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In Memory of Bobby Ammerman Feb. 3, 1968 – Dec. 9, 2022



Bobby Ammerman worked as a Forest Products Specialist and an extension associate at the University of Kentucky for more than 23 years, focusing on secondary wood industry. Bobby also served as an assistant director at UK's Robison Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability and managed its Wood Utilization Center. In 2021, Bobby was nominated for the Outstanding Staff Awards at UK's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Outstanding Staff Awards.

Always an advocate for forestry and education, Bobby was instrumental in the renovation of an 80-seat classroom at the Wood Utilization Center. The classroom was dedicated and named the Bobby J. Ammerman Lecture Hall, a surprise to Bobby. The classroom hosts extension programs, training, and meetings, ensuring a continuing legacy.

One of the many ways Bobby combined forestry and education was through Win With Wood, an annual competition that helped introduce Eastern Kentucky youth to forest and wood industries. Each October, students between 9-18 would visit the Wood Utilization Center to compete in forestry events and both primary and secondary forest products events. He also coordinated a forest certification chain-of-custody group to educate industry on certification and provided a mechanism for companies to ease into these markets. He was known nationally for his expertise in forest certification, knife grinding and molder operation.

Bobby was also the heart of the Ohio Valley Lumber Drying Association, serving as Secretary Treasurer for over 10 years, tirelessly planning educational and thought-provoking seminars and meetings for people to learn more about improving wood drying and manufacturing. He had a special ability to assist people in developing their best attributes and empowering them to be leaders.

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OVLDA MEETING HISTORY

1. May 17, 1984. Holiday Inn North, Elizabethtown, Kentucky – The lumber drying association was formed. Speaker: John Shelly, University of Kentucky and Bob Howard, University of Kentucky
2. October 26, 1984. Holiday Inn – Louisville N.W. New Albany, Indiana - Theme: Kiln Controllers. Speakers: Dick Elliott, Nyle Corporation and Ray Simpson, Irvington Moore. Tours: Lanham Lumber and Dry Kiln Co., Louisville, KY, and Dimensional Wood Products Co., Louisville, KY.
3. May 17, 1985. Holiday Inn Morehead, Kentucky - Theme: Drying Problems Important to Furniture Manufacturers. Speakers: Mr. Mark Kessler, Greensburg Manufacturing. Also, Mr. John Shelly discussed the development of drying defects and how to minimize them. Tours: Harold White Lumber Co. and Homer Gregory Lumber Co., Morehead, KY.
4. October 25, 1985. Holiday Inn Riverfront Covington, Kentucky - Theme: Kiln Maintenance: Speakers: Mr. Mike Sanders, Irvington-Moore and Dr. Gene Wengert, Virginia Tech.
5. April 17 - 18, 1986. Rough River State Park Leitchfield, Kentucky - Theme: Lumber Drying Systems. Speakers: Mr. Rick Bradley, Mr. Ronnie Harper, Mr. Don Laskowski, and Mr. John Shelly. Tours: Tell City Chair, Leitchfield, KY, Litchfield Persimmon, Leitchfield, KY, Cramer Lumber Co., Millwood, KY, Baillie Lumber Co., Leitchfield, KY.
6. October 30 - 31, 1986. Bavarian Inn Jasper, Indiana - Theme: Existing Kiln and Predryer Improvements. Speakers: Mr. Bob Snider and Mr. Dick Elliott. Tours: JOFCO Inc., Jasper, IN and Jasper Seating, Jasper, IN.
7. Spring 1987 - no meeting.
8. October 29 - 30, 1987. Holiday Inn South/Airport, Louisville, Kentucky - Theme: A Short Course: Advanced Techniques for Drying Oaks and Other Species. Speaker: Dr. Eugene Wengert.
9. April 21 – 22, 1988. Holiday Inn, Sidney, Ohio – Theme: Computerized Kiln Controllers. Speakers: Mr. Whitt Whittmire and Mr. Todd Ross. Tours: Hoge Lumber Co., New Knoxville,

OH and The Hartzell Lumber and Veneer Co., Piqua, OH.

