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Lake Erie shoreline at Presque Isle State Park.

Photo by Charlie Newlon.

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Chairman's Corner

By Kenneth W. Jolly
Allegheny SAF Chair

Is it just me, or is time flying by?! Seems the Summer has come and gone in the blink of an eye. A lot of great activity has been happening! The Allegheny Summer Meeting was an outstanding success, and the Plateau Chapter truly did a great job of putting together an informative and entertaining meeting. The field tour of the early successional management activities on PA Game Lands was fascinating, and the afternoon and evening at Presque Isle combined interesting management, delicious food, and a beautiful sunset over Lake Erie (which we were informed is the third best spot for viewing sunsets in the entire nation!).

Those in attendance also got an up-to-the-minute status report on the plans for the 2006 National Convention in Pittsburgh – and from what's been planned so far, it looks like it will be a Convention to remember! Our Allegheny Executive Committee also had a very productive session discussing the Section's business affairs, and I encourage you to read the Meeting Minutes contained in this issue of the Allegheny News to make sure you are abreast of the items discussed.

Looking ahead to this year's Convention in Ft. Worth, TX, there are a number of important items that will be discussed at the House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting, not the least of which is the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force Report. I appreciate the time that the Allegheny membership has invested in reviewing this Report and providing their thoughts on the recommendations it contains. As your representative to the HSD, I will do my utmost to communicate the concerns that the membership have expressed, and will provide a brief report on the HSD Meeting in my next column.

The Allegheny Section has one "Action Item" on the HSD Agenda this year, which is a presentation of a new "Communication Handbook for Foresters" that has been produced by the National Communication

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Committee, which is chaired by our Secretary/Treasurer, Rachel Billingham. This new publication has been crafted with the goal of helping each SAF member "Make a Difference" in communicating the positive message of forestry, and I am pleased that the Allegheny Section will be the conduit to introduce it to HSD during this year's meeting.

Also in regards to this year's Convention, an exuberant cadre of Allegheny SAF members has been assembled as an "Advance Team" to represent our Section at the Ft. Worth Convention, where we will staff an exhibit booth to promote the 2006 Pittsburgh Convention. Be sure to check out the "seek peek" of the 2006 Logo and Theme that are contained in this issue of the Allegheny News, which will be "officially unveiled at the Texas Convention (remember - you saw it here first!). Volunteer opportunities for the Pittsburgh Convention are still available, so be sure to contact someone soon to indicate your interest and availability!

In closing, let me also draw your attention to the Officer Election Ballot contained in this issue. We have (as usual) a full slate of extremely dedicated and capable professionals that have stepped up to run for Officer positions. I commend each of the candidates for their willingness to serve, and encourage each of our members to take the time to carefully consider the candidates and cast your vote! Have a great Fall!



New Forest Supervisor Kathleen Morse Arrives For Allegheny National Forest

Kathleen Morse, new Forest Supervisor of the Allegheny National Forest (NF) in northwestern Pennsylvania, arrived on Wednesday, August 17, 2005. She replaced Kevin Elliot, now serving as Forest Supervisor at the Ashley NF in Vernal, Utah. Morse, a 17-year employee of the US Forest Service, comes to the Allegheny NF from Mammoth Lakes, California, where she worked as the District Ranger.



"My immediate goal is simple: listen, learn and understand," said Morse. "To that end, I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the many individuals and groups that care so much about the Forest and its future."

While working in California, Morse also served as the Team Leader for the revision of the Sierra Nevada Framework that set management direction for eleven national forests in California. She started her Forest Service career as a forest planner on the Modoc NF in northern California, and then moved to Alaska to work as the regional economist for the Forest Service. In this capacity, she was responsible for evaluating regional and international wood markets and developed procedures to better align wood sales with market demand on the Tongass NF. While in Alaska, she was appointed as lead staff for the Governor's Timber Task Force.

Morse has a Bachelor's degree in Resource Economics and attended graduate school at the University of Washington. Her personal interests include climbing, backpacking, and other physically challenging pursuits.

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In Memoriam

Alan R. Knox CF, 75, of Milford, PA, May 2, 2005 after a brief illness. Al served aboard the USS Boxer during the Korean War and with the help of the GI Bill, earned a BS in Forest Management from Colorado State University in 1958. He was 30 years a forester with the USFS in Red Lodge, MT and Milford, PA. After retiring from the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies in 1988, he conducted a successful consulting forestry business until his death.



Al Knox

Al was a 35-year active, involved member of SAF, Treasurer of the Pinchot Chapter of the Allegheny State Society. A very active member of the local community, he served on or with the Milford Shade Tree Commission, Pike County Conservation District, and served as the Gypsy Moth Coordinator of Pike County. He has been described as a gruff old bear, honest, hard working and never had to back up to the pay window.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sheila (Culhane) of Rockford, IL and is survived by three sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Orange L. "Jim" Mulhollen, 85, of Ebensburg, PA died on May 15, 2005. Jim held a BS in Forestry from Penn State University, 1959, and worked for the PA Department of Forests and Waters in the Ebensburg, PA area before becoming a private forestry consultant and a licensed surveyor. He was a PA Forest Fire Warden for over 50 years and a 56-year SAF Golden Member. In 1942 he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps, serving with the 501st Squadron in the South Pacific Theater and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Jim's wife Betty June, three daughters and four grandchildren survive him.



Jim Mulhollen

ANF Crew Helps in "Katrina" Relief Effort

The Allegheny National Forest (ANF), in conjunction with the Green Mountain NF, sent a crew of 20 trained personnel to help with the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans, LA area on Wednesday, August 31st. These employees are trained in the Incident Command System and will be used to help establish assistance to victims of the hurricane and subsequent flooding. This crew will join USFS crews from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Missouri, to work alongside members of the FEMA to remove debris and manage resource supply centers.

The SAF national office has received a number of calls and emails from members inquiring about how their colleagues and friends have been affected. If you have information about SAF members from the hurricane-affected area, or if your SAF Unit or employer is doing anything to help, please email Steve Wilent of *The Forestry Source*, swilent@earthlink.net.

As of September 6, 2005 the USDA Forest Service has sent more than 1,800 people (some of whom work for other agencies), including 45 Type I and II crews and incident management teams.

A Voice from the Past

June 5, 2005

Brother Jack,

Greetings, great job on the Allegheny News! Nice to be remembered by my peers thru Bob Rumpf's article in the Spring issue. The "Old Man" (Taber) sure was a tyrant. I spent 14 years under his tutelage (brow)!

Best regards
(to members who might remember me),

Walt Gable

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Robert J. LaBar Legacy Challenge

By Donald P. Oaks, Chair Licensing & Registration, PA Division of Allegheny Society of American Foresters

On February 11, 2005 the Pennsylvania Division Allegheny Society lost a faithful member, servant, and friend of forestry, as did the larger fellowship of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters and the National Society. Robert J. LaBar (Bob) finished his fight with cancer and went to his final rest. Several weeks prior to his death, Bob received the 2004 Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award presented by the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. Bob is memorialized on the Members and News page of the Spring 2005 edition of The Allegheny News. But this is only part of Bob's story.

Bob was a Charter Member, Director, and Past President of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc. – an organization founded to study, and develop consensus on, forestry issues, and further, to represent the developed consensus before the public and the legislature. The Society of American Foresters recognizes the critical need for this type of involvement by all foresters on an individual and collective basis. The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc. (PCPF), a 501 C6 non-profit organization, was formed to overcome the restrictions of SAF's 501 C3 non-profit status.

To be effective in this venue, Bob recognized the need for professional lobbying services which in turn requires significant funding resources. Bob was an unselfish and giving person. In 1999, in order to further these goals, Bob, anonymously challenged his fellow foresters to a dollar for dollar match of contributions for this purpose. It was only in recent years that Bob revealed that he was the anonymous

donor. His generous challenge raised \$10,094.94.

Bob was not a quitter! He generously gave of himself and his money to insure and improve the future of forestry. Bob struggled with cancer for several years and fought to the last. By December of 2004, Bob learned and knew that he would be the eventual loser in this struggle. In an emotional moment at the December Board Meeting of the Council Bob announced, with tears on his cheeks, that he had lost his struggle with cancer. I believe that the tears were not for his mortality but rather for his inability to be there at the moment that Pennsylvania Foresters are licensed. Bob wanted to continue contributing to and working for the future of Pennsylvania Forests and Forestry.

While Bob realized that he would not be there for the final push to victory on this issue, he wanted to do all that he could to support those who would carry this great progress forward. Bob again put forth a challenge to all foresters that he would match contributions, dollar for dollar, up to a significant amount not to be disclosed, for this purpose. Bob's widow Helen, son Robb and daughter Ruth are dedicated to Bob's philanthropy, memory and legacy, and Bob's wishes are their wish.

I visited Bob in his hospital hospice room about a month after his generous offer at the Council's Board Meeting and several weeks prior to his death. Bob's struggle was evident in his fragile condition. What a difference a month and the ravages of cancer had made in my friend, a classmate, fellow forester, and colleague. I expected that I would have to arouse Bob. As I

approached his bed Helen said, "Look who is here to see you." I started to reach down to touch his hand but Bob's spirit was strong and he reached up to me and took my hand, pulled it to him, held it firmly, smiled broadly and said in a clear, firm voice "Never give up. Never give up. Never give up." I replied, "There is no give up in you buddy. There is still some of that going around!" Later, when I left, I reflected that my friend, classmate and colleague appeared to have been waiting for my visit and had a special message for all of his fellow foresters: Never give up! Work together and win.

Bob is waiting for us to fulfill on his Legacy Challenge. Bob realized the importance of foresters acting in concert to advance the practice of forestry in Pennsylvania, as well as the need to provide the funding for the Council to attain the present goal of licensing Pennsylvania Foresters and moving on to other initiatives important to the future of Pennsylvania forests: Timber Trespass, Forest Land Tax Reform and other important forestry issues.

