



# 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.

### ABORIGINAL TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING TASK FORCE SIGNS MOU WITH BCTA



Paul Landry of the BC Trucking Association was in Prince George this week to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Education and Training Association (PGNAETA) to develop an Aboriginal truck driver recruitment and training strategy. PGNAETA is also working in a partnership contract with Forestry TruckSafe, in an effort to make the connection to the forest industry and its need for workers.

Aboriginal people in BC represent a huge potential labour pool, and more than half the Aboriginal population in BC is under age 25, which would help address our long-term labor issues. The Aboriginal Truck Driver Training project will see the development and implementation of a broad range of skill building, not just the techniques of driving. It will also include literacy and numeracy, document writing, etc, and personal lifestyle management.

The BCTA has been very active in its strategies to recruit entrants into the trucking industry. Paul Landry cited the need for 4500 truckers per year, while ICBC is only testing 2500 per year, and not all of them pass, or go on to drive professionally. The BCTA also is emphasizing trucking as a career path, emphasizing that it's about more than just driving- there are many other trucking-related opportunities in the industry.

Congratulations to Leo Hebert, the Coordinator of the project, Mark Lacerte for getting this project going, and to Paul Landry and the BCTA for recognizing the great opportunities working with the Aboriginal community has to offer.

### UPDATES FROM FERIC

The spring ACFER (Advisory Committee to FERIC) meetings outlined the projects FERIC is currently working on. While some of them are very technical and engineering based, others are broader in dealing with trends and issues that most of us can relate to. A couple that are particularly interesting are the

policy developed by FERIC and MoT that allows for early resumption of full-payload log hauling on weight restricted roads by operating with reduced tire pressures. BC companies wishing to take advantage of the opportunity can call Al Bradley, 604-228-1555 for more details and support.

The other ones of interest to the transportation side of forestry include Evaluations of Road Construction and Maintenance Equipment and Practices (Doug Bennett), looking at costs by phase for selected road building operations, determining how road building phases interact, and development of a tool for predicting construction productivities and costs based on site variables.

One of the proposed research projects for this year is resource road audits – who is using them, developing capital cost and maintenance formulas for multi-industry use. This information would really assist the forest companies around the province that are sharing the road with oil and gas or mining (or both!)

FERIC is also looking for truck owners interested in participating in a “Green Trucking Pilot”, around the use of alternate fuels. They also need some blocks to do testing on harvesting around advanced regen. If any of you out there are interested, give Marv Clark a call at 604-228-1555

### **WEYERHAUSER PRINCETON TAKES SAFETY TRAINING TO A NEW LEVEL**

Weyerhaeuser Princeton drivers had their annual safety day May 16, and this year a new element was added – a hands-on session in the shop doing a pre-trip inspection, and discussion of the hidden structural stresses that can cause truckers major problems. By making it a contest, to see who could find all the things wrong with the truck (the prize was a \$50 gift certificate), the drivers really engaged, and were surprised by the little things that they missed, but that could become critical. A good full pre-trip takes at least 45 minutes, and most acknowledged that it's a whole different ballgame when the truck is covered with snow or mud, or it's dark. It was a good learning opportunity, and hats off to Norm and Ken for setting it up.



### **FOUR MORE SAFETY ADVOCATES APPOINTED**

Calvin Hill of Terrace, Bob Lamond of Cranbrook, David Mullett of Quatsino, and Cary White of Parksville, are the latest additions to our crew of Safety Advocates that are available to help small companies get through their SAFE Companies certification. Between them they have more than 110 years' experience in the industry – and they're ready and waiting to help companies with less than 20 employees engage in the SAFE companies process. To contact them, or the other advocates, John Gooding of Williams Lake, and Neil Campbell of Penticton, call the BC Forest Safety Council office at 1-888-632-0211.

### **BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT 2006-7**

The BC Forest Safety Council's Progress report 2006-07 and the first annual report of the BC Forest Safety Ombudsman are now available online at [www.bcforestsafes.org](http://www.bcforestsafes.org)

Direct links to the reports can also be found here:

[Progress Report](#)

[Annual Report of the Forest Safety Ombudsman](#)

Unlike many annual reports, ours goes beyond reporting past accomplishments to outline new goals. It

tells you how the Council and Office of the Ombudsman plans to continue the work of 2006 to assure a safer, healthier forestry sector in the future.

## **BC BIG RIG WEEKEND COMING UP**



June 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> will see hundreds of trucks shined up and showing off their best at the Mission Raceway. Competition categories include Day Cabs, Sleeper Units, Tow Trucks, Gravel Trucks, Truck/Trailer Combo, Antique Classics and Loggers, as well as specialty trucks, non working trucks (display, stock and antique). Working trucks must be used commercially and have traveled a minimum 50,000 kms within the past year.

If you're a truck fan, you don't want to miss this! And the light show is unbelievable! The work that goes into getting these trucks shined up and lighted.... no doubt about it, truckers love their trucks!

Forestry TruckSafe will be there, talking to the guys, handing out information, and just celebrating the joys of trucking. Drop by our booth and say hi! For more info, call 604-580-2092, or toll free 1-800-331-8127, or email Tori, at Pro Trucker Magazine [toriptmag@telus.net](mailto:toriptmag@telus.net) – put BIG RIG in the subject line

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Trucker Safety Meeting, Nakusp May 30
- Canfor Safety Meeting, Radium May 31
- Trucker Safety Meeting, Canfor Ft St John, June 6
- BC Big Rig Weekend, Mission Raceway June 16 & 17
- Canfor Safety Day, Chetwynd June 26
- Island Truck Show, Saratoga Raceway, Campbell River August long weekend

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