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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Ron Taylor

"Practice makes Perfect" - and so it was with the 90th SAF National Convention. "Forest and People: A Watershed Event" was a topic that made interesting and educational discussion.

So why did I go? What did I do? And how has it helped me? Did I contribute and will it encourage me to reinvest my energy back into the Kentucky-Tennessee Society?

It is an honor and opportunity to have K-T cover your major expenses as chairman. I heard the average convention cost ranges from \$1,500 to \$2,500. My bill was a little short of the low end. I covered all the meals and transportation costs to the airport to help out.

I have passed through parts of the Southwest twice before but never stopped at Albuquerque. The city looks like a green oasis in a dry desert as you land at the airport. From about the 6th or 7th floor of the Double Tree Hotel you could see several mountain ranges covered with faint purplish green fuzz near the top that composes the high county forests of New Mexico. As you go up slope the dessert gives way to Gambel oak, pinyon-juniper, ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, white fir, Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir, if I remember correctly. The broad landscape with the big blue sky made a pleasant view. The temperatures were not unlike those here at home. The dry air warmed up to the 50-60 degree range and mostly 70's with cool jacket wearing nights. With a break Wednesday afternoon, I walked to Old Town to take in the crafts and eat Mexican food. I considered buying some Indian pottery art work. The paintings and carvings were also nice. Mexican art work was also common since it is the predominant culture followed by Native Americans.

I didn't go to shop through, but rather to take part in the House of Society Delegates (HSD) and attend convention activities. HSD is an advisory group that suggests ideas for the eleven member council that meets four times a year. **Dave Walters**, from Tennessee, is our District Councilman. The HSD is composed of representatives from the state divisions and I represented Kentucky-Tennessee. The representatives took their job seriously. **Tamara Cushing**, past K-T chair, was the presiding chairman of HSD this year. Issues and concerns were crafted into action items and voted on for approval by the HSD. One major concern was providing ideas to keep dues from increasing. Starting 2011, dues will fluctuate proportional to the cost of living index. Several good ideas were approved as possible activities for the Council to consider. HSD is also a platform for sharing ideas. A lot of great activities take place at the state and chapter levels. Prior to the meeting, nominations for outstanding activities were judged. Awards were presented

upon completion of the meeting. K-T and our chapters do many great things, so let us submit a nomination next year.

Workshops, tours, working group meetings, Alumni receptions and group meetings took place at various times. The general sessions were my favorite. Keynote Speaker, **Sandra Postel**, painted a comprehensive picture of the importance of water, especially as population levels increase, and how important a role forests play in protecting our water sources and reducing water treatment costs. Other speakers talked about the need but difficulties we face in allocating water supplies especially in the West. Large reservoirs are not getting filled up. If trends continue they will go dry within 10 years unless water conservation measures are implemented. Climate change was an interesting topic. Much has been advanced in monitoring temperature, rainfall, wind and sea currents, and wind and sea temperature changes with corresponding climate patterns. Within 10 years we will be receiving fairly accurate 10 year weather pattern forecasts. Wall Street will have fun with that. Climate change and biomass were very hot topics studied and summarized with the Poster Symposium of over 100 studies. About 200 speakers presented science and technical program talks. I learned that western hemlocks are not necessarily immune to the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, but rather an insect controls their numbers and limits the impact on the western species. Therefore by introducing these insects, especially the cold climate variety to the east, hope of saving our eastern hemlock may be possible.

Also the explosion of equipment, computers, software, measuring and mapping devices is overwhelming. We truly are in a period of rapid advances that will cut costs, save time and improve the quality of work. Caution, you can spend a lot of money very quickly.

Also in the Exhibit Hall about 10 tables of potential employers were interviewing students as part of a Career Fair. Following "Breakfast with the Chief", Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell announced about 15 to 25 new student hires that were recognized following the breakfast. It was impressive to see all those young foresters.

However, by far the greatest benefit of attending the National Convention or any SAF activity is the people you meet, the ideas and energy they provide. About three or four people really gave me "food for thought". I want to buy their books or meet them again. It was nice to meet up with about a half dozen of our local K-T members many of whom have lit a fire under me in the past as well.

I hope you have the opportunity to attend a National Convention. **I am fired up!**

## COUNCILS COLUMN - Dave Walters

I appreciated meeting District IX folks in Springfield Missouri and in Albuquerque recently. I was especially impressed with the great work HSD did at the Albuquerque convention. Much of the HSD discussion surrounded the proposed 15% dues increase. Council members heard very clearly that HSD felt there was much work to be done before implementing a dues increase and they are concerned about doing anything that might reduce SAF membership. Council decided in Albuquerque to consider HSD's input and to take more time to deliberate a dues increase. I expect Council to decide on the proposed dues increase during the March meeting so please let me know your position on dues before then.

