

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

# Gearing Up

**F**or readers new to the magazine, as well as for loyal readers who might appreciate a reminder, every two years we sponsor an event called the Great Firewood Shoot-Out™. In short, it's a demonstration of the firewood processors and splitters entered in the event. Based on the size of the machines, they are tasked with splitting anywhere from 1 to 2 cords of wood in the quickest amount of time, and the wood produced must be salable as firewood. This year's Great Firewood Shoot-Out™ will be held at the Paul Bunyan Show (<http://www.ohioforest.org/?page=PBSShowFacts>) on October 5 and 6.

The event has gained tremendous momentum over the years, and this year we filled all available slots in record time—within 4 hours.

This year's list of participants includes some new machines and manufacturers as well as some companies that have been in the Shoot-Out since its start.



### THE 2018 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE:

- ABS Biomass • Bell's Machining • Blockbuster
- Brute Force • Cord King • Dyna • Eastonmade
- Hakki Pilke • Jappa • Multitek • OESCO/TAJFUN
- SAMI • Wood Beaver

To stay current with information about the Firewood Shoot-Out, the *Sawmill & Woodlot* Magazine Seminar Series, and the Paul Bunyan Show, go to [www.sawmillmag.com](http://www.sawmillmag.com) or to <http://www.ohioforest.org/?page=PBSShowFacts>. Watch for the Oct/Nov 2018 issue of this magazine, which will feature a preview section for the Great Firewood Shoot-Out™. That will be followed with a Dec18/Jan19 issue highlighting all the post event activities.

Enjoy the great articles in this issue and keep us posted on happenings in your neck of the woods!

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