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FROM THE CHAIR - GARY SCHNEIDER

“What a great meeting!” I heard that phrase numerous times at the KT-SAF summer meeting in Paducah. It was a time together well spent, and the 40 foresters that attended agreed.

The main program was a day field tour of MeadWestvaco’s fiber farm. It was amazing to see the technology used to produce 100+ tons of wood fiber/acre in a span of 6-8 years in cottonwood plantations. With applications of fertilizer and water irrigation, “fertigation,” planted cuttings of cottonwood can achieve growth sizes where trees are 8 inch dbh, and 80 foot tall. Thanks to **John Wood, Greg Dale, Jerry Crow, Pat Elliott**, and a host of staff that hosted this tour.

The executive committee meeting, and the general business meeting, clearly illustrated that we have an active and productive KT-SAF. A few examples:

- **John Rennie**, our KT-SAF newsletter editor, now sends out the newsletter via e-mail. About 2/3 of our membership is currently receiving newsletter issues in this format. Projected savings in annual printing and postal costs is \$400.00 (a 50% cost reduction).
- **Jack Muncy**, TVA forester, was District IX’s selection for the 2002 Presidential Field Forester of the Year award. The award will be presented at the forthcoming SAF national convention in Winston-Salem. Congratulations, Jack!
- **Ken Arney**, former state forester of Tennessee, has been nominated for SAF Fellow, and will be on the ballot for election of officers and fellows this fall. Congratulations, Ken!
- The **East KY chapter** has submitted a Foresters’ Fund application that will recognize teacher participants in Project Learning Tree workshops with an attractive T-shirt that promotes good forestry practices.
- The **East KY chapter** has prepared two position statements to be submitted to the national office. “Effective forest stewardship in Kentucky,” a previously approved statement that is expiring, has been updated, and will be submitted for continuation. The **West KY chapter** will most likely join hands in this endeavor, as well as in the second position statement: “Promoting multiple-use

forest management within Kentucky State Park viewsheds.”

- Chapter reports, such as from **EKY, ETN, SETN, WTN, and UT Students**, show worthwhile professional activities. Examples: a forestry field tour for deaf children using sign language; developing/strengthening communications with media sources; visiting various forests where forestry practices were examined; sharing forestry information with legislators on conducted tours; and meeting regularly (monthly/quarterly) with chapter members to stay apprised of local forestry issues.
- The formation of two **Task Forces** to provide KT-SAF input to the planning process for the multiple-use management of the Daniel Boone and Cherokee national forests. **Wayne Clatterbuck** (co-chair for Cherokee NF input), and **Jeff Stringer** (co-chair for Daniel Boone NF input), are leading the efforts to coordinate this project.

[**Note:** Wayne and Jeff need help in analyzing the national forest plans, and preparing KT-SAF's responses. If you can help in some aspect, please contact Wayne or Jeff. Details below.]

- **KT-SAF** will again sponsor a booth, and conduct a forestry field competition, at the FFA national convention in Louisville, KY, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1, 2002. SAF has funded this through a Foresters' Fund award. Approximately 50,000 youth and leaders from across the nation attend this event. This is a great opportunity to educate this elite group of individuals on the importance of sound forest resources management.

These are examples of what KT-SAF discussed at Paducah. We can take great pride in these accomplishments. We also recognize that much more needs to be done. With that, I call your attention to the **Winter KT-SAF meeting January 29-31, 2003 at Fall Creek Falls State Park, TN on Forest Regulations** (hope to see you there!).

MINUTES FROM THE SUMMER KTSAF MEETING - JOHN RENNIE

As Gary Schneider indicates above, much business was covered at the executive and business meetings. The minutes are long and are taking a while to get in final form. Since there are items in this newsletter that are time-sensitive, the minutes are not included as they have been with past issues in recent years. Please check "Members Only" on the KTSAF website (<http://www.ktsaf.org>) for the minutes. They will be posted about August 12.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - TIM FRENCH

- DUES is a four letter word! But, one that is absolutely critical if we as members are to have the many products and services that we enjoy and need/demand. Dues income is not the only source of funding we rely on, but certainly very important to the operation of the organization. Historically, we have held off increasing dues over periods of time (5-8 years). When it was absolutely imperative to increase dues, the increment was generally large enough to cause the proverbial ripple of unhappiness throughout the membership and usually resulting in the loss of some members.
- Funding increases for our organization (or any organization for that matter) - over time are *inevitable* if we wish to just maintain the present level of programs and services, have a high quality staff and maintain a national office and presence. To consider any new programs or services, we must also consider what we will not do or what will have to go. To maintain our current level of programs, the only question becomes, "How?"
- Council and staff have struggled with this issue for some time and have determined that smaller annual increases in

dues (approximately 3% based on the CPI for 2004 & 05) are more palatable than larger periodic increases. To that end we will initiate this process with the billing cycle that begins in October 2003 for the 2004 calendar year.