10. October 27 - 28, 1988. Rough River State Park, Leitchfield, Kentucky - Theme: Dry Kiln and Pre-Dryer Maintenance Workshop. Speakers: Mr. Stephen Rice and Mr. Bob Girardi. Tour: Tell City Chair Co., Leitchfield, KY.
11. April 27 - 28, 1989. Hilton Inn, Sharonville, Ohio - Theme: Drying - It Affects Your End Product. and Cleaning Your Kiln? Speakers: Mr. Steve Rutledge and Mr. Ted Bolle. Tours: Frank Paxton Lumber Co., Art Woodworking and Manufacturing Inc., Bruewer Woodwork Mfg. Co.,
12. November 16 - 17, 1989. Holiday Inn South/Airport, Louisville, Kentucky - Theme: Kiln Corrosion and Control. Also, a demonstration of cleaning kilns with walnut hulls. Speakers: Dr. Bob Little and Mr. Steve Rutledge. Tours: Anderson Wood Products, Louisville, KY, Gamble Brothers, Louisville, KY, Louisville Hardwoods, Inc. Louisville, KY
13. May 10 - 11, 1990. Joe Huber Family Farm Restaurant, Borden, Indiana - Theme: Freon Gas Problems and Custom Built Kilns. Speakers: Mr. Jerry Koetter and Mr. Larry Randall. Tours: Koetter Woodworking, Starlight, IN, Saryoyan Hardwood, Inc., Pekin, IN and Slugger Park, Hillerich and Bradsby Co., Inc. Jeffersonville, IN.
14. October 25 - 26, 1990. Springs Inn, Lexington, Kentucky - Theme: Hardwood Lumber Drying Short Course. Speakers: Mr. Bill Rice, Mr. Steve Hanover, Mr. Robert Howard, and Mr. Carroll Fackler. Tour: Keenland Race Track, Lexington, KY.
15. April 11 - 12, 1991. Somerset, Kentucky - Theme: Boilers and Boiler Maintenance. Speakers: Mr. Bill Ralston, Mr. Rick Lancaster, and Mr. Roger Coomes. Tours: Somerset Wood Products, Somerset, KY, Lake Cumberland Woodworks, Bronston, KY, and Wayne Dry Kiln Co. Monticello, KY.
16. October 24 - 25, 1991. Clarksville, Tennessee. Special joint meeting with the Tennessee Valley Dry Kiln Association - Theme: Heat Exchangers. Speakers: Mr. Rick Toennisson, Mr. Steve Rice, Dr. Robert Little, Mr. Larry Lowe, Dr. Julian Beckwith, and Mr. Sidney Boone. Tours: Whitson Lumber Company, Clarksville, TN and Averitt Lumber Co., Clarksville, TN.
17. April 9 - 10, 1992. Portsmouth, Ohio - Theme: Lumber Steaming and Co-Generation. Speakers: Dr. Jim Olson, Mr.

Joe Wells, Mr. Rick Bradley, Mr. Dave Straka, Mr. Ted Bolle, Mr. Todd Mace, Mr. Charley Scherer, and Mr. Mark Nesmith. Tours: Mill's Pride, Waverly, OH and Taylor Lumber Co. McDermott, OH.

18. October 27 - 29, 1992. Jasper, Indiana - Theme: Kiln Drying Short Course. Speakers: Dr. John Senft and Dr. Gene Wengert. Tours: Jasper Seating Co., Jasper, IN and JOFCO, Inc., Jasper, IN.
19. April 22 - 23, 1993. London, Kentucky. Joint meeting with the Tennessee Valley Dry Kiln Association - Theme: Conservation and Environmentalism and Hardwood Scanning. Automation and Training Tools Under Development at the Brooks Hardwood Research Center. Speakers: Dr. Philip Aramen and Mr. Raymond Harbin. Tours: Forest Products Inc., Gray, KY and Chaney Lumber Co., Lilly, KY.
20. October 28, 1993. Florence, Kentucky - Theme: Variable Air Flow Control to Cut Lumber Drying Costs; How To Save Money When Buying Electric Fan Motors for the Kiln; and Large Capacity Hardwood Vacuum Dry Kilns. Speakers: Ziba Kellum and Rein Juergen.
21. May 21 - 22, 1994. Winchester, Kentucky. Joint meeting with the Ohio Valley Section of the Forest Products Society - Theme: Vacuum Drying Industrial Applications. Speaker: Dr. Fred Lamb. Tours: McCamish Manufacturing Co., Inc., Freeman Corporation, and Red River Hardwoods.
22. October 27 - 28, 1994. Clarksville, Tennessee - Theme: Environmental Regulations for Dry Kilns and Conditioning/Equalization in the Dry Kilns. Speakers: Dr. Robert Rice and Mr. Rick Hellums. Tours: Averitt Lumber Co., Clarksville, TN. A joint meeting with the Tennessee Valley Dry Kiln Club.
23. April 20 - 21, 1995. French Lick, Indiana. Tours: Indiana Handle Company, Mi-Lin Wood Products Corp., and Child Craft Industries, Inc.
24. October 19 - 20, 1995. Evansville, Indiana. Tours: Maley & Wertz Lumber Co., Inc. Indiana Hardwoods, Inc. Eleven dry kiln industries exhibited and each company had an opportunity to give a presentation.
25. April 25 - 26, 1996. Campbellsville, Kentucky. Speakers: Mr. Rob Girardi, Kiln Drying Systems & Components, Inc., Arden,

NC, and Dr. Kevin Powell, University of Kentucky. Tours: Cox's Interior Supply, Inc., Campbellsville, KY, Kentucky Furniture and Woodworking, Lebanon, KY, and Lebanon Oak Flooring Co., Lebanon, KY.

