

# Timber Talk



## Jay's Message

Krystal, Burger King, Fuddrucker's and Houston's charge different prices for their hamburgers. Which one should you choose? The answer is, you choose any of these depending on your mood, time schedule and pocketbook. The quality of hamburgers is easy to judge. All you have to do is bite into one.

In selecting a timber harvester or a style of cutting, you also have different needs at different times. Sometimes the highest price is all that matters; sometimes it's your timetable; and sometimes it's the quality (taste) of the job. Judging your choices and making a decision is not so easy. Timber harvesting companies may appear to be similar, and you may have to ask others whom they recommend. However, their taste may be different than yours. The timber owner must first determine the type of job or results desired and then choose a company to do the work. Unlike the hamburger, however, a poor timber-harvesting job can bite back. The easiest way to tell if a timber company can satisfy your needs is to review a couple of its job sites and call some of its previous clients. I encourage you to do this prior to your next timber sale. 🌲

## Scofield Harvesting Methods Continue to Gain Recognition

Scofield's innovative harvesting techniques were recently noted by two of the most respected forestry groups in the Southeast: The University of Georgia Warnell School of Forest Resources and *Forest*

*Landowner* magazine. A UGA forestry class visited a 5,000-acre site in Kingston, Georgia, that is managed by Scofield to observe Scofield's special techniques in harvesting, clean up and Southern pine beetle prevention. The same tract was featured in the July/August issue of *Forest Landowner*

magazine in an article entitled, "Combating Georgia's Southern Pine Beetle Outbreaks: Good Forestry Goes a Long Way."

During beetle outbreaks in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Scofield Timber foresters reasoned that the large circle of clear-cut buffer areas might not be the most

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## Do You Know?

Email or send us a card with the correct answer and be eligible for a drawing for a **\$25 American Express gift certificate.**

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

**Is a planted pine forest stronger or weaker than a natural forest?**

The "Do You Know" statement in the 30th anniversary issue of *TimberTalk* was **true**. Georgia has 23.8 million acres of forestland, which is the largest commercial forest acreage of any state.

## Scofield Celebrates 30 Years

Scofield employees both past and present and old friends attended a summer celebration of the company's three decades in the Georgia forestry industry. The event was held at Scofield headquarters in Century Center on Clairmont Road in Atlanta. Here are some photos from the evening's activities.



Scofield "old timers" Gravell and Cobb share laughter with Kelly Dean, Scofield operations manager, husband Stanley and two other "old pros" Trevitt and Barnett. From Left: Jim Gravelle, chief forester of DeKalb County, Georgia; Jay Barnett, forestry consultant; Deck Trevitt, president of Quality Forest Products; and David Cobb, Valley Wood Company.



A seated dinner at the lake beside Scofield's office brought together many former friends and employees from the past 30 years.



Jay Bear shares stories from Scofield's past with, from left, wife Amy, Christi Sego and Charles Sego, former Scofield operations manager.



Jay Bear addresses the group of past and present Scofield employees and old friends attending the anniversary celebration.



Blue Grass music and a low country shrimp boil added food and festivity to the 30th anniversary celebration.



The Scofield 30th anniversary reception included a reunion of all four of Scofield's chief foresters past to present. From left: David Cobb 1983-89; Craig Geer 1989-96; Jim Gravelle 1978-83; and Scot Teverino 1996 to present.



# Scofield Spotlight

## McClure Logging: The Mountain Logging Experts

Stacy McClure recognized a good opportunity 15 years ago when he bought McClure Logging Company from his father, David. Stacy had learned the logging business along with his brothers Joey and Ricky during weekends when he was finishing school. He always liked being in the woods, so when his father was ready to retire, Stacy went into the business full time.

When David owned the business, he built roads on logging sites for Scofield Timber Company, but Stacy never had the chance to work with Scofield until four years ago. He said he enjoys working with Jonathan Nelson, who is

Scofield's chief of logging operations. They are currently harvesting a 970-acre tract of forestland on Fox Mountain in Rising Fawn, Georgia, for wildlife habitat and recreation, as well as for horse pasture. McClure Logging turns out more than 30 loads of logs and pulpwood per week.

"The combination of Stacy and Jonathan create the most expert mountain logging anywhere," said Scofield President Jay Bear. "The finished product is the best that we know of in North Georgia." Jay said demand for expert mountain logging has increased as more mountain areas are being developed.