SAF's membership dues represent about 47% of the total operating revenues of the organization. The remaining 53% of revenue comes from advertising, convention and investments. Staff initiated a strong effort to increase advertising revenues this year and it appears that convention revenues will be stronger this year.

SAF has not raised national dues for all membership categories in 13 years – since 1997 (a \$3 inflation increase did occur for professional members only in 2004). During these 13 years, the national average cost of living has increased 35.5%. Council has been considering the entire cost and revenue situation of SAF since early 2009. Besides cost cutting measures that have been implemented over the past years (e.g. a 40% national staff reduction since 1997) and expansion of other revenue sources such as grants, contributions and sponsorships, the Council believes that a dues increase is necessary to adjust for inflationary increases of costs and to position SAF for the future with adequate revenues for members services and programs.

Forester rings will be presented to all student members of SAF who are graduating this spring. SAF staff will be working with faculty advisors and society chairs to make this process of recognizing forestry students' transition into the professional ranks memorable. Look for more information on how the process will unfold in January.

Paver bricks are for sale to raise money to maintain the headquarters building. Order yours today.

I'm putting together a team to plan and host a District IX leadership academy for incoming society chairs, chapter chairs and student leaders. The plan is to hold it this summer beginning on a Friday afternoon and adjourning on Sunday at an affordable location central to the District. There has been some conversation about conducting it jointly with folks from District 5. I'll be looking for volunteers soon and plan to initiate a series of conference calls with Chairs to conduct SAF business.

A District Student Representative is needed to participate in the national student congress at convention, initiate communication between schools within our district, and communicate with the National Student Representative who is a non-voting member of Council. To apply submit a paragraph describing the student's current activity in SAF

and why the student wants to take on the leadership role. The application and a letter of recommendation from the Faculty Advisor should be submitted to me by March 15.

Dates to remember:

- January 31 - Nominations for Fellows are due to District Fellows Committee
- February 15 - Forester's Fund Application Deadline
- February 28 - National Award Nominations Due
- March 15 - Applications for District Student rep. due to Council rep.
- May 1 - District Student rep. takes office
- May 15 - Field Forester Nominations Due to Council rep.

Please give me your input via phone or e-mail.

Invite a colleague to join SAF today!

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## Forestry Mobile App

The SAF mobile app. provides you with instant access to common forestry formulas including interest calculations, basal area, growth percentage, relative spacing, log scales acres/hectare conversions and more. Just simply pick the formula and enter the numbers.

Just \$4.99 for members and \$9.99 for Nonmembers.

Purchase the Mobile App: <https://www.safnet.org/commerce/f3order.cfm>

Your password and login will be included with your receipt.



**CHAPTER NEWS**

**UT Student Chapter - Luke Allen**

This academic year, the Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters University of Tennessee Student Chapter has set a goal to create opportunities to educate local area high school students, students participating in Boy Scouts of America, and members of the community about forestry. We held a Forestry Field Day last year that is planned once again for this year on Saturday, February 19th 2011 at 10:00AM (location information and additional advertising will be forthcoming). This event will be free to the public. There will be an assortment of educational exercises in conservation, dendrology and mensuration, and also a chance for the public to watch our members compete in timber sports events like overhand chop, men's and women's cross cut etc. There will be a whole hog barbeque and other various food items on sale at the event as well. There are sponsorship spaces available and we have already received some support from local businesses in order to make this event possible.



UT Student Chapter in cross cut competition at 2010 Conclave in Monticello, Arkansas

Over the past several weeks, our members have actively been providing help for local area Boy Scouts of America troops with merit badges and individual Eagle Scout projects. We recently held a Hike for Education weekend to Alum Cave with Hamilton County School teachers. Our student chapter has also pledged club funds to aesthetically maintain a spot on the Agricultural Campus as a way to give back and keep our campus looking pristine.

In terms of competitive activities, we were elected by a group of our peers as the recipient of the 2010 Sportsmanship Award at the Association of Southern Forestry Schools conclave in Monticello, Arkansas this past spring. We are also excited to attend the Kentucky-Tennessee SAF Convention in Chattanooga in order to defend our current student "Quiz Bowl" title, and look forward to the outstanding competition from our peers from the University of Kentucky and The University of The South!



UT Student Chapter receives Sportsmanship Award at 2010 Conclave in Monticello, Arkansas



UT and UK Student Chapters attended 2010 Conclave in Monticello, Arkansas

**West Tennessee Chapter - David Mercker**

A forestry field day, titled "Forestry and Wildlife Reunion II" was held at the University of Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson on October 23. Fifty-six participants were schooled on: environmental enterprising, quality deer management, forest pests, cost-share programs, bottomland hardwoods, privet, box turtles and warm season grasses. The event is repeated on four-year intervals, featuring demonstrations and research conducted at the Center. One participant encapsulated the morning by writing, "The workshop was a well-organized event with a broad range of topics. The varied content, short programs and 'fun stuff' kept me interested and alert."