26. October 16 - 18, 1996. Bowling Green, Kentucky. Dry Kiln Short Course. Instructors: Dr. Robert Erickson, Emeritus, University of Minnesota, Rob Girardi, KDS, Arden, NC, Rick Hellums, Averitt Lumber Co., Clarksville, TN, Dr. Bob Little, SII Dry Kilns, Lexington, NC, Kevin Powell, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. Tours: National Lumber Co., Glasgow, KY., Woodcraft Industries, Inc., Bowling Green KY.
27. April 17 - 18, 1997. Chillicothe, Ohio. Theme: Historical Trends of the Green and Dry Hardwood Lumber Market, From 1986 Through the Present. Speaker: Mike Cowan, Assistant Editor, Hardwood Market Report. Tours: T&D Thompson, Inc. and Hocking Hills Hardwood, Laurelville, OH, Dale W. Riddle Forest Products, Inc. Laurelville, OH, Willis Dry Kilns, Inc., Washington Court House, OH.
28. November 6 - 7, 1997. Monticello, Kentucky - Theme: 100% Cure for Hardwood Lumber Staining. Speaker: Dr. Gene Wengert, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Tours: Wayne Dry Kilns Inc., Monticello, KY., Wayne Lumber Co., Inc., Monticello, KY, Monticello Flooring & Lumber, Monticello, KY, Lake Cumberland Wood Works, Bronston, KY., Cumberland Millwork & Supply, Inc., Bronston, KY.
29. April 23 - 24, 1998. Clarksville, Indiana - Theme: Boiler and Dry Kiln Maintenance. Speakers: Steve Taylor, Ware Energy, The Do's and Don'ts of Steam Boiler Operations, Maintenance, and Diagnosis of Boiler Problems. Rob Girardi, KDS, Dry Kiln Maintenance. Tours: Robinson Lumber Company, New Albany, IN., Koetter Woodworking Inc., Borden, IN.
30. October 22 - 23, 1998. South Point, Ohio - Speakers: Mr. Dave Straka, Averitt Lumber Company, Clarksville, TN. Drying Lumber With A Weight-Based Controller: The Pros And Cons. Dr. Fred Lamb, VPI, Blacksburg, VA. Lumber, It's Life Before The Dry Kiln, What You Don't Know Could Save You Dry Kiln Time, Lumber Quality, and Money. Topics covered: Chemical treatments, stickering, air drying, shed drying, forced air shed drying, and how stresses are created. Tours: Muth Lumber Company, Inc. Ironton, OH and Jim C. Hamer Company, Kenova, WV.
31. April 22 - 23, 1999. Somerset, KY - Theme: Controlling Stain In

Logs And Lumber. Speakers: Dr. Terry Amburgey, Mississippi State University, and Mr. Shane Kitchens, Corley Manufacturing Company. Tours: Strong Forest Products Inc., Somerset, KY, Eagle Hardwoods, Somerset, KY and R. M. Bastin Lumber Co., Inc., Eubank, KY.

