



AUBURN, AL

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 1ST

THE 2025

LOGGERS TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY SWAMP FOX AGENCY

AGENDA

At A Glance

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THE FULL AGENDA.

Thursday, July 31st

5:00 PM **Networking Reception** begins in the **Oak Room**.

early-bird registration

7:00 PM **Welcome Dinner** in the **Legacy Ball Room**.

Speeches from key Summit partners.

Friday, August 1st

7:00 AM **Registration** in **The Board Room**.

Shuttles will be waiting outside

7:30 AM **Shuttles leave promptly** for NCAT Track.

8:00 AM Arrive at the track - **Breakfast** will be available.

11:30 AM Leave the track and shuttles return to The Hotel.

12:00 PM **Lunch** is served in the **Terrace Room**.

12:45 PM **Afternoon Sessions** begin.

2:30 PM 2025 Loggers Technology Summit concludes.

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Welcome

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A Word From Swamp Fox Agency

Thank you for joining us as we continue advancing the future of logging and trucking. The Loggers Technology Summit was established in 2023 with a clear mission: to promote innovation, sustainability, and safety across our industry by highlighting transformative technologies and fostering collaboration among professionals who are leading the way forward.

This year, we're proud to bring the Summit to Auburn, Alabama, and the renowned NCAT Test Track. Building on last year's pivotal discussions around autonomy, this year's event delivers exclusive, first-hand access to live demonstrations of autonomous equipment and crash mitigation technologies,

bringing concepts off the page and onto the track. Combined with vendor showcases and networking opportunities, the Summit is designed to be an immersive space for learning, connection, and progress.

At Swamp Fox Agency, we're committed to being more than your insurance provider. We're your partner in safety and success - offering specialized insight into fleet risk, loss control, and the unique challenges faced by loggers and haulers alike.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's move the industry forward, together.

— The Swamp Fox Agency Team

What to Expect This Year

Get ready for an unforgettable, hands-on experience at the NCAT Test Track. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to ride in an autonomous truck or vehicle as part of a live demonstration led by Dr. David Bevly and Auburn University. Prefer to watch from the sidelines? Spectator areas will be available so you won't miss a moment of the action. Bendix will also be on the track to showcase their cutting-edge crash mitigation technology, with ride-along opportunities available for those who want to feel the tech in action. In addition to the live demos, you'll be able to explore vendor showcases.



Thursday, July 31st

5:00 PM **Networking Reception** begins in the **Oak Room**, featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Attendees must register upon arrival.

John Deere simulators will be available for attendees to try, courtesy of **Marissa Jo Daniel** with Auburn University.

Vulcan On-Board Scales will have **John Reid** and **Daniel Gallimore** demonstrating their technology.

7:00 PM Guests are seated for the **Welcome Dinner** in the **Legacy Ballroom**.

Dustin Moran, Director of Loss Control at Swamp Fox Agency, will give a welcome message.

Rick Quagliaroli, founder of the Summit and President of **Swamp Fox Agency**, will speak.

Dr. David Bevly, of Auburn University and GAVLAB, will give an overview of what to expect at the track on Friday.

Kim Pfingstag, Senior Risk Manager at **International Paper**, will speak on industry innovations.

A Note on Continuing Education Credits, Liability Waivers, and Name Tags: If you are obtaining CE/CLE credits, you must sign paperwork both days. All track attendees must sign liability waivers. You will only receive your nametag once this has been signed - you must show your name tag on Friday morning to board the bus.



Friday, August 1st

7:00 AM **Registration opens** in **The Board Room**, located downstairs in the hotel, adjacent to the exit where the shuttles will be.

All attendees visiting the track must sign liability waivers

7:30 AM **Shuttles to the NCAT Test Track** leave promptly from outside of The Hotel.

Breakfast will be available at the track.

Dr. Bevly will have an autonomous truck and other vehicles on the track.

Bendix will have a truck demonstrating crash mitigation technology.

XACTT will be exhibiting retrofit equipment at the track.

11:30 AM Shuttles transport attendees back to The Hotel.

12:00 PM Lunch will be served at the **Terrace Room**.

