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## Cover Story

Potter County, PA farmstead engulfed in hoarfrost on a winter morning. Photo compliments of Dave Haubrick.

(Radiation frost, also called hoar frost or hoarfrost, refers to the white ice crystals, loosely deposited on the ground or exposed objects, that form on cold clear nights when heat losses into the open skies cause objects to become colder than the surrounding air.)

## Chair's Corner

By Kurt Gottschalk, Allegheny SAF Chair



Hooray! This is my last column! It is with both excitement and sadness as I write this final Chair's Corner. I am excited because the Allegheny SAF will continue to be in good hands as my term ends and new officers come on board. I am sad because as this is my last column, I will no longer have the space to bore you in each issue of *The Allegheny News*. Therefore, this one has to be really boring as my parting shot. Let it be known, it is also with a feeling of awe that I look at the great names in forestry and SAF who are former chairs of the Allegheny SAF, knowing that I will join their ranks.

I have good news from the SAF National Convention in Orlando FL. The 25-year anniversary of the Roach-Bauer Forum, sponsored by the SAF Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters and the SW NY SAF Chapter, won an HSD Recognition Award. Congratulations to **Ned Karger, Susan Stout**, and the many other SAF members who, over the years, have made this activity a success and now an award winner. I had the good fortune to accept the award (see photos in center of the newsletter) on behalf of the Chapters and also to attend the 25th anniversary forum and

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present the award to Ned and the forum. Our two new Allegheny SAF Fellows **George Pierson** of the New Jersey Division and **Robb Piper** of the Western Gateway Chapter, Pennsylvania Division, were also honored at the Convention.

The Allegheny SAF election results are in. I thank Tellers Committee Chair **Gary Miller** and his committee for their help. The new Allegheny SAF officers for 2010-2011 are: **Chair Dr. Mary Ann Fajvan; Chair-Elect Rachel R. Billingham; Sec-Treas Steven F. Resh; and Executive Committee Members Ned R. Karger, Dr. David W. McGill, Robert C. Webster, and Cecile M. Stelter.** Congratulations to all of the new officers! Allegheny SAF will indeed continue to be in excellent hands. Chair Fajvan will be looking for volunteers to serve on committees. She will be vacating her Science Coordinator position and will need a replacement for that critical position. Please contact Mary Ann if interested.

The Allegheny SAF bylaws revision passed almost unanimously (one ballot was not marked), so we are now operating under those new bylaws.

This is when I should be looking back at what I accomplished during my term versus my goals. I looked back through all of my columns and luckily I didn't set any goals so this job is easy. I did however say that I wanted our website to contain more information and be the place to go when an Allegheny SAF member needs to know something. I did not do well in this area but will work over my next two years as Past Chair to get some of our material up on the website. If others have information that would be useful on our website, please send it to **Jack Perdue** for posting. We need to do a better job of nominating members for awards; we have done well with nominations for Fellows and for the HSD Recognition Awards, but we still need to improve considering Allegheny members for our own awards.

The picture with this issue's column shows me with a yellow poplar tree that is more than 300 years old. This tree is located in the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, Nantahala National Forest in the Southern Appalachians of western North Carolina. This tract of virgin Appalachian hardwoods was purchased in 1936 and is now part of a designated wilderness area. If you have never been there, GO! Seeing that old growth forest with 300 to 400-year-old yellow poplars that are 5-8 feet in diameter completely changed my opinion of their ecology and growth. Understanding all phases of forest development is critical to developing silvicultural treatments and management regimes to meet multiple objectives of our varied forest landowners. So long! 🌿

### **The next newsletter deadline is March 15, 2010**

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## **An Open Invitation to the 2010 ANSAF Winter Meeting by the West Virginia Division**

The West Virginia SAF Invites all Allegheny Section members to attend the upcoming annual winter meeting scheduled for February 16-18, 2010 at Stonewall Resort State Park, located near Roanoke, just 2.5 miles off **Interstate 79's exit #91** in north central West Virginia.

"We guarantee an outstanding meeting," said **Bob Beanblossom**, out-going Chair of the West Virginia SAF Division. "The general theme, *Beyond Our Borders: Building Awareness of International Forestry*, is both relevant and timely." Special thanks go to SAF members **Jeff Kochenderfer** of the US Forest Service and **Dave McGill** of West Virginia University's Division of Forestry and Natural Resources for putting an interesting and informative program together for us.

In addition, Stonewall Resort State Park is an ideal location, and is West Virginia's newest State Park. It combines the rustic charm and luxurious accommodations of Adirondack style lodges of the 1920s with all the amenities and recreational choices of today. "I guarantee you will not be disappointed with your accommodations," said Chair Beanblossom.

