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Chairman's Corner

Richard Wilcox

I had the privilege of going to the National Convention in Traverse City Michigan this past fall. One of the underlying themes of the convention was Forest Management Certification. This was the topic of our last winter meeting. In my opinion the East Kentucky Chapter with its limited resources put on as good a program as the national convention. The national and KT meeting provided information from the major players in this international certification push. East KY put this information into perspective, at the industrial and private landowner level.

I have asked the Newsletter Editor to attach a list of past programs at our meetings. Its very impressive. Most importantly it reflects the changes occurring in the profession. The Professional Foresters that have been unable to attend the KT meetings, have missed one of the least expensive and most informative venues for maintaining their professional skills.

This is what SAF is all about. SAF exists to further the Profession of Forestry. We can only do this if all of the Professional Foresters maintain their knowledge and skills at the highest possible level of expertise. It is imperative that each professional keep current with new science and technology. Our Chapter, KT Society and National meetings have provided cutting edge information to those who attend.

The second major objective of SAF is to promote Forestry and the practice of Forestry. Part of this is to insure that the Forestry Profession is relevant to the needs of our society. We have an opportunity to highlight the significant contributions that Forestry has made to our local communities. We also have an opportunity

K-T SUMMER MEETING WILL BE held somewhere in east tennessee

The "somewhere" has been nailed by activities chair, John Rennie, to the Hampton Inn in Townsend, TN (near Gatlinburg), June 16-18, 1999. Program chair, Larry Tankersley, is working on a meeting theme of "Forest Management in the National Park Service," and will include a field trip on the 17th touching on prescribed burning, wildlife re-introduction efforts, potential uses of thinnings, comprehensive biological inventory, forest health, and much, much more. Morning of the 18th will cover current status of legislative issues in KY and TN followed by a regular business meeting. Mark your calendars--this should be an excellent meeting! E TN chapter welcomes you!

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to expand upon this and inform society of the contribution we will be making in the future. Your help in this effort will significantly improve the relevance of Forestry to our communities.

As your new chairman, I hope to begin to facilitate the transfer of new science and technology to all Professional Foresters and to facilitate a change in the KT SAF so that it is relevant to all Foresters and to the Society we serve. This is nothing new to the position. In the past we have solicited new members based upon the premiss that SAF will provide them something. This is improved if members actively exchange new information to their peers and if they actively work to change the SAF to be relevant to our changing world. Every Professional Forester has something to offer the Society of American Foresters, and the SAF has something to provide every forester. The more a member participates, the greater the benefit they receive from SAF. (Next page)

54th YEAR. "Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself!" Mark Twain

Robert 'Bob' Collins

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CHAPTER CHATTER

The KY chapter is planning a spring meeting on April 8, 1999, at the 4-H camp near Levi Jackson State Park. The chapter is working this year on three areas of emphasis: Habitat for Humanity activities; Walks-in-the-Woods; and the SAF Centennial Celebration.

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The East TN Chapter is planning an event titled *Conservation of our Forests: A Walk in the Woods* to be held April 30 at the UT Forestry Experiment Station in Oak Ridge. The target audience for the event includes regional media, state legislators and local community leaders. The tour will provide an opportunity to better inform this audience about the role forestry plays in the economy, ecology, and land management of the region. It will also help to give SAF a more visible presence in the area. The event is being timed to coincide with National Arbor Day to increase media attention.

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There is a cadre of older members that have changed SAF for the past several decades. The changes made have significantly improved the SAF and the Profession of Forestry. We need new blood, young minds, who have just received the latest science and technology from their college education to come forward and assist the SAF in becoming more relevant to today's world.

Every Professional Forester is invited to the SAF dinner table. A Forester can sit in the corner and gain nothing, or pull up their chair and take part in the dinner. If they choose to take part, they can take a few morsels as they are passed or they can really get what they need and want, by participating at the table both in discussion, initiating the exchange of food and ideas and asking for what they need. Everyone at the table is there to make the dinner a success but that only happens when everyone participates.

Robert "Bob" Foster Collins, who died this week at the age of 92, unquestionably left his mark both on the community and on the organization he so ably headed for many years. (Bob died June 5, 1999)

Collins began his career with the Forest Service in 1931, serving in a variety of capacities, and during World War II rising to the rank of Army lieutenant colonel in command of a tank battalion. In May 1953 he arrived in Winchester to serve as supervisor of the Cumberland National Forest and nothing would ever again be the same.

During his 17 years as supervisor of the Forest which encompassed 500,000 acres in 16 Kentucky counties, Collins was instrumental in getting its name changed to the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Honors not only came to Collins during his tenure as Forest supervisor, but long after his retirement, including being named Conservationist of the Year by the Kentucky Conservation Council in 1982. He was elected a Fellow of the National Society of American Foresters in 1979 and recognized for 50 years of continuous membership in the organization in 1982.

