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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Tammy Cushing

We are in a time of great change. Outside the leaves are changing. For each of us this brings different meanings, reactions and memories. Most times we are just observers to change, having to deal with it. We can't stop the leaves from falling but we are the ones that will deal with the pile of leaves!

As I write this we are on the verge of a historic election. This time we are asking for change and trying to determine who will set the country on a different path. Once again though, we will be mostly observers.

What I find interesting is how we deal with change. We really have two options for how to deal with changes: you can fight the change or embrace it. Usually this is a personal choice. You have no doubt seen someone actively fighting change by refusing to adopt new rules and continuing to do things "the old way." Depending on where this occurs, they either are forced to change or finally give up the old way and adapt. Our ability to embrace change showcases our adaptability. It is always impressive to see the person or organization that can embrace change and make the best of the situation.

Forestry is and has been in a period of change. Ownership patterns are changing. Not only do we have a movement away from industry-owned land but we also have a changing demographic. More of our landowners are absentee, well-educated and driven by different objectives. Our approach to these landowners must change. Our programming for landowners must take into account the way this group of owners wants to acquire information. Younger landowners are more likely to want to acquire information from a podcast than from a workshop (a podcast is a program that is downloaded from the internet and can be listened to using an iPod or MP3 player). This will no doubt make some uncomfortable. No one said change was comfortable. Continuing to do things as we always have is comfortable but not always in the best interests of everyone involved. Imagine where we would be without some of the changes that have occurred in just the past 20 years!

Change has also found its way to KTSAF. Mark Young will be stepping down from his position as website coordinator. Mark has done a fantastic job of keeping the website up-to-date. This is quite a technical position and was made more difficult by a slow flow of information to him from chapters. We sincerely appreciate Mark's services in this position. Thank you Mark for all the time you put into this position for KTSAF. In this newsletter you will find a notice asking for a volunteer to step into this position. This is a great way to use your skills to serve SAF.

For many years we have been lucky to have the services of John Rennie as our newsletter editor. What many of you probably don't know is that John is the glue holding this organization together at the executive level. Each new chair finds out quickly that John is completely on top of deadlines for all things SAF. He knows a lot of the members and knows the inner workings and history of the organization. As chair if I needed to know something I was usually told to "Ask John." At the winter meeting in January, John informed Allan Houston (chair-elect) and myself that he was ready to step down from this position. We have found a replacement but these are big shoes to fill. I believe I speak for everyone when I say thank you John for your dedication to this organization. Personally I want to thank John for all the help this year.

Change is also coming to me personally. I have accepted a position at Clemson University starting in January. I leave Kentucky with mixed feelings. I have met some really great people these past three years. The position I am leaving for allows me to do what I have always wanted to do, Extension. This is just too good an opportunity for me professionally. I do want to repeat something I said at the winter meeting in January 2007, you are a very welcoming group of people. I have been in several SAF chapters on my way to Kentucky and have not always felt as welcome. This says a lot about this group of professionals. I am better for having met many of you and am lucky to leave here with some I will continue to call Friend.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the winter meeting in January. Until then, step out of your comfort zone and make a change. Who knows, you may find a new and better way of doing something! Have a great fall and holiday season!

%&%&NEEDED - INDIVIDUALS TO RUN FOR KTSAF OFFICERS

It is time for KTSAF nominations and elections. We need nomination for two KTSAF offices - chair-elect and secretary. People running for these offices must be SAF members from Kentucky. The person who is chair-elect in 2009 will become KTSAF chair in 2010 and the 2009 secretary will become the 2010 treasurer. If you are interested in either position or know of a person who would be interested, contact Tammy Cushing (859) 257-2149 or tamara.cushing@uky.edu . The deadline is Monday, November 10, 2008.

