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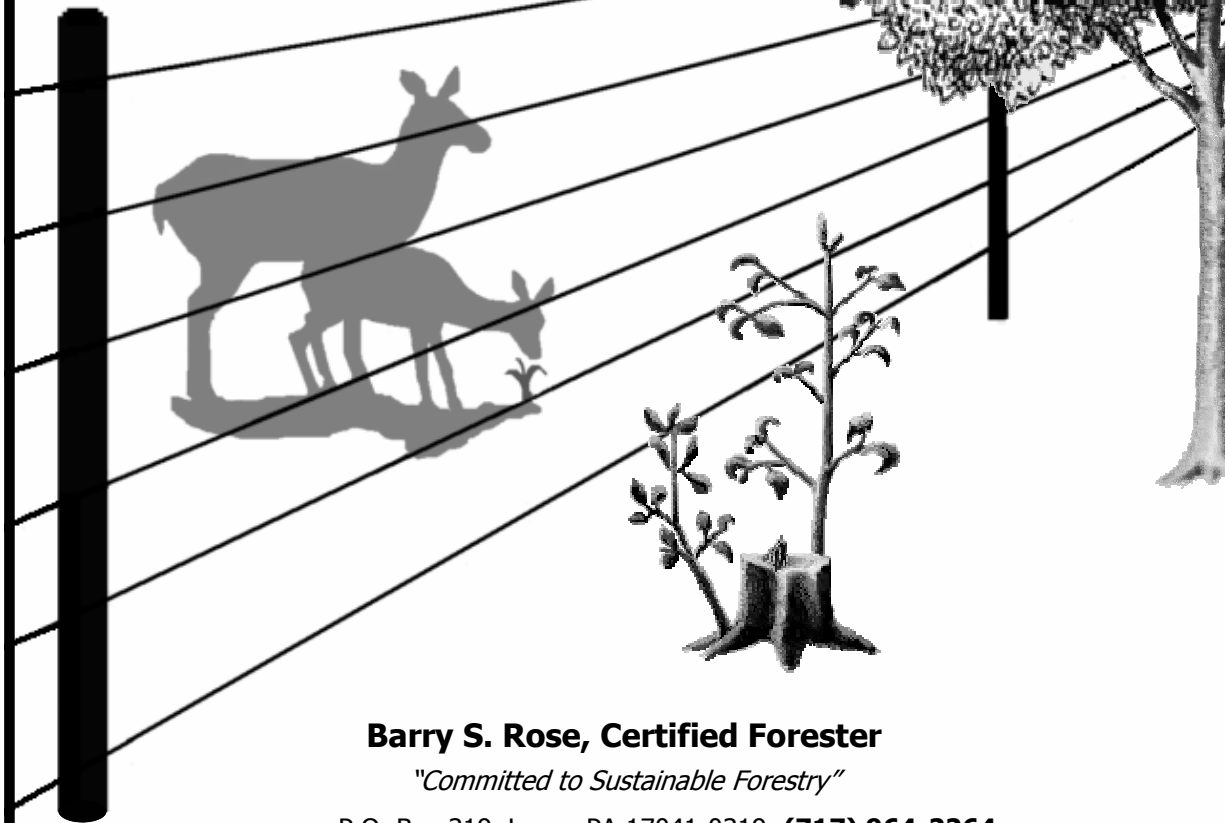


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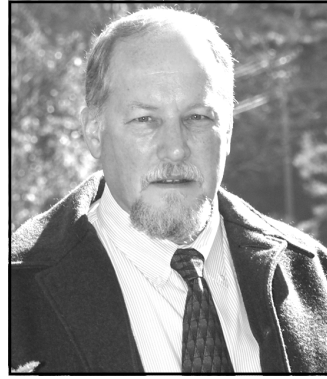
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Charles H. Strauss, Director of the Penn State University School of Forest Resources, poses with the Nittany Lion mascot and Smokey at the Centennial Celebration (see pages 10-11 for full article)




## Chair's Corner

By Kim Steiner,  
Allegheny SAF Chair

Already the summer ANSAF meeting seems very near at hand, and I feel as though we just had our winter meeting – was that really all of four months ago!? The summer meeting will occur August 14–16 in East Windsor, NJ, hosted of course by the New Jersey Division. I attended their divisional winter meeting in January and was glad I did. It was a great meeting, and I enjoyed meeting some fine people who don't often come to our regional meetings. I'm looking forward to the summer meeting and hope to see you there.

