our annual Christmas gifts to the boys and girls. Thanks to our generous sponsors for the golf tournament, we are still able to have these Christmas gifts for the kids. Right now they have 57 kids in, I think, 10 cottages.

They have a competition between cottages for the best decorations and they call this their "Tour of Lights". We will be part of the judging team to pick the best cottage...not an easy task!

Health, Happiness and Long Life,  
Roland Massey 84609  
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President Houston Hoo-Hoo Club #23

### VANCOUVER CLUB 48

Greetings from Vancouver Hoo-Hoo #48.

Most recently, we have completed our fall ConCat and welcomed 13 new kittens. We were pleased to have the event attended by our lifetime member, Brad Techy, along with Snark Paul Beltgens, who participated in the highly secretive induction process. Concats have evolved over the years and today we are working towards an era of inclusion and respect, while at the same time honoring the long-standing traditions that Hoo-Hoo has come to be known for.

This past September, we held our 2nd annual Holly Jones Memorial Golf Tournament. As we did for our inaugural event, all proceeds from the tournament were donated to the Alzheimer Society of BC.

#48 is reinstating its annual ski trip and will be spearheaded by new BoD member, Bryan Ortner from Trapa/Hampton Lumber. Like so many years before, #48 continues its long-standing tradition of hosting our annual Member's Night in May and we are looking forward to welcoming all our members again this year.

Health, Happiness and Long Life!  
Club 48 President  
Matthew Burke 101677

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLUB 117

Our annual Gregson Memorial Tournament met its goal this year of \$30,000. The proceeds are being distributed as follows: \$12,000 to Wounded Warrior Project, \$10,000 to City of Hope, \$6,000 to Homes for our Troops, and \$2,000 to the Gregson Scholarship Fund, Rim Forest High School.



Military personnel guests with Mike Nicholson in the middle.

Next year's tournament is scheduled for October 4, 2024 at Los Serranos Golf Course, Chino Hills, CA.

HH&LL  
Mike Nicholson 89383

### BLACK BART 181

Hi from Northern California!

Here at Black Bart Hoo-Hoo 181 all is well. The club is very strong, and our membership is growing!

A short ConCat was held at our board meeting in November and three new members were added. Black Bart 181 extends a warm welcome to Steve Todd, Store Manager, Mendo Mill, Ukiah, CA., Sandra Bernardi, Administrator, W Real Estate, Ukiah, CA., and Caprice Allen, Sales Representative for BMD, Eureka, CA. Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181 has 101 members! Thank you all for making Black Bart a great organization.

Black Bart believes that service to our communities is a core value. This year, Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club donated to:

- The Santa Tim organization, a local organization that serves families in need
- Sturgeons Mill, an operating museum that features an original steam powered sawmill that illustrates the history of logging, sawmilling and lumber in Sonoma County
- The Redwood Empire Food Bank, a local organization that provides food to those in need
- The North Coast Builders Exchange, a builders exchange that serves the construction industry, and provides grants to school programs that support woodworking and the building trades.



## FEATURED ARTICLES

To educate local high school students about the benefits of a career in the forest products industry, Black Bart is resurrecting its successful Graduate and Prosper (GAP) program in 2024. Local high school students will be provided the opportunity to see a sawmill, a wholesale distribution plant, and a retail lumber yard and learn how lumber moves from logs to job sites. Building the future is what the GAP program is all about. For more information about Hoo-Hoo and events and goings on at Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181, please visit our website at [hoohoo181.org](http://hoohoo181.org).

### Next up for Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181:

#### Industry Night:

January 24, 2023, The Broiler in Redwood Valley, CA – Go to [hoohoo181.org](http://hoohoo181.org) for more information and to register. Contact Jeff Ward – 707-367-0504 and/or Dave Dahlen 707-621-0485

### Save the Date for Black Bart Hoo-Hoo Club 181:

#### ConCat:

New member Meeting - March 6th, 2024, Location TBD – More information to follow.

#### Trap Shoot:

The spring classic trap shoot – April 19th, 2024 - Ukiah Rifle and Pistol Club – More information to follow.

#### Golf Tournament:

Annual golf tournament – October 4th, 2024 – Ukiah Valley Golf Course – More information to follow.

That is it for now. Get involved! We would love to see you! The Forest Products Industry is still the greatest on the planet. The people of our industry make it so.

Kent H. Bond  
Publicity Chair  
Black Bart Hoo-Hoo 181  
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2023 Trap Award

### NORTH CASCADE CLUB 230

The annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament was on a lovely day in early June at the Avalon Golf Links in Burlington.

We had 73 golfers attending from all over the region, including some from Canada as well. We are almost back to pre-covid numbers.

Rob Hild's team (with Rob Nobach, Ryan Nobach & Joe Biringer) won the Low Gross Award. Everyone was a winner with gift cards from local and member merchants. We just concluded our 36th annual Turkey (Trap) Shoot and Dinner event. We had 31 shooters turnout and the competition went late under the lights, almost to the scheduled time for dinner at the Elks Club. The best shooter of the day was Todd Holtz from Springbrook Nursery. We also had a good turnout for the awards dinner where everyone got a prize.

Next up is our popular Crab Feed scheduled for Jan 24th in Stanwood.

Submitted by Will Miller

## TWIN CITIES HOO HOO CLUB #12



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#### Code #2:

To promote human advancement and higher standards of civic, social and economic relations by developing in business the spirit of the Golden Rule, which we accept as the basic principle of **peace and prosperity for the world.**

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## FOR THE GOODS OF THE ORDER

# THE CATS TALES

### SHARING THE NEWS OF HOO-HOO

#### JURISDICTION 6

This has been a great fall season for growth in the organization. My home club, Black Bart #181, had an extraordinarily successful golf tournament on October 6th with a completely full roster of players. A wonderful time was had by all who participated. Thank you to the team at Black Bart for working so hard to put on this magnificent event.

Black Bart has also hit a milestone. Last month, they held a Concat for three new Kittens marking a new membership high of over 100 members for this fiscal year. The Black Bart Board has set a goal to grow by half again this coming year. Well, to be honest, I have set this goal for all the clubs in J-6. Likewise, we need to grow our membership across the U.S. and worldwide. There is no better way to do this than one at a time. (Each one, reach one) If everyone in every club throughout the world of Hoo-Hoo simply just brought in one more friend or co-worker between now and next December of 2024, Hoo-Hoo would double the size of our group...simple right? Let us take the challenge and double our numbers this coming year as a team.

The first quarter of 2024 is set up to be a whirlwind full of events. That is right, the Trifecta is on the horizon and coming fast. These three events hosted by the clubs of Northern California (Sacramento #109, Black Bart #181 & Humboldt #63) have become the go-to events of the season. We start the Trifecta off in Sacramento with their Concat & dinner meeting January 23rd. Sacramento is one of our fastest growing clubs in J-6 and I know they're gunning for being the largest club in Hoo-Hoo. I wish them well with this goal! I am sure they have what it takes to complete this endeavor. Next is Industry Night in Redwood Valley California hosted by Black Bart #181 January 24th. This is a fun night full of wine, steaks & fellowship. The Snark of the Universe Paul Beltgens will be our special guest and speaker at this event. This event has always been the midway point to the Trifecta. The third and final stop of the Trifecta is the Crab Feed in Eureka, California hosted by Club #63 January 25th. The Humboldt Club puts on the feed bag like no other. Fresh Dungeness crab is brought in from the Pacific Coast and cooked up fresh on the premises for us. You will never have a better time than this rubbing elbows with fellow industry people, making new friends, and meeting new ones.