Stacy employs three crew members who work with him on the tract. H. L. Garrett drives the skidder; H. L.'s son, Michael, works the cutter; Donnie

Bailey mans the loader; and Stacy drives all the logging machines. His company's equipment includes a Hydro-Ax 711EX cutter, Caterpillar 535B skidder, Ranger Skidder H66, Prentiss loader 280, D58 Caterpillar bulldozer, and three Peterbilt trucks. Three truck drivers deliver the logs to sawmills in Georgia



McClure Logging crew members take a break from harvesting trees on Fox Mountain in Northwest Georgia. From left: H. L. Garrett, Donnie Evans and Michael Garrett.



McClure Logging's Prentiss Loader 280, run by Donnie Bailey, piles harvested pine logs into a truck for hauling to a nearby sawmill.

and Alabama. Stacy's wife, Tammy, handles company accounting in their home office.

Stacy was born in New Mexico where his father owned a sawmill. He moved with his family to Ellijay, Georgia, when he was two years old and has been there ever since. Stacy and Tammy have three children: Brett, Tyra and Gena. In his spare time,

Stacy enjoys hunting deer and fishing. He is also an Atlanta Braves fan.

Stacy plans to stay in the logging business until he retires because he enjoys the work and is most comfortable in wide-open places. "I grew up outdoors doing all kinds of activities and learned to love it. I feel lucky that I can be outside and in the woods all day and still make a living." 🌲



Logging company owner Stacy McClure (left) and Scofield Chief of Logging Operations Jonathan Nelson (right) are experts in mountain logging. They are currently working together on Fox Mountain.

## Scofield Harvesting Methods

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effective method in beetle containment or prevention. They decided to conduct management thinnings on an accelerated schedule in forested areas that were at high risk for beetle damage. The method worked well not only for high risk areas, but also areas where pine beetles were already present, but had not yet reached a level of devastation.

The UGA tour and magazine article highlighted Scofield's method of pine beetle prevention and treatment on the Atlanta Steeplechase property in Kingston, which is owned by Carl Bouckaert. Southern pine beetles hit the Bouckaert tract hard during the past four years. However, virtually all of the pine timber stands on the 5,000-acre tract are still intact. Although there is some sporadic beetle activity, it appears that the management thinning, at least at this stage, has saved the tract from severe damage. Interestingly, although crowding in mature stands seems to have invited beetle devastation, the infestation has not been as intense in many of the planted stands managed on the Bouckaert tract. Scofield continues to pursue an aggressive plan of thinning all of the pine stands under its watch. The added benefit in the planted stands is enhanced growth due to a less dense forest.

Scofield foresters used another method on the tract that also produced good results. Instead of clearing a circle around a significant beetle

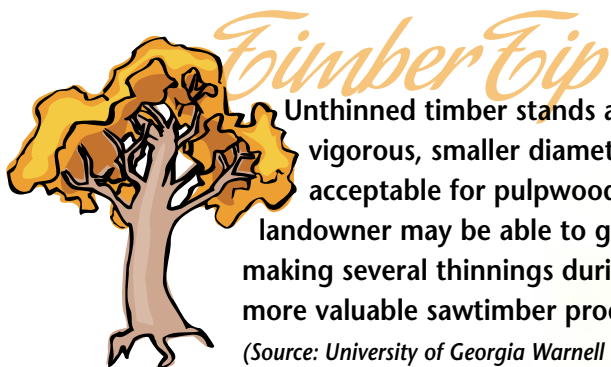
outbreak, they cut the uninfested adjacent trees in an elliptical area with the widest buffer to the southeast of the infested area. They also thinned aggressively around the clear cut in the same manner (towards the



*Students and professors from the Daniel B. Warnell School of Forest Resources at The University of Georgia recently toured several tracts of forestland in Kingston that Scofield harvested. Standing, left to right: Roger Grizzell, Ashley Dillard, Professor Bob Izlar, Stephen Logan, Ret Tiner, Scott Dawson, Amanda Newman, Grant Harvey, Kevin Brazell and Lee Hall. Kneeling, left to right: Scofield Chief Forester Scot Teverino, a 1994 honors graduate of the Warnell School at UGA, Professor Dale Greene and Jake Scott.*

southeast). Considering that most weather comes from the northwest and the prevailing winds move the beetles, they postulated that many of the beetles had to move towards the south and east. This directional method reduced the area Scofield was forced to clear-cut in severe outbreaks. ††

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Unthinned timber stands are often made up of less vigorous, smaller diameter trees. While this is acceptable for pulpwood production, the private landowner may be able to get a greater return by making several thinnings during the rotation to produce more valuable sawtimber products.

