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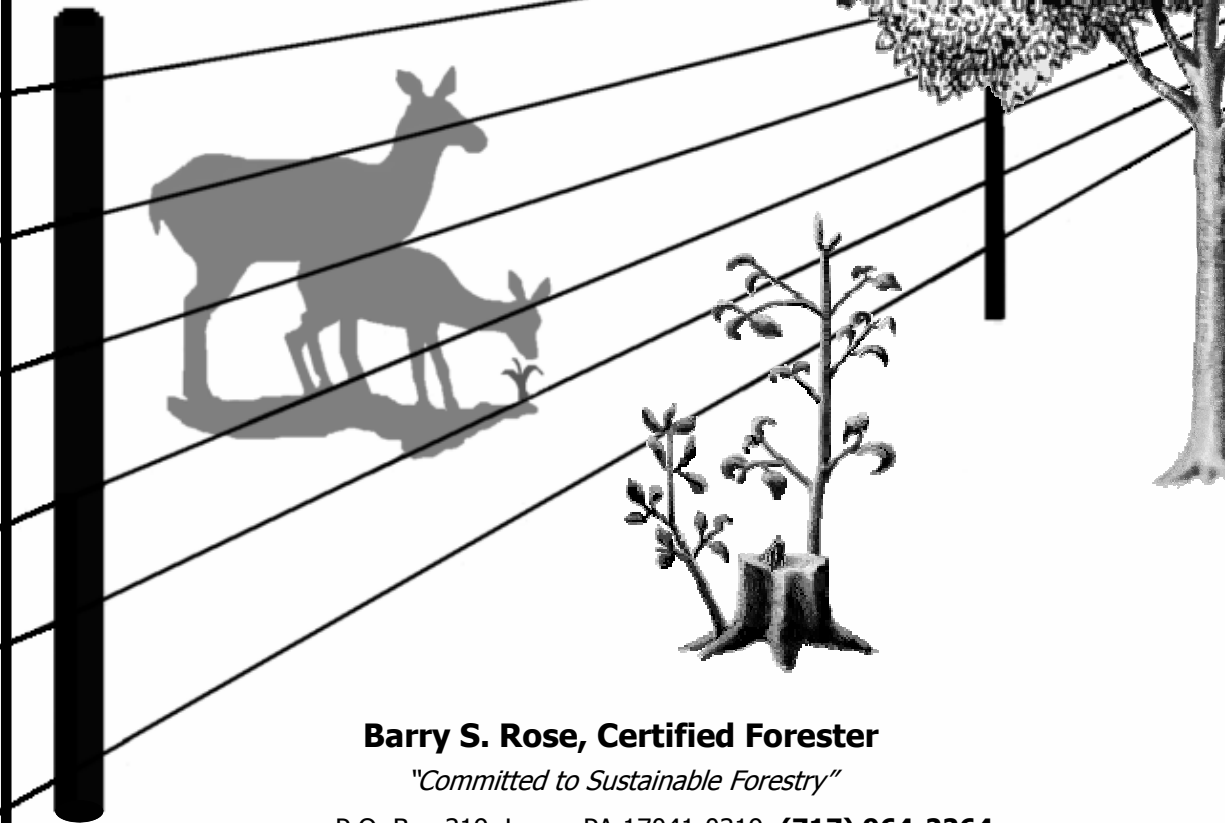


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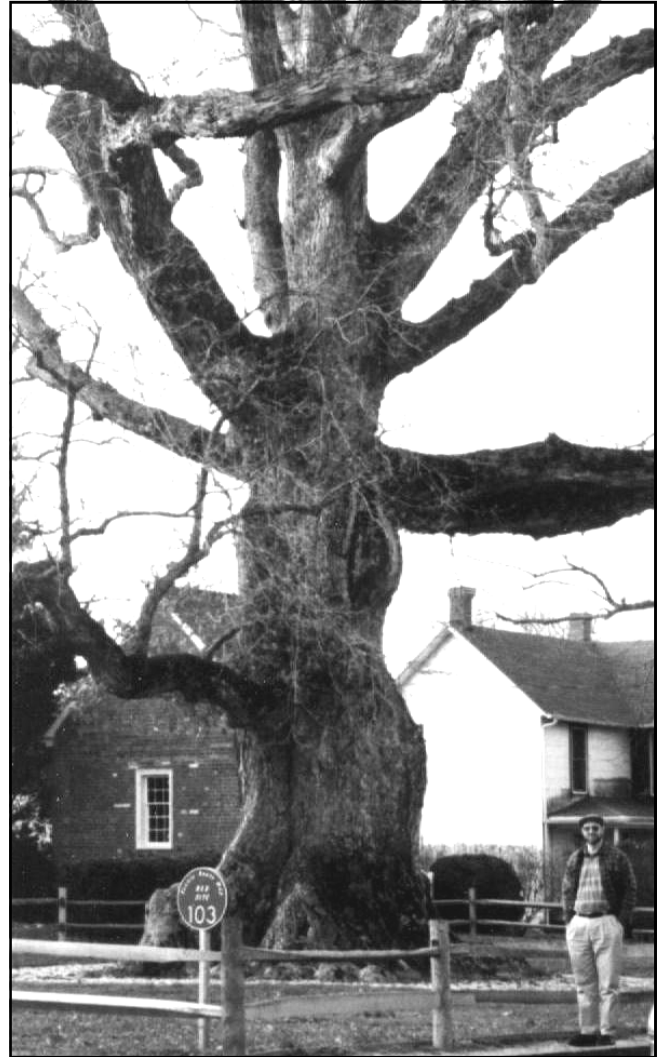
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Cover Story

Alternative energy, specifically Land Issues Relating to Wind Energy, is the main topic at the Allegheny SAF Summer meeting to be held in July at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown campus in its Living and Learning Center. See pages 24-25 for more information and a reservation form to send in today!

Chair's Corner

By Kurt Gottschalk, Allegheny SAF Chair



I began my tenure as Chair of the Allegheny Society by accepting the gavel and block that were given to the Society in 1954 by the Governor of Maryland. The gavel and block are made from a branch of the Wye Oak that fell in a thunderstorm in October 1953. The Wye Oak was, for a long time, the largest living white oak in the country and the sole occupant of Wye Oak State Park. As most of you know, the Wye Oak finally succumbed during a storm in June 2002. The picture accompanying this column shows me standing beside the Wye Oak (see above). The photo was taken by my wife as we traveled home from the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting that was held in Atlantic City a number of years ago.

The Wye Oak represented a lot of things, but

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a critical one that we as foresters need to remember. That is that trees, forests, and ecosystems are dynamic. We need to continue to push to get that message understood by the people, especially those people who think that if we draw a line around old trees, they will stay the way they are and never change. The dynamics of forests is why we can say that they are a sustainable resource. However, the dynamics are also a challenge to us in managing for sustainability in the face of uncertainty.

Another thing the Wye Oak represented to us is the dominant feature of our forests in the five-state region. Table 1 shows the distribution of forestland area by forest type group with the

region. The fact that 57% of the forestland is in oak-dominated forest types is a significant factor. As we gain knowledge on the dynamics of oak-dominated forests, the role of disturbance factors in maintaining oak is apparent. Yet, many of our oak-dominated forests are not getting the right types and frequencies of disturbance needed to sustain them. As a result, when a disturbance does occur, the effects are usually to further reduce the sustainability of oaks within our area. As has been discussed many times, the ownership pattern of domination by private owners, particularly in small acreages, interacts with disturbance. This complex interaction of disturbance agents and processes creates additional management challenges to us.

Table 1. Acres of forestland in the five-state Allegheny Society of American Foresters region (from US Forest Service, FIA on-line data March 2008).

Forest Type Group	Major Ownership Group		
	Total	Public	Private
White Red Jack Pine	540,513	98,067	442,446
Loblolly Shortleaf Pine	1,085,841	514,862	570,979
Other Softwoods	288,706	128,554	160,153
Oak Pine	1,148,380	281,287	867,093
Oak Hickory	17,769,290	3,841,236	13,928,053
Oak Gum Cypress	319,596	114,965	204,631
Maple Beech Birch	11,643,927	2,968,866	8,675,061
Other Hardwoods	845,082	139,249	705,832
Non-stocked	181,912	16,898	165,014
Total	33,823,247	8,103,985	25,719,262



As we look ahead for the next two years, I think that we will continue to have a strong Allegheny SAF that can withstand many storms, just as the Wye Oak did for many centuries. I look forward to working with the officers of the Society, Divisions, and Chapters to continue to move us forward. My phone and email are always open, so please feel free to use them. Finally, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to **Dr. Kim Steiner** (shown at right passing the Allegheny Chair gavel to me) for his leadership over the last two years, and welcome **Dr. Mary Ann Fajvan** as our new Chair-Elect. 🌿

Penn State Mont Alto 20th ANSAF Quiz Bowl Champs

By Steve Resh, ANSAF Student Quiz Bowl Coordinator

The 20th Student Quiz Bowl held at the Winter Meeting of the Allegheny SAF in Carlisle, PA will not be remembered as the biggest contest ever held, but it just may capture the title of the most exciting one ever held! Three schools competed for the coveted crown in Carlisle, PA: Allegheny College of Maryland, Penn State Mont Alto and Penn State University Park.

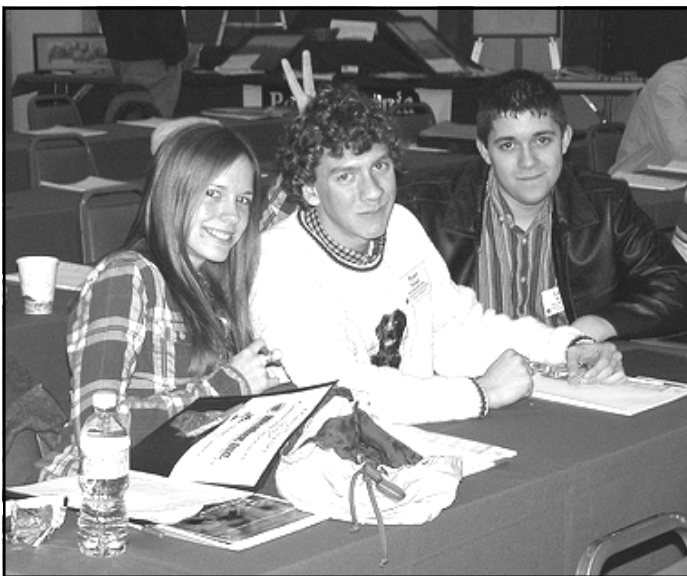
A lottery saw the Allegheny College of Maryland team of **Melissa Stevens, Nathan Beeman** and **Brian Duvall** take on the University Park team of **John Schwartzen, Erin Stewart** and **Charlie Kirkpatric**. Allegheny dug themselves into a pretty deep hole by missing several questions at the beginning of the round but fought back to give the Nittany Lions a good battle. University Park moved into the championship round by defeating Allegheny 70-35.

The championship round was a real nail biter! Several lead changes had the Quiz Bowl Coordinator digging through the rules to determine how ties were broken. In the end, the **Penn State Mont Alto** team comprised of **Chance Yeckley, Eric Monger** and **Frank Grano Jr.** were able to pull away by 10 points to claim victory. It basically came down to one question difference between winning and second place. Both schools deserve a "well done".

