

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Welcome to

THE GREAT <sup>2015</sup> PORTABLE  
**SAWMILL  
SHOOT-OUT**

Preview Issue



As Dave Boyt states in his preview introduction, "The Shoot-Out brings together the most innovative machines and skilled sawyers, making this a great place to pick up new tricks and techniques that will make your own sawmill more productive." For those looking to purchase a mill, this will be a great opportunity to view similar machines as they operate side-by-side to achieve the ultimate goal, high-grade lumber.

The themes of high grade and high value are carried through in Gene Wengert's and Robbo Holleran's articles. Robbo takes us into the woodlot where he discusses Growing for Grade. He states, "The value of our crop trees is largely determined by the grade of lumber they will yield. Wide, thick, and clear boards bring the highest value per board foot, and that should be a goal of forest management." Gene Wengert's piece discusses some rules that will help sawmill operations achieve the highest-value lumber without losing volume. So whether you are a woodlot owner or a portable sawmill operator, we think you will find many useful tips here, and we hope you will enjoy the articles.

For those attending the Paul Bunyan Show and The Great Portable Sawmill Shoot-Out® October 2 and 3, please stop by our booth (number H-18 & 19), and say hello. For those unable to attend, the December 2015/January 2016 issue of *Sawmill & Woodlot* magazine will feature the results of the event.

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