



# Kentucky - Tennessee Society of American Foresters

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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Been Oot to the Bush, Eh?"- Jerry Crow**

If you attended the 2004 Society of American Foresters/Canadian Institute of Forestry Convention - "One Forest Under Two Flags", you just may be able to answer that question. Over 2,000 forestry professionals from both sides of the border gathered together in Edmonton, Alberta October 1 - 7 to celebrate our common focus in managing North American forests and associated resources, discuss current issues, explore new technology, broaden knowledge, exchange ideas, make new friends, and experience Canadian hospitality. KTSAF was well-represented with several members in attendance, and with students from both the UK and UT student chapters. Don Hodges and I had the opportunity and privilege to attend the House of Society Delegates' two-day meeting sessions and represent KTSAF. The convention was very well organized, the plenary sessions and the technical sessions were very informative, the field tours were superb, and the city, countryside, and weather were beautiful. All in all, it was a great meeting!

I certainly learned a few things, and in the best traditions of David Letterman, the following are the Top 10 Signs that you might be a Canadian Forester:

1. You can use the word "muskeg" intelligently in a sentence when discussing "the bush".
2. You pass more than one "Danger, Moose Crossing" sign during your workday.
3. You routinely run your cruise lines on snowshoes.
4. Most of your loggers are named Jacques, Pierre, Henri, or Jeannot.
5. You break out the suntan lotion when the temperature reaches 24 degrees (Celsius, that is!)
6. Your ATV of choice is a snowmobile.
7. Sgt. Preston of the RCMP was one of your childhood heroes.
8. A gathering of forestry colleagues normally includes bagpipes, Molson, and a rousing chorus of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald".
9. Your favorite pastime is watching grown men on skates chase around a piece of hard rubber.
10. You actually know how big a hectare is!

### **Nominations Still Needed**

There is still time to nominate those deserving professional colleagues to honor them at the upcoming winter KTSAF meeting in January 2005. The deadline for award nominations has been extended to November 19, 2004. The award categories are Outstanding KTSAF Forester over 35 Service Award, Outstanding KTSAF Forester under 35 Service Award, Outstanding Forest Technician Service Award, and for the Tennessee KTSAF members only (for 2004) - the Herman T. Bagenstoss Forestry Recognition Award. Please get your nominations either to me or to Pam Snyder, our Awards Chair by November 19th. The award nomination form was included in the August Newsletter, and is available on the KTSAF website.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Like most organizations, the success of KTSAF hinges on its volunteers, and there are many opportunities for those who are willing. KTSAF has certainly been fortunate over the years in the willingness of its membership to step in and do the work that needs to be done. In addition to officer needs in the 6 chapters in Kentucky and Tennessee, KTSAF has 13 standing committees as well as the Executive Committee. These committees are important in fulfilling the functions and mission of KTSAF. Perhaps you've always wanted to contribute to your profession, or maybe you're unsure about what you can do. Now is the time and now is the opportunity! If you are interested in volunteering for 2005, please let Don Hodges **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or me [grc7@meadwestvaco.com](mailto:grc7@meadwestvaco.com) know. KTSAF has a place for you!

### **COUNCIL NOTES - IT'S TIME TO EXPRESS YOUR PASSION**

#### **Bob Cunningham, Council Representative, Voting District IX**

Have you ever been asked why you chose a career in natural resources? I am sure most of us have answered that question many times. Have you ever changed your reasons for wanting to work with natural resources? If you are like many SAF members I know, then you are still passionate about your profession.

Let me shift directions and ask you if your passion for SAF is the same today as when you first joined? Some will say more, others will say it is the same, and some may even say no. My challenge to everyone is to increase the number of members that have more passion for SAF.

For the past several years, SAF has experienced declining membership. In Voting District IX (Great Plains, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Ouachita) alone, we are down 131 members from 2003. There are many reasons for this. Changes in employment sectors, economics, forest ownership, and lifestyles are some of the variables.

Let me ask a few more questions. Has the amount of forest land changed significantly in your state? Are the lands previously owned by forest industries still covered with forests and in need of professional management? Are special interest groups still raising issues that affect natural resource management? Yes, the forests are still there and the issues are more complex than ever. So how can a smaller number of SAF members be the voice that is needed?

First we must truly understand who is SAF. It is people like you and me that are united by a mission statement, share core values, and work together through a strategic plan. More importantly, SAF is a volunteer organization drawn together by passionate beliefs in causes, processes, and relationships. One cannot expect to draw the same level of satisfaction as others if their membership does not include participation, involvement, and the desire to network with other members.

