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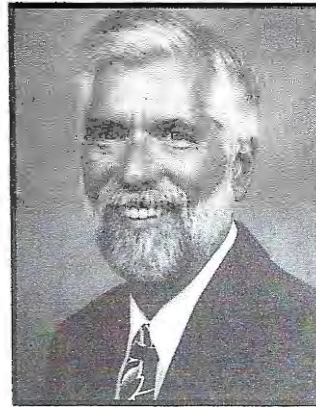
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The Allegheny SAF and the PA Fish & Boat Commission are partnering in a joint fund-raising effort by selling prints and commemorative stamps of this John Buxton painting which depicts pioneer dugout and lightweight canoe transportation on the Susquehanna River (see page 9).



Chairman's Corner

By Mark R. Webb
Allegheny SAF Chair

Thank you Allegheny!

The results of our recent referendum vote was in the affirmative, and over 30% of the membership voted. As a result of this action you can anticipate a change in your dues statement when it comes from the national office this fall. The members of your executive committee appreciate your support.

As with any dues increase, some people comment that if dues go any higher they will be forced out of the organization; we certainly hope that does not occur. This time was no exception, although only a couple of members made that comment. More people questioned whether or not the increase was enough to sustain Allegheny SAF's current level of activities for members and student members. We appreciate the gesture of those who even saw fit to include an extra donations with their ballot. If Society dues becomes a decisive issue in sustaining membership, please contact any executive committee member for a confidential discussion before dropping out.

While we're on the issue of the excellent voting participation in the recent referendum, our own **Tim Kaden** is running for District VII National Council Representative next month. Tim has done an outstanding job for Allegheny SAF as past Secretary/Treasurer and Chair, and also as the 1998 Chair of the House of Society Delegates at the National level. I believe that we and the National Capital Society, which together comprise District VII, will be well represented on the Council if Tim is elected. The Allegheny SAF has the plurality of voting members to elect Tim - if we all cast our ballots! Please, when the ballot opportunity hits your mail box, fill it out immediately and get it in the mail before it gets lost in "the pile." A vote for Tim is a vote for the Allegheny! (See Tim's statement of commitment on page 3).

I hope as many of you as can, will come to the Summer Allegheny meeting in Hagerstown, MD, September 30 and October 1, 1999 (pre-registration by September 15). Consider also taking part in the extraordinary opportunity offered by the Mini-Leadership Academy on September 29 (page 10). You should have received your registration information and lodging accommodations form by now, but if you have misplaced it, use the one on page 15 in this issue of the newsletter.

Lastly, I hope you all have had a great summer. It certainly has flown by for me! Looking forward to seeing many of you in Hagerstown. Until then ... ▲

Members and Views

VF Chapter Tours Historic Tyler Arboretum

By Terry Hoffman, Chair
Valley Forge SAF Chapter

On April 15, 1999, the Valley Forge Chapter held its meeting at the 650-acre Tyler Arboretum in Media, Pennsylvania. Chapter members were treated to a one hour tour of this historical gem, that dates back to 1863, by Director Richard Colbert. The arboretum was established by two brothers, Jacob and Minshall Painter, who were the sixth generation to live on and work the land which had been granted to their Quaker ancestors by William Penn in 1681.

During their lifetime, the brothers managed to amass large collections of dried plants, rocks and other natural specimens which, by the 1860s, they had essentially transformed into what is now the Tyler Arboretum. Their impressive botanic collection at times numbered over 1,100 specimens.

Today, only 23 of the Painter brothers' original plantings remain. Fortunately, the brothers left behind journals, letters, planting lists and numerous scribbled notations that help us understand not only their reasons for planting, but what they were trying to achieve with their collections. Beginning in 1995, Tyler staff initiated efforts to propagate several Painter trees, including the giant sequoia (the largest east of the Mississippi), swamp white oak and white oak. Professionals are actively searching for ways to preserve our horticultural legacy with the hope of sharing the results of these efforts with the horticultural community.

Arboretum highlights include the newly developed Stopford family Meadow Maze with a butterfly river, hiking trails, and environmental education facilities adjacent to Ridley Creek State Park off of State Route #352. ▲

Your Allegheny SAF Executive Committee at Work



The Allegheny SAF Executive Committee met in a special session April 14, 1999 at the PA Bureau of Forestry Forest Pest Management office in Middletown, PA and reviewed programs in light financial short falls. A thorough discussion resulted in the recent dues increase referendum to increase the Allegheny dues by \$5 starting with the 2000 billing (over 300 members voted with a 3-1 affirmative plurality).

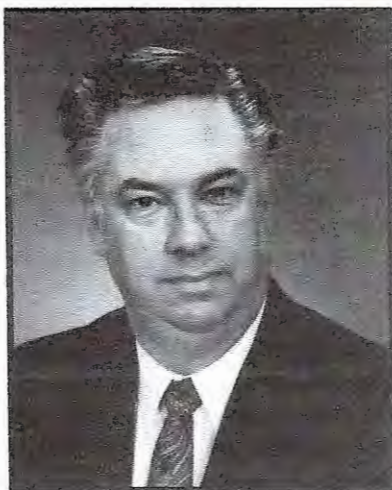
The 14 members of the executive committee in session had a serious discussion weighing the pros and cons of services to members and students provided through the Allegheny dues portion of our total SAF annual dues. As a result, the 1999-summer issue of *The Allegheny News* was not published, which helped to balance the budget for the year 1999.

Revenue sharing between the SAF meetings hosts and the Allegheny Multi-State Society was reviewed for clarification, and through a series of blackboard calculations, a budget for the year 2000 was accepted which would balance, contingent upon a \$5/member dues increase (the last Allegheny dues increase was in 1992). Part of the balancing act for the 2000, and future budgets, will depend on increasing income at annual meetings through auctions, raffles, and other ways and means projects.

Your elected executive committee members in attendance included: **Bruce Arnold, Doug D'Amore** (the Keystone Chapter arranged for the facilities and provided the pizza pie lunch), **Ken Jolly, Tim Kaden, Ned Karger, Bob LaBar, Susan Lacy, Mike Lester, Doug Ostergard, Jack Perdue, Arlyn Perkey, Gary Rutherford, Gary Sheridan, Mark Webb, and Jack Winieski.** ▲



Timothy (Tim) Kaden, Candidate SAF District VII – Fall 1999



Permit me to introduce myself to those of you that I have not had the pleasure of meeting or working with at SAF activities in past years. Call me Tim. After careful consideration and consultation with my family and employer, I have decided to be a candidate for the National SAF Council this Fall, representing District VII in the position being vacated by John Heissenbittel.

I have been a practicing forester with the Delaware State Forest Service for 25 years. Most recently, I have transferred to the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation where my forestry field experience is being used in land acquisition, conservation easements and forest and fire plans for Park Lands.

As a thirty-year member of SAF, I have held various leadership positions in the Maryland/Delaware Division, Allegheny Society, and most recently as Chair of the 1998 National House of Society Delegates (HSD). I have chaired many committees at the Division level, six years as Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer and six years in the Chair-elect, Chair and Past Chair sequence, and chaired the successful Allegheny Education Endowment Fund which raised over \$10,000 in two years.

Among my most recent satisfying SAF experiences was being elected by peers to be the Chair of the 1998 National HSD. The experience of

interacting with the 33 multiple-state society chairs and participation at SAF Council meetings has been most gratifying -- and I believe it was the so called weighted "feather" most responsible for my decision to become a candidate for District VII Council Representative in the 1999 Fall election. I have, however, gotten most of my inspiration working several years with Allegheny members as Secretary/Treasurer and most recently as Allegheny SAF Chair. The satisfaction I have received in those capacities -- experiencing the quality of member volunteer help in supporting officers, committee chairs and projects -- has caused me to once again attempt to serve the Allegheny (and Capital Area SAF) by running for District VII National Council Representative.

As we all know, there are many issues of importance before the forestry profession and SAF to consider these days -- there will always be important decisions to be made as our profession and society evolves. Regionally, I am familiar with issues important to the Allegheny SAF's four divisions, seven chapters and student chapters, and will have to expand my knowledge of the issues important to the members of the National Capital SAF. I pledge to be a voting voice for all members of SAF in both the Allegheny and National Capital Societies, and I will commit my time and lend my experience in those Council deliberations, committees, and task force efforts where I feel I can contribute.