32. November 4 - 5, 1999. Jasper, IN – Theme: Wood Processing. Speakers: Mr. Kevin Fromme, Best Chairs Inc.; Mr. Rick Hellums, Woodcraft Industries; Dr. Fred Lamb, Virginia Tech; Dr. Robert (Bob) Little, SII Dry Kilns; and Mr. Dave Straka, Averritt Lumber. Tours: Best Chairs, Inc., Jasper, IN; Best Chairs, Inc., Ferdinand, IN; and Southern Indiana Hardwoods, St. Anthony, IN.
33. April 27 - 28, 2000. Clarksville, IN – Theme: Predryers and Dry Kilns. Speakers: Mr. Thom Brown, SII Dry Kilns, Inc.; Mr. Jeff Kinney, Frank Miller Lumber Co.; Mr. Rick Hellums, WoodCraft Industries; Mr. Larry Randall, Better Built Dry Kilns, Inc.; and Mr. Bob Pope, Delmhorst Instrument Co. Tours: J.T. Shannon Lumber, Louisville, KY and Northland Corporation, LaGrange, KY.
34. November 2 - 3, 2000. Natural Bridge State Park, Slade, KY - Theme: Historical Aspects of Logging and Sawmilling in Eastern Kentucky. Speakers - Mr. Steve Bowling, Editor, The Jackson Times. Display of Photographs: Mr. Charles Hays, Editor, The Kentucky Explorer. Tours: Wood Utilization Center, Mr. Roland Fowler, UK Robinson Forest, Dr. Mike Lacki and Trus Joist MacMillan a Division of Weyerhaeuser, Inc., East Kentucky Plant, Hazard, KY. Mr. Grant Curry. Spouse/Guest Activities/Tour - Speakers/Demonstrators, University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension, Family and Consumer Science Agents: Kaye Holbrook, Wolfe County, Natasha Lucas, Owsley County, and Linda Combs, Knott County and Mr. Chris Carpenter, Assistant Naturalist, Natural Bridge State Park.
35. April 19 - 20, 2001. The Dan Emmitt House Hotel, Mt. Vernon, Ohio Theme: Electrical motors and drives. Speakers Mr. Jon Riese, Drive Specialist, McNaughton-McKay, an authorized Allen Bradley Dealer of Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Dee Buddenberg, Toshiba. Tours: Brenneman Lumber & Kiln Drying, Mt. Vernon, Ohio and Longaberger Basket Company, Frazeysburg, Ohio.
36. November 15 - 16, 2001. River View Inn, Clarksville, Tennessee. Theme: New Technology and Processes for the Hardwood Lumber and Kiln Drying Industry. Speakers: Dr.

Bryan Bond, University of Tennessee - Industry Stacking Practices: Current Practices, Attitudes and Comparisons. Dr. Bob Little, SII Dry Kilns, Inc., - Cross-flow Style Hardwood Predisers. Dr. Terry Conners, University of Kentucky - Dry Kiln Emissions (VOC'S). Mr. Paul Houghland, National Hardwood Lumber Association - Non-manufactured Wood Products Heat Treatment. Mr. Greg Copley, Kentucky Business Environmental Assistance Program - Technical Assistance Program for Air Quality Permits. Tours: Averitt Hardwoods International, Clarksville, TN and Whitson Lumber Company, Clarksville, TN...

37. April 18 - 19, 2002. Abe Martin Lodge, Brown County State park, Nashville, Indiana. Speakers: Monte Pope, ISK Biocides, Inc. - Lumber Stains: Cause and Control. Andy Weas Jr., and Greg Wannemuehler, Weas Engineering, Inc. - Boiler Water Treatment For Hardwood Facilities. Tour: Macbeth Hardwoods, Edinburg, IN and David R. Webb, Edinburg, IN.
38. November 7 - 8, 2002. Ramada Inn, Morehead, KY. Speaker: Brian Bond, VPI, Blacksburg, VA. Comparison of a wet and dry kiln sterilization schedule for hardwood pallets. Tours: Harold White Lumber Co., Hutton-Loyd Tree Farm, and USFS Morehead District Hardwood Management Area.
39. April 24 - 25, 2003. Ramada Inn, Bowling Green, KY. Speakers: Rick Goodin, Lebanon Oak Flooring Co., and Garry Jones, Kerr Forest Products. Tours: Bluegrass Specialty Flooring, WoodCraft Industries and Kerr Forest Products.
40. November 13 - 14, 2003. Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, KY. Theme: Moisture Measuring Devices/Systems for Inside and Outside the Lumber Dry Kiln. Speakers; Thom Brown, SII Dry Kilns, Julie Longanecker, Wagner Electronics, Rob Girardi, Kiln Drying Systems, Paul Laurenzi, Delmhorst Instruments, Larry Randall, Better Built Dry Kilns, Whit Whitmire, USNR, Uli Heimerdinger, Lignomat, and Bill Moore, American Wood Dryers. Tour: Forest Products Inc., Gray, KY.
41. May 13 - 14, 2004. Holiday Inn I-75 and State Route 47, Sidney, OH. Theme: Wood Fired Boilers: Efficiency, Performance, Cost, State and Federal Regulations and Incentives. Speakers: Gene Zebley, Hurst Boiler and Welding Co., Greg Smith, Global Energy Solutions, Dave Jackson, Detroit Stoker Company and Utilization Specialist from KY, OH, and IN. Tours: Frank Miller Lumber Co. Union City, IN and Hartzell Hardwoods, Piqua, OH.
42. November 11 - 12, 2004. Holiday Inn Lakefront, Clarksville, IN.