Ken Jolly will cover this topic elsewhere in this issue, but I want to remind everyone that our biennial election occurs this year. As chair of the Nominations Committee, Ken needs your help in identifying a strong slate of candidates for our principal leadership positions: Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Executive Committee membership. Please take a moment to consider who would make good stewards of ANSAF during the next two years... or think about putting yourself forward. Ken's contact information is in the back of this issue.

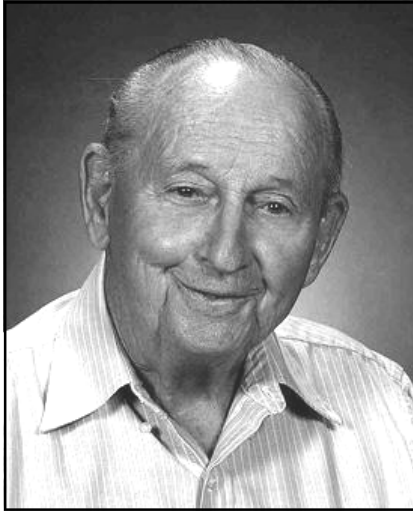
Finally, I want to take this opportunity to call your attention to SAF's "regional journals" – the *Northern*, *Southern*, and *Western Journals of Applied Forestry*. I have subscribed to the *NJAF* since its first issue, 23 years ago. Although it has not always met my greatest expectations, the *NJAF* is unquestionably the best source of new research that can actually be applied to the practice of forestry in our region. As the new editor of *NJAF*, I have a particular interest in making the Journal appealing to its intended audience, which is all who read *The Allegheny News* – professional foresters, researchers, academicians, and policy makers. I would especially like to see more of our members submit "Field Notes." This is a non-refereed category of short articles that describe useful findings and ideas. Most of us really don't have a book inside us, as the cliché goes, but I believe that most SAF members have a Field Note or two. Give it some thought, and check out the journal at: <http://www.safnet.org/periodicals/northern/> 

## The next newsletter deadline is September 15, 2007

Send articles in Microsoft Word format and photos as JPG files to Allegheny News editor Jack Winieski at

**ansaf@verizon.net**

## In Memoriam



**Mark R. Zimmer**, 87, of Honesdale, Pennsylvania died June 1, 2007 following an illness. He earned a BS in Forestry from Penn State in 1953.

Widely respected as a surveyor and forester throughout PA he was selected by his colleagues as 1990 Pennsylvania Surveyor of the Year. He was the first surveyor in NE PA to utilize a plate coordinate system that eventually led to today's global positioning system. In his earlier career he served as plant manager for Virco Co., in both Aldenville and in Los Angeles, and managed Gem, Crib and Cradle in Broadalbin, NY and later, White Mills bat factory.

Zimmer served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater in WWII and was part of the bomber wing that dropped the atomic bombs. He was very active in Honesdale Rotary and a 50-year member of Lodge #218, F&AM; achieved the rank of Life Scout as a boy and later, as scoutmaster of Troop #1 in Honesdale, he was awarded the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. Mark was a Golden Member of the SAF – a continuous member since 1953. 🌿

## Dr. John E. Kuser Recipient of 2006 Silas Little Award

Professor **John Kuser** became the sixth recipient of the prestigious Silas Little Award as he was honored at the New Jersey Division-SAF annual meeting on January 26, 2007.

Kuser took a circuitous route to the forestry profession. After graduating from Princeton University in 1948, he completed a 20-year career in the chemical industry field. He then matriculated to Rutgers University and received an MS degree. Oregon State University was his next stop where he earned a PhD in Forest Science. He returned to New Jersey and accepted a teaching position at Cook College, Rutgers University in the Forestry Department and spent the next 21 years teaching dendrology, ecology, arboriculture and community forestry and did research in pitch pine, Atlantic white-cedar, white pine, California coast redwood and dawn redwood. Nationally, he is a well-known expert in forest ecology, urban forestry and cedar restoration. He authored *Exotic Trees in New Jersey*, *Greater Philadelphia*, and *Metro New York*. He edited the *Handbook of Urban and Community Forestry in the Northeast*, printed in 2000.

