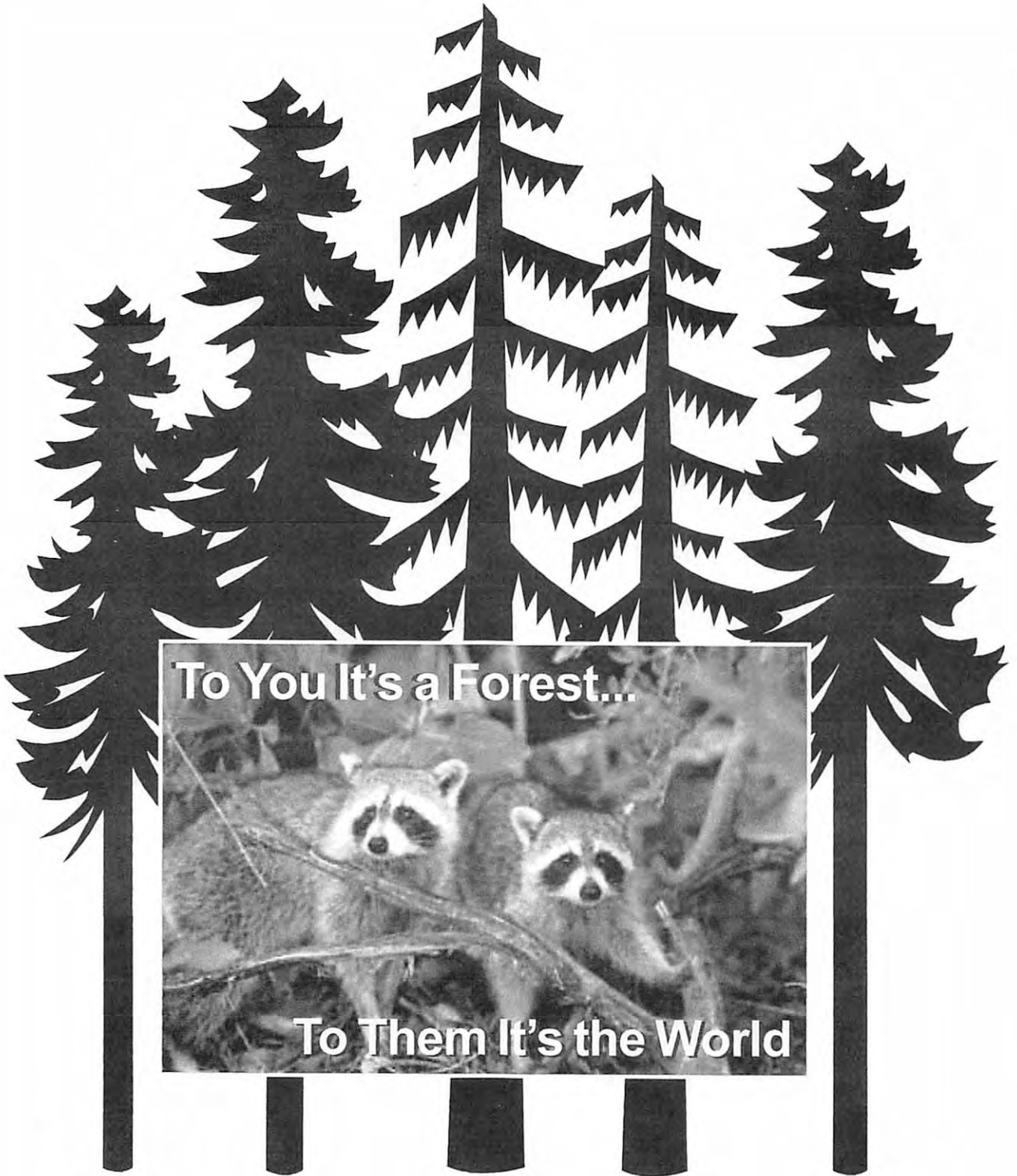


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At the dedication of the George H. Wirt Memorial Marker (l-r): State Representative Stephen Maitland, George H. Wirt III (grandson of George H. Wirt), Mary Wirt Elser (daughter of George H. Wirt), retired Chief Forest Fire Warden John Bitzer, and DCNR Nursery Operations Manager Alex Day



Chairman's Corner

By Kenneth W. Jolly
Allegheny SAF Chair

Wow! A lot has happened since my last column! The Allegheny "2006 Convention Advance Team" successfully staffed a booth at this year's Convention in Ft. Worth to promote our Section's hosting of the 2006 Convention in Pittsburgh. The "Advance Team" was quite enthusiastic, and easily conveyed that excitement to everyone who stopped by. Special thanks to everyone who participated, and especially to **Kurt Gottschalk** and **Rachel Billingham**, who were the leaders in setting up the booth and making up the staffing schedules.

The annual House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting was also conducted at the Ft. Worth Convention, and provided a number of resolutions for Council's action. One of the major agenda items covered was the Volunteer Organizational Structure (VOS) Task Force Report. HSD overwhelmingly recommended that the geographic structure be retained (as opposed to changing to a regional structure), that the annual National Convention be retained, and that the SAF's structure be reviewed to incorporate better student involvement. These HSD recommendations were all supported by Council at its December 2005 meeting.

Other HSD recommendations to Council included: that SAF adopt an even-flow grant distribution policy which provides for an annual minimum distribution of Foresters' Fund grants, that the limitation on Fellows be revised, and that the issues contained in the introductory sections of the VOS Report be given further consideration in the year (s) ahead. HSD also provided a "brain-storming" list of 50 suggestions to Council for consideration to assist Council and the SAF National Staff to better service the needs of local units of SAF. I encourage you to review Mike Lester's Council Report in this issue for further follow-up on these items.

Another important item that has occurred was our Allegheny Officer and Council Representative

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elections. Thanks go to all those who stepped forward to run for these leadership positions, and well as the membership who participated in casting their ballots. Congratulations to Kurt Gottschalk, who was elected to the office of Allegheny Chair-elect, and Mary Coulumbe, who was elected to be our Council Representative. We are certainly very fortunate to have such dedicated folks to serve in our leadership positions in the years ahead.

Thanks also go to Mark Buccowich and the entire Valley Forge Chapter for their outstanding efforts in putting together a very informative Agenda for our upcoming Winter Meeting in Lancaster, PA, February 15-17, 2006. Be sure to check out the Registration information contained in this issue. Please note that this will be our only Section meeting this year, as our Summer Meeting was cancelled so we could better focus our efforts on hosting the National Convention.

In closing, let me thank everyone in the Allegheny Section for giving me the opportunity to serve as Allegheny Chair for the past two years. It's been a tremendously rewarding experience. I also look forward to continuing to serve another two years as Past-Chair under the leadership of incoming Chair, Kim Steiner. Our Section will truly have many wonderful opportunities for professional development this year as we host the National Convention, and I encourage as many of you as possible to become involved as a Convention volunteer. You'll be glad you did! Have a great winter, and see you in Lancaster!



Allegheny Education Endowment Fund Reaches \$32,475

By Ron Sheay, Endowment Fund Coordinator

Since I last reported to you, we have received \$990 from seventeen new contributors bringing the grand total to \$32,475. We are still short of reaching our \$40,000 goal but we now have a substantial educational endowment fund. When you add the \$32,475 that was raised over the past two years to our original \$10,000 endowment fund, we now have a \$42,475 nest egg for educational endeavors. The Fund will always be open for contributions and memorials (Ron Sheay, 12 Glenwood Lane, Stockton, NJ 08559).

The Fund principal must remain intact, but the interest earned will be available for use.

At the 2005 Summer Meeting, the Executive Meeting passed a motion forming a committee to upgrade existing draft guidelines and priorities of the Education Committee Charter, and set up procedures for Fund requests. Members should feel free to request the available funds for any educational project benefiting our members, or in public outreach efforts.

