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Cover Story

Forester/photographer Dave Haubrick captured this misty forest scene in Potter County, Pennsylvania. As striking in black and white as it is in color, this photo epitomizes a spring morning in the woods. See it in color on the Allegheny SAF website:

www.alleghenysaf.org

Chair's Corner

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Allegheny SAF Chair



Welcome summer! The above photo includes my 15-year old son, and was taken during our March visit to the USDA Forest Service Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory in Otto, NC. Look closely at the photo to note which of us is more “height challenged.” We were traveling to Coweeta to observe the impact of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) on southern forests. HWA was first detected on the 5400 acre watershed in 2003 and has been monitored since 2004. Some stands there contain fifty percent (50%) hemlock basal area. Unfortunately, we had trouble finding a living hemlock and 2011 mortality estimates from the monitoring plots were over ninety percent (90%). Coweeta’s location is at the southern limit of hemlock’s range and the warm winter climate is very favorable to HWA survival, because it feeds during the winter. Scientists there predict that the loss of hemlock will favor an expansion of understory rhododendron and laurel species on some sites, and regeneration dominance of black birch elsewhere. Future monitoring will give us some clues of what to expect as hemlock mortality increases in some of our northern stands.

In SAF national news, Ken Jolly reports that Council recently approved some new policies regarding membership and dues rates. The

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new “tiered membership dues structure” allows SAF members to choose from a menu of membership benefits and dues rates. The new structure is being implemented to retain and attract members while meeting the financial needs of SAF. There is also a new financial incentive in the form of dues reduction, for existing members who recruit new members. Please read Ken’s Council Report in this newsletter for more details and contact him if you have questions and comments.

Council is also encouraging State Societies to submit nominations for National Awards. The deadline for nominations for the House of Society Delegates 2011 “**Success Stories**” Award is in **early August**. Allegheny SAF has won one of these awards in each of the three years it has been in existence. The award may be given to a State/Multi-State Society, Divisions or Chapters to recognize accomplishments that advance SAF’s Mission/Strategic Objectives and provide public/community service benefits. Last year the New Jersey Division won an award for the production of their video: “A Working Forest – Its future with Fire, People and Wildlife.” Please let me know if you have a nomination and I can assist with the paperwork.

There is also an **August 26**, deadline for nominations of Allegheny SAF members interested in running for office. **We need nominations for three positions:** Secretary, Treasurer and Chair-elect. All information about the duties for each position is contained in our Bylaws which is located under “Documents” on our website (www.alleghenysaf.org). Contact **Kurt Gottschalk** or myself if you are interested in having your name on the October ballot. Please consider volunteering to run for office. The experience gives you the opportunity to work with some amazing people who really care about forests and our SAF family! ❁

Northern Hardwood Chapter Winter Meeting

By Dave Andrus, Chair-Elect, Northern Hardwood SAF Chapter

The Northern Hardwood Chapter held its winter meeting on the evening of March 3, 2011 at the Courtyard Restaurant in Smethport, PA. Following a fine dinner, Chapter Chair **John Saf** opened the meeting and had updates presented by some members. **Ned Karger** reviewed the discussions held by the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee at the winter meeting in Clarion. **Ken Kane** updated us on the PA Game Commission testimony required in Harrisburg concerning the PA deer herd. **Tim Pierson** and Ned Karger gave a preview of the Emerald Ash Borer talk they would give at the Insect and Disease Briefing later in March.

The featured speaker for the evening was **Pat Brose**. He briefed the members on the new “Allegheny Hardwood Dominance Probability Project” being undertaken at the Forest Service lab in Irvine, PA. The goal of the study is to determine factors affecting the regeneration success of desirable and undesirable species in Allegheny Hardwood stands. The project has four main components: a review of existing Allegheny Hardwood studies led by **Todd Ristau**; a black cherry seed production study led by **Bob Long**; a stem analysis study headed by **Alex Royo**; and the dominance probability study led by **Pat Brose**. We look forward to seeing the results of this project in the future.

John Saf presented Pat Brose with an SAF jacket as a thank you for the presentation. All those who attended the presentation are eligible for 1.0 CFE credit. ❁

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In Memoriam

Joseph E. Ibberson, 94, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania died April 30, 2011. He was born in Lykens, PA, March 12, 1917. After a stint in the United States Army during World War II, he earned a BS in Forestry at Penn State University in 1947 and a MS in Forestry at Yale University in 1948.

Ibberson's professional career began with the PA Bureau of Forestry in researching the many plantations planted on State Forest lands. Later, as Chief of the Division of Advisory Services, he directed Forest Specialists in Forest Tree Nurseries, Entomology, Pathology, Wood Utilization, Genetics, Planning, Management, Private Land Service and Urban Forestry.

In retirement, Ibberson continued his forestry activities, piecing parcels of forestland into larger units, improving them through thoughtful management and in the end, donating them as State Conservation Areas.

He was influential in convincing others of the value of establishing Conservation Areas as demonstration and passive recreation areas. They are part of his legacy.

Ibberson also has endowed two Forestry Chairs at Penn State University to expand the core of forest disciplines to address current and developing forest resource issues. He has been a member of the National Society of American Foresters (SAF) for 63 years and was elected an SAF Fellow in 2001.



