

Invitation

Virginia Loggers Association's

14th Annual Meeting on August 25 -28, 2016!

*You are invited to join Virginia loggers and many friends of the forest products community and associated organizations at the Hotel Roanoke for its 14th annual meeting. Please reserve your lodging by **August 12** to receive your great group rate.*

We promise you'll have a great time and receive many benefits too. You will have lots of opportunities to network with others in our industry. Second, our fantastic speakers are anxious to share their knowledge with you. Third, you'll have the opportunity to meet our elected and appointed officials and learn first-hand the latest legislative news. Fourth, you and your family will have a great and relaxing time being at the Hotel Roanoke and in the Roanoke Valley!

All presentations are eligible for continuing education credits for both the SHARP Logger program and the Society of American Foresters. On Saturday August 27th, the Department of Forestry will offer two hours of "Required SHARP Logger Update" training from 1 to 3 pm only to meeting attendees. The other 1 hour of "Required SHARP Logger Update" training will be covered by Jimmie Locklear's presentation on Saturday morning.

Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities are great ways to support the success of the 14th annual meeting and show-case your services and products.

Mardi Gras will be the theme for Saturday night and the Kountry Kickers will "kick up their heels" and entertain everyone. Dress for this fun occasion!



Agenda
14TH Annual Meeting at Hotel Roanoke
August 25 - 28, 2016

Thursday August 25, 2016:

7:00 PM

Registration & Exhibit Setup

Friday August 26, 2016:

8:00 AM - 5 PM

Registration & Exhibit Setup

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Board of Forestry Meeting (Buck Mountain Room)

12:45 PM - 5:00 PM

*VLA Presentations (Crystal Ball Room)
Attire - casual*

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Legislative & Welcome Reception (Garden Courtyard) Attire is Business Casual.

Saturday August 27, 2016:

7:00 AM - Noon

Registration

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

VLA Business Meeting & Breakfast (Crystal)

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Spouses Workshop (Buck Mountain Room)

7:45 AM - 11:30 PM

VLA Presentations - Attire - casual (Crystal Ball)

11:30 PM - 12:00 PM

Logger of Year Award

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

"Required SHARP Logger Update" Offered to Members Only

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Free Time for Family - see page 4 for details

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Reception

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Awards Dinner and Dancing w/ Kountry Kickers Entertainment & MARDI GRAS THEME - Dress Accordingly

Sunday August 28, 2016:

10:00 AM

All Exhibits Must be Removed

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Check - Out

Registration

14th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Loggers Association

Print and return by August 21 to: Virginia Loggers Association, 5251 Tavern Lane, Goochland, VA 23063

Questions – Call 804 677 - 4290

Company _____

Name: _____ (Spouse/Friend) _____

Children (12 and under are free) _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Choose (circle) your Attendance Option(s)

Friday & Saturday all meetings & events (<i>per person</i>)	\$215
Friday & Saturday all meetings & events (<i>couple</i>)	\$375
Friday Informational Meeting (<i>per person</i>), 12:45-5:00pm	\$ 95
Friday Legislative Reception (<i>per person</i>), 6-8pm	\$125
Saturday Informational Meeting (<i>per person, includes breakfast</i>), 7am-noon	\$110
Saturday 1 – 3pm: “Required SHARP Logger Update” Offered to VLA Members Only Yes _____	Free
Saturday Reception & Banquet (<i>per person</i>), 6- 11pm, <u>Kountry Kickers!</u>	\$145
Total	\$ _____

Sponsorship

We Wish to Sponsor the 14th Annual Meeting (please circle one)

PLATINUM	\$2,000
GOLD	\$1,000
SILVER	\$ 500
BRONZE	\$ 250
SUPPORTER	\$ 100

Total Enclosed (for registration and sponsorship) \$ _____

If Sponsoring the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Loggers Association please indicate below your preferences!

We will need a table & chairs: YES _____ NO _____ : Electric: YES _____ NO _____

We would like to contribute to a silent auction: YES _____ NO _____ Item _____

Guest Lodging

Please reserve your room at Hotel Roanoke by August 6th to receive the guaranteed meeting rate! Call 540 - 985 -5900 and use code "VLA".

The Hotel Roanoke has reserved the following lodging units at great rates for our meeting guests.