Visit the park's web site at [stonewallresort.com](http://stonewallresort.com) for more details. 🌿

## 2009 SAF District VII Presidential Field Forester Award

Francis Zumbrun, an SAF member of the Allegheny Maryland-Delaware Chapter from Lovale, MD was awarded the **2009 SAF District VII Presidential Field Forester Award** at the SAF National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

SAF District VII encompasses members in the Allegheny and National Capital Societies. The award recognizes foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground, using sound scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. Recipients must have displayed uncommon talent, skill and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Francis has been a practicing field forester for the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources since September 20, 1978. He began as a service forester in the Allegany County Forestry Project where he worked with private landowners in the management of their forestland, and was involved in wildfire suppression and urban and community forestry.

In 1981 he moved to state land management at Green Ridge State Forest as Assistant Forest Manager, and in 1988 he was promoted to Forest Manager. He held this position until he retired this past summer. He has over 30 years service as a practicing field forester. During his career he has been a tireless promoter of scientific forest management, using the Green Ridge State Forest, an approximately 46,000-acre mixed oak forest in the Ridge and Valley Physiographic Province of Maryland, to demonstrate ecologically sensitive management techniques. He has lead numerous field trips, written many articles, guided canoe trips and spoken to all-age groups in his quest to spread the word of the importance to society of properly managed forests.

As manager of Green Ridge State Forest he prepared and implemented the annual work plan – which includes recreational management, wildlife habitat improvement, and timber management –



regularly visited logging sites and maintained a teaching relationship with timber sale operators. He has implemented ecological and sustainable harvesting practices that were at the time advanced such as diffused variable retention and clustered variable regeneration harvests.

A leader in the preparation for the centennial of the Maryland Forest Service in 2006, Francis conducted extensive research on the creation of Maryland's state forest and park resources and its first state forester, **Fred Besley**. He resurrected many of these old

presentations in a celebration format, making historical presentations in the uniform of the early "forest ranger" as part of the forestry centennial celebration. His devotion to the history of the forestry profession is worthy of recognition.

Francis is very aware of the value of forest recreation to bringing citizens into the forest as an educational opportunity. He was instrumental getting the Great Eastern Trail, a trail that will one day rival the more-or-less parallel Appalachian Trail, to be routed through Green Ridge State Forest. The trail now crosses the forest from the Potomac River to the Pennsylvania State line.

There are very few foresters with the vision, drive and dedication that Francis Zumbrun has demonstrated in his over 30 years of service to the profession of forestry. Retirement is not the end for Francis; he will remain involved with a DNR-affiliated committee dedicated to preserving the history of resource conservation in Maryland. He plans to use his time to work on some writing projects, both supplementing a book and beginning one of his own.

The SAF Dist. VII Presidential Field Forester Award for 2009 was well deserved, as was his 2005 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award. Zumbrun also received MFA's 1009 Lifetime of Service Award, and a portion of the Great Eastern Trail and Overlook at Green Ridge State Forest was named in his honor. 🌱



## District VII Council Report

By Kenneth Jolly, CF, SAF District VII Representative

Council held its final meeting of the year December 5 and 6, 2009 at the National SAF Office in Bethesda, Maryland. Many of the Agenda items at the December meeting were also discussed and carried over from the September 30, 2009 Council Meeting, so this article will encompass the actions taken by Council at both of these meetings. Please note that I have arranged the various Agenda topics in the order they were discussed at the December meeting, and not in any particular order of priority.

Administrative Items: As you may recall, the National Office was involved in two major administrative efforts during the year: (1) investing in a new membership database management system, and (2) re-structuring the Finance Department. Both of these efforts are coming to a successful conclusion, and will allow SAF to be much more efficient and responsive to the membership, and provide for better financial reporting in the year ahead.

Finances and Budget: Financially, 2009 has been difficult for SAF, and, although final financial statements for the year are not yet completed, it appears SAF will have an operating deficit for the year. This can be attributed to lower than budgeted revenues in two of the three major revenue sources for SAF - Convention (down 20%) and advertising (down 47%); both of these reductions can be directly related to the current national economic downturn. (Note: the third major source of revenue for SAF is membership dues (approximately 40% of revenue), which remained relatively stable with only a small (3%) decline). As a result, Council formed a special committee tasked with generating new ideas to increase revenue, and will continue to discuss this issue in 2010. Council also voted to adopt a deficit operating budget for 2010, in order to maintain member services while looking a new ways to enhance revenue. Council also approved a transfer of \$50,000 from the Endowment Fund to the General Fund to cover planned building maintenance in 2010; this amount is to be re-paid to the Endowment Fund when SAF is financially able to do so. On the positive side, SAF's investments have recovered significantly, which somewhat mitigates the negative operating budget situation.