Edward A Lempicki, 63, died Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Ocean Medical Center in Brick, New Jersey. He received his BS in Forestry at West Virginia University and retired from the New Jersey Forest Service after 36 years of service in 2010. The last ten years he was Chief of the NJ Forest Service; prior to that he held a range of responsibilities within the state's private woodlands management, state lands management and forest products utilization and marketing programs.

Lempicki also served as the agency's federal grants procurement and management coordinator and functioned as the state's biomass energy contact for the Coalition of Northeast Governor's Regional Biomass Program.

His interests in conservation and wise use of forest products afforded him the opportunity to provide, for the past 10 years, an undergraduate course of instruction in wood technology at Rutgers University, Cook College. His work in developing new markets for recycled wood products and urban tree removals earned him the US Forest Service Chief's Award for Technology Transfer in 1995.

Mr. Lempicki was a career-long member of the New Jersey Forestry Association and The Society of American Foresters. He enjoyed traveling to St. Maarten, fishing, snorkeling, and spending quality time with his family. Surviving are his wife Donna Poll Lempicki and children Kimberly, and Jeffrey. 🌿

Keystone SAF Schedules New Meetings

By Craig Houghton, Penn State Mont Alto

September 8, 2011 meeting will feature a field tour at the Michaux State Forest, Old Tree Farm #1. Themes include invasive species, competing vegetation, and plans for the area with staff from the Michaux District, followed by a cookout at the Old Forge Picnic Area.

November 17, 2011 meeting will feature **Steve Shaffer** presenting information on the automated cameras used in the forest for a golden eagle project and lots of interesting wildlife pictures from mice, bear, possum, and eagles. To be held at a church on Lambs Gap Road north of Mechanicsburg. Look for your mail notices and commit early. 🌿



District VII Council Report

By Kenneth Jolly, CF, SAF District VII Representative

**EXCITING! Innovative! RADICAL!! BOLD!!
UNBELIEVABLE!! WOW!!!**

Okay – you can probably tell by the first few words of this column that this is not going to be a ‘typical’ Council Report!! That’s because Council has approved some *very exciting* items that are intended to respond to member concerns about dues and to reverse the declining trends in SAF membership and revenues!

Although the ‘full details’ are still being finalized as this column ‘goes to press,’ I wanted to give you a ‘general sense’ of the changes Council approved, and also to *alert you to pay close attention* to the various SAF communications you receive over the next couple of

months (email, *Forestry Source*, etc.) so you don’t miss out on anything or get confused when your next dues renewal statement arrives!

First, let me provide a bit of background (hopefully, you are somewhat familiar with this information):

- SAF has been experiencing a declining trend in membership for many years (averaging about 3% annually). In addition to the loss of professional talent, this membership decline has also negatively impacted SAF revenues and put increased pressure on SAF’s operational budget.
- SAF membership dues have remained substantially unchanged since 1997 (except for a \$3 inflation increase in 2004) – a period of approx. 14 years. During this 14-year time period, the average cost of living has increased 35%. Increased operational costs, combined with declining membership revenue, has contributed to operating budget deficits for SAF in 2009 and 2010.
- In light of the above, Council discussed a proposed a 15% dues increase (increasing annual membership dues from \$133 to \$153) at the 2010 House of Society Delegates (HSD) Meeting at the Albuquerque National Convention. While HSD understood the budgetary rationale for the dues increase, HSD’s reaction to the proposed dues increase was largely negative, and the Delegates asked Council to consider other options, including implementation of a new membership campaign to help generate additional revenues and reverse the membership decline.
- Over the course of the next four Council Meetings (from Oct. 2010 through June 2011), Council gave careful consideration to the feedback from HSD. The first action Council took was to postpone a decision on the proposed 15% dues increase. Council also implemented a \$10 discount incentive program in December 2010 for members who recruit new members to address HSD’s request for a new membership campaign.
- Most importantly, Council ‘went back to the drawing board’ to explore several other options to deal with the budgetary and membership concerns facing SAF – which is where we begin with the ‘new information’ for this column...

At the June 2011 Meeting, in culmination of the ongoing discussion and financial analysis which occurred during the previous three Council meetings, Council voted to approve two major new initiatives, as noted/described below. Both of these initiatives are planned to be fully in place when the 2012 membership renewals are sent out (note: the National Office is anticipating sending the 2012 dues renewal notices out in August of this year – significantly earlier than in previous years – the intent is to address member concerns that the end of the year is a bad time to receive dues renewals due to ‘piling on’ with holiday spending, etc.):

- Ø *Initiative #1 – A new and innovative long-term strategy to “Re-grow” SAF Membership*
- Ø *Initiative #2 – A bold and exciting “Tiered” Membership Dues structure*

A few more details.....

The first initiative – the long-term strategy to “Re-grow” SAF membership – will give existing SAF members a positive financial incentive (a substantially increased dues discount) to ‘re-ignite’ their

enthusiasm to talk to colleagues about the benefits of SAF membership. While SAF has offered dues discounts previously to existing members who recruit new/re-instating members, what's new – and something SAF has *never done before* – is that the dues discount for existing members *will continue for a five-year period*, as long as the new/re-instated member also maintains their SAF membership!!

Even more importantly, the long-term strategy to “Re-grow” SAF membership will provide substantial financial benefits to potential new/re-instating members in the form of a *30% dues discount* to the recruited member – which is also *completely new!!* (In previous membership campaigns, no discount incentive was available for the new/re-instating member). This new incentive should provide a big boost in regards to overcoming the “dues are too high” complaint that many of you have likely heard when promoting SAF membership to some of your colleagues.