Our membership is often limited by simple problems. I recently met a new member that had practiced forestry for almost 30 years. When asked why he had never joined until now, his answer was, "Nobody had ever talked to me about SAF nor asked me." He was truly excited about his participation and was looking forward to future involvement. How many potential members like this one are in your community or state? Still yet, is it your Membership Committee chair's sole responsibility to call potential members? What would be the effect of ten or twenty members encouraging one person to join or renew their membership? Better yet, what would be the effect of every member working to recruit membership? Students and retirees are development areas that need more attention. Student membership and student chapters are the "in-growth" that fuels the sustainability of SAF and signals the future of our profession. I encourage every member to become involved with students and support the mentoring process. Why do so many professionals simultaneously retire from their careers and SAF? These are the keepers of our legacy and professional wisdom, and as such must be revered as a valuable resource and utilized. Let's seek ways to forge their collective experiences and abilities into powerful tools to strengthen SAF's credibility and community presence.

Leadership is a tough sell. Yes, we are all busy and finding time for a leadership role can be challenging. To empower a volunteer leader is to support that person. How many times have we seen a great society or committee chair step down

from their position and “fall off the planet”? Did they burn out or did something else happen? Good leaders have great teams. When the responsibility is shared, the potential for success is amplified and future leaders are motivated to serve. The next time someone volunteers to serve your state society, tell that person first how much you appreciate his or her efforts and then offer to help them.

As you might guess, I am still passionate about my profession and SAF. The next time someone asks why they should join SAF, tell them about your passion and what SAF stands for, and then tell them about the good things we can accomplish together.

Call or send me your comments. P. O. Box 138, West Plains, Missouri 65775; 417-255-9561x225

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**KTSAF WINTER MEETING, JANUARY 26-28, 2005, KINGSPORT, TN** The East Tennessee SAF chapter invites you to attend the Winter Meeting of KTSAF in Kingsport, TN. A multi-subject meeting on several timely, interesting and provocative topics is being planned as well as a tour of Weyerhaeuser manufacturing facilities.

The meeting location is the Meadowview Marriott Conference Center in Kingsport. More information about registration and hotel reservations will be mailed to each member in late November.

The KTSAF Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26, time to be announced.

On Thursday, January 27, the program will start at 8:15 am. Presentation in the morning session include: Regional Aspects of Timber Supply, Demand & Availability - Bob Abt, NCSU; Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) Data for KY and TN - Jeff Turner, FIA Analyst, Knoxville; FIA is More than Timber - Sonja Oswalt, FIA Analyst, Knoxville; Influence of TIMOs - Mike Shearer, Brentwood, TN.

After lunch, the meeting will continue with Evaluation of Forester Registration, Licensing & Certification Programs: Setup and definitions; Existing Programs --- state, national, association: TN State Licensing, and a Panel Discussion.

After a break, there will be a presentation & discussion of the East KY Chapter appeal of Daniel Boone Forest Management Plan.

The Awards Banquet will be preceded by a mixer and the Student Quiz Bowl.

On Friday, January 28, the day will open with the KTSAF Business Meeting and then we will load onto buses/vans for tour of the Weyerhaeuser wood yard, paper plant and paper cutting and boxing facility. Adjournment will be at noon.

**Jeff Holt** needs your help. He volunteered to run the **silent auction** at the KTSAF winter meeting. If you have items to contribute, please contact Jeff at [jholtor@hotmail.com](mailto:jholtor@hotmail.com) or 865-621-9306

### **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND STORM WATER CONTROL WORKSHOP**

November 14 -15, 2004, Nashville Tennessee. For more information, contact Joshua Idassi, [jidassi@tnstate.edu](mailto:jidassi@tnstate.edu).

