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## Cover Photo

Winning Quiz Bowl Team – Penn State Mont Alto  
(l-r) Dr. Elizabeth Brantley, Madeline Erickson, Andy Gundlach, Shane Strommer and  
Instructor Craig Houghton

All Photos by Charlie Newlon

## Chair's Corner

Rachel Billingham, Allegheny SAF Chair



Greetings Allegheny SAFers! As the incoming Chair for the Society, I would like to say what a privilege it is to serve you in this region and represent you at HSD. I was recently perusing the list of past Chairs of the Allegheny, and it is quite humbling to be included on a list that begins with Gifford Pinchot and contains names like Reginald Forbes and Maurice Goddard, just to name a few. It was also exciting to receive the Chair's gavel directly from Mary Ann Fajvan, who has the distinction of being the first female Chair of the Allegheny. Many thanks to Mary Ann for her service to the Society!

Over the years, I have found serving throughout various ranks of SAF to be a very rewarding and enriching experience on both career and personal levels. I encourage each of you to become involved in your local chapter or division as well as at the Allegheny level. The lasting friendships you will gain, the professional contacts you will make, and the continuing education opportunities available are worth far more than the cost of membership.

This year's Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting was a stellar example of what our State Society has to offer. Many kudos to our friends in the New Jersey Division (a team led by Chair Mike LaMana and Immediate Past Chair Doug Tavella), who did an outstanding job putting the meeting together. The presentations addressed various management challenges and social/policy issues that affect our profession. Meeting attendees interacted with high-profile speakers such as NJ State Forester, Lynn Fleming; USDA-FS Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, Jim Hubbard, and Immediate Past National President of the SAF, Roger Dziengeleski – and that's only a small part of the agenda. If you have never attended an Allegheny SAF meeting, please consider putting the next meeting, which will be August 8-10, on your calendar.

I was fortunate to represent the Allegheny at the HSD meeting last year in Hawaii. This was a very interesting meeting - and indeed, we live in interesting times filled with tough challenges. But there are some exciting opportunities on the horizon. By now, you have all hopefully heard of the SAF tiered dues system that offers more economical membership dues based on levels of services. This new system is coupled with a recruiting program that gives discounts to both the new or reinstating member and the person that recruited them. You can find the details on this program at the national website [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org). Now is a great time to encourage your colleagues to join – or rejoin – SAF!

The SAF Council has been going through a strategic planning process that will determine the future direction of the Society. Kim Steiner, our new Council Rep, will keep us updated on the progress of that effort. Nationally, SAF has been very active in the policy arena, providing invaluable information used in decisions made on Capitol Hill. Keep an eye out for updates from Kim on the exciting work that Council is doing.

As a final note, I will let you all know that this is the first and last column I will write as Rachel Billingham, as I will be married in June. So when you start seeing someone named Rachel Reyna referenced, you won't be wondering who on earth that is. I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Allegheny SAF meeting, which will be hosted by the Valley Forge Chapter. They have been working hard and I know that this will be another fantastic event. See you there!

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting  
February 15, 2012  
Clinton, NJ**

Rachel Billingham, Incoming Chair of the Allegheny SAF, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Fourteen members were present including: Mike Powell, Mike LaMana, Jason Albright, Kathryn Arano, Susan Lacy, Mike Kusko, Jeff Stuffle, Bob Webster, Jamie Snyder, Ned Karger, Jack Winieski, and Steve Resh. Mary Ann Fajvan, Past-Chair passed the gavel to Rachel Billingham at the beginning of the meeting.

Rachel requested a motion to accept the minutes of the Summer Meeting. Resh made the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve Resh presented the Treasurers Report for 2011. The report showed income to the checking account of \$19,270.51. Expenses were listed for the year at \$19,836.57. The checking account has a current balance of \$ 13,156.58. Income for 2011 was supplemented by generous donations from various Divisions and Chapters within the Allegheny. Resh thanked those groups for their support. The Educational Endowment Account has a balance of \$45,023.62 of which only \$1,799.54 is liquid. Two grants were awarded in 2011. The NJ Division received a grant of \$2000 to support a maple syrup operation and the Penn State Field Day Booth committee received a grant of \$300. A motion was made by Bob Webster to accept the Treasurers report. The motion passed.

Resh presented the 2012 budget. After some discussion and amendments the budget showing income and expenses of \$15, 400 was accepted.

**Council Report**

Ken Jolly was unable to attend this year's meeting but sent his SAF Council Report through Rachel. Ken requested that the membership take advantage of the recruiting bonus dues discounts which the National SAF has established this year. This bonus can significantly reduce current member's dues and should lead to new members which is an important consideration for the future success of SAF.

## **HSD Report**

Rachel Billingham gave the HSD Report from the meeting she attended in Hawaii. SAF is getting involved in the accreditation of Terrestrial Ecosystem/Ecology programs which is being offered at many universities.

Council has undertaken an extensive planning agenda which it hopes will allow it to increase membership and serve its current membership more effectively.

The sale of the National office, Wild Acres property is still a possibility. SAF is using a focus group to examine all publications and a review of the CF program is being conducted. Rachel reported that the 2012 National Meeting will be held on October 24-27 in Spokane, Washington.

## **Business Manager's Report**

Susan Lacy reported significant attempts to reduce the operating cost of the Allegheny SAF as well as measures to increase income. Specifically, she has reduced the cost of publishing the "Allegheny News" and will attempt to increase advertising revenue for this magazine. Susan has started negotiations with a T-shirt manufacturer to have Allegheny SAF shirts printed for future sale to the membership. The Executive Committee approved funding to have 12 dozen shirts and a dozen hats printed with an appropriate design. The cost of this was not to exceed \$1080. Susan and Steve will work on filing the necessary IRS forms prior to their due date.