Recent recognition of the power of social networking has clearly demonstrated that ‘one-on-one conversation’ is still one of the most powerful ways of inspiring people – and who better to inspire forestry professionals to join SAF than those who already know and appreciate the many benefits of SAF? With these ‘new tools in the toolbox,’ and by taking a ‘long-term strategic approach’ (versus a ‘one-time membership campaign’), this new strategy has the potential to be highly popular with SAF members and very successful in attracting (or re-attracting) forestry professionals to SAF!

The second initiative – a “Tiered” Dues Structure – is equally exciting and innovative!! The new Tiered Dues Structure will provide *several different ‘options’* for members to choose from in regards to their SAF membership. Each ‘option’ will provide a certain level of member benefits, which will in turn correspond to an associated dues payment.

Currently, SAF’s dues structure provides only ‘one option’ for professional members, which is set at \$133/year (e.g., this rate applies to all members except those who qualify for the retired, student, and transition dues rates), and all members receive the same level of benefits for this set rate.

However, several membership organizations have come to more fully appreciate that not all members are truly interested in taking advantage of the full spectrum of benefits offered by the organization – nor do they want to pay for them – and consequently over time, these members may decide to let their membership lapse since they feel they are paying for benefits they really don’t care that much about. The goal of a tiered structure is to provide a variety of membership levels/due rates that correspond to a variety of membership benefits to appeal to a broader range of potential members.

A ‘coarse analogy’ could be the pricing structure at a sports event. There are different seat prices [dues rates] depending on where the seats are located [member benefits provided]. Seats closer to the sports event are important to some attendees [and provide a higher benefit they are willing to pay more for], while some attendees are quite happy in seats further away. That’s why there are so many options/ticket prices for seats at a baseball game – the baseball organization is providing a range of ‘member dues rates’ that match up with a range of ‘member benefits’ that appeal to a broad spectrum of potential ‘members.’ SAF’s new Tiered Dues structure will thus be better able to attract and retain members by better matching up benefit levels and dues rates that are more in line with what members truly want from the organization.

The reason these two new initiatives are so important to you/SAF was captured very well in a succinct statement that I recently heard from a member of the Allegheny Executive Committee: *“The strength of SAF is in the membership!”* In other words, the strength and effectiveness of the national organization begins with the local membership. I think it’s clear that the ability of SAF to provide quality CFE programs at the local level – a highly important and valuable benefit – and to represent the forestry professional on local issues, are directly connected to the strength of the local membership. In turn, a strong local organization builds a strong national organization that can provide quality professional resources to the membership and scientifically sound input on national level issues that decision-makers will listen to.

In closing, I’m hoping that this column has ‘whet your appetite’ for the exciting new world of opportunities that these two initiatives can have for SAF for the future!! Also – if you are able to do so, be sure to attend the Hawaii Convention – from what I’ve heard, it’s shaping up to be a truly great Convention!! Finally, as always, please feel free to contact me if you have any SAF items that you want to bring to my attention for Council’s consideration. ❁

Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum: "The Housing Market"

By Ted Lutz, Staff Reporter, *The Kane Republican*

Bob Berg, guest speaker Thursday, April 11, 2011, at the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum held at the Kane Country Club, discussed the US housing market that has been in a slump for several years. He believes that it is headed for a recovery – once the employment picture brightens. This is the forecast of Berg, a State College and Pennsylvania resident, who is an operating partner for Atlas Holdings, LLC and a founding member of the Resource Information Systems International (RISI).



Ned Karger (left) of Kane, and Chairman of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, presents a traditional engraved black cherry Biltmore stick to speaker Bob Berg at the Spring 2011 Forum
Photo by Ted Lutz

According to Berg, there are millions of vacant housing units in the U.S. due to the “overbuilding” of homes, including many that have never been occupied. He said the problem with the increase in “vacant shelter inventory” was heightened by “funny financing” that enabled families to “buy homes they couldn't afford.” Berg also mentioned, “There is a very slow recovery in home occupancy due to a slow growth in employment and income. Yes, housing will recover; no, it won't happen tomorrow.”

Berg, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Penn State University, said studies show there are “questions” about the impact of home foreclosures on the supply of vacant housing units.

He said “displaced” families that are forced from their foreclosed homes might move into a rental unit. Other “displaced” families are forced to “double up” in a unit; there is a pent-up demand for housing. But such moves have “no impact” in reducing the “vacant shelter inventory.” Only if employment and income rises will the “excess” housing inventory be eliminated.

Once the number of vacant units is lowered, there will be “a demand for new shelter” with more “housing starts” and a “meaningful recovery” in the market, Berg said. Studies show that the “pool of pent-up demand” for housing will continue to “overhand the market” and “put pressure on the housing stock in 2013,” Berg said.

Although housing starts will rebound at some point in the future, Berg said there would probably be smaller homes, more multi-family residences and much different financing tools available. Home ownership levels are not expected to reach past peak years. “The impetus to buy is much less attractive than in the past,” he said.

As part of his presentation, Berg painted a grim picture for furniture made in the US. He said furniture prices have “moved down” in the past decade due to the rise in imports from China and Southeast Asia. His forecast calls for only “modest growth” in the “consumption” of U.S. hardwood lumber.