**K-T SAF AWARDS - Ben Worthington**

This is the time of the year to be thinking about nominating folks for the national and local SAF awards. There are 12 national awards. I will not list all the awards here. You can find them at the National SAF website:

<http://www.safnet.org/about/national.cfm>

Locally, for the KT SAF, we have several awards.

- Outstanding Member Service Award 35 years and under
- Outstanding Member Service Award over 35 years old
- Outstanding Service Award to a Technician
- Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award

The Herman T. Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award is for an individual or group where contribution to forestry has been beyond the demands of their regular employment. The recipient should not be a professional forester. The Herman T. Baggenstoss Forestry Awards will be presented to a recipient from Kentucky on odd years and a recipient from Tennessee on even years. This is the year for Tennessee to nominate for the award.

A nomination form for the KT SAF awards can be found on our website at:

[www.ktsaf.org/Committees/Awards.htm](http://www.ktsaf.org/Committees/Awards.htm)

There are 3 Ways to contact me. You can mail me the nomination forms at the following address:

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You can e-mail me your nomination at

[benworthington@bellsouth.net](mailto:benworthington@bellsouth.net)

You can also contact me by phone at 859-749-6254

Please make my job tough. We have a lot of good people in the KT SAF doing excellent stuff. Send me their nominations.

MEETINGS

## KTSAF

### 2011 Winter Meeting

January 26-28, 2011

### Non-Timber Forest Products

CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO



1400 MARKET ST, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402



#### Conference Registration:

\$110.00 per person (Students: \$55.00)  
To register call 931-598-1953

#### Hotel Reservations:

\$78.00/Night (1 King or 2 Double)  
Call the Chattanooga Choo Choo at  
423-266-5000

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See reverse for schedule of events

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, January 26

8:00 PM KTSAF Executive Meeting

### Thursday, January 27

- 8:00-8:30 AM **Gene Hyde:**  
*Welcome*
- 8:40-9:30 **Dr. James Hill Craddock:**  
*The Reintroduction of American Chestnut*
- 9:50-10:20 **Mike Cyr:**  
*Specialty wood products*
- 10:30-11:00 **Ryan Crawley**  
*Peeling poplar*
- 11:15-12:00 **Hardwood:**  
*Shavings and Firewood*
- 12:00-1:15 PM *Lunch/Ethics Talk*
- 1:30-2:15 **Dr. Terrell "Red" Baker and Dr. Deborah Hill**  
*Non-timber forest products in Kentucky*
- 2:30-3:30 **Robin Mayberry:**  
*NRCS programs*
- 4:00-5:00 **Business Meeting**
- 5:00-5:30 **Social**
- 5:30-6:30 **Quiz Bowl/Silent Auction**
- 7:00-8:30 **Banquet - Speaker:**  
Charlie Harris:

### Friday, January 28

8:00-12:00: Field Tour: Gwyns Farm

**MEETINGS** continued

**Forest Pest Management Training with Emphasis on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD)**

**2 Sessions and Locations:**

- Tuesday, November 30  
Montgomery Bell State park near Dickson, TN
- Tuesday, December 7  
University of Tennessee Welcome Center in Knoxville  
(Neyland Drive at Cumberland Avenue)

Both sessions begin at 9:00 am local time and adjourn at 4:00 pm

**Continuing Education Credits:**

- SAF CEUs --- 6 hours
- Pesticide Points --- 6 points in C2, C10, and C12 categories

**Subject Matter:**

1. EAB and TCD --- Identification, geographic proximity, biology, pathways, host symptoms, management actions. Speakers/Presenters include Drs. Frank Hale and Alan Windham, UT Entomology and Plant Pathology; Bill Jones, USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, Asheville, NC

2. Forest Pest Updates --- gypsy moth, southern pine beetle, hemlock woolly adelgid, and others. Tennessee Division of Forestry Personnel

3. Keeping Forests Healthy through Silviculture. Wayne Clatterbuck, UT-FWF

Cost: \$25.00 including Lunch. No cost for TDF personnel (covered by a grant)

Registration: Contact Wayne Clatterbuck (865-974-7346 or [wclatterbuck@utk.edu](mailto:wclatterbuck@utk.edu)) at least two days before each workshop so we can make lunch arrangements. TDF personnel do NOT need to register.

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**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**David Mercker**

UT Extension Forestry has completed a web-based learning module that describes forest certification.

Landowners are the intended audience, but foresters and county agents may find it useful too.

Thank you for your support of responsible forestry. See ya in the woods . . . .

[www.forestandrange.org/Forest%20Certification/index.html](http://www.forestandrange.org/Forest%20Certification/index.html)

**Middle Tennessee Chapter**

K-T SAF Summer Meeting: A Taste of Tradition

June 15-17, 2011

Manchester, TN



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