We thank the following that have made a contribution since the spring issue of *The Allegheny News*:

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Shawn Burns	PA	Roach/Bauer Forum	PA
James Campbell	PA	Karen Sykes	WV
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Pinchot Chapter Dedicates Al Knox Memorial Tree

By Marian Keegan

At the gazebo in the old school yard on Catherine Street in Milford, PA, the SAF Pinchot Chapter gathered to dedicate a memorial to former Chapter member Al Knox. Al was an officer and active member of the Chapter for 37 years, serving on numerous planning committees associated with local, state and Allegheny Society workshops and meetings. Locally he served on the Milford Shade Tree Commission, Pike County Conservation District and was Gypsy Moth Coordinator for the County (see page 3 of the Fall 2005 *Allegheny News*).

Members of the Pinchot Chapter and friends gathered at the gazebo (see photo above). They witnessed the presentation of an additional donation for the



At the gazebo during the check presentation, left to right: Don Oaks, Marion Keegan, Dick Cary, Valerie Meyers, Nick Lylo, DeNise Cooke-Bauer, Brad Ellison and John Bitzer

memorial planting from DeNise Cooke-Bauer to Valerie Meyers, Chair of the Milford Shade Tree Commission. Other funds were allocated, by Chapter vote, from funds raised by hosting the Allegheny SAF Annual Winter

meeting at Mountain Laurel Resort in White Haven, PA. Vinnie Cotrone of Penn State Extension assisted in site selection for the spring planting of a honey locust tree to match the one planted in honor of Al's wife, Sheila. 🌲

New Jersey SAF and NJ Forestry Association at New Jersey League of Municipalities

By Ron Sheay

The New Jersey SAF Division (NJSAF) and the New Jersey Forestry Association (NJFA) shared a booth at the NJ League of Municipalities' 90th Annual Convention in Atlantic City in November.

The booth had representatives available to answer questions and disseminate forestry material during the three-day meeting. There were many inquiries about the NJFA, certified tree experts, forestry programs available to the public and schools, firewood available for

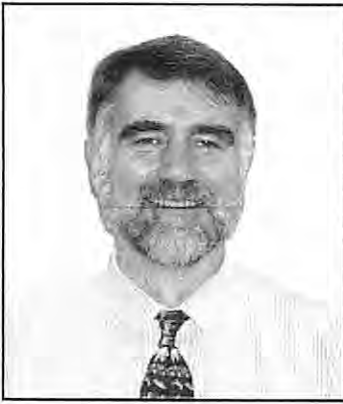
low-income families, cutting ordinances and other general forestry questions. Unfortunately, a record was not kept of the number of visits by attendees.

SAF foresters and NJFA members that participated in manning the booth were: Dave Finley, Elizabeth Faircloth, Bill Brash, Dennis Galway, John Benton, George Pierson, Ron Sheay, and Rick Conley. Everyone that participated in this project – this is our second

year – believes that the time and money spent is well worth the effort. Chairman Galway thanks all those who made the trip to Atlantic City and volunteered their time at the booth.

The NJ District Water Supply Commission also had a booth at the convention and SAF member Ron Farr developed a one and one-half minute video showing how well directed forest management activities protect water supply and quality.

An excellent presentation! 🌲



Councilman's Corner

By Mike Lester, SAF District VII Representative

It's hard to believe that I'm writing my last column as your Council Representative. The last three years have gone by very quickly, and these have been exciting and challenging times for the Society of American Foresters. Serving on Council has been one of the best professional experiences of my life, and I will truly miss it.

The good news for Council District VII is that you are in great hands with Mary Coulombe. The incoming Council Members were invited to the December Council meeting, and I got the chance to see Mary in action. She has a keen grasp of the issues, and clearly has your interests and the interests of SAF at the forefront. She will be a great addition to Council.

There are so many things I want to express in this last column, and no doubt the press of time will rob me of the ability to touch on all of them. In my estimation, the four most important events that occurred during my tenure in Council were the Volunteer Organizational Structure (VOS) Task Force report, the continuing decline in membership, the recognition of the importance of the Leadership Academy, and the hiring of the new Executive Vice-President and CEO, Michael Goergen.

Three of those events were very positive for SAF; however the decline of membership is an ongoing concern. I've written whole columns about three of those events (Leadership Academy, VOS Task Force, and membership), so there's no need to go into great depth on them, with the exception of the VOS Task Force Report. Council's action on the VOS Task Force report is included in a separate article.

I would like to talk about the hiring of Michael Goergen as EVP and CEO. As you all know, Michael succeeded Bill Banzhaf in that role. For many of us Bill had personified SAF, and it was hard to imagine someone else in that role. At the time, Michael was doing a phenomenal job as SAF's policy director. He clearly was blessed with organizational skills, but he was also fairly young and the EVP position is a big job.

I believe Michael has succeeded beyond anyone's expectations, and let me say that those expectations were already high. Michael's success was also a message that age can be greatly overrated as an indicator of success. It is clear from his intelligence, maturity, judgment, and sheer inability to be intimidated, that he is the right choice.

Moreover, Michael Goergen will be the first to tell how blessed we are with the National office staff. I made the mistake at the last Council meeting of trying to single out individual members of the staff, and inevitably left out folks that I wanted to thank. In order to avoid that mistake, I will simply say we are extremely fortunate to have a staff as talented and hard working as the national office staff. It is money extremely well spent.

The Council is an interesting entity that isn't well understood by a lot of SAF members. We represent 11 geographic regions, and we are currently set up to be roughly equal in number of members. This works out fairly well for our District, District VII, because we consist of only two State Societies, the Allegheny and National Capital. District II consists only of Oregon. District IV stretches from Canada to Mexico. So you can see that being a Council Representative is not the same for all of us.

Having said that, it is amazing how much work we get done on the 2-3 weekends per year we meet, as well as the abbreviated meeting at the National Convention. But the most important lesson from Council for me is the genuine civility that characterizes our meetings. Sure, someone gets their nose out of joint on occasion, but those situations stand out by their rarity. Many of the people I feel closest to on Council are those with whom I frequently disagree. Those disagreements are never personal, and we never (well, rarely) lose sight of the fact that we all have the success of SAF as our primary motivator. It would be a much better world if we could transfer the civility and mutual respect that characterizes our Council meetings to the rest of humanity (no, I'm not going to break out into a John Lennon song).

However, there are other issues on the horizon that we need to be aware of and some of them are going to be difficult to resolve, because they deal with well-intentioned disagreements about our future as a professional

society. Fundamentally, they involve asking the question of “who we are” as a professional society in a time of change.

We need to grapple with the issue of diversity. We need to understand why we have a smaller percentage of females as members than we have as a percentage of graduates of forestry schools. What is happening to make SAF less appealing to women as practitioners and scientists than it was when they were choosing majors and careers? We also need to understand why the profession of forestry has so little appeal to people of color when they are choosing majors and careers.

Another issue revolves around the question of how inclusive SAF should be. This debate has been around for awhile. The earlier controversy was whether SAF membership should be limited to folks with four year and graduate forestry degrees. Over the years, the movement has been to be more inclusive, with Technician, Conditional Professional (degree within broad field of forestry, but non- SAF accredited) and Associate (degree not within the broad field of forestry) members able to vote and hold all offices except Council and President.

However, I believe that we need to open full membership to any discipline that is critical to managing our forest ecosystems. Most of these folks have their own professional societies (wildlife, fisheries, soils, etc.), and we are not likely to ignite a mass exodus in our direction. However, I contend that these professionals are critical to management of forests, given the services that society demands from our forest resources, those that would like to join us should be fully welcome. I should point out that most of those folks can currently become professional SAF members through the route of Conditional Professional membership, but I think we will have missed our primary window to attract them by then. And perhaps more importantly, Technician members, who are already of significant importance at every level of SAF, should be allowed to hold all offices.

In addition, it is time to open a dialogue about our name. I am fiercely proud to be a member of the Society of American Foresters, and have an embarrassing number of garments with SAF embroidered on them (as well as having pretty well outfitted my three daughters in them). But does our name reflect who we are in 2005 as well as it did in 1900? Does it mean the same thing to people just entering the profession that it does to people who have a few years under their belts? I'm not sure what the answer is, but I think it is time to at least ask the question.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support of SAF and for allowing me to serve you and the Society of American Foresters as your Council Representative for the last three years. I also want to thank Nancy McKinley, my wife, and my daughters Darcy, Kelsi, and Hali, for their support and understanding while I disappeared from family events and obligations. I sincerely believe that SAF is a great organization and can be even greater with all of our support. See you in Pittsburgh for the National Convention October 25-29.