- **MEMBERSHIP** is a 10 letter word! Actually it is another *critical* issue for our organization and is directly related to our dues. The fewer the members we have each year, the more we individually pay and the reverse is true as our membership numbers increase. Although SAF uses membership drives to emphasize the issue, member recruitment and retention strategies must be built into every aspect of our organization. You, as a member, are the life blood of our organization and keeping your interest or attracting others like you to this organization is an ongoing process. Every “committee” of every State Society, Division, or Chapter should have a member retention/recruitment strategy in their charter. From the Program Committee’s role in developing timely, quality continuing education opportunities - to the Membership Committee’s efforts to mentor students, every committee and every member can play an important role in keeping SAF a vital, relevant organization that meets the needs of the professional forester.
- The **POLICY** Department has had numerous successes on Capitol Hill through Michael Goergen’s leadership and talent. Michael reports that one of the reasons for these successes has been the contacts made by individual members like you - the grassroots of the organization. Don’t underestimate the positive outcome that you can have by writing or calling your legislators on specific issues. To be most effective, advocacy must be at the local level. Know your legislators and feed them information regularly. Michael indicates that there is tremendous influence exerted when local SAF members participate!
- **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** as a contributor to the “focus on” section in the *Journal of Forestry*. Whether you recruit someone to write an article, write one yourself or just send in an idea for an article - Journal staff welcome your participation. They can even help write the article if you so desire.
- **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** - Local SAF Leaders bring back ideas, tools, excitement, enthusiasm and more from the Leadership Academy. This overwhelming success for our organization must be supported by all State/Multi-state Societies and Divisions to remain operational. Plan now to send at least one potential leader to this outstanding leadership training opportunity.
- **2002 Presidential Field Forester Award** - There is a large number of field foresters who should be recognized for their talent and accomplishments. These deserving individuals can be found in all regions of the U.S. Using presidential prerogative, 11 members—one from each of the 11 SAF districts—have been selected to receive an outstanding field forester achievement award in 2002. This assures that each region of the U.S. will recognize an outstanding field forester winner. The award winner for District IX this year is **Jack Muncy from K-T SAF**. We were very fortunate to have four outstanding candidates to select from including Tim Cannon from Ouachita SAF, Dr. James McClenahen from Ohio SAF, and Janet Eger from Indiana SAF. It was a tough decision to select just one District winner. Each of these individuals are outstanding field forester winners in their home Societies. SAF President David Smith will recognize Jack for this honor at the National Convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- The **SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION** is October 5-9, 2002 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and has more than 100 sessions geared to professionals like you who work in and for the forests and the people who own them. If you have not registered to attend ... do so immediately. The earlier you register, the more you save.

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED - JOHN PERRY

It is time for nominations for K T SAF Chair and Secretary Treasurer elections. This year candidates should be from Kentucky. If you are interested in running or know of an able candidate, please let me know. There have been many excellent foresters who have been serving at the chapter or committee level that can make a much needed contribution for KY TN SAF. If you are interested or have a nomination, contact John Perry at 859 985 3587, john_perry@berea.edu (underscore after john) or Berea College Forestry Dept., CPO 2133, Berea, KY 40404. Kentucky chapters, send us your leaders!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

PUBLIC MEETING ON NATIONAL FOREST PLAN

A public meeting addressing the Cherokee National Forest Plan Revision will be held on August 22, 2002 from 1:30-4:00 and 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 611 Sherwood Drive, Maryville, Tennessee (Intersection of US 129 and US 321). Draft revision of the forest plan is available at:

<http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/cherokee/planning/revision.htm>. Also, see item below on KTSAF review of the forest plans for the Cherokee NF and the Daniel Boone NF.

WORKSHOPS - HERBICIDE APPLICATION FOR REFORESTATION OF HARDWOODS

Objective: To provide new information and hands-on training on herbicide rates, application, & safety for reforestation of hardwoods.

