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Chairman's Corner

By Ken Kane
Allegheny SAF Chair

In the last issue of *The Allegheny News*, our Executive Director and Editor, Jack Winieski and his daughter Catherine did an excellent job of paying tribute to the life of Bob Bauer. They gathered the testimonials, photos, and prepared the layout in less than a week before publication – a truly great effort for a truly great man. After reading each of the remembrances of Bob, it is my hope that we as foresters can continue to promote the practice and profession of forestry as Bob Bauer had.

I witnessed first hand the challenges of practicing forestry on February 18, 19, and 20 at the USDA Forest Service Diversity Conference held at the National Conference Center near Leesburg, Virginia. Though thirty inches of snow covered the Washington D.C. area, eighty of the one hundred invited participants attended the conference to provide input to the Forest Service on adaptations to the 2000 Forest Planning Rule. After three days of discussions, I came away convinced that many people (some with scientific backgrounds) are achieving their goal of no management on our national forests by just continuing debate on the planning process.

I left the National Conference Center and drove to Williamsport for the Allegheny winter meeting. The Northern Hardwood Chapter did an excellent job of planning and hosting an informative meeting. Williamsport, the historical lumber capitol of the world, was an appropriate setting for the topic, "North Central Pennsylvania, a Model for Multiple Use Management." I should have brought some of the people from the diversity conference along for a "how to" demonstration.

Our Educational Endowment Fund Drive is progressing. Ron Sheay, coordinator of the project, is preparing to solicit the membership. The leadership of the Allegheny has stepped up as you can see from Ron's report. Please do what you can to help the

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future of the Allegheny SAF. We have received some great challenge gifts from Bob and Helen LaBar, as previously reported. There is also a new challenge gift. We welcome all gifts and motivational ideas.

The members of the Pennsylvania Division should be sure to read Ned Karger's article on page 6 in this issue of *The Allegheny News* on the upcoming vote on "Standards of Forestry Practice." Pennsylvania Division members will need to inform themselves before the vote this summer. The entire paper, plus questions and answers, for "Standards of Forestry Practice" is found on pages 11 through 18 of this issue, and can be extracted as a separate booklet for your future use.

I would also like to encourage any member interested in running for a leadership role in the Allegheny Society to contact Mike Lester, the nominations chair. We will be voting on both Chair and Chair Elect this fall due to the loss of Bob Bauer as Chair Elect. Leadership in SAF is truly a rewarding experience. Forestry is a wonderful profession with great people. The best way to find out is to get involved.

Until next time, enjoy the spring and remember, "Forestry, our Profession is Growing." ☞

Williams Promoted

L.R. (Rudy) Williams, a 13-year member of the Allegheny SAF was recently promoted to Fires Mobilization Coordinator for the West Virginia Division of Forestry. Williams started his career with the agency as a service forester for the state's Tyler and Pleasant Counties. He was later promoted to assistant District Forester in District #3, out of Buckhannon, WV. An active member of SAF, Williams is presently a member of the West Virginia SAF Division Executive Committee. ☞

Tributes to Bob Bauer

My first meeting with Bob Bauer was as memorable as the last one. It was in 1976 at a seminar on the impact of white-tailed deer on forest regeneration in Ridgway, Pennsylvania. Here was Bob talking about the challenges faced by Foresters and the lack of understanding by the leadership of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I thought to myself, this guy is either a disgruntled employee ready to be fired or a gutsy man of professional principle. We all knew Bob as the latter.

My last encounter was similar, 26 years later. Bob quickly took the initiative to seek me out and talk about how he had just put the final practice on the ground for a gamelands plan we developed collaboratively many years earlier. Bob never forgot a face, always remembered what YOU had offered to help him, and never left his principles in his pocket.

Bob Bauer personified what we hope for in our children and ourselves, and in our profession; humility, honor, and passion of people and purpose. We need to pay tribute as our way to honor what he gave to us. He would have been one of the first to help.

Eric Carlson, Washington, DC

Our Society and our profession suffered a great loss with the death of Bob Bauer. I have been blessed to spend a large portion of my career working for Bob, and during that time, he earned my respect and loyalty for his professional conduct and personal integrity. He was a motivator, mentor and friend to many of us.

Bob often described Forestry as a profession with a foundation based in science, but whose practice was likened to an art. He had keen observation skills, an incredible memory for detail, and a great talent for the communication of technical principles as they translated to practice on the ground. Bob was a talker. He talked a lot, to everyone, at a high volume level. He was eager to share his knowledge with fellow foresters, loggers, sawmillers and many others in the wider public community. He would talk to anyone at any time about forestry. In reading the many recollections and memories of Bob in the previous issue of *The Allegheny News*, I was struck by the commonality of themes expressed by many of the writers. He engaged people into our professional community; specifically, he welcomed young foresters, and made an extra effort to invite their participation in SAF and other professional activities. Bob encouraged us then, and inspires us now, to "be there" – to interact with our peers, to reach out to other disciplines, and to be informed and vocal advocates for Forestry.

My purpose in writing is to express my gratitude to, and great pride in, our forestry community for its response in the aftermath of Bob's tragic death. The sheer number of people who traveled to attend the viewings and funeral, and their expression of sympathy and support has been, and remains, a source of strength and comfort to Bob's family. Bob was intensely proud to be a forester, and your heartfelt expression of respect and support to his family makes me very proud to be one as well.

Howard Wurzbacher, Titusville, PA

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Penn State SAF Student Chapter Lends a Hand

By Roy Bucher, President, PSU Student SAF Chapter

Four members of the PSU SAF Student Chapter and their co-advisor were recently involved in moving of a piano for the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Centre County. They moved a piano from Stormstown to the Howard ARC program. PSU SAF and ARC have been involved since last year when student members raked and cleared the leaves from the ARC yard.

ARC needed a helping hand in moving the piano so they contacted our student advisor and asked if they had any strong backs to lend them. The tasks were to get the piano out of the house and onto a truck, move it to the Howard Program and then unload it – all very carefully. Four student members, **Mike Hancharick, Nate Burgess, Tom Lugar, Zack McNeal**, and student advisor **Mike Powell** completed the task – feeling very good about their contribution.

The PSU student chapter of SAF thanks ARC of Centre County for giving them the opportunity to become involved in the local community, and looks forward to helping ARC in the near future.

For information on the PSU student chapter, contact Roy Bucher at rab229@psu.edu or the student chapter website www.sfr.cas.psu.edu/saf.htm



Vacancy Announcement

Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service

Courtesy of Glen A. Jeurgens, Chair WV ASAF Division

Vacancy Announcement #NESC-5171-18-2003D
(open to all qualified applicants)

Vacancy Announcement #NESC-5171-17-2003G
(open ONLY to Federal employees)

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For additional information, please contact Stacey Jones-Anderson at 610-557-4243.

Allegheny Society of American Foresters Meeting Summer 2003

- Hosted by, The Rothrock Chapter
- Held at the: Ramada Inn
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State College, PA
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please call 814-238-3001
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Computer Applications
- Field Trip, Indoor Presentations,
Exhibitors and a Silent Auction are
some of the highlights
- Preceded by The Central PA Festival of
the Arts, July 9th-13th. Make your
reservations early if you plan to attend
the Arts Festival – rooms fill up early
- Schedule and Registration Form on
page 19 of this Allegheny News issue



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“Cutting Edge Forestry”

Educational Endowment Fund Update

By Ron Sheay, Non-Ad hoc Coordinator

As presented in the last newsletter, a group of concerned SAF members is trying to raise an additional \$40,000 over the next two years to add to our existing Educational Endowment Fund (EEF). This will not be an easy task under present economic conditions, so we will need as near 100% financial participation as possible – no matter how small the amount.

Keep in mind that this money will be added to the principal and only the earned interest will be used for the educational purposes outlined in EEF Charter – recently revised by the Executive Committee. That revision provides for an expanded use of a portion of the interest money to fund educational publications of ANSAF, educational programs for our members, and outreach programs for schools and other organizations.

I am pleased to report that \$10,145 has already been contributed by 54 members of the Allegheny SAF. The big push now is to the general membership through letters being sent by the Division

and Chapter Leaders. If you would prefer to give now instead of waiting for that letter, please make your check out to the Allegheny SAF Endowment Fund and send it to **Ron Sheay, 12 Glenwood Lane, Stockton, NJ 08559**. Our hope for the future of our professional progress is that all will respond positively, consistent with individual career satisfaction and in the spirit of being part of a greater purpose. **Thanks to all who have given!**

The PA SAF Division voted to contribute \$1,000 to the EE Fund – a generous donation! All ANSAF units should seriously consider a contribution to this effort.

An Anonymous Challenge!

An anonymous SAF member/giver has offered a challenge to all federal and state employees in the ANSAF. This person will contribute an additional \$10 for each donation of \$100 or more received between now and June 30, 2003 – as a tribute to Bob Bauer. State and federal employees, please keep this in mind when you consider your contribution. ☺

The following is a list of contributors since the last issue of *The Allegheny News*:

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John Benton	NJ	Rex Melton	PA
Robert Bond	ME	Richard Mires	NJ
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Ken Jolly	MD	Dave White	WV
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Edward Kocjancic	PA	Howard Wurzbacher	PA
Howard Kriebel	NJ		
Tunis Lyon	MD		
		Total Contributed	\$5,995

Manny Gordon Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Manny Gordon, a 68-year SAF member, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at an awards banquet of The North Branch Land Trust, held at the Genetti Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on May 22, 2002.