The Quiz Bowl Committee would like to congratulate all those students who were willing to risk humiliation in order to make this exciting event take place. Any member who witnessed the contest this year would surely tell you that there was no humiliation deserved, because everyone was impressed at the ability of the participants to answer some very tough questions. The Committee would also like to thank our three judges who made the contest possible. They were **Paul Erickson, Ken Jolly** and **Tim Kane**. We can only hope that next year's contest will be equally exciting, and that several additional schools will be willing to put their reputation on the line for the enjoyment of all. 🌿



Steve Resh congratulates 2008 Student Quiz Bowl Champs Chance Yeckley, Eric Monger, and Frank Grano, Jr. (photo by Peter Linehan)



2007 SAF Fellows



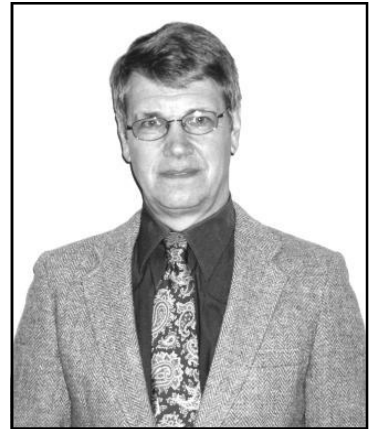
Kim C. Steiner CF

Kim Steiner was a charter member of the first student chapter of SAF, established in 1969 at Colorado State University, and he has been a full member continuously since graduation in 1970. He has held numerous offices in SAF at the chapter, regional, and national level, including most recently Chair of Allegheny SAF, General Chair of the 2006 National Convention, membership on the Committee on Accreditation, and editor of the Northern Journal of Applied Forestry. Since 1974 he has been a member of the faculty of the School of Forest Resources, Penn State, where he currently pursues research in forest biology, teaches, and directs the development of The Arboretum at Penn State. He is a member of the Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee to the Pennsylvania DCNR, the advisory committee to Purdue's Hardwood Tree Improvement and

Regeneration Center, and the Boards of Directors of The American Chestnut Foundation, the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, and the Mt. Nittany Conservancy.

Peter H. Miller, CF

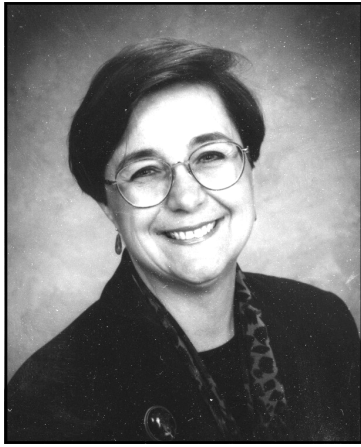
Pete Miller has been a member of SAF for over 25 years, joining as a student. He was raised on the campus of the New York State Ranger School, and attended the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. Miller's career took a variety of steps to his current position as Administration Supervisor for NewPage Corporation. He began as a forester/logger in New York, then as a research technician for SUNY ESF's Newcomb campus, and returned to logging again before securing employment at the Luke mill. Pete was manager of a collection woodyard, advanced to field forester and administrative forester prior to earning his current position in 2005. He has worked for the Luke mill for 24 years, through three corporate changes. As a member of SAF, Pete has been editor of early editions of the Allegheny News, has served on several committees, received the Allegheny SAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award, and completed his Certified Forester in 2002. He has also served on the board of governors of the Maryland Forests Association, including one term as president, was chair of the MD/DE Master Logger committee, and has been a member of the MD/DE Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee since its inception, currently serving as chair.



William F. Brash, Jr.



Bill Brash began his SAF involvement in 1985 and has performed many duties for the New Jersey Division over the past 22 years. He was the second ever recipient of the Silas B. Little Award for "outstanding visible participation, superior service, professional achievement and contribution to the affairs of the NJ Division SAF." Bill received his BSF from West Virginia University and his MA in Environmental Science from Montclair State College. He is currently employed as Director for Mercer County Soil Conservation District, and is certified as a NJ Approved Consulting Forester, a NJ Certified Tree Expert, and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control. Brash serves on the Forest Advisory Council of Rutgers University, is a member of the NJ Community Forestry Council, and received the Green Community Award for Individual Contribution to Community Forestry. Bill has emphasized partnerships between natural resource agencies and sought ways to integrate traditional forestry and the skills foresters can bring to Community Forestry and Soil Conservation professions. 🌿



District VII Council Report

By Mary Coulombe, CF, SAF District VII Representative

This report covers the March Council meeting where a number of items were discussed and acted upon that should be of high interest to members of the Allegheny and National Capital Societies:

The SAF Headquarters property sale continues to move forward. The potential buyer, Nation's Academy, is proceeding with the necessary work with the county on zoning and other issues. The relocation task group, headed by **John Moser**, reported that the group had met a number of times to consider options for the new location of the national office. Based on the criteria that Council had provided, the task force recommended that the office be located in the Washington

DC area (including D.C., Maryland, and Northern Virginia). Council approved this recommendation. Work will now proceed with a commercial firm to look at suitable properties in this area.

Insurance: Michael Goergen reported on the work with our Insurance agent related to supplemental insurance for chapter, state, division, and national meeting field trips, and other activities. It is very important that all SAF units identify and plan activities, not included in the national blanket policy, as far ahead as possible. Given some units experiences, coverage can be low or even at no additional cost with adequate pre-planning and communications with the agent. One example is Oregon SAF, which you may want to contact for more information. The national office will develop a check list for units to use to facilitate work with the agent. At this time, SAF will not buy a national supplemental insurance policy for field trips.

Fellows Awards: I know that there have been some concerns over the recognition of Fellows. Council agreed local units will be notified of elected Fellows and certificates for awards provided to those units so that there will be proper recognition of the new Fellows by their local unit. In addition, there will be a Fellows Breakfast at the 2008 Reno convention for those Fellows that can make it to the convention. This is a new activity and we hope that it provides a special event for our Fellows.

Standard Minimum By-Laws: Council approved the revisions to the standard minimum by-laws for SAF units. Units can adopt these minimums as they make changes to their by-laws. The biggest change is the addition of the option for electronic voting. The document can be found at the website link <http://www.safnet.org/members/member-pw/leadertools.cfm>

CFE requirements: We heard that there has been confusion and concerns about the new CFE process. Louise Murgia said there will be an article in the April "Forestry Source" on the new requirements for the award of CFE credits which should answer questions for those who provide activities eligible for credits.

Federal Employee Participation in Leadership Positions in SAF: Michael Goergen reported on a letter sent to the Office of Government Ethics, signed by a number of professional societies and a meeting that was held with people from the office. The bottom line is that there are different interpretations by federal agencies of the applications of the law, but the Office of Governmental Ethics cannot influence those opinions at the Departmental level. They said that the solution will have to lie with a change in the underlying statute. Michael Goergen will work with the other professional societies to try to develop a strategy for new legislation.

National Convention – November 5-9, 2008: The theme is "Forestry in a Climate of Change" and it looks like it will be a terrific opportunity for SAF members to learn, network, and expand your professional knowledge and experiences. Please put it on your calendar. Registration is available now on the SAF website.

That's it for now. As always, feel free to contact me at mary.j.coulombe@usace.army.mil or via telephone 202-761-1228 (work) or 703-352-4460 (home). 🌱

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

2007 Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCES (on January 1, 2007)

1. Checking Account	\$11,362.64 ¹
2. Endowment Savings	\$48,292.56

1. CHECKING ACCOUNT

CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME:

2007 Allegheny Dues	\$11,728.75 ²
2007 Div/Chp dues (pass-through)	\$ 4,399.75
2007 Winter Meeting-MD/DE Division	\$ 151.25
2007 Summer Meeting-NJ Division	\$ 500.00
Training Pass-Through	\$ 554.00 ³
Allegheny News Donations	\$ 800.00
Convention Host Funds	\$10,000.00
Convention Poster Sale	\$ 170.00
Donation to Foresters Fund (pass-through)	\$ 439.00
Foresters fund grant fund pass-through	\$ 800.00
R. Forbes Art Show Donation	\$ 50.00
Total Checking Account Income:	\$29,592.75

CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSES:

2007 Div/Chp dues (pass through)	\$ 4,399.75
HSD Assessment	\$ 529.20
Allegheny News (3 issues/bulk mail - 1 e-mail)	\$ 7435.72
Executive Director Stipend/Expenses	\$ 7470.00
Awards	\$ 77.52
Student Travel	\$ 600.00
Training Pass Thru	\$ 554.00 ³
Foresters Fund Donation pass-through to National	\$ 439.00
Foresters Fund grant fund pass-through	\$ 800.00
Supplies	\$ 55.41 ⁴
Website Expenses	\$ 173.27
Total Checking Account Expenses:	\$22,533.87

CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME LESS EXPENSES: \$ 7,058.88

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2007: \$18,421.52¹

2. ENDOWMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Beginning Balance	\$ 48,292.56 ⁵
Endowment Fund Contributions	\$ 75.00
Interest	\$ 714.14

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF 12/31/07: \$ 49,081.70⁶

Respectfully Submitted by:
Rachel R. Billingham
 Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer

¹ There are currently six checks that have not yet cleared that were written a long time ago (totaling \$375.25). This figure was calculated as if those checks had cleared.

² This amount consists of dues that were collected for the dues year 2007 (as a reference point, we collected \$12,245.75 in 2006 dues).

³ ANSAF served as the conduit for a US Forest Service Forest Legacy training session in 2007. Funds were simply passed through ANSAF.

⁴ Checks and photocopies.

⁵ Note that \$5,248.48 of these funds were liquid as of 1/1/07.

⁶ Note that \$5,962.62 of these funds were liquid as of 12/31/07.

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2008

Attendees:

Allegheny Officers: K. Steiner, Imm. Past Chair; R. Billingham, Sec/Treas; R. Seifert, C. Newlon, S. Resh, N. Karger, B. Elison, Exec. Cmte Members; J. Winieski, Ex. Dir.; Division/Chapter Officers and Committee Representatives: K. Jolly, HSD Cmte Chair; D. Tavella, NJ Div. Chair; A. Plaughter, WV Div. Chair; H. Wurzbacher, PA Div. Chair/Awards Cmte Chair; J. Kays, MD/DE Div. Chair; J. Stuffle, Valley Forge Ch. Chair; M. Kusko, Keystone Chap. Chair; J. Snyder, N. Hardwood Ch. Chair; R. Merrill, Rothrock Ch. Chair; A. Ayers, Plateau Ch. Chair; T. Kaden; Policy/Legislative Cmte Chair; M. Webb, Education Cmte Chair

Minutes from Previous Executive Committee Meeting:

Motion to accept by S. Resh; second by H. Wurzbacher. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Reports (R. Billingham):

The 2007 Treasurer's Report indicates a profit of \$7,058.88. This is due to the \$10,000 donation received from the national office for hosting the 2006 National Convention. Had we not received that donation, we would have been in the red for 2007. Current checking account balance: \$21,306.14. Endowment savings account balance: \$49,159.70 (\$5,962.62 of these funds are liquid). A donation is expected from the MD/DE Division from last year's meeting in MD. The motion to accept the reports was made by S. Resh and seconded by B. Elison. The Treasurer's Reports were approved. We need clarifications on current treasurers for all divisions and chapters. A motion was made that J. Kays, K. Gottschalk, R. Billingham, K. Steiner, and R. Sheay get together to discuss some additional options for our endowment fund. They are given the authority to make the final decision regarding where to put these funds. The motion was made by N. Karger and seconded by S. Resh.

