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Notes from the Editor

Just look at this face and try to convince me you are not looking at a seasoned fisherman.



Allow me to introduce you. This is Craig Isenor's 7-year-old son, Rowan. Rowan and Craig were ice fishing in the Bras d'Or Lakes. This fish measured 19 inches and the other trout the fisherman brought home was 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Rowan has always enjoyed fishing with his dad, but I am sure I can safely say he will enjoy this sport for the rest of his life. There is something special about father and son fishing trips. Just ask Robin and Mark. Well done, Rowan.

I consider it a privilege to call Downey Thompson a friend. I often get asked if "that gentleman" still works for ELCO. I immediately know who they are talking about. Downey is one of the most curious people I know. During COVID, my conversations with Downey are via the telephone. Since the arrival of COVID, he has been meticulously practicing social distancing and masking and, as a result, he has remained COVID free. One of his many duties includes reviewing and signing the payments to our log suppliers. This event happens every Thursday. On Wednesday we get a call to confirm when he will be needed on Thursday. At the appointed time on Thursday, he drives up to the back door of the office and calls to announce his arrival. This call is also an opportunity to catch up on things. Yesterday we chatted about global warming, Putin, Covid, log supply, and the progress of our capital investments.

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When our conversation concluded, Downey followed up with his frequently repeated sentiment, "I see great things for the future of ELCO".

On March 1st, we will celebrate Downey's 75th Anniversary with ELCO. During my 30 years knowing Downey, not once can I recall him ever engaging in a negative thought about anyone. On the contrary, if Downey mentions you in a conversation, he will only represent you in the most positive light. I can honestly say, I don't know anyone else who can boast that claim. I try to follow Downey's example, but I don't always achieve success in that department. From everyone at ELCO and beyond, congratulations Downey.

Until next month, Gennie

Notes from the Safety Committee

The minutes from our last safety meeting are posted on the bulletin boards around the property. Please take a moment to review them and be sure to ask your supervisor or any member of our safety committee about any questions you may have.

Our yard continues to be full of construction crews as our project work continues. Please be extra vigilant when travelling throughout the property.

This week Nova Scotian's received news that all COVID-19 restrictions will end on March 21, 2022. What a ride this has been! We appreciate our team members continuing to put their best foot forward both on the job and off as we collectively navigated the waters of a global pandemic. Hats off to all our team members, and all Nova Scotians, for our united perseverance; we are almost there!

Until next month, Brian Myers, Trevor Hare, Craig Isenor, Mark Wilber, and Angie Kainola

Notes from the President

I had the pleasure of reading Gordie Beaman's comments in this month's newsletter (see below). When something happens that is extra special or something which is highly unlikely, we have an expression that "all the stars must have lined up". In Gordie's comments, the numbers sure lined up! Gordie, your research is amazing. Your point of view about you and I being good friends is dead on. Thanks for contributing to the newsletter and I appreciate your comments and thoroughly enjoyed your article. I look forward to reading future comments from "Gordie Beaman's Corner"

"Notes from Robin Wilber's Corner"

We all enjoy "Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner". I have said it before and I will say it again, I think Peter missed his calling. He should have been a writer.

I am not sure why, but I think Peter's Corner has been missing something lately. One of Peter's staples during hockey season is to poke fun at all the non-HAB's hockey fans. Regularly, he would report how many \$5 bills he pocketed from Rob Himelman. He would frequently boast that Rob's Maple Leafs would never surpass the HABS win/loss record. So, has Peter forgotten to report the HABS win/loss record this year? I am sure it is wonderful as usual, although I am a bit suspicious. My grandsons and son-in-law are quite silent on the subject as well this season. I am not sure what is going on.

Since our last newsletter, we continue to make progress with our on-going projects. We did experience some delays because of weather, some contractor availability, and a disruption in the supply chain. Consequently, our progress is slower than we had hoped. Nevertheless, we are experienced in tackling challenges and will continue to do so.

Until next month, Robin

Notes from the Eacan Sales Team

This month it is my turn to tell you a little about myself. My name is Kimberly Mowry and I have been with Eacan for a year now. I was born and raised in Nova Scotia and grew up in Lower Sackville. I started my accounting career in the metal industry as an accounting clerk. I was with Metals 'R' Us for over 7 years before I moved to New Brunswick (for my husband Richard's work). We moved back to Nova Scotia in 2020. In 2021, I started my new journey in the lumber industry as part of the Eacan family.

My family is filled with animals and reptiles; 2 cats (Thunder & Mystique), 1 dog (our princess Domino), a leopard gecko, and a snake. We love to spend a lot of time outdoors when we can, going for walks/hikes, camping or out on the bikes (me on my Polaris Sportsman trail 4-wheeler and Richard on his dirt bike).

Thanks for allowing me to share.

Kimberly Mowry



Notes from Woodlands

In last month's newsletter I mentioned the good fortune our woodlands operations were experiencing as a very welcomed cold snap allowed us to facilitate harvesting on blocks requiring such cold conditions. I also noted this was likely a short window and we would take full advantage while it lasted. Well, next year I think I will keep my thoughts to myself, as the very next week, we could see the forecast turning to a warmer outlook. In response the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal announced the scheduled spring weight restrictions for hauling would come into effect February 28th. This announcement required us to pivot quickly, implementing spring harvest plans much sooner than we would like.