In the presentation by Tom Robinson of TRR & Associates, Manny's many contributions to the area since 1939 were recognized. Manny has promoted the natural beauty of the region – "keep our forests clean and green, visit the great outdoors of Northeast PA" – throughout his work as District Forester for the Lackawanna Forest District, and into retirement. He was also recognized for his guidance of several young area students in their selection of Forestry as a rewarding career.

Manny's, "Enjoy, Enjoy" slogan – given as only Manny Gordon could – on public service announcements, is a regional classic! ☺

Next newsletter deadline is June 15, 2003

Send articles in the form of
Microsoft Word documents
and photos as 300 dpi
JPEG files and e-mail to:

ansaf@paonline.com

Councilman's Report

By Mike Lester, SAF District VII Representative

Core values. What are they? There has been an ongoing discussion over the last few years asking the question, what are the core values of SAF. Council spent quite a bit of time crafting the SAF Core Values, sometimes seeming to agonize over every word. In fact there have been articles in the *Source* by Immediate Past President Dave Smith, and discussion at SAF meetings across the country. However, whenever I've brought it up, the reaction I get is mostly a yawn. Other members of Council have had similar reactions when they've discussed the Core Values. Now, my interpretation is that this lackadaisical response is a positive reaction (I'm ever the optimist). I believe that this reaction is based on the feeling that "Of course that's how we feel, doesn't Council do anything more than discover the obvious?"

But just in case that this isn't the reason, I'd like to review the Core Values with you, as approved by Council in the February Council meeting. My purpose is not to discuss the Core Values themselves. They are self evident (but I have still included them below). My purpose is to explain the history within SAF, the process, and what they are supposed to express. I suggest we start by reading them.

Core Values

1. Forests are a fundamental source of global health and human welfare
2. Forests must be sustained while simultaneously meeting environmental, economic, and community aspirations and needs.
3. Foresters are dedicated to sound forest management and conservation.
4. Foresters serve landowners and society by providing sound knowledge and professional management skills.

The first discussion that I noticed about core values was in the HSD recommendations that Tim Kaden brought back from the 1996 National Convention in Memphis. Tim French, Council representative from District IX also recalls elements of core values having been discussed at the Critical Issues Forum at the same meeting. Coincidentally, James Collins and Jerry Porras discussed core values in an article entitled "Building Your Company's Vision" in the *Harvard Business Review* in that same year.

Collins and Porras refer to core values as "timeless guiding principles" and that they have no need for external justification. Core values are internal to the organization. Core values are not what we would like to be or even what we plan to be. Core values are an indication of what we are, and are what we hold to be important now, ten years from now, fifty years from now. They are not a strategy or an objective or a goal. All of those things should change to reflect the climate you are in or the climate that you anticipate you are going to be in. Core values should be a constant that are not subject to the vagaries of time or fads. They are who we are. They are the values that define us.

So take another look at our core values. Do you feel comfortable with them? Are they truly what is intrinsic in SAF? For me, they ring true. Do they for you?

"Bauer Scholarship Fund" Update

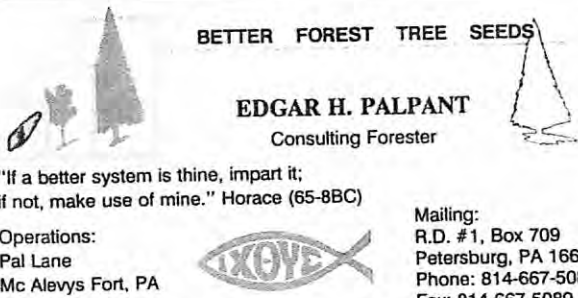
As a result of initial efforts at the February SAF Winter Meeting in Williamsport, PA, \$10,000 has been donated to the scholarship fund initiated in tribute to Bob Bauer. The scholarship will benefit students enrolled at University Park in a four-year program in the Forest Management curriculum. We need to raise a minimum of \$20,000 to assure that a "Bob Bauer

Scholarship" award will be significant and that it will be perpetuated.

All donations are to be made payable to "Penn State University Bauer Scholarship," and mailed to Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802, c/o Director of the School of Forestry.

All donations will be gratefully acknowledged. ☺

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Pennsylvania SAF News: Standards of Forestry Practice

By Ned Karger, PA SAF Division Chair

The document entitled "Standards of Forestry Practice," that follows in this issue of *The Allegheny News*, was submitted to the PA Division of the Society of American Foresters (PA SAF) for review and endorsement at the Allegheny SAF Winter meeting in Williamsport, PA, February 20, 2003. Prepared by the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters (PCPF), the document was approved by the PCPF membership on January 24, 2003. The PA Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters (PA ACF) will also be considering approval of the same "Standards of Forestry Practice" document at a future meeting.



The members present at the PA SAF Division business meeting in Williamsport felt that the document should be presented to the entire membership through *The Allegheny News* so that all members would have a chance to familiarize themselves with the contents in preparation for a YES or NO vote on the adoption of these standards in July of 2003. The result of that vote will then decide whether PA SAF endorses and adopts, or rejects the "Standards of Forestry Practice."

Immediately following the Allegheny Summer SAF Meeting in State College, PA, July 13-15, 2003, the PA SAF Division has arranged to provide for an open discussion of the "Standards of Forestry Practice" document at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 15. This will provide for any further considerations of members before the vote deadline. PA SAF members do not need to register for the summer meeting to attend the open discussion, and do not need to participate in the discussion to cast their secret ballot.

The "Standards of Forestry Practice" document is a stand-alone document. It is not part of any proposed Forster Licensing legislation and does not, by itself, endorse any future legislation on licensing or registration. It will only establish commonly accepted standards of forestry practice within Pennsylvania as endorsed by the major professional forestry organizations in the state.

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Penn State SAF Student Chapter Members Gain Valuable Forestry Experience

By Brent Harding, Penn State SAF

Penn State School of Forest Resources Forestry students have become common fixtures the last two summers in the halls of Merkle Building and the hollows of the University's Forests. During the summers of 2001 and 2002 a total of nine forestry students were employed by the Penn State Forestland Management Office to re-inventory the Stone Valley Forest's 6775 acres. Students integrated a one-of-a-kind GIS/GPS data collection program (PenForms) with point sample and fixed plot radius inventories to collect overstory, understory and site attribute data on over 3500 sample plots. The data will be analyzed and used to revise the 1990 Stone Valley Forest Management Plan.

In addition to the inventory experience each student received ample exposure to the procedures associated with timbersale preparation/administration, road construction/maintenance and deer fence construction/maintenance. The experience the students gained in conjunction with their Penn State educations and their excellent work ethics have already aided six of the employees in obtaining professional Forester positions.

The summer of 2003 will be no different for the Penn State



Forestland Management Office. A joint project with the Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center and The Pennsylvania State University School of Forest Resources will have eight Forestry students replicating the Stone Valley Forest inventory process on 10,000 acres of forest under the management of The Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. In addition to six Penn State University Park Campus students, the Penn State Forestland Management Office was fortunate to hire two Penn State, Pennsylvania College of Technology Campus, students to perform the inventory.

One additional Penn State, University Park Campus, student was hired to work with the Penn State Forestland Management Office

staff on the University's Forests in Centre and Huntingdon Counties. Deer fence construction/maintenance, road construction/maintenance, boundary marking, a fully mechanized hardwood thinning/improvement operation and stand delineation/inventory by fully integrated field computers will be highlights to this student's summer employment experience.

The Penn State Forestland Management Office would like to thank all the students for their hard work. If you have any questions relating to any of the projects or about PenForms, contact the Forestland Management Office by phone at 814-865-6272 or by e-mail at psuforestmgmt@psu.edu

Off the Web

By Harry V. Wiant, Jr. at hww3@psu.edu

Forest landowners may find a non-technical key to forest trees useful. One, written by PSU Ibberson Chair Professor Harry V. Wiant, Jr. and Larry H. McCormick, is available on the Web at <http://www.geocities.com/harryvwiant/>. Go to the "FORESTRY PROGRAMS FOR THE PALM" link to download the key and print it or use it in your PDA.

Forest landowners who would like an explanation of how volume and value of timber are determined may find the following site of interest:

<http://www.nres.uiuc.edu/outreach/pubs/ifmn/32.pdf><http://www.nres..uiuc.edu/outreach/pubs/>

Most of this information comes from a publication by Wiant, which is now out of print.

2002 Allegheny SAF Awards

Elections to SAF Fellow

Election to Fellow in the Society of American Foresters is the highest form of recognition from one's professional peers. The fellow award is limited to less than 5% of the 17,000 National SAF memberships. Three Allegheny SAF members were elected Fellows in 2002.

Lloyd R. Casey, CF is presently The Assistant Landowner Manager for the Northeastern Area of the USDA Forest Service with program responsibilities for the Forest Stewardship Program, Forest Resources Management and Forest tax assistance. He has spent the last 37 years assisting private forest owners with management decisions.