## **Web Masters Report (From Jack Perdue via Rachel)**

Jack Reported that the Allegheny SAF site was "hacked" during the later parts of 2011 but should be functioning normally now. This attack curtailed Jack's attempt to have our site moved to "Dream Host" which would save the organization significant funds. Jack is also looking at the establishment of a Facebook presence.

## **Committee Reports**

Two awards will be presents this year at the banquet. Nominations for all SAF awards are encouraged.

Brent Harding has agreed to assume the Chair of the Education Committee. This committee is responsible for the review of Educational Endowment Grant requests.

The Forest Science Coordinator position is still vacant. This position does not have to be filled by a scientist. Please consider accepting this position.

Rachel reported a current Allegheny SAF membership of 748. This is down from the 1200 range of only 10 years ago. Please consider recruiting new members.

Ned Karger announced the location of future Allegheny SAF meetings. Valley Forge will host his year's Summer Meeting on August 8-10. The theme will be "How Forestry Adapts to Environmental Changes. The Western Gateway Chapter will host the Winter Meeting of 2013.

Mike Powell reported that 4 schools will participate in this year's Quiz Bowl. West Virginia University will not be sending a team this year because they have decided to attend the WV Division meeting which was being held the following week.

Division and Chapters reported the results of elections and listed some of the activities in which they have participated recently.

### **New Business**

Discussion centered on methods to engage students in SAF events. While everyone agreed the Quiz Bowl is an excellent way to get students to the meetings, it was decided that more is needed. An impediment to offering more for students is the fact that many student chapters come for only one day of the meeting to reduce cost. Student award programs and career days were cited as possible ways to induce more student involvement.

A subcommittee has been formed headed by Mike Powell, to represent the Allegheny SAF at the Boy Scout National Jamboree which will be held on July 15-24, 2013 in West Virginia. Anybody interested in participating should contact Mike.

Rachel intends to look at standing committees within the Allegheny SAF. Several need activated and/or invigorated.

There being no further business, Steve Resh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Maryann Fajvan with Chair Rachel Billingham**



**Mike LaMana, Chair NJ Division**



**Ned Karger at the Business Meeting**

**Lynn Fleming, NJ State Forester**



**Jim Hubbard, USDA Forest Service**



**Gene Odato, Alex Day and Frank Hennion at Silent Auction**

Mike Schofield, MD DNR Forest Service



Paul Kurtz, NJ Department of Agriculture

## The Challenges of Maintaining Working Forests in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America

*Presented by: Amos Eno February 17, 2012*

*Resources First Foundation, Private Landowner Network*



The precipitating event to my presence here occurred last summer when we received a copy of Robert Williams' superb educational video: [A Working Forest](#). Our staff viewed the video. We were uniformly impressed, and agreed to add it to our national and state websites. I called Bob Williams and heard his saga of sending out several thousand copies with little response and market acceptance, although I gather over 30 forestry colleges and tech schools are now showing the video. I pondered that scenario for a week, and concluded that the video is excellent in stating a contemporary issue warranting attention, policy reformation, and for jaw boning public attitude adjustment on a broad scale. The problem with the video is that it did not conclude with an actionable agenda of policy and investment options, nor the necessary propellants to change public attitudes and behavior.

Today I want to take a look at that, and give you a positive frame of reference for forestry at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the U.S. I have worked in conservation for over 40 years. I thought about this speech while lighting a fire over Christmas. It occurred to me that during the entire history of my working life, the forestry profession has been stigmatized and beaten up by the environmental movement; it has received a consistent tumble of derogatory characterizations for the past 40 years. How did this come to be?

After all, forestry was in the forefront of conservation, the ground floor edifice of the Roosevelt-Pinchot conservation skyscraper built at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I know you are all foresters, but surely you recollect the Beatle's "Magical Mystery Tour?" Today, I want to go back to our conservation forefathers



of Pinchot and Roosevelt and chart a “Magical Forestry Tour” for America in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – and, I’ll conclude with specific recommendations, including encouraging dissemination of Bob Williams’ film.

Let me share with you some thoughts that have been smoldering for 40 years. Put on your apostasy flak jackets...Looking at today’s forestry world in the United States Uncle Gifford (yes, he is actually a great uncle, his younger brother was Amos Eno Pinchot) would be turning over in his grave or beating the cloud ceiling with his cane in protestation. The USFS has gone from the spearhead of the environmental movement before WWI under Pinchot and Roosevelt, to the shaft under Clinton and Obama, and it has been the whipping boy of the environmental movement for the past 40 years. What accounts for this status quo and persistent environmental flogging?

I started work at the Interior Department in January 1973, less than a year after President Nixon’s 1972 environmental message, which proclaimed: “at the dawn of the twentieth century, almost as a voice in the wilderness, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed an environmental ethic for America. He said “I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use our natural resources; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wastefulness, the generations that come after us.” This quote comes from Roosevelt’s famous 1907 Governors’ conference – the only documentally effective White House conference on conservation, wherein he concluded: “let us conserve the foundations of our prosperity.” His clear inference here: foundations of prosperity come from forestry.

Let me point out that, a century later, it is working forests, not wilderness areas and parks, that are the prospective foundations of our prosperity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Pinchot, in his book [The Fight for Conservation](#) laid out his “principles of Conservation: the first great fact about conservation is that it stands for development” (his old-fashioned lexicology is not referring to housing developments of 20<sup>th</sup> century icons Freddie and Fannie) but he is referring to utilizable forest. Secondly, conservation stands for the prevention of waste!

