MD-DE MASTER LOGGER PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

A word from our new Master Logger Steering Committee Chair, Anita Simmons:

I am very pleased, as the new chair, to congratulate the MD-DE Master Logger Program on the 25th Anniversary! It’s been a pleasure and great experience to have served on the Master Logger Steering Committee for the past 15 years and a master logger, since 1997. I can only hope that as the new chair, I can do as good a job as Bill Cheesman, has done as chairman for the past several years. Thanks Bill. It has been a pleasure working with you.

The Maryland Master Logger Program was developed in 1993, by the Maryland Forest Association, Maryland DNR Forest Service, Maryland Eastern Shore RC&D Council, American Pulpwood Association (later the Forest Resources Association), and Maryland Cooperative Extension, under the direction of the Maryland Forest Association. The program was designed to provide logger training and education for loggers, foresters, forest landowners, and other personnel involved or interested in the timber harvesting business.

In 2002, the state of Delaware joined the program, and the program became known as the Maryland-Delaware Master Logger Program. In 2007, the University of Maryland Extension (UME), began to administer the program under the direction of the MD-DE Master Logger Steering Committee.

Over the past 25 years, we have had countless trainings, seen loggers raise their children to become partners in their businesses and have seen 23 Logger of the Year presentations. For the full list of Logger of the Year recipients visit our website. Today, there are 147, active master loggers in the program. How times have changed - I remember, when I started the program in 1997, we received training thru powerpoint presentations and VHS tapes. Today, new technology has made it possible to train loggers and obtain our CEs thru webinars and DVDs.

Bill Cheesman, Chairman, ML Steering Committee, Retiring

Bill Cheesman, Chairman, of the Master Logger Program, has announced his retirement from the MD-DE Master Logger Steering Committee. Bill has helped to promote the program from the start and has done an outstanding job as Chairman for over 18 years. Bill has given much time and effort thru the years to grow the Master Logger Program and make it successful. Although, we are all happy for Bill and wish him the best in his retirement, he will be greatly missed on the Committee.

Thank you for a job well done!
Want help guide the ML program even more?
Want to gain 4 CEUs per year for being a part of a committee?

Become a member of the MD-DE ML Steering Committee

By being part of the ML steering committee you will help decide on the priorities for the ML program, and help manage the general course of how the program is run.

Currently, this committee has representatives from the Logging community (Eddie Moore), foresters (Bill Cheesman (former chair), Anita Simmons (current Chair) and Mike Moore, the Maryland and the Delaware Forest Service (Dave Gailey and Sam Topper respectively) and Maryland Department of the Environment (Kate Ansalvish). Many of these members are retiring so we are looking for some new blood!

It would be good to have your ideas about what topics should be offered as continuing education credits and on how to improve the program. As a committee member you can look forward to only one phone conference each month (where you can be in your machine on the job site) and a face-to-face meeting about 3 times a year. The amount of involvement outside of the committee meetings is up to you and the projects you want to work on.

If this is something you are interested in or want to learn more about please call Anita Simmons at 301-268-6279 or Agnes Kedmenecz at 410-827-8056.

Forest Product Operator’s License Reminder

As a friendly reminder, we here at the Master Logger Program, along with our Steering Committee, would like to stress the importance of having a Forest Product Operator’s (FPO) License in the State of Maryland.

“According to Title 5, Section 608, Annotated Code of Maryland, any person engaged in a forest products business must have a license issued by the Department of Natural Resources. This includes all sawmills, pulpwood and logging contractors and firewood dealers. Other business types may be licensed with [the MD DNR] for example, mulch suppliers, land clearing companies, tree removal companies, and lumber brokers.”

