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## **SHARP Logger Newsletter**

**SHARP** = “Sustainable Harvesting And Resource Professional”

### **Reminder about Renewing Your SHARP Logger Standing**

As a reminder, SHARP Logger program requirements state that SHARP Loggers must earn 12 hours of Continuing Education (CE) credits every 3 years in order to maintain their SHARP Logger standing. Your renewal date and the number of CE Credits you have earned to date, according to our most recent records, is **printed on the front of this letter in the lower left corner.**

For example, if your renewal date is 1/1/04 and you have earned a total of 12 or more CE credits, then on 1/1/04 your SHARP Logger standing is renewed for 3 more years. Your CE credits will go back to zero, and you will then have 3 years to earn 12 more credits.

If your renewal date is 1/1/04 and you have not earned 12 CE credits, you will be dropped from the Current SHARP Logger listing on 1/1/04. However, you will have a 1-year “grace” period during which you can regain your SHARP Logger standing simply by bringing your total CE credits up to 12. If you fail to bring your total CE credits up to 12 and regain your SHARP Logger standing during the 1-year “grace” period, you will be required to re-take the entire 18-hour Core SHARP Logger program to earn SHARP Logger standing again.

Remember, you can earn SHARP Logger CE credits for educational programs other than scheduled SHARP Logger programs. For a complete listing of activities that will count as SHARP Logger CE credits, or to get the form to submit for approval of other programs, check out our website, give us a call at (540)-231-6494, or e-mail sbarrett@vt.edu. In order to receive proper credit for programs other than scheduled SHARP Logger programs, you must submit them for approval.

This Newsletter includes a list of the remaining scheduled opportunities to attend SHARP Logger programs and receive CE credits in 2003. There is no fee to attend the programs, however, you must pre-register and space may be limited, so call to register as soon as possible.

### **Do the Math!**

From Bob Shaffer

A high-production logger hauls an average of 8 tractor-trailer loads of logs and pulpwood per day. Net payload weights run from 22.0 to 26.0 tons, averaging 24.0 tons per load. The maximum legal payload is 25 tons, and enforcement is vigorous. The logger receives an average delivered price of \$40 per ton (more for logs – less for pulpwood), while his cost to fell, skid, and load, plus stumpage, is \$30. He usually gets at least one overweight ticket each month that costs him around \$250. How long would it take for a \$20,000 set of portable scales to pay for themselves, assuming they provide the logger the ability to haul the maximum legal payload of 25 tons on each load? [*See answer at end of Newsletter*]

1. **BMP/ Pre-harvest Planning Workshop (6 CE Credits): Spotsylvania County. November 20, 12:30-6:30 PM**

This program will focus on pre-harvest planning; a review of VA's water quality law and BMP's to protect water quality; and will cover forest regeneration following a harvest. To register, contact Adam Downing at (540) 948-6881.

2. **Negotiations Class (3 CE Credits): St. Paul, VA. November 25, 6-9 PM**

"You have to negotiate just about everything in life. Equipment purchases, log sales, stumpage, and what you do with your spouse are all negotiable. Learn some good stuff on how to get a better deal on all of these." To register, Contact Jim Willis at the Russell County Extension Office (276) 889-8056.

3. **Roadway Safety Program (3CE Credits): Cumberland, VA. December 4, 12-3 PM**

This program will feature speakers from VDOT who will explain the requirements for blanket entrance permits for logging operations. Participants will also have the opportunity to review a video and take a test to become certified flagmen. The program also will feature "Operation Life Saver" Railroad crossing safety. To register, contact the Buckingham County Extension Office at (434) 969-4261.

4. **Roadway Safety Program (3 CE Credits): Lynchburg, VA. December 4, 6-9 PM**

Same program content described above, to register, contact Lynchburg Extension office (434) 847-1585.

5. **BMP Workshop (6 CE Credits): New Kent County. December 5, 10:00AM – 4:30 PM**

This program will be outdoors, so be prepared for all weather conditions, and bring a hardhat. This program will cover a review of the VA Silvicultural Water Quality Law and BMP's, and will focus on correct implementation of BMP's and stream crossing options using equipment on site. To register, contact Scott Barrett at (540) 231-6494.

6. **Arborist/Tree Care Related Program (4 CE Credits): Chesapeake, VA. December 5, 8 AM - Noon**

Details will be finalized soon. For more information contact the Chesapeake Extension Office at (757) 382-6348.

7. **Contracts & Timber Deeds (3 CE Credits): Dugspur, VA. December 8, 6-9 PM**

"More and more timber purchases are by contracts. Good contracts save a lot of hassle and misunderstanding. Learn the basics of timber deeds and contracts. Other contracts besides timber sales will be covered." To register, Contact Jim Willis at the Russell County Extension Office (276) 889-8056.

8. **Chainsaw Safety: (6 CE Credits): Madison County. December 10, 10AM - 4:30 PM**


This program will be outdoors, so be prepared for all weather conditions, and bring a hardhat. Presented by Bryan Wagner, a former logger and now a training specialist for Forestry Mutual Insurance Company. Bryan demonstrates the proper use of chainsaw safety equipment and directional felling techniques to improve safety and increase production. For more information, contact Adam Downing - Madison County Extension Office at 540-948-6881.

9. **Chainsaw Safety: (6 CE Credits): Brunswick County. December 11&12, 9AM 3:30 PM**

This will be the same Chainsaw safety program described above and will be offered on 2 consecutive days in Brunswick County. To register, Contact Dan Goerlich – Halifax County Extension office at (434) 476-2147.

\*\*\*\*Answer to "Do The Math!" from the front page = About 10 Months\*\*\*\*

Sincerely,



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