Contributions should be made payable to PCPF and mailed to:
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(membership application available on website)

You can help fulfill Bob's legacy. Contributions however small or large will help make Bob's vision a reality! ♡



Councilman's Corner

By Mike Lester, SAF District VII Representative

By now, most of you have mailed in your ballots for the National and Council elections. I am urging those of you who haven't yet mailed their ballots to dig through their mail pile and fill out their ballots. It doesn't take long and we have excellent candidates.

For President, we are in another win-win situation. Both Tom Thompson and John McMahon are excellent individuals with a long record of superior performance both to SAF and to the profession of forestry. I've been fortunate to get to know both of them and they are both very well qualified to lead SAF.

For Council, we also have strong candidates in Wilhelmina Bratton and Mary Coulombe. Both are from National Capital and have served National Capital well. They have put a lot of effort into this campaign and certainly deserve the minimal effort that it takes to cast a ballot. I know you'll do your part.

Candidates for the Allegheny elections will be included in this issue of the Allegheny News. Once again, we have talented individuals that are willing to step forward and accept the challenges of leadership. Again, you can honor their commitment by casting your ballot.

There are several interesting things going on now, so I thought I'd mention a few.

If you haven't read the Volunteer Organizational Task Force report yet, now would be a good time to do so. You can find it on the Members Only section of the SAF website. Individual comments should be received by November 30 in order to receive maximum attention.

It looks like the National Convention in Fort Worth is going to be a great event. I would urge anyone who can attend to give it a go. Texas SAF is doing a great job putting together an exciting meeting. The dates are October 19-23, and they are coming up fast.

And this is just a warm-up for what should be the most important event to happen in the Allegheny SAF in a long time. Of course that's the 2006 National Convention that's going to take place in Pittsburgh, PA. We'll need a lot of help to make this event a success, and I have no doubt that the folks in the Allegheny will be up to the task. I'm sure that it will be the best National Convention in memory if we all pull together. Kim Steiner, Kurt Gottschalk, Susan Stout, and Jim Finley are providing terrific leadership and it will be a great experience for all that attend.

Finally, thanks to Cecile Stelter and the rest of the folks in the Plateau Chapter for hosting an excellent meeting in Erie this summer. It was my first time in Erie and they did a great job showcasing the natural resource opportunities in the area and put on a great program. The portion of the program on invasive species was both intriguing and frightening. I suspect this topic will occupy increasing amounts of our time.

Carpe Diem.

New & Improved MensiCard

This guide (to the right) by Harry V. Wiant, Jr. (PSU) and John R. Brooks (WVU), is a new and improved version of the "MensiCard" (mensuration card) published in the Spring 2005 issue of *The Allegheny News*. It gives useful approximation when quick, rough estimates of timber volume are needed, and it fits on the back of a business card. ↵

MensiCard Approximations
H. Wiant / J. Brooks

tree: D=dbh, L=16-ft logs, H=tot ht ft, BA=basal area
stand: L=avgL, H=avgH, BA=BA/ac (trees of interest)

bf=f*BA*: (f: Int=67, Scrib=61, Doyle=51)
cords=0.0046*BA*H; tons=0.013*BA*H
hwd: ft³=0.42*BA*H
conifer: ft³=0.44*BA*H
assuming 5 bf / ft³, bf=2*BA*H

NJ SAF Annual Meeting a Success

By Ron Sheay

The New Jersey SAF Division held the 2005 annual meeting, January 21, 2005, at the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick, with 50+ members and invited guest speakers in attendance. NJ Division Chair, **Dennis Galway** welcomed the group and recognized those with at least 20 years of membership with the recently designed SAF lapel-pins.

New Jersey State Forester, **Jim Barresi**, updated the status of projects within the NJ Forest Service (FS) and the Forest Fire Service (FFS). The FFS responded to over 900 wildfires that burned 549 acres and over 14,000 acres of prescribed burning was completed under the auspices of the FFS on state and private lands. In the Farmland Assessment Program, over 500 field inspections were completed and close to 4,000 woodland applications for assessment, covering 229,000 acres were processed. Five new Atlantic White Cedar restoration sites, 45 acres in total, were site-prepared for natural reproduction or plantings. The Forest Resource Education Center in Jackson hosted over 11,000 school children, presenting hands-on programs in forest resource management and environmental education.

The NJFS, in cooperation with the NJ Department of Agriculture, is in the process of removing about a thousand trees infested with the Asian Longhorned Beetle in Cartert, Woodbridge, Rahway, and Linden. The object is to limit the spread of this devastating insect pest that is killing live trees, especially in urban settings. Also, under an agreement with DEP and the Board of Public Utilities, NJFS cooperated in the planting of just over 3,000 trees under the Cool Cities Initiative.

John Perry, Consulting Forester, briefed the members on the importance of S-1975, the "Forest



At the NJ SAF meeting, left to right: NJSAF Chair Dennis Galway, NJ State Forester Jim Barresi, Allegheny SAF Chair, Kenneth Jolly, and National SAF Executive Vice-President Michael Goergen, Jr.

Stewardship Act" to all State residents. Standards for stewardship plan certification, cost-share incentives, implementation practices, and income credits towards farmland assessment were explained. John urged SAF members to become involved and support the legislation – which would appropriate \$650,000 to DEP for implementation.

Ron Sheay, retired NJFS Forester and active SAF member, briefly discussed the "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act" (which is covered in another section of this newsletter). He also updated the NJSAF members on the recently initiated Allegheny Educational Endowment Fund, which he chaired for the 1,100-member parent Allegheny SAF. The initiative raised \$31,485, 33.8% or \$10,670 of which was contributed by NJ SAF members, forest-family members, and organizations. With a "Huge" thank you all who helped, he reminded the group that the fund drive is still open. Ron's address is 12 Glenwood Lane, Stockton, NJ 08559.

National SAF Executive Vice-President, **Micheal Goergen, Jr.**, then brought the membership up-to-date on happening at the National Office and the national membership level. He encouraged members to make an effort to recruit peers who are not taking advantage of SAF membership benefits and covered the status of the Forest Certification Program. He ended, reminding members of the technical and networking opportunities being offered at the National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas on October 19-23, 2005 and in 2006 when the Allegheny SAF will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania October 25-29.



Over 140 years of combined service to New Jersey Forestry: (l-r) William Porter, Paul Portsmore, and Eugene Brennan

Celebrating Our Past ~ Creating Our Future

Celebrating a Century of Forest Conservation with Maryland Forests Association, November 4-5

Grantsville, MD (June 2005) - The centennial marking the birth of scientific forest management and public land management in Maryland is just about upon us. The Project 2006 Committee is considering a year full of promotional events, media productions, and festive memorabilia. The Maryland Forests Association's Annual Meeting on November 4-5, 2005 will serve as the kick off event for the centennial celebrations.

The MFA Annual Meeting will look at some of the major resource management personalities and events that helped shape our resource since 1906. This will include calling upon such personalities as President Teddy Roosevelt, Fred Besley, Robert Garrett and Bullock Clark (a 1930s ranger). Former State Foresters will also be part of the festivities as the legacy of forest conservation efforts is traced from its roots to the present. Other presentations will include evolutions of the forest industry and landowners challenges over the last century.

The look back will be completed with a glance into future as the closing session will look at forestry trends and where these seem to be taking Maryland forestry into the next century. Audience participation will explore the glaring questions, "What are the greatest concerns and issues facing forestry?" and "What is our desire for Maryland's forest landscape in the coming decades?"

All of this will be happening at the beautiful Rocky Gap Lodge, just east of Cumberland. The MFA Annual Meeting begins with field tour options to the New Page

Corporation paper mill in Luke or a ranger-guided walking tour of significant sites and overlooks within Green Ridge State Forest. Friday evening's annual awards banquet will include "Be Hot, Be Cold... but Be...", the keynote address from the "Bully Pulpit" of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Educational Sessions on Saturday will feature presentations by local re-enactors Offutt Johnson and Al Feldstein, plus sessions by Green Ridge forest manager Francis Zumbrun, former State Forester James E. Mallow, current MD State Forester Steven W. Koehn, WVU's Dr. Joseph McNeel, forest landowner Kirk P. Rodgers, Pinchot Institute for Conservation's president V. Alaric Sample, NewPage VP for Luke Mill Operations Richard J. Watro, and the MD Department of Planning. Speaker details can be viewed online at http://mdforests.org/2005_AM_speakers.htm

Continuing education credits for professional foresters and master loggers are available. Ample networking opportunities, educational exhibits to visit and the annual Silent Auction are also planned.

Preregistration is required. The event is open to nonmembers. Registration materials and more information about the conference are available online at http://mdforests.org/AM_2005_Web_Brochure.pdf or from MFA Executive Director Karin Miller at 301-895-5369 or mdforests@hereintown.net

2005 SAF Leadership Academy

By Kim Steiner

Mike Huneke (MD-DE), Mike Lester (PA), Louise Murgia, Brian Rudd (MD-DE), and I (PA) attended this year's leadership academy, held June 11-14 at the Lied Conference Center and Lodge, Nebraska City, Nebraska. It was the first Academy for Mike H., Brian, and myself; Mike L. and Louise were on the organizing committee and have been involved with the event for many years.

After a group dinner and icebreaker on the arrival day, the first day (Sunday) of the workshop involved a training session on motivational strategies. This was conducted by Jeff Bercuvitz, a very sharp consultant who has evident familiarity with the forestry profession. On Monday, another consultant (Tom Davidson, a forester by education, I believe, and also very sharp) led sessions on principles of team development and on effects of personality differences on individual behavior and team

effectiveness. Finally, Tuesday's sessions were conducted by SAF staff members and focused on the organization, structure, and functions of the national office.