A member of SAF for 34 years, Casey received a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and a Masters in Forest Genetics degrees from Southern Illinois University. He has served as past Chair and Secretary of the Central States, Illinois, and Valley Forge units of SAF and, at the National SAF level, as Chair of the Non-Industrial Private Forest Working Group.

During his long career with the USDA Forest Service Lloyd has been a service forester, reforestation and nursery specialist and a planner, assisting state cooperators in related program initiation, development and implementation; over 200 workshops in his specialties have been presented at national and regional SAF and associated professional meetings. He has received the USFS Resources Planning Act Recognition Award, seven certificates of appreciation, and the American Forest Foundation has awarded him the Bronze Hard Hat Award for his efforts in the American Tree Farm System certification program.



Lloyd Casey (left) receives SAF Fellow Certificate from PASAF Chair Ned Karger

Locally, Lloyd has always been active in Jaycees and scouting. He is looking forward to retirement in July of 2003 and intends to establish a consulting business.

“Being elected Fellow of the Society by my peers is the highlight of my career.”

Timothy A. (Tim) Kaden, a 33-year member of SAF, is Land Preservation Specialist with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, responsible for all forest management prescriptions and activities on 13 Delaware State Parks.



Between 1970 and 1995, Kaden held field, watershed, and forest products forester positions, and served as Cooperative Forest Management Supervisor, Forest Resource Planner and Deputy State Forester in the Delaware Forest Service. While Forest Resource Planner, he was responsible for writing the State of Delaware Forest Resource Plan. He was elected to the 33-state Eastern Wildland Fire Coordinating Group, participated in the Delaware Biological Diversity inventory, taught “Introduction to Forestry” at the University of Delaware, and had contributed articles to “Outdoor Delaware” magazine.

Tim has an Associate in Forest Science Management from North Dakota School of Forestry and a BS in Forest/Range Management, minor in Soil Science, Utah State University. He attended the SAF Leadership Academy in 1995, and is a former registered forester in Maryland.

His SAF activities include: District VII Council Representative 2000-02; committee appointments on Cultural Diversity, Planned Giving, and Council Agenda; Chair of HAS 1998; Allegheny SAF Chair and Secretary/Treasurer - Mentor, Membership, Executive Committee and Endowment Fund Committees; MD/DE Division Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

Awards have included recognition for service as HSD Chair and SAF Council, and Professional Achievement Awards from the College of Natural Resources and the Board of Trustees, Utah State University.

Tim is a member of the Forest History Society, the Delaware National Estuarine Reserve, and Utah State Alumni Association. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

James N. Kochenderfer, a 43-year member of SAF, is Research Forester with the USDA Forest Service, presently in Parson, West Virginia, conducting research on management effects on forest resources, the

development of best management practices (BMP's) and forest access road design, and improvement of hardwood regeneration using herbicides. He previously served as forester and timber management assistant on the Monongahela and Gifford Pinchot National Forests.

Kochenderfer provides outstanding technology transfer by leading many workshops for non-industrial private landowners, consulting foresters, forestry students, and extension foresters. He served on a team that developed the award winning "Managing Your Woodlot" video series: copies available in every county library in West Virginia and widely distributed elsewhere. Most recently he has served on the Governor's Task Force on Mining/Forestry and Flooding.

A member of SAF for 42 years, Jim received a BS in Forest Management from West Virginia University and an MS in Forest Management from Duke University School of Forestry. He has served as a frequent reviewer of the *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry*, and is considered a valuable adviser on program planning and field tours as an Executive Committee member of the West Virginia Division SAF.

Jim has been recognized for outstanding contributions to forestry by the WV Forestry Association, and was installed in the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame in 1998. He served in the US Army from 1961-63.

2002 Outstanding Service to Forestry Award

This award recognizes outstanding professional conduct and achievements in forestry, the promotion of forest conservation and service to society over the time span of one's professional career.

John A. (Jack) Winieski, Allegheny SAF Executive Director, was the recipient of the 2002 Allegheny SAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award, presented at the Allegheny Winter Meeting in Williamsport, PA.

Before beginning his "second career" as the Allegheny Executive Director, Winieski had a distinguished 30-year career with the PA Bureau of Forestry, retiring as Section Chief, Tree Improvement and Special Projects. He began his career with the PA Bureau of Forestry in 1962, shortly after receiving a M.F. at SUNY College of Forestry in Syracuse, NY.

A few of Jack's career highlights include the development and implementation of the Tree Improvement and Seed Orchard program for PA's State Forest Tree Nurseries, the first seed certification in PA under state law, cooperation in regeneration research with the USDA Forest Service and Penn State in natural stands and on mine spoils, co-editor of NATO/NSF Proceedings on "Breeding Pest-Resistant Trees," serving



Jack Winieski (left) receives "Outstanding Service to Forestry" Award from Ken Jolly

as a member of a Forest Genetics team to China, coordinating the Pennsylvania Project Learning Tree programs, and instructing a course on Soils and Reclamation at Penn State Mt. Alto.

Jack has been active in SAF activities since 1959, serving in several leadership positions and on numerous committees. He was awarded the SAF Fellow Award in 1997. In addition to SAF, he has been active in several other forestry-related organizations, such as PFA and a charter member of the PA Council of Professional Foresters. He is also active in numerous community and civic organizations, including serving seventeen years on his local Township Planning Commission, serving in the Boy Scouts, the Jaycees, the Elementary Grades Reading Program, Community Garden Clubs, and the Northern York County Historical Society.

For these and many other achievements, and for his sustained and dedicated leadership in professional forestry and commitment to the SAF throughout his career, John (Jack) Winieski's recognition as the 2002 Outstanding Service to Forestry Award recipient was certainly well deserved!

2002 Forester of the Year Award

This award recognizes specific professional achievements in a current time span, in this case, 2002.

Michael J. Huneke, MD-DE SAF, was the recipient of the 2002 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award, presented at the Allegheny Winter Meeting held in Williamsport, PA.

Huneke works with the MD DNR Forest Service as the Project Manager for a two-county area in north-central Maryland, where he supervises the delivery of all Maryland Forest Service programs. During 2002, a few of his significant accomplishments were as follows:

- he coordinated and established 43 riparian forest

buffer planting projects, establishing 23.1 miles of new streamside buffers

- he prepared and coordinated the development of 54 Forest Stewardship Plans covering 730 acres of forests and worked with well over 100 private landowners in implementing on-going plans
- he led the effort to establish a Forest Legacy conservation easement application on a group of properties covering approximately 1,800 acres
- he contributed to the national fires suppression effort on two large western fire assignments, serving as a Strike Team Leader and Crew Boss
- he also coordinated response to 55 fires in Maryland and served as Incident Commander for Maryland's Fire Camp weekend for training volunteer firefighters in wildfire suppression

Mike received the Allegheny Award for his leadership and outstanding forestry accomplishments during the past year. Especially noteworthy were his successes in implementing Maryland's Forest Buffer Initiative and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), where he worked to establish over 23 miles of new streamside buffers.

These highlights from Mike's accomplishments over the past year are indeed commendable, demonstrating



Awards Chair Ken Jolly (left) presents the "Forester of the Year" Award to Michael Huneke

his leadership and outstanding forestry accomplishments for the year, as recognized by his receipt of the 2002 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award!

A Golden Touch – 50 Years of SAF Membership

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The following Allegheny SAF members were recognized at the 2003 Winter Meeting in Williamsport, Pennsylvania:

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| Robert S. Cockroft | Frank J. Schrey III |
| Henry D. Gerhold | Peter J. Steger |

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STANDARDS OF FORESTRY PRACTICE¹

By: Arthur L. Brooks, Kim C. Steiner, and Marian S. Keegan²
For: The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters Committee
on Practice Standards

A Little History

By Don Oaks

In a 1994 Pennsylvania SAF Division ballot on the licensing of Pennsylvania foresters, the membership voted 68% in favor of and 32% in opposition to licensing. Of the approximately 1,100 PA Division members, 62% submitted ballots - 682 members were in favor of licensing Pennsylvania foresters.

After reviewing past attempts at forester licensing, the 15 members of the PA Division Licensing and Registration Committee - independently of SAF - formed the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc. (PCPF). A 501-(c)(6) entity, PCPF organized in order to advance the immediate issue of Forester Licensing in Pennsylvania, and to address professional concerns with respect to all Pennsylvania forestry issues.

One concern frequently expressed by those who oppose forester licensing is that licensing would be followed by onerous restrictions on foresters. This concern leads PCPF to examine this issue in depth. The question then became, "What should be the Standards of Forestry Practice?" PCPF felt that it was important to provide the answer to this question and, if possible, to adopt standards even prior to proposing Forester Licensing. PCPF has spent over three years in discussion and eventual development of a "Standards of Forestry Practice" document. It is important to do so in that various attorneys have advised us, "In the absence of written standards, that which is commonly practiced IS the standard." There is consensus on the part of most foresters, that forestry, as it is commonly practiced in Pennsylvania needs to be raised to a higher level. It is only necessary to engage foresters in reasonable discussion to gain this insight.