Carpe Diem. 🌲

MFA Presents \$1,600 to ACM Woodsmen's Team

By Karin Miller, Exec. Director, MD Forests Association, Inc.

At their recent Annual Meeting, the Maryland Forests Association presented the Allegany College of Maryland's Student Woodsmen's Team with a check for \$1,600 to purchase a competition grade crosscut saw.

The presentation was made in recognition of the students' on-going assistance with MFA's Western MD Loggers/Forestry Field Days and Equipment Show – a biennial event held in June. The award also recognized the student's role as team leaders and camp councilors at this year's Natural Resources Career Week at Camp Hickory in Garret County. In the photo at right, MFA President Chris Holmes presents the check to Woodsmen Team Captain Eric Miller, as team members Mike Miller and Steve Lowe look on. 🌲



Penn State Forestry Student Learns About Logs

By Brent Harding, Forester, PSU Forestland Management Office

In the 2004 Fall issue of *The Allegheny News* I described the summer of '04 as "wet and buggy," while in contrast, the summer of '05 was hot and very dry. Regardless, once again our Penn State Forestland Management Office (FMO) student forester intern persevered and had an educational and productive summer.

Undergraduate student forester intern **Damian Houseknecht** assisted our office with chemical control of invasive species, daily timber sale inspections, monitoring exotic insect populations, deer exclusion fence maintenance and general forestland upkeep. Damian's primary responsibility was to gain experience pertaining to hardwood log scaling, grading, sorting and marketing.


Tropical Storm Ivan (September 2004) leveled 2.2 acres of very mature timber in the Shaver Creek Drainage of the Penn State Stone Valley Forest. Wet soils and severe slopes prohibited the salvaging of the site until Spring 2005. Penn State FMO contracted an independent logger to salvage, skid, buck and assist in grading the wind-thrown timber. Once the logs were at the landing Damian scaled and sorted



the logs by quality, from pallet lumber to veneer. As loads were compiled log buyers and mills were notified and the loads were sold. During the summer Damian scaled and sorted 604 ties to veneer quality logs totaling 56,222 board feet (Gross International 1/4") and 4 loads of pallet logs. The project was an excellent hands-on educational opportunity for a forestry student on both domestic and foreign log markets, while exposing him to the requirements necessary to manage a yard full of summer cut red oak during a period of low market value.

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AN SAF Forester Manages Myers Trust Woodlands

Boyd's Mills, PA – October 21, 2005. For many years, visitors from the NE Pennsylvania area and around the world have been treated to nature walks on the picturesque property of the Founders of *Highlights for Children* magazine. As they walk, they have the opportunity to learn about the beautiful property and its abundant wildlife from **Paul N. Kowalczyk**, consulting forester of Pocono Forest and Wildlife Service.

The 1,300-acre wooded property is unique in that it has been in active forest management for nearly a half century. The ongoing implementation of a thoughtful plan to manage the land continues to be a priority for the Myers Trust, which owns the property, located in Berlin and Damascus townships in Wayne County.

"*Highlights*" founders Garry Cleveland Myers, PhD, and his wife, Caroline Clark Myers, had the first forest-management plan for the property developed in 1959. Working with Paul for the past 25 years, the Myers Trust, comprised of the descendants of Dr. and Mrs.

Myers, continues the long-term stewardship of the land today as the focal point of the Myers family experience.

"My grandparents' home and property are an integral part of the glue that holds our family together," says Kent L. Brown Jr., one of the 13 grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. Myers. "Our heritage, our relationship to our family enterprise, *Highlights for Children*, Inc., and the Boyd's Mills property are all intertwined. Known for even more than its beauty, the Boyd's Mills property is a landmark of children's literature." In 1946, Dr. and Mrs. Myers assembled the first issue of *Highlights for Children* magazine in the living room of the traditional country home.

In addition to managing the woodlands, Kowalczyk has led informative tours and nature walks on the property for a variety of visitors, including now, a fifth generation of descendants of Dr. and Mrs. Myers, as well as editors, authors, illustrators, and visitors from around the world, including Soviet cosmonauts.



Paul N. Kowalczyk

In the past quarter century there have been 20 supervised commercial timber harvests, using 13 different timber harvesters on the property; numerous "Forestry Field Days" in conjunction with the Wayne County Conservation District, and erosion and sedimentation control training workshops for forest industry. The forest management plan includes annual noncommercial projects, such as boundary-line maintenance, timber-stand improvement, grapevine control, and access-road construction. "Benefits," Kowalczyk explains, "include continual improvements in timber quality and volume, and development and maintenance of access for recreation, forest protection, timber removal, water-quality and wildlife-habitat improvements."

"As a forester, it's a joy to work with clients such as the Myers Trust, who share with me, the vision and optimism, and have the patience that is required for the long-term management of a natural resource like our forests," Kowalczyk says. Quoting Aldo Leopold (1887-1948), renowned as the father of wildlife ecology, he says: "Your woodlot is, in fact, an historical document which faithfully records your personal philosophy."

For more information, contact Paul Kowalczyk at 570-226-9488 or Kent Brown at 570-253-1080. 🌲



Consulting Forester Paul N. Kowalczyk leads a nature walk on the Myers Trust property

Allegheny SAF Election Results

There were 75 ballots cast in the September 2005 election of officers for the Allegheny Society of American Foresters. One ballot was completely blank. All counting was done at least twice, first by me and then independently by Corrine Weldon, of our office. The results follow.

Chair-Elect:

Kurt W. Gottschalk, CF 48
Dennis M. Galway, CF 26

Secretary/Treasurer:

Rachel R. Billingham 69

Executive Committee: (vote four)

Mary Ann Fajvan 59
Ned R. Karger, CF 57
Mark Vodak 51
Roy A. Siefert, CF 46
Jack L. Perdue 43
Craig W. Ostheim 33

Sincerely,

Susan L. Stout, Tellers Committee Chair

The Allegheny SAF By-Laws state that: those candidates for Executive Committee who individually receive the most votes will be considered to be elected; the seated Chair-Elect (Kim C. Steiner, CF), automatically assumes the position of Chair; all officers will serve two years (2006-07). 🌲

PASAF Elects Officers for 2006-07

By Doug D'Amore, PA SAF Secretary/Treasurer

Below are the elected officers for the Pennsylvania Division for 2006 and 2007. We thank **Dave Miller** for his four years of service to the Division as Chair and Chair-Elect. **Howard Wurzbacher** was selected Chair-Elect with 81 votes cast and **Doug D'Amore** was selected Secretary/Treasurer with 80 votes cast. There were no write in candidates for either position. The seated Chair-Elect automatically becomes Chair for the next two years.

Chair: Bradley W. Elison — Graduated from West Virginia University in 1975 with a B.S. in Forest Resource Management, 1978-1980 Forest Foreman with PA Bureau of Forestry (BOF) in Susquehanna Forest District. Supervised a crew of Young Adult Conservation Corps members, 1980-1986 Forester with PA Bureau of Mining and Reclamation (BMR) for Eastern Pennsylvania, 1986-1989, Compliance Specialist for PA BMR in the Pottsville Dist. Office, 1989-1993, Mine Conservation Inspector for BMR in the Pottsville Dist, 1993-1999, Service Forester with PA BOF in Weiser Forest District, 1999-2002 Assistant District Forester for Resource Management with PA BOF in the Rothrock Forest District, 2002-Present; District Forester with PA BOF for the Lackawanna Forest District, Member of SAF since 1974, Treasurer for the Rothrock SAF Chapter in 2002. He has been Chair-Elect of the PA SAF Division since 2004.

Chair-Elect: Howard Wurzbacher — Howard attended the Pennsylvania State University and graduated in 1979 with a BS in Forest Science. While at Penn State, he was a member of Tau Phi Delta Fraternity. Since May of 2003, he has been employed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) as the Regional Forester in the PGC's Northwest Region. Previously, he worked within the PGC's Northwest Region as a Forest Technician, Field Forester, and Assistant Regional Forester since 1987. He also has worked for Fisher and Young and Endeavor Lumber Companies in Northwestern Pennsylvania and had seasonal experience with the Forest Service and International Paper Company. Howard has served SAF on a variety of committees and positions at the chapter level, and is presently Awards Chair of the Allegheny SAF. He is a Certified Forester. He lives in Titusville, Pennsylvania, with his wife and two daughters.

