



RUMBLINGS

FOR SAFE ROADS, LOADS AND DRIVERS — ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA
FORESTRY TRUCKSAFE



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Yes, we're early with Rumbings this week. It's Forest and Resources Expo week, and we didn't want you to miss the opportunity to come, learn and network. Besides, we're going to be pretty busy with the Expo this week so I thought I'd get it out early. Come by and see us at our booth, or take in the many activities the BC Forest Safety Council has going on! MaryAnne

SAFETY ALERT FOR FOREST ROADS

This week the Forest Safety Council and Western Silviculture Contractors put out a Safety Alert about resource road traffic. Usually the loggers aren't going back to work until the tree planting season is pretty much over, but because of the late spring, and low log inventories, planters are still out there and logging activities are starting in much of the province.

The Alert reminds everyone to observe the rules of the road, and the basic courtesies, as well as to watch out for tourists and other inexperienced resource road users. You can get the alert at www.bcforestsafe.org or www.wsca.ca Please pass it on!

FOREST AND RESOURCES EXPO SEMINARS THIS WEEK

Have you registered yet for the Seminars at Forest and Resources Expo? They will be very informative and offer a broad spectrum of insights not only into cutting edge issues, but also across BC's three main resource extraction industries.

On Thursday, June 5, we will be hearing from Roger Harris, Forest Safety Ombudsman and newly appointed Vice President of Enbridge, about Resource Roads, his report and what the cancellation of the Resource Roads Act is going to mean to all forest road users. After Roger, Andrew McLellan of BP will talk about the Ojay Road Safety Management Group, a road user group comprised of all three resource industries. Then Murray Sunstrum, Darren Jansen and Steven Monai will share their respective organizations' technological developments, from distance education for workers, to satellite vehicle tracking systems to the new LIDAR system.

Dan George, head of the First Nations Mountain Pine Beetle Initiative and consultant Gary Merkel will be speaking to meaningful engagement of First Nations in consultation and economic development activities, a crucial part of doing business for all resource industries.

Stieg Hoeg, PG Airport Manager, and Tim McEwan of Initiatives Prince George are going to talk about the

Pacific Gateway and the Northwest Transportation Corridor – how to move goods and people around western Canada and to the rest of the world.

Friday June 6's lineup is just as interesting. BC Forest Safety Council CEO Tanner Elton, along with Murray Sunstrum (VP Safety Enform) and Lloyd Franks of Gibraltar Mines (Taseko Mines Ltd) are the panel that will address Certificate of Recognition (COR) and safety certification programs. Then Andrew Ramlo, who is also the Friday luncheon speaker, is going to talk about the WorkPlace and WorkForce of the future. Andrew is a dynamic guy, and makes the demographic statistics of the future look fascinating and scary at the same time. If you are already feeling the crunch in finding good workers, you'll really want to hear this presentation, so you can start planning ahead.

Steve Mueller will be hosting a discussion with several key players about Safety Management Systems. While this might sound boring, it's actually going to be pretty interesting and interactive with the seminar attendees being part of that conversation. Steve will be looking at compliance-based safety programs and how/why they break down over time – how do you get workers to buy into a culture change, and what happens when you don't. An absolute must if you are a SAFE certified company in the forest industry, or a COR certified company in the oil patch.

Friday morning's session will be capped by Dr Brendan Adams, the flying doctor from Calgary, blowing your mind with his information on substance use in the workplace- another very timely and critical topic for all employers. Dr Adams' presentation is fact filled and fascinating, and will definitely give you much to think about.

Seminar registrations begin at 7am both days, with a continental breakfast to start, before the sessions begin at 8am. Cost is \$200 for the two days, but you can come for one day or the other for \$100. Pre-registration is helpful for us, but walk-ins are most welcome. Call 250 562 3368 to register, or just show up! Don't miss this great opportunity and value for your dollars. The seminars are being held at the Kin II building mezzanine, at the PG Exhibition Grounds.

BRING YOUR TRUCKS TO THE SHOW n SHINE!

