



Rumblings



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Safety in Forestry Transportation

TruckSafe Rumblings is published biweekly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call MaryAnne Arcand to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.

IT'S CONFERENCE SEASON

Last week was the COFI conference in Prince George, where hundreds of delegates spent a substantial amount of time looking at issues surrounding the pine beetle and the challenges the situation presents to industry, government, communities and First Nations. The Omineca Beetle Action Committee received further funding to help communities in the area adjust and adapt to “life after the beetle.” Sustainability of communities, jobs and the forest industry was also part of the agenda. Conferences like these help industry leaders get an overview of where the industry is going – which hopefully helps them make good decisions for not only their businesses, but for the communities and people that have supported them for so long.

This week is the Interior Logging Convention in Vernon, starting Thursday the 19th. ILA Manager Wayne Lintott says it's going to be the biggest yet – more than 300 outdoor displays and over 100 inside. Most events are already sold out. Friday night's dinner and dance has more than 900 confirmed attendees! So if you're planning on attending this week, call the ILA office as soon as possible, or you're going to miss out. The seminar this year features the BC Forest Safety Council's SAFE Companies and Forestry TruckSafe initiatives. Tanner Elton and MaryAnne Arcand will be speaking Friday afternoon from 2pm to 3:30pm. The ILA Convention runs through Saturday night.

In early May the SAFER conference will be held in Penticton, also featuring panels and workshops on safety issues. Stay tuned for further details.

ADAMS LAKE LUMBER'S HAULSAFE PROGRAM

More than 125 truckers and contractors attended Adams Lake Lumber's HaulSafe meeting yesterday at Squilax. The HaulSafe program was developed jointly by Adams Lake (Interfor) staff and their truckers, and is a very comprehensive program. The group heard from various speakers, but the highlight of the meeting was the joint development of a Safety Alert, live on the spot, with all the truckers in the room contributing their knowledge and experience with that particular hazard, which gives the Safety Alert validity and the truckers ownership of the issue. It



was an excellent exercise to watch, and we want to congratulate all the folks involved. Good job, everybody!

To view the Alert now in pdf format [please click here](#).

ANOTHER GREAT IDEA

Weyerhaeuser Princeton is having its Trucking Safety Day May 16, and they're taking a very "hands on" approach this year. One of the sessions will actually be out in a shop, going over a truck with an inspector, so that the drivers know exactly what inspectors are looking for, and how to spot problems on their trucks before they turn into safety hazards. What a great idea!

RETIREMENTS AND CHANGES

The ILA's AGM will be held during the Convention later this week, and **Ed Smith** will be stepping down as president. Reid Hedlund will be stepping into Ed's shoes as ILA president. **Ken Matthews**, Director of Safety for BC Timber Sales, retired March 31 and will be replaced by **Tom Jackson**, who was with BCTS in Port McNeill. **Roy Nagel** has retired as General Manager of the CILA, and is replaced by **Rick Publicover**, who not only has a new job, but a new title – Executive Director. **Jim Shepherd** has left Canfor, no replacement announced yet. **Keith Playfair's** term as Co-Chair of the BC Forest Safety Council ended March 31, and **Ron Gorman** (Gorman Bros) has stepped up to take his place. Congratulations to all you retirees – and welcome to the "new guys". There are some pretty big shoes to fill!

BC FOREST COUNCIL TRAINING CALENDAR

If you're looking for SAFE Companies training, supervisor or bull-bucker training, or external safety auditor training, go to www.bcforestsafef.org and check out the training calendar. There are courses happening all over the province. Take advantage of a course near you!

MAGAZINES HELPING TO GET THE SAFETY MESSAGE OUT

Pro Trucker and **Western Woodlands** magazines are now featuring regular columns from the Forest Safety Council, and Forestry TruckSafe. As well, the TLA and ILA regularly feature Safety initiatives in their quarterly issues. Let's support them in their efforts by reading or subscribing.

GORDON HOEKSTRA NOMINATED FOR ANOTHER AWARD

Prince George Citizen writer Gord Hoekstra has been nominated for a Michner award for his investigative series on forestry safety. Gord has been instrumental in helping raise the profile of safety in the forest industry, and he continues to work on this file. Congratulations, Gord!

