

West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

May 2017 Newsletter



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The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters held their Winter/Spring Meeting on April 4th and 5th, 2017 at Glenville State College's Waco Center. The theme of the meeting was new technology. On Tuesday, April 4th approximately twenty members attended a field trip to Crummies Creek, hosted by consultant forester, Russ Richardson. Those in attendance learned about timber sale preparation, growth of leave trees, cull retention for wildlife, stiltgrass control and non-timber forest products.



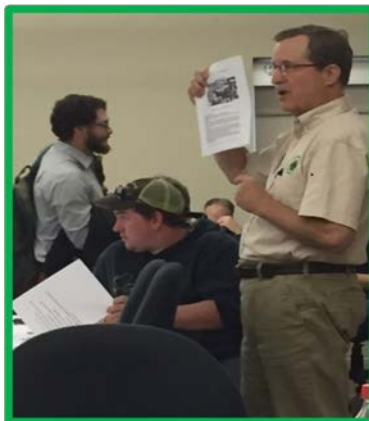
Consultant forester, Russ Richardson, leads the field tour. He feels like the \$300 he spent for pond construction was a good investment

Special Thanks to Barb Breshock and Dave McGill for the photos!

Those attending the meeting enjoyed social hour and buffet dinner catered by Glenville State College. The WV SAF Executive Committee met following the banquet. Wednesday's events started with the WV SAF Business Meeting. With about 75 in attendance, Chairman, Jamie Schuler, urged students in attendance to spread out and sit with members in attendance and introduce themselves. Those in attendance voted to accept the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report. WVU SAF Student Chapter President, Amy Metheny and Secretary, Matthew Hunter updated the group on recent WVU SAF Student Chapter activities. The group meets every other Wednesday to plan activities such as: Adopt-A-Highway, American chestnut plantings at the WVU Research Forest, hosting dendrology walks, assisting with WVU Alumni Weekend, attendance at regional and state meetings and the national convention, quiz bowl participation, Christmas tree sales, and multi-club paintball competitions. They expressly thanked the membership for the \$500 donation which helped offset the costs of attendance at the 2016 National SAF Convention. Roger Sherman reported on recent activity during the legislative session. Fifty year member, Ralph Glover, gave a report on the WVU Forestry Endowment Fund and the AmazonSmile Program. See additional information regarding this later in this newsletter. Joe Lancaster informed the group about Appalachian Forest Heritage Area events and activities. Bob Radspinner presented outreach opportunities associated with the upcoming National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in WV in July 2017. See more information about this important outreach opportunity later in the newsletter. Brian Perkins gave an overview of the Glenville State College program. Finally plans for the Summer/Fall meeting were discussed. Look for information regarding this upcoming meeting to be held in the Elkins area during the August/September timeframe!



Amy Metheny – WVU SAF Student Chapter



Bob Radspinner



50-Year Member – Ralph Glover

Topics presented during the Wednesday's technical session were varied. The session began with Dr. Mike Strager and WVU graduate student Henry Liebermann reporting on a work flow and evaluation of unmanned aerial systems derived forest tree volumes in mixed hardwood stands in West Virginia. Dr. Steve Chhin gave a presentation about using acoustic measurements to assess wood quality in pine forests affected by a fungal pathogen. Dr. Greg Dahle and graduate student Robert Eckenrode IV presented on adapting technology applications in arboriculture and forestry. Dr. Paul Kinder of WVU's Natural Resource Analysis Center gave an update on drone intelligence systems. The group was then able to watch a field demonstration of a drone. USFS research forester, Dr. John Brown spoke about tree survival and mortality trends associated with various silvicultural techniques. In keeping with the meeting theme of technology, Johnny Thompson of Landmark Spatial Solutions remotely presented information about the latest forest inventory technology via "Join Me Meeting". Finally Dr. Gloria Oporto reported on nanocellulose applications and current research at WVU.



Dr. Steve Chhin, WVU



Dr. John Brown, USFS



Dr. Gloria Oporto, WVU



View of meeting attendees from drone operated by Dr. Paul Kinder

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE MEETING POSSIBLE!

Special thanks to GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE staff, including Brian Perkins, Tom Snyder and Rico Gazal and Russ Richardson for hosting the field trip.



50 YEAR MEMBERS.....

Ralph Glover was recognized at the recent WVU Alumni Banquet with a certificate reading - "in appreciation of a half-century of SAF membership and your contribution in advancing the science, technology, education and practice of professional forestry in America"

The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund

Named after a past chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board, the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund supports projects that conduct and/or support forestry research, conduct and/or support continuing education activities and the transfer of knowledge, and promote collaboration and relationships with other SAF entities and external groups.

