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WOOD-MIZER ANNOUNCES PERSONAL BEST CONTEST WINNERS **Portable sawmill owners recognized for building dream projects**

Indianapolis, IN – Wood-Mizer LLC, the world’s leading portable sawmill manufacturer, announces the winners of their popular Personal Best Contest - a favorite tradition since 1985 that recognizes Wood-Mizer sawmill owners who have built dream projects by sawing their own lumber.

The contest, which occurs every two years, is open to any Wood-Mizer sawmill owner in North America interested in competing for their share of \$20,000 in prize credits awarded to first, second, and third place winners for each of eight project categories. With more than 100 entries submitted this year, each project was judged on creativity, complexity, quality, and overall use of Wood-Mizer equipment.

“Every year, we continue to be amazed by the creativity and craftsmanship of Wood-Mizer sawmill owners all over the world,” said Wood-Mizer COO Darryl Floyd. “Congratulations to every sawyer who has accomplished their dream of building a project or business with a Wood-Mizer mill.”



David Dove’s award-winning barn in Camby, IN

Nathan Shewchuk of British Columbia won first place in the Homes and Major Structures category for building a 2,700-square-foot home and workshop with lumber from his Wood-Mizer LT40 hydraulic portable sawmill. Other first place winners include Jesse Matras of New Hampshire, Mark Watts of New York, David Dove of Indiana, Michael Connelley of Alabama, Bryan Summerlin of Oregon, Luke Bishop of Arkansas, and Beau Duman of Washington. In addition, John Hubbard of Kentucky earned the coveted People’s Choice Award for receiving the most public online votes for his family cabin. Winning projects from this year’s contest are featured in a special edition of [The Wood-Mizer Way](#) magazine and the [Wood-Mizer Project Gallery](#).

Note to Editors: A complete list of contest winners is attached. For high resolution photos or more information, contact Chase Warner at cwarner@woodmizer.com.

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As the leading manufacturer of portable band sawmills for more than 30 years, Wood-Mizer offers an extensive line of portable and industrial sawmill equipment. The company supports its equipment with legendary customer service, blades, and blade maintenance equipment. For more information about Wood-Mizer, call 800.553.0182 or visit www.woodmizer.com.

Wood-Mizer 2015 Personal Best Contest Winners

Category 1 – Homes and Major Structures

First Place: Nathan Shewchuk - Edgewood, British Columbia

Second Place: David Watters - Zionsville, Indiana

Third Place: Kylan Williams - Tygh Valley, Oregon

Category 2 – Small Homes and Cabins

First Place: Jesse Matras - Chichester, New Hampshire

Second Place: Mark Garner - Muscadine, Alabama

Third Place: Tom Thomas - Coupeville, Washington

Category 3 – Large Barns and Garages

First Place: Mark Watts - Pine City, New York

Second Place: Dan Conder - Cicero, Indiana

Third Place (TIE): Nicholas Spooner - Topsham, Vermont

Third Place (TIE): Peter Legere - Hollis Center, Maine

Category 4 – Small Barns and Sheds

First Place: David Dove - Camby, Indiana

Second Place: Scott Brockway - Windsor, Massachusetts

Third Place: Kent Mitchell - Stowe, Vermont

Category 5 – Interior Projects

First Place: Michael Connelley - Weogufka, Alabama

Second Place: Stephen Antony - Hackensack, Minnesota

Third Place: David Poston - Rock Hill, South Carolina

Category 6 – Exterior Projects

First Place: Bryan Summerlin - Scio, Oregon

Second Place: Russell Martin - Nokesville, Virginia

Third Place (TIE): Jeff Johnson - Franklin, North Carolina

Third Place (TIE): Tyler Verdery - Washington, Georgia

Category 7 – Goodwill

First Place: Luke Bishop – Rose Bud, Arkansas

Second Place: Stan Dixon - Knuckleton, Pennsylvania

Third Place: Loren Snavelly - Walden, New York

Category 8 – Creative Showcase

First Place: Beau Duman - Asotin, Washington

Second Place: Mike Guglielmo – Sterling, Connecticut

Third Place: Robert Hughes - Geneva, Florida