“As an investor, I'm not interested in buying timber right now,” he said. While the U.S. has been faced with a recession over the past few years, Berg believes the cycle has been “a depression for the timber industry.” ❁

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Students Exchange Labor for Deer Surveying Experience

By Brent Harding, Rothrock Chapter of SAF Chair

Early this April, the Penn State Forestland Management Office completed its third deer density survey of the Stone Valley Forest in as many years. As in the past our Office was fortunate to partner with **Dave Jackson**, Extension Educator from the PSU College of Agricultural Sciences Centre County Cooperative Extension Office, **Dr. Jackie Grant**, Senior Lecturer from the PSU School of Forest Resources and **Eric Easton**, Instructor from the Pennsylvania College of Technology School of Natural Resources Management. Over fifty students, some active in student SAF chapters, benefited from the multiple department/campus collaboration.

Participating students received in-the-classroom instruction pertaining to the history of whitetail deer management in Pennsylvania as well as the deer density survey protocol that they were to employ in the field (see photo below). Once in the field the two person crews were independently responsible for successfully completing approximately one lineal mile of deer density survey plots. The students' ability to work and navigate independently on an unfamiliar landscape has been consistently impressive. The students obtained deer density survey data for over six square miles of the Stone Valley Forest.

The fruits of their labor were analyzed and summarized first by our Office and then by the students in labs. The results are taken into consideration as we manage the habitat of the Stone Valley Forest and its deer herd.

The Penn State Forestland Management Office is very grateful to the Penn State and Penn College faculty that have integrated our deer density survey into their curriculums. Central Pennsylvania weather conditions permit only a very small window of time in which we can properly complete these surveys. The labor the faculty and students are willing to exchange in return for experience is essential for the continued success of survey.

If you would like additional information about the Penn State Stone Valley Forest deer density survey please contact the office at 814-865-7422 or at bah173@psu.edu. 🌱

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Woody Biomass for Thermal Energy

By DeNise Cooke-Bauer, Strategic Planning & Community Outreach, Delaware Water Gap Natural Recreation Area

SAF Pinchot Chapter hosted a seminar, *Woody Biomass for Heating and Cooling, Commercial and Industrial Applications*, on March 31 at Lacawac Sanctuary in Wayne County, PA. Building and energy design professionals, foresters and economic development specialists met and discussed barriers holding back the use of wood fuel as a low cost, sustainable heat and cooling (HVAC) option for commercial class buildings. Nationally recognized specialists from state, federal, and local agencies, education and the private sector met together in an effort to expand sustainable wood heat project development in Northeastern

Pennsylvania; the discussion focused on personal experiences with both successful project implementations and barriers that have been encountered. **DeNise Cooke-Bauer**, Chapter Chair noted that there was consensus among the group about the fact that progress can be made with improved public awareness and professional growth. The group of 20 listed the following needed to further this effort:

- Offer federal and state financial support at level matching that given other renewable sources
- Expand advocacy - encourage public policy support for modern wood thermal energy
- Increase awareness of modern wood heat and cooling, and of sources where people can find information on design, fuel, environmental and economic aspects of its implementation.
- Showcase modern wood energy technology as solution to rising energy prices in older buildings
- Publish equipment engineering data for ready access by energy and building designers
- Invite foresters and loggers to participate as fuel experts in early stage project development
- Overcome old ideas; emphasize modern wood HVAC as clean, reliable, automated and efficient



Information from this meeting was compiled by SAF member **John Karakash** and presented at a facilitated panel discussion between building energy design engineers and wood energy equipment makers at a major conference entitled *Heating the Northeast with Renewable Biomass* in April in Manchester, NH. 🌱



Sugaring at Lusscroft Farm

By Doug Tavella, New Jersey Division SAF

At the 2011 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, the Executive Committee voted to grant \$2,000 from the Educational Endowment Fund to the New Jersey Division to expand the sugar maple syrup operation at the Lusscroft Farm in Sussex County, New Jersey. As many of you know, this operation is a unique cooperative public/private sector venture. The land is owned by the State of New Jersey, and the various farm operations are run under the auspices of the Sussex County Heritage and Agriculture Association.

Frank Hennion, Past Chair of the NJ Division, has been the driving force behind the reclamation of the old sugaring operation at Lusscroft. Within the past four years, two old sugar bushes have been reclaimed and a third sugar bush added. TSI work in the sugar bushes has produced firewood to fuel the operation for a few years. Nature trails have been created through the sugar bushes. An efficient collection system has been established and the sugaring house has been repaired. NJ Division members accomplished much of this work.

This year, a total of 960 man-hours were volunteered over a 4½ week period in February and March to prepare and improve the operation. Volunteers included past and present NJ Forest Service and Forest Fire Service employees, private woodland owners, and NJ Division SAF foresters.

Since being restarted a few years ago, the sugaring operation at Lusscroft has been rather primitive and in need of modernization in order to



increase production to the point where the operation is self-supporting. This is where the Endowment Fund money came into play. The grant money allowed for the purchase of a finisher and bottling unit, collection and holding tanks, and a sap refractometer for measuring sugar content. This equipment allowed for an increase in syrup production from 18 gallons in 2010 to 60 gallons in 2011.