Leadership/Membership: Council discussed the issue of local leadership development, and tasked the Leadership Development Committee to continue to work on this item. The Student Governance structure was reviewed, and Council voted to change the Council Student Representative term of office from a calendar year to an academic year. A variety of options to increase membership recruitment and retention were considered, and Council approved three options for further exploration.

Ethics: Council reviewed and adopted a revised Ethics Case Process Standards document, which clarifies the Ethics Committee's adherence to SAF's established ethics case procedures. Additionally, Michael Goergen, Executive Vice President and CEO, advised Council on the next steps planned to resolve the on-going issue of USDA Forest Service employee ability to participate in SAF leadership roles, which is hampered in some situations by federal ethics laws.

Fellows: At the direction of Bernie Hubbard, SAF President, a special committee was formed in September 2009, comprised of a representative of each of the District Fellows Committees, and charged with reviewing a variety of issues related to the Fellows process. Council approved, with some amendments, the committee's suggestions for improvements, which primarily involved



clarification of the Fellows criteria and the responsibilities and operating procedures of the District Fellows Committees.

Convention: Council approved the National Office staff recommendation for the 2012 National Convention location in Spokane, WA. Council also reviewed the Orlando Convention, which was a success with an attendance of 1,200; however, it was noted that the weak national economic was clearly a factor in regards to keeping several members from attending.

EVP Report: M. Goergen provided an overview of the work of the National Office staff for 2009. Two new staff joined the National Office this year – Raymond Washington, who handles the day to day financial activities of SAF, and Erica Rhoad, Director of Forest Policy. Support to State Societies continues to be enhanced through an increase in staff resources devoted to local units, and the SAF website was re-done to provide more information to the membership as well as making it easier to access. SAF continues to be highly visible on Capitol Hill, sending 22 policy letters and testifying on 7 occasions to either Congressional or Senatorial Committees.

Policy: The Committee on Forest Policy presented two new Position Statements, one on *Loss of Forest Land*, and one on *Roads in Managed Forests*; Council approved both for adoption. Two Policy Task Force Charters (one on *Biomass*, the other on *Global Competitiveness*) that had approved at the September Council Meeting, contingent upon funding availability, were suspended by Council, due to 2010 budget and staff support limitations.

House of Society Delegates (HSD): Two recommendations to Council from HSD were discussed. HSD recommended improvements to the Presidential Field Forester Award criteria and process; Council agreed to go through the required process to codify this Award in the Bylaws. HSD also recommended a modification to the Student Loyalty Program; National Office staff will research the issue and Council will follow-up after additional data is obtained, as appropriate.

Forest Science and Technology Board (FSTB): FSTB provided an up-date on recent activities, including incorporating State Society Science and Technology Coordinators into FSTB and Working Group activities, and the Emerging Issues identification process.

Education: Council approved a Task Force Charter on *Educational Programs in Terrestrial Ecosystem Management*, charged with considering the merits of establishing an SAF accreditation program for this educational program, with recommendations due to Council in December 2010. Council also approved up-dates and revisions to the SAF Committee on Accreditation and Committee on Forest Technology School Accreditation Handbooks.

Strategic Plan: M. Goergen presented a report on three of the 2009 Strategic Items adopted by Council: Leadership Development, Membership Database, and the “Trees are the Answer” Campaign. Council also adopted four Strategic Priorities for 2010 (two of which continue from 2009): Leadership Development, “Trees are the Answer” Campaign, Membership, and Finances.

Council Meeting Schedule: Council will hold four meetings in 2010, in February, June, October, and December. Additionally, Council will look at scheduling supplemental Conference Calls during the year to handle business items appropriate for conference call discussion, thereby ensuring optimum use of Council’s “face-to-face” meeting time.