John and his wife Eleanor endowed a Faculty Scholar Fund in Urban Forestry in 2003 with a gift of \$425,000. The gift came with the terms that Urban and Community Forestry Professor Jason Grabosky raise \$75,000 and the university contribute a matching gift of \$500,000 before the funds would become available. This all came together on September 28, 2006 with the activation of the John and Eleanor Kuser Endowed Faculty Scholar Fund in Urban and Community Forestry. Jason Grabosky was named Faculty Scholar in Urban Forestry in 2003, and became the steward of the fund in 2006.

Kuser practices what he teaches, managing his 131-acre Certified Tree Farm since 1970 on the property, which has been in the family since the early 1900s. He was a member of the New Jersey Fish and Game Council for a number of years. He was Chairman of the Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission, and was instrumental in having the deer herd reduced in the township. Dr. Kuser has been an NJFA member since 1977. The New Jersey Forestry Association members congratulate Dr. John Kuser for being honored as the recipient of the 2006 Silas Little Award. 🌿

## WV Summer Meeting Scheduled

By Mary Beth Adams, WVSAF Chair

The WVSAF will be meeting on August 22 and 23, 2007 at the Days Inn in Elkins, WV. The meeting will revolve around the theme of "West Virginia's Wood Industry: Present and Future." On Wednesday the 22nd, tours will highlight the variety of wood industry in central West Virginia. Speakers on Thursday morning will discuss the future of the wood industry in the near- and long-term. More detailed information will be mailed shortly to WVSAF members, or contact Bob Beanblossom ([bobbeanblossom@wvdnr.gov](mailto:bobbeanblossom@wvdnr.gov)). 🌿

# “Moose Tree” at Penn State Mont Alto Arboretum

By Dr. Henry Gerhold, Penn State University

A Fraser fir commemorating Donald R. “Moose” Craul has been planted at the Mont Alto Campus of Penn State University. The fir is a fitting tribute in memory of Moose, who loomed large in the Christmas tree industry. He passed away on April 2, 2006, after a tragic fall at his nursery. He was a past president of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association, and for many years was the driving force as president of the Pennsylvania Tree Improvement Program, PennTIP.

The Mont Alto Arboretum has many memorial trees, which are planted and maintained through donations (which may be sent to Dr. Beth Brantley, Penn State Mont Alto, Mont Alto, PA 17237). Three former classmates of Moose recently admired the Moose tree. John Davies is the retired president of the Mell-Davies Lumber Company. Henry Gerhold is Professor of Forest Genetics at Penn State. Ted Yarosh is an executive of the Crater Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America at Central Point, Oregon. While attending a reunion they reminisced about their freshman year, 1948-49, as forestry students at Mont Alto. 🌲



(Left to right) Ted Yarosh, Henry Gerhold, and John Davies by the fir tree planted in memory of Donald R. “Moose” Craul

## Western Gateway SAF Chapter Spring 2007 Meeting

The Western Gateway Chapter of the PA Division-Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ANSAF) held a spring meeting at the Oakhurst Tea Room, Somerset, PA on May 30, 2007 6:30pm. Robert W. Piper, Jr., Chapter Chairman, welcomed the nine members and guests who attended and enjoyed a fine buffet dinner.

A brief business meeting followed with the approval of the last meeting minutes by motion of Schweitzer/Kline. There was no Treasurer’s report. Correspondence was discussed, including information regarding nominations for the 2007 ANSAF Outstanding Forester Award

and National Fellow - but deadlines for both had expired.

Old business items were discussed including sending the Chair to the National SAF Leadership Academy. Robb is to do discovery work. The Chapter Executive Committee will determine an appropriate scholarship once costs are determined. Motion by Rossman/Sheridan was approved.

New business was discussed including the ANSAF 2008 Summer Meeting, which the chapter will be hosting. Kline, Rossman, Sheridan, and Schweitzer responded to the Chair’s request for volunteers to assist the chapter officers in the

meeting planning; “7” Springs Resort and Conference Center was discussed as a possible site. Another subject brought up concerned fund raising and the Reginald Forbes Art contest/fundraiser being rejuvenated along with chapter funding needs.