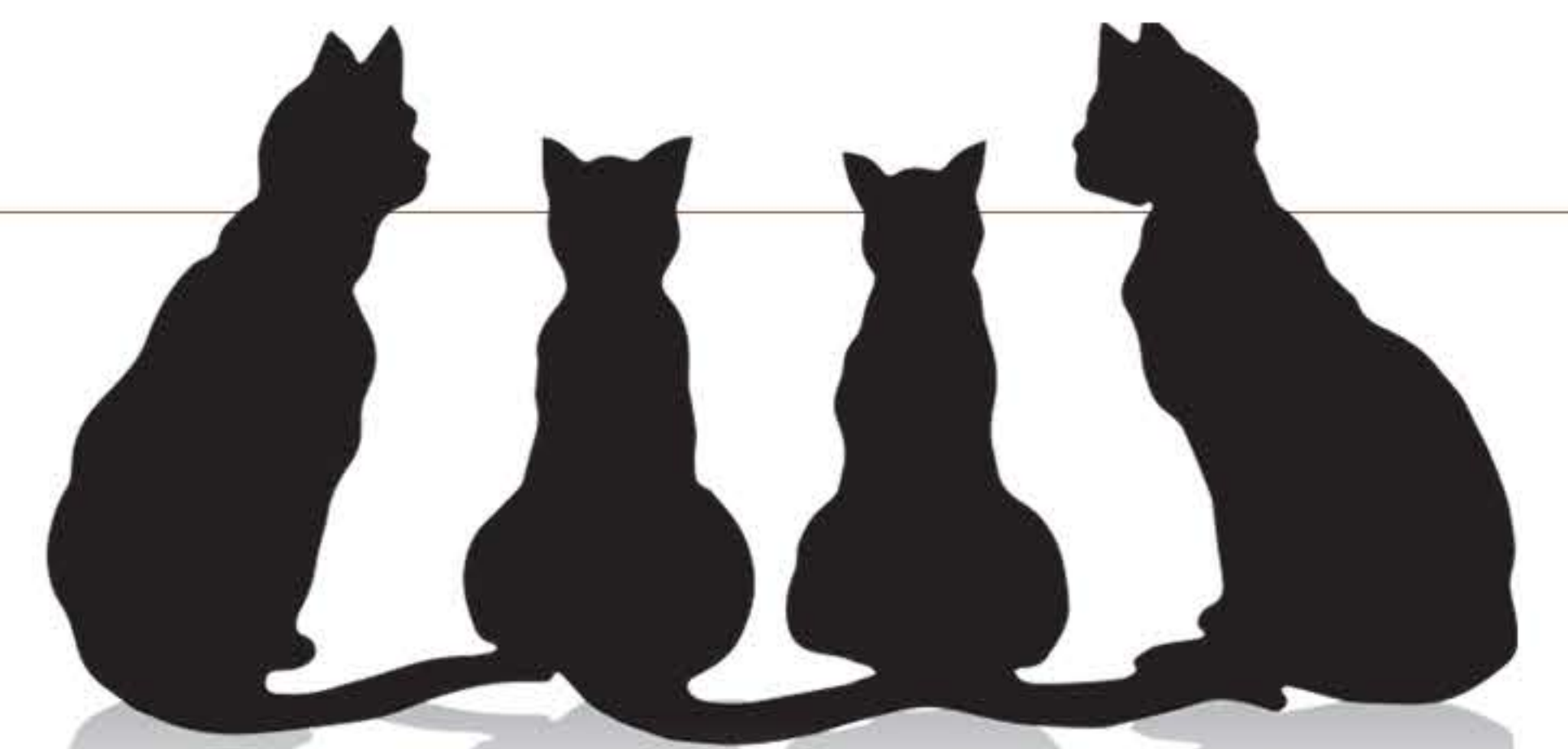
I love the opportunity to see those I do business with every day and throughout the prior year. This trip is a must-do at least once in your life, if not to be able to say "I did it! I survived the Trifecta of 2024!". See attached flyer for event details.

Jeff Ward, Black Bart #181 VP J-6  
2nd VP International  
HH&LL

#### JURISDICTION 8

Greetings from Minnesota, I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. The weather cooperated very well in Jurisdiction VIII. We did get just a bit of snow in October and November, but no accumulation. The Twin Cities Club #12 had a few events this Fall. We held an auction to raise funds for the club. We asked for donations of products from member and non-member companies. The response was good, but we needed to get more participation. We will have a better plan in place for next year. We somewhat threw this auction together, but even doing so we still netted out \$6,700. In November, we held a Dunwoody College Scholarship Dinner and gave \$500 to three students who applied and were chosen. December 6 is our annual Lumberman of the Year Award Dinner. We either have the LOY dinner or a Holiday Dinner. This year we will be honoring Tom Siwek.

Also, this year, we will be presenting a plaque to both Dave and Tom Siwek to honor the 90th Anniversary of Siwek Lumber. There was an article in the Fall issue in the Log & Tally on Siwek Lumber. I believe there are 90 plus reservations for this dinner including a special appearance from Snark Paul Beltgens and Jack Miller. This event will be held at Jax Cafe, NE Mpls. Jax is also celebrating their 90th Anniversary. This will be a Grand Hoo Hoo Event! The club is always on the hunt for new members and reinstatements. We are going to start looking for a member to be the club's social media director. This person doesn't have to be a member of the BOD, but will work closely with the board.



At the last board meeting, we shuffled through many banker boxes of past Club #12 papers and pictures in Ron Paul's garage. In there was found a membership application for Harmon Killebrew from 1966. Harmon was #3 on the Minnesota Twins Baseball Team. In the off season he worked for Boise Cascade. I had the pleasure of presenting this framed application to Executive Secretary Natalie Leamons and Snark Paul Beltgens during the Gurdon Forest Festival on October 28th. This will hang in the museum which every member should visit at least once and also attend the Gurdon Forest Festival.



On a final note, looking into the future, 3 plus years from now...The Twin Cities Club will be hosting the 2027 International Convention. The last convention we hosted was in 2015. So if anyone out in the Great Land Of Hoo Hoo has any thoughts on what they would like to see or do drop me a line. I bid farewell to y'all as I am in flight to Boston for their dinner on Friday, December 1st and then Jack Miller, Snark Paul and I will drive to Detroit for their luncheon on December 4th, then to Mpls for ours on the 6th.