*(Source: University of Georgia Warnell School of Forest Resources)*



## Introducing . . . Georgia StreamBank, LLC

Georgia StreamBank is a joint venture between Scofield Timber and Thomas Holmes to develop and operate mitigation banks. The Georgia Corps of Engineers permits mitigation banks to sell wetland and stream credits. The Corps requires credits to permit impact to wetlands and streams, such as filling wetlands for building pads or road construction, or channelizing or enclosing streams in culverts.

A mitigation bank is established on large tracts that contain streams and wetlands that government agencies deem worthy of being restored. Once a bank is established, the bank manager is allowed to sell credits to those who are required to obtain them for development. Generally, sales must occur in the same or adjacent watershed.

Holmes brings several decades of environmental experience to GSB. A University of South Carolina graduate, he was formerly associated with Law Environmental in Atlanta and has successfully permitted and operated the Callaway Farms Mitigation Bank in Pine Mountain, Georgia.

GSB has mitigation banks in the permitting stage in Murray and Jasper counties and is currently evaluating several sites in Fulton County. All of these properties are owned by Scofield clients. 🌲🌲

## Cole Forest

# Grand Opening



*Scofield president Jay Bear and builder Harvey Pilkenton were joined by real estate agents, bankers and other citizens of Barnesville, Georgia, during the grand opening of Scofield's Cole Forest subdivision. From left, front row: Jackson Booth, Countrywide Home Loans; Brian Scott, Scott Enterprises; Jay Bear, Scofield Timber Company; Harvey Pilkenton, Pilkenton Construction; Rita Sisco, ERA Graham Realty; Steve Moore, Steve Moore Construction. Middle Row: ERA Graham Realty agents Barbara Ensign, Jo Coleman, Marcia Mayfield, Trisha Lewis and Mary Montrose. Back Row: Scott Mayfield, Smith, Welch and Brittan; Randy Graham, Graham Realty; Rich Munden, Rich Munden Associates; Dr. Larry Weill, Gordon College; Rick McCreary, Barnesville-Lamar County Chamber of Commerce.*



*Realty agents provided house tours during the grand opening of Cole Forest.*



## Environmental Pulse

**Pine bark beetles cause excessive damage to weak, overcrowded, slow growing stands of loblolly pine. Good management practices, which promote vigorous growth, greatly reduce pine bark beetle hazards.**

## Famous Timber Car Retired

It was an unusual sight deep in the woods, careening down rutted logging roads, often on skid trails, barreling across streams and overgrown fields. “What is that?” Some would exclaim. “Oh, it’s just Jay Bear in his all terrain vehicle checking the job site,” Scofield’s loggers, contractors and foresters would tell them.

Surprisingly, this ATV doubled as a semi-luxury 1994 Acura Legend sedan. After leaving the woods, it would be hosed down; plants and underbrush would be picked out of the grill; and it would take its place proudly on the highways and streets of North Georgia like any other sleek

Buckhead sedan. Always a secret from the Acura service representative who questioned the heavy beating the underside of the car revealed. “Oh, I must have kicked up some gravel on an unpaved country road,” the car’s owner would explain.

Venturing through mud holes above the door jam and ruts so deep the car had to be balanced on top of the high spots, the vehicle gained a

reputation unlike any passenger car since the “moonshiners” outran the “revenueurs” in North Georgia. According to Jay and verified by other observers, the car was stuck only once when it bottomed out on a pile of chips in Fulton County. “The car ended up like a see-saw and I couldn’t get the wheels to touch the ground,” Jay said. To him it became a contest to

see how well the car could negotiate increasingly rough terrain.

On July 31, 2004, the 10th anniversary of its purchase and a day on which it raced to the top of Mount Yonah before they closed off the old



*The retired timber car's new owner, 16-year-old Thomas.*

road, this great car was retired. Well, sort of. The keys were handed over to the teenager in the Bear household, 16-year-old Thomas, who immediately began to treat a dead bug on the bumper like some tragedy that could not be overcome. Which is a tougher challenge? Impossibly rough terrain or a teenage driver? We wonder what the great car would say. 🌲

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