



# TimberLess Times

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## TimberLess Log

**13 FEBRUARY 2007 —**

Director Wiles attends Speech from the Throne and later questions Premier Campbell about Forest Policy.

**14 MARCH 2007 —**

Director James visits the BC Legislature and questions Forests Minister Rich Coleman about Log Export Policy.

**17 APRIL 2007 —**

BC Court of Appeal, Victoria, BC, James Vs Crown

**22 APRIL 2007 —**

Annual General Meeting, (1 PM) at Somenos Hall, Duncan, BC

### New Decal Deal

Our redesigned, 10 x 10 cm, peelable decals are available for \$1 each. (If ordering online, a minimum of ten units must be purchased.)



## Back to Court for Justice

If you attended the YTS Xmas Party in December, you were amongst the first to hear that the special 'James vs. Crown' legal trust account had topped its \$20,000 goal. While much of the money raised within 6 months came from "named" class members, there were many individual donors from the community-at-large who contributed because they passionately believe that justice has yet to be delivered in the case of the Youbou Sawmill.

Thanks too must go out to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee and the Pulp,

Paper, and Woodworkers of Canada for their principled solidarity and support.

The long and varied list of contributors makes it clear that the public's interest in this case spans social, economic, and environmental concerns.

The Supreme Court of British Columbia will hear arguments for appeal by lawyer Joseph Arvay in Victoria on Tuesday, 17 April 2007. *Supporters are encouraged to attend and bear witness.*



[courtesy of SOVA]

## Save Our Valley Anniversary

Ordinary people are the engines of change.

It has now been a year since the YTS first stood with soggy banners alongside the Save Our Valley Alliance (SOVA) on "The Hump" east of Port Alberni. Citizens offended by TimberWest's ongoing damage to their watershed, scandalized by the flood of exported logs, and incensed by the decline of their community's livelihood, banded together to form SOVA. We salute their heroic

efforts over the past year and pledge our continued solidarity.

Forest policy and responsible land management (on both public and private lands) must be accountable to the people who live in neighbouring communities. Our dependence on healthy watersheds is nothing less than a human right. It is all about control and access to basic human necessities: resources, land, air, and water. We will change forest policy in British Columbia so that our communities can prosper sustainably.



[courtesy of SOVA]

## Memorial Bricks

To celebrate the Town of Lake Cowichan's new Forest Workers Memorial Park and to ensure recognition for all former Youbou Sawmill workers, the YTS has purchased two memorial bricks. A second brick reads: "Youbou Sawmill, January 26, 2001." As part of the town's Heritage Days Weekend, an official unveiling will be held at Noon on Saturday, 19 May 2007.



[courtesy of B. Hayward]

# More TimberLess Times

Thanks to a generous gift, the Society was recently able to purchase a new optical scanner. This machine will help us to document the *Roy Legate Photographic Collection*.

This initiative will create an electronic archive to preserve Youbou Sawmill history and the sale of images will supplement YTS fundraising.

Quality prints will soon be available for purchase from an inventory of hundreds of scanned slides and negatives. Stay tuned for details and pricing.