HSD Report (K. Jolly):

K. Gottschalk is ANSAF's representative to the House of Society Delagates (HSD) for 2008-2009. HSD includes representatives of all chairs of state and multi-state societies. The last action item recommended to HSD by ANSAF was regarding the gradual increase of student dues to professional dues. This was accepted at the time but was recently changed. HSD recently made four recommendations to Council: 1. Provide state societies information on electronic elections. This year only 35% of the membership voted, which is down from the previous year (previously higher than 40%). Note that electronic voting did increase participation in the ANSAF - 2. Resolve the insurance issue. It turns out that SAF's insurance policy only covers indoor meetings. We have been conducting meetings without insurance for many years. The proper insurance would cost \$100K per year and still would not cover all the activities going on at the local meetings. Events that include guns or alcohol are problems for the insurance policy. Council should look into this and evaluate the options. Perhaps SAF should talk to national 4-H and Boy Scouts leadership about the insurance issue, as they have dealt with this. 3. Regarding the possible change of SAF's name: HSD recommends not changing the name 4. HSD established a national recognition award intended to recognize chapters, divisions, or societies that do something outstanding and give them publicity. This is the first year for this award. Any ANSAF nominations will go through K. Gottschalk.

K. Jolly is HSD chair for 2008. He sits in on Council meetings and recently attended the December meeting. Most people have heard that SAF has entered into a contract to sell the SAF national office building. This contract is handled in executive discussions at Council. The transaction was ratified at the December Council meeting. A task force is being set up to discuss where the office will move after the building is sold. The Portland convention attracted almost 2300 attendees (15% or so of SAF

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membership). Note that SAF has been in the black financially since 2003. In 2007, there was a net gain of \$200K in revenue. In 2008, \$40K is available for Foresters Fund grants (every grant submitted last year was funded). Please take advantage of this opportunity. SAF has created a report from its recent membership survey. Overall, most members say that the value they get out of SAF is moderate to high. Our member satisfaction ranks higher than many other organizations. Most of the members that did not indicate high value referenced the cost of membership as a big deterrent. It is important to note that our membership dues only take care of 60% of the total cost of running the organization. Members felt that accreditation was very important but were split on the CF credential. Members use the website but feel that it needs improvement. Members also indicated that working groups need to be more active/established and that networking through policy important. Local-level amenities and networking are important. The national office wants to use the information from the survey to target member recruitment and member retention efforts. They are also looking at establishing a group forester certification process. If you have issues that you would like to have HSD discuss, contact K. Jolly or K. Gottschalk. The next Council meeting is in March. Leadership Academy will be held this year, possibly somewhere in the southeastern US. You will hear about it as soon as a facility is located. Typical attendance is between 50-75.

Executive Director Report (J. Winieski):

Last year we ran two electronic issues. The savings was approximately \$839/issue. There were some difficulties: problems getting the correct addresses for hard copies; difficult time reaching the number of hard copies needed to send bulk mail. He is considering sending the newsletter to local libraries, school libraries, political folks, and other such venues. He is also considering putting the first class mailers into the bulk mail listing. There is also some trouble with keeping email addresses up-to-date between national office and our list serve. K. Steiner has a group of students that are working on correcting current email addresses for the list serve. Note that all advertisers have renewed except one. There was also some confusion last year over the elections as to who was responsible for hard copy ballots to those with no email addresses. We will work on resolving this for the next election. The National Convention is in Reno this year, Orlando next year and maybe Albuquerque the following year. J. Winieski and the national office need all election information from the divisions and chapters. There was a suggestion that HSD have a contest for the best newsletter. Ken will mention it to HSD.

J. Purdue is willing to take on the responsibility to become the quasi permanent contact for the list serve. He is currently authorized to post to the list serve. All current officers will be authorized to post to the list serve. Everything that needs to be posted should be sent to be J. Purdue.

A motion was made to prepare two email copies and two hard copies of the Allegheny News in 2008. Then, after K. Steiner's students have cleared up the email list, an email will be sent to the membership asking them whether or not they want to opt for four electronic copies. The people who opt in will receive the newsletter electronically; the others will continue to receive it as usual. This motion was made by B. Elison and seconded by M. Webb. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Program Committee (N. Karger): Upcoming schedule:

- Summer 2008: July 16-18 - Gateway Chapter - at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown campus, wind and alternative energy
- Winter 2009: Rothrock Chapter hosts
- Summer 2009: Northern Hardwood Chapter hosts
- Winter 2010: West Virginia Division hosts
- Summer 2010: Pinchot Chapter hosts
- Winter 2011: Plateau Chapter hosts

- Summer 2011: Maryland/Delaware Division hosts
- Winter 2012: New Jersey Division hosts

The Annual Meeting Guide will be added as a link to website. N. Karger will send it to J. Purdue. The next edit will encompass the insurance issue. He will also add the suggestion to update registration sheets with a student sponsorship line.

Quiz Bowl (S. Resh): The Quiz Bowl at this meeting is our 20th quiz bowl. Penn State University Park, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn College, and Allegany College will compete.

Awards (H. Wurzbacher): This year we are only giving out one award: Teri Batchelor will receive the Outstanding Service to Forestry award. Howard desperately needs responses to his call for nominations. We have many deserving people in ANSAF but we have a lack of nominations. The leadership must respond to this call. Scott Kurtzman was submitted for outstanding field forester but was not selected by the Council Representative (each Council Representative is allowed to submit one nominee). Peter Miller became a Fellow this year. He received certificate in the mail. This is not a good way to receive the honor of becoming a Fellow. K. Jolly will mention this to HSD as a problem. These certificates and pins should be mailed to the Chair. Steiner also became a fellow. Steiner received the Golden Membership Certificates: Melvin D. Clausen, Northern Hardwoods Chapter; Ralph E. Heilig Jr., Keystone Chapter; Elwood L Shafer Jr., Rothrock Chapter; Joesph E. Tekel, WV Division; and Hermann O. Warth, who currently lives in Germany.

Education (M. Webb): S. Jaquith would like to do an SAF ethics seminar in conjunction with future ANSAF meetings. He proposed doing this at the end of the first full day during the quiz bowl. The cost to participants would be \$20-\$30, which would cover materials. Organizers need to take the training at a cost of \$99 each. The Executive Committee liked the idea but wants to avoid scheduling this at the same time as the quiz bowl. The University of Georgia has been doing this for some time and the trainings have been very successful. A motion was made to allow M. Webb's committee to use up to \$600 of educational endowment funds to work with S. Jaquith on this project to plan ethics trainings to begin at the Winter 2009 meeting. The motion was made by J. Kays and seconded by J. Winieski. The motion passed.

Membership (M. Fajvan via handout): ANSAF membership decreased by 1.2%, which is less than last year. However, membership has decreased by 3.6% in the last two years. ANSAF's goal was to increase membership to 1,056 but ended up with 1023, which was 33 members under our goal.

OLD BUSINESS

Operations Manual (K. Steiner): Steiner will make sure he sends the most recent copy to the executive committee. J. Purdue will put the manual on the website. All of the pieces are there, it just needs to be properly linked.

Website (K. Steiner): We need to draft a charter for the webmaster responsibilities. The list serve responsibilities will be added to it. The webmaster will then become an official position on the Executive Committee. We need to disable the old ANSAF website. J. Winieski will take care of this.

Archives (K. Steiner): K. Steiner is still working on finding a place to put our archives, which are currently housed at the Pennsylvania Forestry Association office. Perhaps we will consider applying for a Foresters Fund grant to pay someone to organize our archives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget (R. Billingham):

The 2008 budget is as follows (this includes the several corrections made at the meeting):

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Projected Income:

	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual Received as of 2/13/08</u>
2008 Dues ¹	\$11,728.75	\$ 6,392.50
Section Meetings ²	\$ 1,500.00 - \$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
Newsletter Contributions ³	\$ 500.00 - \$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Voluntary Contributions⁴	\$ 100.00 - \$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Totals:	\$13,828.75 - \$16,728.75	\$ 6,392.50

¹ Last year's dues collection was used for the projection.

² This figure represents the range between the minimum contribution expected from the respective Division/Chapter that hosts the Allegheny Section Meetings (e.g. the minimum expected from the Winter Meeting is \$1,000 and \$500 from the Summer Meeting) and a guesstimated "maximum" (e.g., in the past, Divisions/Chapters have contributed significantly above the minimum level - in 2004, the Meeting Hosts contributed \$3,000). However, it should also be realized that on a few occasions when the Section meetings were not very profitable, or money was actually lost, no contribution has been made.

³ MeadWestvaco has agreed to donate \$500 for one issue of the newsletter each year.

Projected Expenses:

	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual Expenses as of 2/13/08</u>
HSD Assessment	\$ 529.20	\$ 0.00
Allegheny News	\$ 7,450.00 ⁵	\$ 1,291.98 ⁶
Exec. Director Stipend/Expenses	\$ 7,720.00	\$ 1,930.00
Chair Nat. Convention Expenses ⁷	\$ 0.00 - \$1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Student Travel ⁸	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00
Website	\$ 144.00	\$ 166.70 ¹⁰
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Administrative ⁹	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Totals:	\$17,143.20 - \$18,143.20	\$ 3,508.68

⁵ This includes two print issues and two electronic issues of the *Allegheny News*.

⁶ This includes one electronic version of the *Allegheny News*. Note that this is \$857 cheaper than last year's print issue.

⁷ If the Chair can get his employer to cover travel expenses, this may not be needed.

⁸ \$400 for Winter Meeting travel support (\$100 per school), \$500 for National Convention Travel Support.

⁹ Postage, etc.

¹⁰ This is the price for 5 years of web service.

The motion to approve the corrected budget was made by N. Karger and seconded by K. Steiner. The budget was approved.

IRS Issues (K. Jolly/K. Steiner): If any subdivision of SAF earns more than \$20,000 in income in a calendar year, it must submit its own financial statements to the IRS. Any division or chapter in the ANSAF that is using the same Tax ID number as the ANSAF counts towards the ANSAF's \$20,000 limit and must report all financial information to the Secretary/Treasurer, R. Billingham. Those that are using their own Tax ID numbers will need to file their own papers as appropriate.

CEU Issues (J. Kays): There are many differences in the way CEUs are assigned. He is concerned that meetings such as forest landowner meetings will count towards CEUs when they may not really meet the purpose of CEUs. M. Vodak, the ANSAF CEU contact says that he rarely receives calls. Louise Murgia at the national office has taken over CFE responsibilities. M. Powell is the coordinator for PA. M, Vodak needs to look into who the state CEU coordinators are and contact them. He will find out what is going on with CEUs at the national office, as they are launching a brand new system. Louise Murgia needs to

know who the state contacts are. M. Vodak will report back at the next meeting.

REPORTS OF DIVISIONS AND CHAPTERS

PA Division (H. Wurzbacher): The PA Division will have a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society on March 21-22. They are also seeking sponsors for upcoming PA forester licensing legislation. If you know of anyone, contact J. Snyder. Members of the Deer/Forest Committee recently provided testimony prior to the January PA Game Commission meeting in opposition to the proposal to study a change in season formats in four wildlife management units throughout the state.

WV Division (A. Plaugher): The division has been recognizing excellence in reforestation of mineland. They have also submitted comments to the federal government on the Monongahela wilderness proposal. They will support whatever the Monongahela decides.

Keystone (M. Kusko): We have a great meeting planned and hope everyone enjoys it. We hope to have elections very soon.

Rothrock (R. Merrill): They are busy planning next year's winter meeting.

Valley Forge (J. Stuffle): They are planning four chapter meetings for the coming year.

MD/DE Division (J. Kays): A wind turbine proposal on state land has created much interest in their area.

Motion to adjourn.