Date/Time: 1 p.m. August 20 to 3 p.m. (CDT) August 21 (KY) and 8:30 a.m. (CDT) August 22 to 12:00 noon August 23 (TN)

Location: University of Kentucky Research and Education Center, Princeton, Kentucky, and University of Tennessee West Tennessee Experiment Station, 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson, Tennessee

Cost: \$50 including one lunch and breaks

CFE: 10 hours of approved SAF CFE credit; Tennessee Pesticide Points – to be announced

Topics:

Introduction to currently used herbicides --- mode of action, strengths, weaknesses

Current research by tree species: 1-3 year results

Site preparation considerations by type ---- upland perennial grass, upland crop field, bottomland, bottomland floodplain

Direct seeding weed control

Seedling quality and size

Ground application techniques

Equipment ---- nozzles, sprayers, booms

Equipment calibration techniques

Safety

Planning for success

Success stories

Instructors:

John (Jack) Seifert, Purdue University, Butlerville, IN, Regional Extension Forester

Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky, Hardwood Silviculture Extension Specialist

Wayne Clatterbuck, University of Tennessee, Forest Management Extension Specialist

Registration: Contact Wayne Clatterbuck at wclatterbuck@utk.edu or 865-974-7346 for Tennessee or Jeff Stringer at 859-257-5994 or stringer@uky.edu for Kentucky.

SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Winston-Salem, North Carolina, October 5–9, 2002. Details at: <http://www.safnet.org/calendar/natcon.htm>.

SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE SAF CHAPTER MEETING

The **SE -TN SAF Chapter** will be holding a meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2002 starting at 10 am est., at Prentice Cooper SF and WMA in Hamilton County. The topic will be Wildlife Management in Tennessee. This will have continuing education credits. We will meet at the checking station at the entrance rain or shine. There will be a short tour, Our speakers will be Mike Black of Sequatchie Forest and Wildlife, Bruce Anderson and Richard Conley of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and Glen Rogers, Manager on Prentiss Cooper for TWRA. CFE credits will be applied.

KTSAF WINTER MEETING

January 29-31, 2003, at Fall Creek Falls State Park, Tennessee. Theme: *“Forestry Laws and Regulations Now and in the Future.”* Hosted by the Southeast Tennessee Chapter.

KT-SAF AWARDS FOR 2002 - NOW IS THE TIME TO NOMINATE

Now is the time to submit nominations for the 2002 KTSAF awards. These are four awards for which nominations are needed: Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award, Outstanding Member Service Award 35 years of age and under, Outstanding Member Service Award over 35 years of age, and Outstanding Service Award to a Technician.

Details about nominating individuals for each of these awards are on the KTSAF Nomination Form. This form is available on the KTSAF website (<http://www.ktsaf.org/>), from Pam Snyder, Chair Awards Committee, or from the newsletter editor. Nominations are due by October 1, 2002. Please submit all nominations to: Pam Snyder, 250 Hunter Ridge Rd., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

KTSAF REVIEW OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST AND THE DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS - WAYNE CLATTERBUCK

Two task forces have been formed to review and provide comments on the long-awaited Cherokee and Daniel Boone National Forest Management Plans. Wayne Clatterbuck will chair the task force in Tennessee for the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee and Jeff Stringer will chair a separate task force for the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky.

Our mission will be the thorough review and response by the professional forestry society to the National Forest Plans. **If you wish to serve on either task force committee, contact Jeff** (859-257-5994 stringer@uky.edu) **or Wayne** (865-974-7346, wclatterbuck@utk.edu) **directly.** We are looking for 8 or more people on each task force to review different subject areas of the plans. Depending on the timetable for each forest, we expect to have a rough draft of KTSAF comments by the end of 2002. If possible and if time allows, the membership can review the *draft* comment letters at the January 2003 winter meeting.

The Cherokee draft plan is 99% complete and is on the Cherokee website:

<http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/cherokee>. The target date for the public review period will be in January and February 2003. The Daniel Boone has not announced plans for their review.

This is your chance to get involved with KTSFAF and the forestry profession in the future management of National Forests in KY and TN. Again, let us know if you want to participate on the task force. Otherwise, you may be called upon to volunteer your services in your area of expertise.

CERTIFIED FORESTER® (CF) PRE-TEST TAKERS SOUGHT

As SAF moves into the final phase of developing the new CF exam, we are looking for current CFs who can help us assess the exam by taking the test.

Taking the exam will cost you nothing but your time, and the score (for better or worse) will have no effect on your status as a CF. One of the key things we will be testing is regional variations in answers, so we need people from all over the country to take the exam.

The test will be given at the SAF National Convention and at sites across the country. Watch *The Forestry Source* and the e-Forester for details.