Thank you for any consideration each of you may give to my candidacy -- but above all please take the time to cast your ballot this fall for your new Allegheny SAF officers, Fellow candidates, and of course your District VII Council Representative. If you wish to talk to me further with regard to my candidacy and/or your concerns, feel free to call or e-mail me:

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A Book Worth Reading: Black Walnut by Bob Chenoweth

A review by Charlie Newlon,
Valley Forge Chapter

How many days does it take to cook and cool a black walnut veneer log? Want some tips on where to, how to, and why to grow black walnut trees? What has a comprehensive load of interesting facts, history, use, and potential uses about *Juglans nigra*? Where does one read about black walnut lumber, veneer, values, management regimens, the largest walnut furniture factory, nuts, and husks? How about recipes for tasty morsels made of its incredibly hard-shelled fruit? What to do with those left over shells? You'll find all the answers and more between the covers of Black Walnut - The History, Use, and Unrealized Potential of a Unique American Renewable Resource by Bob Chenoweth.

Author Bob says he "is a long-time student of walnut." He is a member of the Walnut Council and owner of walnut forested land in Illinois that has been in his family since 1828. An Illinois native, Chenoweth is retired from a military career and now lives near Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.

Included in the 344-page, hard cover book of fine reading, are excellent color photos of gunstocks, slabs, veneer, furniture, and the processing of black walnut nuts. There are many black and white photos too.

Interested in more? Then contact Bob Chenoweth for copies of his Black Walnut book (\$30 including postage and handling). It was published in 1995 and its ISBN is 1-57167-00804. You can reach Mr. Chenoweth at 606 Gulp Road, Wayne, PA 19087 or by phoning 610-783-5245. ▲

Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co. Retirement and Promotions

Spring Grove, PA (April 1, 1999) - The Glatfelter Pulpwood Company announces the retirement of Vice President and General Manager Arthur J. Oplinger and several changes in company leadership positions.

Arthur J. Oplinger has retired as Vice President and General Manager from the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company after 33 years of service. A member of the Pulp Wood Company Board of Directors, Oplinger joined the Glatfelter staff in 1966 as Forester in the Virginia Area. After serving in a number of positions in Virginia and Pennsylvania, he was promoted in 1993 to the position of Vice President and General Manager from which he retired. Art received his BS in Forest Management from Penn State University and is a 37-year member of the Society of American Foresters. He and his wife Toni, and their son reside near Jefferson Pennsylvania.

Charles K. Johnson has been promoted to the position of Vice President and General Manager of the Pulp Wood Company. Johnson, a member of the Board of Directors, joined the staff in 1977 as Forester, and through a series of promotions was appointed Forestry Assistant and later Wood Procurement Manager in 1993. Prior to his promotion, he was appointed by Governor Ridge to membership on the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council. He received a BS in Management and Industrial Relations from New York University in 1972, a BS in Forestry from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in 1976, and a Master of Business Administration from Shippensburg University in 1984 and is a 23-year member of SAF. He and his wife, Lee, and their three children reside in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

Charles R. Brown, has been promoted to the position of Wood Procurement Manager. Having joined the company in 1977 as Tree Farm Forester, he was Pennsylvania District Manager before this promotion. He holds a BS in Biology and Forestry from Elizabethtown College (1974), an MF from Duke University (1976), and is a 22-year member of SAF. He is presently serving as the Keystone SAF Chairman. Brown and wife Cathy and their two children reside in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania.

Thomas V. Bosley has been promoted to the Company's position of Pennsylvania District Manager. A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a BS in Forest Resource Management (1979), he joined the staff that same year. He comes to this position after being Forest Operations Manager since 1993. He is a 20-yr member of SAF, and resides in Thomasville, Pennsylvania with wife Margaret and their two children.

Thomas R. Wieland has been promoted to Forest Operations Manager after being Senior Area Forester since 1996. He received a BS in Industrial Forestry Operations from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1979 and joined the Glatfelter Pulp Wood company the same year. He is a 20-year member of SAF. He and wife Patricia and their two children live in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Paul M. Iampietro, who joined the Glatfelter staff in 1998 after receiving a BS in Forestry Science from Penn State University in 1997, has been promoted to the position of South-Central Pennsylvania Area Forester for the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. He comes to the position from being Glatfelter's Tree Farm Family Forester and Pennsylvania Area 5 Chairman for the PA Tree Farm Committee. He is a 2-year member of SAF and resides in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. ↑

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P.H. Glatfelter's Spring Mill "New Century Project"

P.H. Glatfelter's Spring Grove Mill, the first pulp mill in the United States to achieve ISO 14001 certification, recently announced its "New Century Project." The project involves a commitment of more than \$32 million to replace and upgrade equipment for its hardwood pulping line, eliminate chlorine use for bleaching, purchase new equipment to reduce odor from the mill and improve water quality.

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Madelaine Morgan, CMP Joins SAF Staff

SAF has announced that as of July 7, 1999, **Madelaine Morgan**, a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP), has been appointed as Director of the Meeting and Convention staff at the national office. Ms. Morgan will be responsible for coordinating all convention program elements, conducting site visits and soliciting proposals from potential convention cities, and serving as a liaison to the Arrangements and Program Committees.

Most recently, she coordinated and managed a series of 41 educational meetings and eight conferences on autism. She has also served as the Director of Meetings and Exhibits for the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

A Certified Meeting Professional since 1997, she has held a variety of leadership roles in the Association of Meeting Professionals and Meeting Professional International. ↑

Western Gateway and Keystone Chapters Honor SAF Golden Members



Ray Stiteler (l) presents Bill Stiteler the SAF Golden Member certificate at the Penn Gables Spring meeting

Orange L. "Jim" Mulhollen, a member of the Western Gateway SAF Chapter, was also honored as a 50-year member of SAF. Most of Mulhollen's professional career has been in the Cambria County area with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, and upon retirement as an active forest consultant. Jim was State District Forester for the Gallitzin Forest District #6 located in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. He received a BS in Forestry from Penn State University in 1949.

The Keystone SAF Chapter honored **Robert "Bob" Rumpf** for his 50 years of service to SAF. Active in many areas of forestry -- industry, state and private, education and in local and state government -- he has received many distinguished awards during his 35 years of service to Pennsylvania forestry. Peers in the Allegheny SAF have honored

A most meaningful presentation of the SAF Golden Membership Award was witnessed by members of the Western Gateway Chapter at their Spring meeting. It was mutually gratifying for **William "Bill" Stiteler** to receive, and nephew **Ray Stiteler** to present, the 50-year SAF Membership Certificate and congratulatory letter from SAF President Jim Coufal. Two generations of professionals, proud to be using their skills and talents for the benefit of society and forest resource values.

Bill received a BS in Forestry from Penn State and has had a fulfilling 41-year career with the US Forest Service, having served on the Allegheny and Monongahela National Forests as Ranger and on the Supervisor's staff in Timber Management and Wildlife. He retired as Range and Wildlife staff member from USFS State and Private Forestry at the Regional Office in Upper Darby, PA. He had a successful forest consulting business in Indiana County, PA for 20 years since retirement from the USFS.

Ray Stiteler received his BS in Forestry from Utah State University and is presently employed as procurement forester for Mountain Valley Farms and Lumber Company in Biglerville, PA.



(l to r) Robert Schweitzer, Robb Piper, Jim Mulhollen, and Dick Rossman at the SAF Western Gateway presentation of Golden Memberships



Charles Brown (l), Keystone SAF Chair, presents 50-year SAF membership certificate to Bob Rumpf (Photo by John Bearer)

him in 1968 as "Forester of the Year" and in 1993 as "Outstanding Service to Forestry"; he was also nominated and elected to SAF "Fellow" in 1993. Rumpf received a BS in Forestry from Penn State in 1949 and a MF from Duke University in 1954. ▲

Several other Allegheny SAF members became Golden Members in 1999 (The Allegheny News, Vol. 8, #1, Spring '99). Reports of special presentations by Chapters and Divisions will be printed in future issues of the newsletter as they are made and forwarded to the editor.

Bob LaBar wishes to thank all those who contributed to PA Council of Professional Foresters (PCPF) Fund to match the generous offer from an anonymous donor.

English Class in the Woodlot of NW Pennsylvania

By Mark Webb, Allegheny SAF Chair



Chad Maleski (in vest, far right) demonstrating the wedge prism and Silva compass to outdoor English class members

This past spring, SAF Plateau Chapter members **Chad Maleski** and **Mark Webb** conducted a class in basic forestry for the Outdoor English class at Union City Area High School.