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

General Business Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2007

Brief reports were given of all information discussed in the Executive Committee meeting on February 13. We are still working to stem the loss of members. It was better this year but we hope to continue to improve. There is a big loss of membership when dues jump up to the professional level.

The deadline for items to be included in the Allegheny News is March 15, 2008.

Please remember to sign in for CEUs. The national office is working on implementing more formal guidelines on how CEUs are assigned. Currently, the national office will assign credits. Credits must be assigned in advance of your meeting.

Leadership Academy will be held this year sometime in May. Please consider attending this excellent training opportunity.

HSD will give out a national recognition award this year to a state/multi-state society, division or chapter that has done something outstanding. Please feel free to nominate your chapter.

Many members are upset at the casual way Golden Members are given their awards. These people have given many years of dedication to SAF. We should personally invite them to the meeting to receive their awards. We need to know whether or not they are attending and should at least pay for them to attend the banquet. We can also work to recognize them at the summer meeting if they cannot attend the winter meeting.

S. Jaquith will be hosting an ethics seminar as part of next year's winter meeting. Please keep an eye out for information on this opportunity and consider attending. Jaquith would like some help specifically from an industry forester. If you are interested, please contact him.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, **Rachel Billingham, Secretary/Treasurer**

ANSAF 50-Year "Golden" Members

In recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the Society of American Foresters and to the profession, SAF Golden members receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation commemorating their career milestone from SAF President Tom Thompson. SAF also rewards its Golden Members by waiving their membership dues in perpetuity. Please take a moment at your next meeting to congratulate the following Allegheny Golden Members:

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West Virginia	New Jersey	Ralph E. Heilig, Jr.	Germany
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		Elwood L. Shafer, Jr.	

SAF Student Wins Grand Prize in Allegheny SAF's 34th Annual Reginald Forbes Art Show

By Charlie Newlon CF, Chair of Forbes Art Show

Perhaps the only long running Art Show like it in all of SAF was again a traditional part of the winter Allegheny SAF meeting held in Carlisle, PA in February 2008. For the first time, the Grand Prize winner was an SAF student member. **Tiffany Roddy**, Mt. Alto College of Penn State University won for her hand illustrated booklet on *Forest Diseases of North Louisiana*. The Art Show contest, which has been held each winter since 1974, is named after the late **Reginald E. Forbes**, who was Chairman of the Allegheny SAF in 1932. The **Robert LaBar** family continues to Sponsor the Art Show in memory of Bob, a former Allegheny Chair, who was a frequent Art Show supporter and entrant.



Left to right: Charlie Newlon, Contest Chair; Mt. Alto SAF student **Tiffany Roddy Grand Prize Winner**; Mary Ann Fajvan for Evan; Chrissy Harrigan for Johanna Hurd; Dennis Galway; Frank Hennion for Marilyn; Kurt Gottschalk; Annetta Ayers; Rachael Billingham for Rob and herself; and Teri Batchelor. Not shown: George Cline and Catherine Carter (Photo courtesy of Alex Day)

Robert LaBar family continues to Sponsor the Art Show in memory of Bob, a former Allegheny Chair, who was a frequent Art Show supporter and entrant.

This year there was a total of 20 entries in the contest. Tiffany Roddy won Grand Prize over all the entrants, plus SAF Student category: 3-Dimensional Art, 1st prize and Flat Art, 1st and 2nd prize. Other winners were:

Open Class - Flat art, **Marilyn Hennion** 1st and 2nd prize; **Rob Billingham** 3rd prize, **Rachel Billingham** and **Johanna Hurd** Honorable Mention.

Open Class - Photo art, **Kurt Gottschalk** 1st prize (tie) and **Peter Linchan** 1st prize (tie); **Dennis Galway** 2nd prize (tie) and **Annetta Ayers** 2nd prize (tie); **Catherine Winieski Carter** 3rd prize (tie), **Annetta Ayers** 3rd prize (tie); **Kurt Gottschalk** and **Annetta Ayers** Honorable Mention.

Open class - Sculpture, **George Cline** 1st Prize and Honorable mention.

Open Class - 3-Dimensional Art, **Teri Batchelor** 1st prize.

Kids Category-**Evan Fajvan Lynn**, 1st prize.

Congratulations to all! 🌸

Preparing the Foresters of Tomorrow

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, February 13-15, 2008 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

By Craig T. Houghton

In the afternoon session on February 14, we heard **Terry Clark** talk about SAF Accreditation of Forest Technology Programs and updates from ANSAF Forestry School educators (West Virginia University, Penn State, PSU Mont Alto, Allegheny College of Maryland and Penn College of Technology). Following these presentations, six employer groups (Local Government; State, Federal, and Consulting Forestry; Forest Industry; University) each listed "What employers want to see in recent forestry graduates" and "Issues facing forestry." Thirty-six students from the Allegheny College of Maryland, Penn State

University Park and Penn State Mont Alto listed Effective Teaching Styles and Forestry Curriculum Changes they would like to see.

The interactive session, with over 100 participants, was a departure from the usual meeting format and everyone learned from it, especially the students who attended. Following the breakout session, each group leader reported the skills their group thought were most important. The forestry graduate skills include knowledge and personal skills and traits that employers look for. A Want Ad from any of the groups would look like:

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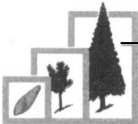
1. Communication & People Skills - excellent written & verbal skills - is a good listener and can make forestry relevant to diverse audiences.
2. Technology & Computer Skills - a strong knowledge of GPS, GIS and data management
3. Forestry Skills - knows dendrology, mensuration, silviculture and has strong field skills.
4. Business of Forestry - can market timber, understands land use regulations and accounting.

Successful candidates must also have a valid driver's license, a good work ethic, be self-motivated, work well unsupervised and in teams, be ethical, organized, and can think!

Other desirable skills and traits include a PASSION for the work, understanding the inter-relationships between natural resources and people, and recognize that A DEGREE IS NOT A TRADEMARK OF A FINISHED PRODUCT, BUT ONLY A LICENSE TO LEARN!

The Student group thought effective teaching styles included more hands-on, field experience, with smaller classes led by teachers who liked their subjects and students! If the students could change their forestry curriculum, they would focus more on tree care and less on timber, have fewer general education courses and require more use of technology (GIS), chain saws, heavy equipment and provide the opportunity to get a Commercial Driver's License and set up timber sales.


If you would like a copy of the Breakout Group Summary - Desired Skills and Issues please email me directly at cth2@psu.edu, and I will send you the four-page document. 🌿



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2007 Allegheny SAF Awards

By Howard Wurzbacher, ANSAF Awards Chair

Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award

Teresa Batchelor, of the MD/DE SAF recently received the 2007 Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award at the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting in Carlisle, PA on February 14, 2008. The Bauer award recognizes professional accomplishment and service to the Society of American Foresters over a career time span, and is named in memory of Bob Bauer, former Allegheny Chair-Elect after his untimely death in 2002. Candidates for consideration for the award are nominated by Chapter and Division Chairs, and are selected by members of the Awards Committee who represent each State Division within the Allegheny and serve individually and anonymously as part of the selection Committee.

Teri began her forestry education at the University of Maryland College Park in September of 1974 with a Major in Pre-Forestry. She studied in Maryland through December 1976, then transferred to West Virginia University in Morgantown, where she graduated in December 1978 with a BS in Forest Resource Management.

She started her professional career with the Virginia Division of Forestry – Waverly District as a Service Forester in January of 1979. In June of that year, she began employment with the Maryland DNR Forest Service, Central Region, where she was assigned to Baltimore County as Project Forester. In 1981, she transferred to Kent & Queen Anne's County as Project Forester and in May 1995, she was promoted to Upper Shore Project Manager (Eastern Region) covering Caroline, Talbot, Kent & Queen Anne's Counties. She continues to serve as the Upper Shore Project Manger.

In her 28 years in working for the Maryland Forest Service Teri has written over 800 Forest Stewardship Plans covering 36,000 acres of forestland. These detailed forestry recommendations to private forestland owners and assistance with implementation in the methods of managing their woodlots.

An important area for Teri in her forestry

career is that she has implemented reforestation on over 4,500 acres of cutover forestland and open agricultural lands in Baltimore, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. In addition to this she has developed and implemented CREP riparian forest buffer plantings along 73 miles of streams that encompass 1,158 acres of riparian buffers.

In the last 25 years, Teri has reviewed over 800 sediment and erosion control plans on timber harvest operations covering almost 40,000 acres of forestland. She has been an advocate to help loggers in obtaining permits and providing on-site assistance with BMP practices.

Through local county forestry boards over the last 25 years, Teri has been an advocate for Arbor Day Celebrations in both Kent & Queen Anne's Counties, rewarding and recognizing over 2,000 3rd and 5th graders in the County Forestry Board Poster Contest and giving away over 80,000 native tree seedlings. Since 1998, she has assisted with the Kent and Queen Anne's County Envirothon Programs teaching over 180 students basic forestry principles. She recently served on the planning committee for the Delmarva Forestry Landowner's seminar, which was recently offered to forest landowners in Maryland and Delaware.



Teri Batchelor (right) receives her Outstanding Service to Forestry Award from Kurt Gottschalk at the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting

Teri has been a Maryland Licensed Professional Forester since June of 1981. She served as a forester representative on the Maryland Board of Licensing for Professional Foresters for 15 years from July 1989 till July 2004, with five of those years in the leadership position of Vice Chairman of the Board. Teri served on the Board of Governors for the Maryland Forest Association from 1983 through 1989. In 2005, she was appointed by the Governor as the Maryland Forest Service Rep. on the Young Farmer's Advisory Board, and in that position, she was instrumental in proving feedback to the committee on the importance that forestland plays in the operation of family farms. Teri serves on the Upper Shore Stream Tributary Committee along with Middle Chester River & Corsica Watershed Focus Group working towards the overall improvement of water quality. She has been a Certified Arborist since April 2002, which requires completion of 30 credit hours every three years. Teri was awarded the Tree Farmer Bronze award in December 1995, and the Eastern Region Forester of the Year in 1997.

Teri joined SAF as a Student member from January 1977 to January 1979, then as a Member from January 1979 to present. She has served as Newsletter Editor for MD/DE SAF from 1982 to 1986, in the SAF Urban Forestry Working Group, and on a number of committees responsible for setting up and planning various MD/DE SAF meetings and training programs. She was Re-elected to the MD/DE SAF executive committee in November 2007.

Her community & civic organization activities include: the Daughters of the American Legion, Kent County schools parent-teacher groups, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. Teri is a member of Christ United Methodist Church; Chestertown, MD. Through living and working in Kent and Queen Anne's County for over 25 years, Teri has become an important part of the local communities, not only in her civic duties but also as ongoing advocate for the forestry profession. She takes every opportunity to sell the forestry message to the public and local government officials. 🌳



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2008 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting - A Resounding Success

By Michael Kusko, Jr. CF, PA Keystone Chapter Chair

The 2008 SAF Winter Meeting was held at the Hotel Carlisle, in Carlisle, PA, on February 13, 14 and 15. Despite infringing on Valentine's Day and threatening inclement weather, the meeting attracted over 150 people. Keystone SAF is excited to report that **34 student members** were in attendance. The cost of each student's registration fee was completely covered by generous sponsorships from many of our regular members. We were thrilled with this outcome, as were the students themselves (see page 20).

This year's silent auction was the most successful in recent memory (perhaps the most successful in Allegheny SAF history).

