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Chairman's Corner

By Wayne Clatterbuck

I am looking forward to our 1999 winter meeting on January 27-29 in Jackson, TN. The focus of the meeting is *BMPs -- Responsibility & Accountability*. We will have speakers from Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and Virginia discussing the different programs and philosophies of BMP implementation and water quality laws in each of the states. More information about the meeting is included in the newsletter. Reserve the dates on your calendar for this timely meeting. I hope to see you then!

The winter meeting is our big business meeting of the year. Society committee assignments (volunteers) are made, an update from our KT-SAF council representative (our own Kerry Schell) on national council is given, recipients of awards and appreciation are recognized, and current forestry issues from national, KY, and TN are discussed. Make your opinion known on how your professional forestry society should posture itself for the many issues that we will face. Some of the discussions at the winter meeting include:

- Draft report of the Forest Management Certification Task Force
- Habitat for Humanity Projects
- Walk in the Woods/Foresters Fund
- TN Forest Advisory Panel Report
- Proposal for KT-SAF to participate in the FFA National Convention in Louisville.
- Forester Licensing & Registration
- Whether SAF membership should only be for foresters or open to other professions
- Continuing Education of Foresters in KY/TN
- Outreach to Forestry Students at our Universities

Participate in your professional society. Feel free to attend the executive committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 27 before the winter meeting.

New Officers for 1999

KTSAF

Chair: Richard Wilcox

Chair-Elect: Dave Walters

Sec/Treas: Grant Curry

East KY Chair: Jeff Lewis

West KY Chair: Larry Doyle

East TN Chair: Mark Young

Middle TN Chair: Bruce Kauffman

SE TN Chair: Clint Strohmeier

West TN Chair: vacant

I have every confidence that KTSAF is in excellent hands and 1999 will be an excellent year.

This is my last Chairman's column as I step aside for the new officers in 1999. We have had a good year with the revision of the bylaws (passed) and getting our Society back on track after the National Convention. Richard Wilcox has several initiatives to take forward his year and several chapters have started public service and forestry education endeavors recognizing KTSAF. However, I will still be active and not just fade away. The past chair of KTSAF becomes the chair of the policy committee. I was also elected the vice-chair of the House of Society Delegates on the national level for 1999. The chair (Mike Virga from New York) or I will be representing the chairs of each state or multi-state SAF society nationally on SAF Council and SAF committees. Currently, I am the liaison for the Bicentennial Celebration Committee for the year 2000.

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53rd YEAR. "You don't get to choose how you're going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now." Joan Baez

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100 YEARS
1900-2000

growing forests for our future

Our Centennial celebration presents a unique and exciting opportunity for SAF to gain national media attention and name recognition as we highlight our 100 years as a professional association and the benefits we have provided society throughout our history. At the national level plans are being made for a Centennial video, public service announcements, printed ads and on-line advertising, celebrity spokesperson, media kits, Centennial logo, articles submitted to the *Smithsonian* and *National Geographic*, congressional recognition of December 13 for the achievements of our profession, and a museum exhibit in Washington. The event will culminate with the November 2000 SAF National Convention in Washington DC. To accompany these initiatives will be a special book recounting the history of forestry in North America through photographs from state society and chapter archives, university collections, the Forest History Society, and corporate and government archives; pieces of forest-related art transformed into a series of posters; featured articles in the *Journal* and *Forest Science*; collector items, and much more.

What can KT-SAF contribute to the celebration? A media campaign and local spokesperson, traveling display, PSAs and teacher workshops have been mentioned. Some state societies are developing a forestry and logging museum, and others are forming partnerships to provide programs at elderhostels, Earth Day, National Forest Products Week, Urban ReLeaf, PLT workshops, Walks in the Forest and others.

On the occasion of this Centennial celebration we have the perfect opportunity to highlight KT-SAF achievements and advance our profession. As a first step in this celebration I suggest that we develop our own KT-SAF pictorial history. The KT History Committee is, with this notice, putting a call out to all members to send photographs of KT-SAF activities, meetings and events to Richard M. Evans; 901 Kerr Hollow Road; Oak Ridge, TN 37830. We will make copies of your photo's and return the originals. The committee is also soliciting ideas for other KT-SAF Centennial projects.

TN FORESTS NEVER HAD A BETTER FRIEND

hugh faust's life comes to an end

Hugh Faust, Jr. died September 29, 1998, at age 90. He was never a member of KTSAF but he could not have done more for Tennessee forestry had he been a member all his life. His son, Edgar, is currently a KTSAF member and has been for many years.