If you have any questions regarding any of these items from the final two Council Meetings of 2009, or any issues you would like to bring to my attention for the upcoming 2010 Council meetings, please feel free to contact me and let me know your thoughts. As always, I will do my best to provide you with a response! 🌱

# Rothrock SAF Chapter Visit the Moshannon State Forest

Brent A. Harding, PSU Forestland Mgmt. Office Forester, Rothrock Chapter Next Chair

Close to 40 people comprised of forestry professionals and college students from Juniata College, Saint Francis University and Penn State converged on the Moshannon State Forest in late October for the second annual Rothrock SAF Fall Field Tour. **Bob Merrill**, DCNR Bureau of Forestry Moshannon State Forest District Forester, along with DCNR Foresters **Doug Mohny**, **Brian Salvato**, and **Marty Lentz**, hosted the attendees for a mild rain free afternoon in northern Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The Moshannon forestry staff crafted an in-the-forest walking/ driving tour which highlighted the district's efforts to salvage over 2 million bd ft of certified mature standing dead or dying mixed oak. The causes of the mortality are the secondary organisms, which invade, weakened trees following a single defoliation or multiple defoliations brought on by the voracious appetites of gypsy moths. The gypsy moth outbreak in Central Pennsylvania during the spring and summer of 2007 was severe. Mr. Lentz indicated that gypsy moth egg mass surveys numbered well into the thousands per acre.

The spring and summer of 2009 witnessed a population collapse of gypsy moth in Central PA. The collapse could be attributed to the aerial application of the biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis var kurstaki*, local weather conditions, the presence of a fungal disease, or the fact the larvae ate themselves out of house and home. Any of these occurrences could have worked alone or in concert to greatly reduce the impact of the gypsy moth during the 2008 and 2009 growing seasons.

Following a brief welcome and introduction by Mr. Merrill and Mr. Salvato at the Hanna Furnace parking area, the caravan made its way to a traditional two-stage shelterwood harvest, post first entry. Mr. Mohny explained the treatment that set a baseline for attendees to understand how the silvicultural treatment should work when not faced with excessive random mortality.

The second stop of the tour provided attendees the opportunity to view a high production salvage logging operation in action. Logging crews were hand felling, grapple skidding, buck sawing and loading round wood onto tractor trailers at the rate of seven trailers per day. Mr. Salvato described

the planning process required to manage a landscape that had been severely altered by mortality. Emphasis was placed on the chemical herbicide application that the site received prior to harvest. The chemical herbicide Oust®, (Sulfometuron methyl) was applied via ground vehicle at the rate of 2 ounces per acre during the late growing season to control herbaceous vegetation, primarily hay scented fern. Controlling the fern in advance of a site disturbance will increase the probability of desirable woody tree and shrub species making it to a competitive level in the understory following the salvage harvest.

The third stop brought the group to salvage operation completed under the supervision of Mr. Lentz. The harvest was completed and the site had been retired. Mr. Lentz showed and described to the attendees the variability of the mortality. Susceptibility by species was discussed as well as the influence of slope position in relation to available moisture and subsequently possible mortality. Mr. Lentz shared his experiences of administering this particular timber sale and explained a modified method that was employed by a contractor to apply a stabilizing seed mixture.

The final stop of the afternoon provided vistas for the members to enjoy as they listened to Mr. Merrill describe a regeneration rehabilitation project. Tree regeneration failed to become competitive following a salvage harvest completed several decades ago. The site became dominated with fern and mountain laurel. In an attempt to improve the condition of the stand, Oust®, was applied to control the fern. Eastern white pine and white spruce seedlings were planted throughout. An 8' high woven wire metal fence was erected around the perimeter to deter detrimental whitetail deer browse. The overall objective is to create conifer habitat that is lacking in this area outside of the stream drainages. The Fall Forestry & Wildlife Tour ended with light seasonal refreshments coordinated by **Brent Harding** and provided by the Rothrock Chapter of SAF.

If you work or live in Central Pennsylvania and would like information about the Rothrock Chapter of SAF contact Bob Merrill, Rothrock Chapter Chair, at 814-765-0821. 🌱



## Steve Koehn New President of NASF

Maryland DNR Forest Service Director **Steven W. Koehn** is the new president of the National Association of State Foresters (NASF). He previously served as NASF's vice-president and treasurer and as president of the NE Area NASF, and chair of NASF's Water Resource Committee.

Koehn has served as director of the MD Forest Service for the past eight years, and has taught forestry courses for the past eight years at John

Hopkins School of Professional Studies in Business Education. He holds a BS in Forest Science from Penn State University and has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1983.

He also has held leadership positions in the Chesapeake Bay Program Forestry Workgroup, the MD-DE Division of the Allegheny SAF, the MD Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards, and the MD Forest Association. 🌱

## Annual Festival of Trees

By Michael Powell, Student Chapter Advisor

The Penn State student chapter of the Society of American Foresters has been the university's host for the State College Family YMCA's Annual Festival of Trees since 2006. Student members assist in unloading trees, affixing stands, and running lots of extension cords. Over 85 trees were decorated for judging and viewing by the public inside the Snider Agricultural Arena over 4 days and evenings in early December. For the first time, our chapter decided to sponsor/ decorate a tree for this year's festival. Our tree consisted of oak leaf and hickory nut garland, maple and birch leaf ornaments, and reindeer heads made from black walnuts. Senior member **Jessica Shue** took time from her semester to collect, assemble, and decorate our tree as seen in the photo.