The meeting began on Wednesday afternoon with an Executive Committee meeting followed by an evening Icebreaker Reception. Thursday's program featured a full day of presentations addressing such topics as Bioenergy/Alternative Fuels, and Preparing the Foresters of Tomorrow. Without exception, each presentation spawned pertinent questions and lively discussion.

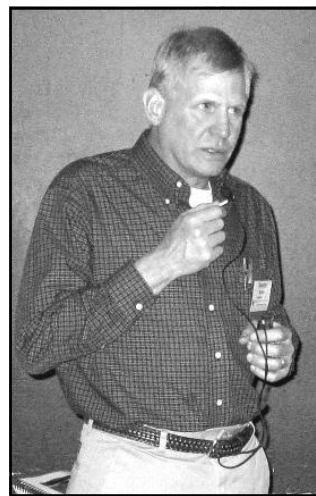
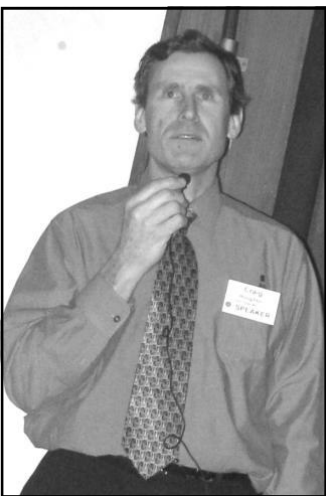
The day's program was followed by the traditional Student Quiz Bowl, in which Penn State Mont Alto won, in a close and exciting final round.



New slate of officers for Allegheny SAF (l to r):
Steve Resh, Charlie Newlon, Ned Karger, Rachel Billingham, Mary Ann Fajvan, and Kurt Gottschalk

The evening banquet ceremonies included the installation of a new slate of officers: **Kurt Gottschalk**, Chair; **Mary Ann Fajvan**, Chair Elect; **Rachel Billingham**, Secretary/Treasurer; **Brad Elison**, **Steve Resh**, **Ned Karger** and **Charlie Newlon**, Executive Committee Members.

Teri Batchelor received the 2007 Bob Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award. Fellow awards were presented to **William F. Brash Jr.**, NJ Division; **Peter H. Miller**, MD/DE Division; and **Kim C. Steiner**, Rothrock Chapter. Fifty-year Golden Member certificates were presented to **Melvin D. Clausen**, Northern Hardwoods Chapter; **Ralph E. Heilig Jr.**, Keystone Chapter; **Elwood L. Shafer Jr.**, Rothrock Chapter; **Joseph E. Tekel**, WV Division; and **Hermann O. Warth**, who



currently lives in Germany. **Ron Sheay** was the lucky winner of the PA Game Commission's beautiful art print, and PA Forestry Association's banquet ticket and drawing was won by **Michael Hale**.

Friday's program began with an inspirational message from our new chairman, Kurt Gottschalk at the Chairman's Breakfast. A PA Division meeting and the Allegheny SAF Business Meeting followed the Chair' Breakfast.

The final presentations covered "Exciting Developments in Bio-Control of Invasive Species," concentrating on new and upcoming developments in the bio-control of some of our peskiest invasive species. This was a very positive and optimistic way to end the meeting.

We raised a total of \$1,349, which was donated to the SAF Science Fund, a new project out of the national office. We were told that our



Michael Kusko, Jr. (right) presents Ron Sheay (left) with the winning art print from the PA Game Commission

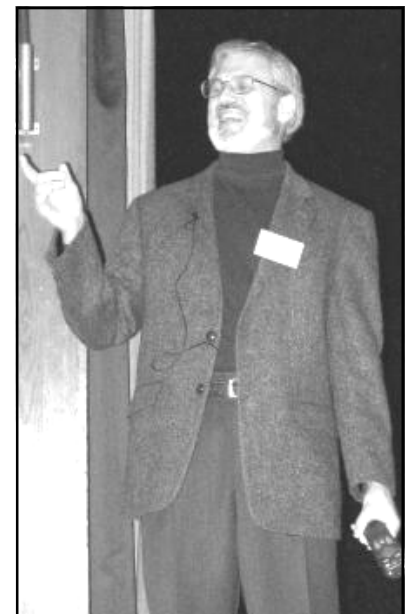
donation increased the amount in the Science Fund coffers by 10%! Allegheny SAF received special notes of thanks from **Michael Goergen**, **Larry Burner**, and **Terry Clark** at the national office – as well as from **Bill Rockwell**, who is the current chair of the SAF Forest Science and Technology Board. Many, many thanks to our generous sponsors: **Weaber, Inc.**, **Mohn's Lumber**, **Glatfelter**, **Penn Forestry Company, Inc.** and **Karl Rosenberry Lumber**.

The Awards Banquet speaker, Mr. Jack Giblin, gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the newly opened US Army Heritage Center in Carlisle. All in all, the 2008 Allegheny SAF meeting was an unqualified success. It's a real shame if you missed it! 🌿



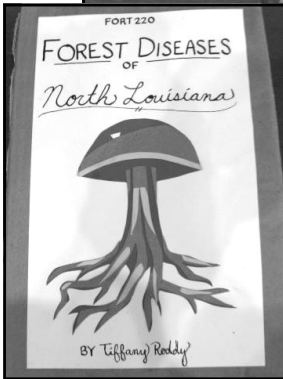
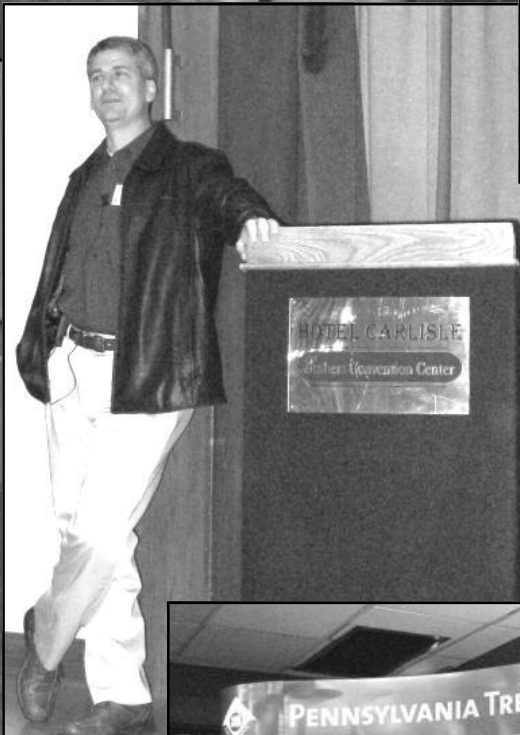
Scott Kurtzman congratulates Mike Hale on winning the 50/50

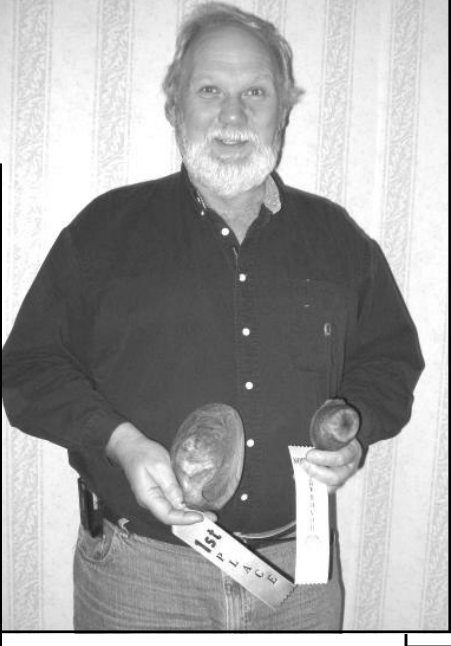
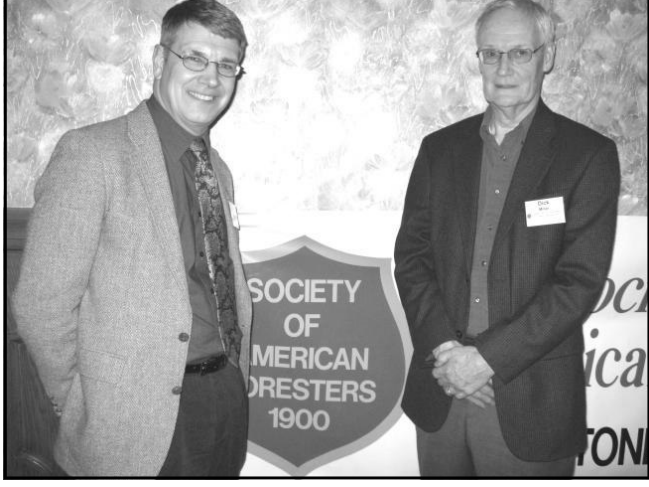
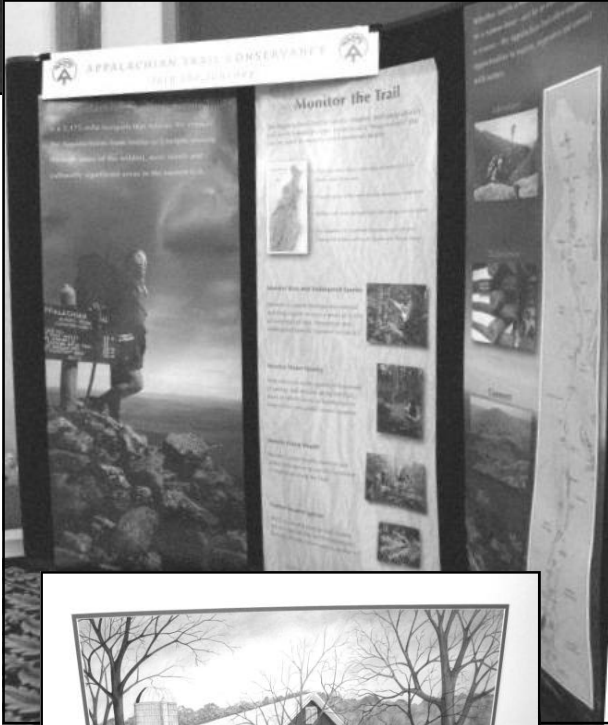
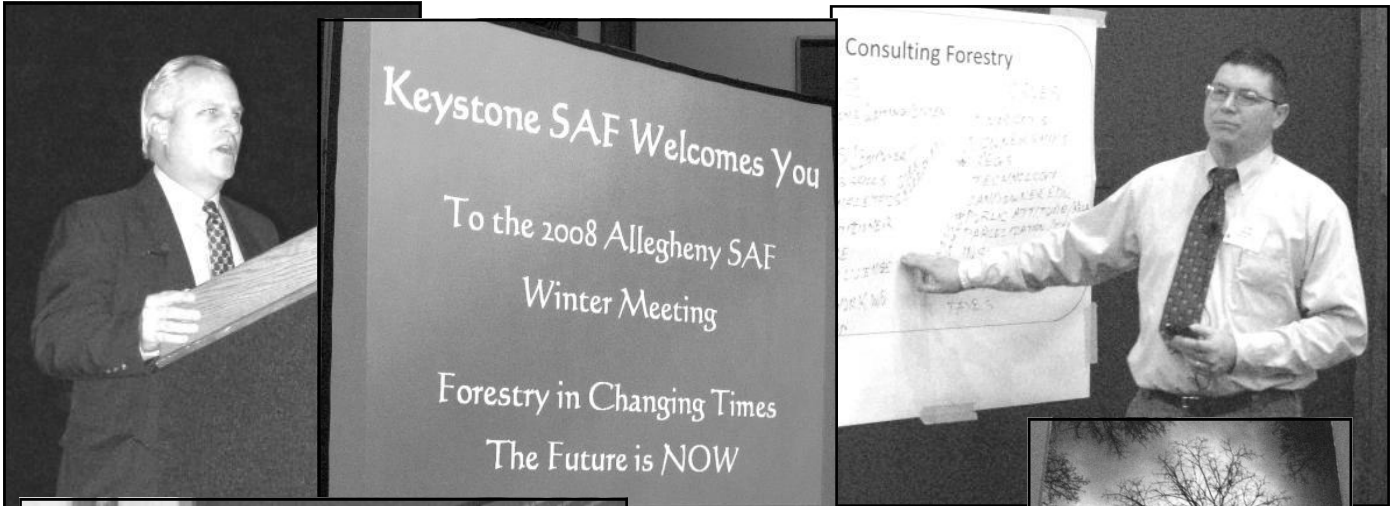
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Winter Meeting Photo Highlights

Photos courtesy of
Charlie Newlon







Students and faculty from **Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State University Park and Allegany College of Maryland** thank all 29 student sponsors who donated 36 student registrations... **Thumbs up! You are great!!**

PA Division SAF – Meeting Minutes

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, Carlisle, PA February 14, 2008

PASAF Chair Howard Wurzbacher called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Winter 2007 Allegheny SAF Meeting in Hagerstown, MD were read and approved by a motion from Mark Webb and a second by Jack Winieski. The motion passed.