The Standards are independent of proposed Forester Licensing and will become defacto Standards of Forestry Practice for Pennsylvania Foresters upon adoption by the major Pennsylvania Professional organizations.

The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc. Board approved the presentation of the Standards to the PCPF Membership, which voted unanimously to adopt the Standards at the Annual PCPF meeting on January 24, 2003. These Standards became the Standards for PCPF members as of that date.

Recommendation to Adopt Standards of Forestry Practice were made to Pennsylvania Division, Allegheny Society of American Foresters, on February 20, 2003 at the PA SAF Division Meeting in Williamsport, PA by Donald P. Oaks, Pennsylvania Division Chair for Licensing & Registration on behalf of the Licensing & Registration Committee. It is recommended that the Pennsylvania Division Allegheny Society of American Foresters take action to formally adopt the Standards of Forestry Practice. The PA Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters (PA ACF) will be considering approval of the same "Standards of Forestry Practice" document at a meeting in the near future.

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I. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes standards for professional forestry practice. While these standards are written by foresters for the benefit of the profession, their ultimate purpose is to provide for the welfare of the public and forests in the practice of forestry. One of the differences between professions and other occupations is that professionals are expected to serve the public interest. It is vital to the forestry profession that foresters uphold the public's trust. In essence, foresters do this by protecting the health and productivity of the forests that they manage. This is a solemn task because the economic and ecological consequences of mismanagement may be large, and they may take decades to become apparent.

The importance of the role of the forester places obligations on those who serve in this capacity. There are no uniform prescriptions that guarantee successful forestry practices, nor do these standards attempt to prescribe or proscribe specific practices of silviculture or forest management. Also, prescriptions can be made obsolete by revisions in forestry theory and practice that occur as a result of new knowledge, ecological changes in the forest itself, socioeconomic trends, and changes in the legal framework within which forestry is practiced.

Forestry practices regularly improve as new knowledge becomes available. Foresters also learn from experience by evaluating the response of the forest to previous actions. For these reasons, it is not sufficient for foresters to simply maintain the skills and knowledge they developed through formal education. Foresters must continually strive for excellence and proficiency through reading professional literature, attending professional meetings, pursuing continuing education opportunities, and capitalizing on opportunities to learn from experience.

Much of forestry involves the application of ecological principles. The scope of the engagement may focus on a single component or product of the forest (e.g. timber) or it may encompass the entire forest ecosystem to the extent that it can be reasonably understood and managed. Foresters often use mathematical or computer-based decision models to predict the response of a single component or multiple forest components to management actions. Mathematical and computer-based prescriptions are an aid but not a substitute for professional judgment, which can frequently incorporate information about forest conditions, opportunities, limitations, and client objectives that cannot be used appropriately in standard decision models. Sound forestry demands as much knowledge of related resource fields as the forester can acquire and reasonably employ. It is the forester's responsibility to have the understanding and skills ordinarily possessed by other foresters practicing in the same or similar locality and under similar circumstances. It is also the forester's responsibility to use care, reasonable diligence, and personal judgment in the application of that knowledge.

In addition to protecting the health and productivity of the forests they manage, foresters uphold the public's trust by encouraging those who have insufficient information and skill to conduct forest activities, or those who are engaging in activities that endanger life, health, or property, activities that impinge on the general welfare, or activities that may result in a violation of law, to seek professional advice and guidance.

All foresters should follow these standards when engaged in assignments or other activities addressed by these standards. The standards establish specific requirements for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of forestry activities. However, an instance of conduct inconsistent with a standard is not necessarily a cause for action or presumption that a legal duty has been breached. The standards are meant to provide foresters a structure for identifying and meeting expectations regarding the professional practice of forestry. They cannot be directly employed without consideration of the time, place, and circumstances of the actual forestry work, and they should not be construed as a basis for legal liability.

II. RULES

Rules establish the context for understanding and applying the standards of forestry practice. Other laws and regulations may also apply to forestry practice.

- A. **Supervision Rule.** The forester engaged by a client (see definitions below) is considered to have responsible charge of the assignment. A forester in responsible charge who supervises the work of other professionals or non-professionals performing forestry work shall assume responsibility for compliance with the standards set forth in this document.
- B. **Landowner Exception Rule.** The provisions of these standards do not apply to a landowner who performs forestry activities on his or her property.
- C. **Supplemental Standards Rule.** Regulatory agencies having the power of eminent domain, or asset management organizations, may issue standards that directly govern the practice of forestry on lands under the control of those agencies or organizations. Adherence to the standards set forth in this document does not relieve the forester and client from identifying and applying any such supplemental standards.
- D. **Definitions Rule.** The following definitions are applicable to certain words contained in this document. Other relevant definitions may be found in Helms (1998).^A

Assignment – A task or project accepted by the forester from a client, with the result that the forester assumes some of the interest of the client.

Client – A person, persons, or entity who engages a forester and for whom forestry services are rendered. Where the services of the forester are provided to an entity (corporation, trust, partnership, estate, etc.) the client is the entity, acting through its legally authorized representative.

Engagement – The relationship between client and forester obligated by contract, retainer, employment, pledge, or promise.

Forester – A professional engaged in the science and profession of forestry. Foresters are commonly credentialed by states or other certifying bodies and may be licensed, certified, or registered indicating specific education and abilities (SAF).

Forestry – The profession embracing the science, art, and practice of creating, managing, using, and conserving forests and associated resources for human benefit and in a sustainable manner to meet desired goals, needs, and values (SAF).

Forestry Practice – The application of forestry principles and techniques to professional services such as forest inventory, forest management planning, timber appraisal, the direction and supervision of silvicultural activities, the use and protection of forested areas, and the evaluation of the economic and biological consequences of forest management activities. Services may take the form of consultation, investigation, evaluation, or planning.

Scope – The purpose, range of applications, and opportunities covered by an engagement. Scope is commensurate with client objectives, the complexity and significance of the assignments, and competency of the forester.

III. STANDARDS

A. **Planning.** The practice of forestry requires a level of planning involving both the forester and the client prior to commencement of work. The planning process may be formal or informal, but it must be performed deliberately. The extent of planning should be commensurate with the complexity and significance of the task to be undertaken.

100. General.

100-1. Understanding and Correctly Employing Principles

A forester shall understand and correctly employ those generally accepted methods and techniques necessary to produce creditable forestry assistance or recommendations, consistent with the client's stated objectives.

100-2. Advocating for Improvement of the Forest Resource

A forester shall be an advocate for the immediate and long-term health and continued productivity of forest resources.

200. Establishing and Defining the Relationship with the Client

200-1. Defining the Scope of the Engagement

The forester and client shall mutually define, preferably in writing, the scope of the engagement, parties responsible for implementation, and the basis for evaluation. This shall be done before the commencement of forestry practice.

200-2. Acting as Faithful Agent or Trustee

A forester shall act independently and impartially as a faithful agent or trustee of the client's interest, within the bounds of legal and otherwise reasonable concern for the interests of the public and others affected by the actions of the forester. A forester shall avoid conflicts of interest when providing services to two or more clients.

200-3. Offering or Accepting Payment

A forester shall not offer or accept payment for the purpose of securing a forestry engagement. The definition of payment for this section shall be any valuable consideration that might

reasonably influence a person to make a decision that he or she may not otherwise make.

300. Gathering Client Data

300-1. Identifying the Client and Determining the Client's Objectives and Priorities

The forester shall identify the client and other interested parties. The forester and client shall mutually define, preferably in writing, the client's objectives and priorities and the purposes of the tasks that are relevant to the scope of the engagement. This shall be done prior to making or implementing recommendations.

300-2. Obtaining Quantitative and Qualitative Information

A forester shall obtain sufficient and relevant quantitative and qualitative information and documents about a client and the client's property with respect to the scope of the engagement and the services being provided before making a judgment about what to recommend from the array of acceptable alternatives available.

300-3. Analyzing and Evaluating the Client's Information

A forester shall analyze relevant information to gain an understanding of the client's situation and then evaluate to what extent the client's objectives and priorities can be met by the client's resources and current course of action.

400. Developing and Presenting Forestry Recommendations

400-1. Identifying and Evaluating Forestry Alternatives

A forester shall attempt to identify and evaluate relevant, alternative forestry recommendations in an effort to meet or exceed the client's objectives and priorities.

400-2. Developing Forestry Recommendations

A forester shall develop specific written recommendations in an effort to achieve the client's objectives and priorities.

400-3. Presenting Forestry Recommendations

A forester shall communicate the recommendations in a manner that assists the client in making informed decisions. Techniques regarded as experimental or of uncertain nature shall be clearly documented in writing, and the anticipated outcome and risks shall be described.

400-4. Avoiding Errors and Omissions

A forester shall not knowingly present faulty or incomplete information needed by the client to make a reasoned judgment about the probable outcome of the forestry alternatives presented.

400-5. Observing Relevant Laws and Regulations

A forester shall inform the client of laws and regulations that may restrict the implementation of recommendations, including possible changes in tax liability as a result of implementing or failing to implement recommendations.

400-6. Exercising Due Care

A forester shall not render forestry advice or assistance in a careless, negligent, or deceptive manner.