While our involvement is completely voluntary, as a service to our department and research being conducted on Christmas trees, the chapter cuts and sells culled trees from the plantation as a fund raiser. Although our Christmas trees sales predates our association with the YMCA, the festival provides the perfect venue for selling trees. Many visitors to the festival state they wait to buy our trees and have done so since for several years. If you're in the vicinity of State College next December, the festival runs over the second weekend. 🌱



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# SAF National Convention Photo Highlights

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# Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum Receives SAF-HSD Recognition for 25 Years of Service to Foresters and Land Managers

State Senator Joseph Scarnati honored **The Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum** for 25 years of service to foresters and land managers in northwestern Pennsylvania and southwestern New York at its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum at the Kane Country Club on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

The National Office of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) also honored the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum and the supporting chapters for helping to initiate and continue the Forums for a quarter of a century. The Northern Hardwood Chapter and the Plateau Chapter in Pennsylvania (within the Allegheny SAF) and the Western New York Chapter within the New York SAF help produce two Forums per year. Since 1984, they have sponsored 51 Forums with 63 speakers.

The keynote speakers at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum were **Mr. Ken Kane** of Keith Horn, Inc., **Mr. Jeff Kochel** of Forest Investment Associates, and **Mr. Blaine Puller**, retired forest manager of Kane Hardwood Division of Collins Pine Company. The three speakers shared their version of "what's good, what's not, and future challenges to sustainable forest management." Amid laughs over lost notes, stuck trucks, and repair of bridges, they shared pearls of wisdom accumulated over 100 years of experience and good memories in management of our Allegheny Hardwood forests. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum added to the history of mental photographs for attendees.

The Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum started in 1984 under the original name of the Ben Roach Forestry Forum. The mission of the Forum is to share research, education, and application. Cutting edge research from the Northern Research Station, technology transfer of that research to land managers, and continuous improvement of management practices on the ground is fostered through the relationships and communication channels developed by the Forums.

**Ben Roach** was a silvicultural researcher from the Northern Research Station who advanced knowledge and application of sustainable forestry in the Northern Hardwood and Allegheny Hardwood regions. The Forum was renamed the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum in 2003 after the untimely death of **Bob Bauer**, a Pennsylvania

Game Commission Forester, who was a tireless advocate of sustainable forestry and cooperation between natural resource managers across the public and private sectors.

The Forum supports two causes - **The Sandy Cochran Memorial Fund** for projects to advance forestry and the forest products industry, and the **Bob Bauer Scholarship Fund** to assist forestry students at Penn State University.



Speakers (l to r) Ken Kane, Blaine Puller, and Jeff Kochel receive the honorary Biltmore stick from Forum chair Ned Karger (far right) at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum

The current Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum Steering Committee is composed of resource professionals from the following organizations: Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group; Allegheny National Forest; Association of Consulting Foresters in America, Inc., PA Chapter; Collins Pine Company-Kane Hardwood; Domtar Paper Company; Forest Investment Associates; Hancock Forest Management; Land Vest, Inc; New York Department of Environmental Conservation; Northern Research Station; Penn State University Extension; Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry; Pennsylvania Game Commission; Ruffed Grouse Society; SAF Chapters; SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry; and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of Pennsylvania.

For more information on the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, contact Ned Karger of Collins Pine Co. at 814-837-6121. 🌱

## Penn State ANSAF Student Chapter Activities

By Derek Larsen, Penn State SAF Student Chapter

The Penn State student Society of American Foresters chapter recently sent seven members to the SAF National Convention in Orlando, Florida. At the Wednesday quiz bowl, a knowledge based forestry competition, the Penn State team made it to the semi-finals before losing a close one to Oregon State. The student team representing Allegheny SAF was composed of **Eric Monger, Zach Stephens, Chris Hone, and Derek Larsen.** Oregon State went on to defeat Paul Smith in the finals.

The official opening ceremony on Thursday morning featured keynote speaker Charles Mann talking about his new book, *1491*, which is a look at pre-Columbus America. Following the opening ceremony, Penn State students split up to attend technical sessions that covered topics from forest management to history.

On the students' last day in Florida they took a trip to the Ocala National Forest, which is a 300,000-acre forest about an hour north of Orlando. The main attractions of this forest are the four natural springs located in the southern end of the forest. These crystal clear springs were an interesting ecosystem to see. While in the Ocala National Forest, student members also looked at different thinning and over story removals that had been used to manage the pine-dominated stands. Overall the trip gave a brief intro into how southern pine forests are managed.

