

## New(s)

The IFO coop has a website ([www.cnr.vt.edu/ifo](http://www.cnr.vt.edu/ifo)), from which you will be able to download newsletters, meeting minutes and recent research reports. As you can see, the newsletter has a new look about it. If you would prefer to receive this as a PDF file by email in the future, and, or, if you have colleagues that would like to receive this update every three months, please email Tracey ([tracey@vt.edu](mailto:tracey@vt.edu)).

## Dr. Gallagher!



Good news is, Tom Gallagher completed his PhD (congratulations), bad news is, he took an Assistant Professor job at Auburn University ([tgallagher@auburn.edu](mailto:tgallagher@auburn.edu)). Tom has done a lot to get the IFO coop back up and running and will be missed at VT. Rien Visser will take over as IFO coop director.

## Low Impact Harvesting...

...at the Urban Interface is a new study being undertaken by the group. Kris Jensen is the grad student working on that, and we will have a live demonstration towards the end of summer – showing both appropriate

silvicultural regimes and harvesting system. Thanks to the VDOF for supporting that!

## Timber Theft

Shawn Baker, last years IFO coop student, completed his Masters addressing the issue of timber theft. A summary of this work can be downloaded from our website. Special thanks to Wagner Forest Products, Plum Creek, Georgia Pacific, Mead Westvaco and the Forest Land Group for helping to support that project. Shawn has taken a job at VT as the Landowner Extension person.

## VT Coop Meeting

A successful coop meeting was held at VT in May, with 12 industry participants and 9 research presentations. Two new research focuses were suggested. The first is a continuation of the value re-recovery work that Hylton Haynes had started. He showed that a typical hardwood logging operation was losing 22% value at the time of bucking. The second suggested research area is a comprehensive workforce survey to determine why we continue to have trouble attracting and retaining quality workers to the forest industry.

## Doc's Scholarship...



... has reached \$16,500, but we need \$25,000 to make it a named scholarship! Jump on the website to see who has donated and help 'encourage' those who haven't. This website will stay up forever with the donators name list and will include a short bio of the student recipient. **Note:** because of privacy reasons we cannot list your name unless you give us written permission. If you have donated \$100 or more, please email Tracey to get your name up.

## Thanks Sponsors!

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