Lastly, Robb showed a PowerPoint presentation supplied by Dick Rossman on 100 years of Penn State Forestry Education. Dick, and wife Mary, attended the spring Centennial celebration event at Penn State. Thanks to Dick for sharing Henry Gerhold’s book and other memorabilia from the event. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. 🌲

# Allegheny SAF History Shorts

By Ron Sheay

Over the next few Allegheny News issues I will put in reflections of past Allegheny "Section" meetings compiled by Elwood "Slim" Moore written in 1972 on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allegheny SAF. Times have certainly changed from some of these early "section" meetings as recapped (with tongue in cheek) by Mr. Moore.

In the early days the Section membership consisted largely of state personnel, many of them uninhibited characters who were under less pressure to live correct, blameless lives rather than their colleagues from the Federal Agencies and Universities. Under these conditions it might be expected that Section meetings would reflect a certain spirit of social good fellowship as well as technical erudition. That this was indeed the case was shown by the foregathering of members in the suite of one of the State delegations following the banquet, when serious questions of the time were taken up.

In those days of prohibition it soon became evident that the usual brands of "spirits" obtainable through "commercial" channels were of a deadly character,

causing heavy casualties, which often showed up even on the next day in absenteeism and the number of walking wounded. It became customary therefore to rely on the types of homemade applejack produced in most rural sections of the period. This plebian beverage, while lacking bouquet and considering difficult to ingest by some, was free from lethal after-effects.

However, with the passing of prohibition the membership turned gladly to other potable waters. An example of this that comes to mind was the visit to the Renault Wineries at Egg Harbor, NJ where we not only studied the manufacture of champagne, were accorded the opportunity by the host company, of sampling the product. It was a warm day and after two hours of good fellowship in the company garden, the meeting was transformed into an (Allegheny) choral society with arias in both English and Pennsylvania Dutch.

(More to Come!) ❄️

## Allegheny Officer Nominations Needed!

By Ken Jolly, Nomination Chair

This fall, we will once again be electing our Allegheny SAF leadership positions, and the Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2008-2009 Officer Candidates. If you are interested in serving the Allegheny membership in an Officer position, please send a brief nomination letter or email to: Kenneth Jolly, Nominating Committee Chair, 6 Landings Court, Annapolis, MD 21403 or [kjolly@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:kjolly@dnr.state.md.us). Self-nominations are welcome.

Please note that the due date for submitting nominations is August 30, 2007. Nomination information should include a concise biographical description, including your educational background (degree(s) and year earned), current professional position and previous professional experience, years as an SAF member, and a brief listing of your current and previous SAF involvement. You may also highlight any awards or recognitions you have received.

If you have any questions concerning the duties of a particular Officer position, please contact anyone on the current Allegheny Executive Committee for further information.

Please consider stepping forward to serve your professional society as an Allegheny SAF Officer - you'll be glad you did! ❄️

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## District VII Council Report

By Mary J. Coulombe, CF, SAF District VII Representative

**SAF Council met June 9–10 at the National Office in Bethesda.** The agenda included a number of topics that may be of interest to our District members. I have summarized them below, but if you have any questions or comments, please email ([coulombe@cox.net](mailto:coulombe@cox.net)) or call (202–761–1228 daytime). We have been a very busy Council. One important message from EVP Goergen is that SAF is in a strong financial situation!

**CONVENTION: October 23–27, 2007 in Portland, Oregon.** The program and activities are lining up to be of importance to all SAF members. Plan to attend to network with colleagues from all over the country, learn new things, and become more engaged in the practice and science of Forestry. I

really hope I'll see you there!

**Electronic Elections:** The national elections this year will use electronic balloting. For those members without email addresses, paper ballots will be mailed. EVP Goergen assured Council that there is complete security and members will vote on both national candidates and council representatives (as scheduled). If divisions, states, or chapters want to utilize electronic voting notify the national office. There will be a small charge. Please notify the national office of your current email address if needed.

**Insurance:** The insurance agent for SAF presented the requirements for insurance for SAF activities that are not covered in the SAF blanket policy. Executive committees at all levels need to get the information from national office—Marianne Hughes. In a nutshell, any meetings that include field trips, include non-members, serve liquor, go off-site for a portion of the meeting, group transportation (buses, vans), or other activities of risk, are likely to require a separate policy. Please get more information from Marianne. SAF will prepare additional information and a Q&A document.