A Sugar Maple Syrup Open House held on March 12-13 attracted 350 people. NJ Division member **Joe Bruschetta** conducted educational tours of the sugar bushes and sugarhouse. Fresh maple syrup was sold at the event. Every drop of fresh maple syrup was sold, and there was plenty of demand for more! Thanks to you, **Allegheny SAF and the Endowment Fund** for supporting this worthy project! ❁

Fall Roach Bauer Forestry Forum Features Recent Oak Regeneration Research

The October 20, 2011 **Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum** will feature **Pat Brose, Kurt Gottschalk and Gary Miller**, researchers who have spent many years studying oak regeneration. Entitled **“Recent Advances in Oak Regeneration Research,”** their presentation will cover the results of the cooperative research done between the USFS Northern Research Station and the PA Bureau of Forestry since the beginning of the SILVAH-oak project a decade ago. Major highlights will include work on the factors limiting oak seedling

establishment, development of oak seedling root systems, and interspecies competitive relationships in early stand development.

The Forum will be held Thursday, October 20 at the Kane Country Club on Rt. 6 east of Kane, PA. An announcement and flyer will be sent to the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum mailing list in early September. If you are not on the mailing list or would like more information, please contact Ned Karger via telephone at (814) 837-0121 or email at nkarger@collinsco.com ❁

Allegheny Society of American Foresters Summer Meeting

September 14-16, 2011

The Fountains Conference Center, Salisbury, MD

Convergence of Traditional Forestry with Ecological Forestry

10.5 Category 2: SAF CFE's

(Thursday 6.5 CFE's, Friday morning 2 CFE's, Optional Program Friday 2 CFE's)

Wednesday, September 14

1:00 - 5:30 PM **OPTIONAL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:** (must pre-register, information on registration page)

- *Golf Scramble – Nutters County Club (need minimum of 8 players)*

FOR ALL THREE EVENTS BELOW, MEET AT FURNACE TOWN PARKING LOT at 1:00 PM

- *Hike Birding Trails with local naturalist (\$5.00 registration fee, minimum 8 hikers)*

Hike starts at 1:00 pm - Bring binoculars and camera!

- *Bike Ride: 13 mile Three Bridges Ride; or a 24 miler on a portion of the Beach to Bay Indian Trail*

Group starts at 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Show and Go all other times

- *Kayak Nassawango Creek with TNC's Stewardship Committee Members*

Bring your own canoe or kayak or rent canoes and kayaks in Snow Hill

2:00 - 6:00 Allegheny Executive Committee Meeting – Fountains Conference Center

4:00 - 8:00 Registration – Fountains Conference Center (Setup & View Silent Action Items)

7:00 - 8:30 Ice Breaker (appetizers) & Cash Bar – Fountains Conference Center

Thursday, September 15

7:00 - 9:00 AM Registration (refreshments) **Fountains Conference Center**

8:00 - 8:10 Welcome – Steve Koehn, Director\State Forester Maryland DNR – Forest Service

8:10 - 9:00 Industrial Forest: *More Than Fiber* – Tom Wieland, NE Regional Manager, Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company

9:00 - 9:45 The Nature Conservancy: Forests & Sustainable Management – Debora Landau Ph.D., Cons. Ecologist, TNC

9:45 - 10:00 Break: (refreshments) Browse silent auction items

10:05 Board bus & Depart for Field program (**Bring a hardhat if you have one**)

10:30 - 11:15 Forest Products Inc - Bark Mulch Facility – Tommy Johnson: Forest Products Inc.

- Expanded uses of landscaping mulch, shifts in pulpwood markets to other products

11:30 – 12:00 Chesapeake State Forest – Field Stop – Larry Walton; Vice President, Vision Forestry LLC

- Pine Plantation thinning & practices used for oak retention to develop mixed stands

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch – Historic Furnace Town

- History of the Iron Furnace & use of charcoal – Kathy Fisher, Furnace Town Historian

- Browse around the historical village and the Iron Furnace

1:30 - 2:15 Forest Land Group – Furnace Tract: Matt Sampson, NE Regional Director, FLG

- Implementing ecological prescriptions on former industrial forest property that is now FSC certified.

2:45 - 3:45 TNC Nassawango Project tour - Debora Landau Ph.D., Conservation Ecologist, TNC

- Restoration activities in pine stands, prescribe burning to re-establish ecologically important species

- Reforestation Atlantic White Cedar

4:15 - 5:15 Paul Jones Lumber Company – Kenny Pusey, mill owner

- Utilization of pine timbers in specialized markets (tour wood yard, products)

5:15 - 5:45 Travel back to Fountains Conference Center

7:00 - 9:00 Dinner: Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art – Speaker: Sam Dyke – SAF Member & Birding Specialist

(Dinner and Tour of the Ward Museum, Registration required space limited to 70)

Friday, September 16

7:00 - 7:45 Refreshments & Browse Silent Auction items at **Fountains Conference Center**

7:45 - 8:00 Division Business Meetings

8:00 - 8:30 Allegheny Business Meeting

8:30 - 9:15 Current Trends Influencing changes in Silvicultural Practices – Fred White, (retired) Forest Land Group

9:15 - 10:00 Influence of Certification Standards – TBD

10:00 - 10:15 Break: (refreshments) View Silent auction and make final bids

10:15 - 11:00 Trends in Large Landowner Objectives – Matt Sampson, NE Regional Director, FLG

11:00 - 11:45 Tree Farm Private Land Certification program – Bob Simpson, Senior Vice President AFF

11:30 - 12:15 Panel Discussion & Questions

12:15 - 12:30 Closing Comments - Announce Silent Auction Winners & Adjourn

1:00 - 4:00 Tour operations at Delaware Wild Lands (**Optional - must pre-register**) min. 10 reg., Pete Martin, DE Wild Lands

- Variable retention harvest and ecological restoration of Atlantic White Cedar and Bald Cypress.