Should you consider attending a future Leadership Academy? Absolutely! Whether you have a leadership position within SAF or not, I can assure you that the experience will be worth your time and effort. Having been through other leadership training, I was secretly skeptical of learning anything new and useful at the Leadership Academy. But I did learn things, and I am glad that I attended. As icing on the cake, the Lied Lodge and surrounding Arbor Day Farm, once the home of J. Sterling Morton, are a wonderful location for a workshop. At the risk of straining your credulity, consider a vacation trip with your family planned around the next Academy (there's plenty to do in the area).

The Collins Companies Celebrates 150th Anniversary and Donates \$150,000 to PSU Forestry Building

Looking back, 1855 was an important year for Pennsylvania forestry. Penn State was founded that year and T.D. Collins started a business that would become the Collins Companies which include Collins Pine Co. and Kane Hardwood. As both of these entities celebrate their 150th anniversaries this year, The Collins Companies pledged \$150,000 to the new Penn State



Forestry Resources Building. The wood products teaching lab in the new building will be named after the Collins Companies.



The building is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in early 2006. For the first time all three professional programs, forest science, forest products and wildlife and fisheries sciences will be housed in the same building. "We are proud to have Collins Companies formally identified with our new building," said Dr. Charles Straus, director of the School of Forest Resources. "They are a hallmark corporation within the U.S., providing leadership in the sustained yield management of forestlands, innovative development of new wood products and the marketing of their products and ideas throughout the world.

Since the Collins Companies got their start here in PA, the companies celebrated their 150th anniversary with festivities held July 27-30 at Kane

Hardwood. After 150 years, it is currently in its fourth and fifth generation of family ownership. Many family members traveled from California and Oregon to participate in the celebration. Activities included mill and forestry tours, historical displays, a charity auction and a charity golf tournament. The public and employees enjoyed the activities and also food, music, speeches and special presentations during the event. Tents were set up on the Kane Hardwood grounds to host the celebration.

The Collins Companies are the second largest private landowner in PA managing over 126,000 acres of forestlands in NW & NC PA. They also have operations and forestland holdings in Oregon and California. They are widely known for their ongoing commitment to sustainable forestry and have been a leader in forest certification.



Dr. Charles Straus (l) and Kane Hardwood's Forester Mike Hancharick

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2005

Attendees:

Allegheny Officers: K. Jolly, Chair; K. Steiner, V. Chair; R. Billingham, Sec/Treas; R. Siefert; J. Perdue; M. Webb; and H. Wurzbacher; **Exec. Comm. Members:** J. Winieski, Exec. Dir.; M. Lester, Council Rep. **Division/Chapter Officers & Committee Representatives:** T. Vorac for S. Resh, MD/DE Chr.; D. Miller, PA Div.Chr.; B. Elison, PA Div.Chr.Elect; C. Stelter, PA Plateau Chr.; M. Buccowich, PA Valley Forge Chr.; J. Albright, N. Hardwood Chr. **Other Attendees:** K. Gottschalk, 2006 Conv. Arrangements Chr.; C. Newlon, R. Forbes Art Contest

Minutes from Previous Executive Committee Meeting:

No discussion; approved as published in the Allegheny News.

Treasurer's Report (R. Billingham):

The current Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Current Balances: Checking: \$11,434.90; Endowment Savings: \$5,010.66; Endowment CD: \$41,564.58.

Committee Reports:

Awards (H. Wurzbacher): Wurzbacher worked with Culbert and Geiss of National Capital SAF to develop a standard submission form for the Presidential Field Forester Award. This new form has been sent to M. Lester. Up until now, we have not had a specific process to apply for this award. The form was not utilized this year, but there was a motion to commend this form to the Councilman for future use. This motion passed. Wurzbacher also placed a notice in the recent issue of *The Allegheny News* reminding members of upcoming awards.

Communications (R. Billingham for R. Farr): Farr and Billingham will work on a communication plan for the Allegheny SAF. This plan will spend time considering what can be done to encourage new membership.

Education (M. Webb): There was no official report from the committee; however, J. Winieski mentioned that we currently have no guidelines for our educational fund. There was a motion to form a committee to come up with priorities and draft guidelines. They will look for any existing guidelines and update them. This committee should contain one member from each state, which will be appointed by the chair. This motion passed. It was noted that it is time to update, reprint and distribute the ASAF meeting-planning manual, which is now in electronic format. This may be added into the larger handbook. There was also a suggestion that ASAF put on another Mini Leadership Academy (one day in length) in conjunction with one of the upcoming meetings.

Membership (K. Steiner): National membership is down 1.6% to around 14,500. ANSAF is down 3% from last year; we now have 1023 members. 112 members were recently purged from the membership roster. Most of the ANSAF's losses are in the student membership. At least 34 students were lost after the last purge. ANSAF' net loss after the purge was 32 members.

Nominations (J. Winieski for K. Kane): Kane located candidates at the winter meeting. The officer candidates are: Chair Elect: K. Gottschalk and D. Galway; Secretary/Treasurer: R. Billingham; Executive Committee: N. Karger, C. Osheim, R. Seifert, J. Purdue, M. Fjavan, M. Vodak. Nominations close Sept 1. Someone must check to make sure that this date is properly reflected in the bylaws.

Program (N. Karger via handout): The upcoming meeting schedule is as follows: Winter 2006 = Valley Forge Chapter; Summer 2006 = cancelled due to National Convention; Winter 2007 = MD-DE Division; Summer 2007 = NJ Division; Winter 2008 = Keystone Chapter; Summer 2008 = Western Gateway Chapter. Tentative scheduling beyond those dates is as follows: Winter 2009 = Northern Hardwood Chapter;

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Summer 2009 = Rothrock Chapter; Winter 2010 = West Virginia Division.

Meeting Planning Guidelines/Handbook (K. Jolly for N. Karger): Karger has been working on the meeting planning guidelines. The current book is 20 years old. Karger will circulate drafts this coming fall/winter for comments. Send any ideas you have on meeting planning to Karger.

Summer Meeting schedule request from NJSAF (K. Jolly): The NJSAF has requested that we no longer have the ASAF Summer meeting in June or July because of NJ member conflicts with tax assessments in the state. There is also a problem with the WV summer meeting being scheduled at the same time. Perhaps we would have a better meeting turn-out if we coordinated more closely with NJ and WV. This should be added to the meeting planning handbook.

Council Report (M. Lester):

Lester's term on Council is nearly at an end. He has found two candidates for his replacement: Mary Coloumbe and Wilhelmina Bratton. Both women are from National Capitol SAF. Lester gives his thanks to K. Jolly and L. Ford for their help in securing these nominees. Note that Terry Clark, who works in SAF's National Office, has been nominated for fellow.

2006 Convention (K. Steiner):

The 2006 planning team (Steiner, Gottschalk, Stout, and Finley) met with the National Office staff on May 20. Madaline Morgan, who formerly ran the national conventions, recently left SAF and convention services are now contracted out to a third party. The Ft. Worth convention has been a learning experience for this group. They are open to our ideas for social events. The planning team is concentrating hard on the social event in order to make it memorable and special. The 2006 theme has been chosen: "Our Woods, Wild and Working," which focuses on timber management as well as the forest as a wild place. The planners have invited the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Wangari Maathai to be the keynote speaker. Mattai worked with local groups in Kenya on community forestry projects. She has a masters degree from Pitt and is connected to Jerry Hertel. The planners are currently waiting to hear from her as to whether she will attend or not. They are not sure what the cost will be to have her speak, but the Heinz endowment has agreed to underwrite the event to get her here. Another possibility for a keynote speaker is Daniel Bodkin, who has worked with USFS and has pragmatic view of ecology. There are two plenary sessions that must be filled and Steiner is looking for ideas from anyone. The current ideas for the evening social on Friday are: the Heinz History Center, the Carnegie Museum, and the Fips Conservatory. The call for papers is nearly finalized. We will need many people to help. Gottschalk is organizing the local volunteer effort. There are six committee chair positions to fill and there are some 2005 convention tickets available for people that are willing to work at the 2005 booth. We will come up with a PowerPoint presentation for Ft. Worth. Everyone should try to think of local businesses related to forestry that might want to have a booth at the convention.

Executive Director Report (J. Winieski):

K. Jolly will order new stationary asap. There are chapters that may need to run elections at the same time that ANSAF runs elections. If we decide to continue to do one issue/year of the *Allegheny News* via e-mail, we need to decide what to do with our advertisers. Their ads bring in \$1000 annually, which helps defray costs of the newsletter. Note that Winieski has not made a profit off of the newsletter in 13 years. Everyone should continue to think of other sources that may be able to donate money for paper on which to print the *Allegheny News*.

Old Business

Reginald Forbes Art Contest (C. Newlon, D. Miller, and K. Steiner): ASAF currently spends an average of \$200 per year on this event, which is a non-budgeted item because its award funds are donated. Several options were discussed for the future of the contest. It was finally agreed that next year's contest will not have cash awards but will have nicer recognition awards. We will try this next year and see what people think of it. Newlon will speak with the LaBar family and see if they would like their donation to be spent on recognition awards for the contest.

Leadership Academy (M. Lester and K. Steiner): – Financially, the Leadership Academy did not work out. There were 40 attendees this year, compared to last year's 90. The SAF is not likely to be able to sustain this event on a year-to-year basis. Steiner thought it was a great experience that was well worth the time and effort. He advises anyone that has the time to participate. In the future, we should think about funding a student. Steiner felt that the students enriched the experience. Perhaps we could recruit students in the future. Many of the students that attended this year had jobs and took the time off to go to the academy and it seemed that their confidence grew as the week went along. This could be a key to getting students involved into the future. Perhaps we could offer it to students on the winning quiz bowl team. The students that attended this year had their way completely paid by their state societies. The Northern Hardwood Chapter will be sponsoring a person from their chapter to attend the next academy.