Health, Happiness and Long Life

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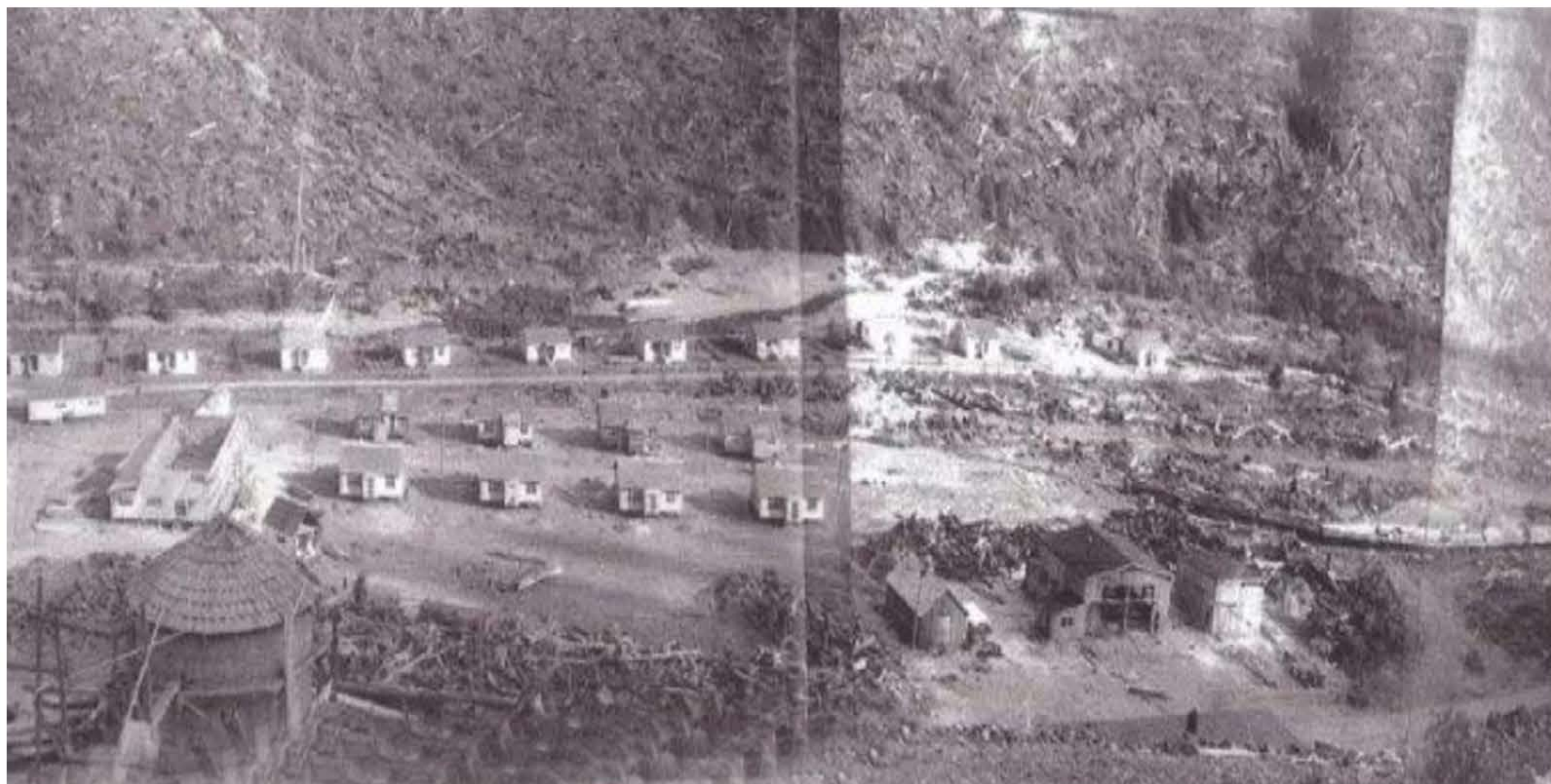
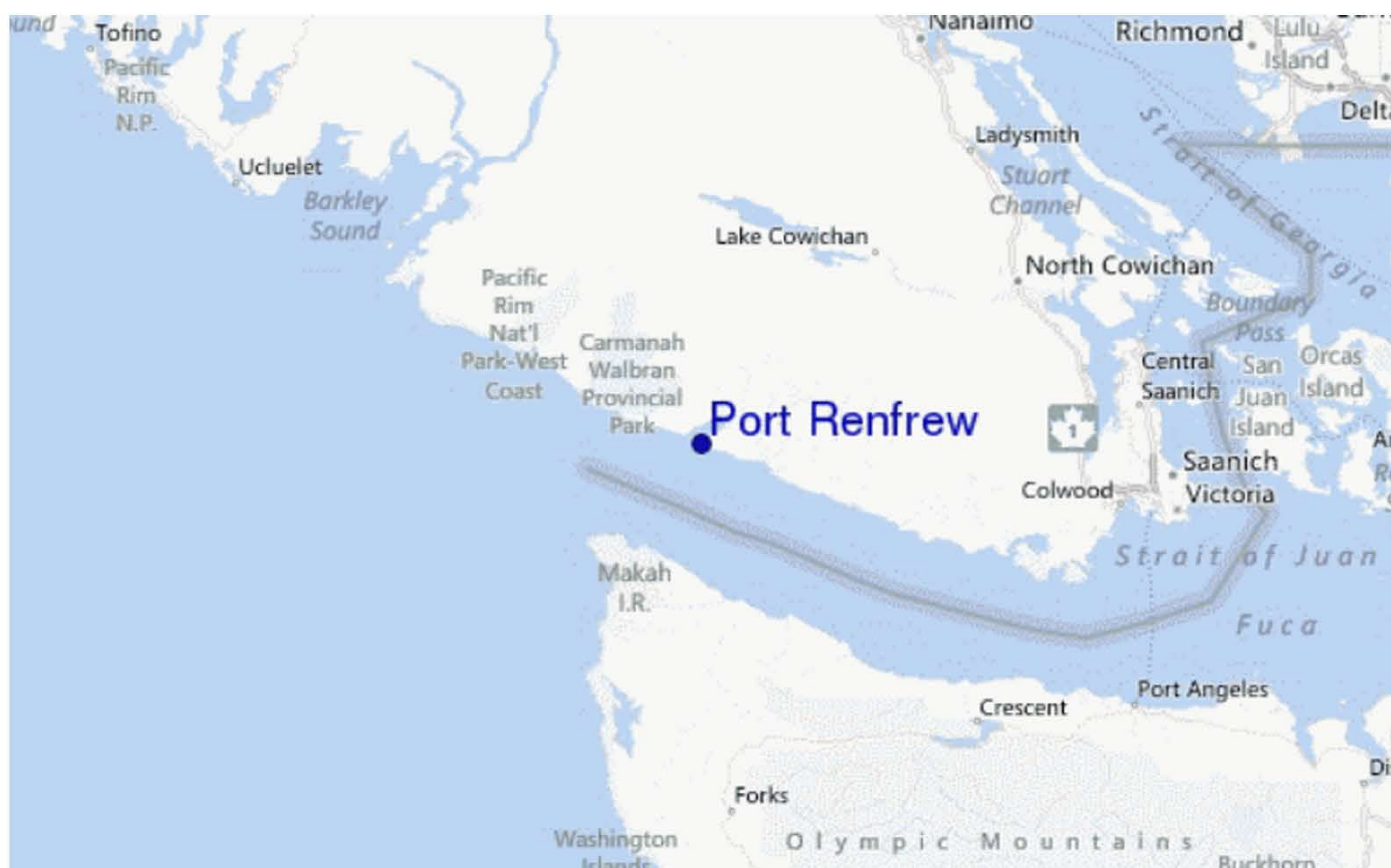


## HARRIS CREEK LOGGING CAMP

It's Brad Techy (95518). I'm a member of the Vancouver Club 48. My Dad, Sig Techy, who was also a Hoo-Hoo member of the Vancouver Club 48, studied at the University of British Columbia in the Engineering Faculty. He obtained his degree in Forestry in 1948.

Sig then got hired by BC Forest Products and moved to their Harris Creek camp on Vancouver Island outside of Port Renfrew. It was east of Port Renfrew shown on the map below. He was hired as the camp engineer. Sig and my Mom (Pearl) lived in a house in the logging camp. The photo below shows the houses that were at the camp. It was quite remote. Once logs were logged, they were transported out of the camp by rail as there was no road into the camp. The rail tracks and train are at the far right in the photo below. To get in and out of the camp, you went on a speeder on the train tracks.

I was born in 1956 and spent my first 5 years of life living in the Harris Creek camp with my parents. I still remember it well. It was quite an experience! There was a big water tower up on the hill above the camp that supplied water to the camp. We used to hike up to it. It was great! The houses were also raised up on stilts so that it was easier to get into them when it snowed heavily in winter. In early 1960, we moved to Vancouver when Sig was promoted to BC Forest Products head office. He was made the logging manager. On July 3rd, 1960, our family had gone up to Squamish for the day. On the drive back home, Sig heard on the radio that the BC Forest Products sawmill in False Creek was on fire. It was a windy day and the fire was fierce. Sig quickly drove us down to the area to see what was happening. (See photo above.) The company's head office was also located next to the mill. It had become Vancouver's first 5-alarm fire in the city's history.



The mill was never rebuilt. The head office was also destroyed. It was relocated to downtown Vancouver. Over the years, Sig became the Log Supply Manager and President of Swiftsure Towing (BCFP's tugboat company). Sig retired in the mid 1980's with over 40 years at BC Forest Products.

I began my career in the tugboat industry in 1979 with Rivtow Straits. After working there for 10 years, I joined Harken Towing where I worked for 32 years. I retired 2 years ago.

HH&LL  
Brad Techy, 95518



## DOMAN FAMILY DONATION TO THE BC FOREST DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Doman family donated \$50,000 to the BC Forest Discovery Center which one of the dinners was held during the 2023 HHI convention.

“My father Gordie chartered the Cowichan Valley Hoo-Hoo Club # 229 in 1969. The Club has been a big supporter of the museum” said Jerry Doman.

The \$50,000 is seed money towards a building and telling the history of the Doman Family in Forestry in British Columbia, and the 3 brothers Gordie, Herb & Ted.





## KITTEN INTERVIEWS

**Kitten: Caprice Allen**

**Club Affiliation: Humboldt Club 63**

### 1. Tell us a little about yourself.

I have been a customer service representative at Building Materials Distributors Inc. our of our Eureka, CA branch for the past 3 years, and am stepping into the outside sales role starting in January 2024.

### 2. What is your relation to the forest products industry?

Through BMD, I sell and purchase forest products primarily in doug fir lumber and plywood, but also knowledge and experience with many EWP lines as well.

### 3. Do you remember the first time you learned about the International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo? What attracted you to join this organization?

My hiring manager Matt Turner first told me about Hoo-Hoo within my first month at BMD. He said he could tell immediately that it would be something I would enjoy doing and being a part of. I did my research on the club, and love the fun and relationship building that it promotes.

### 4. How did it feel when you were concatenated alongside new kittens?

It was great! I got to participate in a shorter version of the concat, but would love to do a full one. I love the atmosphere and getting to know other people in the organization.