Theme: Getting More Lumber Through the Dry Kiln and Drying Today's Hardwoods. Speakers: Dr. Fred Lamb and Dr. Joe Denig. Tours: Louisville Slugger museum and factory, Louisville, KY and The Discovery Center, Koetter Woodworking and Kilns, Borden, IN.

43. April 21 – 22, 2005. Days Inn, Winchester, KY. Theme: Forest Inventory reports from KY and IN, Regional Forest Inventory Report United States Forest Service. Speakers: Larry Lowe, KY Division of Forestry, Jeff Settle, IN Division of Natural Resources and Jeff Turner, United States Forest Service. Tours: Thornberry Enterprises, Jeffersonville, KY and Freeman Corporation, Winchester, KY.
44. November 1 – 3, 2005. Pipestem Resort State Park, Pipestem, WV. Special Joint Meeting with the Southeastern Dry Kiln Club. Speakers: Ed Eastman, Monticello Labs. Inc., Bob Little, Wood Tech. Consultant, Milt "Whit" Whitmire, USHR, Terry Conners, University of Kentucky, Tom Bryant, SII, Ed Green, SII, Jamie Pope, JMS Heating Sensing Devices, and Tony Deason, Spirax Sarco, Inc. Tour: Allegheny Wood Products, Princeton, WV.
45. April 20 – 21, 2006 Comfort Inn Millersburg, Millersburg, OH. Technical focus: Drying low density light colored hardwoods. Speakers: Mr. Greg Garrison, Thornberry Enterprises, Jeffersonville, KY. Mr. Thom Brown, SII, Lexington, NC, Mr. Whit Whitmire, USNR, Jacksonville, FL, Mr. Bruce Scholnick, National Wooden Pallet & Container Association, Alexandria, VA. Tours: Miller Lumber Company, Millersburg, OH, Mt. Eaton Pallet, Ltd .Millersburg, OH, Keim Lumber Company, Charm, OH.
46. November 9 – 10, 2006 Executive Inn Riverfront, Paducah, KY. Technical Focus: Boilers, Kiln and Electrical Efficiency. Mr. Gerald Blane, Mr. David Fox, Mr. Jeff Barto, Mr. Joe Bueming, Ware Inc. Louisville, KY. Tours: C.B. Goodman and Sons, Hickory, KY. Midwest Hardwood Corp., Cadiz, KY
47. April 19 – 20, 2007 Hampton Inn, Scottsburg, IN. Technical Focus: Emerald ash borer and Hardwood lumber steamer safety. Mr. Ron Miller, Ohio State University, Mr. Chris Travis Frank Miller Lumber, Mr. Gavin Freel Salem Hardwood Lumber, Mr. Whit Whitmire, USNR Jacksonville, FL, Mr. Dan Mathews SII Lexington NC., Tours: Salem Hardwood Lumber Co., Salem, IN, International Wood, Salem, IN, Frank Miller Lumber, Salem, IN.

48. November 8 – 9, 2007 Shawnee Resort and Conference Center, Friendship, OH Technical Focus: Drying light colored woods without stains. Dr. Gene Wengert Madison, WI. Mr. Bill Crorey, Crorey Biomass Gasifier Systems LLC Beverly Hills, MI. Ms. Jenny Richards Park Naturalist, Shawnee State Park Mr. Greg Guess, Forest Program Administrator, ODNR Tours: Craftco Hardwood Floors, West Portsmouth, OH. Muth Lumber Company, Inc., Ironton, OH
49. April 24 – 25, 2008. Holiday Inn Hurstbourne, Louisville, KY. Technical Focus: Survival Techniques in Slow Times: Modern Vacuum Kilns, Mr. Dennis Socling, President, Process Control Specialities Inc.; How I Evaluate Drying Operations, Dr. Eugene Wengert, Emeritus Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison and President, The Wood Doctor's Rx, LLC; Sustainable Kiln Drying, Thom Brown, SII, Midwest Sales and Technical Contact, Southeast Installations Inc., Lexington, NC. Tours: Northland Corporation, LaGrange, KY; Blue Grass Cooperage Company, Louisville, KY, and Process Control Specialities, Inc., Jersey Shore, PA.
50. November 19 – 21, 2008. Comfort Inn, Millersburg, OH. Technical Focus: Advanced Hardwood Lumber Drying and Dry Kiln Maintenance. Advanced Drying Class instructor, Dr. Eugene Wengert (Principles, Handling Prior to Drying, Drying Details, Drying Oak Lumber, Drying White Maple and Other White Woods, Lumber Storage and Energy Savings, Problem Clinic); USNR Dry Kiln Maintenance Workshop, instructors: Bob Pope, USNR, Jacksonville, Mike Sanders, USNR, Jacksonville, Milton "Whit" Whitmire, USNR, Jacksonville; Heating Systems; Fan Systems; Venting Systems; Humidification Systems; Control Systems; Enclosures; and Trouble Shooting Session. Tours: Keim Lumber, Charm, OH; Yoder Lumber Company, Inc., Millersburg, OH.
51. April 16 – 17, 2009. Jasper Inn and Convention Center, Jasper, IN. Technical Focus: Wood Moisture and Stresses; Its Effect on Machining and Gluing. Wood Machining Defects Associated with Moisture Content, Bobby Ammerman, University of KY; Hardwoods + Moisture + Glue Process, Kent Pitcher, CP Adhesives, Newark, OH; Effects of Moisture Content, Conditioning and Stress on Machining Lumber. Tours: MasterBrand Cabinet, Inc. Decora Plant, Jasper, IN; Thermwood Corporation, Dale, IN.
52. November 19 - 20 2009. Hazard Hampton Inn, Hazard, Kentucky. Technical Focus: Maintaining Hardwood Dry Kilns. Coated Aluminum Sheet for Dry Kilns. Novelis Specialty