Ballots will go out in mid-November by email and by USPS to those without an email address. In addition to voting on the two KTSAF officers, changes in the KTSAF bylaws to allow electronic balloting will be on the ballot.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KTSAF Winter 2009 Meeting - The KTSAF Winter Meeting will be hosted by the Middle Tennessee SAF Chapter. Dates are January 28-30, 2009. **Note that the meeting starts at 1PM on Wednesday, January 28.** Earn 9.5 CFE credits [cat. 1]. It will be at the Doubletree Hotel, 1850 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Hotel reservations at 615-895-5555 and ask for "SAF" group block; \$70 king bed and \$85 double bed. Early registration is \$85 [December 29 deadline] and student registration is \$40. Registration materials will be mailed in late November and will also be on the KTSAF website [www.KTSAF.org] along with updates. The program is at the end of this newsletter.

Emerging Issues in White-tailed Deer Management and Conservation conference announcement

White-tailed deer are a biologically, socially, and economically important wildlife species. Decisions we make today in how to manage deer affects all of us. The purpose of this conference is to facilitate dialogue and new ideas related to the most critical issues in white-tailed deer management. Leading researchers from across the country will present an in-depth look into emerging issues including urban deer management, human dimensions, population management, and more. The planning committee is very excited to bring you this conference and hope you can join us. This conference would be of interest to foresters, wildlife biologists, and other resource professionals impacted by issues surrounding white-tailed deer management. Conference dates are February 25 to 27, 2009 at the Lafayette, IN Holiday Inn Select City Center. Program and registration information can be found at <http://www.fnr.purdue.edu/2009deer/> or you may contact Lenny Farlee with questions – lfarlee@purdue.edu 765 494-2153

East Tennessee SAF Chapter - The East Tennessee SAF Chapter continues to meet at 7AM on the first Wednesday of each month. The location of the breakfast meeting is now at the Shoney's in **Oak Ridge**. It is located on Illinois Avenue

KTSAF Summer 2009 Meeting - The KTSAF Summer Meeting will be hosted by the West Tennessee SAF Chapter

KTSAF AWARDS COMMITTEE - Ben Worthington, Awards Committee Chair

At the 2008 KTSAF winter meeting Chair Tammy Cushing asked me to head the awards committee for the KT SAF. Now I have to get work on the awards. I need your help. Now is the time to nominate folks for the national and local SAF awards. There are 12 national awards. You can find them at the National SAF website:

<http://www.safnet.org/who/nationalawards.cfm> . I have two nominations already. I have received 1 for the **Gifford Pinchot Medal** and 1 for the **John A. Beale Memorial Award**. Please look at the following web address for the nomination form: http://www.safnet.org/who/nominationform_2008.pdf

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 whose 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 at: <http://www.ktsaf.org/News/Committees/Awards/Year%202003/KT-SAF%20Award%20Nomination%20Form.htm>

We have a pretty quick turn around for the **KT SAF**. I must have the nominations to me no later than **December 15** to have the awards ready for presentation at the Winter KT SAF meeting. We have a little more time for the **National SAF awards**. I need to have the nominations to me by January 15

Contact me at: Ben Worthington, PO Box 889, Winchester, KY 40392-0889 ; 859-749-6254; benworthington@bellsouth.net . Please make my job tough. We have a lot of good people in the KT SAF doing excellent stuff. Send me their nominations.

WHERE ARE WE ON FORESTER REGISTRATION IN TENNESSEE? - David Walters and Gary Schneider

The draft proposal to establish a mandatory registration of foresters in Tennessee is on the KTSAF website. This draft was accepted by the KTSAF in January 2008 and endorsed by the Tennessee Forestry Commission (TFC) on April 8, 2008. The TFC sought additional input from a variety of sources, and then asked the TN SAF credentialing committee to seek legislative sponsorship. The Forestry Commission reaffirmed their support of our proposal at their meeting on Tuesday Oct 14.