400-7. Overruling of Judgment

A forester shall present clearly to the client the potential consequences of taking actions contrary to the forester's recommendation or judgment in matters pertaining to the engagement.

B. Implementation. Implementation standards address the work performed on the ground. Correct implementation serves principles of ecologically and economically sound forest management, and it promotes the public's trust in the profession by enhancing forest health and productivity.

500. Implementing Forestry Recommendations and Practices

500-1. Exercising Responsibility Consistent with the Assignment

A forester and the client shall mutually agree on the implementation responsibilities consistent with the scope of assignment.

500-2. Applying Appropriate Methods and Procedures

A forester shall use the appropriate methods, procedures, tools, materials, and services consistent with the client's objectives and priorities. Methods and procedures shall be demonstrably adequate to the task of the assignment and to the desired level of accuracy. A forester shall ensure that the client is fully informed and in agreement with these applications.

500-3. Distinguishing Between Fact, Assumption, and Opinion

A forester shall clearly distinguish between fact, assumption, and opinion in matters relating to the engagement. These distinctions shall be made clear to the client in all relevant communications.

500-4. Administering Contracts

A forester who arranges a contractual agreement between the client and a third party for the purpose of executing the forester's recommendations shall explicitly inform the client of the need for contract administration to ensure compliance. Normally, this will be part of the forester's engagement.

C. Evaluation. The purpose of evaluation is to verify a satisfactory performance of the assignment because assignments may become subject to evaluation. Evaluation serves the principal that a professional is accountable for his or her decisions, and the forester shall be prepared to verify or substantiate his or her work.

600. Evaluating Forestry Practices:**600-1. Defining the Provisions and Methods of Evaluation**

Provisions and methods for evaluating and monitoring the assignment shall be mutually defined with the client during planning (200-1).

600-2. Retaining Records

A forester shall retain reasonably clear supporting information sufficient to identify the engagement's original scope, as well as other decisions and conditions relevant to its execution. This information may include, but is not necessarily limited to, data, calculations, descriptions of methods, plans, specifications, maps, drawings, and similar resources, procedures, and intermediate products. This information may also be as informal as an entry in a journal or on a calendar.

600-3. Completing the Assignment

Following completion of the assignment, the forester and client shall mutually consider and reconcile the plan with the outcome. The results of experimental or uncertain techniques shall be explicitly evaluated.

¹ Approved by the PCPF Board of Directors on December 30, 2002, for presentation to the membership, and by the PCPF membership on January 24, 2003. Suggestions and comments are still welcome.

² Respectively, Consulting Forester, Central Square, New York; Professor, School of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University; and Consulting Forester, MK Forestry, Wilcox, Pennsylvania. The document also reflects substantial contribution, review, and comment from Robert LaBar, Richard Cary, Joseph Destro, Donald P. Oaks, and Charles L. E. Wage (all members of Committee on Practice Standards), and Valerie A. Luzadis, Christopher A. Nowak, Ralph D. Nyland, and John A. Wagner (all faculty members of the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry).

⁴ Helms, John A. (ed.). 1998. *The Dictionary of Forestry*. The Society of American Foresters. Bethesda, Maryland. 206 pp.

STANDARDS OF FORESTRY PRACTICE

Questions & Answers



1. Why are Standards of Forestry Practice being developed?

Standard of Forestry Practice (Standards) are being developed as the next logical step in the evolution of the forestry profession in Pennsylvania in response to increasing public demands placed upon the profession.

Practice standards will help:

- communicate to the public the level of professional practice that can be reasonably expected from foresters;
- reduce confusion over what constitutes the practice of forestry;
- raise public confidence in the forestry profession; and
- assure consumers that they are the focus of the forest management process.


Similarly, standards will help practitioners focus on what to provide as part of the forest management process and base services on what clients need.

2. How are professional forestry standards of practice being developed?

In 1999, the Pennsylvania Council of Professionals Foresters, Inc. (PCPF) established a committee, comprised of five practicing consultant foresters, one forester/attorney, one DCNR District Forester and one member of the Penn State School of Forestry, to oversee the development of professional forestry practice standards. This group of practitioners is collectively responsible for the initial draft and its presentation. Many others have been involved in discussion and review of the Standards.

3. Who has the authority to develop standards of professional forestry practice?

At this time in Pennsylvania, no one person, private or government entity has specified authority to develop binding standards of professional forestry practice. However, the lack of written standards of forestry practice makes that forestry that is commonly practiced the standard of forestry practice.



Many professional foresters who practice in Pennsylvania believe that "that which is commonly practiced" is much too low of a standard. PCPF has taken the initiative to thoroughly research, investigate, discuss and present Standards of Forestry Practice for Pennsylvania Foresters. While the Society of American Foresters (SAF) Certified Forester Program has required standards that SAF Certified Foresters agree to abide by, thorough research by PCPF has not revealed the existence of any other written Standards of Forestry Practice.

Pennsylvania Foresters have the opportunity to adopt written Standards of Forestry Practice through a process of consensus. The PCPF Board of Directors approved the release of the developed Standards to the PCPF membership for adoption. Following adoption by the PCPF membership the Standards will be released to the Pennsylvania Division, Allegheny Society of American Foresters (PA SAF) for consideration by PA SAF members and to the Pennsylvania Chapter, Association of Consulting Foresters. It is believed that this process will provide consensus on the Standards of Forestry Practice. Consensus on this issue will provide a legal basis for the Standards in civil law.

4. Who will have the authority?

PCPF is pursuing legislation to license Pennsylvania foresters on a mandate by ballot of the membership of the PA SAF approving a forester licensing initiative for Pennsylvania Foresters. The members of the PA SAF Licensing and Registration (L&R) Committee founded PCPF. The PA SAF L&R committee members are Charter Members of PCPF.

Proposed forester licensing legislation will be submitted to the legislature as the "Landowner Protection Act" to amend the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (actually a licensing law) to include foresters. When legislation is adopted that licenses foresters, the Board of Registration that is empowered to license foresters will have the power to enact Rules and Regulations through established legislative procedures. It is expected that the Standards of Forestry Practice developed by consensus would be codified in the Rules and Regulations through this procedure. The Standards would then be enforceable through the licensing legislation.

Adoption of the Standards of Forestry Practice by consensus answers the question often asked by those unsure of the effect of licensing, "What comes after licensing?" The answer, enforceable Standards of Forestry Practice previously adopted through consensus of Pennsylvania foresters.



5. What is the status of the standards at present?

The PCPF board approved the release of the Standards of Forestry Practice to the PCPF membership for their consideration. Upon the approval of the PCPF membership the Standards will be released to other Professional Forestry Organizations in Pennsylvania for their consideration.

6. How many standards will there be?

The exact number of practice standards in the draft at present is 22. They are grouped under three main steps in the forest management process: Planning, Implementation and Evaluation.

7. Can the Standards be modified after they are adopted?

The Standards are the result of a great deal of thorough research, investigation and discussion and they will receive more review, discussion and perhaps revision before final consensus is attained. They are however, being drafted to stand the test of time and should not, therefore, be expected to be significantly modified once adopted unless practice norms change. Once codified as Rules and Regulations of an Act licensing foresters they could only be changed through the procedures of the legislature.

8. When will I be required to follow the professional standards once they are adopted?

The Standards of Forestry Practice will apply to foresters when they are providing professional forestry service to a client. The proposed Standards will not apply in a situation where a professional forester is providing services not deemed to be professional forestry services, such as the personal use of equipment to perform timber stand improvement thinning.

9. Will practice standards increase my liability?

Due to the nature of a professional forester-client relationship, services and management recommendations provided by forest management practitioners already carry a certain level of liability exposure; it is inherent to the profession. The Standards, however, should assist the forester in managing that risk, moreover, they should empower the forester as follows:

- (1) If forestry practitioners follow the Standards, client expectations will be better defined and communications enhanced helping to prevent potential disputes between foresters and their clients.
- (2) If foresters follow Standards established by consensus of their fellow foresters, they will be better equipped to support their own recommendations if questioned by clients or the courts.
- (3) The Standards will give the courts benchmarks, developed by foresters, against which to measure a forester's practice when or if cases are brought to court. If foresters do not develop and communicate norms of practice themselves, judges, juries and politicians are likely to do so as they have done in the past.

10. Do the professional forestry standards require me to do more comprehensive planning or documentation of my work?

No, the Standards do not require foresters to provide comprehensive forestry services for clients, nor will this be a requirement in the future. The Standards recognize that a variety of approaches are used to provide forestry services. The Standards do require that the professional be prepared to explain reasons for courses of action taken.

11. Do the professional forestry standards require every forester to practice forestry the same way?

No. The Standards describe the process a client should reasonably expect a forester to use in establishing, defining and implementing forestry work. The Standards will describe the process forestry professionals should follow when delivering forestry services to clients, but will not prescribe a particular method of delivery or the level and extent to which any work should be done.