**Membership:** Council has discussed membership, office holding, and voting rights for over a year. At this meeting Council considered recommending constitutional changes: A) to retain five existing membership categories: Professional Member, Conditional Professional, Technician, Associate, and Student and establish a subscriber option outside of membership. B) All members would be able to vote in national elections, and others that apply. C) International members would be part of the 5 categories as appropriate. D) Fellows and Honorary members would be recognized within the categories as appropriate. E) No change in requirements to hold offices. Council has yet to decide when the constitutional changes will be presented to the membership for a vote.

**Student Representation:** Last year Council voted to change the Student representation in SAF governance. A student representative to Council was added, and established a Student Executive Committee with representatives from each District—one of which will be the Council representative, a National Student Congress (NSC) of all Student chapter chairs, and retention of the National Student Assembly. The first meeting of the NSC will be at convention.

**Global Climate Change:** SAF will take up consideration of a position on Global Climate Change and Forests. This is an important policy effort and a task force has been established to make recommendations. Past President Helms and EVP Goergen testified at Senate and House Committee hearings recently—see the SAF website to read the testimony. SAF is recognized as a leader in this discussion/debate.

**Center for Diversity:** Council voted to approve SAF participation and leadership of a center to organize workforce diversity efforts, involving SAF, forestry employers, and the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP). This center will seek outside funding for its programs: recruitment and education; professional education, and professional retention.

**Leadership Academy Steering Committee:** Council voted to establish a new Leadership Academy Steering Committee to analyze and make recommendations about the Academy. **If you are interested in serving on the Committee please let me know.**

**Specialized Accreditation of Urban Forestry Programs:** Council approved the standards for the accreditation of urban forestry programs, and additional representation categories to the Accreditation Committee. Terry Clark has more information on this. ❁



# RBFF More Than Just a One-Night Event

By Ned Karger, Silviculture Manager, Kane Hardwoods Div./Collins Pine Co.

The Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum Steering Committee often organizes tours, meetings or educational opportunities around the speaker or subject of the Forum. **Bernd Blossey's** presentation on invasive species, April 12, 2007, provided a great opportunity to invite a group of key people to look at some invasive species problems in the region. The Steering Committee decided to focus on the developing problem of Japanese Knotweed in the Tionesta Creek watershed and to invite land managers and invasive species experts for a tour and a round table strategy session.

On Thursday afternoon representatives from the US Forest Service (land management and research), DCNR, Penn State, PennDOT, PA Game Commission, Corps of Engineers, Western PA Conservancy, Natural Biodiversity and Collins Pine Company met at the Kane Area Middle School, which sits at the headwaters of Tionesta Creek. The group first looked at Japanese Knotweed sites on school property with John Rook, Facilities Maintenance Manager for the School District.

While dealing with an April downpour, the group looked at another site near Kane before proceeding down into the main Tionesta Creek valley. The weather cleared and the group examined six sites on US Forest Service and Collins Pine Co. lands. At each site the group discussed the ecology of Knotweed and treatments for control and eradication.

On the Friday morning after the Forum, Dr. Blossey and the tour group convened at the Kane Experimental Forest to develop an action plan and a strategy for working together. Dr. Blossey set the stage for the planning session. **April Moore** (USFS) gave a presentation on Cooperative Weed Management Areas and how controlling invasives fits into the Allegheny National Forest management plan. **Chris Firestone** (DCNR) discussed the



Ned Karger (left) presents the coveted Green certified Black Cherry Biltmore stick from the Kane Forest to Dr. Bernd Blossey



Bob Merrill, Mark Bodamer, and Mac Waskiewicz enjoyed the many programs at the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum

Pennsylvania Invasives Control plans and her experience with Knotweed control on Bureau of Forestry land. **Kristen Sewak** (Natural Biodiversity) explained how her organization works with volunteers to treat Knotweed in the Kiski, Conemaugh, and Juniata watersheds where Knotweed is a major problem.

A wide-ranging, open discussion followed and has resulted in an action plan to work together and begin to treat Knotweed in the Tionesta Watershed beginning this year. Many of the experts expressed that now is the time to have a major impact here before the problem gets worse. Other landowners will be contacted, known sites will be treated with manual cutting and/or herbicide and educational efforts will continue. Monitoring and



additional treatments will be necessary in the future. This type of cooperation across boundaries and agencies will be key to a successful strategy.