Hugh was involved with the UT athletic program for over 30 years. He coached football under General Neyland and scouted out lots of good UT football players. In the 40's he got in the coal business and built and ran the Emory River Railroad. In 1954 he began managing Emory River Land Co., a tract of abused timberland in Morgan Co., TN. Hugh would probably never have admitted it but he got some good help from Red Ailor and over the years they put together one of the finest large tracts of hardwood timberland in the region. He received numerous awards in the fields of forestry and conservation. In 1958, KTSAF presented its Forestry Recognition Award to Hugh and in the 40 years that followed he never missed a chance to promote good forestry in Tennessee.

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For those foresters who pioneered our profession and those who will come after us, it is time for us to leave our mark by making this celebration a major highlight of the first 100 years of professional forestry in America. It is time for us to step forward and take up this challenge.

Richard M. Evans, KT-SAF History/Centennial Committee

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Chairman's Corner (Con't)

Feel free to contact me by phone (423-974-7346) or by e-mail (wclatterbuck@utk.edu) - no parentheses - if you wish to discuss a forestry issue/matter that involves SAF or KT. I will make every effort to make your concerns known to others within the society.

I have been honored to serve as your chair of KT-SAF and appreciate your help and guidance in 1998. We look forward to a prosperous 1999. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

KTSAF 1999 WINTER MEETING

TITLE: BMPs, Responsibility and Accountability

WHEN: January 27-29, 1999

WHERE: Jackson, TN
West Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station
(directions enclosed)

Speakers:

Kentucky:	Mark Matuszewski, Kentucky State Forester Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky
Illinois:	Stephanie Brown, Director, Illinois Forest Resource Center, Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences
Virginia:	TBA, Virginia Division of Forestry
Tennessee:	James Prange, Investigator, TN Attorney General's Office Pat Patrick, Director of the Jackson Environmental Field Office, Water Pollution Control Robin Bible, TN Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Forestry Tony Reeves, Tennessee Forestry Association
Others:	Rick Cantrell (tentative), American Pulp & Paper Association, Sustainable Forestry Initiative Dr. Gary Schneider, University of Tennessee, Chairman, Tennessee Forest Advisory Panel Dr. Kerry Schell, KTSAF Council Representative

Registration:	Members & Participants	\$20.00
	Students	Free

Registration Fee will cover cost of breaks and expenses of out-of-state speakers. Meals (lunch & dinner on Thurs. Jan. 28th) are at your expense and off-site. The banquet will be held at a restaurant with a buffet.

Registration fee is due at the door and will not be collected in advance.

Lodging: Many motels on Highway 45 Bypass within the \$35 to \$50 range and offering govt. rates. Make your own reservations.

Selected Motels on Hwy 45 Bypass

Comfort Inn	901-668-4100
Holiday Inn	901-668-6000
Best Western	901-668-4222
Days Inn	901-668-4100
Hampton Inn	901-664-4312
Fairfield Inn	901-668-1400
Casey Jones	901-668-3636
Garden Plaza	901-664-6900

Directions to West TN Agricultural Experiment Station (WTAES):

- Take exit 80 from Interstate 40 and go south on Hwy. 45 Bypass
- Continue to the 4th or 5th? stoplight (Airways Blvd / Hwy 70), turn right (west)
- WTAES is on NW corner of 45 Bypass and Airways Blvd.
- From Airways Blvd, take first right (sign at WTAES)
- Take Drive around side of building, park behind building and enter doors on backside

MEETING AGENDA:

West TN Agricultural Experiment Station, Jackson, TN

Wednesday, January 27

3:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 28

8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Introductions
9:15 to 11:30 am General Session -- Speakers
11:30 to 1:00 pm Lunch (on your own, off-site)
1:00 to 4:30 pm General Session -- Speakers
Silent Auction – Foresters Fund
6:30 pm Banquet at the Casey Jones General Store
Buffet at your own expense

Friday, January 29

8:30 am Continue General Session
KTSAF Business Meeting
Open Discussions
11:30 am Adjourn

Cherokee National Forest

Thomas M Bennett

In late September and early October, the Forest Service held a series of meetings around East Tennessee to allow the public to learn and the comment on the revision of the Cherokee National Forest land management plan. At these meetings the Forest Service unveiled four types of management or themes, each with twelve areas of concern that would be dealt with under each form of management. The four themes are:

Theme "A"

The forest is managed to produce a high level of goods and services compatible with local economies and communities. "Zoning" will address inherent incompatibilities.