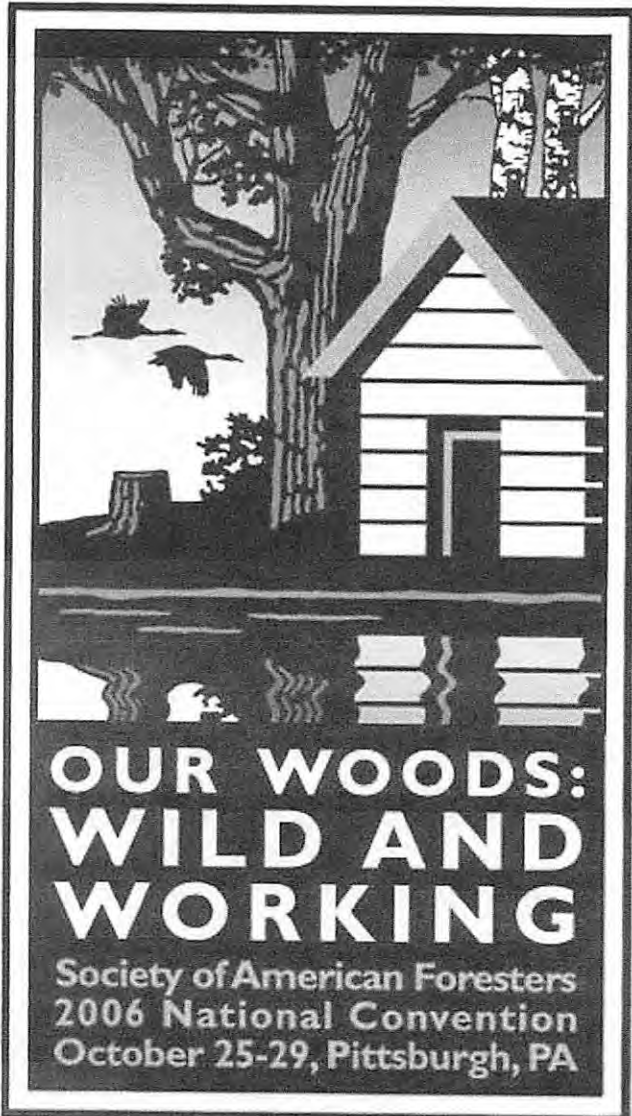
Secretary/Treasurer: Doug D'Amore — Doug has been a member of SAF since 1984. He has an Associates Degree in Forest Technology from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, (New York State Ranger School) and a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from the University of Michigan. He has been employed by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry for the last seventeen years, and has been Secretary/Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Division since 1994. 🌲

Coulombe Elected District VII SAF Council Representative

"I thank the members of the Allegheny and National Capital Societies for support in electing me as your District VII Representative to the National Council of the Society of American Foresters. One of my key concerns as a candidate was keeping our membership informed of national issues and the work of the SAF Council, and I will strive to do that throughout my term of office.

"I'm also very anxious to hear from members about SAF issues to assist me in Council deliberations. My email is mary_coulombe@afandpa.org and my phone number is 202-463-2752. I hope to meet many of you personally at the Allegheny SAF Winter meeting in Lancaster, PA." 🌲

- Mary J. Coulombe, CF



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Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum Examines Current PA Forest Pest Threats

By Kelly Johnson, Reporter, Kane Republic

At the bi-annual gathering of the NW Pennsylvania and SW New York Forestry community October 13, 2005, Dr. Donald Eggen, Forest Health Manager of the DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Forest Pest Management Division, reviewed the current status of invasive forest pests in the region. Dr. Eggen and staff from around the state, in conjunction with cooperators, closely monitor damage and spread of native and non-native invasive insect and disease species threatening forest and urban trees.

On top of the list of threatening insects is the **Hemlock Woolly Adelgid**, a serious pest of eastern and Carolina hemlocks. Believed to be imported into the US in 1924, it sucks sap from the twigs, retarding tree growth, causing premature needle drop and branch death which can lead to tree death in several years. This insect is attacking Pennsylvania's State Tree in every county but one in Eastern PA and is as close as eastern Elk and Tioga counties. A light, white cottony covering the insect aids in population spread via climatic events and perhaps bird migration. DCNR has released over 238,000 parasitic beetles in an attempt to dampen the spread of the adelgid population. A second larger, more stationary beetle, which thrives in cooler climates, has been released in areas of new hemlock growth as a second control effort. A third option used to control valuable individual trees is the chemical *Imidacloprid* used as a foliage or trunk spray, a soil drench, or direct injection.

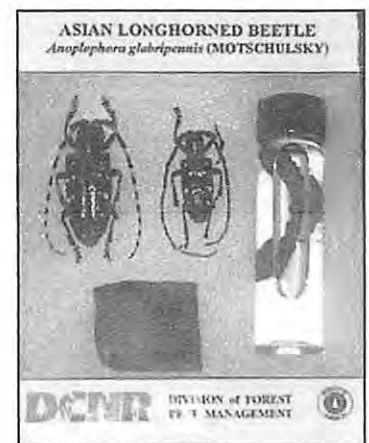


Ned Karger (left) presents Dr. Donald Eggen with the coveted black cherry Biltmore Stick at the Roach/Bauer Forum

The second invasive insect pest threatening is the **Emerald Ash Borer**. Native to Asia, it was first detected in Michigan in 2002 and has since been detected in Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, and Ontario, Canada. All ash species are susceptible to this borer. Eggs laid in between bark layers hatch larvae, which feed on the inner bark, creating "S-shaped" galleries creating a girdling affect before emerging from pupae, to adult, through a "D-shaped" hole. Damage in the form of branch die-back, trunk sprouts and woodpecker activity are signs of infestations, which may take two to three years to kill the tree. Infested firewood with the bark on, transported out of infested areas is a prime mode of borer spread. It is definitely coming to Pennsylvania and a task force is currently working on a management plan for ash species that should be finished in December.

The **Asian Longhorned Beetle** was found in street and park maple trees in Brooklyn, NY in 1996. It probably arrived in the inside of solid wood packing material from China, having been detected at ports and warehouses throughout the US. Repeated tunneling by this beetle's larvae girdles tree stems and branches, leading to dieback and eventually death of the tree. In the US, it prefers maple species and other hosts include black locust, elms, birches, willows, poplars, and green ash. The only effective control is to remove infested trees and destroy them by chipping or burning. Early detection, rapid treatment and quarantines to prevent the transport of infested trees from an area are crucial to successful eradication.

Dr. Eggen also touched on the **Sudden Oak Death** fungus and the ***Sirex* woodwasp** before entertaining questions from the forest family community in attendance. After closing, Forum Chair Ned Karger presented him with the cherished Biltmore stick, symbolic of the Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum. This forestry-measuring tool was hand crafted from black cherry wood originating from the FSC certified Collins Pine Company, Kane Hardwoods woodlands in NW Pennsylvania. 🌲



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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 - ??? 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, US Dept of Agriculture, Mark Rey (confirmed).
- 9:45 am - 10:15 am Break and visit with Exhibitors
- 10:15 am - 12:00 pm Session 1: Global/International Issues and the Local Connection (Richard Widmann)
 - Al Goelzel, Seneca Creek: **Changes & Challenges in the Forest Products Sector**
 - Mary Coulombe, AF&PA: **Does international forest policy affect state and local levels?**
 - Galen Weaber, Weaber Lumber: **Challenges of Operating in Global Markets**
- 12:00 pm - 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)
 - Lynn Wright, Former Dep. Dir. Oak Ridge Natl. Lab: **National Demand for Bio Energy**
 - Larry Abrahamson, Prof, Syracuse School of Env Science and Forestry, SUNY: **Potential for Out-planting Short Rotation Energy Crops in the Mid Atlantic**
 - Kevin Davis, Maine Technology Institute (invited): **Bio-refinery Development**
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Student Quiz Bowl
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Reception and Cash Bar
- 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Banquet & Awards (to include Reginald Forbes Art Show awards): Kim Steiner, Chair

Friday, February 17

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Chair's Inspirational Breakfast
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am PA Division Meeting, Brad Elison, Chair
- 8:45 am - 9:30 am Allegheny Section Meeting Silent Auction, Foresters Fund Raffle
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am Break and view with Exhibitors
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Session 3: Legal/Political Emerging Issues (Lloyd Casey)
 - Michael Jacobson, Penn State University, Coop Extension: **Taxes and Private Forestry: Are we Providing the Right Incentives?**
 - Thom McEvoy, Univ. Vermont Coop Extension: **Property Rights and Private Forestland Management: How Sovereign is Private Property?**
 - John Greene, USDA Forest Services: **Estate Planning and Private Forestland Management**
- 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Concluding Remarks and Wrap up

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Cider Sales Add to Bauer Scholarship Fund

At the October 13, 2005 meeting of the Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum at the Kane Country Club, sales of fresh-pressed apple cider added \$250 to the Bob Bauer Forestry Scholarship Fund at Penn State University. This was the third year of this – what has fondly become – tradition being well received by the forestry community in attendance.

