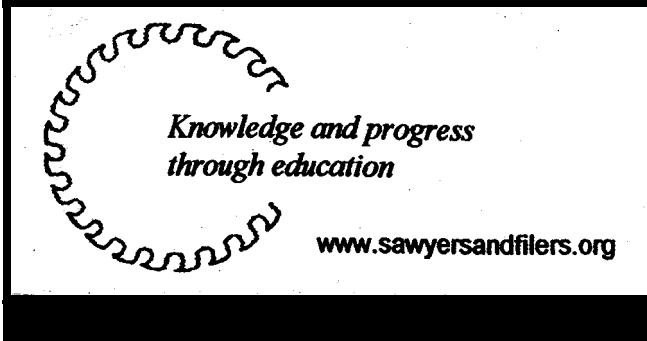


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## Annual Meeting Review

By Garth Nash, 2003-2004 LEOSFA President.

This year's annual meeting was held in Tunkhannock, PA at the Shadowbrook Inn and Resort with a mill tour at Deer Park Lumber. Many thanks to the mill owners and staff for letting us tour the facility.

We also had a tour of Sandvik Steel and Pexco. Being able to see the manufacturing process at these facilities was very interesting and educational.

I would like to thank the plant managers and tour guides for dealing with our group, as large as it was. Saturday turned to be a washout – literally. I regret having to leave the meeting early, thanks to my competent peers on the Board of Directors for taking over.

This is the first year of many annual meetings that Mother Nature has interfered with our plans and hopefully this won't happen again!

I would like to thank all of the speakers who came to the meeting, even though the meeting was cut short. A special thanks to Don Gray from Armstrong Manufacturing for being our after dinner speaker on Friday night without prior notice. We only had to twist his arm a little bit! Thanks Don!

Last year's LEOSFA sponsored workshops covered a variety of topics pertinent to many areas of the sawmill industry of which we felt Continuing education was necessary.

I would like to thank Rudy Zimmerman, G & M Bandsaw and Cummings Lumber for the use of their facilities for our workshops.

Also, thanks to all workshop instructors, course coordinators, and the LEOSFA Board of Directors for helping us through another year. Good luck to our incoming president, Rudy Zimmerman. 🏠

## President's Message

By Rudy Zimmerman

Hello. My name is Rudy Zimmerman. I own and operate a Hardwood Sawmill in Palmyra, New York.

The first part of my message will deal with our last annual meeting in Tunkhannock, PA. The first speaker of the day was Bill Rousseau from Silvatech. He talked about his optimized edger system. What he covered in his talk gave everyone a good idea of what his system could do.

The second speaker was Chris Leahman. He talked about Belzona products and where they could be used in sawmill applications.

The last speaker of the day was Shaun Smith from Burton Saw. He got started talking about "Digicam Motion Control Systems."

Unfortunately, Shaun was interrupted part way through his talk. Pennsylvania was hit with the remnants of Hurricane Ivan. It started raining hard Friday afternoon and all night. Sometime in the night flooding closed one of the bridges near Shadowbrook Inn and at 11:00 Saturday

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morning, someone came in and told us the last bridge out of the area was about to close.

The decision to end the meeting right then was made. I was one of the last members to leave and when we crossed the bridge that was still open, the water was up to the bridge deck. The bridge closed shortly after my family and I crossed. At 12:00 Sunday morning, that bridge reopened. The flood waters came up to where the first floor of the Shadowbrook Inn was a foot deep. Shaun has agreed to come back next year to finish his presentation.

The second part of my message is to let you know we are planning to have next years annual meeting in Syracuse, New York.

I hope everyone has had a good 2004 and 2005 will be even better. 🗡️

### Stick Around

By Ken Kasprzyk, Director

By now, many of you have received a renewal notice for your membership. With that renewal notice, you should also have received a note from me explaining most of the benefits of belonging to LEOSFA.

I'm not going to repeat all of those reasons again here. We do want you to know that we value your membership and participation in our organization and hope you keep up your membership. In short, we'd like you to stick around. 🗡️

### Upcoming Workshop

By Frank Piccolella

The Lake Erie and Ontario Sawyers and Filers Association (LEOSFA) will sponsor an Open Forum for Sawyers and Filers on Sawing Frozen Hardwoods at G & M Bandsaw, Inc.,

Montgomery, PA on February 12, 2005 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This open forum workshop is designed for sawyers and filers to bring their problems and/or questions about sawing frozen hardwoods. We will be prepared to discuss tooth geometry, feeds and speeds, to notch or not to notch, notch with a chisel or the grindstone, etc.

Please bring all of your questions and an open mind. We will do our best to help each other. Lunch will be provided. 🗡️

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Dominion of Canada for Canadian Addresses)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Course cost is \$100 (USD) for LEOSFA members and \$115 for nonmembers.*

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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