12:45 PM Afternoon sessions begin

Kratos Defense and Security Systems - Maynard Factor

Tigercat - Ben Blackman

Motive - Nikki Tyra

2:30 PM The 2025 Loggers Technology Summit concludes.

Track Partners



Dr. David Bevly
Auburn University / GAVLAB

Dr. David M. Bevly is a Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Auburn University where he directs the University's GPS and Vehicle Dynamics Laboratory (GAVLAB). The GAVLAB focuses on the control and navigation of vehicles using GPS in conjunction with other vehicle sensors. The lab has also developed algorithms for navigation of transportation systems including off-road vehicles, truck platooning, autonomous and unmanned vehicles and even autonomous racing. Dr. Bevly received his B.S. from Texas A&M University in 1995, M.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1997, and Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2001 in Mechanical Engineering.



Thomas Barber
Bendix

Tom Barber is a dedicated and experienced professional currently serving as Supervisor of the Demo Team at Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems. With over seven years on the Demo Team, Tom plays a key role in delivering dynamic, real-world demonstrations of advanced braking and safety technologies to customers, partners, and industry leaders across North America.

Before stepping into his current leadership role, Tom spent eight years as a technician and five years as a commercial driver. This dual background gives him a rare and valuable perspective—combining deep technical expertise with firsthand operational insight. His ability to translate complex engineering concepts into practical, real-world applications has made him a trusted voice in the field.

Tom holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechatronic Engineering, equipping him with a strong foundation in mechanical systems, electronics, and automation. His career reflects a commitment to innovation, safety, and continuous learning, and he remains passionate about advancing the transportation industry through education and demonstration.



Ed Bruser
Bendix

Ed Bruser brings 45 years of industry experience, beginning his career as a mechanic before moving into tool and equipment sales. He spent six years as a factory trainer for OTC Company. Ed then bought into Otts Friction Co., a truck parts and friction relining business, which he ran for twelve years. For the past 15 years, he has been a factory representative and trainer for Bendix.



David Pugh
Bendix

David is a Fleet Development Manager with over 20 years of experience in the heavy-duty transportation industry, specializing in fleet management, sales, and operations. He excels in building relationships, negotiation, and exceeding customer expectations. With a Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, David has held key roles at Bendix, ZF Group, and Truck-Lite.



Jason Nelson
NCAT

Jason Nelson is the Track Manager of the National Center of Asphalt Technology (NCAT) Pavement Test Track. He has been with NCAT for 21 years and specializes in pavement surface performance, data and fleet management, and roadway construction. He holds the following degrees (all from Auburn University): MCE - Civil Engineering, BCE - Civil Engineering, and BC - Animal and Dairy Sciences.

Exhibitors

At the Welcome Reception



Marissa "Jo" Daniel
Auburn University

Jo is an assistant professor of forest operations at Auburn University. Jo has over 15+ years of experience in natural resource management including public land management, working with harvesting crews, timber sale preparation, working in the forest industry as a procurement representative, supply chain management, contract negotiations, environmental management compliance, disaster relief, and wildland fire suppression. Jo received Bachelor of Science degrees in forest management and fish and wildlife biology and a Master of Science in forest economics from the University of Missouri. Additionally, she has a Master of Business Administration and a Doctor of Philosophy in forest operations from Auburn University.



John Reid
Vulcan / SI On Board Truck Scales

Southern Regional Sales & Business Development Manager of Vulcan/SI On Board Truck Scales. Results-driven sales and business development leader with over 15 years of experience in the Automotive and Heavy-Duty OEM and Aftermarket industries. Proven track record in developing, managing, and consulting with customers from the shop floor to the C-suite. Specialized in helping clients optimize operations by introducing solutions that enhance safety, reduce risk, and drive profitability through cost reduction and revenue growth. Passionate about delivering measurable value and building long-term partnerships.



Daniel Gallimore
Vulcan / SI On Board Truck Scales

With 25 years of heavy-duty truck experience spanning from service in the U.S. Army to owning and operating a waste hauling company, Daniel has developed extensive expertise in the field. He leverages this background to assist customers in resolving technical issues across multiple platforms and areas of proficiency.