Financial Sponsorship Updates (M. Webb): Bauer scholarship – All award money has been received, but Connie Bauer still needs to sign off on the scholarship. She intends to sign at the end of Ag Progress Days. **Goddard Chair Sponsorship at PSU** – the advertisement did get some sponsors. PSU was very happy to have their new building featured in the Allegheny News. The Western Gateway Chapter made a \$1000 commitment and the PA division has been challenged to raise \$1000 over the next 5 years. Webb would like to challenge the other PA chapters to raise funds of at least \$1000. ASAF will be listed as a donor in a prominent area of PSU's new forestry building.

Feedback on Recent Use of ANSAF Mail Server (K. Steiner): We need to carefully consider how we are going to use this into the future. We currently receive many error reports and we cannot continue to make changes to this list by hand. At present, Steiner's secretary makes changes, but it is difficult to continuously make these corrections by hand. Steiner should send corrections to the National office so that their list is as correct as possible. We should develop a process as to when e-mail messages should be sent out. Steiner needs the information only a few days in advance. Note that MD/DE has been using e-communication almost exclusively for some time.

Investment Options for ASAF Funds (R. Sheay via printout): R. Billingham recommended an investment policy. A motion was made that the funds be put into a money market account that will be decided upon by the three top officers. This motion passed.

Deer Management Solutions Seminar Up-date (K. Jolly for M. Fjavan): Various seminar dates have been scheduled, as follows: September 10 = Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, Bucks County; September 17 = Westmoreland County Community College; September 24 = Dauphin County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, Route 225, two miles north of Dauphin; October 1 = PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, Hawley; November 12 = Mill Grove Audubon Center, Montgomery County. Mary Ann Fajvan is serving as the ASAF representative on the Seminar Planning Committee.

New Business

Presentation from Council Candidates: Neither candidate was able to attend the meeting.

2005 ASAF Budget Status (R. Billingham): The budget looks like it will come out in the black, but there is a potential for deficit spending. The Executive Committee passed a motion indicating that we have permission to enter deficit spending if such action is needed.

Feedback from the Electronic Summer Issue of the *Allegheny News*: Most of the feedback received has been good, except that one member that wanted print copy due to reading preferences. There was a suggestion to use a lower quality paper for cost savings. There is a concern that advertisers may drop off if there are less printed copies. Additionally, the printed *Allegheny News* is a historical record of the ANSAF. We will set up a committee to look at the future of the newsletter.

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Discussion of Proposal to Increase Dues: It was decided that we should make the newsletter decision before making the dues decision. There was no further discussion of this issue.

Discussion of the VOS Task Force Report: HSD will vote up or down on each of the VOS recommendations at their next meeting. K. Jolly will not support going from the 11 to 7 districts, due to a lack of consensus on that issue. Let Jolly know if you have any issues of concern to get onto the HSD agenda.

Open floor: There is concern that some of the events at ASAF meetings, such as the banquet, run too long. We should try to shorten this event, such as by having a luncheon or by moving the dinner speaker to a keynote speaker. Karger will look at options for streamlining the meetings. There was also a suggestion to track which advertisement meeting registrations come from.

Division/Chapter Reports

PA Division (D. Miller): They are sponsoring upcoming workshops entitled, "Energy and Wood - A Sustainable Development Opportunity." Notification went out in the recent Allegheny News. D'Amore will have the Nelson DVDs for sale during the meeting.

Plateau Chapter (Cecile Stelter): They welcome everyone to the area and wish them a good visit.

Valley Forge Chapter (M. Buccowich): They are at work planning the Winter 2006 meeting which will be in Lancaster at the Eden Best Western Resort. Their chapter usually has four meetings per year and most recently had one on wind power with a visit to the John Rock Power Company.

Northern Hardwood Chapter (J. Albright): Lost many members in the recent purge.

Keystone Chapter (R. Billingham): Recently had a meeting to hear about the results of the infrared deer fly-over survey of Reystown Lake.

Adjourn: K. Jolly adjourned the meeting at 7:15.

General Business Meeting Minutes July 29, 2005

The General Business Meeting was conducted by K. Jolly, Chair, who called upon Executive Committee members present to provide the membership with a brief report on Exec. Comm. discussion items from July 27, 2005.

2006 Convention: This convention will be science-oriented but all speakers must be sure that the information they present is accessible and useful to managers. The 2006 planning team would like time during the Winter 2006 meeting at Valley Forge to discuss convention planning and volunteer activities that need to be completed.

The Electronic Issue of the Allegheny News: There were two members present that did not receive the electronic copy. Perhaps we could use the National website to post a nicer/fancier copy of the newsletter.

On November 17 of this year, the Valley Forge Chapter will co-host a meeting featuring speaker Myra Nakashima. This meeting will be held in Wilmington, DE. Newlon will send information out shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Billingham, Sec./Treasurer

Ribbons at the Art Show!

Enter the Allegheny SAF Art Show at the Winter Meeting

By Charlie Newlon

Two new changes will be made at the 2006 Art Show. At the Allegheny SAF Business Meeting in Erie this July it was decided to offer ribbons for Art Show prize winners instead of cash awards. This will make it easier to manage the show and make more efficient use of the cash donations that run the show. It was also decided to drop the Professional Category due to the low number of entries in this class over the years.

So, all you art enthusiasts: get busy now preparing your entries. Just about any art category of your interest or of family members is appropriate for the show. The Reginald Forbes SAF art show is about many things. It is a chance to show your best prints from your new digital camera, whittle a masterpiece, sew a quilt, weave a tapestry, make a conversation piece, or to communicate what forestry really is all about. Bring your entry, or send it with an attendee to the meeting.

The Kids Category for ten years old and under will continue. Most any craft is appropriate; or ask your kid to create something about a forest; or dust off the best picture they hung on your refrigerator. Remember that 11-year-olds and older have won prizes in the categories open to all in the past.

The show is open to SAF members of all categories and their families. SAF Student members have their own category. Which SAF Student Chapter has the best creativity? Don't be shy! Continue the tradition that Reginald Forbes started in the 1930s. Help prove that students of forestry, foresters, and their families have artistic talents to show off!

Any questions? Contact Charlie Newlon, Reginald Forbes Art Show Chairperson at cbnewlon@optonline.net or 609-259-1723, or at 3 Whippany Dr, Allentown, NJ 08501.



These are just two of the great photographs by Charlie Newlon that appear throughout this issue of The Allegheny News

Allegheny SAF Officer Candidates

Chair-Elect:

Dennis M. Galway, CF Galway Forestry Services, Bernardsville, NJ

BS Natural Resource Management, Cook College, Rutgers University, 1981. As a Certified Forester in the SAF CF Program since its inception in 2001, on the "Approved Forester" list of the NJ Forest Service, and a NJ Certified Tree Expert (CTE), he has been a practicing field forester for 26 years as owner of Galway Forestry Services. He has served on the NJ Tree Farm Program Committee since 1992 and chaired it since 1996; a three-year post on the National Operating Committee of the American Tree Farm representing State Leadership expires in 2006. Denis has been an active SAF member since 1981. He is presently Chair of the NJ SAF Division.

Kurt W. Gottschalk, CF Project Leader and Research Forester, USDA Forest Service, Forest Research,
Morgantown, WV

BS Forestry, Iowa State University, MS & PhD Silviculture, Forest Ecology & Tree Physiology, Michigan State University. USFS NE Forest Silviculture Research, 1979, Warren, PA; 1983 Gypsy Moth impact research, Morgantown, WV; 1987, Project Leader of Morgantown's research group. He has authored 94 published papers and given more than 100 invited papers in the US and around the world. A member of SAF since 1974, he has been active as member and Chair of the National SAF Physiology Technical Working Group, ANSASF Research & Forest Entomology & Pathology Committees, and incumbent Executive Committee member. He was elected SAF Fellow in 2002.

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Secretary/Treasurer:

Rachel R. Billingham Forest Program Specialist, PA DCNR BOF, Harrisburg, PA
BS in Forest Management, Louisiana State University and a Master of Agriculture in Forestry (a degree combining forestry and communications) from Penn State University. As a program specialist in the PA Bureau of Forestry, she is responsible for coordinating Forest Legacy, Clean and Green, Metropolitan Initiative, Urban Forestry partnerships, the Northeast PA Urban and Community Forestry Grant and conservation easements on working forests programs. She especially enjoys the people-centered nature of these programs. Prior to working with the Bureau, she ran her own business conducting forestry education workshops for home school co-ops while programming databases for local area businesses. Rachel has been an active member of the SAF Since 1993.

Executive Committee:

Mary Ann Fajvan Research Forester (Quantitative Silviculturist), USFS Northeast Research Station
Morgantown, WV

BS Natural Resource Management, 1981, Cook College, Rutgers University; MS Silviculture, 1983, Yale School of Forestry, PhD Quantitative Silviculture, 1991, University of Maine. From 1992-2004, she was a member of the forest management faculty at West Virginia University, teaching Silviculture and Forest Stand Dynamics. In 2001, Mary Ann received a Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research from Harvard University. She has been a member of SAF since 1977, and currently serves as chair of the Silviculture Working Group and a member of the Science Fund Committee, and is a member of the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee where she also serves as Forest Science Coordinator. Mary Ann writes the "Silviculture News" column for *The Allegheny News*.