- Products. Hugh Markey and Greg Courval. Dry kiln Maintenance and Repair: Kiln Structure (Including Framing, Roof, Walls, Decks, Back Post), Doors and Carriers. Tommy and Lee Stiles, A.W. Stiles Contractors, Inc., McMinnville, Tn. Energy Efficient Improvements and Maintenance: Steam Piping, Conditioning Systems, Kiln Insulation, Sheeting, Door Gaskets, Venting and Air Flow. Tommy and Lee Stiles, A. W. Stiles Contractors, Inc., McMinnville, TN. Tours: American Woodmark, Chavies, KY and Pine Branch Coal Sales, Inc., Chavies, KY.
53. April 15 – 16, 2010. Christopher Conference Center, Chillicothe, OH. Technical Focus: Drying Thick Lumber. Drying Thick Hardwood Lumber, Dr. Gene Wengert, The Wood Doctor's Rx, LLC. Tours: Industrial Timber and Lumber Co., Hamden, OH. Superior Hardwoods of Ohio, Wellston, OH.
54. November 18 – 19, 2010. Courtyard Marriott, Owensboro, KY. Technical Focus: Operating Hardwood Predryers and Hardwood Lumber Export Opportunities. Operating Hardwood Predryers, Thom Brown, SII, Lexington, NC. Hardwood Export Opportunities, Cathy Cao, KY Cabinet for Economic Development. Report on Extension Activities at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Adam Taylor, Forest products Specialist, UT. Tours: Domtar Inc., Hawesville, KY and Dunaway Timber Co., Fordsville, KY.
55. April 11 – 16, 2011. Anderson County Extension Office, Lawrenceburg, KY. Technical Focus: Drying Hardwood Lumber to Minimize Quality Degradate: Splits, Checks, Honeycomb, Cupping and Other Assorted Maladies. April 11 – 13 Basics of Drying Hardwood Lumber – A Short Course, April 14 OVLDA Meeting State Reports: Indiana - Chris Travis, Ohio – Eric McConnell, Tennessee – Adam Taylor, Kentucky – Carroll Fackler. Drying Hardwood Lumber to Minimize Quality Degradate – Dr. Gene Wengert. Tours: Four Roses Distillery, LLC, Lawrenceburg, KY and Glasscock Log and Lumber, Bloomfield, KY. April 15 Advanced Hardwood Lumber Drying Short Course. April 16 Sawing, Edging and Trimming Short Course.
56. November 17 – 18, 2011 Clarksville, IN. Technical Focus: Energy Use in the Wood Products Industry – Dr. Brian Bond, Asian Longhorn Beetle Basics – Dr. Eric McConnell, When to Replace Your Dry Kiln – Thom Brown, How to Achieve Maximum Benefits From Log and Lumber End Coatings – Tom Johel and Jim Higgins. Tours: Norstam Veneers,

Mauckport, IN., Custom Plywood, Inc. New Albany, IN.
Robinson Lumber Co., New Albany, IN.