The Pro-Trucker Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine is set for Friday June 6 and Saturday June 7. Judging will take place Saturday, and the trophies handed out Saturday afternoon. We have heard of trucks coming from as far away as Winnipeg!

Categories are loggers, specialty trucks, gravel trucks, sleeper units, tractor trailer combo, Best in Show, and People's Choice. Register on site Friday or Saturday; cost for entry is \$30. And if you don't bring your own truck, come and drool over the others! Your Expo gate pass (\$5) covers your entry to the Truck Show as well as the rest of the exhibits and activities.

WORLD CLASS LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

The luncheon speakers at this week's Expo are truly world class. On Thursday June 5, Dr David Fung of the Canada China Business Council will be speaking on "Doing Business with China". Sounds straightforward, but when we spoke with Dr. Fung he said his approach is going to be different than what we usually hear about the Chinese market. Instead of Canada trying to sell China what it has to sell, Canadian business should be asking China what it wants to buy. He pointed to our predominant lumber configuration, the 2 x 4, and wood frame housing. He indicated that China will never build with wood frame. Look at their earthquakes and the humidity and you'll know why. The smart thing to say would be, 'we have all this wood.... What would you like us to manufacture for you?' Dr Fung also spoke to us about the issues of volume and delivery that Canadian firms have faced in trying to do business with China. "The Chinese market wants consistent, reliable delivery of huge volumes. Canadian business and infrastructure needs to adapt to that need".

Friday's speaker, Andrew Ramlo, is the Executive Director of the Urban Futures Institute. He's an expert on demographics – what the population is doing and is going to do in the future – and he'll be talking about sustaining the economy of the future through the next few decades with the aging of the baby boomers (most of us!) and the fewer number of young people coming behind us to be the workforce. This is an issue that has

been on the minds of many, as the struggle to find workers has already begun. Andrew's presentation will give you some ideas on how to prepare your company for succession, and our economy for that transition.

Luncheon tickets are still available, at the cost of \$25 each. Call (250)562-8833 or come to the Show Office Tent at the Expo, on the PG Exhibition Grounds.

CONTRACT IN'S AND OUT'S WITH GARRY MANCELL

Contract lawyer Garry Mancell will be presenting a bonus seminar session on the afternoon of Thursday June 5 (2 – 5 pm), sponsored by the CILA. If you're registered for the seminar, Garry's session is free. If you want to come only to that session, it'll cost you \$25. Please call (250)562-3368 to secure a seat (if you're not registered for the seminars)

TRADE SHOW LOOKING STRONG DESPITE INDUSTRY DOWNTURN

Forest and Resources Expo Manager Trudy Swaan says that despite the tough economic times she's expecting a good show. "In 2006 we had just over 300 exhibitors – we're at 250 and still counting with a week to go", she told us last week.

"We also have several new events and attractions that will make the show interesting for everyone."

Those events include the Pro-Trucker Magazine Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine, the Chainsaw Carving Competition, the RCMP Rollover Simulator, Forestry TruckSafe's gocart track to raise awareness about impaired driving, and Healthy Hearts@Work health check station.

The luncheons, special events, and dinner dance tickets are also going fast, with hundreds expected for each event. "We realize money is tight", says Trudy Swaan, "but the opportunities for networking, especially with the expansion of the show to include mining and oil & gas, should be considered as an investment – making the contacts and gaining the information companies need to diversify or become more efficient in order to survive the current situation".

For more information, or to order tickets, call the Show Office, (250)563-8833

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3-5	International Bio Energy Conference, Prince George
June 5-7	Forest & Resources Expo, Prince George
June 6 & 7	Pro-Trucker Northern BC Big Rig Show n Shine, Prince George
July 5 & 6	Big Rig Weekend, Chilliwack
Aug 2 & 3	Vancouver Island Truck Show, Saanich
Oct 22-24	Work Drug Free BC Conference, Prince George
Nov 1	Vancouver Island Safety Conference

If you have a trucking related event you'd like us to post for you, email arcand@bcforestsafe.org with the details.

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