Educational materials from Penn State have been distributed to affected landowners and awareness has helped identify more sites with small, controllable plant populations. **Ned Karger** (Collins Pine Co.) made presentations at the Kane Middle School and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes measured the Knotweed plants and photographed the sites on school grounds for base line observations. The students have also done the first cutting of Knotweed sites at the school and some adjacent private land. **Art Gover** (Penn State Horticulture Dept.) has agreed to do an herbicide demonstration in August or early September. Science teacher **Gary Johnson** will be re-measuring and re-photographing the sites as part of a hands-on learning experience on invasives plants over the next few years.

The Roach Bauer Forestry Forum Steering Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the tour, strategic action planning session and educational efforts as well as all who attended Dr. Blossy's presentation at the Forum.

These are the types of cooperative, synergistic efforts the Committee hopes to stimulate as they present high quality speakers covering a wide range of important topics to our region.

The next Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007. The featured speakers are Dave DeCalesta, Wildlife Biologist and Chris Rosenberry, Director of the Deer Management Section of the PA Game Commission. DeCalesta will review six years of intensive data collections and monitoring results on the 74,000 acre Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative Area. Rosenberry will discuss the results of recent whitetail deer research and monitoring efforts from across PA. The Steering Committee will be reaching out to sportsmen, outdoor writers and legislators and a large turn out is expected. To accommodate the larger audience this Forum will be held at the Red Fern in St. Marys, PA. The spring 2008 Forum will return to the traditional Kane Country Club venue. ♣

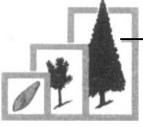


Don Dorn poses with the "Weed Witch"

## Mined Land Reforestation Conference

By Mary Beth Adams, USDA Forest Service WV

The 2007 Mined Land Reforestation Conference will be held in Abingdon, Virginia August 7-8, 2007. The conference will call attention to advanced mine reforestation practices that are being developed through scientific research and adopted by the coal industry, and will present scientific research findings with the potential to further improve mine reforestation success. The conference is intended for persons representing coal mining firms, mineral-bearing lands owners, mining consultants, land managers, students and interested members of the public. For more details, see the website at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/mlrc/> ♣



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# PA Prescribed Fire Council

By Brent Harding, Senior Forester, PSU Forestland Mgt. Office

Across the country, forest managers are using prescribed fire to encourage forest regeneration, reduce wildfire risk, and to improve ecological integrity. Public concerns, dated legislation, and the need for communication between federal, state, and private members of the fire community have brought attention to the need for a Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council, a group of interested and invested people to promote prescribed fire use.

In 2005, Pennsylvania conducted a prescribed fire survey to estimate the use of prescribed fire to manage land in Pennsylvania and to gauge the interest for using fire for land management. The potential to use fire as a management tool in the region is large and the applications diverse; currently fire use is mostly for research, public lands management, and conservation land management. Most of the current prescribed fire use in Pennsylvania is for fuel/hazard reduction, ecological research, agricultural production, invasive species management, training, and the management and restoration of grasslands, forests, wildlife habitat, and serpentine and/or scrub oak/pitch pine barrens. This stakeholder survey provides concrete justification for creating a Pennsylvania Fire Council and improving legislation to address liability and insurance issues. A Prescribed Fire Council will provide the opportunity to educate stakeholders and achieve consensus on a variety of legal and safety issues related to prescribed fire.

Formed on February 20, 2007, the Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council has officially begun to improve fire management statutes, strengthen Pennsylvania fire laws, assess current social and cultural views and constraints on fire use in the Northeast, and set training and certification standards. The council's formation has led to improved communication throughout the fire community regionally and nationally. The evolving use of fire as a management tool is producing encouraging results, such as increased oak regeneration, specific bird and wildlife habitat re-creation, and restored fire-dependent species and communities. However, fire also raises a host of unanswered or unaddressed social questions that may have basis in fear, previous fire prevention programs, and lack of knowledge. The Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council, with the help of other councils, will develop prescribed fire educational materials for use in Pennsylvania's current fire education and prevention programs.

Ultimately, the resurging interest in and use of fire as a management tool will depend on understanding and addressing real and perceived social constraints. This will require the combined effort of the Pennsylvania fire community – those who have the training, education, and desire to be active partners for the future of our forests – working with a broad set of stakeholders.

