



The Top Cut

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CLP Logger Mike Thurlow runs Millinocket Marathon with chainsaw for Make-a-Wish



Mike Keeps His Promise

Mike Thurlow of Lee, a lifelong logger, but not a lifelong jogger, decided last year to train and then run the half marathon part of the Millinocket Marathon to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Make-a-Wish, grants wishes to kids with life threatening illnesses. The average wish costs about \$7000.00. Mike then promised to run in full logger gear and with a chainsaw if he was able to raise at least \$1000.00 in donations. Mike has surpassed that goal and donations in his name now stand at \$3581.00. "Our friend did it! He ran 13.1 miles in 4 hours, 20 minutes and 56 seconds, carrying 25 pounds of gear, quite an accomplishment" said Mike St. Peter of CLP. When asked how it felt lugging a saw all that way, Thurlow responded, "It felt like carrying a bulldozer". Mike's son also ran the Half Marathon and then joined his dad for support and encouragement. Mike Thurlow hopes to raise \$10,000 for Make-a-Wish this coming December. Mike also is extending an invitation and challenge for anyone to join him, in this year's Half Marathon on December 8, 2018, to further benefit kids and to help their wishes come true.

2018 Recertification Training Session Topics

CORE CURRICULUM ALL PROGRAMS

- CLP Update
- Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls
- Ticks & Lyme Disease etc.
- Emerging Technologies

CONVENTIONAL LOGGERS (Inside Session)

- Body Mechanics
- Advanced Felling Techniques
 (Outside Session)
- Level II & III

MECHANICAL LOGGERS

- Equipment Operation Efficiency
- Hazard Mgt. - non-Routine Tasks

SUPERVISOR/CONTRACTOR

- Risks of Taking Shortcuts
- Improving Supervisor Skills

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The 27th CLP Banquet held December 1st 2017 Loggers of the Year were announced!

Jeff's Catering in Brewer, ME was the site for the annual banquet on December 1st from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

The event included a social hour, buffet dinner, presentations by Eric Kingsley - FRA & Alden Robbins - Robbins Lumber, and door prizes with the annual chainsaw prize winner logger Tom Fox. Two hundred fifty six dollars in raffle tickets were sold to benefit the Make-a-Wish foundation.

The CLP Logger of the Year awards were presented. These awards are presented annually to a conventional, mechanical and supervisor/contractor that meet and exceeds CLP expectations.

Huber Resources once again presented the winners with a check for \$1000, an engraved plaque and a jacket commemorating their achievement.

Winners were featured in a ½ page newspaper ad in the Bangor Daily News the weekend of January 27.

Make-a-Wish Raffle Winners



(l to r) Marcia McKeague, Maine Tree chairperson, winner of the bear; Mike Thurlow, CLP chainsaw artist, Gail DeGrace winner of a wildlife scenery cutting board engraved by Yves Levesque. All proceeds were donated to Make-a-Wish Foundation.

REMINDER!

Schedule your evaluation soon after your training!

Send us your email for future news letters and CLP updates

clploggers@myfairpoint.net

2017 Training Summary

Participants	Active CLPs	Total (Completed CLP Requirements for 2017)		* Total trained Since 1991
		Certification	Re-certification	
Logging Contractors	176	9	71	677
Logging Employees				
Mechanical	1046	93	362	2546
Conventional	224	23	88	2816
Others (Associates)	76	1	31	534
Total	1522	126	552	6573

*The total number trained does not represent the number of people currently certified.

Certifications that expire December 31, 2018, must arrange to have a class & evaluation completed by the end of the year. Contact the CLP office to schedule your evaluation at 207-668-2851 or email us at: clploggers@myfairpoint.net.

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Safety Corner

What's the No. 1 cause of workplace fatalities?

Figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics have found one persistent problem is still to blame for workplace deaths: transportation accidents.

That single category accounted for 40% of workplace fatalities according to recently released statistics. But it was far from the only important trend.

Other notable statistics from the preliminary report include:

- a 10% increase in deaths from slips, trips and falls (mostly resulting from falls to another level)
- a 9% increase in fatal injuries involving workers 55-years-old and older
- an increase in workplace violence fatalities construction deaths rising 5% to their highest level since 2008.

By: David King

Distracted Driving

While texting and driving was once thought to be a phenomenon for young drivers, that's not the case:

- 48% of adult drivers admit to texting while driving, while
- 43% of teens admit to it.