57. April 19 – 20, 2012. Marietta, OH Joint Meeting Allegheny Dry Kiln Club and Ohio Valley Lumber Drying Association
Technical Focus: Demystifying the Boiler Rules and Regulations – Kenya Stump, Ohio Forestry Association
Update – John Dorks, Getting Your Dip Tank Ready for Spring and Summer Use – Kenny Michaels, Uses and hazards of Moisture Meters – Dr. Brian Bond. Tours: Haessly Hardwood Lumber Company and Inland Wood Products
Marietta, OH and Superior Hardwoods of Ohio Inc., Barlow Division Vincent, OH.
58. October 30 – November 2, 2012. London, KY. A Practical Basic Dry Kiln Operators Training, Chaney Lumber Co.
Instructors – Dr. Gene Wengert, Dr. Adam Taylor, Dr. Eric McConnell, and Dr. Brian Bond.
OVLDA Meeting, Hampton Inn London KY, Technical Focus: Processes associated with drying hardwood lumber. “How Sawing Affects Drying and Final MC... What Why and How.”
Dr. Eugene Wengert, “Steaming Lumber Using Practical Industry Proven Methods.” Mr. Jared Sears, “Changing Electric rates and the Effects for the Wood Industry.” Dr. Eric McConnell, “Storage of Dry Lumber and Re-Drying Wet Lumber.” Dr. Brian Bond. Tours – Patterson Chip Co. Inc., Laminated Timbers, Inc., Chaney Lumber Co., Begley Pine Mountain Lumber Co.
59. April 18 – 19, 2013, Bowling Green, KY, Hilton Garden Inn
Technical Focus: “Up Date on the Federal Boiler Rules and Regulations.” Mrs. Kenya Stump, “Conventional Kiln and Boiler Room Maintenance” Mr. Thom Brown, “Update on Forest Products Exports in the USA” Dr. Eric McConnell, “Update on the Walnut Twig Beetle Phytosanitation” Dr. Adam Taylor
Tours: Southland Manufacturing, Inc. and Woodcraft Industries, Inc.
60. November 7 – 8, 2013, Riverview Inn, Clarksville, TN.
Technical Focus: “Correct Usage and Benefits of Utilizing In-process Moisture Measurement Systems, Ron Smith; “VisionTally, Consistently Accurate, Labor Saving Automated End Tally System, Walt McIlvian; “Update on Walnut Twig Beetle Phytosanitation, Dr. Adam Taylor. Tours: Gibson USA Guitar Company, Nashville, TN, Atlanta Hardwoods Company—Clarksville Drying Yard, Nashville, TN.

61. April 17- 18, 2014, Comfort Inn, Millersburg, OH. Technical Focus: "Developing Sustainable Management Approaches for Emerald Ash Borer, Monitoring the Effects of Invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Can Our Chestnut Survive Another Invasion", Dr. Lynne K. Rieske-Kinney; "Hardwood Market Trends", Matt Bumgardner; VisionTally, Consistently Accurate, Labor Saving Automated End Tally System, Walt McIlvian. Tours: Hochstetler Wood Ltd., Millersburg, OH, bentwood Solutions, LLC, Keim Lumber Company, Charm, OH.
62. November 13- 14, 2014, Crowne Plaza, Louisville, KY, Technical Focus: "Some Common Practices and Vacuum Drying: The Advantages in Production of red oak flooring", Dr. Brian Bond. Tours: Anderson Wood Products Company, Inc., Louisville, KY, Northland Corporation, La Grange, KY, Jim Beam American Stillhouse, Clermont, KY.
63. April 16-17, 2015. French Lick Spring Hotel and Resort, French Lick, IN. Technical Focus: Threats on our Doorstep, Dr. Ellen Crocker, Sustainability of White Oak Timber Supply, How to Dry Quartersawn Lumber, Chris Travis, Frank Miller Lumber. Revisiting the Timber Quality Index, Dr. Eric McConnell, North Carolina State University. Tours: Salem Hardwood Lumber Co. Sawmill Div., Salem, Ind., Salem Hardwood Lumber Co. Dry Kiln and Concentration Yard, Salem, Ind.
64. November 11-13, 2015. Millennium Centre, Johnson, TN. Technical Focus: Advanced Lumber Drying Workshop Topics, Dr. Gene Wengert. Tours: Domtar's Kingsport Paper Mill, Kingsport, TN, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.
65. April 14-15, 2016. Best Western Lake Cumberland Inn. Monticello, Ky. Technical Focus: Vision Talley, Automated End Tally System, Walt McIlvian, Moisture Profiles and Drying Rates of Hardwood Lumber, Dr. Terry Conners, The Master Controller MP-32, Josh Groin, Predrying Oak in Covered, Open Sheds, Dr. Gene Wengert, Predrying of Maple in a Warehouse Predryer, Dr. Gene Wegert. Tours: American Woodmark, Inc., Monticello, Ky., Thoroughbred Houseboats, Monticello, Ky.
66. November 3-4, 2016. Quality Inn, Jackson, Ohio. Technical Focus: The Hardwood Industry at the Margins, Dr. Eric McConnell, Vacuum Drying: How Does it Work, Dr. Brian Bond, History of the Vinton Furnace Experiment Forest,

Davis Apsley & Dan Yaussy. Tours: Vinton Furnace Experiment Forest, McArthur, Ohio, S&J Lumber, Thurman, Ohio, Speyside Cooperage, Jackson, Ohio.

