

Joe Glenn's Timber Harvest Training and Game of Logging

Hello, my name is Joe Glenn and I would like to take a few moments of your time to explain who I am, what my company is all about, and what we can do to help you.

Let me start out offering a general explanation of what we are offering you. We offer a wide variety of safety and productivity classes for everyone who uses a chainsaw no matter what your experience level is. It does not matter whether you are cutting one tree or several thousand trees per year, you must think and act safely every second that you are around or using a chainsaw! We will teach you what I believe to be the absolute safest cutting method available, the Open Face Cutting Technique. Using this technique, you will be able to safely place most trees where you want them instead of where the trees want to go. You will not be able to change the mind of every tree and make it do what you want, but we will help you learn which trees are possible and which trees are impossible to put anywhere except the direction they lean without other mechanical aid. A tree lying where you want it will always be much safer and will generally save you a lot of unnecessary work. We will also teach you many other dos and don'ts of chainsaw use that without participating in these classes, could only come from many years of experience in the School of Hard Knocks. By attending our classes and learning the lessons that I and the others who have taught me, had to learn the hard way, you will be saving yourself a lot of pain and aggravation. You might pick up some time saving tricks along the way too.

We also offer several other classes dealing with safety and productivity of other logging equipment, a forester class that stresses interaction between loggers and foresters, a Best Management Practices class that deals with water quality, and a Total Harvest Systems class designed to teach safety, productivity, and economics to the whole logging crew.

So, what you might ask, qualifies me to teach these classes? I believe that I can come up with a couple good reasons:

- Number one is my 26 years of experience in the forest industry. In 1977 at age 19, I went to work as a timber cutter for a local contractor in Indiana. My education consisted of being shown how to cut one tree; it took all of five minutes. I survived many near missed and several things that didn't quite miss. In 1982 I left my job and started a contracting company for the U.S. Forest Service where I learned things like TSI, site prep, and tree planting. I was also privileged to have many more bumps, bruises and near misses. In 1987 I decided to return to a timber cutting job in Indiana due to contract prices becoming too low. In late 1989 I started a contract timber cutting service for local IN and KY loggers. During 1993 I took the big plunge, bought a used skidder and a new loader and started contract logging. It didn't take long to figure out that this was a bad move. So in 1996 I parked my skidder and operated a

forwarder and a processor for a pine company, and then a knuckle boom with a buck saw for a hardwood company. In 2001 I fired my skidder back up and bought a small used knuckle boom. Currently, I am contract logging for the MO Department of Conservation as well as companies in IN and KY.

- Number two is my experience with the Game of Logging. In 1988 I met a Swede named Soren Eriksson while participating in Indiana's first GOL cutter class. Of course, I was like a lot of people today, someone told me I had to go to this class and I was pretty sure I knew everything there was to know about cutting timber since I had done it for 11 years. Guess what? I soon found out that I was unsafe and I didn't know half of what I thought I knew. In 1990 I finished the cutter classes, won the Indiana GOL Finals and placed 2nd in the North American GOL Finals. During early 1991 I attended most of the classes Soren gave in Indiana to watch and learn how Soren was able to teach all of these things to people who really didn't want to be there in the first place. In late 1992 I was asked by Soren to help with training in South Carolina. I started a training company in late 1993 and became an official Certified Game of Logging Training Organization and remain so today. I am currently doing all of the Game of Logging training in Missouri and Indiana and I am also available to do training in any other state in the U.S.