



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our NEKDA 2007 Spring Meeting is being held on **Wednesday and Thursday**

April 4 & 5, in Bangor, Maine at the Fourpoints Hotel

www.fourpoints.com/bangor. The hotel is adjacent to the Bangor airport, at 308 Godfrey Blvd. Please call them right away at 800/325-3535 to be sure of obtaining a reservation at the NEKDA special rate of \$99/night (single, double or king). After March 20 this rate and space may not be available. Please note that if you call the hotel directly at 207/947-6721 you will be switched to the 800 # reservation folks, and that the NEKDA rate will not be recognized if booking through the web.

Please mail your preregistration form (enclosed) and check directly, and promptly, to Bill Smith (to be **received by March 28**). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Please check the web at www.esf.edu/nekda, or email or call Bill Smith (wbsmith@esf.edu 315/470-6832, 6880; fax 6879) with any questions. Also, please note that **tour participants are required to preregister, and bring hard hats and safety glasses.**

"Quality Kiln Drying Optimizes Value"

Wednesday April 4

Wednesday Plant Tours (on your own as you travel to the meeting, preregistration required)

Pleasant River Lumber Tour at 8:45 am

432 Milo Road (rte.6 & 16), Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

Pleasant River Lumber, www.pleasantriverlumber.com saws and kiln dries 85 MMBF of high quality NELMA grade spruce dimension. On the tour we will see their log yard, linear log optimization, curve sawing, optimized canter twin bandmill, board edger, trimming and sorting, kiln drying, grading and packaging.

To get to the mill from Bangor take rte 15 north, or if coming north on I-95, take rte. 7 north, to Dover-Foxcroft. Head east on rte. 6 & 16 towards Milo; the mill is about 2 miles east on the north side. If coming from I-95 north head west on rte. 6 approx. 14 miles beyond Milo.

Old Town Lumber Tour at 11:00 am

4074 Broadway (rte. 15), Kenduskeag, ME 04450

Old Town Lumber manufactures high quality NeLMA grade white pine lumber. On the tour we will see their grading and stacking operations, track and package dry kilns, planer facility, and log home manufacturing (Northeastern Log Homes, www.northeasternlog.com).

The mill is on rte 15 just north of Kenduskeag. From the north take rte. 15 south, turning left onto Ames Road just before a white elementary school. Go through the 2nd gate to the kiln complex.

Please note that web based mapping programs work well with the mill addresses shown.

At the Bangor FourPoints Hotel

12:45 - 1:05 **REGISTRATION and Box Lunch** (in the meeting room), and introductions.

Scott Ferland, NEKDA President (*Brattleboro Kiln Drying*, Brattleboro, VT)

1:05 - 1:45 ***Kiln Drying for Quality – Market Expectations***

Jack Little, *Keiver-Willard Lumber*, Newburyport, MA

1:45 - 5:00 ***Kiln Operator's Clinic*** - led by Bill Smith, Peter Garrahan. Informal and practical instruction and discussion on such things as the basics of kiln operation, maintenance, stacking, DH, conventional, and high-temperature drying, stain and discoloration, scheduling, changing species, wood-moisture fundamentals, kiln loading and baffling, moisture meters, restarting kilns, drying degrade, etc. Bring your individual problems, questions, and solutions! Please note any particular interests for discussion at the clinic on your registration form.

3:00 - 3:15 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

5:30 - 6:30 **STRESS RELIEF**

6:30 - 8:00 **BANQUET**

AWARDS: **Jim Catterick Industrial Award**
Bill Rice Achievement Award

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Thursday April 5

At the Bangor Four Points Hotel

7:00 - 7:45 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7:45 - 8:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

8:00 - 8:05 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Ferland, NEKDA President (*Brattleboro Kiln Drying*, Brattleboro, VT)

Moderator: **Rod Santaw**, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (*Morse Hardwoods*, Essex Jct., VT)

8:05 - 8:45 ***White Pine and Shrinkage – Practical Observations and Determination***
Bill Smith, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY

8:45 - 9:25 ***Sawing Practices and their Impact on Kiln Productivity***
Bob Stevens, Manosh Hardwoods / Stevens Kiln Drying, Morrisville, VT

9:25 - 10:05 ***Kiln Design and Improved Moisture Content Uniformity***
Thom Smith, Old Town Lumber, Kenduskeag, ME

10:05 - 10:25 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION, COFFEE BREAK

Moderator: **Thom Smith**, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (*Old Town Lumber*, Kenduskeag, ME)

10:25 - 11:05 ***Triple Length Continuous Kilns – are they part of your future?***
Bob Pope, USNR, Montpelier, VT

11:05 - 11:45 ***Presorting Green Lumber Based Upon D-C Moisture Measurement***
René Ricard, Fabrication Delta, Saint-Siméon, Québec

11:45 - 12:25 ***Update on Stain - Issues and Prevention***
Bob Rice, University of Maine, Orono, ME

12:25 - 12:40 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

12:40 - 1:30 LUNCHEON BUFFET

L 2007 Dues - If you have not yet paid your NEKDA Dues for 2007, please send your check and form quickly to Bob Pope, NEKDA Treasurer, at 13 George Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Your membership and contributions are most appreciated, and enable the NEKDA to maintain its activities, mission and service to the wood drying and processing industry. If you need a new a membership form, please print one from www.esf.edu/nekda . Prompt receipt will help insure correct listing in the 2007 Membership Directory. Please also provide email addresses.

L Industrial Awards - Be sure to consider nominating one of your employees, colleagues, or yourself for the prestigious **2007 JIM CATTERICK INDUSTRIAL** and **BILL RICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**. These are to recognize outstanding performance in the area of dry kiln and drying related and/or associated manufacturing, and outstanding people who have made significant contributions in service, education, and/or technology in the area of dry kiln and drying related and associated operations. The awards, will be presented at our Spring Meeting with an engraved plaque and a \$500 cash prize. Award application forms can be found online at www.esf.edu/nekda or from any NEKDA Officer or Board Member whom you can also contact with any questions. Applications are due by March 15.

Please call Bill Smith at 315/470-6832 or email to wbsmith@esf.edu with any questions.