And texting takes a driver's eye off the road for an average of five seconds – the equivalent of driving the length of a football field at 55 miles per hour. This makes an accident 23 times more likely to occur than driving without distractions.

3 KEYS TO SAFE DRIVING

OSHA recommends some basic steps every driver should take to stay safe behind the wheel:

1. Buckle up

Always wear a seatbelt while driving, and insist your passengers do the same. Seat belts increase your chances of surviving an accident by 60%. And while some workers think they might not be needed for short trips, that's not the case: almost three out of four accidents happen within 25 miles of home.

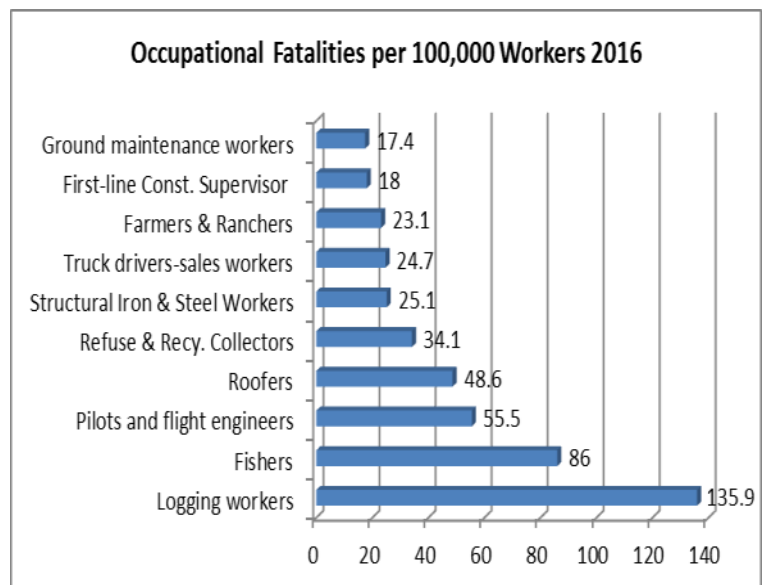
2. Stay focused

It's important to be well rested before you get behind the wheel. Also, take a break at least once every two hours if you're on a long trip. Set a realistic expectation for how many miles you can do in a day and stick to that limit. Leave yourself plenty of time to get where you're going. Set your GPS or look at maps or directions before you get behind the wheel.

3. Keep your cool

There are plenty of things other drivers can do on the road to set you off. But this leads to aggressive driving, which is dangerous. Don't take other drivers' actions personally, even though it may be difficult.

From: Supervisors Safety Bulletin



Cast Your Vote For Logger Of The Year

Yes! I want to nominate one or all of the following CLPs as Logger of the Year.

My Name: _____ My Phone #: _____
 My Address: (Street/PO Box) _____ City: _____

CONVENTIONAL LOGGER

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Phone #: _____

MECHANICAL LOGGER

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Phone #: _____

CONTRACTOR/SUPERVISOR

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Phone #: _____

To submit your nomination(s) for CLP Logger of the Year, fill out this form and return it with the names, phone numbers, and addresses of two references, including one landowner per nominee, plus a description of their qualifications by November 3, 2018 to:
 CLP·P.O. Box 557·Jackman, ME 04945 **(PLEASE NOTE THAT PAST WINNERS CANNOT BE NOMINATED)**

2017 Loggers of the Year

Award recipients must be active CLPs and must be nominated with the form above. Two references, one of which must be a landowner, must be provided.

To submit a nomination or nominations, you must do the following:

- Form must be received by November 3, 2018.
- Attach on a separate sheet, the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references per nominee. **Include one landowner per nominee.**
- For each nominee, attach a description of their qualification, with attention to their safety, business practices, resource protection, and community activity.



John Chamberlain, Mercer,
 Conventional Logger Award



Stephen Hanington accepting on behalf
 of Armand Roussel,
 Mechanical Logger Award



Marc Greaney, Fryeburg, Contractor/
 Supervisor Award



Outstanding Loggers (l to r) with
 Paul Cyr, CLP Board President,
 Kenny Fergusson, Huber Resources,
 Marc Greaney, Stephen Hanington,
 and John Chamberlain

Upcoming Events

- 6-14-18 -CLP Board of Directors Meeting
- 8-11-18 -Game-of-Logging Regional Competition—Greenville, Me
- 9-13-18 -CLP Board of Directors Meeting
- 11-30-18 -CLP Annual Banquet and Awards—Brewer, Me