### 5. If you had a slogan, motto, or a theme song, what would it be?

"It's not worth it if you aren't having fun!"

### 6. Do you have any hobbies or interests?

I have a daughter who is turning 5 in January and am a total dog person. For hobbies, I play recreational softball and volleyball. I love to read and socialize, eat good food, drink good drinks, and take trips either to new places or frequent my favorites like Disneyland or Cancun.

### 7. Tell us about what makes you happy!

Watching my daughter grow and thrive.

### 8. What do you hope to gain from being a member of Hoo-Hoo International?

Relationship building with people in the industry who know the trials and tribulations.

### 9. What do you think members could do to promote our organization and/or promote and support the forest products industry?

I think utilizing the social media outlets and having someone to do digital content would be a huge benefit on showcasing the fun and impact of the organization. Also, the tried and true word of mouth is always the best way for gaining members.

**Kitten: Steve Todd**

**Club Affiliation: Black Bart Club 181**

### 1. Tell us a little about yourself.

I am currently the store manager of Mendo Mill in Ukiah. I have been involved in the construction industry in various capacities since college and love the challenge of difficult projects.

### 2. What is your relation to the forest products industry?

Currently buying & selling lumber for Mendo Mill. In addition I worked for several construction companies as a project manager to rebuild Sonoma County after the Tubbs Fire. I grew up around the logging industry and we have a portable mill at the ranch where we mill our own lumber.

### 3. Do you remember the first time you learned about the International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo? What attracted you to join this organization?

Jeff Ward introduced me to the organization and having attended several events, this is a great opportunity to connect with others in the industry.

### 4. How did it feel when you were concatenated alongside new kittens?

It was mostly painless & the food was good!

### 5. If you had a slogan, motto, or a theme song, what would it be?

"Following Jesus isn't a job - it's an adventure!"

### 6. Do you have any hobbies or interests?

Sports, outdoor adventures, and my 4 kids

### 7. Tell us about what makes you happy!

Going on adventures with my family

### 8. What do you hope to gain from being a member of Hoo-Hoo International?

Networking with people in the industry & building new relationships

### 9. What do you think members could do to promote our organization and/or promote and support the forest products industry?

Continue to reach out to the next generation, helping them see the value of networking and new innovations.



# NEW KITTENS

## Twin Cities 12

102054.....Anthony Bednarek  
 102055.....Jerry Lipovetz  
 102056.....Rudy Lipovetz

## Northeast Victoria 236

102057.....Peter Levesque  
 102058.....Dennis Warnock  
 102059.....Ashley Wilson  
 102031.....Craig Honeyman

## North Cascade 230

102032.....Aaron Garten

## Southern California 117

102060.....Dante Alvarado  
 102061.....Felipe Diaz  
 102062.....Marco Diaz  
 102063.....Albert Quintero

## Malaysia 275

102064.....Suraj Andrew  
 102065.....Phoebe Kho  
 102066.....Chin Kerk Kuong  
 102067.....Hans Solibun  
 102068.....Wong Wei Xiang  
 102069.....George Yap

## Cowichan Valley 229

102070.....Robbie Davis  
 102071.....Gordon Doman  
 102072.....Rob Nessel  
 102073.....Ray Peters  
 102074.....Matt Phelan

## Humboldt 63

102075.....Ashley McCracken

## Vancouver 48

102076.....Lucy Adirim  
 102077.....Jim Brindle  
 102078.....Taylor Brown  
 102079.....Tim Golobar  
 102080.....Dustin Hamilton  
 102081.....Mike Jamshedian  
 102082.....George Kovac  
 102083.....Rod MacLeod  
 102084.....Lisa Morhart  
 102085.....Cody Parker  
 102086.....Steve Porter  
 102087.....Jason Shade

## Vancouver 48

102088.....Trevor Spooner  
 102089.....Dave Sundher  
 102090.....Jim Thornton  
 102091.....Marlon Todd  
 102092.....Trevor Tyrer

## Cowichan Valley 229

102093.....L. Morraine Beard  
 102094.....Warren Havgan  
 102095.....Justin Hollett  
 102096.....Cindy Polack

## North Cascade Club 230

102097.....Norman Eberle  
 102098.....Ed Lutz

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 Snark of the Universe 2023-2024



# 132<sup>nd</sup> HHI Convention in 2024



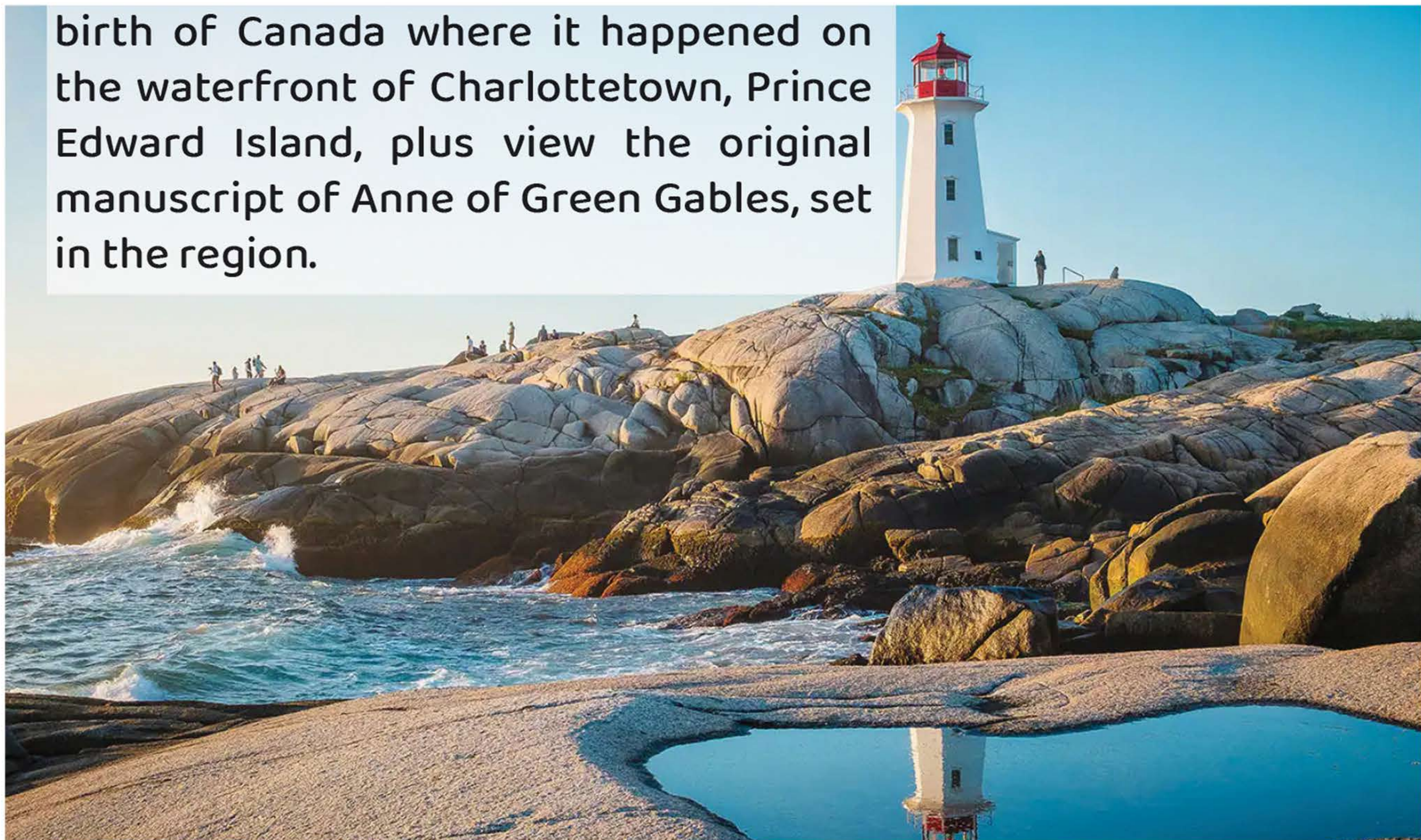
Join Roger Williams Club 51 (Boston) and Hemlocks Yacht Club on a cruise to the Canadian Maritimes aboard **The Norwegian Jade**

September 5 - 12, 2024



Take autumn's palette of gorgeous colours on this seven day journey through Canada. Toast Boston's storied past while walking The Freedom Trail and stopping by four historic taverns along the way. Or journey to the seaside town of Salem - made famous by the 17th century witch trials - and explore its history on a guided tour. The world's largest fiddle greets you in Sydney, a fitting tribute to its Celtic community. Gets hands-on and experience this fascinating culture at Highland Village, a living museum. Trace the

birth of Canada where it happened on the waterfront of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, plus view the original manuscript of Anne of Green Gables, set in the region.