Theme "B"

Priority is given to restoring the natural resources and processes to pre-industrial logging condition, based on science and tempered by practicality.

Theme "C"

Nature operates with minimal human intervention. Active management of the Forest resources is limited to meeting legal requirements. Dispersed recreation use is emphasized/encouraged where compatible.

Theme "D"

The emphasis of this alternative is to promote vigorously growing trees, and to provide a "balanced" age class distribution that will produce both commercial wood products and a variety of wildlife habitats. The "balanced age classes" would be distributed across the "suitable" acres found in each Management Area. (A "balanced age class" is defined as having an equal distribution on both sides of the "bell-shaped curve".)

The twelve issues for each theme are:

- 1) Terrestrial Plants and Animals and their Habitats
- 2) T & E and Sensitive/Locally Rare Species
- 3) Old Growth
- 4) Riparian Area Management, Water Quality, and Aquatic Habitats
- 5) Wood Products
- 6) Aesthetics/Scenery Management
- 7) Recreation Opportunities/Experiences
- 8) Roadless Areas/Wilderness Management
- 9) Forest Health
- 10) Special Areas and Rare Communities
- 11) Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 12) Access/Road Management

The Forest Service is currently evaluating the responses that they received during the public meetings. Further information is available from Red Anderson at (423)476-9700 at the Cherokee National Forest office in Cleveland, TN. The six ranger stations also have maps available for viewing that show how the forest would look under each management theme.

Daniel Boone National Forest

Forest Plan Revision

Although much of the Forest planning news regarding the Daniel Boone over the past six months has concerned lawsuits, court injunctions, and Forest Plan amendments, the revision of the Forest Plan continues to make some progress. During this time, much of the Plan revision effort has been directed at development of a computer Geographic Information System (GIS) and preparing for a public workshop that was held August 15th in Richmond, Kentucky.

A key to this workshop was having the participants work in small groups with a diversity of interests represented at each table. For six hours the 86 attendees were able to sit together and share their views of the future of the Daniel Boone National Forest; and provide input that will help the planners develop a reasonable range of alternatives to consider for the new Forest Plan.

Several foresters from the East Kentucky Chapter of the SAF participated in the workshop. These individuals, as well as other natural resource professionals, interest group leaders, community leaders, and interested citizens participated in a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere thanks to the use of trained facilitators at each table, many of them volunteers from outside the Forest Service. The comment forms turned in at the end of the workshop indicated that the participants really appreciated the opportunity to exchange views with those that held interests different from their own.

Using the input gained from this workshop, the planning team will continue to work on developing a range of alternatives for detailed evaluation. The team will continue to make one of their meetings open to the public on the first Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in attending one of these meetings should contact Rick Wilcox (606-745-3156) ahead of time to confirm the time and agenda for the meeting.

Forest Plan Litigation

The U.S. District Court for Eastern Kentucky issued an order on June 18, 1998, enjoining the Daniel Boone National Forest from all "timbering" activities that utilized the Forest's two-aged shelterwood policy or the Indiana bat management strategy, or that are in the area where any of the eight most recently listed threatened and endangered species are found. The injunction requires that the National Forest incorporate the two management policies into its Forest Plan and consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on the potential effects that management of the Daniel Boone may have on the eight species.

We had already begun the process of amending the two policies into the Forest Plan, along with management direction pertaining to cliffline-associated species and the Red-cockaded woodpecker. A pre-decisional environmental assessment covering that amendment is expected to be available for public review in December 1998. We had also already indicated to the Court that we would engage in consultation with the USFWS.

Of course, in the middle of this legal entanglement, the Daniel Boone has been working to cope with the conditions left following the severe snow storm this past February and two severe wind storms later in the spring. Dealing with threats to public safety was the top priority and proposals to salvage hazardous trees from several recreation sites, and from along roads on the National Forest, were given first attention. A decision for treatment of the recreation sites was signed by the Forest Supervisor in July and contracts issued. A decision for the treatment of roadside hazards will be signed this month, but implementation of the project will wait pending confirmation from the Court that the proposal does not violate the injunction. Analysis work has also begun on a proposal to use salvage harvests to treat other areas of the National Forest to deal with the increased fuel loading; the impediments to managing forest resources, including the Red-cockaded woodpecker; and, the restrictions on access to the National Forest by dispersed recreationists, such as hunters.

Although many inside and outside the Forest Service would like to see much faster progress on this work, it is important that we meet all legislative and judicial requirements associated with this work and make sure that any activities will not do more harm than good to the National Forest. Unfortunately, all of that takes time.