(https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/fpo_search.aspx)

Once you obtain a FPO license you are required to renew it annually. For more information, or for a copy of the application, you can visit the Maryland DNR FPO website at: http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/fpo_search.aspx

And for any questions regarding your FPO License you can contact Dan Rider at the Maryland DNR Forest Service at (410) 260-8583 or by email at Daniel.rider@maryland.gov
I've been having a great time getting out and visiting the Master Loggers throughout Maryland and Delaware. The tour began at the Virginia Logging expo where, I not only saw a really cool de-barker and ran a portable sawmill, I also had the chance to meet Robert Beale and his sons Ethan and John. Robert has been a MD-DE Master Logger since 2006 and his son Ethan has already taken all of his core courses to follow in his father’s footsteps and will be an official Master Logger on his 18th birthday!

Later, in Western Maryland, Anita Simmons (Verso procurement forester) introduced me to Joe Colmer who has also been a Master Logger since 2006. It was great to walk the logging job with him talking about harvesting techniques.

Dave Gailey (regional state forester) introduced me to four Master Loggers in Southern Maryland. Bruce Barnes, ML since 2017, was grading logs to be sold for specialty wood products. J.J Howe (ML since 2010) showed me how mats help out at wet sites. Meeting Greg Van Meter (ML since 1995) reminded me how important loggers are to a community. I got to meet the father and son team of Danny Johnson (ML since 2006) and Kevin Johnson (ML since 2018) working together.

I made my way to Delaware where Sam Topper (Delaware state forester) walked me through a logging job where Timothy Hopper, ML since 2002 was trucking logs off that were loaded by his son. I also had the opportunity to meet and have a great discussion with Phil MacDonald Jr., a Master logger since 2008, who was interested in technology and how we can utilize new tech on the job. These two Master Loggers work in both Maryland and Delaware, reminding us how interconnected the two state’s forestry programs and industries are.

My guides Bill Cheesman (retired forester) and Eddie Moore (retired Logger) introduced me to some lower shore logging. It was great to talk with Frankie Eure (ML since 1999) and his wife about the importance of safety and log loads. Billy Singleton is new to logging and has been a ML since 2017, it was great to talk to him about how he got into logging. Jason Mitchell, ML since 2015 let me know that with skill, support and the love of the woods logging can be exactly the right fit.

Thank you to all of you Master Loggers for taking the time to talk with me. I enjoyed meeting you and seeing the care you take in your work. I’m looking forward to meeting more of you!

So please give me a call or shoot me an email inviting me to tour your jobs. I want get to know how we can better serve the MD-DE Logging community. And as an added bonus you’ll also get 1 continuing education credit!

OLDEST RUNNING MACHINE CONTEST

Do you have the oldest running piece of forestry equipment? If so we want to hear about it! Email us a picture and short description with the name of the machine, it’s age, and when it was purchased for your chance to be featured on the Maryland-Delaware Master Logger website and our next newsletter.

Submit your pictures and description to Agnes at akedmen@umd.edu or by mail to: P.O. Box 169, Queenstown, MD 21658
AGNES’ GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU TOUR

Invite me out for a tour of your facility or job site! Share your ideas about the program and what you would like to see to earn 1 CEU!!
On July 23, 2015, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued federal order that placed all of Maryland to the list of regulated areas for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This summer, the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s forest pest survey program found EAB in Queen Anne’s, Talbot, and Dorchester counties on the Eastern Shore for the first time, prompting the expansion of the quarantine area across the Chesapeake Bay.

According to Anne Hairston-Strang of the Maryland DNR Forest Service, "Ash products can be transported within the very large multi-state quarantine zone. Policies such as not moving firewood and buying local wood are still strongly encouraged to avoid hastening the spread of EAB and other pests or diseases."

For more details on the federal EAB regulatory program, you may call EAB National Policy Manager Paul Chaloux at 301-851-2064. For information on the regulatory requirements to move articles out of quarantined areas in Maryland, please call Acting APHIS State Plant Health Director Matthew Travis at 410-288-5541.