Teacher **Ken Orris** uses outdoor topics as a creative way to teach English to Junior and Senior students who have difficulty learning through traditional methods. Maleski and Webb introduced the class to career opportunities in forestry and in the process of brief tree identification, inventory methods, and forest management sessions in the school's 40-acre woodlot classroom, offered new words and their meanings to the student's vocabulary through association with the forest complex and the tools used in the class activities. The groups interest and enthusiasm with hands-on activities peaked and even a little math was injected into the session.

Webb manages the acreage for the school district and regularly works with the school conducting outdoor classes. Two commercial timber sales conducted in the school woodlot in the past have demonstrated to students and faculty that good forestry is compatible with many forest uses, including wildlife and recreation – and of course, education! ▲

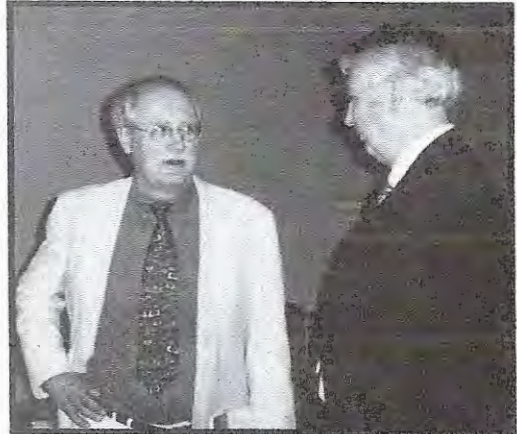


Tools of the field forester – a base for "word power"

Penn State Distinguished Lecture Series Hosts Dr. Jerry Franklin

Dr. Jerry Franklin presented another in the series of the Penn State University, School of Forest Resources Distinguished Lectures on April 21, 1999 at University Park, PA. Dr. Franklin, Professor of Ecosystem Analysis in the College of Forest Resources at the University of Washington and Director of the Wind River Canopy Crane Research Facility, spoke to "Science and Recent Development of Forest

Policies in Western North America." He is recognized as a world leader in forest ecosystem structure and function, ecological management, and conservation.



Dr. Jerry Franklin discusses lecture topics with Dr. Henry Gerhold, PSU Professor of Forest Genetics

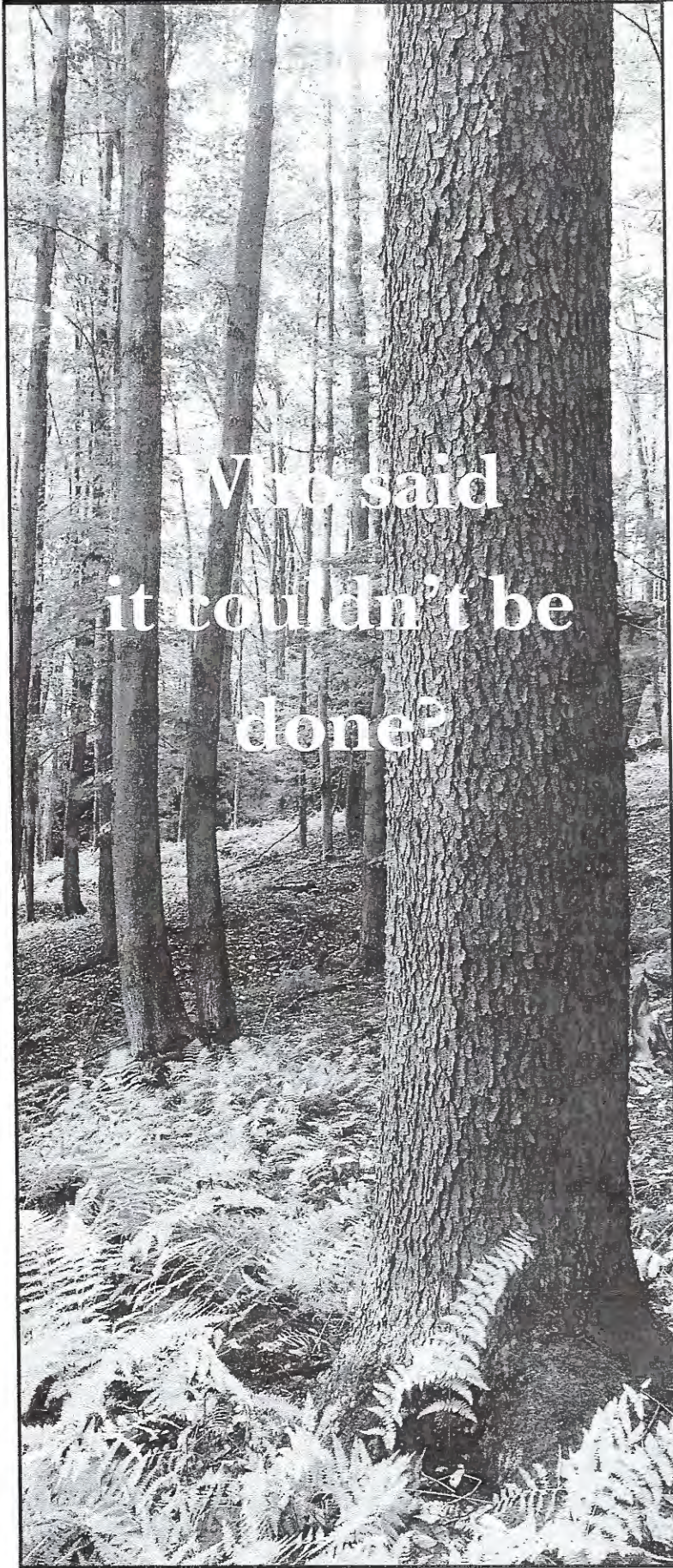
He covered current research and knowledge of structure, dead wood and down woody debris, riparian systems (for fish protection), biological legacies maintained in variable retention harvest systems and presented examples supporting their differing functions and influences on organism interactions.

Responding to questions in regards to forest management practices and overall policy in the discussion period, Franklin stated that, "Adaptive management – all management prescriptions -- are predictions (working hypotheses); forestry is a social science and society calls the shots; in the end, market forces and the courts will make the final decisions on the priorities and use of forest resource values."

The Penn State Distinguished Lecture Series is sponsored by The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania and individual presentations are published and available through Penn State Extension. ▲

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ACF 51st National Meeting Examines Management of Quality Hardwoods

By Dave Miller, A.C.F. Penn Chapter Chair

The Pennsylvania Chapter of The Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc. (ACF) was honored to host the 51st National Convention of ACF on June 27-30, 1999 at Peek 'n Peek Resort in Clymer, New York.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Challenges of Managing Quality Allegheny Hardwoods." Technical sessions began with a keynote address from U.S. Congressman **John Peterson** (R-PA 5th District). Rep. Peterson received the "ACF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award" for his work in promoting sound and scientific forestry principles as related to private forest management, fighting for private property rights and his continuous effort to represent the values of rural PA.



PA ACF Chapter Chair, Dave Miller (l), presents the "1999 National ACF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award" to Rep. John E. Peterson

Retired State Forester **Jim Nelson** presented a unique and informative slide program on the history of forestry in Pennsylvania and current PA State Forester **Dr. James Grace** presented his views on the present and future outlook of Pennsylvania's forests. A panel discussion featuring PA State Rep. **Jim Lynch** (Warren), **Robert Bauer** (PA Game Commission) and **Ken Kane** (Keith Horn, Inc.) focused on specific challenges such as the current political climate, forest regeneration and wildlife management.

Mark Webb, Convention Committee Chair, reported that over 300 attended the convention, including 140 ACF members, spouses and children from all over the USA and Canada, plus 25 vendors exhibiting their products and services. **Dave Anundson's** field trip featured a tour of privately-owned and ACF member-managed woodlots in the heart of the Allegheny hardwood/black cherry stands.

