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NEWS & UPDATE

August 2026

SUMMER MEETING 2027
JULY 23-24, 2027
MARGARITAVILLE, LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Mark your calendars now for next year's Summer Meeting! I am diligently trying to accomplish the difficult task of getting the word out on the date of the Summer Meeting so I am starting earlier this year. The 2026 meeting was another great event. We are going to have to work hard to meet the standard we set this year with our Education Session speakers. They were outstanding and the attendance for those sessions was about the best I have ever seen. For members that were not able to attend, the presentations are posted on the MFPA website, I would encourage you to listen to them.

Great information was shared at the committee meetings that will provide a foundation for MFPA work over the next year. We learned that both the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the USDA Forest Service are substantially reorganizing their agencies but are hopeful that it will not disrupt forest management activities. We have commitments from both agencies to keep us informed of any changes that are meaningful to our membership. Fortunately, MDC has committed to continue to partner with MFPA to provide PTH and Master Logger education programs and we look forward to another successful year for those programs.

We are really excited about the success of the Associate member Exhibition during the Welcome Reception. Exhibitors had rave reviews this year on member interaction and the potential for developing business relationships. We look forward to growing the exhibition in years to come.

MFPA welcomed two new board members, Dathan Gruver and Dominic Stelzer, during the Saturday evening membership business meeting. It's exciting to see two young men commit to MFPA at a high level and we look forward to their participation on the board.

The Log-A-Load and PAC auction Saturday evening was amazing. We continue to marvel at the tremendous support that our members have for the Children's Miracle Network. MFPA members presented $20,000 to the Network at this year's Summer Meeting, bringing our total contribution to near $500,000!! What an amazing achievement!

Benjamin Bevins, auctioneer extraordinaire, did another amazing job this year calling our auction. He brought a cowboy hat that was worthy of its own hard case carrying compartment and made a formal production of placing the lid upon his head before the opening call. It was truly an impressive display of the auctioneering profession, and I felt honored to witness it! Enos Yoder worked the ring like a pro and provided gentle pressure on all the bidders to raise their hand again and again.

Don't miss the fun next year, mark your calendars today!

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	Forest Management September 22	Forest Management December 16

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A BIT OF FILING INFORMATION FOR SEMI-PRO AND PRO SAWYERS

Yes. even we can learn more about filing the chainsaw chains! Remember, nobody knows everything there is to know about filing the chainsaw's saw chain. Some of us, at one time or another were positive we were the best chainsaw filers on God's green earth. But someone out there holds that title, and I know it's not me because I still to this very day learn more about filing chainsaw chains! I've seen some excellent freehand filers through the years. But I know I don't think I have met the absolute best yet!

Before we go any farther, I want to remind everyone working in the woods and the sawmills of the temperature danger! Most of us have worked in worse conditions but like me we were younger and more resilient at that time. Everyone, just be careful and don't get too hot! A heat stroke is nothing to play with! If you push yourself into an actual heat stroke, it will stick with you for the rest of your life! You will have a limit on yourself by that heat stroke as to how hot the temperature can be before you have another heat stroke. I know this to be a fact!

Now, where do we start? I think most of us want our chainsaws to cut faster and stay sharp longer. So, let's start with what most of us learned first early in our careers, when we wanted our saw to cut faster;

1. We needed to file the drags lower. We know that this will cause the teeth to cut thicker chips so, thicker chips means that chain has sped up in the cut, right? Yes, to a certain point that is right but there are other factors to consider.

2. Like, how much power does the saw have to give? The point is to use as close to all of that power as possible without the chain wanting more power than the saw can provide. When we utilize most of the power available, the chainsaw cuts faster. When our drags are too high, then the chain does not cut as fast as it could. When our drags are too low, this chain would not cut as fast as it could. The drag height should match the power the saw is putting out. Of course, this is all dependent on the teeth, on the chain being filed correctly and being sharp.

3. The drags are also very important as to whether the chain is going to cut straight or if the chain is pulling to the left or right side. We will talk more about this problem because of the many different causes. With the drags being one cause of this problem. If the right side drags and left side drags are not allowing the chain to cut nearly the same thickness chips, then the chain will cut to one side or the other. This could be caused by several reasons, but here in this conversation about drags it means one side of the chain is cutting thicker chips than the other side of the chain. The chain will start leaning towards the thicker chip side therefore the chain will cut towards the thinner chip side believe it or not. There is more to talk about concerning this statement and more about the drags period. But my brain is about fried so let's leave it here and take it up here next month. Hope this makes sense!

~Joe Glenn, Chainsaw Trainer

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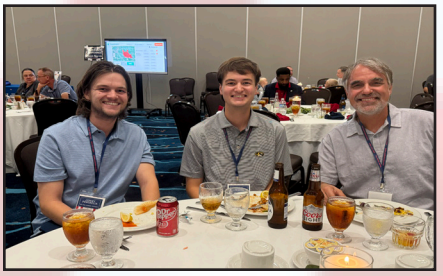
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