Fifty gallons of the local product were quickly (within 10 minutes) sold with the help of Chair Ned Karger's live commercial downing a drink followed by a very perceptible, satisfying "Ahhh," and helpers working the tables for the five dollar bill commitment.

Lou Auchmoody donated the cider from apples harvested by him

and Jack Winieski in Lou's orchard in Warren, PA and squeezed at a cider

mill operated by forester Bob Schultz in Busti, NY. The cider is unique in the sense that Jack has grafted several varieties of apples in the orchard over the years and the cider is a combination of pressings from Pippins, Smokehouse, Red and Yellow Delicious, Macintosh, Cortland, Jonathan, and a few nameless "finds" which Lou and Jack have picked up in their travels. The Spring Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum has been a ideal time for Lou and Jack to get together and prune the orchard; the Fall Forum coincides with the harvest – leading to "scholarship cider!" 🌲



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Richard F. West Receives Outstanding Service Award

The New Jersey Forestry Association announced that the 2005 recipient for the Sal Vuocolo Award, presented for Outstanding Contribution to Forestry in New Jersey, was awarded to Richard F. West at the Association's Annual Meeting in March.

Professor West completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University and earned a Masters in Forestry from Yale University. He was a professor at Louisiana State University before returning to Rutgers where he directed the forestry program and caused its expansion.

West has been widely recognized in the field of forestry. He was chair of the New Jersey Division of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) in 1974, presented with the Outstanding Service to Forestry Award by the Allegheny SAF in 1984, and was elected a Fellow to the National SAF in 1986.

West was a driving force in the organization and development of the New Jersey Forestry Association. He served for many years on the Board and was president from 1986-1993. He is a contributing writer to the *New Jersey Woodlands*. 🌲

SAF Honors District VII Field Forester



Blaine Puller (left) and District VII Council Rep. Mike Lester

Blaine A. Puller, CF, was recognized as **Presidential Field Forester of the Year** for District VII of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). The award was presented at the 2005 SAF National Convention October 19-23, 2005 in Fort Worth, Texas. The District VII voting area includes the Allegheny and National Capital Societies.

Puller began his forestry career in 1975 when he joined the Kane Hardwood Division of Collins Pine Company as a forester. Over the years he advanced through the positions of district forester and eastern forest manager to that of lands manager, a position in which he was given the task of guiding the Collins Pine Company through the process of certification. Since the first certification, he now guides the company through its annual audits and the recertification process, and his expertise in the subject resulted in his becoming a spokesperson for certification throughout the Eastern United States.

In 2002 he was promoted to Forest Manager at Kane Hardwood, a position in which he is responsible for all activities on the 125,000-acre Collins Pennsylvania Forest, as well as managing the inventory of the mill yard.

Because of his expertise, Puller is invited by the Pennsylvania Game Commission on a yearly basis to comment on hunting regulations and to address new classes of game protectors about forest landowner concerns. He has been a member of SAF since 1973. 🌲

2005 Allegheny SAF Elected Fellows

Congratulations to Terrance W. Clark, CF and Michelle Mauthe Harvey, CF, elected fellows by their Allegheny SAF peers (their career accomplishments and contributions to SAF will be published in the spring issue of *The Allegheny News*). 🌲

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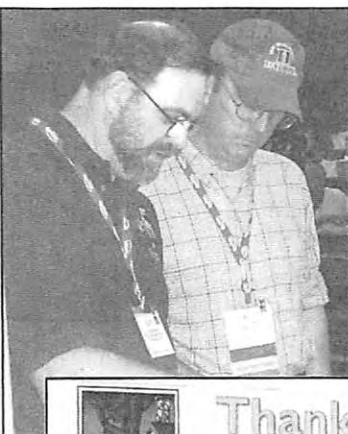
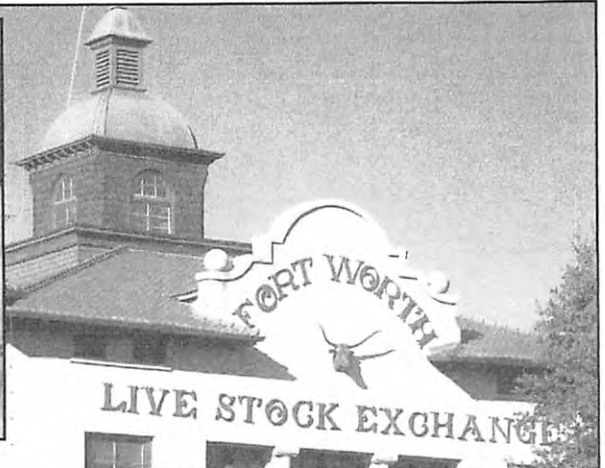
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Penn State Forestry Students Win 2005 SAF National Student Quiz Bowl

By Mike Powell, Penn State University Park/Beth Brantley, Penn State Mont Alto

The 2005 Society of American Forester's national convention was recently held in Fort Worth, Texas from October 19-22. As part of the activities, the Annual National Student Quiz Bowl is open to any institution wishing to compete. Each school is allowed one team. A team can consist of a maximum of 4 students, but only one of these can be a graduate student.

Host school this year was the Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas. A total of 30 schools participated in this event, with The Pennsylvania State University, University Park campus winning the bracket tournament over Virginia Tech.

The PSU team was: **Jamie Murphy** (Grad student, team captain), **Kim Linette**, **Charles (Chuck) Coup** and **Chad Atwood**. **Jonathan Mcgrath** and **Layne Miller** were alternates, with the following assisting in preparation: **Chris Dahl**, **Aaron Cook**, **Justin Bogert**, **Scott Lyon**, and **Ben Gamble**. Advisors for this team are **Harry V. Wiant** and **Mike Powell**. This is the first National competition win for Penn State, which represented the Allegheny SAF as winners of the Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl 2005 competition.

Penn State was also represented by the 2-year forest technology program at Mont Alto. Mont Alto made it to the second round defeating the University of Idaho



before losing to the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Penn State Mont Alto was the only 2-year school team competing in this national quiz bowl and included **Richard Hartlieb** (team captain), **John Wakefield**, **Derrick Etter** and **Cristie Shull**. **Chris McGarvey** was the alternate.

The Penn State Student Chapter also tied with the State University of NY, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, for second place in the website competition at the Ft. Worth Convention. 🌲

MFA 2005 Annual Meeting Awards

By Karin Miller, Executive Director, MFA

The "Celebrating our Past - Creating our Future" theme of the Maryland Forests Association's annual meeting in November, provided a unique opportunity to recognize a monumental achievement at the Awards Banquet. The **Outstanding Legacy Award** was presented for the first time to the heirs of Fred W. Besley, Maryland's first State Forester. The meeting also served as the kick-off event for the 2006 Maryland Forestry and Parks Centennial Celebration (see Steve Koehn's article on pages 20-21 in this issue).



Four generations of Besley heirs were part of the record-breaking crowd at the MFA meeting, and are pictured above receiving the award. From 98-year old Helen Besley Overington (at center receiving plaque from Chris Holmes) to 5-year old Bret Rodgers, great-great grandson of Fred W. Besley (in his dad's arms at far left of photo), the four generations were represented.