Let’s confront the facts. Most of our western forests today are a gross waste. They suffer from a century of fire protection (the adoption of Smokey Bear, a well-intentioned but ecological seppuku in the real world), an overburden of regulation and wilderness designations that has turned once glorious forests into tinder kegs of off-limits timber.

Back to Pinchot: “The third principle is this; the natural resources must be developed and preserved for the benefit of the many, and not merely the profit of a few.” Obviously times have changed and we no longer need to protect our forest resources from the clear-cutting timber barons of yore. And since, listening to me, you have all fastened on your environmental apostasy flak jackets, let me point out that I think forestry today suffers from the tyranny of metropolitan America, an urbanized society that can hardly tell a tree from a cactus. And although these metropolitan folk may not be “few” in their 100 millions, their viewpoint and adhesion to unreality of forest management makes them intellectually cretinous from a rural, cultural and economic perspective.

Let me give you an example: an article in [Conservation Magazine](#) (11/01/2011) entitled [How Fragmented are forests in the Eastern United States](#) begins with the statement: “The once unbroken forests that stretched across vast swaths of North America are mostly gone, broken into pieces by cities, roads and farms.” Well, guess what? Has anyone read [Charles C. Mann’s 1491](#)<sup>2</sup> and his sequel [1493](#)<sup>3</sup>? Mann has compiled voluminous research showing that Pre-Columbian forests were not “vast unbroken forest,” but in fact heavily patched forests, interspersed with prairies and openings. Our AmerIndian predecessors managed forests with fire on a vast scale unheard of until documented by recent research. If we had not decimated 95-plus percent of the Amerindian populations with European diseases, these patchy forests would have survived, and we might have learned something from the vast role of Amerindian fire management.

Another book to which I commend your attention is Tending the Wild by M. Kat Anderson<sup>4</sup> on native American management of California's natural resources. She writes: "I hope that greater understanding of the stewardship legacy left us by California Indians will foster a paradigm shift in our thinking toward the necessity of prescribed burning today." The Autumn 2011 issue of National Woodlands features top ten family forest issues which highlights "Keeping Forests as Forests: eight out of ten Americans now live in urban metropolitan areas, and all of them benefit from forests whether they know it or not.

Pinchot concluded his principles with two sweeping statements that I have always liked. First, "conservation is the application of common sense to common problems for the common good." Simple, direct, and a lot of leeway for on-the-ground application, as opposed to academic or Sierra Club proselytizing. And, second "the success of the conservation movement in the United States depends in the end on the understanding the women have of it." I have always believed that. When I ran NFWF, 65% of my staff was female. The number one market audience that industrial and non-industrial foresters need to target and reach out to is the women of the United States.

But, enough history – let's go from the "Way Back Machine" to some of the marvelous examples of successful conservation and working forests that are occurring now. However, to understand the potential role of forestry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century you need to understand the underlying facts that will determine market and policy development.

First 70% of the lower 48 states is still in private ownership. There are an estimated 11 million private forest owners who collectively control 56% of the forest land (423 million acres) in the U.S. (Butler)<sup>1</sup> Family forest owners account for 92% of private forest owners and 62% of private forest land (35% of all forest land) in the U.S. Most of these private forest lands are concentrated in the Eastern U.S. This is your 21<sup>st</sup> century market and it is heavily concentrated in the Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic States. The issues rated as major concerns by family forest owners are "keeping land intact for heirs, and property taxes." This brings me to the second critical market/policy factor – the demographics of forest owners: they are old, on average almost 70 years of age. This is a superannuated constituency. In the next decade we are going to witness the largest transfer of land and wealth in United States history, and nobody is paying any attention to this dramatic, landscape changing demographic.

Now let us consider Forest Conservation Success stories; because I live in Maine and have bragging rights to investments in two projects there, I'm going to start in the Pine Tree state. In the late '90s the major environmental donors noticed that most of the major integrated lumber companies were leaving Maine and with the help of significant piles of federal dollars they underwrote a number of forest protection projects. Great stuff, but not what I'm going to focus on.

Did you know that one-third of Maine's protected landscape was put into the conservation column between 2001 and 2005? 1.1 million acres in just two projects: The Pingree Conservation Easement, 762,000 acres, and the Downeast Lakes Conservation Easement, 342,000 acres. These were both working forest easements wherein the development rights were purchased for respectively \$37 and \$39.42/acre, roughly one half to one quarter of the going rate of most of the other forest conservation projects which relied on 50% or more federal funding. Pingree and Downeast were 90% privately funded. These forest lands today pay taxes, support working forest jobs and send wood to mills in rural Maine.

To me, these two projects, which were anathema to many in environmental circles because the land stays in private ownership, represent the future of forest conservation in the US. We need jobs in rural America. We do not need environmental management prescriptions on every square mile of forest. Much recent research and management also demonstrates that forest harvest, including clearcuts,

enhances wildlife habitat. For example, in Maine clearcuts provided habitat for snowshoe hares which enabled lynx to repopulate Maine forests. These two projects are still the largest two conservation easements in the U.S. Uncle Gifford would approve, and Teddy Roosevelt would exclaim “Bully!”

Let’s go cross country to Northern California where last month a major West Coast private timber company, Roseburg, concluded a 8,230 acre conservation easement on the Bear Creek tract on the slopes of Mt. Shasta in the California counties of Shasta and Siskiyou. Family-owned Roseburg Forest Products, headquartered in Dillard, Oregon, owns 175,000 acres of FSC certified in northern California. The Bear Creek project keeps the land as a working forest and prevents conversion of the forest to residential uses, keeping the tract from being broken up into many smaller parcels.