Those wishing to donate to this worthy cause should visit:

https://www.eforester.org/SAFCore/Fundraising/Give_to_a_Cause.aspx?ItemId=SCNCE

The following is information for those interested in applying for a grant/scholarship available through the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund:

Project Proposals

Proposals must meet one or more of the Fund's goals and can include, but not limited to, the following:

- Conduct and/or support forestry research including graduate student funding, identification or prioritization of research needs, literature reviews, and to collect preliminary data to develop a larger proposal.
- Conduct continuing education activities including conferences, panel discussions, and workshops
- Conduct outreach effects such as publications, special issues of the *Journal of Forestry*, and websites

Eligibility

Any SAF member, representing either an SAF unit or an external entity, is eligible to submit a proposal, given the endorsement of one or more SAF Working Groups.

Proposals must include:

Summary of Project

A brief project summary (up to 200 words) that captures the goals, methods, and final products of the project.

Objectives

A clear statement of the specific objectives of the project and how they meet the goals of the Science Fund.

Methods

A detailed description of the specific steps that will be used to accomplish the stated objectives including how learning outcomes will be measured.

Products

A clear statement of the anticipated final product(s) of the project.

Recognition

A description of how SAF will be credited for the project.

Budget

Provide an overall project budget and detailed list of items or services for which the requested funds will be spent. Project collaborators or in-kind support should be listed.

Project Duration

Project completion dates should typically be within 1 to 2 years of the date of the grant application.

Deadlines

Proposals are due February 15 and August 15 for three types of funding:

- Loans (up to \$5,000)
- Regular Grants (up to \$2,500)
- Special Grants (up to \$5,000)

Those submitting proposals are encouraged to contact SAF prior to developing and submitting a proposal to inquire whether funds are available.

The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund application can be accessed at:

http://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Grants/Science_Fund.aspx



For Sale - "West Virginia Logging" and "Forester at Home" Prints

The "West Virginia Logging" unframed prints are available for \$35.

Those interested should contact Charles Copeland at: Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov

"FORESTER AT HOME" prints are also still available from the West Virginia Forestry Association has teamed with the WV Society of American Foresters to sell the "Forester at Home". Unframed: \$85 Shipping and Handling. Contact the WVFA office to order your copy or for more information at 304-372-1955.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS?

National Awards, Fellow Nominations SAF Introduces Three New Awards

Now is the time to identify and nominate your worthy peers for the service and contributions they provide to the Society and the forestry profession. Three new awards have been added to the suite of national awards to provide for recognition of excellence in the areas of student leadership, leadership in diversity, and leadership in employer support. The three new awards are Diversity Leadership Award, Employer Leadership Award, and Student Leadership Award.

Nominations for National Awards

Nominations for the 2017 National Awards are now closed, but it's not too soon to start thinking about nominations for 2018! **The deadline will be March 15, 2018.**

Fellows

One of the highest honors for members of the Society, the rank of Fellow is an exceptional recognition bestowed on a member by his or her peers for outstanding contributions and service to the SAF and the profession.

Forest Science and Technology Awards

Award in Forest Science

The Award in Forest Science recognizes distinguished individual research in any branch of the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences leading to the advancement of forestry.

Barrington Moore Memorial Award

The Barrington Moore Memorial Award recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry.

Technology Transfer Award

The Technology Transfer Award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of technology transfer, implementation and extension.

Communications Awards

Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award

The Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award recognizes high quality journalistic coverage of topics that increase the American public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award

The Hagenstein Communicator Award recognizes an SAF member who leads innovative and exemplary communications initiatives and programs that increase the general public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

Professional Development Awards

Carl Alwin Schenck Award

The Carl Alwin Schenck Award recognizes devotion and demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of forestry education.

John A. Beale Memorial Award

The John A. Beale Memorial Award recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period of time by an SAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society.

Gifford Pinchot Medal

The Gifford Pinchot Medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry.

Sir William Schlich Memorial Award

The Sir William Schlich Memorial Award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry with emphasis on, but not limited to, policy and national or international activities.

Honorary Membership

The Honorary Membership Award recognizes individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.

Young Forester Leadership Award

The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.

Leadership Awards

Diversity Leadership Award

The Diversity Leadership Award recognizes outstanding individual achievement leading to innovative and exemplary diversity and inclusion efforts.

Employer Leadership Award

The Employer Leadership Award recognizes an employer that demonstrates leadership through consistent support of employee participation in SAF and broad engagement in the profession.

Student Leadership Award

The Student Leadership Award recognizes individual student achievement and leadership at the local, regional, or national level.

Presidential Field Forester Awards

The Presidential Field Forester Awards recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. The awards are presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award

The Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award recognizes the outstanding SAF student chapter in the nation and its faculty representative during an academic year.

Three student chapters are recognized annually during the SAF National Convention. The first place student chapter will receive a \$500 honorarium. All three student chapters will be recognized in *The Forestry Source*. The school's department head and/or dean, the university president, and the SAF faculty representative will receive notification of the award.