Notes from Woodlands, con't

I have mentioned on a few occasions over the last couple of years the government of Nova Scotia's intention to adopt a new ecological based approach for managing our forests in the province. This new model, which is based on a three-leg system, is designed to achieve a balance, and includes a protected leg, a high production forestry leg, and a light touch forestry ecological matrix leg. It has been widely accepted that for the triad model to be successful, all three legs must be implemented and balanced appropriately. Our province, as far as I understand, is well under way with the protected leg, and earlier this month the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables began steps to phase in the ecological matrix leg of the plan. This means all harvesting on Crown Lands starting this summer will be completed using designated approved prescriptions described in the Nova Scotia Silviculture Guide for the Ecological Matrix or SGEM as it is widely referred.

We are now eagerly awaiting clarification on when the third and final leg of the triad model will begin implementation on the ground. The remaining High Production Forestry (HPF) leg is arguably the most important leg for the forest industry as it will allow for even aged management treatments designed to maximize growth and yield for sawlogs and stud wood. As such, this should provide a sustainable wood supply from Crown Lands, alleviating pressure to achieve such supply from the Ecological Matrix where a "lighter touch" is expected. We hope this much needed component of the triad will be available for application soon, allowing for the balance that was intended from the start. We have embraced and supported the implementation of the triad model if rolled out in its entirety since the concept was introduced to us, and we will continue to support the roll out, hoping we will see all three legs implemented soon.

Until next month, Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Gordie Beaman's Corner

In November of 1949, my friend Robin Wilber was born. When he hired me on February 17, 1986, he was 36 years old. This month marks my 36th anniversary with ELCO (thank you). If you add those two 36's together, it equals Robin's age today. Well done, Robin!

In 1908, my grandfather, John Beaman was born. And 36 years later, his son Gordon Beaman Sr. (my dad) was born. In 1980, 36 years later, my grandfather was sent to heaven. In 1929, my grandmother (my late mom's mother) was born and 36 years later I was born. And last, but certainly not least, Princess Diana was 36 years old when she was sent to heaven. Princess Diana was a woman I absolutely adored.

Hopefully it won't take me another 36 years before I submit another article for this newsletter.

Until next time, Gordie Beaman

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

38 and Legal

I want to congratulate our buddy Nick who now is the proud holder of a Nova Scotia Driver's License. Nick recently went to Windsor and aced his driving test. Once the weather gets a little nicer you will see Nick behind the wheel of his jeep bombing around the yard.

So, So Good

I want to send out a big thank you to Sherri Phalen (Matthew Works' mom) who sent me a couple feeds of her world famous hamburg goulash. I went on about it so much Maggie asked me to get the recipe from Sherri, which I did. Maggie made the casserole dish recently and it turned out almost as good as yours Sherri (lol). Thanks again.

For Sale

Maggie recently got her Christmas present which happened to be an entertainment unit. Each year, we try to pick something BIG, and this year was her turn to pick, and that's what she selected.

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't

I would have gone another way, but it wasn't my turn (lol). So, I put our existing TV STAND-ACCENT TABLE on a yard sale site. Within a couple of seconds my nephew, (who works in the meat department at Sobey's) sent me a message saying it seemed a little pricey! I responded by saying these days I could only purchase about 3 lbs of hamburger for \$60 bucks. He said I could get a lot more for \$6,000 bucks though. Wait, what did he mean by that comment? It was then I realized I forgot the decimal point. After a quick edit all was good.

Within a few minutes it was sold. I could not believe the response. I gave the buyer my address and she said she would meet me at the mill around 4:30 which is when I finish off my workday and she would follow me to our home. Turns out the buyer was Greg Grant's mom Rosalyn Grant. True to her word (not that I had any doubt), she was at the gate when I came out. After arriving at my home, I got out of my car and asked Rosalyn to back into my parking space by the door to make it easier to load her car. She asked me if I thought she could do it? I told her I had no doubt in my mind that she could but encouraged her to be careful as she was backing in beside Maggie's new car. I suggested whatever she did, please don't hit her car. She could run me down if she had to but don't hit Maggie's car. Rosalyn backed the van into the space PERFECTLY. Rosalyn came in to look at the stand and agreed she would take it. When we went out and I opened the back of her van only to see about a foot of space. I asked if the back seat folded down. She said yes but told me she was not going to put it in the back and opened her side door instead. I said, "Do you know what we are going to do now? We are going to pull your van out of the space you just backed into so I will have room to put the table in the side door." With Maggie's assistance of lifting and giving directions along with Rosalyn, we manage to get it in and have a few laughs while doing it.

Enjoy your new piece of furniture Rosalyn. It was a pleasure!

Notes from Peter Dillman's CornerPull Up Your Socks

It is Friday, February 11 and the freezing rain has been coming down all day and continues to do so. The weather has prevented a couple of guys from making it to work today so here at the planer we are shorthanded. When this happens, it affects a couple positions in the planer. The floor, along with the press, must make do and try to keep the same pace as if we have a full crew. We are running 2x10 today and a few people should be recognized for their efforts in making this happen. Namely, Liam Noble and Matt Blackwell for working in tandem from the press, to lathing at the stacker, and Slink and Matthew Works who hammered all day long with outs and cutbacks. They piled without a break ALL DAY LONG. Great job guys, you definitely deserve honourable mention.

March Birthdays

Don Isenor	March 2
Phillip Isenor	March 8
Robbie Peters	March 12
Joey Preeper	March 24

February Anniversaries

Jason Barr	18 years
Gordie Beaman	36 years ***
Phillip Isenor	32 years
Ron Miller	35 years
Matthew Works	4 years

February 50/50

Feb 4	Angie Kainola
Feb 11	Joey Preeper
Feb 18	Corey White
Feb 25	Jason "Bubba" Barr