Ned Karger, CF Silvicultural Manager, Collins Pine Co., Kane Hardwood, Kane, PA

BS in Forest Science, Penn State, 1979. As Silvicultural Manager, Ned has responsibility for 126,000 acres of FSC-certified forestland in NW Pennsylvania. Before coming to Kane Hardwood in 1983, he worked for Hammermill Paper Co., the USFS Forestry Sciences Lab in Warren, PA, and on the Allegheny National Forest, Sheffield District. An active SAF member since 1985 and SAF Certified Forester since 1998, he served as the Northern Hardwood Chapter and PA SAF Division Chairs. A member of the Ben Roach Forestry Forum Steering Committee since 1985, Ned is presently Chair of the renamed Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum; a member of the Technical Committee, Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (he received their 2003 AHUG "Sandy Cochran Memorial Award"); PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry Silviculture and Ecosystem Management Advisory and Penn State College of Agriculture Ag Council Committees. An avid runner, biker and skier, who also enjoys hunting, camping and volleyball, Ned and wife Lynda, son Casey and daughter Jesse live in Kane, PA.

Craig W. Ostheim Partner, American Forestry Consultants, Ebensburg, PA

BS Environmental and Resources Management, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He is the current Chair of the Western Gateway, Allegheny SAF and the PA Chapter of the Association of Consulting Forester organizations. Locally, he is a member of the Stonycreek Township, Cambria County Board of Commissioners, and a member of the Athletic Association of St. Benedict church. Craig is an active member of SAF since 1978.

Jack L. Perdue Supervisor, Public Lands Stewardship, DNR Forest Service, Annapolis, MD

BS Forest Management, WV University, 1978. Jack worked with the MD Dept of Natural Resources Forest Service continuously since 1980, 10 years with the Forest Products Utilization and Marketing Program and three years as Program Director. Responsibilities included the state-wide program involving domestic and international market development, harvesting and lumber manufacturing efficiency studies, and supervising a staff of three utilization and marketing foresters. He served four years as the director of the state-wide Urban Forestry program and in 1966 assumed the duties for Public Lands Stewardship, responsible for resource planning and administration of MD's State Forest system. In that capacity, he has developed a forest inventory system, a GIS resource planning program, and led an inter-disciplinary team reviewing State Forest timber sales proposals. A member of SAF since 1988, Jack chaired the MD/DE SAF Division, has served on the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee since 2000 and served on the MD Forests Association's Board of Governors, 1989-1996. He was chosen as Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year, 1993.

Roy A. Siefert, CF PA Bureau of Forestry District Forester, Tioga State Forest, Wellsboro, PA
 BS Forestry, Penn State, 1976. USFS Certified Silviculturist, 1989 and SAF Certified Forester, 1995. From 1999 to present, District forester, Tioga State Forest; 1997-1999, Forest Program Specialist, PA Bureau of Forestry Division of Forest Fire Protection; 1985-97, Forester, Susquehannock State Forest. An active member of SAF since 1985, he chaired the Northern Hardwood and PA Division Chairs, served on the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee, The Bob Bauer/Ben Roach Forestry Forum Steering Committee, and the 2002 Winter Allegheny SAF Meeting Committee. He has held positions on the Board of Directors of the Tau Phi Delta National Forestry Fraternity as Grand National President and Treasurer, and Alpha Chapter Vice President, and on the PA Forest Fire Museum Association Board, of which he was a charter member. Roy is a member of the PA Council of Professional Foresters, the Tioga Woodland and National Woodland Owners Associations, and the Tioga County Visitors Bureau. Other activities include 1999 NASF Annual Convention Treasurer, 1999 USFS Outstanding Management of Federal Excess Property Program Award, and 2000 National Tree Farm Annual Convention.

Mark Vodak Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in Forestry, Cook College - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
 Prior to coming to Rutgers in 1984, Mark was an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Forestry at Virginia Tech, having previously gained experience in forest management through positions in both the private and public sectors. He received his BS in Forestry from North Carolina State University and his MS and PhD in forest management from Michigan State University. His primary program areas are private, non-industrial forest management, silviculture and Christmas tree production, in which he has authored over 232 articles in technical, popular, and extension publications. An SAF member for 31 years, Mark's broad experience and contributions to SAF include the following: National offices: Extension contact for JOF; HSD; working groups - secretary, Education & Communication; and Secretary, NIPF. State offices and positions: Allegheny SAF - continuing education coordinator; nominating committee chair; vice-chair, chair, immediate past-chair; and executive committee; NJ Division - land-use committee; continuing education coordinator; executive committee; chair, and vice-chair. Chapter offices and positions: Blue Ridge Chapter, Appalachian Society - chair, vice-chair, and immediate past-chair. Mark received a recognition of service award and an appreciation award from the NJ Division, SAF in 1989 and 2001, respectively. He was elected Fellow, SAF, in October 2004.

Allegheny SAF 2005 Election Ballot

Report of the Nominating Committee
 Ken Kane, Chair

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| Secretary/Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Rachel R. Billingham |
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Return completed ballot by October 28, 2005

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Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting

By Cecile Stelter, SAF Plateau Chapter Chair

On July 27th, the Plateau Chapter welcomed over fifty fellow SAF members to Erie, PA for the 2005 Allegheny Summer Meeting. The indoor sessions were held at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Erie, which was within walking distance of the scenic Erie bay-front.

Thursday began with a presentation by William Palmer, a Wildlife Biologist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) on "Woodcock Habitat and Early Succession Management." Bill peaked everyone's interest by promising to show many of the practices he spoke about, on the field tour that afternoon. The next speaker was Eric Obert, Associate and Extension Director of Sea Grant, who impressed and may have even scared some of the group with his slides and presentation on "Aquatic Invasive Species of Pennsylvania and their Ecosystem Effects." We learned that there may be more to fear in the water than just great white sharks!

After a delicious lunch at the Avalon the group boarded buses and headed out to State Game Lands #314 in western Erie County. Once again Bill Palmer took the lead and showed the group a sampling of just some of the innovative, early successional habitat work that the PGC has accomplished on this 3,100-acre property. The group was able to observe and walk around some of the early successional and shrub-opening management practices and discuss their importance to woodcock and other early successional species. The final stop on the game lands was at the Roderick Wildlife Reserve Monument for a brief break and an informative presentation by Howard Wurzbacher, NW Regional PGC Forester on the ongoing bluff and shoreline erosion problems. Howard had an impressive backdrop on which to present the facts about the erosion problems that are actually causing that game land to be



washed into Lake Erie.

We then loaded the buses and headed to Presque Isle where Assistant Park Manager, Mike Muma and some of his staff welcomed us. Presque Isle State Park is a 3,200-acre sandy peninsula that extends into Lake Erie. It contains a greater number of the state's endangered, threatened and rare species than any other area of comparable size in Pennsylvania. The group was able to observe and learn about a few of those areas on tours guided by Jeremy Rekich, Miranda Crotsley and Brian Gula, Park Interpreters. Even though it was tempting to stay out on the beach, the group reconvened along with the spouses at the Rotary Pavilion for a picnic dinner.

During dinner Bill Smith dressed in period garb and representing the Brig Niagara, took us back in history as he described the life of a seaman in the 1800s and the historical importance of the local area. The day ended with a

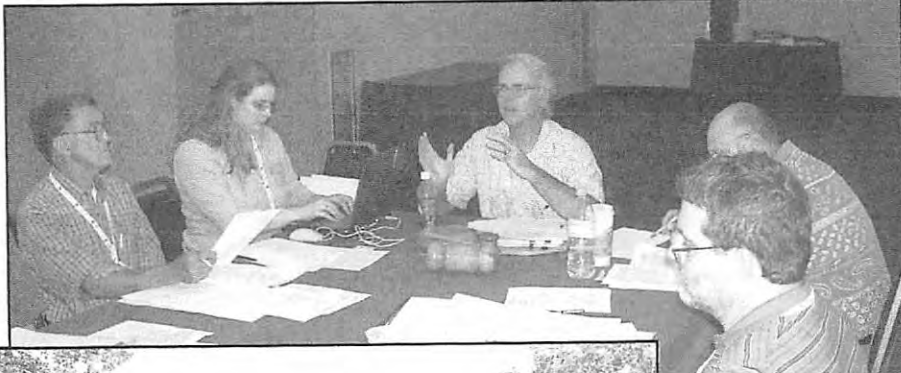
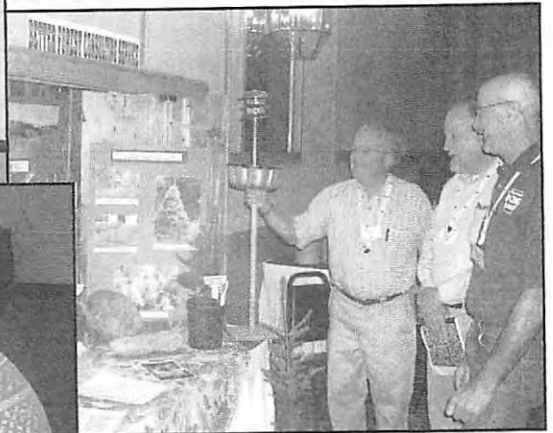
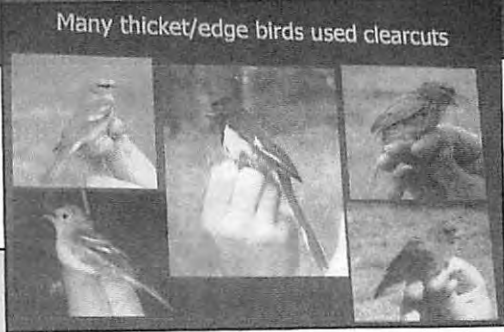
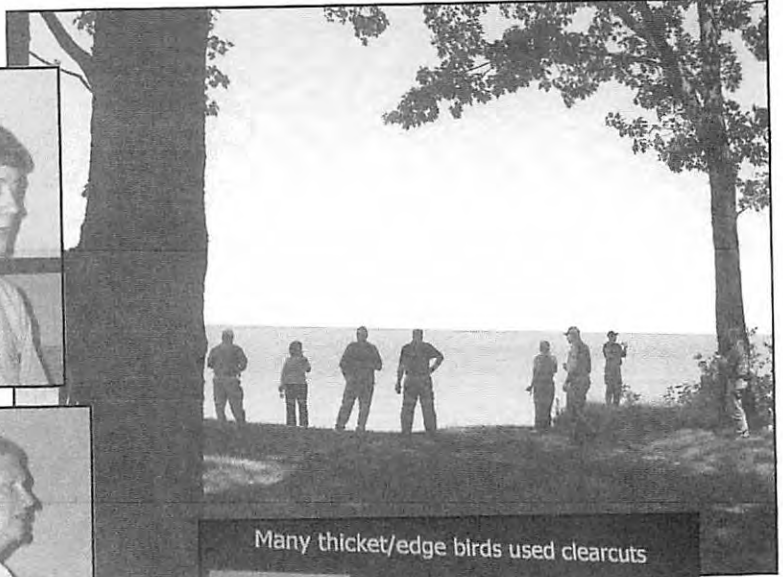
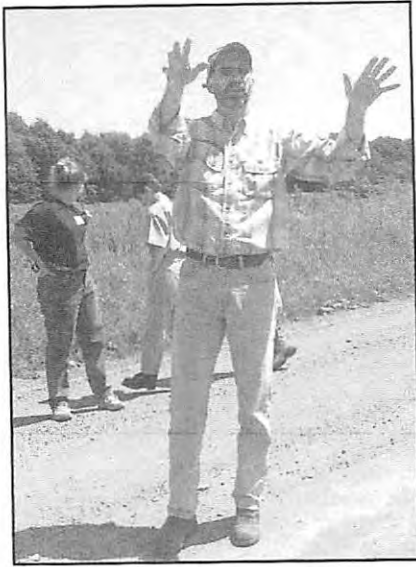