At the NCAT Track



Jacob Gayle
XACTT

Jacob Gayle spent over eight years working at Pitts Trailers, where he gained extensive experience in the logging industry. During his time there, he developed a deep understanding of the industry's operations and the needs of loggers. In October 2023, Jacob co-founded XACTT, LLC with the aim of introducing innovative products to the market that enhance safety and efficiency for logging crews. Jacob holds a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences from Auburn University.



John Gayle
XACTT

John graduated from Samford University and UAB, getting a dual degree in both Physics and Mechanical Engineering in 2015. After college, He spent 8 years working for Pitts Trailers with a main focus in sales. He started XACTT with his brother Jacob in 2023. His attention to detail and engineered ambition to constantly set the bar higher in the trucking industry makes John a strong and invaluable partner here at XACTT.

Speakers



Maynard Factor Kratos Defense

Maynard Factor is Vice President of Business Development for Kratos Defense. He leads global sales, marketing, and new business development, while also guiding long-term strategic planning, product development, and internal R&D initiatives. With deep expertise in driverless vehicles, ground robotics, and unmanned systems, Mr. Factor has played a key role in advancing Kratos' Autonomous Vehicle (AV) efforts across military and commercial markets. He holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida and an MBA from the University of West Florida.



Ben Blackman Tigercat

Ben Blackman, Vice President, Engineering Tree-Length Systems. Ben started at Tigercat in 2008 as a designer in the Skidder engineering group. Since then, he has led the Drivetrain group, Tracked Harvesting group and now acting as the Vice President overseeing loaders, mulchers, skidders, drive-to-tree feller bunchers, track harvesting equipment and log loaders.



Nikki Tyra Motive

Nikki Tyra is a customer-focused fleet technology consultant with nearly four years of experience specializing in helping trucking and transportation companies enhance safety and profitability. With extensive expertise in regulatory compliance, and operational efficiency, she delivers tangible results. Her focus is on helping clients stay ahead of the curve in a rapidly evolving industry. Nikki holds a degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from the University of Mississippi and is passionate about empowering transportation businesses to harness technology for a safer, more prosperous future.

Beyond The Loggers Technology Summit

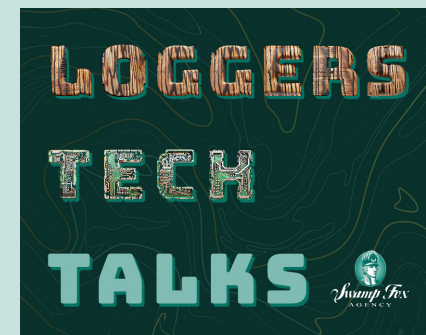
Podcast Episodes: Loggers Tech Talks

Want to go beyond the summit? Tune into the Loggers Tech Talks podcast — your year-round connection to the latest advancements in logging, trucking, and forestry technology. Hosted by Tank Bryant of Swamp Fox Agency, this podcast features exclusive interviews with the industry's most forward-thinking leaders — including many of this year's Summit speakers and partners.

From autonomous truck developers and safety experts to equipment innovators and industry veterans, each episode offers powerful insights, behind-the-scenes stories, and practical takeaways designed

to move your business forward. All of this year's speakers and exhibitors are recording live episodes right here at the Loggers Technology Summit. Scan the QR code on this page or search us on Spotify or YouTube to hear their insights and stories in full.

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Meet Our Team



Rick Quagliaroli
President & CEO

Rick Quagliaroli began his insurance career at Hartford Insurance in Houston, TX. As President of Hartford Commercial Insurance Company from 1998 to 2001, he managed a \$4.2 billion revenue business with 3,500 employees in the US and Canada, enhancing profitability through strategic positioning.

In 2002, Rick founded Strongwood Insurance Holdings, and as Chairman, President, and CEO, he oversaw Sequoia Insurance and Strongwood Distribution.

Since 2013, Rick has owned Swamp Fox Agency in Moncks Corner, SC, specializing in the forestry industry. Under his leadership, the agency, endorsed by the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, has expanded its services, including loss control and managing the only logger-owned captive insurance carrier in the US, Forestry Insurance Company of the SouthEast.