Shortly after the National convention a group of students attended the Reads Gap Fall Festival, which is an annual event put on by the PA state parks as a community event. This year's festival was smaller than past years because of the state budget problems. The festival focused on activities for kids, including pumpkin painting and a hayride. The students that attended the festival helped with directing traffic for parking and the hayride. Part of the hayride was a short presentation for children about Pennsylvania's forests, how they grow, and why the trees change color each fall. The students also answered a variety of questions that both the kids and their parents had about trees and forests. This proved

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to be a challenging task for the students who had to form their answers in a way that the average 10-year old could understand. This event was good practice for the students who gained experience working with people with little background in forestry. In the end the festival was a success with over 300 people attending and a rather lengthy line for the hayride. 🌱

# Fishing Derby Named After Bill Burton

Extracted from an MFA press release submitted by Francis Zumbrun

In a fitting tribute to an angler who loved to get kids hooked on fishing, the Pasadena Sportfishing Group is naming an annual kid's fishing derby after **Bill Burton**, a Maryland reporter, writer and fisherman. Bill died in August after a long battle with cancer, at the age of 82. He was instrumental in preserving the Choptank River Bridge for a fishing pier when the new bridge was constructed.

George Bentz, the fishing group's president since it started in 1991, commented that, "He was the one that promoted us. Bill deserves every bit of [the recognition]." For more information about the annual derby, visit the group's web site at [pasadenasportfishing.com](http://pasadenasportfishing.com)

Bentz began fishing derbies in Annapolis about 20 years ago with the help of the MD Department of Natural Resources. When he decided to start Pasadena Sportfishing Group, he figured a kid's fishing derby was exactly the kind of the thing his organization should sponsor. Now, once a year, a

derby will be held at Fort Smallwood Park in Burton's name. The first **Bill Burton's Kids Fishing Derby** took place on September 19, 2009 at Fort Smallwood Park.

Burton once wrote that getting kids involved was important. "As a parting favor to me, take a kid fishing and you might just find it as satisfying for you as it is exciting for your pupil," he wrote. "More important, if the budding angler maintains interest, he or she will come to appreciate conservation and the environment - and insist on a cleaner and more ecological-friendly state, nation and world."

In addition to the derby, Dorchester County Executive John R. Leopold dedicated the pier at the park to Burton. "[Bill] understood that the land and the waterways are not things that we own, but that we as human beings are part of, and that we as human beings have a responsibility to preserve," Leopold said. "He loved to take people fishing because he understood that by fishing you understood the connection between human beings and the water and nature."

The pier will have story boards detailing parts of Burton's life and his contribution to the community. There are also preliminary plans to put a public access boat ramp at Fort Smallwood Park, something Burton advocated.

Burton spent 50 years writing about fishing and the outdoors for the Maryland Gazette and other publications. He fished with presidents, governors, senators and sport stars.

"He's a true icon. When you say Bill Burton the next word that comes to mind is fishing," Bentz said. "He was really special." 🌿

## Allegheny SAF Election Results

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# 2010 Allegheny Winter Meeting

Stonewall Jackson Resort State Park, Roanoke, WV – February 16-18, 2010  
“Beyond Our Borders: Building Awareness of International Forestry”

## Tuesday February 16, 2010

- 2:00 pm Registration Desk Open; Reginald Forbes Art Contest Registration
- 3:00 Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:00 Icebreaker Reception (cash bar) - T. J. Muskie's
- 8:30 West Virginia Division, SAF, Executive Committee Meeting

## Wednesday February 17, 2010

### Morning session: Welcome and Overview of International Forestry - Stonewall Ballroom

- 7:00-11:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00- 8:30 Registration; Reginald Forbes Art Contest Registration
- 8:30- 8:35 Greetings: West Virginia Division, SAF - Robert Beanblossom, Chair
- 8:35- 8:50 Welcome to West Virginia - Randy Dye, Director, West Virginia Division of Forestry
- 8:50- 9:20 Importance of International Relations to SAF - Michael Goergen - Executive Director, Society of American Foresters
- 9:20- 9:50 Major issues facing forests around the world - Dave McGill, Professor/Extension Specialist, WVU Division of Forestry and NR
- 10:00-10:10 Break**
- 10:10-10:45 Overview of Solid Wood Markets Global and Domestic - Al Schuler, Research Economist, USDA Forest Service
- 10:45-11:30 Experiences with and observations of the Asian wood export environment - Gene Walters, GM, Rolling Ridge Woods, LTD.
- 11:30-12:00 Impacts of international markets on the pulp and paper industry - Brian Ledgerwood, Internat'l Trade Specialist, US Dept of Commerce
- 12:00- 1:00 pm Lunch (Stillwaters)