(Registration fee \$8, includes box lunch)

Note: All lands that are being visited over this two day conference are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Additional Conference Information

- **Ward Museum:** <http://www.wardmuseum.org/Home/tabid/37/Default.aspx>
- **Chesapeake Forest:** <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/chesapeakeforestlands.asp>
- **Nassawango Creek Preserve:**
<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/maryland/preserves/art21134.html>
- **Historic Furnace Town:** <http://furnacetown.com/>
- **Fountains Conference Center:** <http://www.fountainsinc.com/>
- **Delaware Wildlands:** <http://delawarewildlands.org/index.htm>
- **Canoe Rentals:** <http://www.atbeach.com/amuse/md/canoe/index.asp>
- **Nutters Crossing Golf:** <http://nutterscrossing.com/index.html>
- The Wednesday afternoon golf scramble is being organized by Larry Walton of Vision Forestry you will be playing in teams of four and playing the best shot in the group. Prizes will be awarded, all skill levels welcome.
- For additional information on the Wednesday afternoon events that meet at Furnace Town, Hikers, Bikers, Kayakers Contact: J. Jordan 443-235-1634, jjordan@dnr.state.md.us . Please try to meet at the Furnace Town Parking Lot at 1:00 p.m. You can reserve a canoe/kayak at the website listed above, mention that you are with SAF to receive a discount on the rental. ***Please pre-register for these events on the registration form.***
- **Portions of the tour on Thursday, September 15th a hardhat will be required, if you have one please bring it with you**
- **Exhibitor Fee \$50 per space includes table, must purchase a registration**
Interested Exhibitors should contact Mike Schofield at: 410-632-3732

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: (Indicate SAF Summer Meeting, Rooms held at the SAF rate until August 14th)

County Inn & Suites: Room rate for SAF; \$75 choice of room with King or two Queens.
30 rooms are reserved for the SAF conference until August 14th, free continental breakfast included
Contact Hotel: (410) 742-2688 for reservations
Hotel located next to the conference center (same parking lot)
<http://www.countryinns.com/salisbury-hotel-md-21804/mdsalisb>

Microtel Inns & Suites: Room rate for SAF; \$70
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Hotel located next to the conference center.
Contact Hotel: (410) 742-2626 or www.microtelinn.com

Sleep Inn: Room rate for SAF; \$81 (2) double beds, \$72 (1) queen.
30 rooms are reserved for the SAF conference until August 14th, free continental breakfast included.
Contact Hotel: (410) 572-5516 for reservations.
Hotel located directly across the highway from the conference center behind Denny's Restaurant.
www.sleepinn.com/hotel-salisbury-maryland-md022

**For those who wish to camp, the following State Parks have trailer and tent sites.
Some cabin rentals are available.**

Pocomoke River State Park: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/pocomokeriver.asp>
Located approximately 30 minutes south of the Conference Center, campsites for trailers and tents, also cabin rentals. (*Two campground areas located along the Pocomoke River*). <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us/>

Janes Island State Park: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/janesisland.asp>
Located on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay approximately 30 minutes south of the Conference Center, campsites for trailers and tents, also cabin rentals. <http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us/>

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Assateague State Park: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.asp>

Assateague Island National Seashore: <http://www.nps.gov/asis/index.htm>

Please fill out and return the registration material below and return: PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Registration: _____ SAF Member: **\$66.00** (one chain rate) _____ Non (SAF) Member: **\$100.00**

With paid registration include **\$30** additional registration for spouse attending program\tour: \$ _____

Spouse Name for name tag: _____

Student Registration: **\$30.00** – College enrolled at: _____ \$ _____

I will be attending the Thursday Ward Museum Dinner & Program (**\$25/person**) _____# \$ _____

I will be attending Friday tour of Delaware Wild Lands (**\$8/person**) _____# \$ _____

Late Registration fee: additional **\$25** if registration postmarked after August 20th \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT \$ _____

I will participate in the following activity on Wednesday afternoon.

Golf Scramble – Nutters County Club (**\$45** green fee & golf cart) _____# \$ _____
Handicap _____ Prizes will be awarded
(If event is cancelled due to weather fee will be refunded)

Hike the Prothonotary Birding Trail (**\$5/person**) _____# \$ _____

Bike Ride: From Furnace Town along portions of Beach to Bay Indian Trail (**free**) _____#

Kayak Nassawango Creek with TNC’s Stewardship Committee Members (**free**) _____#

Total Payment Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: MD/DE SAF, completed registration form must be postmarked by **Saturday, August 20th** to avoid late registration charge. Mail Registration to: **John Jordan**

**Maryland Forest Service
10990 Market Lane
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Note on Envelope: *Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting*

For those who register for a Wednesday afternoon program above, you will be mailed directions to the site plus other information on the event.

Silent Auction: Tables will be set up for the Silent Auction so please consider helping the Allegheny Society by donating an item. **If you know you will have something to donate please indicate by checking the box .**

If you have questions please contact: Kip Powers, 410-713-3862 or email at **kpowers@dnr.state.md.us**

Forester members of the Pennsylvania SAF - HB 1235 Needs Your Help!

The dedicated members of **The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters (PCPF)**, an organization of dedicated foresters whose interests and concerns are focused on **ALL** the values of Pennsylvania's forests resources, has received the support of State Representatives **Payne, Fabrizio, Pashinski and Mahoney** with the introduction of **House Bill 1235** which would license foresters in the state.