Dustin Moran
Director of Loss Control

Dustin joined Swamp Fox Agency in November 2020 and serves as the Director of Loss Control. A second-generation logger with over 20 years of experience in the forestry and logging industry, he began his career operating a chainsaw and skidder for his father before running his own logging business for a decade.

Since joining Swamp Fox, Dustin has led more than 250 driver trainings, revamped the agency's Master Driver Program, and installed hundreds of GPS + dash camera systems across SC, GA, FL, and AL. His deep industry knowledge and hands-on leadership have made him an invaluable asset to the agency. Outside of work, he enjoys supporting his daughter Mallory in her club and varsity soccer pursuits.



Sarah Stansell
VP of Marketing

Sarah Stansell, a Summerville native and 2018 graduate of The Citadel, serves as Vice President of Marketing at Swamp Fox Agency. Known for her commitment to excellence and client-centered approach, Sarah specializes in creating meaningful experiences and cultivating lasting partnerships. Her strategic leadership ensures that clients' needs are met with both care and precision. Outside of work, she is actively involved in her children's extracurricular activities, including football and cheer.

At Swamp Fox Agency



Jeremy Barclay
VP of Risk Management

Jeremy Barclay is a dedicated professional with extensive experience in the insurance industry. He is driven by a passion for helping clients preserve their entrepreneurial legacies, particularly in the generationally significant forest products sector. Currently, Jeremy works as the Vice President of Sales at the Swamp Fox Agency, implementing risk management

strategies and securing optimal insurance policies for clients. Previously, Jeremy managed the engine remanufacturing process as the General Manager at Capital Reman, showcasing his leadership and operational skills. He holds a certificate in Leading with Finance from Harvard Business School Online and achieved academic and athletic honors at Lamar Community College. Beyond his professional pursuits, Jeremy is a "semi-professional" race car driver and owner of Barclay & Barclay Racing, consistently performing at a high level in various racing series.



Tyler Harris
Insurance Agent

Tyler Harris has been with Swamp Fox Agency for the past seven years, bringing both personal and professional experience in the logging industry. He grew up immersed in the log trucking industry, with his father, Tracy, owning and operating Mac 44 Forestry, which manages a fleet of over 50 log trucks. Tyler pursued higher education at the University of Central Florida

and the University of Rhode Island, where he earned his MBA. Tyler's favorite part of his role at Swamp Fox Agency is the opportunity to connect with clients and build meaningful, long-term relationships.



Jerome Bryant
Insurance Agent

Jerome "Tank" Bryant has over 15 years of experience in the trucking industry, having worked at UPS where he rose to position of manager. In 2021 he transitioned to the insurance sector, where he brings his vast trucking experience to his clients. Jerome holds a degree in political science from Presbyterian College, earned in 2003. An avid sports enthusiast, he enjoys

playing many various sports and serves as the director of Summerville Green Wave Athletics. Born and raised in Summerville, Tank is a proud father of three children. Tank can also be recognized as the voice hosting "Loggers Tech Talks", Swamp Fox Agency's podcast that is recorded live at the Summit.

A notebook page with a background image of a road stretching into the distance under a bright sky. The word "Notes" is written in a large, bold, black font at the top center. Below the title, there are horizontal lines for writing, which are partially obscured by the road image at the bottom. The road image shows a white dashed line in the center, leading towards a horizon with green hills and a bright sun or moon.

Additional Information

Continuing Education Credits

Georgia

Master Timber Harvester - Continuing Logger Education (GA MTC CLE): Attendees are eligible for 2.5 Category B contact hours for Thursday, and 5.0 Category B contact hours for Friday. To receive the full **7.5 Category B Credit Hours** you must *sign the CLE attendance sheet each day you attend*.

Alabama

Professional Logging Manager Continuing Education (PLE CE): Attendees are eligible for **7.5 PLM Credit Hours**.

Continuing Forestry Education (CFE): Attendees are eligible for **7.5 Category 1 Credit Hours**.

Important Track Reminders

Complete Registration & Waivers: All attendees must complete registration and sign liability waivers.

Wear Your Nametag: Keep your nametag on at all times. Place it in the clear pocket on your safety vest.

Safety Vest Requirement: Safety vests must be worn at the track at all times to show you have completed registration.

The Shuttle Will Leave at 7:30AM

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