Allyn Ford, President of Roseburg, commented “We believe the future of our company and our industry is in managing our forests for all the public benefits they provide, including sustainable wood supplies, renewable energy, and clean drinking water, habitat for fish and wildlife and increased carbon storage. Conservation easements provide us with compensation for this stewardship, making our business more robust.” Roseburg is owner of one of the two remaining sawmills in Siskiyou County. Roughly 30% of the entire 8,200 acres will not be harvested to preserve old growth, riparian zones, and the Pacific Coast Trail corridor. The designer of this forest easement was Keith Ross of LandVest, also the architect of both the Pingree and Downeast projects in Maine.

For a year and a half now I have been writing a weekly blog called “[Keep Working Lands Working](#)” where we highlight conservation success stories in agriculture, ranching and forestry - [www.privatelandownetnetwork.org](http://www.privatelandownetnetwork.org) on the PLN homepage. One of my favorite projects is featured in three blogs in December. The project is in Montana, in the heart of our bark beetle infested forests of the Rocky Mountains. The project is called “[Wood for Haiti](#)” and it is the brainchild of Gary Funk, a music professor at the University of Montana. When I was at NFWF I was always looking for projects where I could kill two or three birds with one shot of cash. Gary’s project is emblematic of working forest conservation tied to rebuilding the most destitute nation in the western hemisphere which is deforested and treeless.

“Driving through Helena National Forest last year Gary noticed all the trees that had been decimated by the pine beetle epidemic – up to 70% of lodge pole and ponderosa in some areas. It hit him: We’ve got enough dead standing wood to rebuild the entire country of Haiti.” In September 2010, Gary had an epiphany; design a program that (i) provides relief for the homeless of Haiti (1.2 million people post-earthquake and hurricanes), (ii) encourage the Forest Service to begin restoration of seven million acres of national forest in Idaho and Montana by removing beetle-killed trees and reforesting; and (iii) beat back the economic recession by creating timber and mill jobs, in addition to the harvest and planting jobs. This is right out of Uncle Gifford’s playbook: “apply common sense to common problems for the common good.” In Montana alone there are 5 million acres of beetle killed trees. Let’s put that wood to use!

On 23 December 2011, an historic conservation project was approved in Massachusetts. [W. D. Cowsls, Inc.](#), a forest company successfully placed a conservation easement on 3,486 acres of working forest in the towns of Leverett and Shutesbury. The 5.4 square mile area encompasses almost all of Brushy Mountain. W. D. Cowsls is Massachusetts’ largest landowner. The Brushy Mountain project received \$5 million in Forest Legacy funds. Cinda Jones, who worked for me at NFWF, and is the 9<sup>th</sup> generation co-owner and president of W D Cowsls, announced “We’re obviously in it for the long run and this conservation achievement demonstrates how commercial forest management can complement open space conservation and recreation. My Dad, who died in the past year, was really proud that we made this happen and I’m proud that we are naming the conserved forest after him.” Like Roseberg in California,

W. D. Cows sold the development rights, but kept a working forest in business. This is the Pinchot standard for protecting 5.4 square miles of forested lands in two towns in one of our most populous states.

In nearby Vermont, the second least populated state where the vast majority of land is forest, largely privately owned and sustaining a vibrant timber industry, a recent PERC report<sup>6</sup> by Steven Bick finds: “Vermont has taken the lead in using residual material created during forest management (woody biomass) to heat schools and commercial buildings. Vermont is now home to nearly half of the facilities in the United States using woody biomass for heat. National Life Group Insurance Company in Montpelier has the largest commercial building in the state. It switched to woody biomass heating in 2010, hoping to meet 90 percent of its heating needs with wood. Today, National Life Group is exceeding this goal - meeting 98 percent of its heating needs. In its first season, the company reportedly saved \$400,000 in fuel costs. Vermont schools paid an average price of \$56.42 per ton for wood chips in 2011. Comparing this price on a BTU basis to the going rates in 2011 for fuel oil, electricity and propane reveals that wood chips cost 62, 76, and 80% less.”

This goes to the heart of Pinchot’s second principle of conservation: “conservation stands for the preservation of waste.” Waste not, want not. I’ll take biomass over our oil fuel any day in New England winters.

In the Mississippi Alluvial Valley, the nation’s leading reforestation program on private lands has quietly been building an amazingly successful program designed to promote forestry, wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, biofuel harvest and landowner incomes. GreenTrees (at [www.green-trees.com](http://www.green-trees.com)) does this through their unique, science-based method of densely interplanting fast-growing cottonwoods and slower growing hardwoods at 604 trees/acre. Their specially selected form of cottonwood serves as a shade nursery for the slower growing but longer-lived climax species, such as oak and cypress. At intervals after year 10, landowners can harvest the cottonwoods for biofuels, and most of the oaks and native hardwoods that have established in the understory will be left to sequester carbon. Credits generated by the project are registered with the American Carbon Registry, which requires a commitment to sustainable management for at least 40 years.

In 2011, Norfolk Southern entered into a contractual relationship with GreenTrees, to fund GreenTrees’ planting an average of 10,000 acres over five years - a program that fits with the corporation’s focus on the triple bottom line. Sponsors such as Norfolk Southern and Duke Energy retain the carbon credits. To date, GreenTrees has planted more than 4 million trees and has over 2 million tons of carbon offsets under contract for Duke Energy and Norfolk Southern.

Going forward: One of President Roosevelt’s most famous sayings pertaining to diplomacy was “speak softly but carry a big stick.” I think the forestry community should abandon quietude and brandish their big stick tree size - literally, figuratively, and loudly!