FARWELL CANYON BRIDGE UPDATE

The latest we've heard from the Ministry of Forests is that the replacement bridge over the Chilcotin River in Farwell Canyon should be finished by May. The truckers in the area will welcome the return to familiar and shorter hauls. They worked through some challenging conditions over the winter without the bridge in place – detours, increased traffic, longer hauls, road maintenance issues, a lot of frustration – and managed well, with no serious injuries. Good job guys!

CARRYING CHAINS REGULATION

Just a reminder that even though spring is finally breaking out, you're still required to carry chains on most of BC's highways, until April 30.



VIN PLATE REGISTRY

In the next couple of weeks we'll be starting an on-line Vehicle Identification Number plate registry, to help identify trucks and to avoid number duplication as more and more mills go to the number plate system. If your trucks have the VIN plates, we'd really appreciate you sending us the list so we can put it on line. It'll be public information, and will help with road management and safety. The VIN plates are currently being used by most of the mills in the central interior for logging trucks and pickups. MoF, BCTS, DOF, MOE also have plates in the Prince George area. Several mills are considering going to that system, on top of the ones that already are, to help identify trucks and to ease communication issues. If you're interested in finding out more, contact MaryAnne for the template, the rationale and results and how to become part of this inexpensive but effective program.

GOOD GUYS SPOTTED!

Several folks stopped by our booth at the COFI conference last week to commend the log truck drivers who were hauling in the Reid Lake Road area around Prince George over the winter. The residents there especially commended **the trucks hauling for Vern Watt**. "When you saw one of the yellow and white trucks, you didn't have to worry", said one of the residents. "They were always courteous and careful." GREAT JOB GUYS!

And kudos go out to the **drivers hauling into Adams Lake Lumber**. Adams Lake buys 80% of its timber, so it gets hauled from all over the interior – from Blue River in the north, Golden in the east, Merritt in the west, hundreds of kilometers. Their drivers are very involved in their safety program called "HaulSafe", helping to develop it from the truckers' point of view. These guys are real professionals and their pride shows!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SAFETY MEETINGS

- ILA Conference, Vernon April 19-21
- Trucker Safety Meeting, Castlegar Apr 23 6pm Sandman Inn
- Trucker Safety Meeting, Mackenzie Apr 26 Abitibi
- Trucker Appreciation Day, Williams Lake Apr 27 Gibraltar Room
- Cariboo Forestry and Mining Show, Williams Lake Apr 27 & 28 Memorial Complex
- Day of Mourning, April 28
- Canfor Safety Day, Quesnel May 4
- SAFER Conference May 7 & 8, Penticton
- FERIC Mountain Pine Beetle Workshop, May 11, Grande Prairie
- Trucker Safety Day, Weyerhaeuser Princeton May 16
- Trucker Safety Meeting, Oyster River May 28
- Trucker Safety Meeting, Nakusp May 30
- Canfor Safety Meeting, Radium May 31
- Trucker Safety Meeting, Canfor Ft St John, June 5
- Canfor Safety Day, Chetwynd June 26

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In recent years there have been several trucks flip on to their side when exiting from Highway 1 onto the Squilax Anglemont Road. In all cases truck drivers were surprised and didn't anticipate the outcome.

Key Points to remember when negotiating this turn:

- Be aware of the short exit lane prior to the turn. This lane doesn't give logging trucks much room to slow down prior to entering the curve.
- Drivers should be aware of on coming traffic from the east bound lane. Traffic entering on to the Squilax Anglemont Road often cross lanes in order to cut the corner.
- Reduce your speed to a recommended maximum of 20km/hr.
- Lower speeds may be required depending on truck configuration (i.e. jeep trailers).

This is a high volume traffic area. Any incident in this area has the potential of causing a fatality or a serious injury. Drivers must be aware of these hazards and should not become complacent when negotiating this turn.

Please ensure that this notice is posted and reviewed by all your employees.

HaulSafe Workshop

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