The treasurer's report, submitted by Doug D'Amore, was reviewed and approved by a motion from Mark Webb and a second. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: There is an ample supply of CDs left (275). There was discussion as to the possibility of potential sales and advertising to sell the remaining DVDs.

Don Oaks reviewed the current status of the topic of forester licensing in PA. The sunrise report for the legislation has been submitted to the Department of State. Individual legislators are being contacted to gauge levels of support and to seek sponsorship. The whole process is moving forward. Most of the problems that are occurring are with uneducated individuals practicing forestry at a lower level.

NEW BUSINESS: A request was made to update the PA Division Information on the Allegheny SAF website. Howard asked for volunteers to accomplish this task.

We have been asked to develop a poster on the History of Fire in Pennsylvania for the upcoming 2008 National Convention in Reno, NV. A suggestion from the floor was to include individuals from the State Forest Fire Museum.

Blain Puller led a discussion on the current problems with the existing PA Clean and Green Law. There is a coalition of individuals attempting to secure funding for a graduate student at Penn State to thoroughly study the issue and the various combinations of yield and property taxes to bring about a more fair tax. Blain questioned whether the Division would be able help fund this students position and research. A question and discussion was raised as to whether any other individuals would be requesting funds from the Division. A motion was made to provide \$1,500 in funds to Penn State to cover this position and research. A question was asked if this would be a one-time deal or an annual expense. Blain responded that his view is it would be more of a one-time expense. Mac Waskiewicz mentioned that a more equitable Clean and Green tax structure would take care of the issue for the next 15 to 20 years, as the issue usually needs to be revisited in that time frame. Webb made the motion, Wolf seconded and the motion passed after the above discussion.

Howard asked if the Division wanted to supplement the Allegheny Society budget with the amount of \$500. Wolf made the motion, Webb seconded and the motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug D' Amore, PASAF Chair-Elect

“HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA FORESTS” DVD OFFER

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters, Pennsylvania Division working cooperatively with retired State Forester Mr. James C. Nelson, U.S. Forest Service Stewardship Program, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, and Pennsylvania State University has developed a professional quality video tape and DVD of Mr. Nelson’s program on the forest management history of Pennsylvania’s woodlands. The result is a program that can be used by foresters, educators and the general public detailing the history of forest management in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The program shows the tremendous changes that have formed today’s forests and the role of forest management in sustaining the forest ecosystems into the 21st century.

Mr. Nelson’s forestry career has spanned the 20th and 21st centuries. Mr. Nelson personally knew many of the first foresters to work with the Bureau of Forestry plus a number of individuals who had worked in the logging camps and he is still very active in the forestry community being a vocal proponent of ecosystem management, forest health and other issues. Mr. Nelson was born and raised in Ludlow,

PA and spent much of his childhood in some of the last lumber camps that were common across the state at the turn of the century. He followed this with forty-five years of employment with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry. He has an extensive collection of antique logging equipment and the knowledge of how it is used. He has combined his experiences and equipment with many of old the photos and reports found in the Bureau of Forestry’s and various historical societies’ archives into fascinating hour long slide show. This show traces the history of Pennsylvania’s forests from pre-settlement times to the present. Mr. Nelson has repeated this program numerous times for a wide variety of groups and it has always been well received by the audience with many follow up questions.

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PASAF and PATWS Meet In Open Forum

By Howard Wurzbacher, CF

The Pennsylvania Division of SAF and the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society cooperated on a joint meeting on March 21 and 22 in State College, PA. The meeting featured a workshop, with indoor and field sessions and a student/professional mixer on Friday, followed by the conference program of the plenary session, technical paper presentations, and banquet on Saturday.

Sixty people attended the workshop, and over a hundred participated in the conference. The workshop and conference offered great opportunity and encouragement for interaction of forestry and wildlife professionals, practitioners, and students.

The theme of the Friday workshop session was **“The Future of Penn’s Woods: Assessing Forest Habitats.”** The workshop was coordinated by **Brent Harding**, who arranged an informative and dynamic program of speakers and presentations detailing assessment of conditions, and aspects of planning and implementation of wildlife and forest management in PA.

The list of speakers and their respective presentations included: **Scott Berarer** of the PA Nature Conservancy, The FoRest Decision Tool: a Habitat Decision Tool for Restoring Ecological Values to Working Forests; **Tim Pierson**, Penn State Extension: Managing Deer Impacts: Strategies and Opportunities; **Matt Keefer**, DCNR: FSC Certification and

Wildlife Habitat Considerations on State Forest Land; **Dave Gustafson**, PA Game Commission: Continuous Forest Inventory and Habitat Planning, **Justin Vreeland** and **Shayne Hoachlander**, PA Game Commission: The Ecology, Conservation and Management of Vernal Pools.

Both the morning indoor presentations and the afternoon field tour were well received, and generated good discussion and interaction among students and professionals of the related disciplines of forest and wildlife management. The field tour offered a view of practical applications of the concepts presented among the workshop topics. The day’s weather was cooperative, and offered a cool, sunny day for the enjoyment of the workshop attendees. Friday evening’s student/professional mixer provided a lively forum for interaction between foresters and wildlifers, which lasted well into the evening hours.

The theme of the Conference Plenary Session on Saturday morning was **“The Future of Penn’s Woods: Integrating Wildlife and Silviculture”** and featured presentations by: **Eric Zenner**, Penn State: A Silviculturist’s Perspective on Integration; **Brad Nelson**, ANF, USFS: Allegheny National Forest Landscape Approach; **Ben Jones**, PA Game Commission: Bottom-up Management; **Ned Karger**, Kane Hardwood/Collins Pine: Operational Success in Northwest PA; **Merlin Benner**, PA DCNR: Monitoring Browsing and Regeneration and Decision Making at the Landowner Scale; and **Jim Finley**, Penn State: Private Lands Management.

The goal of the plenary session was to discuss silviculture and wildlife management related to their connectivity, diversity and policy in Pennsylvania, and how these relate on private and public lands. Several themes



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were common among the variety of speakers and within the context of integrating wildlife management and silviculture. First, the need for professionals in one of the two disciplines to seek advice and input from the other to plan and implement integrated treatments at the stand, landowner and landscape scale. Second was to consider the spatial arrangement of forest management practices on the land to maintain connectivity for use by wildlife in breeding, nesting, forage, and other habitat requirements. Third was the recognition that truly integrating silviculture and wildlife management in the future will require incorporating forestry and wildlife principles early and often within the training and education of young professionals and students.

A variety of technical presentations and papers were

featured in concurrent sessions throughout Saturday afternoon, and were followed by a banquet in the evening with **Dr. David Maehr** of the University of Kentucky as the featured speaker. His presentation discussed the study of black bear populations in areas where bears might be considered uncommon due to the periphery of their range, or re-establishing after periods of low populations in traditional ranges in Florida and Kentucky. He suggested black bears might be an ambassador for wildlife to reverse waning connections between people and the natural world as development and urbanization continue to expand.

The combined workshop and conference was informative, interactive, and well received by the diverse students and professionals in attendance. It is appropriate to offer thanks and

recognition to many individuals from SAF and TWS for their initiative and effort in arrangement of the joint meeting. **Jeanne Hickey, Roger Coup, Justin and Wendy Vreeland, Brent Harding, Carolyn Mahan, Kevin Wenner,** and many others collectively produced an enjoyable and informative program.

Past decades of forestry principles and practices have seen transition through the paradigms of multiple use, biological diversity, ecosystem management, and sustainability. Consideration of wildlife and its varied habitat requirements have been a fundamental component of those paradigms. The joint PASAF and PATWS meeting provided an open forum to consider the past, present and future of the integration of silviculture and wildlife in Penn's Woods. 🌿

An Ongoing Ethics Seminar for Allegheny SAF

During the recent winter meeting, the executive committee gave preliminary approval to a proposal by **Steve Jaquith** that the Allegheny Society of American Foresters develop and sponsor an optional seminar on forestry ethics. Sessions will be offered during the annual Allegheny SAF winter meetings, starting in 2009. They will be scheduled so as not to interfere with the main program. The length will be either one or two hours, depending on how the format develops.

Participants will examine and discuss case studies, utilizing the SAF *Ethics Guide*.

The long-running one-hour forestry ethics seminar conducted by the University of Georgia will be studied in developing the workshop.

Those who wish to participate in a seminar will sign up on the regular winter meeting registration form. The number of participants in each session will be limited. A small fee will pay for a copy of the *Ethics Guide* and will help offset the direct operating costs. Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credit will be available.

At the request of **Mark Webb**, ANSAF Education Committee Chair, start-up funding of \$600 from the

ANSAF Education Fund was approved by the Executive Committee to pay for five Allegheny SAF members to take the University of Georgia's online seminar and to supply each of them with a copy of the *Ethics Guide*.

Over the coming months, this group will begin planning the format and content of the ethics seminar. **Mike Lester, Kim Steiner, Scott Kurtzman, Lloyd Casey, and Steve Jaquith** are pooling their experiences and perspectives. Allegheny SAF members should feel free to send their own suggestions to **Steve.Jaquith@Gmail.com**. 🌿

ALLEGHENY SAF SUMMER MEETING

Forest Land Issues Related to Wind Energy

July 16 - 18, 2008

Living & Learning Center

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Campus, Johnstown, PA

Look to the skyline, pick up the newspaper, and follow the political campaigns, make no mistake alternative energy is here to stay. Pennsylvania's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard has mandated that by the year 2020, 18% of the state's energy needs must come from alternative energy resources. Wind, water, solar and nuclear energy sources are quickly becoming a fair portion of the state's energy portfolio. Many of the issues surrounding alternative energy are forefront in the minds of politicians, educators, public land managers, environmental and natural resource professionals as well as the common person.

As a group, public, industrial and private foresters and environmental and natural resource professionals may cross paths with alternative energy in their careers. Whether it be in prior planning, policy recommendations, contract or agreement consulting or actual resource management, one of these forms of

alternative energy is almost certain to be a part of their professional and private lives.

This meeting brings together researchers, public and private managers, developers and educators who offer a wealth of knowledge, from a widely varied background related to alternative energy, most especially wind energy. They will present information related to wind energy projects from their inception, with siting requirements; wind, water, environmental and wildlife studies; through the permitting processes, construction and retirement of these projects. The primary focus of the presentations will be on wind energy development as it relates to forest land issues.