For more information on the meeting and/or ACF, contact Dave Miller at 814-723-5801, FAX 814-723-2402. ▲

Allegheny SAF Partners with PA Fish & Boat Commission


By Jack Winieski, Editor, The Allegheny News

In a joint fund-raising effort, the Allegheny SAF has agreed to partner with the PA Fish & Boat Commission's "Conserve 2000" effort targeted to aquatic resource protection. An original John Buxton painting is the basis for a "First of State" series of stamps and limited edition, signed/numbered prints depicting Pennsylvania's waterways heritage (the artwork and stamp can be viewed in the Conserve 2000 area of the Commission's web page at www.fish.state.pa.us)


The Susquehanna River and tributaries provided a transportation network for settlers and traders to get their surplus products to market. Just as natives did before them, pioneers first used canoes; sturdy dugouts were preferred, however, lightweight bark canoes such as the one shown in the foreground on the prints, stamps and patches were more useful where long portages were necessary.

Funds generated by the sale of prints and stamps will support the Commission and SAF in their direct and indirect efforts to support waterways conservation. Conservationists, collectors, anglers, boaters... anybody who cares about protecting Susquehanna watersheds and southward to the Chesapeake Bay, can contribute to aquatic resource protection, habitat restoration and enhancement, pollution abatement, and recreational access improvement through participation in this joint effort.

A limited edition, signed/numbered print (320/950) will be raffled at the Allegheny Summer Meeting in Hagerstown, MD, to be held September 30 and October 1, 1999. Use the order form to the right if your more inclined to insure getting your print copy, stamp, stamp set, or other offerings. Questions? Contact Jack Winieski at 717-432-3646, FAX 717-432-3646, or ansaf@paonline.com ↑



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The 1999 Allegheny Summer Mini-Leadership Academy

By Ken Jolly, Allegheny SAF Exec. Committee, and Academy Coordinator

As a special feature of the 1999 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, a half-day "Mini"-Leadership Academy is being offered on Wednesday, September 29, 1999. The Mini-Academy is open to ANY member with a desire to improve their leadership and teamwork skills – and advance career opportunities.

The Academy will consist of two "Learning Modules." The first module will be conducted on the Cedar Ridge Adventures (CRA) Challenge Course, and consist of action-oriented activities and simulations using "Cooperative Experiential Learning" methods to teach leadership and team building. It will be professionally led by CRA Staff, and has been custom-tailored from their "Executive Adventures" course for our SAF Academy.

The course uses group/individual and mental/physical exercises, and each participant will be able to individually choose the challenges they want to engage in. You can choose to try the "high ropes," or elect to stay "firmly on the ground." Over 50 different elements are available. A Medical Questionnaire

and Release of Liability form must be completed by each participant on the day of the event. If you've never experienced "adventure learning" before, don't miss out on this opportunity!

The second Module will be conducted back at the meeting hotel (Venice Inn) and provide instruction on:

- identifying the essential ingredients for effective leadership in natural resources
- creative leadership tips for motivating people and celebrating success
- understanding interpersonal communication skills and building the capacity to effectively work with others
- strategies for realizing your SAF vision; how to energize yourself and your chapter
- overview of SAF Structure and Services

Second Module instructors will include fellow SAF members who have attended the National Leadership Academy, and served in both Allegheny



"The Beast", a 50' tower combining high ropes element used in the Mini-Leadership Academy training (Photo by Daniel Ernst)

and National SAF leadership positions. More information or questions, call Ken Jolly at 301-464-3065. ▲

Allegheny SAF 1999 Candidates for Office

Detach and mark the appropriate ballot(s) found in the centerfold of this Allegheny News. Fold, seal, stamp and post mark by October 1, 1999. Your vote can make the difference!

Chairman Elect:

Kane, Ken C.

Vice President, Keith Horn, Inc., Consulting Foresters, Kane PA

BS Forestry, Penn State, 1982, SAF member 1984. As VP of Keith Horn, Inc., responsible for all aspects of forest management activities for private landowners, public relations and landowner education. Former Assistant Manager, Baillie Lumber Co., Past Chair, PA SAF Division and Northern Hardwoods Chapter, Past Chair, Penn Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, member of Joint Plateau/Northern Hardwoods Chapter's Deer Management Committee. Member Penn State Agriculture Advisory Council, & PA Governor's Forestry Task Force. Member & Past President, Kane Area School Dist., Board of Directors. 1998 Allegheny SAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award Recipient.

John P. Jastrzembki Associate Professor of Forestry, Allegany College of Maryland, Cumberland, MD

Associate of Science, Environmental Resources Mgt. Nassau Community College, NY 1982; BS Resources Mgt., SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse, NY, 1984; MS Forest Resource Mgt., Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 1989. Previous experience as Watershed Forester and Regional Forester, MD DNR (23 counties); Urban Forest Manager, NYC Parks Dept.; Range Conservationist and Resource Crew Leader, Coconino National Forest, AZ. Member, MD Forest Assn., Appalachian Prof. Foresters Assn. Eastern Forest Technology Colleges, Governor's Liaison on MD Beautification Program. SAF member 1986. Past Chair MD/DE SAF Division, numerous committee and meeting assignments.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Kenneth W. Jolly

Southern Regional Forester, Maryland DNR Forest Service

BS Forest Management, North Carolina State University; MS Applied Management, University of Maryland. Previous experience with the USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, and Honduras Forest Development Corporation/US Peace

Pennsylvania Division SAF 1999 Officer Candidates

Chair Elect:

Cary, Richard E. **Property and Land Manager, PP& L, Inc., Allentown, PA**

BS Forestry, Penn State and MS Resource Development, Michigan State. SAF member 37 years and SAF Certified Forester. Service Forester in Warren and Forest Counties, PA 3 years; 32 years in Land Management & Real Estate Activities for PP&L, Inc. (formerly Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.), including forest mgt., timber sales, development of public recreation & environmental education facilities, land acquisition, sales and leasing. Part time forest consultant since 1975. Past Chair Pinchot SAF Chapter, Co-Chair Allegheny SAF 1993 Winter Meeting, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Co-founder and various officer positions, Edison Electric Institute – Land Management Committee.

Karger, Ned R. **Forest Operations Manager for Kane Hardwood, A Collins Company, Kane, PA**

BS in Forest Science, Penn State University 1979 and SAF member since 1985. Ned has worked at Kane Hardwood Division of Collins Pine Co. since 1983 and is a member of the team that helped gain Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for the Collins PA Forest land holdings in 1994. Prior to coming to Kane Hardwood, Ned worked for Hammermill Paper Co. and the U.S. Forest Service at both the Forestry Sciences Lab (Warren, PA) and the Allegheny National Forest Sheffield District. He is currently Chair of the Northern Hardwood SAF Chapter and has served on the Ben Roach Forestry Forum Series Steering Committee for the past 15 years. He has maintained SAF accreditation as a Certified Forester since the program's inception. Ned and his wife Lynda and children, Casey and Jesse reside in Kane, PA.

Secretary/Treasurer:

D'Amore, Douglas J. **Program Specialist, Division of State Forest Management, DCNR Bureau of Forestry (BOF), Harrisburg, PA**

A. A. S. Degree, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, BS Forestry, University of Michigan and SAF member since 1984. Previous seasonal employment with the U.S. Forest Service; Forestry Consultant staff and procurement forester; BOF CFM Service Forester. Past Sec./Treas., Valley Forge SAF Chapter and present Sec./Treas., PA SAF Division. Arrangement Co-Chair 1992 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting and Teller Committee member.

Pennsylvania Division SAF 1999 Election Ballot **PA Division Members Only**

Report of the Nominating Committee
Ken Kane, Chair

Chair Elect

A two-year position – assumes the Chair position in two years

_____ Richard E. Cary (PA Pinchot Chapter)

_____ Ned R. Karger (Northern Hardwood Chapter)

Secretary/Treasurer

A two-year position – elected every two-years

_____ Douglas J. D'Amore (Keystone Chapter)

Return completed ballot by October 1, 1999

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1999 Summer Meeting Allegheny Society of American Foresters

Theme: Green Forest Certification

Location: Venice Inn, Hagerstown, MD / Dates: September 29 - October 1, 1999
8.5 Continuing Education Credits, SAF Category 1

Wednesday, September 29

- Leadership Academy
- 12:00-4:30pm • Module I: Leadership and Team Building (at the Challenge Course - Cedar Ridge Adv.)
- 4:30-6:00pm • Lodging Check-in at Venice Inn and Supper (individually)
- 6:00-9:00pm • Module II: Building a Strong SAF Unit (at Venice Inn)

Thursday, September 30

- 8:00-10:00am • Registration, Exhibits, Coffee/Tea, Silent Auction Begins
- 10:00-12:00am
- Welcome and Introduction - SAF & Meeting leaders
 - "SAF Task Force on Forest Certification" - **M. Coulombe**, SAF Chair, Forest Management
 - "Tree Farm Certification" - **B. Simpson**, President, American Tree Farm System
 - "Perspective on certification and Green Tag Certification" - **K. Argow**, President, National Woodland Owners Association
- 12:00-1:15pm • Buffet Lunch
(Business Meeting 12:45-1:15pm)
- 1:15-2:45pm
- "Status of developing FSC standards for Appalachian Region" - **M. Jenkins**, Director of Sustainable Forestry, Mtn. Assoc. for Comm. Econ. Dev.
 - "Industry Standards for Certification" - **S. Berg**, Director, Forest Policy Research, AFPA
 - Panel Discussion
- 2:45-3:15pm • Break

Thursday, September 30 (cont.)