picture-perfect sunset on Lake Erie before the group was bused back to the hotel.

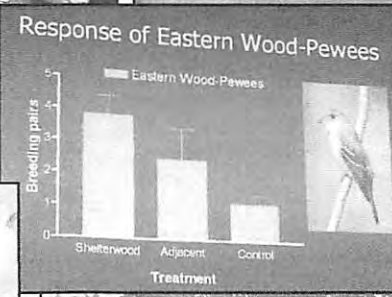
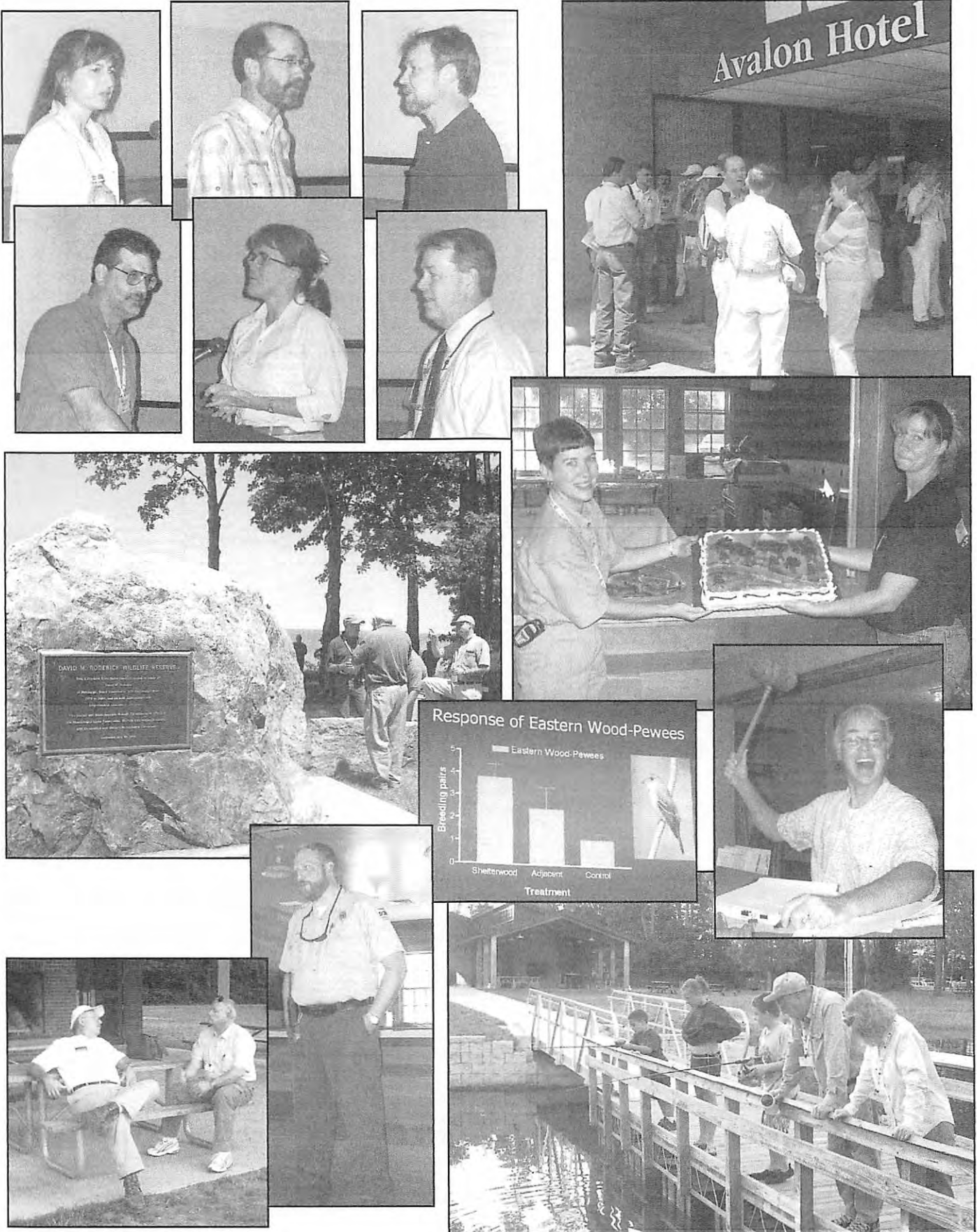
Friday morning was literally packed with informative presentations. Cynthia Huebner, Research Botanist/Ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service provided a summary of her work on "Invasive Exotic Plants in our Forest." Next, Scott Stoleson, Research Wildlife Biologist, also with the Forest Service, spoke about his research on the "Impacts of Small Scale Silvicultural Disturbances on Forest Interior Birds." Rounding out the morning, Tim Pierson, Penn State Cooperative Extension Educator/Forester provided insight on "Forest Practices that increase Game Hunting and Harvesting Opportunities." The highlights of the meeting were the very informative presentations but the group also had many opportunities to see old friends and make new contacts. The meeting concluded by noon on Friday and attendees headed homeward under blue skies and a beautiful sunny day! Many thanks to the organizational committee who did such a splendid job arranging all the details for the meeting and to all the attendees!

Allegheny SAF 2005 Summer Meeting Photos

Photos courtesy of Charlie Newlon



Allegheny SAF 2005 Summer Meeting Photos



Here Comes the 2007 Farm Bill or Private Forests: an Investment in Public Benefits

By Steven W. Koehn, Director/State Forester, Maryland DNR Forest Service

Private forestlands are a critical part of our nation's landscape and must be recognized in planning and management efforts if wide-scale conservation is to be successful. Located across the country, the almost 500 million acres of state and private forests and 70 million acres of urban forests make up about two-thirds of all forestlands nationwide. By comparison, Maryland has 2.4 million acres of forestland, making it about 41% forested, with 76% of these forests owned by 130,600 landowners. Unlike federal lands, the vast majority (88%) of state and private forestlands are concentrated in the southern and eastern states.

From the mountains to the sea, these state and private forests provide a large range of environmental and economic benefits to surrounding communities and the nation. Along with offering environmental benefits such as clean air, clean water, crucial habitats for biologically diverse flora and fauna species, and carbon sinks for mitigation of climate change, economic benefits are derived from the supply of timber, medicinal plants, and non-traditional forest products, as well as from an

overall increased quality of life. Specifically, it is estimated that 90% of listed endangered species rely on private forestlands for all or part of their habitat needs.

What exactly are the "public benefits" of private forests, and why is public support in the form of technical and cooperative assistance good forest policy crucial to the survival of these forests? Public benefits, including the valuable environmental benefits listed above, are results of healthy, sustainable forest ecosystems and are increasingly referred to as "ecosystem services" or "ecological services." Duplicating such benefits without the help of forest ecosystems would require enormous amounts of financial and human resources. Among the most valuable ecological services that forests provide is the constant and timely supply of clean and abundant water for surrounding communities. The diverse habitats that forests provide, often supporting a range of threatened or endangered species, are also a valuable ecological service. Some rare plants found in certain forest ecosystems have led to prominent medical discoveries, saving lives and offering promising solutions for cures to various diseases. In addition, the recreational opportunities and tourist attractions from forests supply local economies with needed revenue. Contrary to the opinion of some, working forests and nature tourism are not mutually exclusive; rather it is the very presence of a natural resource-based industry offering an alternative to development that helps to maintain our forests in open space, even in the face of increasing land values. Finally, the simple aesthetic benefits, including the opportunity to escape from city life, are quite valuable to society as a whole.

Forests improve the health of the environment by mitigating climate change and cleansing the air. Vigorously growing forest vegetation removes and stores atmospheric carbon and other pollutants, such as ozone. Carbon in the wood fiber is stored not only in standing trees, but also in wood products like houses and furniture. Utilizing woody biomass from forests as an alternative energy source can also replace carbon emissions from fossil fuels, while reducing wildfire risks in overcrowded forests. This energy source is not only beneficial for atmospheric carbon cycles, but it will also create a market for material from thinning and other more traditional timber stand improvement practices.

