

# TENSION TESTING IN LEESBURG

Hear! Hear! For a change of pace, we will test tension joints at the 2011 Eastern Conference in Leesburg, Virginia.

Our test rig is designed to test a tension connection between two orthogonally aligned timbers. The intent is for all to learn more about the strength and failure modes of these common and oft times critical joints and about the behavior of the materials we commonly use.

As always, there are a few limitations on what we might safely test, so please adhere to the conditions indicated below. We are interested to test traditional, modern, or flakey connections, so we invite you to throw your best (or worst) ideas at our rig.

The testers reserve the right to eschew testing any sample that we determine is unsafe for the rig, the testers or the audience (though not their reputations). If you have any questions regarding what we safely might test, please contact Mack or Joe at Fire Tower at 401.654.4600 to obtain pre-approval or consulting.

If you cannot make the conference, please send along your sample with a colleague or competitor!

Elevation of Testing Sample