- 3:15-4:30pm
- "PA experience with certification of State-Owned Lands" - **J. Grace**, State Forester, PA DCNR
 - "Making Certification Pay" - **B. Puller**, Land Manager, Kane Hardwood
 - Panel Discussion
- 4:30-6:00pm • Lodging Check-in and Free Time
- 6:00-6:30pm • Social - Cash Bar
- 6:30-8:30pm • Banquet & Entertainment - Civil War Reenactor, **T. Clemens**; Silent Auction closes at 7:00pm

Friday, October 1

- 7:15-8:15am • Continental Breakfast
- 8:15-10:00am
- "The role of the Consultant Forester in implementing certification" - **L. Larsen**, Assoc. of Consulting Foresters
 - "Certification and the retail perspective" - **L. Sprinks**, Hardwood Artisans of the Loft Bed Store
 - "Non-foresters perspective" - **A. Calfee**, National Wildlife Federation
- 10:00-10:30am • Break
- 10:30-12:00pm
- "Educating and communicating certification to NIPF's" - **J. Finley**, Penn State Coop. Extension
 - "State Foresters Perspective" - **J. Mallow**, National Assoc. of State Foresters
 - Panel Discussion
- 12:00pm • Adjourn, lunch on your own

Lodging Information: Make hotel reservations direct by calling the Venice Inn at 1-800-283-6423 (Fax: 301-733-4978). Room rates are: \$55(single), \$60(double) (plus 8% tax). Rooms with kitchen, jacuzzi available at extra charge. Reservation should be made by **September 15** to ensure special SAF rate. Ask for Block 166.

PRE-REGISTRATION - Must be received by **Sept. 15, 1999**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Make check or money order payable to: **MD-DE SAF**, and mail to:
Green Forest Certification
DNR Forest Service, Attn: Pam Cressman
Tawes State Office Bldg., E-1
Annapolis, MD 21401 (Phone: 410-260-8515)

Leadership Academy - **Sept. 29**

- Module I - \$30/person (no late registration) _____
- Module II - \$5/person _____

Conference Registration - **Sept. 30 - Oct. 1**

- Two-day meeting - \$60/person (includes lunch on Thurs., 3 breaks, Cont. Breakfast on Fri.) _____
- One-day registration:
Thursday - \$45/person _____
Friday - \$20/person _____
- Thursday Banquet Dinner: \$20/person _____
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- Non-SAF Members: + \$10 _____
- Late Fee (received after Sept. 15): + \$20 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Allegheny SAF Awards Nominations and Deadlines

Forester of the Year Award

Recognizes:

Time span 1999
Current professional achievements
A specific achievement during the year
Promotion of the importance of professional forestry
High caliber of professional conduct

Outstanding Service to Forestry Award

Recognizes:

Career time span
Outstanding professional achievements in forestry
Outstanding service to society
Professional promotion of forest conservation
High caliber of professional conduct

General Information (for either award)

1. Name, title, employer, business address
2. Place of birth, age
3. Education - college/university degrees
4. Professional employment
5. Present position and responsibilities

Send all nominations by **January 1, 2000** to:

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PA Forestry Summer Camp for Teachers a Success

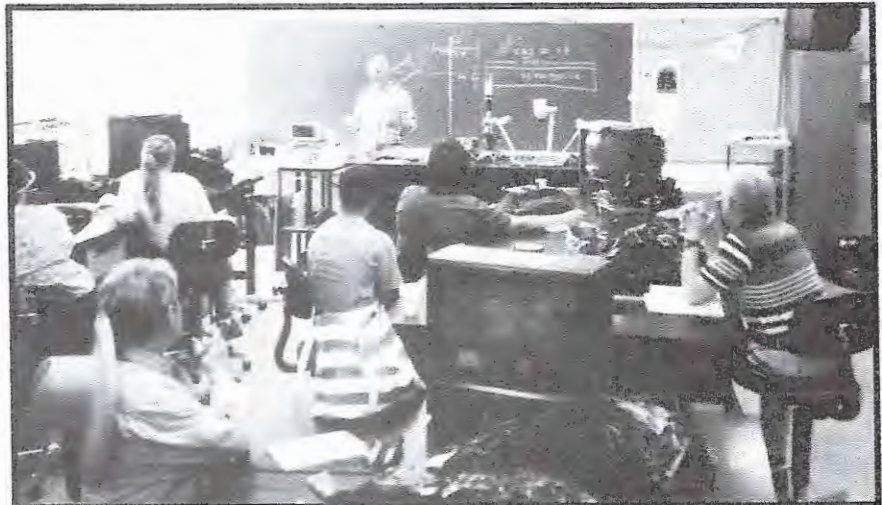
By Jack Winieski, Editor

The first ever Forestry Camp for teachers held at Pennsylvania College of Technology at Williamsport, June 21-26, was praised by the twelve elementary to high school teachers who participated. The Camp was cosponsored by the College and the Pennsylvania Division of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) – a \$5,000 grant from the Forester's Fund was awarded to help finance participation.

Teachers from across the state received three in-service credits and Project Learning Tree (PLT) certification. They also left with an awareness of what forestry is all about, "and they certainly came to this camp with some misconceptions," according to **Dr. Dennis Ringling**, Camp Director responsible for the initiation of this SAF Division effort.

SAF chapter chairs and members from the seven PA SAF chapters assisted in promotion and making information available to teachers in their areas. Dennis had assistance from Program Specialist **Ed Dix** of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the PLT training. He also had a day of field help from **Jack Winieski**, while **Jim Nelson** provided historical perspective with an evening presentation of his well-illustrated slide talk about the history of forestry in Pennsylvania. The educators also visited primary and secondary processing industries which use wood as a raw material in the processing of the wood products we all use and cherish.

Dennis thanks all who helped in this venture and hopes, with continued joint support, to continue the camp as an annual effort to favorably effect the public's conception of forestry's role in society. Dennis truly believes that the teachers will incorporate the awareness experienced in the hands-on, student-driven, investigative learning process provided by the camp into their lesson plans. "By exposing the teachers to forestry in a real world context, we hope the camp experience will affect the education of students for years." ▲



The Quincy Library Story at The Ben Roach Forum

At the semi-annual **Ben Roach Forum** held April 8, 1999 at the Kane Country Club, **Bill Coates**, co-founder of the Quincy Library Group (QLG), Quincy, California, presented the background and process leading to local officials, citizen environmentalists and forestry industry leaders coming to a consensus relating to timber harvesting on three National Forests in the area of this small (pop. 5,000) Sierra Nevada town.

The library connection is unique, in that early meeting discussions among catalyst **Bill Coates** (local tire shop owner), **Michael Jackson** (local environmental attorney), and **Tom Nelson** (forester for Sierra Pacific Industries) were quite loud at times. Jackson's wife **Ruth**, Plumas Co. librarian, invited them to use the library meeting room where noise rules helped to keep the discussions at a lower decibel level. Coates's wife **Debra**, news editor of *The Feather River Bulletin*, supported the effort in her reporting. Early on, it was agreed not to include the general press, and the USFS was not invited in order to keep maximum citizen input (USFS personnel were included later, but they were never given a vote).