## Norwegian Jade

Thursday, 5 September 2024 – Thursday, 12 September, 2024

**Boston, Massachusetts – Halifax, Nova Scotia – Sydney, Nova Scotia –  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island – Corner Brook, Newfoundland – Boston, Massachusetts**

**Cruise price:     \$2,377.11 per person with the Standard Travel Protection\*\*  
                          \$2,437.11 per person for Platinum Travel Protection\*\***

This price includes

- the room and taxes,
- Beverage Package\*, (\$152.60 per guest value),
- one form of travel protection\*\*,
- 2 Nights of Specialty Dining, dining service charges (\$19.80 per guest value),
- \$50 off shore excursion per cabin, and the pre-paid gratuities.
- 150 minutes of wifi per person for guests 1 and 2 per cabin.

The beverage package, dining package, wifi and shore excursion credits are an amenity automatically added on when you book a group contracted cruise!

\*The Free Beverage Package is included for guests 1 + 2, but if there is a third traveler in the room and they are over 21 they will also gain access to the free drink package. The Free Specialty Dining Package (2 nights) is only for guests 1 and 2 on each reservation.

\*\*Travel Protection: **Standard** travel protection and have to cancel after 5/8/24 (the final payment due date) they will be within penalty but they'd receive 70% back in the form of a future travel credit with **Standard** option.

**Platinum** protection, they receive 90% of the penalty if they have to cancel after the final payment due date.

Dates for booking, and final payment-- Rooms are held without any names **until 5/8/24** so must be before 5/8/24 which is also the final payment due date. Deposit cost \$125.00 per person with the **full balance due on 5/8/24**. We recommend booking early, once your deposit is received, you can begin booking excursions. Excursions often sell out prior to sailing.

For anyone flying from outside the US, we are not able to add it to the package but it can be booked separately outside of the Group Cruise package.

A pre-night room block will be booked for Wednesday, 4 September for guests wishing to arrive one day prior to departure. Details to follow.

Our group booking is through The Travel Experience with **Arielle Chalife**,  
direct number 1-774-269-1916 and email [Ariellec@thetravelexperience.com](mailto:Ariellec@thetravelexperience.com)

**Convention Registration - \$99 per person ([www.HooHoo2024.com](http://www.HooHoo2024.com) – coming soon)**





# 132nd Hoo- Hoo International Convention

Convention Registration Form

September 6 - 12, 2024

Canadian Maritime Cruise aboard the Norwegian Jade

Registration closes May 24, 2024

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HHI#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HHI# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is \$99 US per person.

**On-line coming soon**

Payable by Venmo @HooHoo2024 PayPal: PayPal.Me/HooHoo2024 or US Check

Registration may be mailed to : Deidre Fountain, 111 Hemlocks, Lakeville, MA 02347

or emailed to : [HooHoo2024@outlook.com](mailto:HooHoo2024@outlook.com) or [deidrefountain@hotmail.com](mailto:deidrefountain@hotmail.com)

We can be contacted by phone at 1-508-946-0484 or 1-508-822-9516

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**  
**<https://www.hoohoo.org/132nd-annual-convention>**



## A LITTLE HOO-HOO HISTORY

# Trinity Texas

JANUARY 10, 1914 – CONCATENATION 1898

Vicegerent Snark H. G. Dean of the Houston District, Houston Texas held a concatenation at Trinity, Texas, imitating eleven kittens.

This concatenation was worked up by Brother J. H. Thomas (26858), of Onalaska, Texas, his good work is highly appreciated.

The concatenation was held at Woodman hall and after the initiatory ceremonies were concluded all adjourned to the Gibson hotel, where great arrangements had been made for their entertainment. The dining room was decorated with pine and Hoo-Hoo decorations, and the menu was a most elaborate one. The Gibson Hotel Orchestra furnished the music and the affair was a very gay one. The Cats gave the hotel manager great credit for his splendid assistance.

The menu was as follows:

Oyster Cocktail    Celery Hearts  
 Queen Olives    Fruit Salad  
 Roast Young Turkey with Dressing  
                     Cranberry Sauce  
 Cold Boiled Ham of Little Pig  
                     Mustard Dressing  
 Swiss Cheese    Toasted Crackers  
                     Deviled Ham Sandwiches  
                     Potato Salad  
 Preserved Pears    Skinless Figs  
                     Assorted Cakes  
                     Coffee  
 After Dinner Mints Roi Tan Cigars

The management of the Gibson hotel made a great hit with all present and everything possible was done for the entertainment of all present. THE BULLETIN extends the thanks of all to the Gibson hotel for their many courtesies.

Brothers Dean and Thomas are to be congratulated upon the success of this concatenation,



## MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

We announce the passing of some of our dear Hoo-Hoo members. We offer our deepest condolences to their loved ones, with hopes that fond memories will keep them near.

### MELVIN GUTHERIE, JR. 93085

Melvin C. Gutherie, Jr. age 91 of Plymouth passed away on October 22, 2023.




Melvin was the CEO of Gutherie Lumber for the past 50 years. The father of Mel 3, Sharon, and Bill; grandfather of Randall, Chelsea, Sam, Megan, and Matt and great-grandfather of Cameron, Emerson, Fitzgerald, and Grace. He was born on June 10th, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to his parents, the late Vera (née Gunnell) and Melvin Gutherie. He grew up at 7352 Newburgh Rd. Westland. The octagon shaped house that he grew up in was moved and now is the centerpiece at the Westland Historical Society! Melvin went to Plymouth Central High School, now known as PARC, where he played football. After high school, he attended and graduated from Albion College. He then proudly served his country in the United States Army and was stationed in Japan.

M.C. married his wife, Patricia, on August 2nd, 1958. They met on Memorial Day and were married in just over 2 months! They were married 59 years until she passed away in 2018. He was a lifelong Mason, a Shriner, and even played bagpipes in the Shriner Band. He would take the whole family to the Shrine Circus where he played! He also marched in lots of parades. He was a college football fan and the University of Michigan Wolverines were his favorite. You could also find him skiing, snowmobiling, boating, and taking walks. He liked Boyne Mountain more than Boyne Highlands, and thought Snowmass and Snowbird were both excellent ski resorts.



M.C. loved to go “up north” to his place on Gutherie Lake. He liked roller coasters and took his last trip to Cedar Point in 1999 with Randall, Debbie, and Bill. He loved steamboatin’ and took many trips on the Delta Queen, Mississippi Queen, and The American Queen with his family. His favorite food was sushi, but he also really enjoyed steak and fish. In more recent years, he especially enjoyed going to lunch with his family twice a week. A few of his local favorite restaurants included Antonio’s, Carl’s Cabin, Rocky’s of Northville, and Ozakaya Sanpei in Plymouth. His favorite cocktail was a Vodka Gimlet, so the next time you have the chance to order a Vodka Gimlet, raise a glass in honor of the genuine, hardworking, family loving Melvin C. Gutherie Jr.



 Melvin joined Hoo-Hoo February 19th, 1987 and was a member of the Detroit Club #28.

*Everyone called him MC for short. He was a strong presence until the day of his death. He will be greatly missed by all! The Gutherie Family has been an important part of the Detroit Club for three generations and dearly loved.*

*I actually worked for Gutherie Lumber during my time as Snark of the Universe and they supported me 100%. I couldn't have achieved this position without their help! I am so thankful to the Gutherie Family!*

*-Robyn Young 99870*


### BARBARA RHODES 100770

Barbara Battle Rhodes, 92, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023.

She was born November 20, 1930, in Wrightsville, Georgia to Delma Howell Mayo and Evelyn Kennedy Mayo.

Barbara was a retired school teacher in Malvern, Arkansas, and a member of First United Methodist Church in Malvern and Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



 Barbara joined her husband, Bob Rhodes 54734, as a Gurdon Hoo-Hoo Club #120 member September 9, 2008.



## MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

### JOHN HALKETT 100731

From *TIMBER & FORESTRY ENEWS* // ISSUE 776 // October 12, 2023

As much a force of nature as the trees he loved, John Halkett, born Palmerston North, New Zealand, 19/10/1946, has passed away suddenly on the afternoon of 10 October, aged 76, at his home in Potts Point, Sydney.