Also honored during the banquet as **2005 MFA Logger of the Year** was **Cessna Brothers Logging of Clearfield, PA**. The family business was nominated for their outstanding work done on the Green Ridge Forest by Mark Beals, assistant forester for Green Ridge. The Cessna family was instrumental in the forest management program at Green Ridge State Forest, and completed some of the first Silvicultural treatments ever done there.

The family was on the forest when harvesting was done with horse skidding, ax face cuts, and crosscut back cuts;

with 50-pound Titan 4-stroke chainsaws, and today, continue with two modernized woods crews and a sawmill located in Beans Cove, PA. They supply their various mill products to three railroad tie mills, five pallet mills, five grade mills, and two pulp mills, as well as feeding their own mill, making them an important contributor to the local natural resource based economy.

The brothers were presented with a laser engraved oak plaque and a Pro Chain Saw, donated by J.P. Fuller, Inc. of Glen Burnie, MD. MFA President Chris Holmes and MD/DE Master Logger Program Coordinator James Remuzzi made the presentation. 🌲

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First PA Professional Forester Recognized with Historical Marker Dedication at Penn State Mont Alto

By Michael J. Powell, Penn State University Park, Beth Brantley, Penn State Mont Alto

Mr. George Wirt, first professional forester in Pennsylvania, and the first director of the Mont Alto Forest Academy, was honored with the unveiling of a State Historical Marker on the Penn State Mont Alto nursery property adjacent to the entrance to the campus on Friday, October 28, 2005. Participating in the dedication ceremony were the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Penn State Mont Alto, the PA Historical & Museum Commission and the PA Forest Fire Museum Association.

Honored guests included representatives of the above sponsors, descendants of Mr. Wirt, and living PA State Forest Fire Wardens (John Bitzer, John Berst, and John Miller). A light buffet followed, providing the attending crowd with opportunity to visit with Mr. Wirt's descendants, and to examine a display of artifacts and historical documents associated with Wirt's career and contributions to early professional forester training – and their subsequent development of the State Forest and Parks systems.

George Wirt was appointed director of the Mont Alto Forest Academy in 1903, the founding year of the Academy. Born in 1880 in McVeytown, PA, Wirt was the state's first technically trained forester. He attended Biltmore Forest School in North Carolina and became Pennsylvania's first state forester in 1901. Wirt served as director of the Academy until 1910.

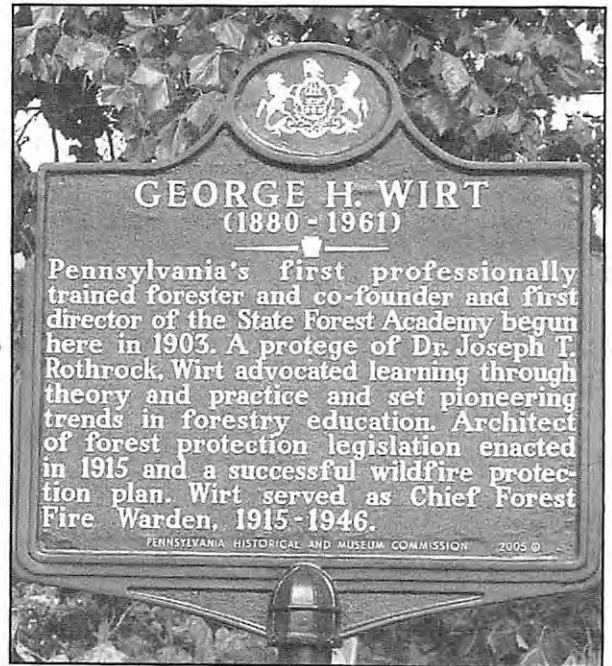


Photo courtesy of Holly Cieri, Penn State Mont Alto

This is the fourth marker near the Penn State Mont Alto campus. The first commemorates John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, Virginia; the second honors the founding of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy in 1903; and the third honors Mont Alto Academy's Ralph Brock, the first African American Forester in the nation.

For more information on the historical marker program, call 717-787-8823 or 717-214-9511, or visit www.phmc.state.pa.us; for Mont Alto markers, contact: Holly Cieri, 717-749-6112 or hry102@psu.edu 🌲



Members of the George H. Wirt family



An Appreciation of George H. Wirt

By Peter Linehan, Penn State Mont Alto

The story of George Wirt and forestry begins with Dr. Joseph Rothrock, the father of forestry in Pennsylvania and a savvy politician who convinced the Pennsylvania Legislature that they had to act decisively to conserve the state's forests. Rothrock was also a fantastic judge of character. He could find just the right person for the job. His wisest choice of all was young George Wirt. He didn't have to go far to find Wirt. George was the son of Rothrock's best friend in his home town of McVeytown (Pennsylvania), Jacob Wirt. He had watched George grow up and he must have sensed there was something special about this precocious boy, the youngest of six children.

So in 1900 when Rothrock and George's father approached him about going into this new field of forestry, George didn't hesitate. He borrowed the tuition money and went to the mountains of North Carolina to study with Karl Schenck at the Biltmore School, which was then the only active field-oriented forestry school in the United States.

The course at Biltmore lasted for a year, including a three month study tour of German forests and forestry practices. Years later George told how Schenck could be hot tempered and hard to get along with. Yet all the students respected him and his ideas. Schenck made a great impression on George and they corresponded a great deal after George came to Mont Alto. At this point no one really knew quite what an American forester was supposed to do or how he would do it.

In 1901, George returned home and became Pennsylvania's first professional forester. At that time the forestry department consisted of Dr. Rothrock, the commissioner, and Robert Conklin, his then clerk. George started work by surveying land for the state forests around the state. He investigated timber trespass on state lands. He wrote a guide on tree planting. He wrote articles for *Forest Leaves*. He gave many speeches on forestry around the state.

Then in 1902 he was sent to the site of the abandoned Mont Alto Iron Works to manage a new 22,000-acre state forest, start a seedling nursery, and begin training new foresters that the state so desperately needed.

George moved into Weistling Hall. He invited his widowed sister to help keep house. That summer three apprentices came to help with the work. A year later Mont Alto was named as the new forestry academy and the first class of 13 students arrived in the fall of '03.

At this point George was all of 22! From the pictures



Peter Linehan at the George Wirt Memorial dedication

we have around campus it's hard to see him as the stern leader his students later described. The pictures show a very handsome young man, hardly distinguishable from his students. In the portrait displayed on campus he seems almost too pretty, not what you would expect a forester to be at all. He was no Paul Bunyan!

Yet in scenes of the faculty and of students at graduations taken just a few years later, George is definitely the authority figure in the center of the picture. He has a moustache now. He is the Chief Justice, deferred to by his peers.

There are several fundamental reasons why George succeeded so well, both at Mont Alto and in the many years he served as the State's Chief Fire Warden. These are Hard Work, Character, Passion and Commitment, Scholarship, and Courage. Here are a few examples.

Hard Work: The students at Mont Alto received free tuition room and board. But they were considered to be state employees. They worked at least half their time here in the nursery, fighting fires, building roads, and bridges; anything that needed to be done. And George Wirt was right with them, leading by example. He wrote that:

"The students have understood from the beginning that their object in being here, and the State's purpose in having them here, is work. They are subject to be called to do anything that comes up in the management of a Reservation, and at any time of the day or night."

"A shiftless young man has no business in the forestry service."

He juggled many tasks in those first few years. He wrote to parents, fixed the furnace in Weistling, bought hay for the horses, arranged for songbooks for the students, bought scientific instruments, designed the curriculum, taught the courses, and ran the nursery.

Scholarship: Wirt dedicated himself to the study of forest science. At one point he translated German forest economics texts into English. His notes are still usable today. He felt that students had to have a good background in math and science and did his best to raise the level of instruction. Also, over the years he wrote numerous articles on all aspects of forestry for *Forest Leaves* and other journals.

Passion and Commitment George gave 46 years service full time commitment to the work and the cause. Here's what he had to say about the profession of forestry:

"There are hardships to be endured at times which are far from being pleasant. On the other hand, from many standpoints it is the most pleasant and most healthful work that could be imagined."

Character: His notes for a speech to the first class of students sound like the Boy Scout oath, law, and motto all rolled into one. Yet Robert Baden-Powell didn't conduct the first experimental scout camp until 1907 and Scouting didn't come to the US until 1910. But George had it all figured out at Mont Alto in 1903.