The Credentialing Committee went to the Tennessee Forestry Association for further input, and to determine if TFA would be willing to carry our proposal to the Tennessee legislature. Our proposal was first presented to the TFA summer Board meeting on June 24 at the Ocoee Whitewater Center. The purpose was to acquaint and inform the Board of the proposal's content and intent. No action was called for and all Board members were invited to study and provide further comments at a later date.

At the annual meeting of TFA on October 1, in Nashville, the proposal was once again on the agenda. Board members had an opportunity to voice their opinions, and provide additional input. As was anticipated, the comments varied from expressed support to no support.

Besides hearing some support for the proposal, we heard three major sticking points.

- X Some foresters are strongly averse to grandfathering anyone who does not have a forestry degree. Grandfathering non-graduates, they argue, would grant them the same credentials as those of us with accredited degrees.

- X Some loggers and timber buyers have a problem with the limits on their ability to advise landowners. They argue that they give advice as a professional logger or timber buyer and this law may limit what they currently do.

- X A third sticking point we heard was that our proposal may restrict a landowner from choosing an advisor they trust and likely increase their cost of assistance. A landowner, they argue, should be able to solicit advice from anyone they choose.

During the Association of Consulting Forester's luncheon, we discussed the proposal with approximately ten ACF members. Grandfathering non-educated practitioners was a sticking point for some and some seemed supportive of the proposal.

Following the TFA meeting, their leadership contacted the SAF Credentialing Committee to set up a working session that might result in resolving differences and thus crafting a proposal that TFA would be most willing to support.

Such a meeting took place on October 29 at the TFA office. The major points of support for our proposal were:

- X Landowners need to know that there is a list of credentialed foresters trained to provide forest management assistance,

- X The quality of Tennessee's forests and the benefits forests provide will improve over the long run when landowners utilize the advice of professional foresters, and

- X Landowners and foresters will benefit from establishing a legal forester title

Some other points of concern include:

X Will this proposal lead to registration of loggers?

X Defining as precisely as possible what "forestry practice" actually means and

X Clarifying the restrictions on who can give forestry advice to landowners by allowing advice to be given by non-foresters as long as it is without a charge or fee, and the individual giving such free advice does not call themselves a "forester".

There was also some discussion about when to introduce such a proposal as well as whether the registration process should be a voluntary or a mandatory one.

The Credentialing Committee is now preparing a revised proposal that will incorporate these items into the existing draft, and have them available for the TFA's executive board meeting scheduled in November. The full TFA Board meets on December 10, where further discussion on this proposal to register foresters in Tennessee will take place.

STATEMENT BY SAF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CEO MICHAEL GOERGEN ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF THE SAF CAMPUS TO NATIONS ACADEMY

"It is with regret that I must inform you our proposed contract to sell SAF's 26-acre property in Bethesda, Maryland to Nations Academy has fallen through. Market conditions led to the unraveling of the sale, and there was little that could be done to revive it. We worked to the very end to do all we could to try and make this sale work, but it was not possible. "

"The experience, while not ending the way we had hoped, has reinforced our belief that SAF holds an outstanding asset in our property, and we will continue to work to realize the property's full potential for the betterment of SAF."

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West Tennessee SAF Chapter - Eric Bridges

The West TN chapter held a meeting at the International Paper Headquarters in Memphis on August 28th. At that meeting several committees were formed to plan the summer meeting of June 2009 which will be hosted by the West Tennessee Chapter of KTSAF. The Chapter would like to hold this meeting in Memphis and focus on the issues of sustainability of natural resources in the face of urban and suburban sprawl. We hope to bridge the divide between urban forestry and traditional forestry to address the challenges we all face in building a more sustainable future for forests and forestry in our region. Start thinking about those silent auction items now! The meeting is tentatively planned for June 11th and 12th. More information will be coming in future newsletters. Contact Eric Bridges at (901) 867-2717 x.412 with questions and comments.