For more EAB Quarantine info check out https://bit.ly/2fEtkwN

Longhorn Tick Confirmed in Maryland

A National Veterinary Services Laboratory test has confirmed the presence of the Haemaphysalis longicornis tick, also known as the East Asian tick, the longhorned tick, and the bush tick, in Maryland. This is the first confirmed sighting of this tick species in the State of Maryland. The longhorned tick was found on a white-tailed deer in Washington County and was confirmed on Friday, July 27. “In order to keep livestock and pets safe, we encourage owners to check their animals for a high concentration of tick bites or abnormal ticks,” said the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s State Veterinarian Dr. Michael Radebaugh. “This species of ticks are known to cling to hosts in high numbers. If too many of these ticks attach themselves to an animal, it could cause stunted growth, decreased production, major blood loss, and has the potential to spread diseases.”

Currently, the longhorned tick has been found in eight states — New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania and now Maryland. As of now, the longhorned ticks found in the United States — including the tick confirmed in Maryland — have not been found to carry infectious pathogens. This invasive species is known to carry several diseases in their natural habitats.

“The discovery of the longhorn tick in Maryland reinforces the need of residents to practice tick prevention methods,” said Maryland Department of Health Public Health Services Deputy Secretary Dr. Howard Haft. “Avoiding wooded and brushy areas, wearing long pants and long sleeves, using repellent, and performing tick checks after being outside will all help prevent tick-borne diseases.”

This tick species is non-native to the area and is easily mistaken for other common ticks found in Maryland. Hard to see with the naked eye, the brown-colored tick has distinctive “horns” that can be viewed under a microscope. This species has the ability to reproduce asexually and can lay anywhere from 800-2,000 eggs after feeding on a host. The longhorned tick also feeds on a large variety of hosts, such as livestock, poultry, wild birds, pets, small mammals and humans.

Ticks are usually found in tall grasses, meadows, pastures and wooded areas. Tips to protect yourself, your family, livestock and pets from tick bites:

◊ Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. (CDC)
◊ Use EPA registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), permethane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. (CDC)
◊ Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants. Treat items like boots, pants, socks and tents with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear. (CDC)

For more info about the longhorned tick and its impact on animal health, please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Animal Health 410-841-5810 or animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov.

Report any unusual ticks or a high concentration of tick bites to the University of Maryland’s Assistant Professor of Entomology Dr. Megan Fritz.

For info about the longhorned tick concerning human health, please contact the Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases at the Maryland Department of Health 410-767-5649 or mdh.czvbd@maryland.gov.
**Two Free Ways To Learn:**

Facebook Page
@MDDEMasterLogger

-OR-

Contact Stephanie to request a free CD at (410) 827-8056 or sjacks@umd.edu

**Upcoming Continuing Education Credit Opportunity**

Join us in the woods for the Harvest Unit Planning & Layout Design

**Thursday, November 1st from 8am-12pm**
at the Savage River State Forest, Grantsville, MD

Topics to include landing locations, road & skid trails, cross drain options, stream crossings, schedule of operations, harvest design patterns, reclamation planning, and more...

*Cost is $20.00 per person*

**To register** contact Stephanie Jackson at (410) 827-8056 or sjacks@umd.edu

**Spotted Lanternfly: A New Insect Threat Workshop**

**Friday, December 14th, 8:30am-12pm**
at Fox Haven Farm & Learning Center, 3630 Poffenberger Rd, Jefferson, MD 21755

An educational workshop for general public and professionals in forestry, plant health care, and agriculture.

*Registration Required*
$20 Early Bird Registration Fee until Nov. 2nd ($30 afterwards) *Space is limited!*

**To Register** visit: [https://bit.ly/2P5pPNk](https://bit.ly/2P5pPNk) or call (301) 791-4733

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**EXPIRING IN 2018?**

Don’t miss the above opportunities if your Master Logger status is due to expire by the end of this year! A letter was mailed out to those of you still requiring credits before the end of 2018, but if you are unsure of your CEU standing, don’t hesitate to call or email Stephanie for an update.

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Do you have questions about Insurance? Send them to us! We are designing a continuing education course regarding Insurance and we need your input.
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Can you find all the terms related to logging?

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