John Halkett was the Co-founder of Timber Media Australasia, managing director of Forestlands Consulting and the general manager of the Australian Timber Importers Federation. He wrote multiple books and scientific papers on the importance of trees and forests in the world and was a powerful font of enthusiasm and expertise for forestry in the Australasian region and beyond. If you were fortunate enough to meet John, you would quickly learn three things about him: he loved his family, he loved trees and he loved New Zealand, his birth country.

A graduate of the School of Forestry at the University of Canterbury, John's early career was as a forester in New Zealand, focusing on resource management. However, his intellectual curiosity quickly led him to a wider scope, both working with industry bodies and communicating his work to a bigger audience from an early career point. He published his first book, *The World of Kauri*, in 1986, the same year he joined the editorial board of the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry*, where he was highly instrumental in modernising that august publication.

[John's books were never theoretical. The cover pic for his book, *Jungle Jive* was taken in the tropical jungles of Southeast Asia in 2016.] While he held senior forestry roles within the NZ Department of Conservation and also in Australia, John knew that the Australasian timber sector was never going to be self-supporting. Accordingly, he advocated for a well-regulated but accessible international trade in timber and spent much of his career focused on the issues of importing, which he believed was a route to not only address supply needs in wealthy Western nations but to improve employment and social prospects in their poorer, tree-rich neighbours. As John wrote in a 2015 editorial, "The timber industry is not an end in itself, but a means of realising key national social, environmental, and other goals." This wasn't a theoretical stance, his career took him to roles in the United States, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Myanmar, China, Chile and elsewhere across Southeast Asia and Africa and onto the board of the Global Tree Forum.

John was a keen environmentalist of the practical school. He agitated strongly against over-harvesting around the world and was instrumental in creating legislation that allowed for ready trade while protecting native species, both tree and otherwise. In recent decades, he worked hard to stamp out conflict timber, whether arising out of war or illegal cartels exploiting local peoples.

Over multiple decades he helped develop a range of waste- and CO<sub>2</sub>-minimising industries in Australia, and had a dream to produce green hydrogen in the Hunter Valley. His most recent book, *Planet of the Trees*, was uncompromising in its condemnation of decades of laggardly political response to the perils of climate change and set out a clear agenda for urgently re-focusing the debate around carbon.



He was not, alas, optimistic that politicians would meet that challenge, saying towards the end that the most likely outcome was a planet we had vacated, "allowing trees and nature to reassert themselves - and perhaps over geological time a smarter breed of bipeds may inherit the Earth."

Vibrant and highly engaged in person, John was indefatigable when it came to pursuing his passions, which included friends, family and adventuring. A recent trip to Malaysia saw him canoeing down rivers past orangutans - "Between the river and the little buggers moving, it was hard to get a good photo," he reported.

John was active in the timber sector till the very end of his life, hatching plans for a Gala Industry Dinner just hours before he died. "We need to get people in the same room, talking with each other, because that's how change happens!" he said, adding, "Plus, everybody likes a good feed..."

John is survived by his daughter Jonelle and three grandchildren and much missed by his wider family and the many people he took under his wing throughout his life.



John Halkett was a member of the Sydney Hoo-Hoo Club #215





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George Edward "Pete" Marshall III passed away gently on June 13, 2022. He was a good man and 88 years was not enough for those who loved him and love him still.



Born on April 12, 1934, Pete came of age in Philadelphia where he honed his love of hot rods and rolling cigarette packs into the sleeves of his white t-shirt. He served in the army during the Korean War, built fast cars and fell in love with Reba Marie Pate. He was her Prince Charming and they married in 1953. Kathleen, Jeanne, George "Pete" IV, and Suzanne followed. Pete and Marie had all sorts of adventures. Pete worked for Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company while Marie became an artist and college teacher.

They moved a lot, but finally settled in North Fort Myers, Florida surrounded by loving neighbors. Pete spent his retirement caring for everyone. He built businesses, houses, run-in sheds and a sharing house. He rejoiced in the lives of his children and his grandchildren Emma, Megen, George, Louise and Julia. He loved his dogs, the Villanova pep band, daily calls to his children, Pit Bulls and Parolees, and the UConn girls' basketball team. He never liked getting permits for anything he built, insisted on getting on the roof after having his hip replaced and, epically, jumped into an alligator-infested canal to save his beloved dog Max. It was a story that will be passed down through the generations.

Pete was a humble man who was delightfully imperfect. Except for his white hair – that was perfect. He was a rock for all those who loved him – his beloved Marie, his children (including dear daughter-in-law Rachel), brother Jon, brother-in-law Durwood, many nieces and nephews, anyone who ever needed a father figure and found him unjudgemental and loving, and his grandchildren who made him proud. Blessed to have him as a sweetheart, father, uncle, brother, friend and Grandpa Pete, we will spend the rest of our days telling stories in honor of him.

 George joined Hoo-Hoo February 26, 1958.

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Floyd (Jughead) Billings of Monroe, Oregon passed away January 7th, 2023 after a brief bout of cancer. Floyd was born in Newberg, Oregon on December 27, 1939 to Frank & Maxine Billings.

Floyd attended Creswell grade school and Cottage Grove and Hoopa Valley High Schools. Floyd retired from Hull-Oakes Lumber as their lumber salesman, then he worked for Elk Creek Forest Products selling lumber until he passed away. Floyd loved working and talking with his customers.



Floyd married Sue Coleman in Carson City, Nevada and they made their home in Monroe. They had one daughter, Layle Billings McCord (Russ).

Floyd is survived by his wife Sue, daughters Layle of Monroe and Debra Baldy of Sacramento, sons Oscar (Lori) and Richard (Janice) of Hoopa California, 18 grandchildren and many Great-Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Floyd Jr., his parents, and his sister Sharon Agee.

 Floyd joined Hoo-Hoo November 13, 1996 and was a member of Willamette Valley Club #33

*At LOG & TALLY, we make it a point to honor our beloved HOO-Hoo members who have passed on, while celebrating their service to the industry. If you know someone who should be mentioned, email us at [logandtally@hoo-hoo.org](mailto:logandtally@hoo-hoo.org)*