In August 1993, after five years and 175 meetings, 40 individuals representing an array of perspectives signed a "Community Stability Proposal" agreement, designating areas and levels of harvest, and areas off limits for harvest. It also designated pilot projects to "demonstrate the effectiveness of specific resource



Allegheny SAF's **Susan Stout** presents **Debra Coates** and children with gifts, as they accompany speaker **Coates** and visit Pennsylvania

management activities, including fuel breaks, group selection, and individual tree selection on the Lassen, Plumas, and Tahoe National Forests." The USFS responded to the QLP with two draft reports on suggestions, which has been up for public comment. The final, legal binding "record of decision" document was due August 17, 1999. ▲

Besides what was gleaned from **Bill Coates**'s Ben Roach presentation, the above Editor's report used material published in the July/August 1999 *Forestry Source* and a most interesting report in the July issue of the *Smithsonian* magazine by **Edwin Kiester**, pp. 70-79. I highly recommend reading the **Kiester** article for background. Ed



Bob Bauer, Chair-elect of the Pennsylvania SAF Division, explains the coveted Ben Roach Forum black cherry Biltmore Stick to a quizzical **Bill Coates**

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West Virginia Has New Requirements and Categories for Forester Licensure

By **Arlyn Perkey**, Chair
West Virginia SAF Division

The West Virginia legislature has amended and reenacted the law regulating the general requirements and categories for licensing and registration of foresters. To use the title Registered Professional Forester, Professional Forester, or Forester, an individual must meet one of the following requirements:

- Graduation from a four-year degree program in professional forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) plus two years related experience in the field of forestry
- Graduation from a two-year technical forestry program recognized by the SAF, plus a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and four years related experience in the field of forestry

The amended law has also added a new category recognizing forest technicians. To use the title Registered Forestry Technician or Forestry Technician requires graduation from a two-year technical forestry program recognized by the SAF and four years related experience in the field of forestry.

This legislation passed March 13, 1999. In addition to the new forestry technician category, the amendment stipulates that rules be developed relating to continuing education and a code of ethics. Proposed rules to implement this revision of the law were circulated, and comments were received until August 2, 1999 (adopted rules and regulations related to the amended legislation providing for the licensing and registration of Foresters and Forest Technicians were not available at the deadline for this Summer/Fall issue of *The Allegheny News*). ▲

A Pennsylvania First

By Alex Day, Forest Program Supervisor, Forest Tree Seedling Nurseries Operations Manager

On the clear, frigid morning of March 8, 1999, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry employees of the Sproul State Forest District assembled for some unusual duty at a snow-covered helicopter landing zone (LZ) on the Lycoming-Clinton County state line. Staff from the Bureau's Penn Nursery were also on hand to help in what was to be a huge FIRST for the Bureau -- direct, aerial seeding of a 73-acre tract of State Forest Land.

The site had been a dense, tolerant understory of ferns, huckleberry and mountain laurel which completely took over the site beginning in the 1970's, after repeated defoliations by oak-leaf rollers, oak leaf tiers, and gypsy moths which resulted in over eighty percent tree mortality. With few live trees left on the site to produce seeds or sprouts, a dense understory community developed into a high-scrub "forest" to the total exclusion of trees.

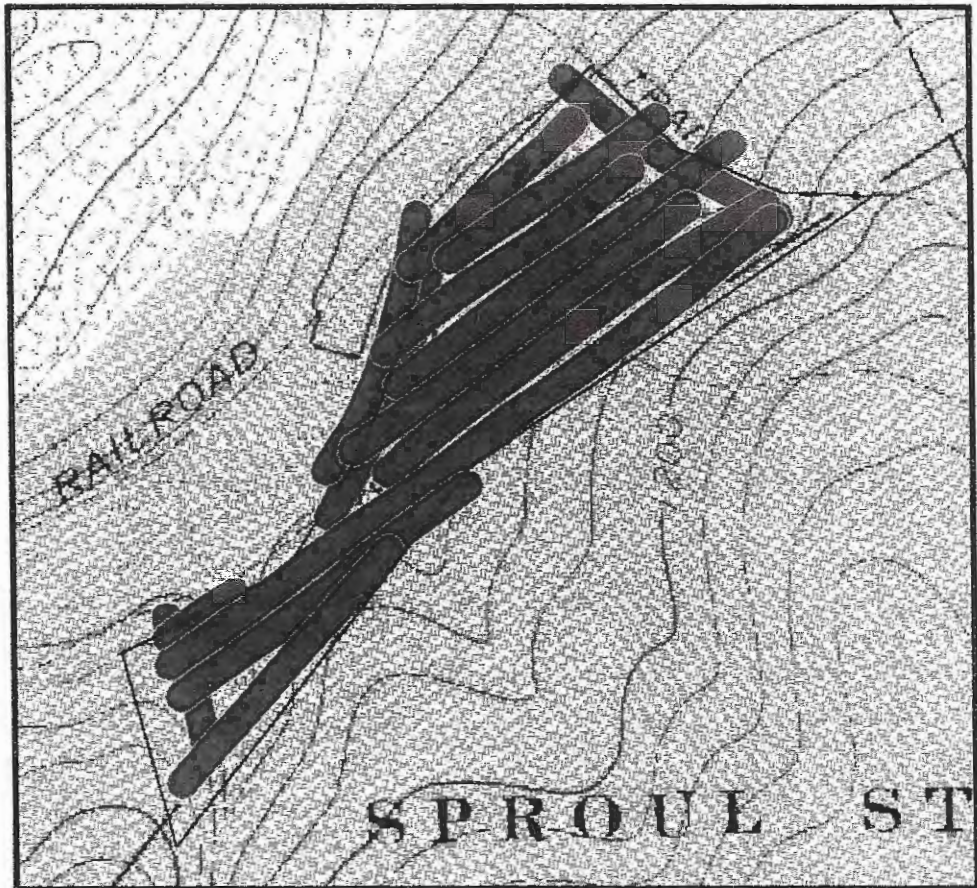
In July of 1998, plans were initiated to attempt to accelerate the establishment of tree cover with a combination of appropriate site preparation, a large-scale direct seeding project and some random planting of tree seedlings. For many reasons, Eastern white pine, *Pinus strobus*, was chosen as the species used in the conversion attempt. Prior to 1997, funds for this type of conversion/regeneration were not available, but the Bureau's recently established Regeneration Fund now provided for the purchase of the nine-ton disc and D-6 dozer used in site preparation.

The Ag Rotors contracted helicopter and escort fuel truck -- with accompanying agricultural sling bucket to spread the seed and fertilizer -- arrived at the LZ on the scheduled morning. Following a short period of swath measurement and bucket calibration, the first bucket of prepared white pine seed and slow release fertilizer pellets was applied. Guided by

a GPS positioning unit in the helicopter, the pilot located the target blocks and sequentially applied the seed mixture in very precise, accurate swaths. For the helicopter pilot and ground crew this must have seemed like an ordinary agricultural operation; sowing of the 175 pounds of seed was completed within two hours.

National Forest and it worked equally as well with the seed/fertilizer mix.

Pinpoint accuracy in sowing the seed was achieved through the combined use of a Geographic Positioning System (GPS) and Geographic Information System (GIS). Forest entomologist Gary Laudermilch, experienced with aerial precision in insect spray programs,



Seventy-three Acres Bear Swamp block, Sproul State Forest, showing flight lines and seeding swaths of helicopter (March 8, 1999 - Imaging property of PA DCNR)

Staff from the Sproul State Forest District, under the leadership of Robert (Butch) Davey, proved more than capable in helping the operation fly. Assistant District Forester Jeff Prowant helped organize the effort and, in fact, was the idea person for the whole undertaking. Originally a ground application was envisioned, but when this became impractical Jeff switched to using a helicopter with the agricultural sling bucket. The combination has been used with fertilizer alone in the Allegheny

set up the GPS/GIS part of the operation. Project leader Prowant believes that, "Perfecting the many aspects of off- season sowing technique will give district staffs greater flexibility in scheduling similar forest regeneration projects in the future."

Direct sowing, of course, requires that an ample supply of adaptable seed sources are available. Fortunately, the Bureau of Forestry has several such white pine and other species seed orchards throughout the state, which are currently producing regular crops.



Ground crew at the landing zone prepares the sling bucket for loading and calibrating, prior to the actual sowing of white pine seed and fertilizer (March 8, 1999 - DCNR photo by John Bearer)

Pennsylvania is fortunate to have these orchards, which are the result of work done by visionary foresters beginning in the 1960's. If the Bureau of Forestry can perfect this method of regeneration with white pine, aerial seeding in

combination with varied site preparation may be applied using improved seed sources of other species. Results of the white pine seed germination are still being evaluated, but the project is considered a qualified

success at this time. "We will, of course, continue to reserve sufficient adaptable seed sources to grow seedlings for traditional tree planting at our Penn Nursery in Centre County, PA," according to Alex Day, Nursery Operations Manager.