12. How will compliance with practice standards be handled?

Compliance with Standards is currently voluntary. After licensing legislation is enacted, standard would be enforceable by the Board of Registration through the adoption of Rules and Regulations. Licensing legislation would provide that clients and others with contractual arrangements with a licensed professional forester could submit formal complaints to the Registration Board. Complaints are handled through due process provided for any alleged violation, which includes fact-finding and inquiry and a hearing if necessary. Sanctions can range from censure, fine, suspension or revocation of license or other penalty provided for in the licensing legislation.

Allegheny SAF 2003 Summer Meeting

July 13-15, 2003 - Ramada Inn, State College

"Cutting Edge Technology"

Sunday, July 13

6:00-8:00 pm Registration and Ice Breaker
Executive Committee Mtg.
Dinner on your own

Monday, July 14

8:00-8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:30-10:00 am "Handheld Technology and Timber
Inventory Software" - Hagloff, Inc.
Landmark Systems
Foresters, Inc.
10:00-10:30 am BREAK
10:30-Noon "Inventory Information Management
System" - J. McQuaide, Penn State University
Noon-1:00 pm Lunch
1:00-4:40 pm Tour - Penn State Experimental Forest
5:00-8:00 pm Banquet/Barbeque at CE Lodge, Stone
Valley (with beer and live music)

Tuesday, July 15

8:30-10:00 am "GIS & Remote Sensing"
- Cuesta Systems
"Forest Management Software"
- Genus RMT
To Be Announced
10:00-10:30 am BREAK
10:30-Noon PA-SAF Discussion - "Standards of
Forestry Practice"
12:00 Noon End of Meeting
Lunch on your own

Other Activities

July 9-13, 2003 - Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, State College & Peoples Choice Arts Festival, Boalsburg

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2003 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting Highlights

"Northcentral Pennsylvania: A Model for Multiple Use Management"

By Jason Albright, Chair Elect, Northern Hardwood SAF Chapter

One hundred fifty-three (153) SAF members met at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport, Pennsylvania for the winter meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters, February 19-21, 2003. On Wednesday afternoon, approximately twenty members toured the Keystone Veneer Facility. Following the afternoon field tour and Executive Committee meeting, an icebreaker reception sponsored by Pennsylvania Power and Light was held at the hotel.

Thursday morning started with Mayor Michael R. Rafferty and State Senator Rodger Madigan addressing the general assembly. Following their remarks, Mary Jeanne Packer of Fermata, Inc. presented the keynote address, which dealt with Ecotourism Development opportunities associated with the PA elk herd range. The morning session concluded with Bob Martin of the Keystone Lumber Heritage Region, Nadine Steffey of the ANF Vacation Bureau, and Dan Devlin of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) - all presenting topics pertaining to recreation and tourism opportunities currently being developed in northcentral PA.

Following a lunchtime presentation by Doug Allen of NY SAF promoting the 2003 SAF National Convention to be held in Buffalo this October, the general session reconvened to a panel of speakers discussing oil, gas and mineral utilization in northcentral PA. Ted Berowski of the PA DCNR gave an overview of Pennsylvania geology, Vince Stalis of Buck Mountain Associates spoke about issues to consider when entering into

a leasing agreement, and Blaine Puller of Kane Hardwood gave practical recommendations on coordinating activities on the ground with lease operators. The final panel of the day covered water quality issues, with Terry Rightnour of Gannet-Fleming speaking about acid mine reclamation and Bill Worbec of the Big Bear Creek Watershed Association informing the audience of his groups' efforts in restoring that creek. The student quiz bowl was held directly after the afternoon sessions. Congratulations to the team from Allegany College of Maryland for their victory.

The very full Thursday was capped off by the awards banquet. A National Fellow Award was presented to Lloyd R. Casey; two other recipients of the National Fellow Award, Timothy A. Kaden and James N. Kochenderfer, were also recognized. Michael J. Huneke received the 2002 Forester of the Year Award, and John "Jack" A. Winieski was presented with the 2002 Outstanding Service to Forestry Award. Kudos to all the winners on their accomplishments.

Friday morning started with the Annual Chairman's breakfast. Ken Kane and Mark Webb presented sincere, uplifting comments regarding the tragic loss and memory of Bob Bauer. The morning panel dealt with wildlife issues. Roxanne Palone, Southwest Region Commissioner of the PA Game

Commission, and SAF member, delivered a presentation on the recent deer management activities and on-going research, while Tom Serfass of Frostburg State University provided a synopsis of the otter and fisher re-introduction projects in PA. The final panel of the meeting covered current issues in timber management. Will McWilliams of the US Forest Service discussed two-year results of the PA Forest Inventory and Charles Strauss, Director of the Penn State School of Forest Resources, presented results of his research relating to the regional economic impact of declining harvest on the Allegheny National Forest. Following the general session, three members took the opportunity to tour the Tractebel Cogeneration facility in nearby



Northumberland, PA with John Karakash (at laptop in photo).

Thanks to all the presenters who made this meeting a professional enrichment for attendees, and the Northern Hardwood Chapter Host members for the excellent program and arrangements - and for the opportunity to both greet old friends and meet new ones. ☺

Reggie Forbes Art Show

Happily, this year for the first time, we had an entry and a winner from an Allegheny SAF Student Chapter. Mary Anderson, of Allegheny College SAF Student Chapter won \$30 for her Blue Flowered Chair Covering Quilt. Her 3x4-foot quilt was a fine example of creative handiwork.

Eleven SAF members and their families from Maryland-Delaware, New Jersey, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania Divisions entered twenty art pieces in the Reginald Forbes Art Show at Williamsport.

For the 3rd year, the Art Show was entirely financed by donations

from members. Bob LaBar contributed \$150 toward the cash prizes given to the winners. Dennis Galway matched Bob's donation again this year by contributing \$150. Lloyd Casey, Bob LaBar, Dennis Galway and Karen Sykes donated all or part of their 2003 prizes back to the fund to seed the Society's Art Show fund. Charlie Newlon made and donated the ballots, entry forms, and certificates. Entries were judged by ballot of meeting registrants.

Congratulations to this year's talented winners (listed below)! ☺

Winners of the 2003 Allegheny SAF Reginald Forbes Art Show

SAF Student Category

Three Dimensional Art

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
1st Place	Country Chair -Quilt	Mary Anderson (Alleghany College)	\$30

Professional Category

Three Dimensional Art

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
1st Place	Forest Birds - Quilt	Betsy Hale	\$30
2nd Place	"Stained Glass" Quilt	Betsy Hale	\$20

Amateur Category

Three Dimensional Art

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
1st Place	Domino Box-Paulownia	Lloyd Casey	\$30
2nd Place	"Spike Rack" Antler hat rack	Dennis Miller	\$20

Flat Art - Painting, Sketch, or Counted Cross-stitch (CX)

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
1st Place	"Snowy Owl"-CX Stitch	Karen Sykes	\$30
2nd Place	"Man and Snake"-Sketch	Ashley Wurzbacher	\$20

Flat Art - Photography

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
1st Place	"Evening Roost"	Dennis Miller	\$30
2nd Place	Window Post Card-Meadow	Dennis Galway	\$20
3rd Place	3 Wolves-Lakota Preserve	Lorie Tavella	\$10

Sculpture - Wood Carving

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
1st Place	Walnut Hiking Stick-relief	George Cline	\$30
2nd Place	Dolphin-Carving	Robert J. LaBar	\$20
3 rd Place	Spoon-Dragon motif-Carving	George Cline	\$10