Mr. Collins was a native of Lansing, Mich., and held a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Yale University.

We shall miss Bob Collins, but we're mighty grateful that he came our way and for his numerous contributions which will continue to impact not only Winchester but all who visit the Daniel Boone National Forest for many years to come!

It is time to ask all Foresters to the dinner table. You all now have a complete list of committee charters. Join a KT or Chapter committee and take an active part in making our dinner into a superlative banquet that everyone can step back from and say " This banquet was well worth my time and effort".

A Report from District IX Representative

Greetings! From your District Rep. And by proxy from SAF Council and National Office Staff.

I hope to accomplish the following objectives with this opportunity to reach out to you.

1. Let you know some about discussions and decisions by your Council.
2. Encourage your attention to council activities, your input and your involvement.
3. Emphasize SAF leadership academy, Centennial celebration, and the importance of participation at the state level.
4. Slide in some personal perspective about SAF programs policies, and the Forestry Profession.

A reminder: District IX includes the states of Arkansas, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska – seven societies. I have not visited with all of these societies yet, but I surely do look forward to the visits. All of them so far have been very enjoyable and educational, and golly we have a lot of great people in our professional society.

One of your best and most convenient sources of news about SAF is the Forestry Source. I trust that most of you read it thoroughly; the rest of you are short changing yourselves. The March issues is somewhat loaded. Read what one of your leaders, Mike Virga, Chair of the House of Society Delegates is saying. The Federal Budget for your natural resources is high-lighted. Mike Dombeck, Forrest Service Chief, reports. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) has a half page ad in The Source. Do you know about FSC? SFI? ABSOLUTELY you must read Karl Wenger's column and examine SAF's Financial Performance and its Financial Position. There is no way that I could satisfactorily discuss or reply to these various items in your newsletter. But, I would really like and appreciate the opportunity to respond to them at your Society meeting, or respond to individual questions or comments by telephone or e-mail.

Your council met in Bethesda at SAF headquarters on February 6 & 7. One of the more important actions of the meeting was discussion and adoption of six strategic objectives. These objectives listed below are the result of a

deliberate process pursued during the June 1998, meeting and finalized by the committee. The objectives and the suggested means of achieving them will be published in The Forestry Source in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP DIVERSITY

SAF will be recognized and supported by a growing number of professional foresters as the organization which best serves the profession.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

SAF will provide leadership for formulating and implementing continuing education to insure the highest professional standards in service to society.

LEADERSHIP

SAF will continue efforts to engage and train the organization's leaders at all levels to better carry out their leadership responsibilities for the profession.

POLICY

SAF will be recognized by a growing percentage of the public and policy makers as the leader in providing credible and reliable forestry information.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

SAF will increase public recognition that scientifically sound stewardship of our nation's forest resources through management is the most effective means to achieve society's environmental goals.

FINANCES

SAF will maintain a sound financial condition to achieve SAF mission through support of its programs and services.

These strategic objectives are intended to be iterative, visited regularly, and most importantly, actively used to direct where we are going as a profession. Council and SAF staff want to hear from the membership on these priorities. Do they address the external realities you see affecting the profession in the next 5 years? Will they set direction that helps strengthen the profession?

Adoption of the budget is of course a significant action by Council; it reflects the adoption of the Strategic Objectives. The Objectives guide the SAF staff and their programs. At each Council meeting a briefing about the Renewable Natural Resource Foundation (RNRF) situation is given. These reports allow for some optimism about a legal settlement between SAF and RNRF. This

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controversy began twenty years ago. Recently I was privileged to review the history of this legal maze; I would hope that in the near future any SAF member interested in this account could have access to it. Without the legal problems of this investment by SAF in the land and development rights our wealth would be considerably more. Our other investments in equities and fixed assets are doing rather well. The total in the Endowment Fund and Foresters Fund is about 1.3 million dollars.

A few hours of time at the meeting were given to defining your Society. There remain the questions of qualifications for membership. We are still dealing with definitions of a forester and forestry. There were informal discussions after the meeting about some subjects in university programs to qualify for membership. These are important questions for your Representative; they should be important to you as a professional and your concerns about your professional organization. Let me hear from you about these subjects.

We continue to prepare for the Centennial Celebration of your Society. Local involvement and ideas and support is much needed. Hopefully, by this time each Society Chairman has identified the State coordinator and / or historian for your unit.

Membership maintenance and increases are a great concern. Our staff in Bethesda is working hard to meet this challenge. However, you at the grass roots are the most important factor in achieving our goals.

Each Society has received the information about this year's Leadership Academy. Each Society is greatly obligated to have a representative attend: the rewards are great and long-term. Finances should not preclude the attendance by your appropriate leader.