The Forest District personnel, Butch Davey, Tim Fenton, Robert Fitterling, Lin Greenway, John Long, Eric Probert, Ted Ligenza and Paul Brown all expanded their skills as foresters in this team-building experiment. Dave Stuck, Richard and Blaine Auman and Assistant Nursery Manager Jeff Kozar of the Bureau's Penn Nursery staff prepared, weighed, packaged and tagged the PA Certified white pine seed for the direct seeding with the same precision used for the nursery beds. Field operations were well documented with photos by John Bearer from the Bureau of Forestry central office. For all the Bureau of Forestry personnel who participated in this project, it was an exciting and memorable event. ▲

PA's First Conservation Area Donated by SAF Member

Harrisburg, PA (March 20, 1999) – The Joseph E. Ibberson Conservation Area, the first of a new component of Pennsylvania's Commonwealth's system of State Parks, will officially open this spring. **Joe Ibberson**, a 45-year member of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF), a former Division Chief in the PA Bureau of Forestry and successful forest consultant, has donated 350 acres of woods and trails to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Conservation Area concept is distinguished from other State Parks as a large area with few amenities and no through roads, pools, etc., – just nature, passive recreation, and education. This first such designated conservation area is located on Peter's Mountain, just north of the Harrisburg area population center.

Ibberson has developed the existing trail system that will provide the access for students and families to hike, observe wildlife and study natural relationships in the forest community. The 350 acres has been a working forest and the PA Department of Conservation

and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Penn State University School of Forestry will establish several forest management demonstration areas for study by non-industrial private forest land owners (NIPF's). Nearby Little Buffalo State Park will administer the Ibberson Conservation Area.

Governor Tom Ridge noted that, "The recently released 21st Century Environmental Commission report cited the loss of open space as one of today's top issues and the Ibberson Conservation Area is the first step in our commitment to the 21st Century Growing Greener Initiative." DCNR Secretary John C. Oliver praised the donation and the Conservation Area designation intent that will, "provide enjoyment and education to the citizens of the Commonwealth, especially for the Dauphin County area."

"For the past 70 years, while exploring the mountains, valleys, and streams of Dauphin County, it was always my hope that part of this land would be protected while continue to be used for passive recreational

enjoyment and study, Ibberson reflected. Past management practices, with the addition of new demonstration areas, should serve as an example to other private woodland owners how professional forest management can meet their objectives."

Joe Ibberson was chosen as the 1999 Pennsylvania Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year under the American Tree Farm System Program of the American Forest Foundation, endowed a Chair at Penn State University School of Forestry, and has received numerous awards relating to the stewardship of Pennsylvania's forest resources (see *The Allegheny News*, Vol. 7, No. 4, Winter 1998-99, page 8). ▲

"When tillage begins, other arts follow. The Farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilization."

- Daniel Webster

Land Use: Past, Present, and Future

By Arlyn W. Perkey, Chair WV SAF Division

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) 1999 Winter Meeting explored the theme of Land Use: Past, Present, and Future. This focus reflects recognition that in the eastern United States, land use has been dynamic since European settlement. While there is an acknowledged need to address the current hot issues of forest fragmentation and parcelization, it is important to view those issues in the context of historical land use change that has occurred during four centuries. Some of the dramatic change (urban sprawl) since World War II is unlike historical change (from forest to agriculture, and vice versa). At this point, the change to urban use appears permanent. However, at the time of the Civil War, few people would have visualized the abandonment of cleared agricultural land and its subsequent reversion to forest.

Although the conversion of forests to urban land is the most visible change to the greatest number of people, it is not the only movement occurring. In some portions of the five-state Allegheny SAF area, there is still exchange between agricultural and forest uses. Also, in West Virginia, reclaimed mine lands frequently are not being returned to forest use, but are being revegetated as grassland. This subject did not receive significant attention at this meeting, but it is on the agenda for discussion at the summer West Virginia Division of the Allegheny SAF meeting, August 11-13, 1999. Following are notes taken at the February 16-18, 1999 Allegheny SAF Meeting in Berkeley Springs, WV.

Keynote Address:

The Working Forest – An Alternative to Conversion
By William Matuszeski, Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

We need to be aware of three public misconceptions: (1) In the eastern United States, we do not need forests for wood products. (2) Forests are poorly managed by managers. This perception is based largely on the displeasing appearance of timber harvests. Removal of forests from the grips of managers is a good thing. (3) Parcelization is good because it keeps forest managers from managing (harvesting).

Other thoughts:

- Conversion of forest to urban and suburban land use is happening because people want their own 5 acres of land with a stream within 20 minutes of a football stadium. We (people who value forests) should be allied with people who want smart growth, etc. We have a common goal of wanting to keep the forest. Forested wetlands are a resource that is especially critical to keep.
- Fragmentation splits up the forest, creating edge that may cause difficulty for some migratory bird species. However, it is beneficial to many other forms of wildlife, like deer.
- Parcelization has resulted in more of the forest being held by people with smaller ownerships.
- We need to convince people that a managed forest is a healthier forest. How do we do that? One strategy is to build on the success we have achieved with the Buffer Initiative.

Land Use – Past

By Kent Mountford, Environmental Protection Agency, Chesapeake Bay Program

Kent presented a very impressive high-tech visual program that gave viewers an aerial perspective of the Chesapeake Bay watershed forest cover changes from the Colonial era, clearing for agriculture, to post Civil War forest reversion, to post World War II urban expansion. It set the historical basis for the remainder of the program (you had to be there to appreciate the importance of this presentation).

The Effect of Fragmentation & Parcelization on Resource Availability

By Michael Foreman, Virginia Department of Forestry

In Virginia, when all timberland is considered available for harvest and management, current levels of timber growth can support the current levels of harvest, with a comfortable margin. However, if only "suitable rural forestland" is considered to be the basis for long-term sustainability, current levels of consumption meet or exceed current growth. This suggests that to sustain current consumption levels on a long-term basis, either the "suitable rural forestland" base need to be protected or expanded, or its productivity increased, or a combination of both.

As the population density (persons per square mile) increases, the acceptability of forest management practices to people living in adjacent communities decreases. Forestry becomes less socially acceptable. At population densities of

Musser Forests



Northern-Grown Tree Seedlings

Pine: Austrian, Balkan, Japanese Black, Pinyon, Mugho, Ponderosa, Red, White, Virginia

Spruce: Black Hills, Blue, Engelman, Norway, Serbian, White

Fir: Balsam, Canaan, Concolor, Douglas, Fraser, Grand

Hemlock: Canadian, Western

Birch: European, Japanese, Gray

Dogwoods: Chinese, Gray, Silky, Siberian, White

Locust: Black, Bristly, Honey

Maples: Norway, Red, Silver, Sugar

Oaks: Black, Bur, English, Pin, Scarlet, Sawtooth, Red, White, Swamp, Willow

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46 persons per square mile and greater, it becomes difficult to practice forest management using traditional activities. At that population density, about 25% of the timberland in the area is classified as "suitable rural forestland."

The Effect of Fragmentation on Wildlife Habitat

By James Woehr, The Wildlife Management Institute

Our current forest does not have a balance of age classes. A large portion of our forest is nearing maturity because it regenerated after heavy cutting or agricultural abandonment around the turn of the century. That regeneration occurred in the absence of a large deer population. Most of our science is based on the study of this forest that developed under conditions that are different than what we have today.

At what scale should we measure fragmentation? For what species are we measuring fragmentation? Fragmentation for the grizzly bear is not the same as fragmentation for neotropical migrants. There has been great concern expressed about forest interior dwelling species. However, looking at the data reveals that as a group, forest interior dwelling species are doing much better than grassland bird species or short distance migrants.

A regenerating disturbance does not have the same influence on wildlife species as converting the forest to another use. In the Appalachians, fragmentation is not a problem. The Midwestern studies on cowbird parasitism are not applicable. Forest edge, created by harvesting is beneficial to many wildlife species. Eight years after heavy cutting, many areas will again become suitable habitat for forest interior dwelling species. Many species need a well developed forest understory.

Northeast - Midwest Forest Tax Laws:

A Study in Diversity, and

Estate Taxes - The Effect on Parcelization

By John Pasquantino - USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area

John gave examples of tax laws that vary throughout the region, and made the case for better tax incentives that could help promote forest management. He also discussed estate taxes in the context of forestland transfers to heirs; without planning, heirs may be forced to sell the land to meet tax obligations. Various trust arrangements were presented which could help insure that the forestland could remain intact after the owner's death.

