



Greetings All!



2020...Who knew, this is where we would be as a Nation when the year started?? The American Loggers Council has had to adjust to the many distancing requirements, meeting rules and so forth. There are some big changes in the works at the ALC and COVID 19 is putting tank traps in our road but we will work around them.

As the incoming President of the American Loggers Council, the first thing I'd like to do is to thank Shannon Jarvis for a great job along with Danny Dructor for steering the ALC through this mess and keeping things working without any face to face meetings in 2020. Thank you to Shannon and Danny.

I started working at Dabco Inc., the family's logging business, when I was 15 1/2 years old, you know, before the Fair Labor Standards Act said we couldn't do that (hint - help us get the Future Careers in Logging Act passed in Congress). During summers and school breaks I could be found sweeping the shop, greasing the log trucks, busting tires (fixin flats) and helping the mechanics work on equipment. In 1985 my Cousin Rick and I bought out our parents and logged until we down sized in 2018. Now I primarily focus on log hauling at a time when it is getting more difficult to find qualified drivers (hint - help us get the Safe Routes Act passed through Congress).



The ALC continues to work on timber and timber related issues in Washington D.C., including the Logger Relief bill which is at the top of the list at this moment to try and financially assist those loggers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (hint - help us get the Logger Relief Act passed in Congress). This being an election year who knows where this bill will end up and the challenges our industry will face in 2021. GO VOTE!!!.....,stay tuned??

In 2021 the ALC will be looking at trying to replace Danny Dructor as our long time Executive Director. The Executive Board has been working on the transition plan to make this transition as smooth as possible in the next year and I plan on continuing those efforts with the Committee to make the transition as seamless as possible. As members, if you have any input on this subject, do not keep it a secret, let the Executive Committee know. ... Danny and Doris are ready to go fishing!

Along with this transition, there have been a lot of other changes in my almost 50 years working in timber. Why just yesterday, I fixed a log truck tire, greased said log truck and other

maintenance items. In this industry you never stop learning new stuff...and you don't forget the old stuff you learned 50 years ago!

I have thrown a few hints at you as to what our agenda will look like in 2021 and look forward to serving you as your 27th President. I am honored to be representing you through the American Loggers Council. Loggers working for loggers, that's who we are.

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