He expected students to behave with character. Here is a quote from Forrest Dutlinger on being punished by Wirt with six months confinement to campus (campusing) for swearing at a state employee at Caledonia Park:

"I was called in, I confessed to having carelessly made the statement. No, I didn't even know the man. But I was given a six-month's campus. I wasn't allowed to leave the school grounds for six months. Yes, he was real straight-laced and drinking and swearing were just two things he wouldn't tolerate."

Dutlinger didn't resent the punishment and seemed to accept its justice sixty years later.

Courage: George faced the challenges of his career with a great deal of courage. Describing how he faced the task of starting a new school from scratch he said:

"That program, when it was formulated, was the result of a lot of praying. ...[His worry was..] whether I'd measure up to their (students') requirements and what they'd need, and at the same time please the doctor and everybody else

that was concerned on the outside. You had no example or precedent to follow. I got my books and ponied up to the mountain."

In a 1941 article in the *Journal of Forestry*, Wirt, even though he was still a state employee, took the opportunity to criticize political favoritism and interference in the running of the forestry department.

"Then there came into power 'those who knew not Joseph,' and politics just about wrecked the whole organization and program."

George knew how to motivate people. When he started his career forest fires were common everywhere. The laws just weren't being enforced. Most courts wouldn't convict an arsonist. Yet over time George organized one of the most superb volunteer fire fighting organizations in the country. He made it everyone's civic duty to prevent and fight forest fires.

Here's what he had to say about choosing and motivating fire fighters:

"In the first place, they had to be able-bodied; in the second place, they had to be good citizens in the neighborhood, anybody that anybody could recommend. Sometimes we got some whoppers but, frankly, I think we made more men good citizens than we ever made fire fighters. ... As I say, I don't know how they did it or why they did it, but I can say definitely, without boasting, that I think most of my success in organizing the wardens and their crews was pure and simple flattery perhaps, appealing to their better side and the fact that they weren't fighting fire for the protection of the forests from fire, but they were fighting fire for the protection of the community. And everybody in the community lost if fires occurred."



George H. Wirt
(photographer and
date unknown)

If George Wirt could somehow come back here today, it wouldn't take him long to fit back in. He would quickly grasp the use of computers to analyze forest data and communicate the forestry message. He would appreciate GPS and digital maps to improve forest management. But he would ask all of us hard questions about our enthusiasm, commitment, and work ethic.

Note: Sources for the quotes are available from the author. The full text is available at:

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Celebrating the Centennial of Forestry & Parks In Maryland 1906–2006

Maryland was a leader among the states in establishing a program of forest conservation, and out of that forest conservation initiative, Maryland's system of state parks emerged almost immediately.

In 1906, philanthropist brothers John and Robert Garrett challenged the state to establish a forestry program by donating nearly 2000 tree-stripped acres of land in Garrett County to the state on the condition that the state establish the governmental machinery to promote wise use of forest resources. At that time, Maryland's tree cover had been reduced from nearly 90 percent of its land surface when the first colonists arrived to a paltry 35 percent. Maryland was running out of wood, losing wildlife habitat, suffering the ravages of erosion and stream siltation, and being scourged by unchecked forest fires.

The state legislature, spurred by Senators William McCulloh Brown and Joseph B. Seth, with the aid of State Geologist W. Bullock Clark, responded with Maryland's first forestry law, which Governor Edwin Warfield signed into law on April 5, 1906. Maryland was thus the third state in the union, preceded by Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, to establish a statewide forestry program.

The law established a Board of Forestry, made up of influential Marylanders, to oversee the management of the Garrett bequest, to institute a statewide program of forest conservation, to accept additional land donations, and to hire a state forester. Acting upon the board's recommendation, Governor Warfield appointed an able young forester working for the U.S. Forest Service, Fred W. Besley,

who would serve as Maryland's first State Forester from 1906 until 1942. A Yale School of Forestry trained protégé of Gifford Pinchot, first U.S. Forester, Besley proved to be an able and energetic choice.

Besley realized almost immediately that one good way to promote the forestry agenda was to encourage the public to use forest reserves for recreational purposes. When in 1907, John Glenn, a resident of Catonsville, donated the beginnings of another forest reserve along the Patapsco River near Baltimore, Besley saw the opportunity to entice Baltimore area residents to come recreate in the great out-of-doors, and by 1910 was informally calling the Patapsco Forest Reserve "Patapsco Park." By 1912, Besley had developed a small recreation area along the river, and by the middle of the decade, people were flocking out of Baltimore to picnic, swim and camp at the "park." Now a 14,000 acre, 32 mile long stretch of public land, Patapsco Valley State Park hosts over a half million visitors a year.

Besides establishing additional forest reserves and parks, Fred W. Besley taught forestry practices at the University of Maryland and established the first state tree nursery there. He also traveled, in his words, "every cow path in Maryland" producing a comprehensive inventory of all tree stands in the state that exceeded five acres. He gave illustrated talks to farmers, lumbermen, public service groups, and to anyone who would listen, on the benefits of wise forest management. He and his small staff provided advice to wood lot owners on how best to manage their forest resources, and created a roadside



Fred W. Besley

tree program to beautify Maryland's growing network of public highways. Most significantly, Besley created a staff of over 300 volunteer forest wardens, along with a network of more than 40 fire towers, across the state to reduce the incidence of forest fires, an effort at which the wardens succeeded splendidly. After the legislature started providing money for forest reserve acquisition, Besley purchased historic Fort Frederick, a relic of the French and Indian War (1756-1763), which, like Patapsco, was informally known as a park. He thus earned the gratitude of people who wanted the ruined fort preserved in the public interest.

With the acquisition of state-owned forestlands came the necessity of paid employees to watch over it. By 1916, Besley had two salaried "resident forest wardens" on duty, Edmund G. Prince of the Patapsco Reserve and Abraham Lincoln Sines of the Potomac Reserve (now Garrett State Forest in Garrett County). As more lands were acquired, with some dedicated for recreational use, it eventually became necessary to hire forest and park guards to assist

the wardens with protecting the resources and assisting the public in the use and enjoyment of forests and parks. Out of this early workforce has grown today's force of professional resource managers, forest and park rangers, technicians, conservation aids and other forest and park resource specialists.

The Great Depression of the 1930s, as devastating as it was to the nation as a whole, proved a boon to forest and park development. One of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs was the Civilian Conservation Corps, which, in Maryland, put 30,000 young unemployed men to work reclaiming forest and other natural resources, building recreational facilities and restoring historic structures on public lands. Most of the recreational facilities that the CCC built in Maryland forests and parks are in use today. Besley later stated that all the good works of the CCC

set Maryland's forests and parks ahead by 20 years.

During the Second World War, despite the drain of manpower to the military, public demand for outdoor recreation remained constant, then accelerated after the war as prosperity returned. Maryland strove to keep up, placing new emphasis upon carving state parks out of existing state forest land and acquiring new parks altogether. In 1969, the State established Program Open Space, a dedicated tax fund that added tens of thousands of new acres to the state's park system.

Today, Maryland system of state forests and parks provides over 300,000 acres of public lands. Eleven million visitors come to these valuable resources each year and contribute over \$300 million dollars to the state's economy. There is a state forest or park within 20 miles of every state resident. Both

Marylanders and visitors to the "Old Line State" enjoy a precious outdoor resource thanks to the farsightedness of Fred Besley and the many other dedicated forest and park professionals over the past century. 🌲

"If the history of scientific forest management in Maryland reveals anything, it is that land and people have been intertwined throughout that history. A century of forest management has contributed substantially to the natural beauty we enjoy today, as well as the health of our environment ... the Chesapeake Bay... and our economy. Now is the time for all of us to step forward and become the catalyst ... calling out the visionary and charismatic from within our own ranks and from across the breadth of our state's forestry community... Those who came before expect it of us - and we owe it to those who are yet to come."

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

New Forest Mapping Tool

By Peter Linehan, Penn State Mont Alto

Many of us have seen the incredibly detailed maps that are used on the cable news networks to show disasters and other news events all around the world. This tool is now available for free from Google at <http://earth.google.com>. After installing a small application on your computer, the program will stream imagery to your desktop from almost anywhere on earth. (This is meant for a high-speed connection. Don't try it on a dial-up connection.)