### Afternoon Session: Regional forestry issues and observations

- 1:00- 1:30 pm Forestry in South Africa - Michael Jacobson, Professor of Forestry, Penn State University
- 1:30- 2:00 Trends in European Silviculture - Kurt Gottschalk, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station
- 2:00- 2:30 Experiences in Central America - Glen Juergens, Silviculturist, USDA Forest Service, Monongahela N.F.
- 2:30- 2:45 Break**
- 2:45- 3:15 South America—Forestry and ecosystem science in Guyana - Dr. Eric Heitzman, WVU Div of Forestry and Natural Resources
- 3:30- 4:00 Forestry and Forest Industry in China - Dr. Jingxin Wang, Professor of Forestry, WVU Div of Forestry and Natural Resources
- 4:15 Quiz bowl
- 6:00 Social hour followed by Banquet at 6:30 pm (Business Attire)  
Presentation: DVD – “A Working Forest: It's Future with Fire, People and Wildlife” – New Jersey Division SAF  
Robert Williams, Chair & Doug Tavella, Outgoing Chair

## Thursday February 18 (Stonewall Ballroom)

- 7:00-11:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 7:00- 8:00 Chair's Breakfast
- 8:00- 8:30 WV SAF Division business meeting; PA SAF Division business meeting
- 8:30- 9:00 Allegheny SAF business meeting
- 9:00- 9:30 Role of the Peace Corps in International Forestry - Jason Beach, Regional Recruiter, US Peace Corps
- 9:30-10:00 Forest Service International Forestry Program - Liz Mayhew, USDA Forest Service International Programs
- 10:00-10:15 Break**
- 10:15-11:00 Intensively Managed Plantations in South America - Tom Foxx, Virginia Tech
- 11:00-11:30 Forest Certification - Tom Hammett, Professor of Forestry, Virginia Tech
- 11:30-12:00 Russia
- 12:00 Lunch (Stillwaters)

**RESERVATIONS:** Room rate \$142/single; 129/ per person/double occupancy plus \$7 resort fee and taxes. Includes continental breakfasts, lunches, and all breaks on Wednesday and Thursday and banquet on Wednesday. **Call Stonewall Resort at 888-278-8150 by January 20, 2010.** A rate of \$65 per day is available for individuals not staying at the lodge (does not include banquet).

**DIRECTIONS:** From the north – Take Interstate 79 south to exit 91 (Roanoke, West Virginia). Turn left on to US 19-south. Entrance to the resort is 2.5 miles on left.

**REGISTRATIONS DUE February 5, 2010.** Late fee of \$15 applies to all registration fees postmarked after January 20, 2010.

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# Maryland Forests Association 2009 Logger of the Year presented to Furman Forest Services, LLC

**Furman Forest Services, LLC** has been named as the Maryland Forests Association Logger of the Year for 2009. The family-run business has thirty years of experience in the wood products industry, and has operated in its current form since 2001. The Furmans are well known for their high standards in customer relations, their drive for innovation, and their dedication to getting the job done right.

Mark, Randy, and Matt leave every customer satisfied, and use practices that keep the job site at its highest potential to grow the next stand of timber. When heavy rain threatens to damage the soil if logging operations continue, the Furmans sacrifice productivity and shut down for the day. They often take extra time to leave the site just as the landowner requests, whether it be with a firewood pile or an additional circle drive, and always retire a site with adequate mulch and seed. On the rare occasion that a landowner has an issue or dispute after the job is closed out, the Furmans act quickly and professionally to right the wrong.

The Furmans keep a close watch on current market conditions as well as emerging trends. In order to operate in tight quarters with high efficiency, the Furmans recently purchased a John Deere 120 tracked feller/buncher. Only eight feet wide, this machine helps them to complete thinning jobs quickly and with minimal damage to



the residual stand. Products are sorted on the landing for as many as nine different markets from tops and branches to veneer. Their experience in harvesting and hauling tops and branches puts them ahead of the curve when the biomass market expands.

Mark and Randy have both been active Master Loggers since 2004, and also participate in New Page's Controlled Forest Management Certified Wood Program. These programs help set them apart from the competition, and ensure their clients that they are choosing loggers with up-to-date training and a history of good practices.