The Ethics Committee has submitted changes to our Code of Ethics. It is likely that a revised Code will include three major parts: Preamble, Principles, and Rules of Practice. The Principles and Rules of Practice sections will be addressed to Land Stewardship, Service to Society, and Professional Relationships. We can also expect some suggestions to modify our Mission Statement. Hopefully you would have input for that.

In repetition and with emphasis, you are the owners of the Society of American Foresters. The Council, the President, and Ex. Vice President and staff are there to serve you, the members. However, they must hear from you. Comments and responses from individuals receive attention, but actions taken by chapters, divisions, and State Societies have an impact. Keep up with what Council and Staff do; I must help you with that.

Reading or hearing from members of SAF about selected subjects you readily determine that there is not full agreement on all issues. From a Council position I can share with you that I don't agree with all things that are brought to the table. But after a Council decision all of its members become committed to the action decided. But you as a member or as a unit may state your disagreements until you're satisfied or convinced; and I can continue to convey your dissatisfactions to Council.

Sliding in some of my personal philosophy: quite frequently I hear "Schell join the real world. This is the way it is. This is what people want. This is the market." It doesn't require too much intellect and imagination to realize that accepting all conditions, cultures, and markets that develop could be detrimental in the long run to the societies in which we live. My most serious frustration at this time is an expectation that I should accept the social values that have been greatly influenced by the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society and similar "environmental" organizations and cults. I do envy the success they have had with their propaganda and their tremendous financial resources. It's difficult to compete. I hope we can.

Having stated the above, I must further state my basic philosophy and position as a professional forester. We, foresters, are advisors and servants to our appropriate societies, publics, or clients. We should advise / recommend decisions about forest and associated resources which will accomplish the selected objectives. But only after we are confident that the beneficiaries of the resources know and understand the long-term consequences of their decisions. In my opinion only fully qualified, capable, professional foresters can make these analyses and forecasts. Others can not do it. Trees are the major component of a forest. Knowledge and understanding of trees, their communities, and environments are absolutes. I don't think non-foresters qualify to make decisions about forest resources. Enough!

Please give consideration to my suggestions. Let me hear from you. I'd like to attend your meetings.

KY SAF Past Programs

1999 Winter "BMPs, Responsibility & Accountability". Jackson, TN

1998 Summer "Forestry on the Urban Fringe" Dickson, TN

Field Trip looking at research on oak regeneration and a tour of an urban park with its resource education programs and a tour of the Gibson Bluegrass Musical Instrument factory.

1998 Winter "Forest Certification" Perspective from certifiers and land owners.

1997 Summer "Looking Back to the Future" Arnold Engineering Air Force Base. Manchester TN

Field Trip: May Prairie had many species Disjuncts from the Mid-west - Management to maintain all native species was examined. - Diameter Limit Timber Harvest area was examined with the effects of several management practices examined on adjacent harvest areas. - Saltwell Hollow Barrens Restoration Demonstration Site was examined with information on what restoration efforts have occurred and what seems to be making a difference. - Several sites examined high intensity management areas with threatened or endangered species of animals on these areas and what management will continue as well as a site where one T & E species was threatening the existence of a native T & E species. - Toured the Jack Daniels Distillery and learned the importance of forests to the distillery. Also looked at their significant commitment to using recycled materials in their manufacturing process.

1997 Winter "Forest Resources, Technologies, and Issues: Changes Over Time" Knoxville TN. Titles of Presentations included "The Resilience of American Forests", "Deeper Roots, Broader Branches, and Growing Pains for Forestry". Two GIS Applications and Research being conducted at the University of Tennessee was examined.

1996 Summer "What Foresters are doing today to stay in business tomorrow" Paris TN Tour of Westvaco's ecosystem-based forest management program and TVA-LBL demonstration programs for managing timber wildlife and recreation. "Woods Walk, Woods Talk" was conducted.

1996 Winter Bowling Green KY with the Kentucky and Tennessee Woodland Owners Association.

1995 Summer Marsh Walnut Gun Stock Plant and Honest Abe's Log Homes, Red Boiling Springs, TN

1995 Winter Chattanooga TN, Tour of Raccoon Mtn., Grand Canyon of the Tennessee River, Environmental Education Center on Lookout mtn.