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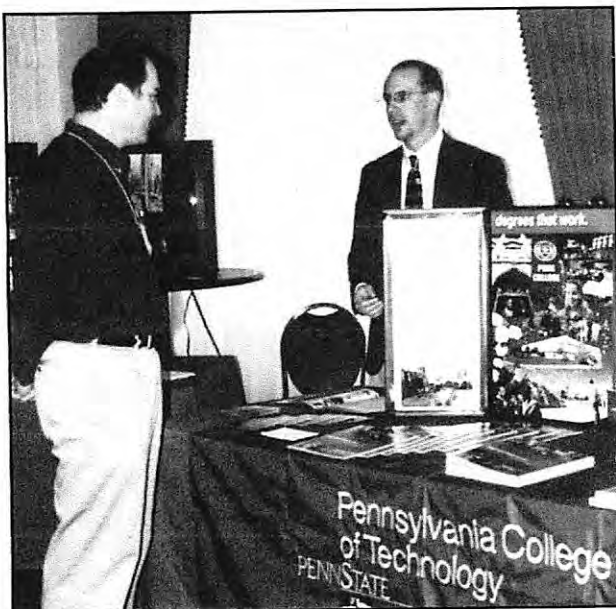
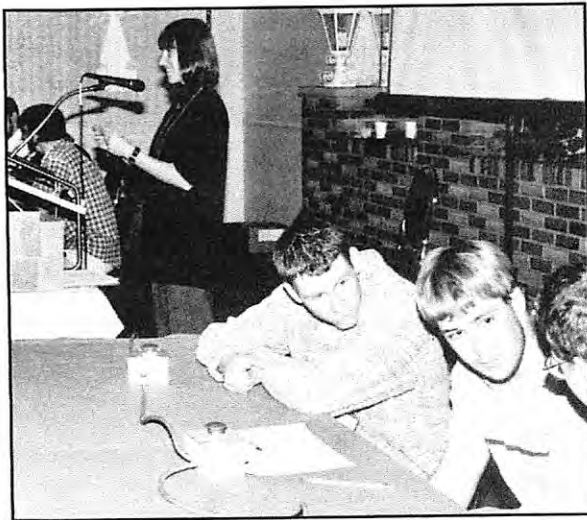
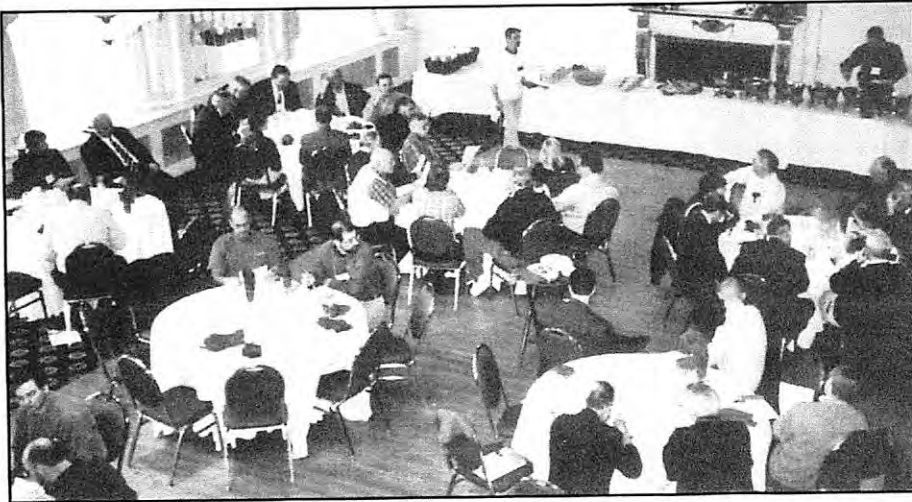
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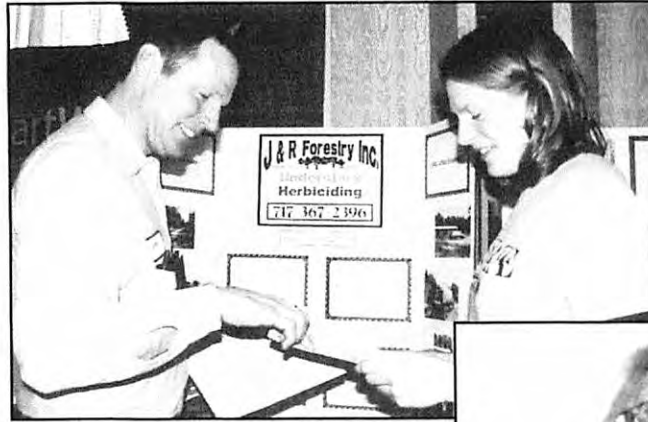
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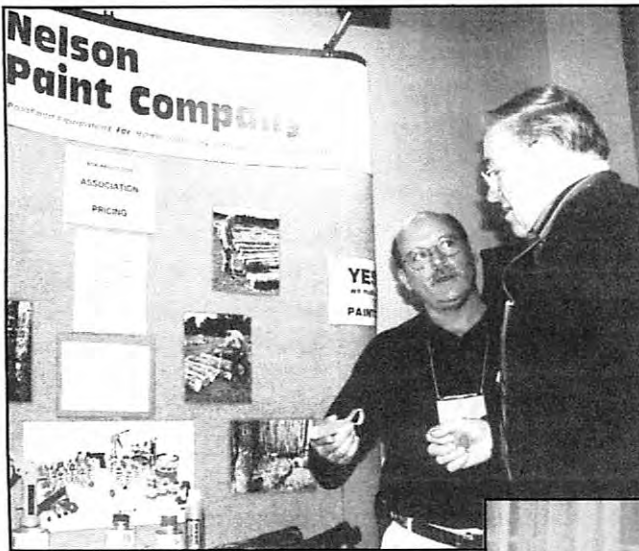


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25	55	15	+5
+5	+5	+5	30
30	60	20	+5
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Photos by Alex Day, Bob LaBar, and Jack Winieski



Gifford Pinchot & the Zane Grey Connection

By Robert J. LaBar, Chair, Pinchot SAF Chapter

On January 24, 2003 at the invitation of the Pike County Historical Society, the National Park Service, Grey Towers and the Zane Grey West Society, approximately two dozen individuals met in Milford, Pennsylvania for the start of the three-day celebration of Zane Grey's birthday. The location was entirely fitting because of the association between the Pinchot family and this community, coupled with Zane Grey's spending his early writing career in nearby Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania, further up the Delaware River.

The focus of the meeting was a discussion of two of Zane Grey's books, *The Young Forester* and *Man of the Forest*. Both were written in the early 1900s by an author that became universally known for his western stories. Yet many people do not realize that he was an outstanding sportsman and often wrote about fishing and hunting. The reason that both books may be attractive to foresters is the vivid detail provided on the flora and fauna of the National Forests of Arizona and specific references to the young hero meeting Chief of the Forest Service in the field (1910). The description provided of this individual describes Gifford "to a T."

Elaborating on the time frame and events surrounding this setting, Ed Brannon, Director of Grey Towers, suggests that *The Young Forester* is probably one of the earliest books that gave young people a glimpse of forestry as a profession and gave credence to the conservation movement. Providing an added local flavor is the fact that young Ken Ward, the hero of the story, is brought up on the Susquehanna River north of Harrisburg and there are hints that his father might have high connections (possibly the Governor). This book came out shortly after Gifford wrote his first book on technical forestry and Grey may have incorporated many of the ideas in his story. Not too long after the novel was published, Pinchot wrote a second book aimed at explaining forestry as a career. There is some speculation as to why Pinchot, as was his custom, did not write an introduction to either of Grey's books, although the first book came out at the time that Pinchot was being released as a chief of the US Forest Service by President Taft.

The *Man of the Forest*, written 10 years later, is more a story of a young man who spends his early life in the woods in what might be best described as a wilderness setting.

If there is one area where the two individuals appeared to compete, and possibly be a little jealous of one another, is as fishermen. Pinchot and Grey were both authors of books about fishing in the South Pacific that tell of similar scenes and experiences. Pinchot's diaries even tell of a visit on board Grey's yacht.

We recommend either of Grey's books as light reading. The earlier book is much harder to find in libraries or bookstores. ☞

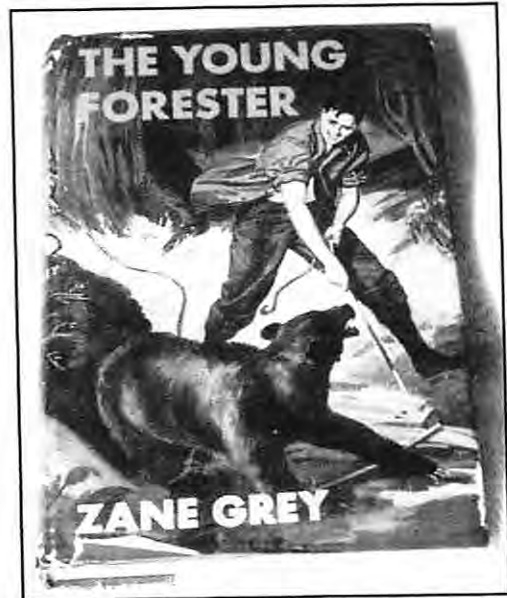


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Field Forester Tech Seminar

"Timber Cruising and GPS/GIS Applications" at Paul Smith's College, NY, May 14-16, 2003. Cosponsored by Hagof, Inc. and LandMark Systems, Inc., this seminar will focus on the latest technologies and techniques in timber cruising, integrated GIS/GPS, and mapping solutions. Attendees earn up to 10 CFE

credits. Cost to be determined.

For information on the SAF Field Seminar Series, contact Terry Clark, SAF's Science and Education Manager by phone at 301-897-8720 x12; by Fax at 301-897-3690; email to clarkt@safnet.org or on the web at <http://wwwsafnet.org/meetings/fsspmsg.htm> ☞

Allegheny College of MD Wins ANSAF Student Quiz Bowl

Beth Brantley, Chair, Student Quiz Bowl Committee



Allegheny College of MD winning Student Quiz Bowl team (l to r): Eric Carbaugh, Justin Wilson and Dirk Hillegass
Photo by Alex Day

The 16th Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl was held on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport, PA as part of the Annual Winter Meeting. Teams from five forestry schools in the Allegheny Society competed in 20-minute rounds. Beth Brantley read the questions, Matt Keefer served as timekeeper and Ron Sheay kept score.

The first round of forest technology schools pitted the Allegheny College of MD team of Justin Wilson, Eric Carbaugh, and Dirk Hillegass against the PA College of Technology team of Tim Bahr, Josh Thompson, and Adam Brown. The final score was Allegheny College (40) and Penn College (35). With the win, Allegheny advanced to a future round with Penn State Mt. Alto.

The second round pitched two of the 4-year schools; Penn State University's team of Brent McNeal, Andrew Brought, and Kasey Chaney, and West Virginia University's team of Joe Rossetti, Matt Hurd and Matt Perkowski. PSU won this exciting round with a final score of (90), WV (40).

