

SPEAKER BIOS

GREG JOHNSON



THE TORNADO HUNTER

What kind of person looks for danger, and then dives headfirst into it? Greg Johnson, star of Tornado Hunters, is known for bravely facing nature's most beautiful and deadly displays of severe weather. One of North America's top professional storm chasers and severe weather experts, his mission is to inspire others to pursue their own passions, while sharing and teaching the lessons he's learned from going after his.

Using sophisticated weather-tracking technology, Greg's ability to read severe weather patterns, and a team of dedicated sidekicks, Greg has put over 200,000 kilometres on his Tornado Truck, intercepting and documenting hundreds of storms across the United States and Canada since 2011 alone. His recent experiences include documenting and compassionately sharing the aftermath of the massive twisters that devastated Joplin Missouri, Moore Oklahoma and El Reno, Oklahoma. Greg's skills are now being retained by the outdoor festival industry in order to assist organizers in ensuring their large crowds are kept safe from sudden and severe weather risks. He also lends his extensive knowledge to organizations who wish to educate their outdoor working crews on severe weather safety and protocol.

Greg is the author of the Blown Away, A Year through the Lens of The Tornado Hunter, a best seller and gold medal award winner for design. He recently published a second book entitled, Why is the Sky Green? which is already gaining much respect in the photography community.

KYLE MCLOUGHLIN

SPEAKER



Kyle McLoughlin is an experienced arborist, and a passionate wilderness guide. Through countless interactions with trees and fungus in both a professional and recreational context, he has developed his understanding in plant pathology, and symbiotic fungal relationships. Starting his career as a climbing arborist, Kyle is now a consultant specializing in planting, risk assessment and disease management.

JACK RADECKI

SPEAKER



An ISAO member for 39 years, graduate forester of U of T, and long time Executive Director (now retired) of OUFC, Jack Radecki has been instrumental in developing the arboretum at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Radecki has planted and grown many viable species, some not available at typical wholesale nurseries, with some coming from Hilliers Nursery in England among other select suppliers and growers.

FRANK RINN

SPEAKER



In 1963, Frank was born in Lich, Germany. After school and having jobbed on the family's carpentry business in Heuchelheim, Germany, he studied physics and philosophy at Giessen and Heidelberg University.

In his physics master thesis (1986-88), Frank developed the method of needle resistance drilling for the purpose of tree-ring density analysis at the dendrochronology lab of Hohenheim University, Germany. Later he developed this method into a tool for tree and timber experts.

In 1987, Frank was selected as one of the 25 best University students of the state and became member of the 'elite / excellence study group'.

After finishing his degree in physics in 1988, Frank started his own company, RINNTECH, for developing and applying equipment for dendrochronology, tree and timber inspection.

Frank invented and developed different methods, machines, and computer programs for various purposes in tree-ring analysis, dendrochronology, tree- and

timber inspection, such as resistance drilling, sonic tree tomography & root-plate detection, wood surface density analysis. He was granted several national and international patents, for example on high resolution and high-precision resistance drilling (1990) and sonic tomography (1999)

For clearly labelling his inventions, Frank created, established and owns international trademarks, such as RESISTOGRAPH® and ARBOTOM®.

For his inventions and developments, he received several research and innovation awards (1989, 1992, 1997, 1998, 2004, and 2012).

Besides managing RINNTECH (manufacturing, selling, and training), Frank works as a court registered expert, inspecting trees and timber (structures). In addition, he published several dozen papers on various topics.

Frank gives lectures and training regularly in many different countries such as USA, Europe, South America, Australia / New Zealand, China and other Asian countries – not only for tree and timber experts but furthermore at Universities.

Already as a teenager, Frank started activities in voluntary organizations. Since 2001, he serves as voluntary Executive Director of ISA Germany, represented his chapter on several board meetings, joined the ISA Tree-Risk Panel of Experts and contributed to the corresponding BMP. In addition, he was a member of German (www.fli.de) and international standardization expert panels (www.rilem.org). From 2011 to 2013 he served on the ISA Board of Directors (www.isa-arbor.com).

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- Registration form is available for download from our website.
- The tradeshow will be open on Wednesday and Thursday with ample time allotted for delegates to mingle and visit with exhibitors.

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MARK CHISHOLM

SPEAKER



One part acrobat, one part expert rope climber, one part tree physiologist, and several parts competitor and thrill seeker, Mark Chisholm is a third-generation, certified arborist with his family-owned Aspen Tree Expert Company in New Jersey. His expertise in tree care has made him a sought-after consultant and industry spokesperson for the world of arboriculture, and he regularly travels the globe to consult with international arborist associations and conducts educational sessions nationwide on behalf of STIHL Inc. He has also done numerous national media interviews, including with The Weather Channel's Wake Up with Al and ABC's 20/20.

Chisholm has won the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) New Jersey Chapter Tree Climbing Championship 21 of the last 22 years and won the ISA International Tree Climbing Championship in 1997, 2001 and, again, in 2010. Chisholm currently holds the world record in the 50-foot secured footlock climbing event, with a time of 13.8 seconds.

Mark Chisholm demonstrates an enthusiasm and passion for trees that makes him a perfect fit for Team STIHL and an excellent resource to STIHL customers and tree lovers.

For more information on Mark Chisholm and tree care, visit www.treebuzz.com or www.treesaregood.org.

JAMES KOMEN

SPEAKER



James Komen is a consulting arborist and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor in the greater Los Angeles area, specializing in tree appraisals. He employs principles of finance and accounting to help clients make informed management decisions for individual trees and for tree inventories.

James helps clients make decisions based on value creation, anticipated future costs, and risk exposure. He manages Class One Arboriculture, a small tree service company in Los Angeles, California.

NELDA MATHENY

SPEAKER



Nelda Matheny is president of HortScience, Inc. in Pleasanton, CA, a horticulture, arboriculture, and urban forestry consulting firm she founded in 1983. Nelda specializes in soil and water quality assessment, plant problem diagnosis, landscape management, tree risk assessment and tree preservation during construction. She and her partner Jim Clark have authored many technical articles and five books together. Nelda's most recent co-authored publications include Best Management Practices: Tree Risk Assessment and Structural Pruning: A Guide for the Green Industry.