As forester members of SAF, you best understand the dynamics of our forests and what it takes to tend a piece of land to meet desires goals. You are also aware that most forestland owners are lacking the guidance of professionally trained foresters and the negative long-term ramifications that result from mismanagement of the resource.

With ever increasing demands being made on the forests of "Penn's Woods," scientifically-based management is now needed more than ever. I'm sure that your personal experience with private forest landowners has broadened your knowledge of their need for professional forest management assistance. University-trained and field-experienced foresters are in the best position to offer forest management options to fit the goals of the over 500,000 private forestland owners in Pennsylvania - owners of close to 75% of the 16 million acres of forestland in the state.

Forester licensing in Pennsylvania, (HB1235), would insure that PA forestland owners will have the go-to professionals who are trained and experienced in the art and science of managing the forest values they cherish now and for the future generations who may inherit the forestland.

You may be one of the 68% of PASAF members who voted in favor of PA forester licensing in a PASAF ballot referendum several years ago. **Now is the time to "Walk the Talk." Contact your local State Representatives, the PCPF's legislative supporters, PA House Licensure Committee Chair Honorable Julie Harhart, and Local Landowner Associations.**

Professionally,

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Who are my legislators? www.legis.state.pa.us

HB1235: Licensing Pennsylvania Foresters

What is the bill intended to do?

On March 29, 2011, **HB1235** – sponsored by Representatives John Payne, Florindo Fabrizio, Edie Day Pashinski, and Tim Mahoney – was introduced in the House of Representative of the Pennsylvania General Assembly amending the Engineer, Land Surveyor, and Geologist Registration Act to include foresters. HB1235 defines the qualifications for a person to be considered a forester and defines the practice of forestry. The legislation provides for continuing education and outlines general ethics requirements.

This legislation has been in the works for over 17 years, it is intended to identify professionals qualified to practice forestry, provide for integrity in the delivery of forestry services, and raise public awareness of forestry, foresters, and the practice of forestry. Licensure will raise the stature of the forestry profession and recognize forestry professionals as the source of available trustworthy forestry assistance.

While the bill does not require individual landowners to use a forester there will be assurance that the best scientific advice based on the potential of the forest and the objectives of the owner will be received and that services will be rendered in a professional and ethical manner.

The proposal does not, in any way, limit landowners' property rights or their ability to manage their land as they see fit. The proposal requires that foresters provide landowners with complete and truthful information about the consequence of various harvesting methods and forest management practices. Outside of local ordinances, the landowner would always be free to accept or reject the advice of the forester.

Only licensed individuals will be permitted to represent themselves as "foresters." Non-licensed individuals who represent themselves as professional foresters will be subject to penalties including criminal prosecution. Unlicensed individuals will not be permitted to offer services to the public identified as the practice of forestry.

The licensing board will maintain a list of registered licensed foresters that will be available to the public in every county seat of the Commonwealth.

The general procedure for an individual seeking licensure as a forester is identical to those for individuals seeking licensure as engineers, land surveyors, and geologists. The specific standards for licensure as a forester require a specific level of educational attainment, a specific period of experience and passage of an examination, and payment of appropriate fees.

An affidavit is required by the board to evaluate the applicant's credentials and experience. License without examination will be in effect for two years. The board would adopt a forester examination for future applicants within two years after HB1235 is law. The standards of licensure are comparable with those required by other states. Sixteen states have some form of forester registration, licensing, or titling. The current trend in adoption of a forester examination is to utilize the services of the Society of American Foresters Certified Forester Exam combined with a state specific component addressing state laws. The licensing board is self-supporting based on the fees charged to the professional. The fees are in effect minimal and paid biannually (every two years) as the licensed professional renews his/her registration. The current fee of \$25 per year again paid biannually (\$50 for two years) remains the same as it was 17 years ago when the effort to license foresters began in earnest.

The Pennsylvania Division Allegheny Society of American Foresters has endorsed forester licensing by ballot with 68% of respondents supporting licensing. The National Society of American Foresters supports licensing as a means of insuring protection of the public and the resource from unqualified practitioners. The National Association of Consulting Foresters also support forester licensing for the same reasons. ❁

This information is provided by the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc., (PCPF) PCPF is an independent 501c6 not-for-profit organization dedicated to the study and development of consensus on all forestry issues in Pennsylvania, and representing that consensus before the public and Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The following article published in the Fall 1998 issue of The Allegheny News is a report of timber harvest assessment conditions in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, given by the author at a technical meeting of the WV Division of the Society of American Foresters. Although the report is thirteen (13) years old from publication, consider that 13 years are but one-tenth (1/10) the rotation-time hardwood forests require to achieve economic maturity of the most commercially desirable species. To quote from the reported results, "All present [in the post-presentation session] agreed that if attention had been given to the residual stand structure and quality, and retaining a variety of seed sources before the harvest, the landowners would now have more favorable management options." The diameter limit cutting and high grading we know that is prevalent in our private hardwood harvests are not silvicultural systems and most often result in undesirable residual stand characteristics.