Furman Forest Services is located in Frostburg, Maryland (Allegany County). They were nominated by foresters Dan Hedderick of the MD DNR Forest Service and Juls Wood of Reynwood Forest Management Inc. 🌱

## PA Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training

David Jackson, Forest Resource Extension Educator, Penn State Extension, Centre County

A Pennsylvania Tree Farm Program: Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training Session will be held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010** from 6-9 pm in the Penn State University Forest Resources Building, Room 105, in University Park, PA. Pre-registration is required. Contact **Dave Jackson** at **814-355-4897** for more information.

This session is for any forestry professional interested in being eligible to inspect and certify

properties in the **PA Tree Farm System**. Those individuals wishing to become inspectors must attend a face-to-face certification training session. The training course provides **Continuing Forestry Education Contact Hours** towards **SAF-CFE credits**. Help the American Tree Farm System get more good forestry on more private acres by becoming a certified Tree Farm Inspector. There is no charge to attend the session. 🌱

# Silviculture News

By Mary Ann Fajvan, ANSAF Science Coordinator

## Global connectedness: Competitiveness and diversification of the North American continental forest sector

Forestry is a global business whether the management objectives consider products or ecology. "Global Connectedness" is one of the featured tracks for a science and technical session being planned for the 2010 SAF National Convention in Albuquerque, NM. In addition, the Silviculture Working Group of the North American Forest Commission (NAFC) is sponsoring a one-day interactive workshop at the convention on "Competitiveness and diversification of the North American continental forest Sector." The objective of the Workshop is to discuss how the North American forest sector can compete in a global market while sustaining and enhancing forest health and productivity and providing a variety of needed goods, environmental services and values.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization created the NAFC as one of six regional forestry commissions in the world. The NAFC was established in 1958 to provide a policy and technical forum for Canada, Mexico and the United States to discuss and address forest issues on a North American basis. It is comprised of the federal forest service agencies of the three countries. The NAFC supports research and natural resource management activities through seven working groups: atmospheric change, fire management, forest products, insects and diseases, silviculture, forest inventory and monitoring, and forest genetic resources.

The Workshop will address two major themes during invited presentations and facilitated round table sessions. Speakers include representatives from the three NAFC member countries. The first theme considers the role of economics in North American Forest management to increase value of products. Topics include value chain optimization and wood fibre production and utilization; and forest wealth and socioeconomic priorities, values, trade-offs and synergies. The second theme addresses the technical aspects of forest management for fibre volume and value. Discussion will focus on new technologies for fibre

quality assessment, risk assessment, forest management and disturbance.

Through the efforts of the working groups, NAFC has been successful as a technical forum in the respective subject areas. However, it has been more difficult for the groups and the Commission to affect a change in continental forest policy primarily because of the complexities of bringing together three very different federal states in an economic partnership (i.e. North American Free Trade Agreement). Theoretically, the goal of NAFC is to create a lasting and fair agreement on continental forest conservation, management and trade in wood products. One potential outcome of the 2010 workshop is to generate new ideas that reduce the adversarial nature of discussions among the three nations. Foresters and other natural resource professionals are directly affected by the structure and power of the North American continental partnership. Make sure to attend the workshop so that you can play a role in strengthening North America's global connections.



Members of the North American Forest Commission Silviculture Working Group on a field tour of thinning research sites in British Columbia (Photo: M.A. Fajvan)

For more information about the Workshop contact Mary Ann Fajvan, Chair, NAFC Competitiveness Workshop at [mfajvan@fs.fed.us](mailto:mfajvan@fs.fed.us)

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## Coming Events

### February 2010

16-18 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting at Stonewall Jackson Resort State Park, Roanoke, WV, featuring "Beyond Our Borders: Building Awareness of International Forestry." See page 13 for detailed information and registration form

### March

15 Deadline for the Spring 2010 issue of *The Allegheny News*. Send articles in Microsoft Word Format to [ansaf@verizon.net](mailto:ansaf@verizon.net)

23 Pennsylvania Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training Session, PSU Forest Resources Building Rm 105, 6-9 pm. Pre-registration required, call Dave Jackson at 814-355-4897

### June

15 Deadline for the Summer 2010 issue of *The Allegheny News*. Send articles in Microsoft Word Format to [ansaf@verizon.net](mailto:ansaf@verizon.net)

23-25 ANSAF Summer meeting at the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre, PA. More information to follow.

### September

15 Deadline for the Fall 2010 issue of *The Allegheny News*. Send articles in Microsoft Word Format to [ansaf@verizon.net](mailto:ansaf@verizon.net)

### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Summer 2010: PA Pinchot Chapter

Winter 2011: Plateau Chapter

### Future SAF National Conventions

2010: Albuquerque, NM – October 25-28

2011: Honolulu, HI – November 2-6



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