67. April 13-14, 2017. Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center, Middlebury, Ind. Speakers: Dr. Brian Bond, Virginia Tech University, Jim Parker, NC State Vacutherm, representatives from SII Dry Kiln, and Indiana Wood Products. Tours: Jayco, Middlebury, Ind.
68. November 2-3, 2017. Courtyard by Marriott Knoxville Airport, Alcoa, Tenn. Technical Focus: Quality Drying Options and Techniques Prior to Kiln Drying: Detailed Description, Pros and Cons (emphasis on oak), Dr. Gene Wengert, UT Research and Phytosanitation, Dr. Adam Taylor, Kiln Maintenance, Mr. Tommy Stiles. Tours: Havco, Vonore, Tenn., Genera Energy, Vonore, Tenn., Benton's Country Ham, Madisonville, Tenn.
69. April 19-20, 2018. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Glasgow, Ky. Technical Focus: Practices and Procedures for Drying Quality Walnut by Dr. Gene Wengert; The Wood Doctor's Crystal Ball Shows the Future for Furniture, Cabinets, Flooring Millwork and Other Forest Products by Dr. Gene Wengert; Hardwood Log Exports Throughout the Region – Current Situation, Concerns and the Future by Chad Niman; and White Oak Supply Perceptions and the Economic Contribution of the Forest and Wood Industry in Kentucky by William Thomas. Tours: Roy Anderson Lumber, Tompkinsville, Ky., and Kingsford Charcoal, Summer Shade, Ky.
70. November 1-2, 2018. Wallhouse Hotel, Walnut Creek, Ohio. Technical Focus: Bringing Value to Wood Residue by Charlie Cary; The National Hardwood Lumber Association's "Kiln Dried Certification program" for hardwoods and Ash to the EU by Dana Spessert; Shortening Kiln Drying Time – Ideas and Benefits by Dr. Gene Wengert; Stress Relief for Kumber – Tips and Practices by Dr. Gene Wengert; Purposes and Benefits of Water Treatment with Emphasis on Kiln Systems by Jeff Poe, Aqua Science. Tours: Keim Lumber, Yoder Lumber, Walnut Creek Planing – Dimension Mill, Walnut Creek Planing – KD Operations, and Superior Lumber.
71. April 18-19, 2019. Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Ind. Technical Focus: Control Charts for Drying Operations by Dr. Adam Taylor; Predryers: Cross-flow vs

Downdraft by Thom Brown. Tours: MacBeath Hardwoods, Edinburgh, Ind., and Danzer Veneer, Edinburgh, Ind.

72. November 6-7, 2019. Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Kimball, Tenn. Technical Focus: Drying Thick Oak by Dr. Gene Wengert; Industrial applications of CT scanning hardwood trees, logs and automated grading of lumber by Dr. Rado Gazo; and Machining Defects as they relate to lumber drying by Bobby Ammerman. Tours: Cardin Forest Products, South Pittsburg, Tenn., and Brown-Forman Cooperage, Stevenson, Ala.
73. Spring 2020 – No meeting
74. Fall 2020 – No meeting
75. Nov. 10-11, 2021. Embassy Suites, Lexington, Ky. Speakers: Matt Bumgardner - US Forest Northern Research Station, Darren Morris - University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Rado Gazo - Perdue University Forestry and Natural Resources, Bob Bauer, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, and Michael Thornberry & Bill Perry. Tours: Freeman Corporation - Winchester, Ky., and Powell Valley Millwork - Clay City, Ky.
76. May 4-5, 2022. Joint meeting with Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association, Lansing, Michigan. Speakers: Dave Neuman, Bob Pope, and Matt Colburn. Tours: Maple Rapid Lumber, Devereaux Sawmill, and Quality Hardwoods.
77. Nov. 9-10, 2022. Hampton Inn, London, Ky. Speakers: Dr. Adam Taylor, Chad Niman, Dr. Gene Wengert. Tours: Cumberland Cooperage Robinson Stave, BPM Lumber.
78. April 26-27, 2023. Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH. Speakers: Chad Niman, Dr. Henry Quesada, Dr. Gene Wengert. Tours: Haessly Hardwood Lumber, Northwest Hardwoods, Eagle Machinery.

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