King & Double Beds	\$129/night
King Executive	\$164/night
King & Queen Jr. Suite	\$209/night
Premium Hospitality w/sofa bed	\$244/night

Spouses' Activities

Three Free Sessions will be offered from 8 am – 1 pm for anyone not attending Saturday morning technical sessions! Each will be approximately one hour in length. Please next to each you want to attend.

- 1) *Beauty Secrets by Mazie Rowe, Mary Kay Consultant: Yes* _____
- 2) *Make & Take Floral Arranging by Master Designer Rita Hyatt: Yes* _____
- 3) *Paint on Wood with Creative Genius Terri Wallace: Yes* _____

Names _____

How to Find Out About Great Things to Do in the Roanoke Valley

Please visit the Roanoke Convention and Visitors Bureau at their website <http://www.visitroanokeva.com/about-us/> to help plan outside activities in the Roanoke Valley. A representative from the Roanoke Convention and Visitors' Bureau will set up an information exhibit on Friday to help us plan sightseeing trips in the Roanoke Valley!

Virginia Loggers Association 14th Annual Meeting

Presenting Our Speaker Line - Up

Friday 8/26 (12:45 - 5:00)

Dr. Jay Sullivan, Virginia Tech (12:45-1:00)

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Robert Freed, Freed & Shepherd, PC (1:00-2:15)

Planning for the Life Cycle of a Family Business

Break (2:15-2:45)

Networking & Refreshments

Dale Bennett, President Virginia Trucking Association (2:45-3:30)

Commercial Truck Laws & Regulations Update

Wayne Davis, DMV (3:30-4:00)

DMV Projects and Truck Legislation Update

Scott Parsons, VSP (4:00-5:00)

Motor Carrier Regulations

Friday (6:00 PM- 8:00 PM)

Welcome Reception and Legislators Invited

Saturday 8/27 (7 AM - 3:00 PM)

Bettina Ring, State Forester (7:45 -8:15)

Virginia's Forests Condition & DOF Updates

Todd Haymore, Secretary Agriculture & Forestry (8:15 - 8:45)

Building Domestic Capacity -Exporting to the World

Jimmie Locklear, Forestry Mutual Ins. (8:45 - 10:00)

TEAM Safe Truck Updates

Break (10:00 - 10:15)

Networking & Refreshments

Crad Jaynes, President South Carolina Timber Producers (10:15- 11:00)

Advocating for our Industry and Businesses

Scott Barrett, Virginia Tech (11:00-11:30)

Update on SHARP Logger Program and VT Forest Operations Projects

Keith Biggs, Forestry Mutual INS (11:30-noon)

2016 Logger of the Year Award

Department of Forestry (1:00-3:00)

*"Required SHARP Logger Update"
Offered to Members Only*

Saturday Evening (6:00 PM - 11:00 PM)

*Reception, Awards Dinner, Entertainment
Mardi Gras Style, with Kountry Kickers and DJ*

Speakers and Presentation Summaries:

Scott Barrett, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist in Forest Operations at VT CNRE (30 minutes)

Updates on the Virginia SHARP Logger Program and VT Operations projects and studies

P. Dale Bennett, President & CEO, Virginia Trucking Association (45 minutes)

Updates on Motor Carrier safety regulations, electronic logs and preparing for changes.

Wayne Davis, Deputy Director of Motor Carrier Size & Weight Services, DMV (30 minutes)

Updates on new laws passed and legislation and projects at DMV.

Robert Freed, Attorney, Freed & Shepherd, P. C. (1.25 hours)

How to grow, nurture and care for a business and considerations for passing your business to the next generation.

Todd Haymore, Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry (30 minutes)

Updates on Governor McAuliffe's economic and job creation plans

Crad Jaynes, Chair Wood Supply Research Institute and President & CEO of SC Timber Producers Association (45 minutes)

Crad will talk about the importance of advocating for our industry and businesses.

Jimmie Locklear, Business Development Manager for Forestry Mutual Insurance Company (1 hour)

The latest updates on TEAM Safe Trucking and Call to Action.

Scott Parsons, Senior Trooper, Virginia State Police (1 hour)

Updates CDL, medical card, seats & cell phones, DOT inspection procedure, load securement and Hazmat requirements.

Bettina Ring, Virginia State Forester (30 minutes)

Bettina will update us about Virginia's forests and DOF programs and services.

Jay Sullivan, VT Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

New head of the VT CNRE College will welcome and update us about the programs and services from VT.