

Jim Levesque is preparing to check the fuel/bar oil

levels on the chainsaws, Always a necessary task before

starting work.

(All photos by Sally Lowder)



Bob is beginning a cut on the first of two hazard

trees he is removing. (Note – The brush in the picture

is in the near foreground. The area around the tree

has been cleared to provide a safe workspace and two escape

routes for the sawyer to get away from the tree as

it starts to fall.)



Bob making his escape as the tree falls away. This was one of the dead trees cut to block the illegal roadway to the right.



Bob is “low stumping” the tree he has just cut. This

is done to not only remove an unsightly stump but to

also provide a flat, exposed surface to expedite the

natural processes of rot that eventually return the

stump to the soil.



All done! Chainsaw is off, hearing protection no

longer needed. Time to move to the next tree.



Bob starting the face cut on the second tree. The trunk

of the first tree is seen at the right where it fell

downhill toward the road. The protruding portion of its

trunk was subsequently cut away.



Bob once again decides that a sawyer has no business

hanging around a falling tree. Always nice to have a

nice clear escape route.



Sawyer trainee Phil Cromer gets some practice in low-stumping.

He has completed his classroom instruction and now is getting field experience prior to his certification test.