First, I think the Forestry community should do what I’m trying to do here today, and what we do in our blog “Keep Working Lands Working” on a weekly basis - tell forestry success stories! The environmental movement sustains itself by projecting crises. It has been doing formulaic marketing of apocalyptic crisis fabrications for 40 years and it is running out of gas according to most current polling. It is time for your industry to aggressively project forest success stories on your contributions to land management, manufacturing, fuel alternatives, carbon sequestration, safeguarding clean water for metropolitan America, providing critical wildlife habitats and outdoor recreation, landscape-scale recreation venues and urban shade.

Second, from an advertising, marketing perspective, you need to focus on educating the women of America on forestry and you need to target America’s urban metroplexes on the benefits of tree planting

and forestry. This fall I was astounded to learn that the Senate Interior Appropriations included funding (\$5M) for the “Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.” The Forest Service is finalizing rules for implementing this program. I worked on developing this legislation with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) in order to provide a mechanism to preserve open space around metropolitan areas where sprawling development is fragmenting both farm and forest lands. I am convinced that forests hold central importance to our metropolitan areas by preserving aquifers as in the Pinelands National Reserve in New Jersey, providing short distance recreation open space – as with the Sterling Forest in northern New Jersey, and in terms of providing shade and carbon sequestration for every urban metroplex in America. But, for the love of trees, here we are in the neighborhood of the Hudson River School of painting which concocted the vision and mythos of endemic American wilderness as forest landscapes. This vision is, as Roosevelt and Pinchot knew, popycock and needs to be thrown overboard!

Third, we are living in an era when federal and state funding is going to seriously contract. The current administration has made public land acquisition a priority and that is coming up against the stark realities of our budget shortfalls and national deficit. However, the President’s “[America’s Great Outdoors](#)” initiative did mention the importance of private land conservation, and to my mind one of the most important programs in the federal government is Forest Stewardship.

[Forest Stewardship](#) provides the tools and services for our target audience: private forest owners, who need to focus their energies on sustaining funding for the Forest Services’ Stewardship program. Fourth, probably the most important policy issue pending before Congress today which will affect working forests across the breadth of the United States, is the [Conservation Easement Incentive Act](#), which has the highest number of co-sponsors – 301 – of any pending legislation before Congress. Known as the Gerlach-Thompson bill (HR 1964, S.339) the legislation extends the capital gains deductions and tax incentives for conservation easements first passed in the Pension Act of 2006 and signed by President Bush. Nothing I can think of will do more to keep family owned forests or working forests intact than extending this piece of tax legislation.

Pinchot’s ghost will come out of Gray Towers to stump for passage of Gerlach-Thompson. Pinchot wrote: “The central thing for which conservation stands is to make this country the best possible place to live in, both for us and our descendants. . . .The conservation movement is calling the attention of the American people to the fact that they are Trustees. The fact seems so plain as to require only a statement of it, to carry conviction. Yes, we are Trustees, and we must ensure the safe passage of family forest lands to the next generation of forest stewards.

Fifth, and finally, use the internet. My foundation, Resources First Foundation, builds conservation data centers, web-based on the internet. Our premier national site, [www.privatelandownernetnetwork.org](http://www.privatelandownernetnetwork.org), first went online in 2003. Traffic to the site doubled for seven consecutive years with no marketing or advertising. We put our tax site, [www.conservationtaxcenter.org](http://www.conservationtaxcenter.org), on line right after President Bush signed the 2006 Pension Act. This year our tax site, CTC, is averaging 50,000 page views per month and almost thirty minutes online per viewer. We have now built state-wide conservation data centers for Maine, California, Mississippi and Arkansas and we have four states requesting sites. We host over 2,800 consulting foresters on our sites, and we function as a “B to B” driving business to foresters. We also serve as the back-end of the National Association of Consulting Foresters.

In terms of Bob’s video on “A Working Forest,” we have done a blog post, and Chuck Leavell should get this posted on The American Forestry Foundation’s site, and Keith Argow on the National Woodland Owners Association site. It should be posted on the Forest Service’s Stewardship site, and be made available in all USFS offices and every state forester’s office.

For my final thought, I am going to borrow a few lines from General David H. Petraeus. He gave a speech at Princeton University. I'm going to quote him directly. He said: "In my view, a strategic leader of any organization or group has a solemn obligation to make sound and ethical decisions, and to do so based on a continuous cycle of learning." Referring to the implementation of the surge of forces into Iraq in the spring of 2007, he said it "involved a surge of ideas, big ideas. The truth is that the surge of ideas was even more important than the surge of forces." Petraeus avers: "The first task of strategic leadership is to develop the right intellectual constructs to guide an organizational approach: senior leaders need to think creatively and critically about complex challenges, and embrace new concepts." I think the challenges facing the forest industry today are comparable to those of Iraq in 2007. Petraeus continues: "the biggest of the big ideas was that the Iraqi people were the decisive terrain – the human terrain and we had to focus on securing and serving them...."<sup>6</sup> The forest industry must recognize that its human terrain is metro America and we need to convince this constituency that trees are a key ingredient to securing both present and future needs.

Pinchot reminded us that the conservation movement compelled Americans to act like Trustees. For the 21<sup>st</sup> century I would add a corollary to Uncle Gifford's admonition: Trust Trees. They are the future and, if you cut them down, with stewardship, they grow back. Trust Trees.

To recap:

1. Promote forest success stories.
2. Market to women
3. Support SSFS stewardship program in SPF
4. Support Gerlach-Thompson easement incentives
5. Use internet, go viral. Send success stories to RFF for publication.
6. Forestry provides a bundle of values that provide security to metropolitan America.