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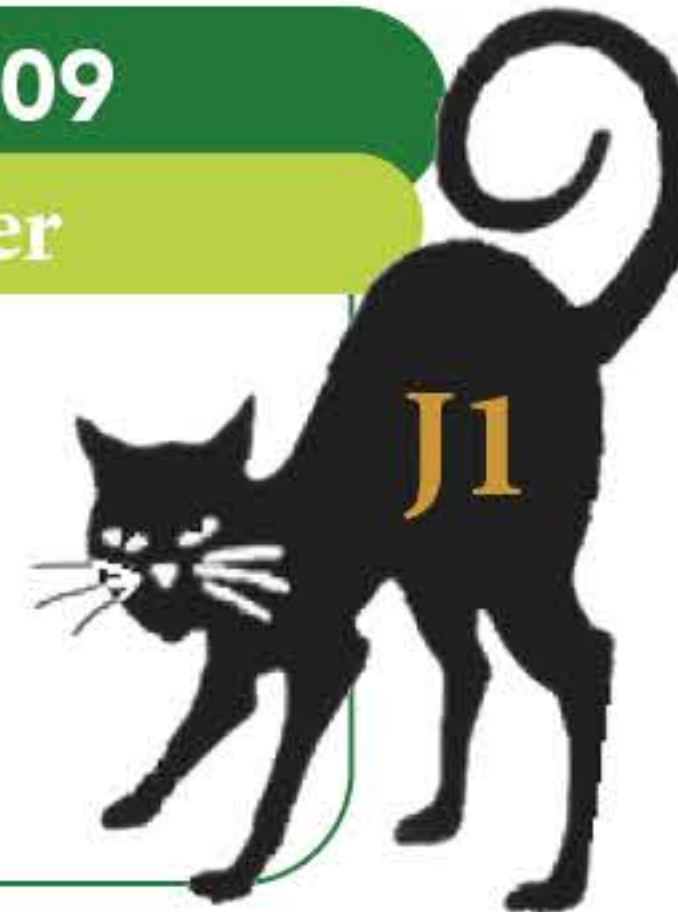
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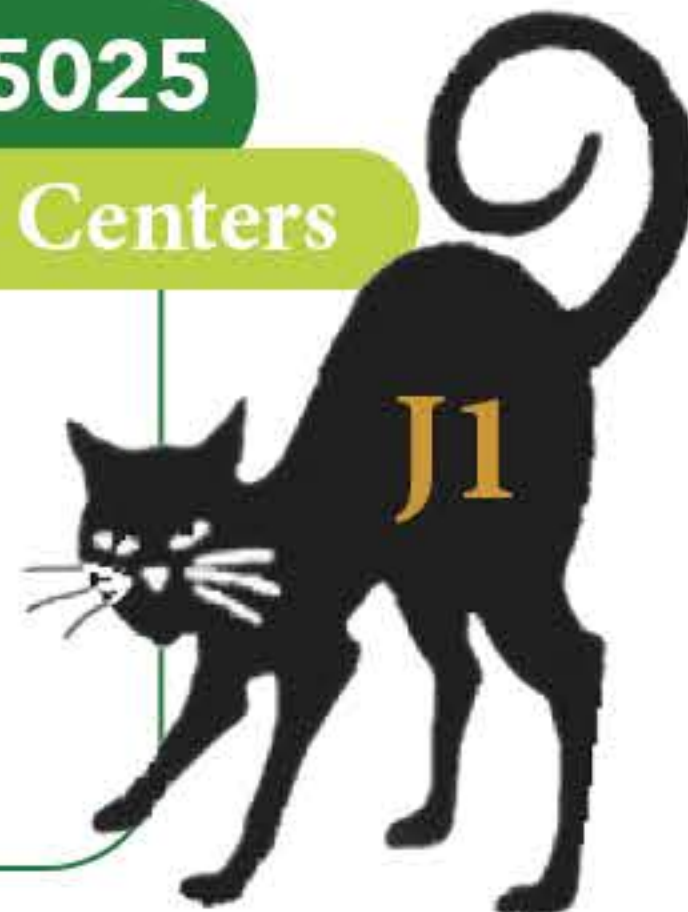
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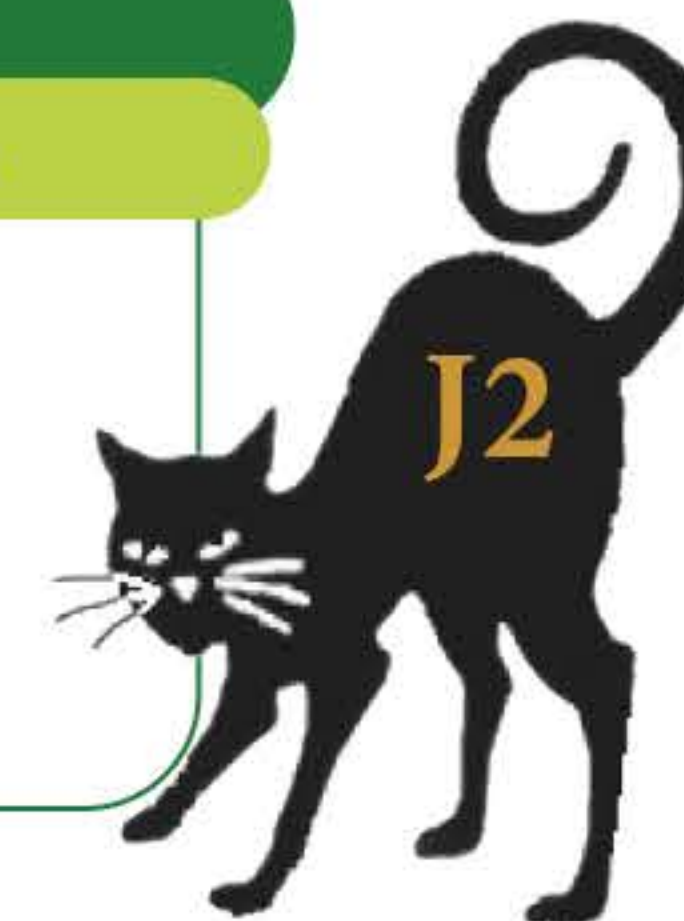
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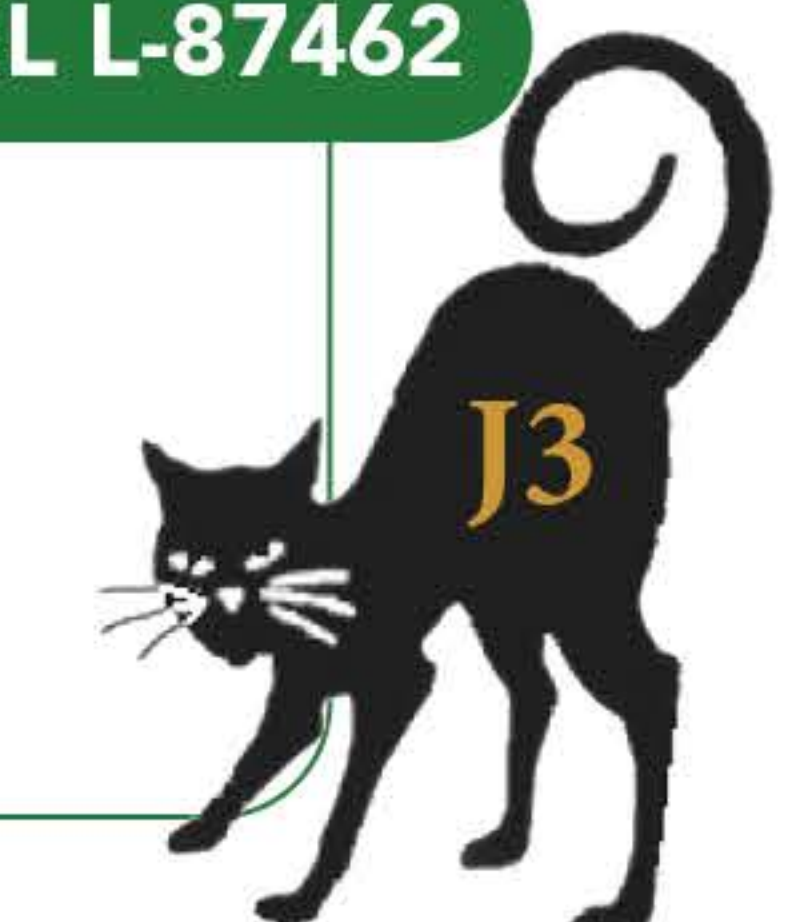
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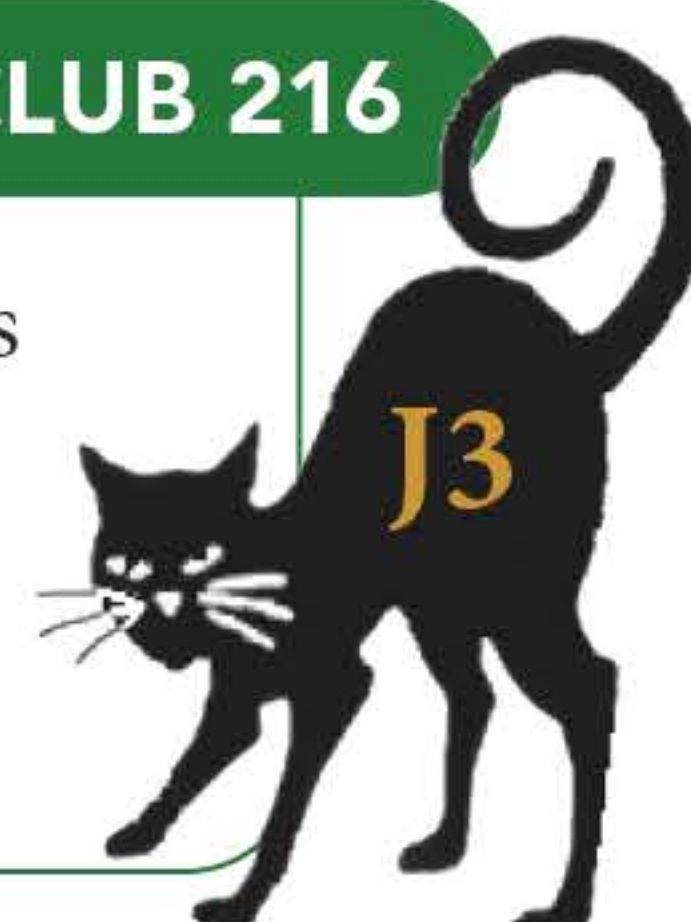