The goal of the conference is to provide educational information related to alternative energy projects, to provide attendees with some basic knowledge as to the environmental implications and impacts of these projects. There will be a concerted effort to provide information related to many of the aspects of the "behind the scenes" environmental studies which take place prior to the projects' planning, design, permitting and actual development which are most often trivialized, misunderstood and criticized.

Accommodations:

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For those wishing to stay at an off-campus hotel a block of rooms have been reserved at the Sleep Inn and Comfort Inn, which are approximately 1/2 miles from the campus.

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ALLEGHENY SAF SUMMER MEETING

- FOREST LAND ISSUES RELATED TO WIND ENERGY -

July 16-18, 2008 - University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Campus Living & Learning Center, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, July 16, 2008:

- 2:00 - 8:00 PM - Event Registration @ UPJ Living & Learning Center
- 2:00 - 6:00 PM - Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM - Ice Breaker @ UPJ Living & Learning Center

Thursday, July 17, 2008:

- 7:00 - 8:00 AM - **Breakfast - UPJ Cafeteria** (Paid for on your own; Buffet Style - Total Cost is \$6.50 Includes Tax & Gratuity)
- 7:00 - 11:30 AM - **Registration**
- 8:00 - 8:15 AM - **Welcome** - Robb Piper, Chair, Western Gateway Chapter, SAF
 - **Introduction** - Michael Barton, Conference Coordinator & Event M. C.
- 8:15 - 8:55 AM - **Wind, Wildlife & Avian Studies** - Richard C. Curry, Principal, McLean Energy Partners, LLC, Curry & Kerlinger, LLC
- 8:55 - 9:35 AM - **Environmental Studies** - Edward Shoener, Principal, Shoener Environmental Consulting Services
- 9:35 - 10:05 AM - **Coffee Break**
- 10:05 - 10:45 AM - **Wind Farm Siting Requirements & Site Development** - Tim Vought, Sr. Project Developer, Gamesa Energy USA, LLC
- 10:45 - 11:25 AM - **Community Wind Energy Program** - Erik Foley - Director, St. Francis University, Renewable Energy Center
- 11:25 - 12:00 Noon - **Open Panel Discussion** - Question & Answer with Morning Speakers
- 12:00 - 1:15 PM - **Lunch & Bus Trip to Allegheny Ridge & North Allegheny Wind Farms**
- 1:15 - 1:30 PM - **Welcome** - David Smith, Representative, Babcock & Brown, Wind Farm Owner

Field Tour: Rain or Shine (Come Prepared for Adverse Weather Conditions)

- 1:30 - 2:25 PM - **How Does a Wind Mill Function** - James "Chris" Edwards, Site Construction Manager, Allegheny Ridge & North Allegheny Wind Farms, Gamesa Energy USA, LLC
- 2:25 - 3:05 PM - **Site Construction & Environmental Controls** (Follow-up to Lecture) - Tim Vought, Gamesa Energy USA, LLC
- 3:05 - 3:30 PM - **Open Panel Discussion** - Questions & Answers with Afternoon Speakers
- 3:30 - 4:00 PM - **Short Bus Ride & Break** (Fruit, Chips, Pretzels & Drinks - Provided)
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM - **Beech & Striped Maple Control w/ Chemical Applications** - David R. Jackson, Forest Resources Extension Coordinator
Research Project - Penn State Cooperative Extension, Centre County, Pennsylvania State University
- 5:00 - 5:30 PM - **Wrap Up & Bus Trip Back to UPJ**
- 6:00 - ???????? - **Social Gathering, Drinks and Entertainment w/ Evening Banquet Picnic Style @ 6:00 PM** - Weather permitting the banquet will be held at the Adirondack Shelter on the UPJ campus outdoor style; if not it will be held indoors

Friday, July 18, 2008:

- 7:00 - 8:00 AM - **Chairman's Breakfast @ UPJ Cafeteria** (Paid for on your own; Buffet Style - Cost is \$6.50 including tax & gratuity)
- 8:00 - 9:00 AM - **Business Meeting**
- 9:00 - 9:40 AM - **PA Game Commission's Role on Wind Energy** - Tracey Librandi - Mumma - Wind Energy Project Coordinator
- 9:40 - 10:20 AM - **Wind Energy Lease & Agreement Review** - William Gleason Barbin, Esquire, Attorney-at-Law
- 10:20 - 10:50 AM - **Coffee Break - Closing of Bids for Silent Auction Items**
- 10:50 - 11:30 AM - **Land Issues & Concerns Related to Wind Energy** - Kerry Campbell, Energy Program Specialist, PA DEP
- 11:30 - 12:10 PM - **Public Land Manager's Perspective on Alternative Energy** - Michael B. Lester, Assistant Pennsylvania State Forester
- 12:10 - 12:45 PM - **Open Panel Discussion, Concluding Comments and Payment for Silent Auction Items**

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Forests and Handheld GPS: Are you Experienced?

Jonathan S. Kays, Extension Specialist – Natural Resources, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension

Any forester worth his salt can navigate in the woods with a paper map and compass to locate corners, run a compass line for inventory work (plots, specimen trees, etc), calculate acreage, and locate streams and access roads. However, the advent of accurate handheld GPS (Geographical Positioning System) units and easy-to-use software programs such as *Terrain Navigator* (TN) that provides GPS compatible USGS topographic maps has revolutionized the ability of foresters to work smarter, easier, and do most of this in the field.

Many foresters don't understand how to use this technology and others who have started to adopt it may be only using a fraction of the capabilities. The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension developed two GPS courses first offered in the fall of 2006 to address this need and 14 separate one-day workshops have been delivered for 180 natural resource professionals – mostly foresters but some loggers and others.

This article is part of a two-part series on GPS intended to cover some of the basics of how GPS works and how it can help with your fieldwork. The second part will be in the next Allegheny



News and provide specifics on GPS units and computer software and how they can work together.

Putting GPS in Perspective

Let's take a step back and put GPS handheld receivers in perspective. The GPS receiver is not a single standalone unit; it is actually one of three major components of a GPS System. First, there are 24-32 satellites that circle the earth at any one time and the exact location of each of these is known. The satellites have very accurate clocks and they continuously send radio

signals towards earth. The second part of the system is GPS receivers that pick up the radio signals. The third part of the system is five ground control stations around the earth that track the satellites, update their positions and keep the system accurate.

Originally developed by the Department of Defense for weapons systems the funding was contingent on making the system available to the public. GPS works by a very basic surveying principle used in forestry – triangulation.



Foresters know you can find any point on the ground given the distance from three other points. Topographic maps have been routinely used for this purpose. GPS also uses triangulation by calculating distance from a satellite. The GPS unit figures out how long radio signals take to travel from the satellite to the receiver. The receiver calculates the distance from the satellite using a physics principle: *distance = time X 186,355 miles/second (speed of light)*. As long as you have four or more satellites (i.e. four distance measurements) you can get an accurate reading. You need four because of the space dimension.

What Information Do GPS Receivers Provide?

GPS receivers provide three types of information: *waypoints, routes, and tracks*. A *waypoint* is a single location defined by latitude and longitude that you want to map or return to such as an access road, property corner, specific trees, etc. You can return to any waypoint by using the FIND function and the unit will direct you using an arrow. A *route* is created by stringing together a number of waypoints, so you can easily find your way around a property boundary. For example, a *track* is a feature that takes 'breadcrumb' markings where you have traveled. By resetting the track feature, you can then walk around a field, property, etc. and calculate the acreage and distance traveled immediately. All these functions can be done on the unit in the field with no pencil and paper.

The accuracy of GPS units vary depending on how much you want to pay. Recreational units such as the handheld models we are discussing are accurate within 15 feet. However, GPS units for mapping and surveying can be as accurate as 1 cm – pretty important if you want build a skyscraper.

The follow-up article, which will be published in the Summer issue of *The Allegheny News*, will discuss applications and specifics of GPS handheld receivers, as well as costs, free and purchased software, and courses available from the University of Maryland. Feel free to contact me at jkays@umd.edu if you have questions. You can also get a leg up on the next article by going to www.naturalresources.umd.edu/gps.cfm to view available training materials, free software, and other GPS resources. 🌿

The next newsletter deadline is June 15, 2008

Send articles in Microsoft Word format and photos as JPG files to Allegheny News editor Jack Winieski at ansaf@verizon.net

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# WVU Alumni Honored

By Dan Kincaid, President of WVU Forestry Alumni Association

Jim Roberts, John Riley, and Jim Mallow are quite a success story. They grew up within about a 30-mile radius of one another; were classmates in forestry at WVU; all went to work for the Maryland DNR Forest Service; and each rose to the leadership position of State Forester with that agency, serving consecutively between 1983 and 2001. They were all instrumental in a wide variety of national, regional, and state initiatives. Because of their unique beginnings, close ties and working relationships, and rising to lead their agency, we are honored to recognize them jointly with the Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2008. I am personally honored to have known and to have worked with each of these men when they served as Maryland's State Forester.

## **James B. Roberts - '62 (State Forester 1983 - 1991)**

Jim Roberts, an avid forester and faithful steward of the forest, was born in Piedmont, West Virginia and grew up in western Maryland. He studied at West Virginia University, receiving his degree in Forest Management in



1962. Soon afterward, he began his distinguished forestry career with the West Virginia Division of Forestry. He left to attend military training with the West Virginia National Guard and upon his return accepted a position as Assistant District Forester with the Maryland Forest and Park Service.

In September of 1968, Jim was promoted to Regional Forester for the Southern Region in Laurel, MD. He then held several positions including Training & Law Enforcement Officer, Chief of Forest Protection, and Chief of Forest Management, before being named Maryland's 7<sup>th</sup> State Forester in 1983. He held that position until 1991, when he was promoted to Special Assistant to the DNR Assistant Secretary for Forestry and Wildlife. Upon retiring from Maryland state service in 1994, Jim served as State Forester for Delaware in 1994 and 1995. He then fully retired to Summersville, WV, where he still resides.

Jim doesn't hesitate to tell you about his love of the land and nature and how fortunate he has been

to make it his career. He is extremely proud of his many substantial efforts toward enhancing the profession of forestry. Foremost among these was serving as the President of the National Association of State Foresters, where he helped guide development of the nationwide Forest Stewardship Program in 1990. Jim was also heavily involved in ensuring that forestry was an important component of the revitalization efforts for the Chesapeake Bay Program.

## **John W. Riley - '61 (State Forester 1991 - 1995)**

John W. Riley was Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> State Forester, serving in that position from 1991 to 1995. John was born in 1938, in the small mining town of Beryl in Mineral County West Virginia. His parents, who worked at the Westvaco Paper Mill in Luke, Maryland, recognized John's interest of the outdoors and encouraged him to go to college to study forestry as a career.



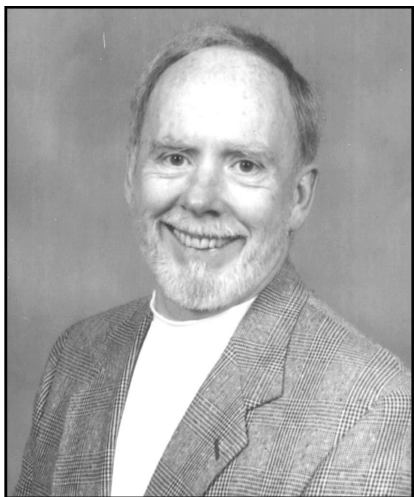
After spending two years at Potomac State College where he took basic courses, John went on to attend and graduate from West Virginia University with a degree in Forest Management in 1961. John was also an Army ROTC graduate and immediately after graduation entered the US Army and served two years as a military police officer. After active duty he spent 13 years in the active reserve.