After a century of comparative analysis, it is clear as day....Bottom line: Pinchot was right! John Muir was wrong! Forests need management, not saving. As Jim Hubbard said earlier this morning: maybe we should go back to the original script of 100 years ago.

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## **WV SAF Winter Meeting**

*Dave McGill, CF*

The WWSAF met in late February to discuss “Advancing the Practice of Good Forestry.” There were just over 90 forestry and natural resources professionals in attendance.

This winter meeting started with a tour of Strata Products, the manufacturer of mining roof support systems, and Appalachian Timber Services, Inc., the largest supplier of ties to the New York City transportation system. Michael Goergen drove over from DC to attend the meeting and gave an SAF Ethics training session following the afternoon field tour, providing a helpful update for many of us who have not had the training recently.

Dr. Kurt Gottschalk gave his friendly and humorous views of the “30 Years of Change in Forestry” using many historic photos, some including himself as a younger man.

The business meeting on the second day was well attended and we covered various financial topics and the issue of the “Allegheny Highlands National Park,” which would be located mostly in West Virginia. As of the meeting, most discussion has seemed to die down, but the discussion took place as to the role of WV SAF in making comments should the need arise.

Speakers for “Advancing the Practice of Good Forestry” were introduced by WV SAF Chair Aaron Plaughter. WV State Forester Randy Dye briefed the group on current activities going on with the WV Division of Forestry, followed by similar briefings by WVU Division of Forestry and Natural Resources Director Dr. Joe McNeel, and SAF Executive Vice President Michael Goergen.

Bill Gillespie gave a historical perspective of the 1972 West Virginia Forest Practices Standards, that have in some ways been overshadowed by the BMPs for controlling erosion and sedimentation. Bill helped to craft these standards. Dr. Stuart Moss presented findings from his dissertation in a talk titled “Do foresters matter? The profession’s impact on NIPF timber harvests in West Virginia,” which stimulated a good discussion. Jeremy McGill, Assistant State Forester for Logging Sediment Control told the group about program successes.

Following lunch, Dr. Jim Finley (Penn State Extension) discussed approaches for “Creating dialogue to address common concerns.” Matt Poirot (VA Department of Forestry) told the group about policies affecting forestry practices in Virginia. Consulting forester Russ Richardson led the group in a discussion about some problems with the timber theft policies in the state. Finally, Ellen Voss, WVU Graduate Research Assistant, ended the afternoon sharing some findings from the recent questionnaire inquiring about the “state of regeneration in West Virginia” from the perspective of the state’s natural resources professionals.

In summary, the meeting provided an excellent chance to receive briefings on practices impacting forestry and to consider policies that might move forestry into the future by simultaneously improving the status of forest industry and environmental productivity. We anticipate that many of the important points brought up at this meeting will be carried through to upcoming events as well.

To see more photos from this meeting, look for us on Facebook at “WV Division of the SAF”.



Photo 1. Randy Dye, WV State Forester, briefs the group on new programs and activities within the WV Division of Forestry.



Photo 2. Roy Henderson (right), VP of Operations at Appalachian Timber Systems, discusses organizational structure of the railroad tie treatment facility with SAFers.





Photo 3. SAF Executive Vice President Michael Goergen shares new policies and program efforts with the WV SAF.



Photo 4. Dr. Jim Finley (Penn State Extension) shares some experience about how to effectively engage in partnerships.



Photo 5. WVU Student Chapter Chair Shane Closkey thanks the WWSAF for their contribution to the students trip to Hawaii to attend the 2011 SAF National Convention.

## ***District VII Council Report***

*By Kim Steiner, District 7 Council Representative*

Greetings! If you paid attention to the election last fall you may know that I am replacing Ken Jolly as your Council Representative. Ken's term expired at the end of December. He was a most enthusiastic and dedicated representative. I cannot fill his shoes exactly, but I will try to live up to his example.

For those who do not know me, I am a faculty member in the School of Forest Resources at Penn State. I grew up in Illinois and graduated from the forestry departments at Colorado State University and Michigan State University. At CSU I was a founding member of SAF's first student chapter, and as soon as I graduated I became a full (professional) member of SAF. I've always regarded SAF as both the foundation and the touchstone for our profession, and I've always been careful to maintain my membership even in the leanest of times. I believe that without SAF, especially if it had never existed, something profoundly important would be lost from the meaning of what most of us do. SAF is important to me, and I guess that is why I now find myself serving on Council.

What an active group! I was quite unprepared for the deluge of emails, telephone calls, and even books that were sent my way as the new Council year started. You may be confident that your Council takes strong interest in the management and well-being of SAF!

Council approved the 2012 budget via a conference call meeting on January 13. The budget projects a deficit of nearly \$350,000. A very large part of the deficit (nearly half) is accounted

for by two consultancies, one for strategic planning – the *Good to Great* planning that Ken described in his last report to you – and one for human resources. These can and should be viewed as investments in the future, provided Council and staff take full advantage of the assistance and advice we are paying for (and provided the advice is good). I am optimistic. I could not participate in the conference call and probably did not know enough to cast an informed vote, anyway. But my opinion now that Council made the correct decision.

The sale of the “Wild Acres” property surrounding our national headquarters has still not yet occurred, but impediments to a transaction are being gradually resolved.

At its March meeting Council approved three position statements: “Non-native Invasive Forest Species,” “Forest Offset Projects in a Carbon Trading System,” and “Utilization of Forest Biomass for Energy.”

