

# "Just Saw It!"

THE **2015** GREAT PORTABLE

# SAWMILL SHOOT-OUT®

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Independent Sawmill & Woodlot magazine is pleased to partner with the Paul Bunyan Show to bring back this event to Cambridge, Ohio.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Manual Mills .....Friday, Oct 2 at 1 PM  
 Hydraulic Mills....Saturday, Oct 3 at 10 AM



Everyone interested in sawmilling will get a great flavor of the options available to them in the marketplace. Watch the sawyers as they incorporate production enhancing techniques they've picked up over the years.

The results of the 2015 Great Portable Sawmill Shoot-Out will be published in the Dec 2015/Jan 2016 issue of *Sawmill & Woodlot Magazine*. It will also be posted on [www.sawmillmag.com](http://www.sawmillmag.com).

## PARTICIPANTS

**Baker Products**.....3665D Blue Streak  
**EZ Boardwalk**.....Junior & Model 40  
**Lucas Sawmill**.....Model M10-30 EFI  
**Norwood Sawmill**....LumberPro HD36 (hyd),  
 & LumberPro HD36 (manual)  
**Peterson Sawmill** .....Junior & (WPF)  
**Timbery LLC**.....M285  
**Turbosawmill** .....Turbo Sawmill  
 Warrior M10 Auto (4SA)  
**Wood-Mizer** .....LT15  
**Wood-Mizer**.....LT70HDD55-RH (Super 70)

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## SEMINARS

### Friday, Oct. 2

#### 9:30 AM top 11:00 AM The Basics of Hardwood Lumber Grading

This seminar will introduce participants to the standard grading rules of the National Hardwood Lumber Grading Association and demonstrate how they are applied. Participants are expected to participate in the application of the grading rules. Bring a calculator and something to write with.

**Presenter: Brian H. Bond**

#### 12:30 PM to 2 PM Sawing for Grade and Patterns in Hardwoods -Part 1

Various sawing patterns are used to maximize the value of material produced from a hardwood log. In this session different sawing methods will be discussed, including grade sawing and quartersawing. This session will include sawing exercises to not only demonstrate the topics presented but allow the participants to apply their newly learned knowledge.

**Presenter: Brian H. Bond**

#### 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Sawing for Grade and Patterns in Hardwoods -Part 2

Various sawing patterns are used to maximize the value of material produced from a hardwood log. In this session different sawing methods will be discussed, including grade sawing and quartersawing. This session will include sawing exercises to not only demonstrate the topics presented but allow the participants to apply their newly learned knowledge.

**Presenter: Brian H. Bond**

Brian H. Bond is an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials at Virginia Tech. of time working with the general public as well.

### Saturday, Oct. 3

#### 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM Making Money Selling Hardwood Lumber

The business world can be unforgiving, but I can't count how many times I've been approached by someone who just bought a new piece of equipment and asked me to help them find customers for their new product. Things don't have to work that way. In this session we will talk about writing a simple yet effective business plan, discuss how to market your products, and grow your business effectively with minimal cost.

**Presenter: Terry Conners**

#### 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Wood Magic (A FREE Seminar!)

Wood Magic is a program that demonstrates the importance of wood in everyday life. Participants will learn about what foresters do and why what they do is important. Identifying trees, growth rings, wood properties, decay, musical instruments and forest fires in a fun, interactive presentation. Everyone will leave with a wooden bubble blower!

**Presenter: Terry Conners**

#### 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM How to Cut and Sell Railroad Cross-ties

North American railroads use about 22 million cross-ties each year, and many of those ties are cut from Appalachian hardwood. In this session, I'll describe what the railroads have set forth as requirements for cross-ties. How to get the most money from prospective tie logs: the bucking decisions you make in the woods and the way you choose to saw your tie logs can significantly affect your income.

**Presenter: Terry Conners**

#### 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Introduction to Wood Drying for Small Businesses & Homeowners

Many small businesses and homeowners would like to know how they can dry their own lumber as cheaply as possible, and solar drying is often the first type of dry kiln considered. In this session we'll briefly discuss solar kilns, but mostly how to dry wood with as little degrade as possible. We'll also discuss the advantages of dehumidification dry kilns for small wood businesses.

**Presenter: Terry Conners**

Terry Conners presently works as a Wood products Extension Specialist at the University of Kentucky but has been involved in small business start-ups, lumber drying, grading railroad ties. Most of his work involves helping small wood businesses.

P R E V I E W



End of an exciting day scene at the 2012 Sawmill Shoot-Out.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCT 2 & 3

**T**he Paul Bunyan Show at the Guernsey Fairgrounds near Cambridge, Ohio, will host the *2015 Great Portable Sawmill Shoot-Out®* on October 2 and 3, 2015. This is the only place you will see more than a dozen different sawmills from around the world running side-by-side. Whether your interest is in band saw mills or swingblade mills, you will have your chance to watch machines ranging from 6 to 60 horsepower plow through their piles of logs. There will be mills with every option imaginable, from manual mills to full hydraulic log handling, computerized networks, edgers, and log decks. Whether you are interested in a simple manual sawmill, a full production hydraulic mill, or something in between, you will find it at the Shoot-Out.

### AN EVENT PREVIEW BY DAVE BOYT

Just 1/32 inch too thin, and it goes into the “reject” pile.

All mills at the Shoot-Out are stock machines, available from the manufacturers—in fact, many of the mills will go home with new owners after the show. While the sawyers work hard to bring out the best in their machine, they operate the mills exactly the way they expect their customers to run them. In fact, many of the Shoot-Out sawyers are sawmill owners who run the mills just as they do every day on the job. Come on out and be a part of it, but if that’s not possible, we hope you’ll follow the event in the pages of this magazine. Those fortunate enough to attend will have a chance to visit with sawyers, technical experts, and sales reps. If you already have a mill, this is a great chance to swap stories, share tips and advice, and take a closer look at your next mill.

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. The sawyers will do everything they can to produce the most lumber in the least possible time without sacrificing quality. When the mills shut down, we inspect each board to make sure it meets our specifications.

**\* Note:** The event is arranged to generally run the smaller machines on Friday, and larger on Saturday. There are some exceptions for manufacturers entering more than one machine. Heats may change at the time of the events.

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As always, there are workshops and seminars on sawmill operation, kiln drying, and lumber grading, all provided by contributing writers for *Independent Sawmill and Woodlot Management* magazine. The Paul Bunyan show itself has acres of exhibits of forestry, logging, sawmill, and firewood-processing equipment, along with workshops and demonstrations of precision tree felling, chain saw maintenance, and tree identification. For excitement, there will be chain saw carving, the Great Lakes Timber Show, Lumberjack Competitions, and even a Skid Steer Rodeo!