### **A HAWAIIAN WINTER BREAK -**

SAF member Dick Reid, Four Seasons Travel and the Hawaii SAF are offering a trip to Hawaii for a week of foetry proactices and relaxation. It will be from March 11 to March 18, 2005. Registration forms and additional information may be obtained from Dick Reid (317)894\_0138, e\_mail [reid66519@aol.com](mailto:reid66519@aol.com) or Karen Neubaur at Four Seasons Travel (800)447\_4484, e\_mail [karena@fourseasonstrvl.com](mailto:karena@fourseasonstrvl.com)

**NATIONAL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION**The 2004 National Future Farmers of America annual convention was held in Louisville from October 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. An estimated 10,000 + of the estimated 50,000 + students who participated in the convention visited the Society of American Foresters booth. The KTSAF thanks Dale and Kelly Weigel, Brandon Reavis, Alan Fowler, and Gavin Wilson for staffing the booth. In addition, the KTSAF sends a special thanks to Rick and Cindy Wilcox for providing the display and to MeadWestvaco for providing material, signs and logos for the display. See the KTSAF website <http://www.ktsaf.org> for pictures from the FFA convention

### **THREE CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS! - David Walters**

The Volunteer State is well represented by KTSAF members Dr. Glen Smalley and Richard Winslow. These gentlemen gave up time on an October weekend to demonstrate the passion and skills it takes to be a forester. Our Boy Scouts got the message that forests are managed for people and foresters are really smart people!

Smalley led the boys on a discovery tour into a forest cove, a soil pit and a fully stocked white pine sawlog stand before taking us to the edge of the Plateau. Richard introduced them to multiple use management and the planning process as a couple of horse riders walked the trail we were camped near. Camping on the Sewanee domain and talking forestry with these guys...PRICELESS!

We in the KT are blessed to have excellent and willing volunteers

### **CALLING FOR PRESENTATIONS AT THE NATION'S PREMIER FORESTRY MEETING**

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is inviting a variety of natural resources professionals to speak at its 2005 National Convention. "Texas Roundup: Driving Changes in Forestry" will be held October 19\_23 in Fort Worth, Texas.

There are several ways in which presenters can participate. They can submit a proposal for a paper, panel discussion, seminar, critical issue forum, poster, or other presentation. Topic include resources measurements, forestry systems, ecology and biology, management and utilization, decision sciences, social and related sciences, and leadership

Proposal for presentations must be submitted by January 12, 2005. For more information, visit the SAF website at <http://www.safnet.org/natcon>.

### **RESULTS OF KT-SAF ELECTION - Richard M. Evans, KT-SAF Teller**

In accordance with KT-SAF Bylaws (Page 4, Article 7) I am reporting to you the following results from our 2005 election of officers.

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes Cast</u>
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*Chairman-elect*

Grant Curry	43
Greg Dale	46*

*Secretary*

Ron Taylor	54*
Jason Utley	34

I certify these results as a true count of all ballots received in this election and declare Greg Dale and Ron Taylor as the 2005 KT-SAF Chairman-elect and Secretary, respectfully.

## **SAF ELECTION RESULTS**

Marvin D. Brown of Salem, Oregon, has been elected vice\_president of the Society of American Foresters for 2005. After serving SAF as vice\_president in 2005, Brown will assume the SAF presidency\_\_the organization's top volunteer leadership post\_\_on January 1, 2006.

David Walters of the KTSAF was one of 29 SAF members were elected SAF Fellow. Fellows are SAF professional members who have been identified by their peers as having rendered

## **UT-FWF - George Hopper**

The Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries hosted our 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 22 and 23. We had about 145 people for dinner on the Friday night and about 50 attended the breakfast meeting a facilities tours on Saturday morning before the big game with Alabama, which we won. Go Vols!

A program on Invasive Species was held in conjunction with the celebration and approximately 100 attended.

The 40th was well received and so many people enjoyed seeing old friends and former professors. I think all of our retired profs attended except one.

The Department is pleased to have Dr. Adam Taylor join us on Nov. 1. Adam will serve as our extension Forest Products Extension specialist. Adam recently completed his PhD at Oregon State University.

And finally, on behalf of all the faculty, staff and students at the University of Tennessee Forestry , Wildlife, and Fisheries we welcome Dr. Steve Bullard to the University of Kentucky. We will do all we can to help Steve be successful in his new role at UK. Welcome to KT - SAF Steve. Go Wildcats!

## **UMASS OFFERING WEB-BASED COURSES FOR FORESTERS**

The Department of Natural Resources Conservation at The University of Massachusetts Amherst announces three web\_based distance learning courses in Forestry and Natural Resource Conservation for the Spring 2005 semester. The y are: Professional Ethics in Forestry, Timber Harvesting, and Managerial Economics. Information on registration and tuition at UMass Amherst Continuing Education: <https://www.umassulearn.net/>. For course details, syllabi, and Instructor information, see: <http://forest.fnr.umass.edu/distance/> .