

MSR Lumber Producers Council's Workshop

The MSR Lumber Producers Council will hold its "*Fourth Annual Workshop*" on May 7-8, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

A few of the workshop topics on the schedule for this two-day event include:

"MSR Product Development" - Bill Galligan, formerly of Frank Lumber and Brad Shelly of WCLIB will detail the challenges facing MSR research and development and how the grading system performance affects product development for customer end-uses.

"Fingerjointing" - Sherm Nelson, formerly of Trus Joist MacMillan and Walter Boyle of Timber Products Inspection will look at the current and proposed markets for fingerjointed lumber, and what it takes to provide a sound product to meet customer performance needs.

"Partnerships for Business Success in the Next Century" - The competitive race of today will be won by those businesses that develop strategic business alliances. David Gould, president of Wood Structures, Inc. and 1998 WTCA President will explain how it is done and why.

"Lumber Markets" -What does the future hold? - Lynn Michaelis, Weyerhaeuser's top economist, gives us a view of what to expect up to the turn of the century. He will also address the impact of production substitution on the future of lumber demand.

"Specifications" - What are the reasons behind product selection and use? Learn what it

takes for our products to make the grade and get used. What causes product substitution and how do we overcome this? What are our best features and benefits?

"Vision 2000" - Jake Kerr, chair and CEO of Lignum, Ltd., will use his keen insight, as an industry insider, to explain why we should love our careers in the lumber industry.

Two tours will take place on Thursday afternoon:

747 Aircraft Maintenance and Quality Control - Everyday a 747 flies it is a life safety issue. Find out how they use quality control systems to minimize their risks.

UBC Research Forest - As our population grows, the demands placed on providing wood fiber for societal uses increases. This tour will show you how forestry is changing to meet these demands.

For more information, contact MSRLPC at 406/761-8786.