Would the availability of non-mandated, licensed, private, professional foresters offering fee-for-service management options to the 500,000 private landowners in Pennsylvania – who control roughly 75% of the 16 million acres of forestland in Pennsylvania – be in all of the landowners' best interests and that of the state's forest resources? Editor

Assessment of Harvesting Practices in WV and Pennsylvania

By Drs. Mary Ann Fajvan and James C. Finley

The theme of the [1998] West Virginia SAF Summer meeting was "Assessment of Current Harvesting Practices in West Virginia and Their Effects on Future Wood Supply." The morning program consisted of presentations of the results of 1995 timber harvest assessments conducted in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Mary Ann Fajvan of West Virginia University presented the results of the West Virginia study, which examined the preharvest and postharvest structures of 99 recent harvests. A quantitative decision chart developed in the project classified stands according to silvicultural practice and their future potential for production of high-quality sawlogs. Reductions in species basal areas were highest for red oak (50%), followed by yellow-poplar (41%), white oak (32%), chestnut oak (31%), and maples (21%). Reductions in average stand diameter in 80% of the harvests, and statewide basal area reductions of oaks and yellow-poplar, reflected harvests focused on extraction of sawtimber-size trees of the most commercially desirable species. Only 23 stands could sustain another commercial sawlog harvest and 25 stands might sustain a fiber harvest in the current rotation. Twenty stands were classified as having had some type of silvicultural treatment. The 31 remaining stands were severely understocked and had insufficient basal area in valuable species and quality to sustain another commercial harvest. These understocked stands are currently being evaluated for their regeneration potential.

Dr. Jim Finley, Pennsylvania State University School of Forest Resources, presented the results of Pennsylvania's Timber Harvesting Assessment Project. The primary project goal was to determine whether and to what extent current timber harvesting practices are affecting Pennsylvania's timber resource sustainability. Eventually more than twenty resource professionals representing forest industry, government agencies, and academia labored for more than a year sifting and analyzing reams of data from 97 recent harvests. The

team developed the essential protocol for assessing the timber sustainability of residual stands. The team achieved consensus on 85 sites and concluded that about half were capable of producing stands of similar quality in the future. Sustainable harvests were those that retained species composition, maintained stand diameter, had lower stem and crown damage, showed use of soil erosion and sedimentation practices, reserved fore acceptable growing stock, and fostered regeneration. Nearly an equal number of stands with unsustainable outcomes failed to meet expectations on one or more of these issues. By following Pennsylvania's Best Management Practices nearly all of the unsustainable harvest would have had a higher likelihood of attaining a sustainable classification.

In the afternoon, the 45 participants at the meeting went on a field tour to one of the West Virginia harvests. The site was understocked, tree species diversity was reduced, residual trees had low timber value, and regeneration was threatened by deer and ferns. **Clay Smith, Jim Kochenderfer** and **Terry Jones** organized discussions about current options facing the landowner. All present agreed that if attention had been given to residual stand structure and quality, and retaining a variety of seed sources, before the harvest, the landowner would now have more favorable management options.

The study results from both West Virginia and Pennsylvania indicated that the majority of harvest did not obtain desired sustainable outcomes, Diameter limit cutting and high-grading are not silvicultural tools.

We have a mandate to practice our profession; however, leaving a stand stocked with poor-quality stems, unmerchantable "green-junk," is not telling society that we understand how forests grow. What legacy are we leaving future generations? Can we, as a profession, continue to set aside practicing forestry to cut timber? We have heard the statement time and time again – forestry is, by definition, sustainable. This would be the case if we were practicing forestry. 🌱

Coming Events

July

11-12 Schatz Tree Genetics Colloquium: "Genetics, Ecology & Management of Walnuts and Butternuts," PSU Mont Alto, PA. No registration fee; call 717-709-0778 or register at www.ma.psu.edu/schatz

September

14-16 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting "The Convergence of Traditional and Ecological Forestry" at the Fountains Conference Center, Salisbury, MD. Registration info and form on pages 10-12

15 Deadline for the Fall 2011 issue of *The Allegheny News*. Send articles in Microsoft Word Format and JPG photos to ansaf@verizon.net

October

20 "Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum: Recent Oak Regeneration Research" Kane Country Club, Route #6 East of Kane, PA. Contact Ned Karger, 814-837-0121

November

2-6 **2011 SAF National Convention** Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort information at www.safnet.org

December

15 Deadline for the Winter 2011-12 issue of *The Allegheny News*. Send Microsoft Word articles and JPG photos to ansaf@verizon.net

February 2012

15-17 Allegheny SAF Winter meeting, hosted by New Jersey Division
Mark your calendar now!

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Winter 2011-12: New Jersey (February 15-17)

Summer 2012: Valley Forge, PA

Winter 2013: PA Gateway

Summer 2014: PA Keystone

Future SAF National Conventions

2012: Spokane, WA – October 24-27

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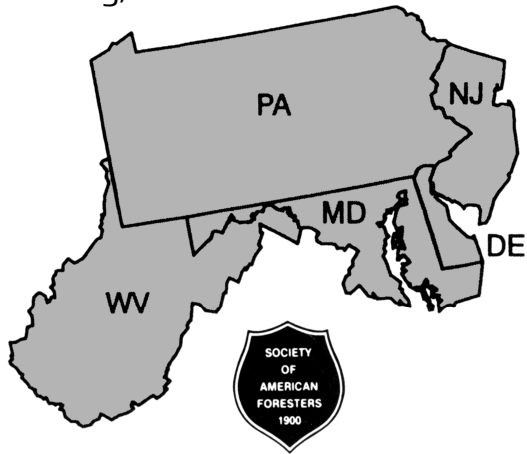
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