We invite you, the land managers of Pennsylvania, to join our council and to attend the First Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Conference **February 19–20, 2008**. This day and a half conference, held at Penn State, will focus on

fire use and ecology in PA, the oak regeneration challenge, current rules and regulations that must be addressed when using fire in the Commonwealth, and the Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council. We look forward to sharing and exchanging information and raising prescribed fire use in Pennsylvania to a new professional level!

We will mail or email formal registration information when dates and times are officially set. CEUs will be available to foresters attending the conference. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Claghorn, [taraclaghorn@yahoo.com](mailto:taraclaghorn@yahoo.com) 📧



# Allegheny SAF 2007 Summer Meeting

The National Conference Center @ The Holiday Inn, East Windsor, NJ August 14 – 16, 2007

## Community Forestry: Diverse Opportunities and Challenges for Everyone

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### Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Noon – 7:00 PM Registration Open  
 Allegheny Executive Committee Meeting  
 7:00 – 9:00 PM Ice Breaker Reception – Cash Bar

### Wednesday, August 15, 2007

7:30 AM Registration Open  
 7:30 – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast  
**Field Tours**  
 9:00 AM Leave Conference Center via Bus  
 9:15 – 10:15 AM Oak Bacteria Leaf Scorch Site Tour – Cranberry, NJ -  
 Dr. Ann Gould & Dr. James Lashomb  
 10:30 – 11:30 AM Tree City Tour – Manalapan, NJ - Foresters Gary Lovallo & Shari Spero  
 11:45 – 12:30 PM Box Lunch  
 12:45 – 2:00 PM Rex Lumber, Secondary Wood Processor Tour – Manalapan, NJ  
 2:15 – 3:15 PM Return to Hotel to Freshen Up  
 3:45 – 8:30 PM NJ Forest Resource Education Center and Nursery Tour – Jackson, NJ  
 Evening Barbeque (Vegetarian meal available upon request)  
 NJD SAF Silent Auction  
 8:30 – 9:00 PM Return to Hotel

### Tour Options while at Education Center

1. Arborist Demonstration and State of the Art Technology
2. Forest Service, Forest Nursery
3. NJ Forest Service, Forest Resource Education Center

### Thursday, August 16, 2007

7:30 – 8:45 AM Continental Breakfast  
**Technical Presentations**  
 9:00 – 9:30 AM The Forests of New Jersey – James Barresi, New Jersey State Forester  
 9:30 – 9:45 AM New Jersey Forest Health Council Presentation - TBA  
 9:45 – 10:30 AM Asian Longhorn Beetle Presentation – Rosa Yoo & Brian Widner, NJ Forest Service  
 10:30 – 10:45 AM Break  
 10:45 – 11:30 AM Cool Cities Initiative – Mary Ferraro, NJ Forest Service  
 11:30 – 12:00 PM Community Forestry in New Jersey – Dave Johnson, NJ Forest Service Opportunities for Consulting Foresters  
 12:00 – 1:00 PM Conference Luncheon + Guest Speaker – NJ Wildland-Urban Interface, Maris Gabliks, NJ State Forest Fire Warden  
 1:00 PM Adjourn

Reservations: Please Call the Holiday Inn @ 609-443-8000 to reserve rooms. Rooms are reserved under the Group Name "Society of American Foresters." Block lodging rate: \$109/ night plus taxes.

## Allegheny SAF 2007 Summer Meeting Registration Form

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# PSU School of Forest Resources Celebrates Centennial

By Dr. Henry Gerhold, Professor of Forest Genetics

More than 500 alumni, spouses, students, and friends participated in Penn State's School of Forest Resources (SFR) Centennial Celebration from April 27-29, 2007, at University Park. Many of the events and activities took place at the new Forest Resources Building, dedicated in fall 2006.

The class of 1957 arrived even earlier, on April 25, to spend time together in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to make a trip to Mont Alto before the main celebration began on Friday afternoon. Some Centennial Celebration attendees also went to Mont Alto after events at University Park, to attend a reunion and the Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium.