Much of the March meeting was devoted to discussion of strategic planning and the *Good to Great* exercise that Ken described in his last Council Report. There will be more work on this at our June meeting. As a veteran of many strategic planning exercises, I admit to having become a little cynical about their merit. But I see real value in the *Good to Great* exercise as I have learned more about it. SAF is entering a critical juncture. We must quit looking back at where we have been and begin looking forward to where we want to go. I am gratified to be serving my professional society during these critical times, and I am very much looking forward to the next 2+ years.

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## **2012 Summer Meeting**

### **Allegheny Society of American Foresters**

The Valley Forge Chapter will be hosting the summer meeting on August 8-10, 2012 at the Wyndham Garden Exton Valley Forge Hotel, in Exton, PA. The theme for the summer meeting will be “Adapting Forestry to Environmental Changes”. Members, non-members, guests, families are invited to join us and to see what Southeastern Pennsylvania has to offer. There are many points of interest in the entire southeastern area:

Philadelphia, including Independence National Historic Park, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, The Constitution Center, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Franklin Institute, Masonic Temple and The University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology.

Many world class gardens and arboretums including:

Longwood Gardens  
Tyler Arboretum  
Chanticleer Garden  
Morris Arboretum

Within an easy hours drive in any direction see the Brandywine River Museum, Valley Forge National Historical Park, Washington Crossing Historic Park, Daniel Boone Homestead, Hershey Park, Hershey’s Chocolate World, Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

Professional sports. See the Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park. The Phillies will be playing home games on Wed. evening, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 PM against the Atlanta Braves, and on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 PM against the St. Louis Cardinals. Contact the Phillies directly for tickets.

Visit scenic Amish Country in Lancaster County. Among the many points of interest are:  
Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum  
Wheatland, home of our 15<sup>th</sup> President, James Buchanan  
Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire in Manheim  
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg  
The National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia  
Ephrata Cloister in Ephrata

So, bring the whole family and see more of Pennsylvania, while continuing to support our professional society and earn continuing education credits. We hope to see you in August!!

**AUGUST 8-10, 2012**  
**ALLEGHENY SAF SUMMER MEETING**  
**“ADAPTING FORESTRY TO ENVIRONMENTAL**  
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Telephone: 610-363-1100  
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(SAF CFE Credits Pending Approval)

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

2:00 PM	Registration Desk Open – Hotel Lobby
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting, Whitford Room
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Icebreaker Reception (cash bar), Brandywine Room

Thursday, August 9, 2012

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration Desk Open – Hotel Lobby
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast, Malvern Room
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Welcome, Jeff Stuffle, Chair, Valley Forge Chapter
8:15 – 9:00 AM	“What We Know About Climate Change”, Brenda Ekwurzel, Asst. Director of Climate Research and Analysis, Union of Concerned Scientist
9:00 - 9:45 AM	“Creating Habitat for the Golden Winged Warbler”, Ben Jones, Habitat Planner, Pennsylvania Game Commission
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM	Buses leave for field trip
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Marshlands. “Selection harvesting, hunting and conservation easement coordination”. Lloyd Casey, Consultant; Jim Moore, forest landowner; Land Trust Representative
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Drive to Birdsboro Watershed
11:45 – 12:30 PM	“Management of a Watershed under a Forest Legacy Easement”, Aaron Durso, Birdsboro Town Manager; Jim Thorne, Natural Lands Trust; Lloyd Casey, Consultant
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch at Birdsboro Park along Hay Creek
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Drive to French Creek State Park
1:30 – 1:45 PM	“Management of the State Park”, Eric Brown, Park Superintendent
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Drive to Kurtz Tract
2:00 – 2:45 PM	“Shelterwood cut”, Calvin Kurtz, landowner; Lloyd Casey, Consultant; Paul Schaffer, Glatfelter.
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Drive to Tel Hai Community
3:15 – 4:00 PM	“Development in Forested Landscapes”, Joe Swartz, Executive Director of Tel Hai; Township Planner; Lloyd Casey, Consultant; Bob Girvin, Mt Airy
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Drive to Wyndham Garden Hotel

4:30 - 5:15 PM	Clean-up time
5:15 - 6:00 PM	Bus Ride to Shady Maple Restaurant, Blue Ball, PA
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Supper at Shady Maple
7:00 - 7:30 PM	"Working with the Amish in Watershed Improvement", Pat Fasono
7:30 - 8:00 PM	Walk around Amish Gift Shop
8:00 - 8:30 PM	Return on buses to Wyndham Garden Hotel

Friday, August 10, 2012

7:00 - 7:45 AM	Continental Breakfast and Browse Silent Auction Items
7:45 - 8:00 AM	Division Meetings
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Allegheny Business Meeting
8:30 - 10:00 AM	Panel on "National Wood to Energy Roadmap" "National Supply and Demand", John Ferrell, US DOE invited "Sustainability", Bruce Arnold, National 25x25 Steering Committee
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Break and final bids on Silent Auction
10:15 - 11:45 AM	Panel on "National Wood to Energy Roadmap" "Research and Development", Dave Tenny, CEO, National Alliance of Forest Owners "Policy", (Speaker invited)
11:45 - 12:15 PM	Questions of Panel Members
12:15 - 12:30 PM	Closing Comments and Announce Silent Auction Winners

A block of 75 rooms are being held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Thirty-three rooms are standard, king, non-smoking; and 42 are standard, two double beds, non-smoking. Rollaway beds are available, based on availability, at an additional cost of \$15.00 per night. Please make your reservation directly to the hotel and tell them you are registering for the Allegheny SAF meeting. The block room rate is \$72.00 based on a single occupancy. All rates are subject to the prevailing state and local taxes which is currently 8%. The room rate block will be held until August 6, 2012. After that date, rooms will be available at the prevailing room rate, subject to availability.