Dr. David Mercker, CF® gave a presentation to the West Tennessee Chapter of the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council at their meeting on October 9th. His presentation focused on interface forestry and was another attempt by the West TN Chapter of KTSAF to engage the urban forestry discipline and build on our strengths. Our efforts have been paying off with a few new SAF memberships from the urban forestry discipline. It is important to recognize that urban forestry is not solely the realm of arborists. The arborist is talented at managing individual trees and the forester is trained in managing forest systems. We are going to need both strengths to meet our new challenges. I encourage you to reach out to your local urban forestry council, attend their meetings, and ask that they attend yours. You'd be surprised at how much we have in common and how much we can gain from combining our efforts.

Middle TN SAF Chapter - Dave Walters

The chapter met on Sept 23, 2008 at the TDF office in Nashville on Tuesday Sept 23 at 10 am until noon to nominate 2009 chapter officers and plan the 2009 KTSAF winter meeting. Current chapter officers are Johnny Herd past chair, and Jeff Thompson, Treasurer. Nominees for 2009 Middle Tn. Chapter Officers are Chair 2009: Kerry Livengood; Chair Elect 2009: Andy Norris; and Treasurer 2009: Jeff Piatt. Committees were appointed to handle the various aspects of the winter meeting and work toward a successful meeting got underway.

EastKentucky SAF Chapter Spring and Fall 2008 Meetings - Daniel Bowker

The East Kentucky chapter of SAF had two well-attended meetings in 2008. The spring meeting was at Blanton Forest State Nature Preserve in Harlan County, Kentucky, on May 13th. Merrill Flanary, Kentucky Natural Lands Trust (KNLT) Forest Steward and EKSAF member, welcomed the chapter to Camp Blanton, an old Boy Scout camp now owned by KNLT and under renovation. After Merrill gave a short history of the camp and the ownership of the forest, the chapter conducted a business meeting that included an update on KTSAF, a review of the February EKSAF Executive Committee

meeting and the EKSAF newsletter, a discussion of the previous fall's chapter meeting, organization reports, and information on ordering EKSAF polo shirts. After the business meeting, a lunch of barbecued chicken, done on the Camp Blanton grill, and locally sourced green beans and potato salad was served, all arranged by Merrill Flanary. Lee Townsend, University of Kentucky Extension Entomologist, gave a presentation on the hemlock woolly adelgid after the meal, with information on the adelgid's life cycle and treatment options. The group then went outdoors for a demonstration of soil injection of the chemical imidacloprid on a hemlock standing behind the camp lodge, led by Townsend and Flanary. Rob Paratley, Herbarium Curator at UK and botanist with the UK Department of Forestry, then led a hike into the old growth portion of Blanton Forest, while discussing the characteristics of old growth, including individual trees, forest structure, coarse woody debris, and animals that use older forest areas. Many members of the group hiked up to the Knobby Rock overlook, where there is a great view of Blanton Forest and the valley below.

Carter Caves State Park and Tygarts State Forest in Carter County, Kentucky, provided the backdrop for the EKSAF fall chapter meeting on October 23rd. The morning was spent in a chapter business meeting, where members got an overview of the state forest from Kentucky Division of Forestry employees Kevin Galloway and Floyd Willis. Also on the agenda was a KTSAF update, a discussion of the spring meeting at Blanton Forest, more talk about EKSAF polo shirts, and an upcoming legislative task force meeting in Frankfort at which EKSAF will have a presence and/or prepare a position statement on barriers to sustainable forest management in Kentucky. Lunch was provided by the state park. The afternoon was composed of a tour of several demonstration areas on the state forest. The group took a close look at some American chestnut orchards on the forest and a chestnut silviculture light requirement study put in by UK and KDF, then moved on to some white oaks that were planted in an old agricultural field. The tour continued on to an area that was salvage logged after a severe ice storm hit the area some years back, with discussion comparing the state-owned area that was salvaged quickly after the ice storm and nearby federal land where salvage was held up by litigation for several years after the damage. The tour concluded with a visit to a cave inhabited by endangered Indiana bats, where a large steel bat gate has been constructed. The gate allows the bats to come and go freely, while keeping out unauthorized people who might disturb the bats' habitat.