1994 Summer "Where is the wood coming from?" Knoxville/Norris TN

1994 Winter Corbin KY

1993 Winter "Forestry in a Shrinking Environment", Clarksville, TN

1992 Summer "Finding a Common Ground" Chattanooga TN

1992 Winter "Professional Forestry at the Crossroads", Paducah KY (235 Attended)

1991 Summer "Watershed Management" East TN

1991 Winter "Wetlands Common Ground", Jackson TN (210 Attended)

1990 Summer "Geographic Information systems", Lexington, KY (Joint Meeting with Ohio Chapter)

1990 Winter "Communications with the Public" Bowling Green, KY (130 Attended)

1989 Summer "Water Quality BMP's", Middle TN

1989 Winter "Fire Prevention & Ethics", Chattanooga, TN (130 Attended)

1988 Summer "Visual Co-ordination" East KY

1988 Winter "Project Learning Tree" Cumberland Falls State Park KY

1987 Summer "Tennessee State Forest Planning", West TN

1987 Winter "Serving the Private Non-industrial landowner" Gatlinburg, TN

1986 Summer "LBL Programs", Land Between The Lakes, KY

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The 1999 KTSAF winter meeting was held in Jackson, TN on January 27-29. The program entitled *BMPs: Responsibility and Accountability* was attended by more than 80 members including 22 students from UK and UT. Speakers from KY, TN, VA, and IL discussed logging, BMPs, and forestry water quality procedures in their respective states. Mark Matuszewski and Jeff Stringer discussed the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act. Stephanie Brown, an SAF member from Illinois, talked about the development of BMPs in her state. Robin Bible with the TN Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and Pat Patrick with the TN Dept. of Environment & Conservation, Water Pollution Control discussed how Tennessee investigates forestry water quality complaints and the procedures defined by the new memorandum of understanding on loggers who are "bad actors." Tony Reeves with the Tennessee Forestry Association discussed the Tennessee Master Logger Program. James Prange, an investigator with the TN Attorney General's Office reviewed environmental violations in Tennessee. Mike Forman, a staff forester with the Virginia Division of Forestry and SAF member talked about his experiences with the Virginia Silvicultural Water Quality Program. Finally, Rick Cantrell, a former KTSAF member and representing the American Forest and Paper Association, discussed the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Gary Schneider was the keynote speaker at the banquet and gave a report on the Tennessee Forest Advisory Panel. A country ham from KY and one from TN were raffled by Jeff Stringer. This year, the ham from TN brought the higher price.

Awards Given At The 1999 Winter Meeting

Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award
Richard Day

Outstanding Member Service Award (Over 35)
Gary Schneider

Outstanding Member Service Award (Under 35)
Jeff Burns

Recognition Award for Outstanding Service on the Tennessee Forest Advisory Panel
Stan Malone

Certificate of Appreciation - Outgoing Chapter Chairman
Gail O'Neill
John Perry
Bruce Kauffman
Stan Malone
Mitch Gandy

Certificate of Recognition & Plaques - Outgoing KTSAF Officers
Wayne Clatterbuck (Chairman)
Dave Walters (Sec/Treas)

Student Awards
UK - Eric Byrd
UT - tie Matthew Anderson
Aaron Wells

Retirement Plaques
Hart Applegate
Bob Campbell
Bob Leonard

Golden Member Certificates (50 years)
John Hasek
Jim Hill

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND

HERE ?

A new system for surveying Tennessee's forest lands should help state and federal foresters keep abreast of the rapid changes occurring throughout the state and the South. The Southern Annual Forest Inventory System, or SAFIS, calls for 20 percent of the state to be surveyed every year, resulting in a complete inventory of all the state's forest lands on a five-year cycle. Under the old system adopted in the 1940's, a state-wide forest inventory was produced about every 10 years.

In Kentucky, the recently enacted Forest Conservation Act calls for an inventory of Kentucky's forests and a status report on a biennial basis. Field work was to have started in February 1999 in eastern Kentucky, then move to western Kentucky and lastly complete the Bluegrass area. Preliminary inventory results should become available as individual survey units are completed.

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If there is anything you want or need to know about the KTSAF, its organization, policies, programs, activities, officers past and present, award winners, etc., you'll soon be able to find it in a Membership Handbook that is in preparation and will be made available to all members. It's a big job and will cost a few bucks--but it's important to keep members informed.

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The 5th Annual National (SAF) Leadership Academy will take place May 1-5, in Potosi, Missouri. We "ain't" sure but we assume Rick Wilcox or his representative will be there!

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The 58th Southern Forestry Conference will be held May 5-8, 1999, at the Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. Theme is "Forestry and Wildlife - It's a Natural." Ken Arney and Matt Bennett are on the program.

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The Tennessee Forestry Association annual meeting will be held August 11-13, 1999, at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Details are coming.

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The one process that drives our forests is the biochemical process of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis returns oxygen and water vapor to the atmosphere while removing carbon dioxide. An acre of forest land is estimated to remove 3.6 tons of carbon dioxide each year and produce about four tons of oxygen, enough for about 18 people.

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Continuing Education Meeting Announcements

March 23 (Tuesday) --- Habitat Management for Wildlife, Knoxville

April 22 (Thursday) --- Oak Regeneration Workshop: A State of the Art, Knoxville

Both workshops are sponsored by the UT Agricultural Extension Service. CEU credits are available. For announcements and further information, contact Wayne Clatterbuck at 423-974-7346.



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