



NEWS & UPDATE

May 2024

SUMMER MEETING LET'S GATHER TOGETHER

It's time to start thinking about the Summer Meeting and I hope you are making plans to attend. We have a great meeting planned that will combine business, education, raising money for Log-A-Load, and a lot of fun. We will conduct business throughout the day on Friday, July 26, 2024, and conclude the day with fellowship and fun at the annual welcome reception and Associate member exhibition.

This year's meeting will incorporate and celebrate the achievements of our Missouri Wood Products promotion program. We will take the opportunity to highlight many of the projects that were launched beginning in September 2023 and discuss the impact of the program over the last 9 months. A component of the promotion strategy has been to develop an educational program for school kids that we launched in April in public and parochial schools in Missouri. The program teaches kids about the importance of trees and wood products, and how they make their lives better. We are bringing that fun and interactive show to the Summer Meeting, and we are looking forward to presenting it to the membership.



We have a great slate of speakers set for the Education session on Saturday morning July 27, 2024. We will cover multiple topics including politics, markets, insurance, promotion, among others. Following the Education session, golfers will hit the links to play in the Log-A-Load golf tournament and others will be free to enjoy all that Branson and the Chateau on the Lake have to offer. Saturday evening we will conduct our annual auction to raise money for the PAC and Log-A-Load and MFPA member and

pro auctioneer Benjamin Bevins has agreed to call the event. We are looking for auction items for the Summer Meeting, please contact Laura at laura@moforest.org for donation information.



Be on the lookout for registration materials for the Chateau and the meeting, they are coming in the next few days. Sponsorship opportunities are available, PLEASE consider becoming a sponsor, each one allows us to create the best experience possible for the membership!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND THE MFPA SUMMER MEETING
JULY 26-27, 2024, CHATEAU ON THE LAKE, BRANSON, MO!!!**

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SATURDAY

Missouri Logging Council Board Meeting	
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General Education Session Exclusive Sponsor	___ \$1500
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Lunch Bar	___ \$1800
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Summer Meeting Hotel Reservations

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2024 SUMMER MEETING

MFPA Associate Members Exhibit Registration

Friday, July 26th

Calling all MFPA Associate Members, join us at the Summer Meeting July 26-27th and participate in the annual MFPA Associate Members Exhibition!! MFPA is preparing this event to be held during the Summer Meeting that will benefit all members. During the Welcome Reception and BBQ, exhibit booths will be available for Associate Members to display and promote their services to fellow Industry and Logging Members who may utilize their services and equipment.

Each exhibit booth includes a 30"x6' table and two chairs

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***The winner will be announced at the Summer Meeting at
Chateau on the Lake in Branson.***

CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



If you've read this column over the years, you know how much I talk about making sure that you get your Continuing Education credit. I am not going to do that this time...well, kind of. It is the time of year where we can start thinking and planning for the MFPA Summer Meeting. This year, again, we are in Branson at the Chateau. We are busy finalizing the plans for the meeting...so, you should too. The Meeting is a great place to meet up with friends both old and new. It's also a place where you can learn a whole lot, so when you can, register for the meeting, reserve your hotel room, and think about sponsoring something. More than anything...participate. Go to the Committee meetings, the education sessions, Golf, the auctions, and the dinner. Be a part of charting the course for the future. PLUS...if you attend the meeting, you can earn your Continuing Ed credit, so you can stay current with your PTH certification. Going to the Summer Meeting is just one of the ways you can earn the credit. If you attend any industry related meeting you get the credit. That can include Missouri Logging Council Area Meetings like the one coming up on June 6 in Potosi. Area Meetings are a great place to participate. Area meetings provide updates on what's going on in the industry, and you get a free meal. There are Skidder Trainings, or Advanced Cutting classes. Not all meetings have to be MFPA/MLC meetings. Any kind of industry-related training counts. We also have some online programs on our website (www.moforest.org). Remember, it is not punishment, it's not a chore or task. We are providing ways to continue learning about your job, and maybe learn how to do it better. If you would like to sign up for the upcoming meeting in Potosi, or choose an online program...let me know at mark@moforest.org or visit the website www.moforest.org. In the meantime...get ready for the Summer Meeting. Think about donating an item for the auction. Sponsor something at the meeting. Whatever you do...plan on being there. I look forward to seeing you June 6 AND at the Summer Meeting.

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