The need for public recognition of and support for these and other beneficial functions from forests is essential for their continued conservation and

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management. Individual landowners are ever more impacted by the increase in regulations, property taxes, development pressures, and the greater challenges to managing for conservation priorities. Without public recognition and support, private forests may no longer be a feasible investment, and their loss to development and other uses will negatively affect the health and welfare of the surrounding environment, as well as the local rural communities it supports.

The practice of conserving our nation's natural resources and forests has become increasingly complex. Although much progress toward conservation has been made over the past few decades, thousands of acres of working forests are still lost each year, mostly as a result of increased development pressures, decreased timber prices and infrastructure capabilities, declining forest health due primarily to lack of management, the globalization of forest products markets, and the significant shift in land ownership. Overcoming the current threats to private forests will require innovative solutions together with considerable amounts of time and resources.

If private forests are to be maintained for the future and their long-term integrity ensured, a coordinated, comprehensive strategy that clearly defines the role of government in conservation efforts must be developed. Such a comprehensive strategy should coordinate, simplify, and strengthen the current suite of assistance programs, while identifying and addressing national and state priorities. Existing cooperative programs, such as the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) and Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP), assist landowners to manage their land in a healthy, productive manner for present and future generations. By better identifying and targeting national and state priorities, the effectiveness and extent of public economic and environmental benefits of these and future programs can be maximized.

An upcoming opportunity to both advance and recognize the value of private forestlands and the public benefits they provide is the 2007 Farm Bill, for which the discussions are underway even now. The 2002 Farm Bill included about \$17.1 billion in conservation funding. Of that .6 percent was solely devoted to forestry through the FLEP program. That's 6/10 of one percent to foster forest conservation on roughly 50 percent of the rural landscape.

In 2002, Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) was amended to include "non-industrial private forest owners" among eligible applicants. To date, less than 2 percent of total EQIP funds have been allocated to support forestry practices (and a substantial percentage of that was for agro-forestry practices of marginal interest to most forest owners). Maryland was among the leaders in funding forestry – with a bit more than 3 percent allocated in 2004.



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What's disturbing about all this — particularly here in MD — is that the most substantial rural conservation programs barely touch private forests even though:

- 41% of Maryland is forested;
- 76 percent of the precipitation in Maryland falls on private land;
- Private forests comprise more than two-thirds of Maryland watersheds
- Family forests here in Maryland support 14,000 jobs for about \$2.2 billion in total economic activity;
- In Maryland from 1992-2002, we lost 43,000 forested acres to development.

In short, enormous conservation opportunities are being missed, risking severe problems by not focusing on forests as forests, and families as their owners.

Market-based approaches that would increase the ability of family forests to contribute economically, socially, and environmentally on a global scale could be developed to promote wide-scale forest conservation among private landowners. Markets for ecological services or credit trading systems are two such innovative market-based approaches. A move toward landscape-scale assistance programs that promote outcome-based versus specific practice approaches is also overdue. Ultimately, cooperation and partnerships among governmental and non-governmental entities should be strengthened if promoting sustainable management of private forestlands and conserving the many public benefits such forests provide is to become a national priority.

Private forests are a defining characteristic of our landscape and representative of our unique, historical, and strong defense of personal property, happiness, liberty, and free-will principles. Their conservation and responsible management is crucial to the environmental and economic health of society. However, the lack of public understanding for the extent to which private forests contribute to both the environment and local economies, coupled with the shrinking capability of federal and state programs to support conservation practices, is a detriment to the sustainability of such lands. If resource conservation efforts are to be successful, policy makers and resource managers must focus on mitigating the loss of forestland to other uses. Likewise, if public and private forests are to be conserved, it is imperative that we increase public awareness; form stronger partnerships among governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, landowners, and the forest products industry; and increase the performance of conservation programs through targeted and integrated efforts.

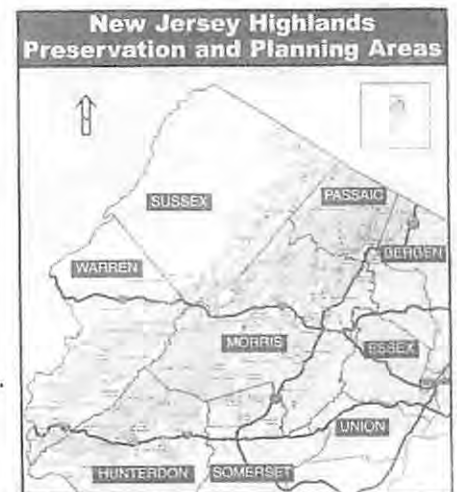
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NJ DEP Announces Highlands Rules

Trenton, NJ - Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell released the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s regulatory standards for the implementation of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. The new regulations, which involve issues including septic density and the permit application review process, are in effect immediately. Campbell stated that, "these rules begin a close partnership with the Highlands Council to ensure that the final regulations work in concert with the regional master plan."

The rules establish standards regarding: the permit review, septic density requirements, historic and archaeological resources, and unique and irreplaceable resources. DEP has accepted comments regarding its Highlands rules for consideration and must adopt the regulatory standards within one year.

The NJ Highlands is a 1,250-square-mile area in the NW part of NJ, stretching from Phillipsburg in the SW to Ringwood in the NE. It lies within portions of seven counties and 87 municipalities. Sixty-four percent of New Jersey residents, about 5.4 million people, receive their water from the Highlands. For more information, contact Erin Phalon at DEPPostmaster@dep.state.nj.us or 609-984-1795.



A Little History

By Robert Rumpf, January 1998

In the summer of 1956, the Glatfelter Pulp Company of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania began to look to the Eastern Shore of Maryland as a pine fiber source and the possibility of land purchases. If I recall correctly, we were getting a few rail cars of chips from Paul Jones at Snow Hill.

In September of 1956, the Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters held its summer meeting in Ocean City, Maryland. Cal (Calvin Glattfelder) and I went to the SAF meeting but went a day early to make some contacts and look into the potential for the area. There was no question that the area supported a lot of good loblolly pine, and there was a very active forest industry with a number of good size sawmills and pole and piling producers.

Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia had an aggressive land acquisition program and barge landings at Sharptown and Pocomoke City from where wood was shipped to their mill at West Point, Virginia on the York River. I recall we met with Paul Jones, Jim Crevenston of Apex Wood Products at Linkwood and Sewell Matthews, and a real estate agent in Cambridge. Matthews had listed a farm owned by a Carrol Thomas, which was near Rhodesdale, east of Cambridge, in Dorchester County. Then we went on to the SAF meeting.

Several weeks later, I returned to the Shore to cruise the Thomas tract, which was something over 300 acres, about 1/3 of it being open fields. I recall that trip clearly, for it coincided with three days of very rainy weather – like you can get on the Shore. I did get the job done, but was soaked through most of the days and spent the nights trying to get dried out. We did purchase the Thomas tract, our first land on the Eastern Shore.

Our next tract was the Koch tract on the Maryland-Delaware line, east of Denton in Caroline County, Maryland. Charlie Koch was a retired Baltimore City policeman or fireman who came down to the Shore to farm. He seemed to be doing OK but evidently wanted something less demanding. This was a good tract, again with a sizeable area of fields suitable for planting. I met with Charlie at his farmhouse one wet winter night to sign the contract and give him a down payment. After I was done I headed out the public road, which was not paved, and had not gone very far before the car sunk in. So I walked back to Koch's and the poor guy had to get out his tractor and come pull me out; he really had to work to get rid of his farm. With the proceeds from the sale of the farm Charlie bought the Blue Star Motel at Queenstown near the bay. About a year later he was out on the bay fishing and did not return. Several months later, his body was found floating in the bay, so the poor guy didn't have long to enjoy his leisure time.

Through the balance of 1956 and 1957, I spent quite a few weeks on the Shore and was fairly successful at the land acquisition business. In early fall of 1957, Sam Dyke joined the Company and this relieved me of such frequent forays, however I still spent a fair amount of time on the Shore working with Sam. It was an enjoyable period and a very satisfying part of my career with Glatfelter.

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The Mira Lloyd Dock Collection

By Peter Linehan, Penn State Mont Alto Forestry

There is a new destination on the web for anyone interested in forestry history. The Pennsylvania State University Libraries have digitized and catalogued the glass lantern-slide collection of Mira Lloyd Dock (1853–1945). Lantern-slides became popular in the 1840s and remained so into the mid-twentieth century. A positive image was mounted between two glass plates and projected onto a screen, similar to modern 35mm slides or PowerPoint presentations. The Dock slides date from the late 1890s and early 1900s and are primarily pictures of plant species and historic sites in Europe and the United States. The 468 glass slides have all been digitized (front and back) and can be viewed at

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/preservation/MLD/>

The slides were housed at the Penn State Mont Alto Library for many years, but were deteriorating from overuse and dirt. Acting Head Librarian Alicia White received funding through the University Libraries for the preservation project, which was carried out at University Park. The Preservation Department of the University Libraries cleaned, scanned, catalogued, and placed the original slides in archival, acid-free sleeves and boxes then returned them to the Mont Alto Campus Library.

Mira Dock worked tirelessly for forest conservation and urban land preservation in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. She was a close associate of Dr. Joseph Rothrock and served with him for many years on the Pennsylvania Forestry Reservation Commission. She was an active guest lecturer and guiding spirit at the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy at Mont Alto. According to Elizabeth Thomas, author of *A History of the Pennsylvania State Forestry School, 1903–1929*, Dock was known for her Friday evening slide shows presented to the students. She also opened her Graeffenburg home for visits from the students on Sunday afternoons. The students appreciated her strong interest and encouragement in their education. In appreciation of her efforts, the students awarded Dock a commemorative cup in 1914 after her resignation from the Forestry Commission. She gave numerous conservation lectures around Pennsylvania and made frequent inspection tours of the new state forests.