Marketing Forestry - From Big Woods to Backyards Communication and Marketing

By Lester A. DeCoster - The DeCoster Group, Inc.

The number of people owning large tracts of land for growing trees is static or shrinking. The number owning small pieces for various reasons, which generally do not include traditional forestry, is increasing. Foresters need to market information and services to all sizes of forest ownerships - ranging from the biggest woods to urban backyards. If we do not, we will be relevant to fewer and fewer people and have diminishing opportunities for growth.

In managing our relationships with forests and people, the system and advice is the same: organize, be deliberate, build learning into your system, be prepared to change, keep at it, and use the best professional advice you can find. This is not

nearly as scary as guessing or letting whatever happens happen. Here are three cultural trends with implications for forestry and natural resource communications:

1. More information will be moved and ignored at the speed of light.

- More technologies will carry more information, available instantly more of the time, in more places to more people.
- More misinformation and junk will be mixed in with factual, useful material.
- There will be more resistance to information, more suspicion, more confusion and more competition.
- Forestry information will have to compete in this mess by being ubiquitous; easily, instantly, and constantly available.
- Our information must be relevant, desirable, interesting, understandable, compelling, and marketed with the best possible techniques and skills. *Do this or be ignored.*

2. There will be booming growth in acquiring things, seconded by disposal.

Here's why. People in the maximum property acquisition state (35-64 years old) are increasing the most. Those 65 years and over (disposing of property through estates, etc.) are the next fastest growing group. Americans are entering the older age categories where they acquire and dispose of property (including forestland) faster. These frequent transfers create more opportunities for additional smaller properties.

3. More and different people will own smaller pieces of land for more and different reasons.

- Studies indicate the following trends: parcels are splintering, land uses are shifting from traditional to non-traditional, and control is changing from rural to urban owners.
- We need to deal with the splinters as well as the big pieces.
- The large and mid-size owners (100+ acres) are likely to see forestry as relevant. Traditional *outreach* (see note below) approaches are expected to work with them. Although this is an important ownership category that needs to be served well, it is static or shrinking in size. The mid-size parcels are disappearing especially fast.
- Smaller ownerships (less than 99 acres) often do not see forestry as relevant. Innovative *inreach* approaches are needed. We are not currently interacting effectively with this large and growing category of owners who control large and growing amounts of land.

Note: *Outreach* pushes the stuff we consider important at an audience when we consider it important. *Inreach* is the opposite. With markets based on occasional situations or urges, your need inreach so people can find your information when they want it. Since most owners of small pieces of forest rarely, if ever, think of forestry, outreach will be ignored or considered annoying unless it strikes during the fleeting moment when the urge is on the owner. Examples of inreach systems are hotel 800 lines or web sites that let people easily reach into a system to get what information they want when they want it. ▲

Gypsy Moth: a Thing of the Past?

Dr. Mark Ticehurst, President of BioBase Technologies, Inc., Landisburg, PA, presented information at a Keystone SAF meeting on April 19, 1999 in Mechanicsburg, PA concerning the status of gypsy moth in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic States. Ticehurst, an employee with the Division of Forest Pest Management, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry from 1973 through 1985, concentrated his work on the release and evaluation of parasitic insects towards the naturalization of the gypsy moth. In 1984 he took a leave-of-absence to complete his Ph.D. at Penn State. He resigned from the Bureau in 1985 and since then has devoted full time to the development of his business. Much of the company's work involves "turn-key" programs for the management of the gypsy moth within municipalities in several states. In the past 15 years the business has experienced considerable change, directly associated with the changing population dynamics of the gypsy moth induced by the fungus *Entomophaga maimaiga*.

The USDA first introduced this fungus into North America around the Boston area in 1910 and 1911. Nothing ever came of these releases and the project was considered a failure and abandoned. In 1989, however, researchers identified the pathogen while studying collapsing gypsy moth infestations in parts of New England, eastern New York, and northeastern Pennsylvania. It is not known if the presence of the fungus at this point was the result of the 1910-1911 release or a new accidental introduction. Between 1989 and the present, the fungus has spread quickly throughout the northeast,

and since 1991, researchers have introduced the fungus along the advancing front of gypsy moth infestations in an attempt to speed its natural spread.

The effects of the natural occurrence of the fungus on gypsy moth are quite variable and unpredictable. In some instances, serious infestations do collapse from the disease; however the collapse can happen after the defoliation and nuisance has manifested. This means that the presence of *E. maimaiga* does not preclude the need for aerial spray of dense gypsy moth infestations when the management objective is to minimize defoliation and nuisance. However, in the past 5 years the fungus has been the key factor in limiting gypsy moth population growth. In fact, 1998 marked the lowest level gypsy moth populations in North America in the last 25 years.

Will the declining trend in the populations of the gypsy moth continue? Ticehurst believes that the jury is still out, but that the fungus will continue to be a significant biological control factor for the next few decades if not forever. Can the gypsy moth "beat" the fungus? Yes, but climatic conditions must be abnormally dry during May, June, and early July when gypsy moth are in the larval stage and susceptible to fungal infection. Fungal "resting spores" cannot form infective conidia without significant episodes of precipitation during this period. Without the infective stage, gypsy moth larvae can escape. However, even during a drought, a three-day period of rain in June can induce a



fungal epizootic and kill 95% of the larval population. (SAF attendees had the opportunity to observe fungal spores with the use of a compound microscope following the presentation.)

Ticehurst's initial surveys of gypsy moth egg masses in Virginia and Pennsylvania in August 1999 indicate that the general infestation is increasing. Higher populations are expected in 2000 as the cycle rotates upward. It is likely that the fungus played a minimal role on gypsy moth infestations during this summer of drought.

Yet, with lower gypsy moth populations over the past few years, Mark has turned his entomological skills to another rewarding field, fly-fishing. He continues to be a student, but this time his labs are the: Yellow Breeches, LeTort, Big Spring, and Delaware pursuing trout; Walnut and Elk stalking steelhead; Susquehanna exploring smallmouth riseforms; and coastal shores searching for blitzes of stripers. ▲

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1999 National SAF Awards Recipients Announced

Each year, SAF recognizes individual members for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the forestry profession. These individuals will be honored on Monday, September 13, 1999 at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Congratulations to the following recipients:

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- Award in Forest Science – **Darius M. Adams**, Corvallis, OR
- Barrington Moore Memorial Award – **David B. Smith**, Auburn, AL
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11-15 SAF National Convention, Portland, Oregon Convention Center, "Pioneering New Trails." Local Info, Lori Rasor at 503-224-8046; www.forestry.org/convention/convention.html; National Information Diana Perl 301-897-8720 x111; www.safnet.org/conv/main.html

24-26 "The Impact of White-tailed Deer on the Biodiversity and Economy of Pennsylvania," Radisson Hotel, Harrisburg, PA. Heinz Endowments, PA Chapter Sierra Club, and PA Audubon Society 717-763-4986

29 Allegheny SAF Mini Leadership Academy, Hagerstown, MD, "Developing Team Building" & "Leadership Skills" Jonathan Kays 301-432-2767 or Jack Perdue 410-260-8505

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Oct 1 1999 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Hagerstown, MD, "Forest Certification" a review and update. Ken Jolly 301-464-3065

October

15-16 MD Forests Association Annual Meeting, Ramada Inn, Salisbury, MD "Endangered Species, Cooperative Perspectives, Karin Miller, 301-895-5369

29-31 NJ Shade Tree Federation Annual Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ, Bill Porter 908-246-3210

November

10-12 "Wildlife Urban Interface - Planning for Communities", Sheraton Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Delmarva Advisory Council Education Credits & Scholarships Available, Ms. Dale Maginnis 410-742-9271

December

15 Deadline for articles and photos for Winter 1999-2000 issue of *The Allegheny News*

January 2000

1 Allegheny Awards nominations to Ken Jolly (see pages 10-11)

February

23-25 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, Cross Creek Resort, Titusville, PA, "Selling Resource Management to the Private Forest Landowners" Mark your calendars now, please! Howard Wurzbacher 814-484-7293

May

6-10 2000 SAF National Leadership Academy, YMCA of the Ozarks in Potosi, MO

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16-21 National SAF Convention, Washington DC

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