The University of Kentucky Department of Forestry - Steve Bullard

The UK and UT Departments of Forestry are working together to help provide leadership among southern forestry schools in the area of undergraduate recruiting (student numbers, diversity and quality). One outcome of this work is a "Forestry Recruiting Information Clearinghouse" website – see www.ca.uky.edu/forestry/recruiting for more information. If you go to the site and would like to share thoughts or ideas for improvement, please contact Steve Bullard at 859-257-3217 or steve.bullard@uky.edu. Good news on this topic includes a recent upturn in undergrad forestry enrollment at UK, where we currently have 52 undergraduates, with a particularly healthy enrollment in freshman and sophomore classes.

As reported in previous KTSAF newsletters, the undergraduate forestry curriculum at UK is being significantly revised, in a two-year process that has involved many external stakeholders in addition to our own faculty and staff. The proposed curriculum change has now been approved at the College level, and has been forwarded for University-level consideration; if approved, we will begin implementing the new curriculum in the fall of '09, prior to our next SAF accreditation visit in 2010.

UK Department of Forestry faculty and staff have recently been working with leaders of the KY Woodland Owners Association, the KY Forest Industries Association, the KY Division of Forestry, KY Farm Bureau and others to increase the voice of forestry in the state's legislature. Some success has been achieved in this important area, with the recent establishment of a Forestry Task Force in the House, possibly to be joined by the Senate. The first meeting of the Task Force will be in November, with a coordinated discussion of significant forestry issues and potential legislative actions.

The University of Tennessee Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries - Keith Belli

On October 14, 2008, DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol LLC (DDCE) and the University of Tennessee (UT) Research Foundation, through Genera Energy, LLC, broke ground for an innovative pilot-scale biorefinery and state-of-the-art research and development facility for cellulosic ethanol, or ethanol from non-food sources.

Several FWF faculty and staff helped arrange the ceremony, which was attended by dignitaries such Governor Phil Bredesen, Senator Bob Corker, U.S. Representatives Zach Wamp and John J. Duncan, Jr., and UT President John Petersen. It is expected that FWF faculty within the Tennessee Forest Products Center will be heavily involved in the science of making the pilot plant a success.

On October 16-17, the FWF Advisory Board met with departmental faculty and students to discuss the future strategic plans for the department. Present at the meeting were board members: Bill Bell, Martha Bogle, Chuck Coutant, Jay Exum, David Hand (for Candace Dinwiddie), Wade McMahan, Tony Pugel (for Bob Palardy), Donald Ross, Bob Russell, Steve Scott, Peggy Shute, Tom Speaks, and Bill Williams.

WEB VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The KT SAF is looking for someone interested in taking over responsibility for managing our KT SAF Web Site (www.ktsaf.org). This is an exciting opportunity for someone interested in helping to enhance communication and outreach efforts for our group. The position requires knowledge of web site design and maintenance, and a dedication to solicit information on current events, news stories, etc. from our various Chapters in Kentucky and Tennessee to keep the site up-to-date. If interested, please contact Tammy Cushing (tlcush2@email.uky.edu), Allan Houston (ahouston@amesplantation.org) or Mark Young (jmyoung@tennessee.edu) for more details.

DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING KTSAF NEWSLETTERS

The KTSAF newsletter is an outlet for any member who has information, ideas or opinions of interest to the forestry community in Kentucky and Tennessee. Input by email is preferred, but FAX or USPS work also. MY USPS address is below and my other contacts are: nrandjr@comcast.net; 865-577-6356; 865-974-4714 (FAX). Items for the November should be submitted by February 2, 2009 for the February 2009 newsletter. John Rennie, Editor

KTSAF 2009 Winter Meeting Doubletree Hotel 1850 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN January 28-30, 2009

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
<u>Wed. Jan 28</u>		
<u>Noon- 7:00 PM</u>	<u>Registration</u>	
<u>1:00 PM</u>	<u>Welcome & meeting introductions</u>	<u>David Todd</u>
	<u>Emerging Technology</u>	
<u>1:15</u>	<u>Free aerial photos and tax maps fast!</u>	<u>Ward Tarkington, TDF</u>
<u>2:00</u>	<u>Web surfing the FIA data</u>	<u>Chris Oswalt USFS FIA</u>
<u>2:30</u>	<u>Break</u>	
<u>2:45</u>	<u>High Tech forestry gadgets & gizmos</u>	<u>Jim Walley Dr. Brian Mitchell</u>
<u>5:00</u>	<u>Wrap up & Adjourn</u>	<u>David Todd</u>
<u>6:30 -8:30 PM</u>	<u>Executive Committee meeting</u>	<u>Dr. Tammy Cushing</u>
<u>Thurs. Jan 29</u>		
<u>7:00 AM</u>	<u>Registration</u>	
<u>8:00</u>	<u>Welcome & meeting introductions</u>	<u>David Hudnall, LP</u>
	<u>Forest as an investment</u>	
<u>8:15</u>	<u>Cash for carbon ...Where's the \$\$\$?</u>	
<u>8:45</u>	<u>Mining Uranium from KY forestlands</u>	<u>John Gustavson</u>
<u>9:15</u>	<u>Landowners say the darndest things</u>	<u>Kevin Hoyt, Huber</u>
<u>10:00</u>	<u>Break</u>	
<u>10:30</u>	<u>Housing starts & forest products ...expectations crystal balls</u>	<u>John Neilson, VP of Marketing LP</u>
<u>11:30</u>	<u>Morning wrap up & lunch instructions</u>	<u>David Hudnall, LP</u>
<u>11:45</u>	<u>Lunch & Silent Auction opens</u>	
<u>1:00</u>	<u>Reconvene Forest as a habitat</u>	<u>Jere Jeter, TDF</u>
<u>1:15</u>	<u>Where the rattlesnakes roam</u>	<u>Danny Bryan, Cumberland Univ</u>
<u>2:00</u>	<u>Forest mgmt's effects on Amphibians</u>	<u>Callie Schweitzer, USFS Research</u>
<u>2:45</u>	<u>Break</u>	
<u>3:00</u>	<u>The buzz on bees & pollinating</u>	<u>Mike Studer Dept of AG</u>
<u>3:30</u>	<u>Invaders in Ky & Tn... EAB, HWA, GYP moth, Cogongrass</u>	<u>Clint Strohmeier, TDF</u>
<u>4:15</u>	<u>Ethics</u>	<u>Dr John Rennie</u>
<u>5:00</u>	<u>Wrap up & Adjourn plans for evening</u>	<u>Jere Jeter</u>
<u>6:00</u>	<u>Quiz bowl & Cash bar</u>	<u>Doug McClaren UK Extension</u>
<u>7:00</u>	<u>Banquet</u>	<u>Dave Walters, TDF</u>
<u>7:30</u>	<u>A forester's quest ... from the top of the world to the swamps of TN</u>	<u>Mike Martin</u>
<u>8:15</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Tammy Cushing</u>
<u>10:00 PM</u>	<u>Silent Auction closes</u>	
<u>Fri. Jan 30</u>	<u>KT SAF meeting</u>	
<u>7:00 AM</u>	<u>Registration re-opens</u>	
<u>8:00</u>	<u>Welcome Forestry issues regionally & nationally</u>	<u>Steve Scott, TDF</u>
<u>8:10</u>	<u>An industry subdivided..effects</u>	<u>Ken Arney, USFS Dep Regional Forester</u>
<u>8:45</u>	<u>National Issues from the State Foresters' perspective</u>	<u>Leah MacSwords, KY State Forester</u>