According to the description of the collection, Dock herself or Harrisburg photographer J. Horace McFarland photographed many of the slides. Dock most likely collected slides from other sources as well. For example,

two of the slides are labeled “poles of long leaf pine, Pinchot.” In his autobiography, *Breaking New Ground*, Gifford Pinchot describes his tour on horseback of the park-like longleaf pine stands in the South. There is also a sampling of other pine species from around the US, including lodgepole pine in Colorado and pines from Moosehead Lake in Maine.

The collection contains a stunning variety of images. Most of the slides are black and white, but there are also several hand-tinted images. The botanical slides of flowers and plant organs from many species are on a par with the best slides produced today. There are numerous scenes of European forests and parks, as well as historical landmarks. Dock made a study-tour of Europe in the late 1890's, from which she wrote a technical report for the new Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, which contained the Forestry Department. Many of the slides show forest regeneration and other scenes from the Graeffenberg Inn. This area is now the site of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry Division 1 Office on Route 30 in Fayetteville.

Both slide labels and images were scanned and combined to create a virtual image of the actual slides. Thus, each slide can be viewed front and back, along with the handwritten notes on the labels. Included on the website is a search tool to find individual slides and slides can be searched by keyword, location, date, genus, species, family, or by slide number. The website contains a thumbnail and a JPEG image for each picture. High resolution TIFF images were also created and stored on CD-ROMs. These images can be accessed by contacting the Mont Alto Campus Library. The website also includes a biographical sketch of Dock and an illustrated description of the conservation and scanning process.

One of my favorite images is a tinted scene looking northwest from South Mountain into the gorge leading to Mont Alto (access on web site by entering MLD331 in the search box) in which the artist captured the variety of foliage colors of the trees. The smoky haze of the valley in the distance can still be seen today.

It would have been great to have the scans optimized to see the images full-screen as if it were a slide show. Yet they are fabulous to either browse through or study in detail. Be sure to have a high-speed Internet connection and plenty of time to view the collection. It is well worth the visit. ☺

Sources: Pinchot, Gifford. 1947. *Breaking New Ground*. Island Press. Washington, D.C. 522p.

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History of Pennsylvania Forests Educational Video/DVD



A newly produced program on the history of Pennsylvania's forests is now available. Offered in both video and DVD format, it is especially suitable for educators, forest landowners, foresters, and the public. The program depicts how past land use has formed today's forests and explains the role of forest management in sustaining our forest ecosystems into the 21st century. The production was written and narrated by former State Forester, Jim Nelson. It includes a professional quality, half-hour long video segment suitable for airing on a local television station, as well as a slide show. The production is a joint effort of the The Allegheny Society of American Foresters (Pennsylvania Division), U.S. Forest Service, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Bureau of Forestry), and Penn State's School of Forest Resources.

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First Notice for the Allegheny SAF 2006 Winter Meeting

"Emerging Issues in Forest Management and Implications for Allegheny SAF"

February 15-17, 2006 at the Best Western Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA

This will be Allegheny SAF's ONLY meeting in 2006. Since the National meeting will be held in Pittsburgh in the fall of 2006, Allegheny SAF will not have a summer meeting.

Reservations: Please call now to reserve your room. Rooms are reserved under the group name of "Society of American Foresters" with reference number 7175696444. Please provide that information when you make your reservation. Block Lodging Rate will be \$77.00 night (plus tax.). For reservations call 866-801-6430 or call the hotel directly at 717-569-6444, or visit their website www.edenresort.com

DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting
 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Registration, Reginald Forbes Art Contest Entries & Silent Auction Items
 6:30 pm - ? Ice Breaker Reception

Thursday, February 16

7:00 am - 9:00 am Registration, Reginald Forbes Art Contest Entries, & Silent Auction Items
 8:30 am - 8:40 am Welcome - Michael Hoppus, Chair Valley Forge Chapter
 8:40 am - 9:45 am Opening Remarks
 8:40 am - 8:50 am Welcome, Representative Pitts (invited)
 8:50 am - 9:45 am Keynote: The Honorable Undersecretary for Natural Resources, United States Department of Agriculture, Mark Rey (confirmed).
 9:45 am - 10:15 am Break
 10:15 am - Noon Session 1: Global/Internat'l Issues & the Local Connection (Richard Widmann, Sub Theme Chair)

- Al Schuler, USDA Forest Service, Princeton, WV

 Globalization and the new competitive reality:
 The Cheese has Moved - Now, What are we going to do about it??"

- Tony Halstead, USDA Foreign Ag. Service (invited) - Hardwood Exports to Southeast Asia
- Speaker 3 - To be determined

 Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch
 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm Michael Goergen - SAF Exec Director (confirmed)
 1:45 pm - 3:45 pm Session 2: Bio-Energy, Short Rotation Crops and the Local Connection (Michael Hoppus, Sub Theme Chair)

- Lynn Wright, Former Dep. Dir. Oak Ridge National Lab.

 National Demand for Bio Energy

- Larry Abrahamson, Prof, Syracuse School of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY

 Potential for Out-planting Short Rotation Energy Corps in the Mid Atlantic

- Bio-refinery Development - Maine Technology Institute (Invited)

 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Student Quiz Bowl
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Reception and Cash Bar
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Banquet & Awards (to include Reginald Forbes Art Show awards): Ken Jolly, Chair Allegheny SAF

Friday, February 17

7:00 am - 8:00 am Chair's Inspirational Breakfast
 8:00 am - 8:30 am PA Division Meeting
 8:30 am - 9:15 am Allegheny Section Meeting / Silent Auction, Foresters Fund Raffle
 9:30 am - 11:30 am Session 3: Legal/Political Emerging Issues (Lloyd Casey, Sub Theme Chair)

- Michael Jacobson, Penn State University, Coop Extension

 Income and Property Tax, and Private Forestland Management

- Thom McEvoy, Univ. Vermont Coop Extension

 Property Rights and Private Forestland Management

- John Greene, USDA Forest Services

 Estate Planning and Private Forestland Management
 11:30 am - Noon Concluding Remarks and Wrap up

Can Diameter-Limit Cutting be Considered Sustainable Forestry?

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Allegheny SAF Forest Science Coordinator

In May, 2005 I was invited to present a paper at a conference entitled "Diameter-limit Cutting in Northeastern Forests" that was held in Amherst, MA. Most of the 160 participants were from New England but I did see several familiar faces from the Allegheny SAF. One objective of the conference was to bring together presenters who are involved with organized research aimed at objectively assessing the long-term effects of diameter-limit cutting. Long-term Silviculture research has provided us with guidelines for the sustainable management of our ecologically complex hardwood forests. Yet, studies in 1995 confirmed that diameter-limit cutting, not Silviculture, was practiced on about half of the harvests surveyed in NY and PA and 80% of the harvests in WV.

Discussions about non-silvicultural partial cutting practices are not new among forest managers. For example, in a 1968 USFS publication, authors Roach and Gingrich described residual stands resulting from past (partial) "overcutting" as having an "irregular crown canopy" with residual mature trees that generally "will deteriorate in quality" and with "desirable reproduction that will not develop properly." They observed that if stand stocking is below the C-level much regeneration is probably present but would eventually become overtopped by an "understory of tolerant brush". They recommended that the overstory be removed as soon as possible before residual tree quality further deteriorated, and to favor growth of desirable (shade intolerant) regeneration. Even though timber markets have changed in the past 40 years, exploitative harvesting practices have not. The 1995 WV harvest assessment indicated that shade intolerant, high value species were favored removals in the harvests and shade tolerant maples and beech were left behind to dominate residual stands. A subsequent regeneration survey on 86 of the sites, 5-years after harvest, indicated that even though the tallest species of regeneration was shade-intolerant yellow-poplar, red maple densities were almost three times higher.

New data from a 10-year study of diameter-limit harvesting conducted on the WV University Forest suggests that residual trees left after 16-inch diameter limit harvests are influencing regeneration composition and growth. Partial overstory shade from residual trees that were smaller than 16" is favorable to red maple height and diameter growth and detrimental to growth of black cherry, yellow-poplar and red/black oaks. These latter 3 species had dominated the preharvest overstory. In a 40-year study of diameter-limit harvests on the Fernow Experimental Forest in WV, tree species diversity had decreased in stands that were repeatedly diameter-limit cut, with sugar and red maples replacing oaks in abundance.

The second day of the conference we spent in the field visiting several stands that had recently received a diameter-limit harvest. Many good discussions were generated by the participants and each time we visited another site folks comments ranged from "not too bad, there is still something here to work with" to "the landowner will need to spend a lot of money making this a productive forest again." Not once did I get that wonderful feeling you have when you walk into a properly managed stand; not once did I hear the comment "great job."

Proceedings of all the presentations from the meeting will be available as a USFS publication early in 2006.

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Ten years after a 16" diameter-limit harvest, height growth of black cherry yellow-poplar and red/black oak saplings is reduced by shading from residual stems. Height growth of red maple saplings was not affected. Photo by Mary Ann Fajvan

Coming Events

October

13 Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, "What's Buggin" Our Forest and What We Can Do About It," Dr. Don Eggen, Forest Health Mgr., DCNR BOF. Kane, PA Country Club. For reservations, call AHUG at 814-837-8550.

19-23 SAF National Convention, Fort Worth, TX

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November

2 Ibberson Forestry Forum, "What Landowners Should Know Before Selling Timber," State College, PA. Mike Powell 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu

4-5 MD Forests Assn. 2005 Annual (& Centennial) Meeting, "Celebrating Our Past - Creating Our Future," Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort Contact Karin Miller at 301-895-5369 or mdforests@hereintown.net

December

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the Winter 2005-06 issue of *The Allegheny News*

February 2006

15-17 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting at Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. Complete program and registration information will be printed in the Winter 2005-06 Allegheny News

March

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the Spring 2006 issue of *The Allegheny News*

October

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