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## In Memoriam

### **Richard F. West 1917 -2012**

Richard West died on January 23, 2012 at the age of 94. Prof West retired as Chair of the Forestry Program at Cook College, Rutgers University. Previously he had taught at Louisiana State University for eight years before coming to Rutgers. He earned a BS degree in forest management from Rutgers and a MS degree from Yale. He taught a variety of forestry courses at Cook, but wood tech was his specialty.

Dick was a SAF member since 1943 and served as chair of the New Jersey Division in 1974. He received the Allegheny “Outstanding Service to Forestry Award” in 1984 and was honored as a Fellow in 1986. He was a member of the New Jersey Forestry Association and served as president for 11 years. He wrote numerous articles for the NJFA newsletter, *New Jersey Woodlands*, and was co-editor for 18 years. He once served as Mayor of Cranbury, NJ.

He lived in Monroe Village before moving to Florida in 2006. While a resident there he started planting trees on the property selecting the species, location and supervision of the planting. Because of this planting program, the Monroe Village Association resolved that the present arboretum on the Village grounds will be known hereafter as THE RICHARD WEST ABORETUM dated February 21, 2006.



**Gordon Hillgartner, Dick Lenz, Dick West, John Benton**



## George Richard Cline, CF



George Richard Cline, 60, of Cross Creek, PA died Saturday, March 31, 2012. He was born December 12, 1951 in Washington, PA, son of the late George Reckard Cline, Jr. and Jean Giacomel Cline Diewald.

In 1975, he started the consulting firm, Timber Management Services, where he was the owner and sole proprietor until his death.

Mr. Cline was a 1969 graduate of Hopewell High School and a 1973 graduate of Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, WV, earning his Bachelor's degree in biology. In 1975, he received his Master's degree in forestry from Duke University.

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, Rochester Lodge 0229. He was an Eagle Scout, served on the Board of Elders at the Cross Creek Church, served on the Avella Area School Board, and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, George Washington Chapter, National Rifle Association, and the National Alumni Council of Davis and Elkins College. George was a long time member of the Society of American Foresters.

Mr. Cline loved to play his guitar, carve wood, sketching, fishing, sailing, archery, reading, shooting, bear hunting, skiing and aspired to master the art of sailing on his beloved sailboat, named "Bucket List".

On November 10, 1979, he married Beverly Jean Hendrickson; who survives; after stealing her bar stool one night, he also stole her heart. He lived his entire married life on the family farm in Cross Creek. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three daughters Emily Constance (Paul) Stritzinger of Burgettstown who are expecting the birth of his first grandchild; Amy Rebecca Cline of San Diego, CA; and Madelon Forrest Cline of Cross Creek; a brother Ted (Lisa) Diewald of Downingtown; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

**James C. Nelson**  
**Former Pennsylvania State Forester**

James C. Nelson, 81 of East Berlin, died Saturday, March 10, 2012 at his residence. He was the husband of Iris K. (Leas) Nelson and the late Margery Nelson.

He was born October 21, 1930 in Kane, PA, the son of the late Emil S. and Mabelle (Thomas) Nelson. Jim was a member of the Zwingli U.C.C. in East Berlin, where he served on the consistory, and served with the US Army 3rd Infantry.

He was also a member of the New Oxford Social and Athletic Club. A past president of the East Berlin Historical Society the East Berlin VFW Post #8896, where he served on the Board of Directors, and was a avid woodworker and gardener.

He was a graduate of Penn State University where he received the Alumni Award from the School of Forestry. Jim was a Forest Resource Planner responsible for developing timber management criteria, wildlife habitat guidelines, natural area and wild area programs for the state forests. He was the author of the first comprehensive Forest Resource Plan for 2 million acres of state forest land in 1970 during a career that spanned 42 ½ years with Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry culminating in the position of State Forester, and was Director of the Bureau from 1989-1994. He was also a member of 60 years with the Society of American Foresters and a Fellow since 1992. Jim served as the Chair of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters from 1976 to 1977.

In addition to his wife Iris, Jim is survived by two daughters: M. Patrice Tritt and her husband William of New Tripoli, and Marta D. Hamme and her husband Randall of New Cumberland, a son, Mark E. Nelson of Lewisberry, a step son, Jason D. Webb and his wife Lisa of York Springs, eight grandchildren: Sarah Young, John Tritt, Meghan Maggiacomo, Jessica Felici, Daniel McNichol, Katelyn Yeager, Patrick McNichol, and Cody nelson, a step granddaughter, Alexis Webb, a great granddaughter, Ryleigh Yeager, and a brother, Thomas Nelson of Ludlow. He was predeceased by a daughter, Marni McNichol.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zwingli U.C.C. or to Wellspan VNA Homecare, PO Box 2404, York, PA 17405 or to Susan G, Komen for the Cure, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265.

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**June** Deadline for the Summer 2012  
15 Issue of the *Allegheny News*. Send  
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**August**  
8-10 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting  
Lionville, PA  
Hosted by Valley Forge Chapter  
*Mark your calendars now!*

**September**  
15 Deadline for the Fall 2012  
Issue of the *Allegheny News*. Send  
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### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Winter 2013: Western Gateway, PA  
Summer 2013: Keystone, PA  
Winter 2014: Northern Hardwood, PA  
Summer 2014: West Virginia

### Future SAF National Conventions

**2012:** Spokane, WA – October 24-27  
**2013:** Charleston, SC – October 27-31  
**2014:** Salt Lake City, UT – October 8-12

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