At Friday's opening session, School of Forest Resources Director **Chuck Strauss** '58 and SFR Alumni Group President **Tom Yorke** '64 and '67g introduced "A Century of Progress by Penn State's School of Forest Resources"—a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation including narration, music, and 133 historic photos (DVD copies are available for purchase from the school, 814-865-7541, or [www.sfr.cas.psu.edu](http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu)). The presentation highlighted information from *A Century of Forest Resources Education at Penn State*—a centennial book authored by faculty member **Henry Gerhold** '52 and '54g, and published in 2007 by the Penn State Press (also available for purchase).

Next came the dedication of a commemorative swamp white oak tree, and a catered reception where everyone could mingle with old and new friends, recall good times, and make dinner plans. Some groups gathered at local restaurants, and **John Steimer** '49 and **Ron Coder** '51 hosted a group for dinner and a tour of the Village at Penn State, a retirement community.



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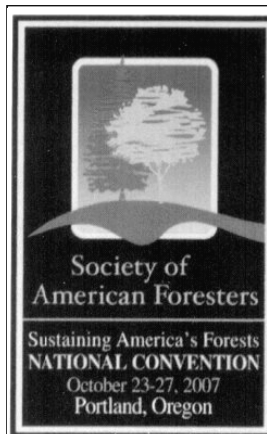
On Saturday attendees had choices among many tours and other activities:

- Tours of the new Forest Resources Building with student guides.
- Research poster displays created and staffed by graduate students.
- Tour of the Stone Valley Forest and its management practices.
- Campus walking or driving tours to observe historic buildings and many new ones.
- Tour of the Hintz Family Alumni Center and gardens.
- Tour of the Pattee and Paterno Library, including a forest history display.
- Tour of Beaver Stadium, Recruiting Lounge, Lettermen's Lounge, and sports museum.
- Fun Fair, with Smokey Bear, Nittany Lion, face painting, music, stories, and show-and-tell with a great horned owl and a black rat snake.
- Woodsmen Team demonstration of forestry skills by students.
- Quiz bowl matching wits among teams of alumni, students, and faculty/staff.

A Centennial Silent Auction ran Friday evening through early Saturday afternoon. Alumni and friends contributed nearly 90 items including paintings, prints, handcrafted wood items, autographed Penn State sports memorabilia autographed by Joe Paterno, Rene Portland, and Ed DeChellis, and much more. The auction generated \$5500 to support student groups affiliated with the School of Forest Resources. In addition, several alumni and friends purchased prints from alumnus Dan Christ '72 to donate for display in the new Forest Resources Building.

Saturday evening activities at the Nittany Lion Inn consisted of a reception, class photos, book signing, and a banquet with Outstanding Alumni Awards – 370 people attended. The earliest graduate present was **Joseph Ibberson '47** who had also completed the Forest Ranger Course in 1939. **John Hall '51** traveled the farthest to attend, coming all the way from Girdwood, Alaska.

On Sunday a nondenominational gathering at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center was followed by brunch at the Nittany Lion Inn on campus. That morning Tom Yorke commented that the celebration was a weekend of smiles, and Chuck Strauss opined that “it will be remembered for many years forward as one of the greatest gatherings of alumni and friends ever enjoyed by our School.” 🌲



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### August

14-16 **Allegheny SAF 2007 Summer Meeting**  
 "Forestry is Diversity, Opportunity, and  
 a Challenge: Community Forestry -  
 Uniting Old & New Ideas, Initiatives."  
 See page 9 for registration and info.

22-23 WVSF summer meeting "West  
 Virginia's Wood Industry: Present and  
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31 Deadline for submission of officer  
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### September

15 **Deadline for articles and photos** for  
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 articles in Microsoft Word, and photos  
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**Please vote for your officers for the  
 next two years... there is no primary!**

### October

11 Roach-Bauer Forest Forum featuring  
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 at the Red Fern in St. Marys, PA. More  
 information, [nkarger@collinsco.com](mailto:nkarger@collinsco.com)

23-27 SAF National Convention, "Sustaining  
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 Mark your calendars now, and watch  
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### December

15 **Deadline for articles and photos** for  
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### February 2008

13-15 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting at the  
 Hotel Carlisle in Mechanicsburg, PA.  
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19-20 PA Prescribed Fire Council (PPFC)  
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### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Winter 2008 - Keystone Chapter

### Future SAF National Conventions

2007 - Portland, OR, October 23-27

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