John began his forestry career with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in 1963, as a Project Forester in Garrett County, Maryland. He worked there until 1968, when he was promoted to Regional Forester for the Central Region headquartered in Bel Air. He served in that position until 1991, when he was promoted to State Forester in Annapolis. John retired from Maryland DNR in 1997. John made substantial impacts in the field of Conservation Education and served as the Chairman of that committee for the National Association of State Foresters. He was also heavily involved in the early stages of the Revitalizing Baltimore urban forestry program.

John and his wife Judy have two sons and six grandsons. They reside in Havre De Grace, Maryland, but own and maintain a second home and woodlot in Mineral County, West Virginia. John now spends time enjoying his grandchildren, trout fishing, and hunting with his sons. He also enjoys teaching outdoor education, photography, art, reading, and studying the American Civil War, specifically the Battle of Gettysburg.

**James E. Mallow - '61**  
**(State Forester 1995 - 2001)**

Jim was born in Frostburg, MD and graduated from Beall High School. He attended Potomac State College before graduating from West Virginia University with a BS in Forest Management in 1961. Jim's initial job after college was with the George Washington National Forest in Staunton, VA. Soon afterward, he accepted a position with the Maryland Forest Service in St. Mary's County, where he spent several years as project forester working with private landowners.



Subsequently, Jim took positions as research forester on projects in the western part of the state for the University of Maryland; served as a procurement forester for West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company (later Westvaco); and in 1968

**Northern Hardwoods Meet**



Speaker John Karakash (R) and NH SAF Chair Jamie Snyder at a recent meeting of the Northern Hardwoods SAF Chapter at the Potato City Inn in Coudersport, PA. There were 42 members and guests in attendance at this workshop that featured the topic "Woody Biomass as a Fuel." Photo courtesy of Tim Pierson

accepted a position with the Maryland Park Service. For more than two decades, he then served the Maryland DNR in a variety of positions with various departmental units, including an assignment in the Office of the DNR Secretary.

In 1995, Jim was appointed the 9<sup>th</sup> State Forester for Maryland, a position he held until his retirement in 2001. For the next two years he taught urban forestry classes at the University of Maryland and operated his own consulting business. He was also a board member and Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Maryland Forests Association.

Jim was very active in numerous urban forestry projects, including the Baltimore Ecosystem Study and helping establish a degree program in urban forestry at the University of Maryland. He also originated the idea to form a consortium of forestry interest groups and then became Co-Director of the resulting organization, the Partnership for Sustainable Forestry.

In 2003, Jim and his wife Debbie retired to Pawleys Island, South Carolina where they still reside. 🌿

# Return of American Chestnut to the Allegheny Region

By Alexander R. Day

In the early years of the twentieth century, the forests of the Allegheny region were invaded by the dreaded chestnut blight (*Cryphonectria parasitica*). Beginning in New York, the blight initially spread in a great arc, southwesterly across Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Delaware, and eventually across Maryland and into West Virginia. Despite the best efforts of the day, chestnut trees succumbed by the thousands every year, leaving local residents completely bewildered and scientists puzzled.

A number of horticultural sprays and other products were applied to dying and healthy trees in order to attempt to find a cure for the terrible disease of the much admired American chestnut; all to no avail. Spores produced by the fungus proved to be extremely resistant to all treatments and very lethal. The chestnut blight was more than a match for the best pathologists of the day. By the mid-twentieth

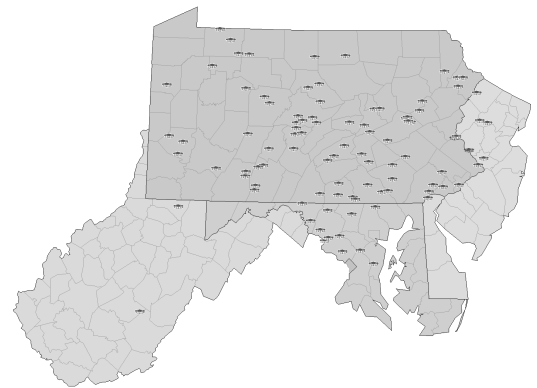
century, the chestnut blight had traveled down the Appalachians and virtually eliminated every living chestnut in the species' natural range, leaving local folks wondering what they would do without the tree that had always been so much a part of their lives, both as a food source and a cash crop... Enter the American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) in 1983 (whose website can be found at [www.acf.org](http://www.acf.org)).

Lead by a few determined researchers who reasoned that the American chestnut's lack of blight resistance could be solved by using a back-crossing, a program was put into action. Backcrossing of plants, and animals, had been practiced by early cultures for thousands of years, and is the basis for many of the hybrid crops we enjoy today. Using standard backcrossing techniques, long practiced by contemporary plant breeders, the early researchers began to collect germplasm from chestnut trees known to have some amount blight resistance.

The site of this early research was at the TACF's breeding farm at Meadowview, Virginia. Today, after 25 years of trying to get the best-of-the-best blight resistant chestnuts, the efforts of the Chestnut Foundation are beginning to produce promising results; BC3F3 trees are producing nuts that are expected to show a high degree of blight resistance. (See the backcross chart for details.)

Similarly, the Pennsylvania Chapter ([www.patacf.org](http://www.patacf.org))

began planting chestnut orchards in the early 1990s. Adjoining states followed and now there are orchards located in the five states of the Allegheny Society. Delaware has one orchard, located just across its northern border from Pennsylvania; Maryland has 12; West Virginia, two; New Jersey, five; and Pennsylvania has over



70. The most promising Pennsylvania orchard is located at Penn State University. After six years of growth, it produced its first crop of chestnuts in September 2007. These nuts are subject to an established distribution policy and will be planted this spring.

Future backcross trials will continue for the next 15 years, not only to get a more blight resistant individual, but also to regain the typical American chestnut growth habit of a single stem individual with rapid growth characteristics.

Sara Fitzsimmons, Northern Appalachian Regional Science Coordinator, and stationed at Penn State, states that "seeds from the BC3F3 orchards will eventually be distributed to American Chestnut Foundation

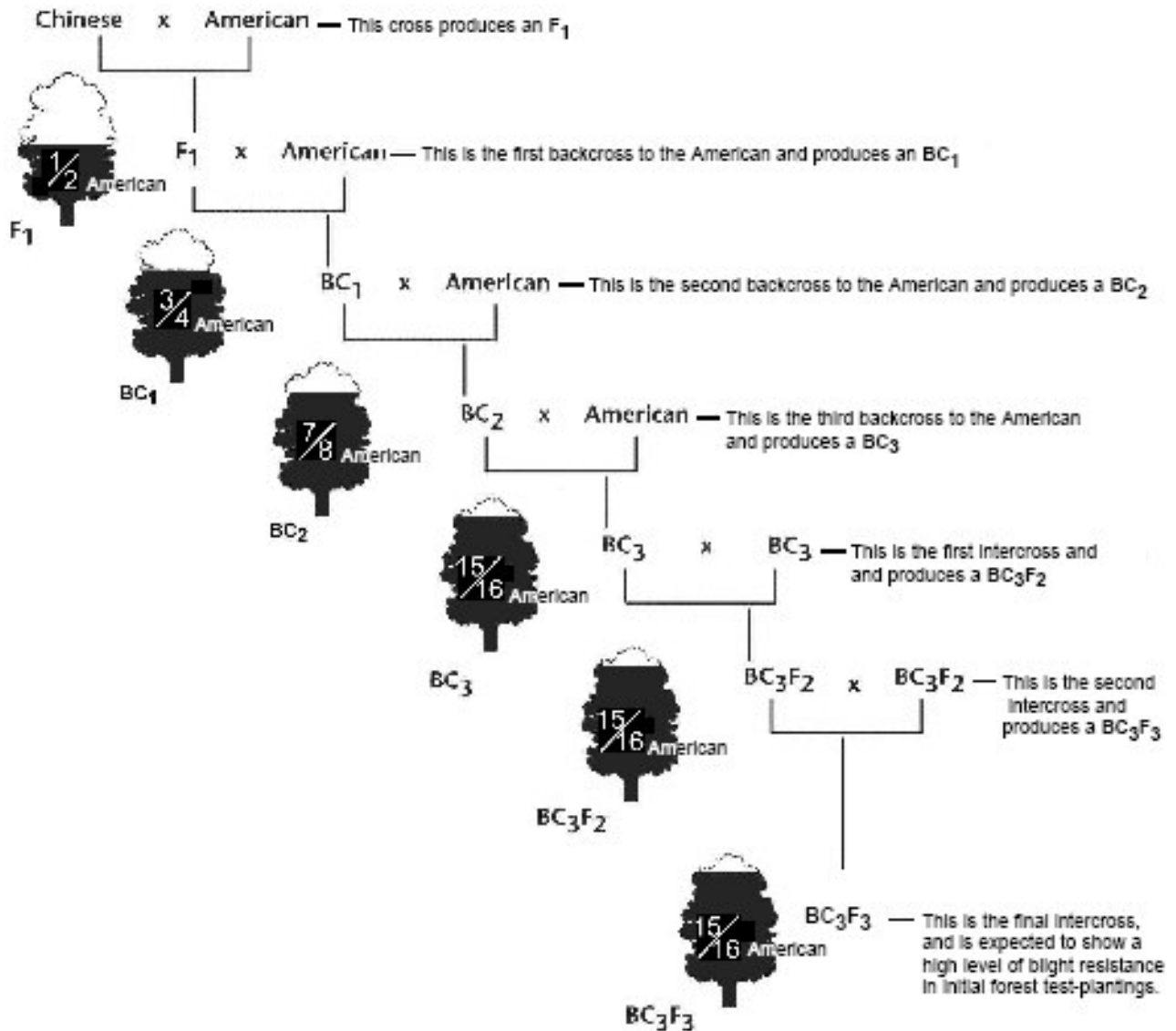




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**Note:** In each step, the backcross is selected for resistance. Trees indicate average fraction of American genes with no selection.

members/partners for growing in orchards.” So, if you would like to be a cooperater in this long running endeavor, join The American Chestnut Foundation

and be prepared to get your hands dirty. This restoration program will continue for the next 40+ years. According to Sara, “We are trying to restore a

species; we are not just seeking a blight resistant chestnut for a small part of its natural range.” 🌱

## Coming Events

### June

5-6 Annual Meeting, PA Reclamation Council of Disturbed Lands in PA, DEP Pottsville. Call 717-783-9388 or email [johnmeehan@state.pa.us](mailto:johnmeehan@state.pa.us)

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### July

16-18 ANSAF Summer Meeting, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Campus. See page 24-25 for information and application for reservations today!

### August

12-14 "Wood Structure and Identification" Workshop, Hardwoods and Softwoods, Penn State Forest Resources Building. Contact Mike Powell at 814-863-1113, or visit the website at [www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Workshops.html](http://www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/Workshops.html)

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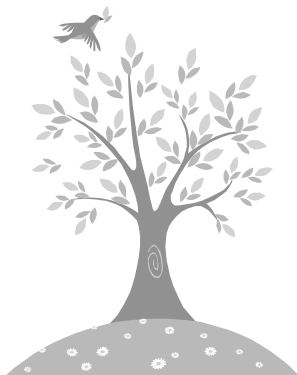
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### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

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