Awards nominations and questions can be directed to Lori Rasor at rasorl@safnet.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

Upcoming SAF Events

Summer/Fall West Virginia Division Meeting

Plans are already underway for our next meeting. Tentatively, the meeting will be held in the Elkins area in August or September.

Future SAF National Convention Meeting dates:

**2017 - Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 13-19**

**2018 - Portland, Oregon
September 30-October 7**

**2019 - Louisville, Kentucky
October 29-November 3**

Other Upcoming Events.....

REGIONAL TREE FARM MEETINGS

May 4 – Westvaco Center, Morgantown

May 10 – Work Force Center, Summersville

WVU Extension Dinner Meetings – May 1 in Franklin and May 2 in Martinsburg

Contact Dave McGill at dmcgill@wvu.edu for information on Tree Farm Regional Meetings and WVU Extension Dinner Meetings

Check out the SAF Website at: <http://www.safnet.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). At the top left is the SAF logo with the tagline "Growing Better All the Time". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "About SAF", "Renew", "Join", "Profile", "My CFES", "SAF Store", and a "Member Login" button. Below the logo, there is a text box stating "SAF's new address as of Feb. 1, 2016: 10100 Laureate Way, Bethesda, Maryland 20814". To the right of this is a search bar and a button that says "Invest in Your Profession. Donate Today.". A green navigation bar contains the following menu items: "Certification", "Convention", "Education", "Career Center", "Publications", "Working Groups", "Business Directory", and "Event Calendar". Below the navigation bar are four featured image tiles, each with a "CLICK HERE" button: "Forestry Professionals" (a man working on a laptop in a forest), "Landowners and Public" (a man sitting in a forest), "Local Units" (a group of people in a meeting), and "Forestry Students" (a group of diverse young people). Below these are three more image tiles: "2016 SAF National Convention" (Madison, Wisconsin - Nov. 2-6, 2016), "Forest Policy" (a view of the US Capitol dome), and "Certified Forester" (a forester in a red hat looking at a map). At the bottom, there are three columns: "Forestry News" with a link to "New SAF Website to Launch Soon: Impact on current site" and "SAF's New Mailing Address"; "Job Postings" with a link to "Associate Director of Forest Carbon Development" in Tallahassee, FL; and a Facebook widget for the "Society of American Foresters" with 3,916 likes and buttons for "Like Page" and "Contact Us".

Do you want to get involved?

During the executive committee and business meetings, ideas about offering a scholarship or an internship opportunity with consulting foresters or other small operations was discussed.

Are you interested in serving on an ad hoc committee to help develop this idea?

If so, contact Jamie Schuler Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu or (30) 293-3896.

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2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree

From July 19 through July 27, West Virginia will host scouts and scouters from throughout the United States, US territories, and many countries at scouting's world class Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Approximately 40,000 campers will descend on Glen Jean, West Virginia to experience the opportunity to meet other scouts and experience high adventure on 10,000 acres near the New River Gorge.

Among the many activities will be the Conservation Trail. Realizing that many scouts became interested in natural resource careers during their scouting experience, the National Conservation committee of the Boy Scouts invited natural resource organizations to participate in this outreach program in past jamborees. The Conservation Trail is where campers learn about natural resource professions while having fun in a wooded environment.

The West Virginia Division, Allegheny Society is the lead on this effort for SAF and planning is underway to provide a quality exhibit for the jamboree. During the course of the Jamboree we will need volunteers to work single or multiple day shifts on the conservation trail. Besides meeting with future foresters, volunteers will have the opportunity to enjoy the jamboree experience at this impressive facility serving America's future leaders.

For questions on volunteer opportunities contact Jamie Schuler Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu or (304) 293-3896 or Bob Radspinner at Radspin221@comcast.net or (304)320-0988.

We look forward to seeing you at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.



Those who are Amazon.com shoppers are urged to donate a portion of their purchase price to the WVU Forestry Endowment Fund through the AmazonSmile Program. To do this, the shopper needs to sign into AmazonSmile when placing an order with Amazon. Once the order is placed, the shopper will have the opportunity to indicate the donation be made to the Forestry Endowment Fund. This costs the consumer nothing extra. Amazon has formed the Amazon Smile Foundation which donates 0.5% of the purchase amount to the charity selected by the shopper.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO SHOP THROUGH AMAZON.

Attention all West Virginia University graduates of the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources Management

New and exciting activities are happening with your WVU alumni association. Please consider joining the new West Virginia University School of Natural Resources Alumni association. For just \$15.00 annual dues you can become a member of this organization and impact the future of natural resources management. For details contact Jim Harrold at harroldjb@gmail.com.



HELP WANTED.....

As the Communications Chair, I welcome any input you can provide regarding content suggestions, upcoming events, awards, obituaries, etc.

Thank you --- Barb McWhorter (Barbara.McWhorter@wv.usda.gov)



Anemone photo taken by Barb Breshock during field tour at Crummies Creek