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“The Legend Series”
The Legends of Lumber



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Three Pages

Hey, Lumberfolk, It's Déjà Vu All Over Again

by Chuck Marks

Hey gang, I'm home! Or so heralds such “I'm back again” salutations... by the way, wasn't **Herald** the head honcho at Jacobson Bros. up in Willy's Puddle decades ago? Oh, never mind, that's a story for another time. Besides, most lumberfolk out there are too young to know what I'm talking about anyhow. Hell, I'm getting too old to even know what *I'm* talking about.

Anyway, back to the issue at hand. There I was, minding my own business when I get a call from a guy I thought (hoped) had lost my phone number asking me to get my quill and inkwell back in action and resurrect the BCWLA newsletter for a special *Legend Series* edition. Boy, oh boy *be still my heart*.

Well, how could I refuse? This guy has pictures. So, *hey gang, I'm home* – **and mighty glad for it I have to admit**. *The B.C. Wholesaler* has been dusted off to publish this very special edition in celebration of the fantastic BCWLA Legend Series being held on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019** at the spanking

new Element Vancouver Metrotown Hotel, 5988 Willingdon Ave., in Burnaby, B.C., hosted and moderated by *Gentleman Bill Barnett*.

It's a must attend event. So, Funseekers, read on.



The Legend Series **“The Legends Of Lumber”**

Mark Wednesday, March 13 on your calendar Lumberfolk. The BCWLA presents its annual AGM/Smoker social extravaganza. Everyone in the industry is invited. It's The BCWLA's way of offering the chance for friends and colleagues to down tools for a moment and socialize, compliments of the BCWLA. Register online at bcwla.org Events.

To compliment a stellar program finger food will be in complimentary abundance and a no host bar open throughout. In other words the grub is on the house. It's the BCWLA's annual industry hail fellow well met, give back to the industry, get together.

This year's Smoker portion of the event (immediately following the BCWLA AGM) features the **BCWLA's Legend Series**, an informal panel presentation whereby three legends of the manufacturing and wholesale lumber industry will be telling stories about the past and the path that has brought us all to this moment in time. They are all past recipients of the BCWLA's highest award: **Lumberman Of The Year**. These illustrious gentlemen are none other than **Doug Butterworth** (1999), **Jake Kerr** (2004) and **Bill Rafter** (2015).

Come and hear these icons tells stories about their time in the industry, how they built companies, who some of the major personalities with whom they interacted were, how their wood was sold back in the day, what some of the defining moments in their careers were...and other profound stories. Perhaps stories never before told...UNTIL NOW!

This event will appeal to all those who knew and worked with these gentlemen in the past.

It will also be of poignant interest to all the younger lumberfolk in our industry; to hear from these men -- masters of the lumber universe -- who helped shape and build our industry. Everyone needs to come out and hear them speak. Relive past days of yore. Relish the magic of the past, be grateful for the present, and sneak a fun filled, action packed glimpse into the future.

You simply must come and hear these three time-travelers speak. They have stories to tell that are industry timeless, stories that are so important to keep alive and share with future generations.

You can't know where you are going until you first know where you are and you can't know where you are *until you first know where you've been.*

This is a "do not miss" event. A must. You will truly be glad you came. *And no cost for admission.*

Hosted and moderated by Gentleman **Bill Barnett** (2014 Lumberman Of The Year) the forum encourages the audience to ask questions, to interact with the "Lumber Legends."

This event will be the third in the BCWLA Legend Series. Past series presentations have featured such icons as *Jimmy Pattison, Ike Barber* and *Jack Monroe.*

Program Schedule:

Place: Element Vancouver Metrotown Hotel,
Evergreen Room 1
5988 Willingdon Ave.,
(Willingdon & Kingsway
Burnaby, B.C. Canada *(greatest country on Earth)*

Time: Doors Open: 2:30 PM (No admission fee and the Refreshment counter is open throughout)

(BCWLA AGM: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Legend Series: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Social: 5:00 – 7:00 PM



Two From The Archives:

First One: *The Best Of Bob Lebeck*

Tales From Two Mile Flat

A Quesnel RCMP officer pulls a guy over for speeding and the following exchange occurs:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Driver: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I

got my fifth impaired driving charge.

Officer: May I see the registration for this vehicle?

Driver: It's not my car. I stole it.

Officer: The car is stolen?

Driver: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the owner and stuffed her in the trunk.

Officer: There's a *body* in the *trunk*?!?

Driver: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his Sergeant back at the Detachment. The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the Sergeant approached the driver to handle the tense situation:

Sergeant: Sir, can I see your license?

Driver: Sure, Officer. Here it is. It's valid. Honest.

Sergeant: Whose car is this?

Driver: It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.

The driver actually had a license and owned the car.

Sergeant: Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Driver: Gun? What gun? There's no gun in there.

Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Sergeant: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told you said there's a body in there.

Driver: I said what???

And of course, there was no body in the trunk.

Sergeant: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box, and that there was a dead body in the trunk.

Driver: Yeah, and I'll bet he told you I was speeding too.

Ed. note: Bob Lebeck, one of the dynamic sales team back in the day at West Fraser in Quesnel, is one of the true 5-star characters from the lumber industry and was a regular contributor to The B.C. Wholesaler.

Photo Of The Month



The Three Amigos, The Three Musketeers, The Titanic Troika – they're all of that and more: (l-r) **Joe, Tony** and **Henry Novak** of Prince George at the 30th anniversary celebration of their purchase of Dunkley Lumber Ltd.

Ed. note: The Three Musketeers received the 29th Annual BCWLA Lumberman Of The Year Award on June 3, 2009. What marked this Roast as truly unique was it was the first time in BCWLA history three lumbermen were recognized at the same time at the same ceremony.



Points To Ponder

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday...



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