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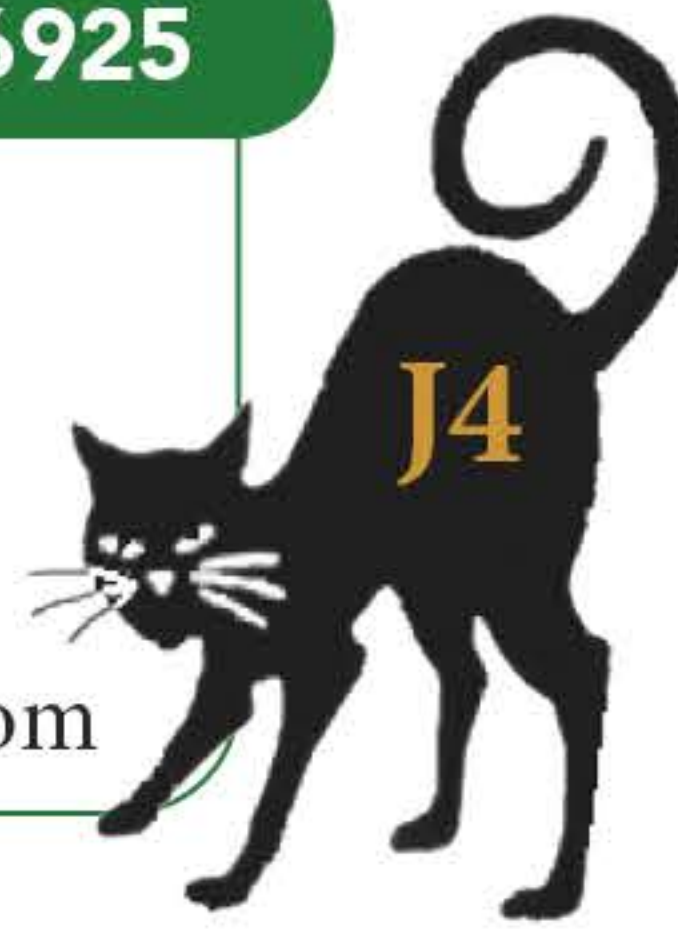
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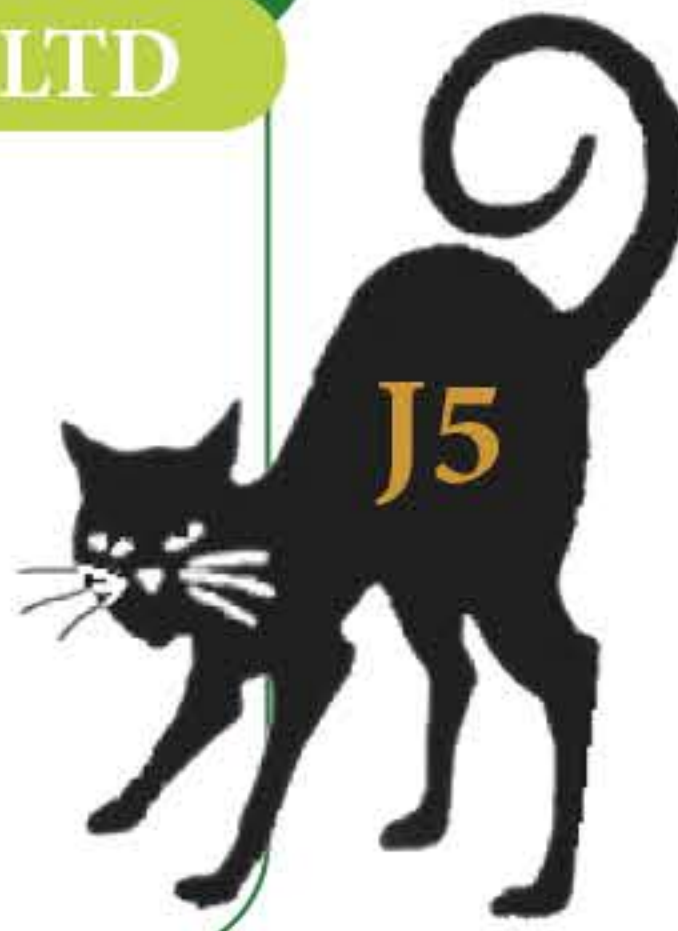
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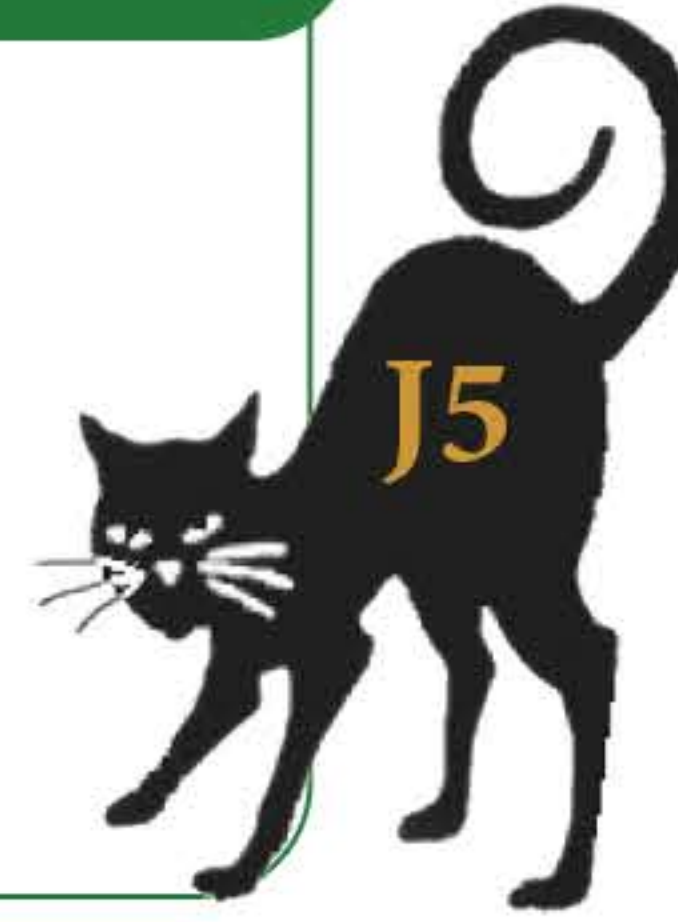
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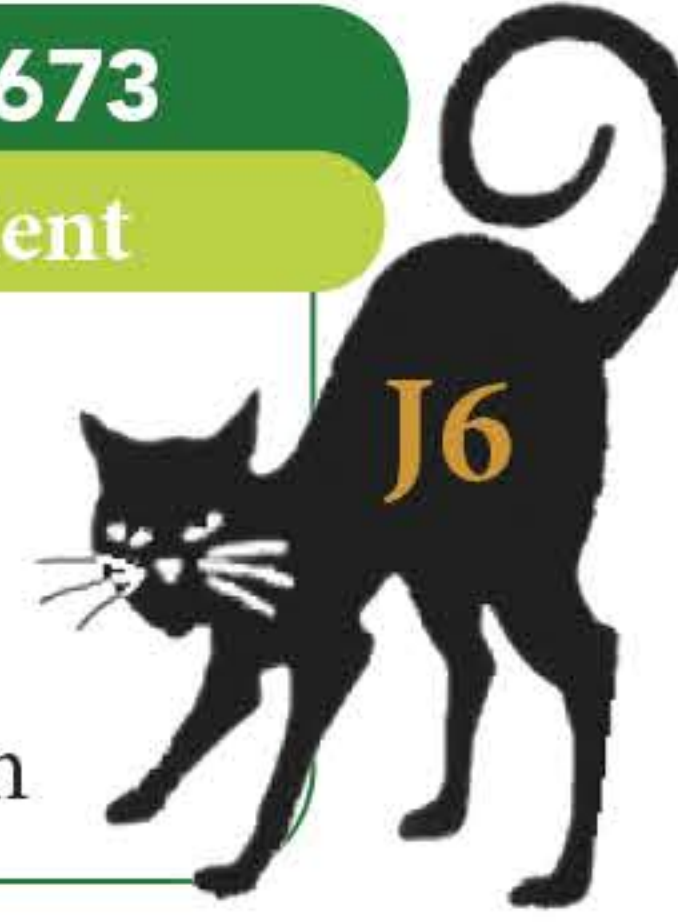
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