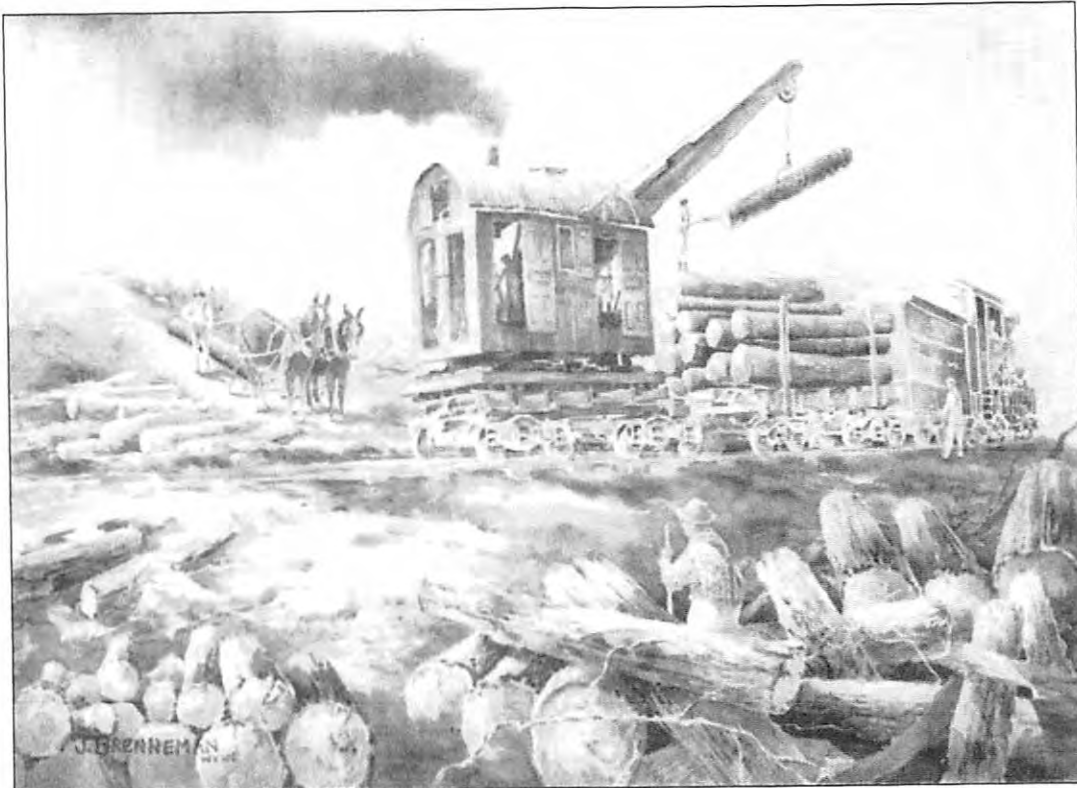
Google Earth can't replace a GIS program for mapping. It works best as a demonstration tool. It's particularly dramatic in the ability to fly from one location to another and to tilt a landscape in 3D mode. The data available for much of the

country outside selected urban areas is medium scale satellite imagery that is only marginally useful for forestry applications.

Recently PASDA, the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access geospatial warehouse, has developed a tool to load high resolution Pennsylvania imagery into Google Earth. Simply go online to <http://www.pasda.psu.edu/google/google.shtml> to download a small file to your Google Earth folder. This will make two new data layers available on Google Earth. The first is one-meter resolution black and white imagery for the entire state. This is the standard imagery from the US Geological Survey. The other data layer contains true color

imagery for ten counties in south central Pennsylvania. This dramatic two-foot per pixel imagery was taken in April 2003.

Both of these data layers and many others are available for free download from PASDA for use in any GIS program. Google Earth is an excellent tool for foresters to discuss forestry with almost anyone. Young people, many of whom have grown up online, will understand this digital exploration right away. Disclaimer: I don't work for Google or own any stock in it. However, to be able to use local data on a worldwide mapping tool is too good to pass up. Beware... it's habit forming! 🌲



Logging In West Virginia 1920's

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Management Recommendations Proposed From Seminars

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Allegheny SAF Forest Science Coordinator

This fall a series of five public seminars were held throughout Pennsylvania to address deer issues in local communities. The seminars entitled "Deer in your Backyard: How to deal with the challenges of overabundant deer in your community," were initiated and organized by the Ecosystem Management Project www.ecosymp.com and 65 co-sponsoring organizations, including Allegheny SAF, and the Pennsylvania Division and the Pinchot Chapter. Seminars consisted of formal presentations by scientists, managers and government officials. Seminar content was designed to educate the public about the need for a science-based, habitat-focused approach to deer management, particularly in residential and urban communities.

Time was also provided at each seminar for questions to the panel and personal commentary on deer problems in communities. In November, suggestions made by the participants were compiled into a list of recommendations and forwarded to Calvin DuBrock, the director of the Bureau of Wildlife Management, Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC).

Some of the recommendations suggested liberalizing policies surrounding deer control permits by allowing landowners, community associations, and conservancies to bypass local municipal governments and apply directly to the PGC. This move to community-level deer management would be founded on property goals, land use and values. For example, permit hunting would be more effective if it occurred

before the recreational hunting season. Communities could also have the option of a trap-and-euthanize program instead of, or following, hunting season. For Lyme disease management, 4-poster feeders, used to treat deer for tick control, should be permitted concurrently with hunting. Municipalities with control permits should be allowed to sell venison to help defray costs of the deer control program.

On Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) sites – those sites given extra permits to harvest additional antlerless deer – seminar participants suggested allowing hunting in residential landscapes and problem areas outside of the recreational season when more skilled hunters might be available to assist community hunt managers. Hunting fees for DMAP permits should be eliminated and property owners and managers should be allowed to distribute the permits directly to hunters, replacing the inefficient process of coupon application and subsequent permits. Hunting season and tackle options should also be adjusted on properties where deer impacts are not being controlled during the normal recreational season. Suggestions included giving hunters access to all tackle options during all deer seasons, an additional 2-week antlerless season, and allowing hunters to exchange DMAP tags without individual bag limits.



Deer seminar participants recommended that it should be easier for landowners, community associations and conservancies to obtain deer control permits (photo by Mary Ann Fajvan)

Other recommendations charged the PGC with the development and implementation of certified hunter training programs to teach hunters new skills needed to hunt deer in residential landscapes. Registered, certified hunters could be matched with communities that needed their services. Because of the positive correlation of high deer populations and expanding tick populations, the PGC should also be a key player in the development of community educational programs on Lyme disease management.

More details on the recommendations can be found in the *Resource Report*, a newsletter publication of the Ecosystem Management Project. The newsletter and a complete list of speakers and information on past workshops can be viewed at the Ecosystem Management Project website. Or contact Bryon Shissler at emp@qcol.com. Due to high public demand, two additional seminars will be held in Pittsburgh and Allentown this winter. 🌲

Coming Events

January 2006

6,13,20, and 27 Arborist Short Course, "Integrated Mgt. Of Woody Ornamentals." Preparation for the ISA Certified Arborist exam. Luzerne County Coop. Extension. Vince Catrone, 570-825-1701 or 602-0601

February

15-17 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting at Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. Program and registration information found on page 11. Fill it out and send it in today!

18 American Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training, Crawford Co., PA Conservation Dist. Office. Contact Tom Erdman 814-796-6787 or therdman@state.pa.us

March

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

15 American Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training, Penn State School of Forestry. Contact Dave Jackson 814-355-4897 or drj11@psu.edu

April

20 American Tree Farm Inspection Certification Training, Shartlesville, PA. Contact Rick Deppen at 610-489-8326 or rdeppen@state.pa.us

May

16-18 Smallwood 2006 Conference, Sheraton Richmond (VA) West Hotel. Small tree, low-value, and waste wood utilization. In conjunction with Expo Richmond 2006, May 19-20. Julie Lang, conferences@forestprod.org

June

15 Deadline for articles/photos for the Summer issue of *The Allegheny News*

July There is no Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting... see you in Pittsburgh!

October

25-29 SAF National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, hosted by Allegheny SAF

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