The third round between Allegheny College and Penn State Mont Alto's team of Brian Kieffer, Justin Bogert and Andrew Mishler ended with Allegheny (45) and Penn State Mt. Alto (0). In the final round, Allegheny College defeated Penn State University (80) to (35) - Congratulations Allegheny!

As winners of the ANSAF competition, the Allegheny College team will send a team to the National SAF Student Quiz Bowl competition with a travel award from ANSAF. They will also receive a plaque from the Northern Hardwood SAF Chapter - host of the 81st ANSAF Winter meeting. Good luck to the Allegheny College of MD team in Buffalo, NY in October 25-29, 2003. ☺

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Silviculture News:

Managing your Woodlot as an Investment Opportunity

By Mary Ann Fajvan, ANSAF Forest Science Coordinator

There is constant debate among professional foresters concerning the economic versus the biological aspects of hardwood sawtimber rotations. Current, favorable market conditions for eastern hardwood sawtimber have enticed many non-industrial private forest landowners to harvest timber. However, these landowners are lacking current, understandable economic information concerning silvicultural activities. As a result, management efforts focus on short-term financial gains because few landowners consider their woodlots in the context of a long-term financial investment.

Harvesting trees before they have achieved their full economic potential can impact forest sustainability through alterations in stand quality and structure and reductions in the reproductive potential of commercial trees species. A new website, developed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources - Forest Service in collaboration with West Virginia University and USDA Forest Service, provides timber value information for landowners and foresters.

Information on current market value and current

annual rate of return of individual tree species (under various growth scenarios) demonstrates the value growth potential of forest stands in order to entice landowners to consider sustainable forest management practices. An entire section of the website is dedicated to introducing the basic concept of "rate of return" by comparing the value growth of trees with other investment scenarios. Examples are used to demonstrate that as trees grow larger in diameter and height, their value as a harvested product also increases (See the two graphs below).

Improvements in value due to species, stem quality, growth rate and management activities are also

addressed. In addition, the website introduces users to basic forestry concepts and provides linkages to other forestry information sites, such as sources of forest management assistance. The website can be accessed at:

<http://www.ahc.caf.wvu.edu/werc>

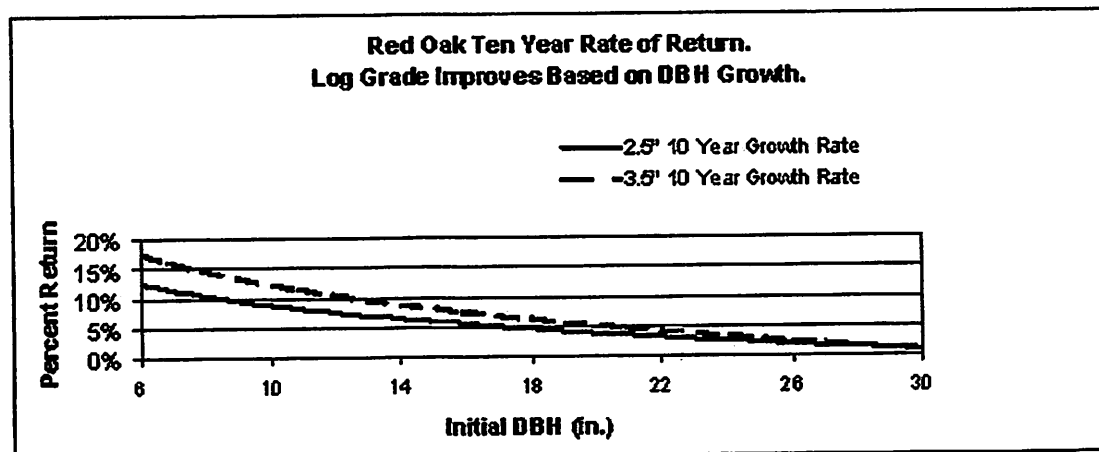
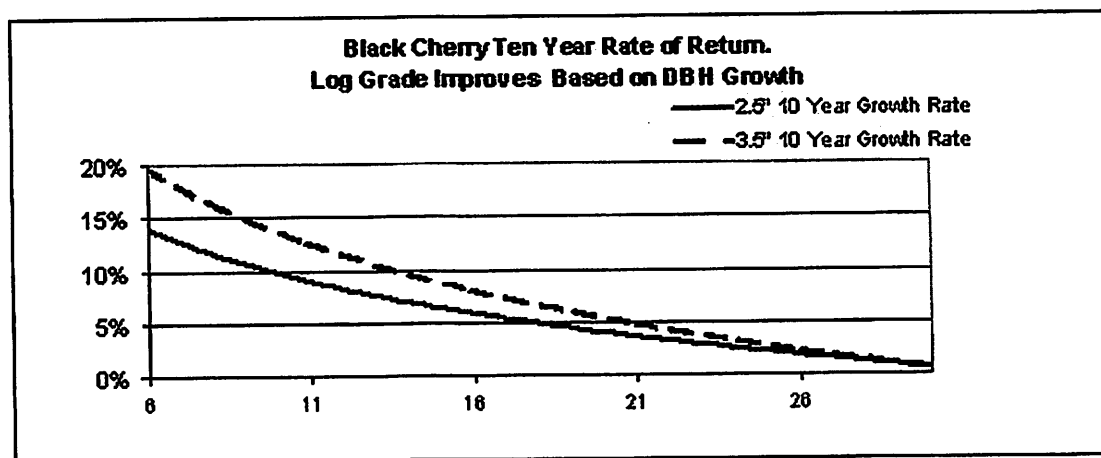
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Catenary Coal Company's Samples Mine Complex 2002 Winner of the WV SAF Woodlands Award

By Bob Beanblossom, WV Woodlands Award Committee Member

On Friday, November 22, 2002, the Woodlands Award Committee met to review Catenary Coal Company's Samples Mine Complex, located on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The review panel consisted of WV SAF members Doug Toothman, John Valelonga, Tim Probert, Jim Mitchell, and Bob Beanblossom. Conrad Larrabee represented Catenary Coal Company, a subsidiary of Arch Coal Inc.

The general consensus of the review panel was that this was the best application they had reviewed since the inception of the Woodlands Award; an award presented annually to a coal company that has shown a commitment to the return of mined areas back to forestland. Catenary has demonstrated a firm commitment to restoring their land to tree cover. More than 483,000 trees have been planted on reclaimed portions of the Samples Mine since 1997, including 85,000 trees planted in 2001, and 143,500 in 2002. Catenary Coal Company will be presented with a "The Forester at Home" print at the annual meeting of the WV Mining and Reclamation Association.

In 2001, Catenary Coal began



working with the National Mine Land Reclamation Center and West Virginia University to establish graduate fellowship program; and in 2002, committed funding for a definitive study of native hardwood tree growth on reclaimed mine lands. The goal of this fellowship program is to perform a controlled scientific study that will quantify the effects of different growing mediums typically found on reclaimed surface mines. To complement this program, Catenary Coal has constructed a greenhouse on site to propagate trees in native soils and to determine survival rates.

Integrated into this program is another initiative entitled,

"Classroom on the Mountain." This program is a multifaceted project that seeks to engage nearby Riverside High School students, teachers, the Riverside community, and other professionals in active learning and research in the transformation of a reclaimed mine site to a productive sustainable environment. The focus of the program emphasizes field laboratory training of students at the work site rather than in the classroom. Riverside High School students assist with the propagation and monitoring of seedlings in the greenhouse and participate in various planning activities. ☞



Coming Events

April

- 10-11 Joint meeting: PASAF, The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, and Soil and Water Conservation Society, "PA's Changing Landscape: What Does the Future Hold for Our Natural Resources," ToftTrees, St. College, PA
- 22 Earth Day 2003
- 24** Ben Roach Forestry Forum, "Current Status of the Pennsylvania Forest Inventory," Will McWilliams (Research Forester, USFS), Kane Country Club, Kane, PA. For information 814-837-8550**

June

- 15 Deadline for articles and photos for Summer 2003 issue of *Allegheny News*

July

- 15-19 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, "Cutting Edge Forestry," Ramada Inn State College. Rothrock Chapter Chair Scott Cary 570-473-7237 or scary@uplink.net (Meeting schedule and registration form on page 19)

September

- 15 Deadline for articles and photos for Fall 2003 issue of *The Allegheny News*
- 21-28 XII World Forestry Congress, "Forests, Source of Life," Quebec City, Canada 418-694-2424, sec-gen@wfc2003.org

October

- 25-29 SAF National Convention, Buffalo, NY

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

- 2004 Winter Meeting - MD/DE Division
2004 Summer Meeting - WV Division

Future SAF National Conventions

- October 2-5, 2004 - Edmonton, Alberta Canada (with the Canadian Institute of Forestry)
2005 - Houston, Texas

** "Celebrate the Life of Bob Bauer" at the Ben Roach Forum on April 24, 2003. If you have pictures of Bob, please consider bringing duplicates for a display. There will also be a book in which you can record your memories of Bob; this book will be presented to the Bauer family following the Forum. Contributions to the Bob Bauer Scholarship Fund will also be accepted at the Forum.

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