Gail O'Neill

(Bethesda, MD) At the SAF National Convention held in Traverse City, MI, September 17-23, Gail O'Neill, a seven year Society of American Foresters (SAF) member, was recognized as the person responsible for playing a key role in SAF forming alliances with Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the nation. O'Neill is also credited with initiating the first official SAF Habitat house build at the 1997 SAF National Convention. In this effort alone, she helped raise over \$5,000 in donations of wood products and lawn trees for a Habitat home in Memphis, TN.

As a forester for the past seven years at Tennessee Valley Authority's Land between the Lakes assuming a leadership role in the SAF is nothing new for Gail O'Neill. Locally, the Chicago native has served a one-year term as Treasurer and Secretary of the West Kentucky SAF Chapter as well as a two-year term as the Chapter Chair. Nationally, President Karl F. Wenger appointed Gail to the SAF Committee on Communications in 1998. She continues to play an active role in SAF and forestry issues.

SUBJECT: SAF Meeting Report *by* Stan Maione

On October 14 both the Southeast and East Tennessee chapters met in Spring City for a joint meeting and tour of the new Huber OSB Whites Creek mill. The meeting featured a wide agenda which included a report regarding the USFS Cherokee National Forest Management plan update, Status of the University of Tennessee Forest Products Lab, SAF membership emphasis, forest advisory panel report and information about the OSB process and product.

The mill tour was interesting and our host the JM Huber Company through the efforts of Kevin Hoyt certainly are to be commended for allowing us to visit their plant at a very difficult time following a fire inside the mill that had stopped production for several days. Also the Huber Company arranged for a very excellent Bar-B-Que meal following the meeting and tour.

West Kentucky

The results of our election nominations are as follows; Larry Doyle, Chair person; Jerry Crow, Chair Elect; and Pam Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer. Since we had one nomination for each office, the nominees are hereby appointed to office. Their terms begin on January 1, 1999 and expire January 1, 2001.

In the last letter I sent out, the transfer of Land Between The Lakes (LBL) was imminent. We've since had a miraculous reprieve from transfer for one more year. Congress appropriated funds to operate LBL in the Omnibus Appropriations bill this year. However, legislation passed that transfers LBL to the US Forest Service in the first year the Tennessee Valley Authority doesn't receive \$6 million in appropriations to operate LBL. So we'll be putting those Smokey Bear hats up in the closet for now.

Also in the news LBL continues to prevail in court related to forest management. Heartwood, RACE, and HAWK have requested several injunctions against timber harvesting in LBL. The court has denied all such requests thus far. The latest injunction request has been directed to an appeals court. No decision has been reached to date.

Another controversy of note has arisen in the state legislature. Log truck weight limit fines were recently restructured by the state. The Kentucky Forest Industries Association has taken an active lead on this issue in the state legislature. Call Bob Bauer at 502-695-3979 for more information.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE ?

Tennessee Forest Advisory Committee *by* Stan Malone

I am pleased to report that after a year of discussion the Advisory Committee has taken its final vote which yielded 28 majority recommendations from the Panel. Currently these recommendations are being carefully packaged into a report which will be distributed as defined in the Senate Bill 230 which authorized the formation of the Panel and outlined the work to be done. The report will be available at the beginning of the 1999 legislative year. As your representative I have worked to find areas where we could reach agreement with groups with different opinions of forest management without compromising sound silviculture policies or infringing on individual rights of ownership. Rather than attempt to summarize the lengthy recommendations let me just report that in my opinion none of the majority recommendations will adversely effect forestry practices or land owner rights within the state. The real challenge begins once the governor and the legislators receive this information and then decide what action is appropriate. The line in Nashville is being formed to influence future legislation. We must be present and make our voice known or others will make the decisions for us!

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From: Richard M. Evans, KT-SAF Teller
Subject: Results of KT-SAF Elections for Chairman-elect and

In accordance with KT-SAF By Laws (Page 4, Article 7) I am reporting to each of you the following results from our 1998 elections of officers.

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Chairman-elect	
Larry Fleming	47
David Walters	74*
Secretary/Treasurer	
Grant Curry	62*
Gail O'Neil	55

I certify these results as a true count of all ballots received in this election and declare Dave Walters and Grant Curry as the 1999 KT-SAF Chairman-elect and Secretary/Treasurer, respectfully.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to all of the candidates for their willingness to serve our professional society and their recognized leadership abilities. Special thanks go to the nomination committee for their dedicated service to KT-SAF.

Results on the question to approve or reject the proposed bylaw changes were approved by a vote of:

Approve	117*	
Reject	1	6



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