REMINDER: The Society of American Foresters is enhancing the Certified Forester® program by instituting an examination component. Beginning January 1, 2003, all foresters wishing to become certified under the CF program will need to pass an exam. Thus, if you want to become a SAF Certified Forester® without taking an exam, apply now. For additional information, or to obtain a CF application, please visit the SAF website <http://www.safnet.org/certified/cfprogram.htm> or contact Pat Cillay, cillayp@safnet.org or 301-897-8720 x 122.

TENNESSEE TEACHER'S CONSERVATION WORKSHOP - WAYNE CLATTERBUCK

Two highly successful Teacher's Conservation Workshops were held simultaneously this year in Jackson and Knoxville from July 7-12, 2002 with 35 total participants. The teachers were enthusiastic about the workshop with several citing it as the best workshop that they have attended, that they always looked forward to the next day's activities and were happy to find education concerning the values of the forest to man and his responsibility in conservation.

The objectives of the workshop are to provide educators with information and experiences about current conservation practices for forest and wildlife resources, the critical thinking and problem-solving skills required in evaluating resource issues, and how they can be integrated into classroom and student projects. Educators who attend the workshop learn by demonstration and outdoor classes the principles of forest biology, ecology and management. Workshop participants are trained in the conservation curriculum of Project Learning Tree. Several field trips are taken to visit local forest industries and to view forest practices. We emphasize hands-on learning and instruction through our "Woods Walk – Woods Talk" program.

The one-week workshop is free of charge to participants. Room and board, transportation, and workshop materials are funded by the Memphis Lumberman's Education Foundation, the Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturer's Association, the Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA), Tennessee Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and forest industry (Bowater, MeadWestvaco, Packaging Corporation of America). Instruction is provided by the UT Dept. of Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries with the assistance from personnel from forest industry, TFA, and the Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry Division. K-12 teachers can take the short course for in-service credit, for graduate or undergraduate (re-certification) credit at the University of Tennessee (tuition not provided), or just for study and information.

KT-SAF members (Wayne Clatterbuck and David Mercker) are involved in the instruction and coordination of the workshop. Ames Plantation (Allan Houston) and the UT Forestry Experiment Station (Richard Evans) serve as outdoor classrooms for the workshop. If you have questions about the workshop, contact Wayne Clatterbuck (865-974-7346 or

wclatterbuck@utk.edu).

SOUTHEASTERN TENNESSEE CHAPTER MEETING - DIANA GENNETT

The S.E.TN. Chapter of SAF'S June 12 meeting was very successful and informative. A tour of MeadWestvaco land, at Tracy City, Tennessee and a review of the S.F.I. program was conducted by Bob Pleotz. MeadWestvaco provided lunch for the good turnout of chapter members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE KTSAF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - WAYNE CLATTERBUCK

Two openings are available on the Memorial Scholarship Committee. We would prefer to fill one of these openings with a member in Kentucky. The committee oversees the investment of funds (memorials) that are used for a scholarship for the best student showing professional promise from each of the three student chapters in KTSAF. Generally, we wish to generate enough interest/dividend income each year to pay for the scholarships. This is the committee to serve on if your time is limited! We generally meet once or twice a year (usually by conference call) to review the fund account. If you are interested, contact Wayne Clatterbuck (865-974-7346 or wclatterbuck@utk.edu).

Considering the depressed market conditions and reduced income, we are always looking to increase the principal of the fund. If you wish to donate or to give a memorial in someone's name, contact Wayne Clatterbuck.

STEVE SCOTT IS NEW STATE FORESTER FOR TENNESSEE - DAVID WALKERS

Steve Scott arrived in Nashville on July 1st to direct the Forestry Division. He is a native of Winchester, Kentucky and received his BS in Forest Management from Clemson and MBA from the University of South Carolina. Steve has been a member of SAF since 1975, is a Certified Forester, and has served in many state-level leadership positions in SAF. He has been a Registered Forester in South Carolina since 1978.

Steve worked in Kentucky as a Service Forester and in South Carolina for the State Forestry Commission as a Project Forester, Urban Forester, District Forester, Staff Forester, and Regional Forester.

Steve and his wife Cheryl have two children, both Clemson students, a house in South Carolina to sell and a contract to buy a house in Nashville. Cheryl is currently working at her new job in Nashville.

Division employees are impressed with Steve's awareness of State Forestry programs, issues and challenges. Preliminary reports are that Steve catches on quickly.

If you are in Nashville, stop by or give Steve a call. It probably won't take too much cajoling to turn this Tiger fan into a Vol!

NEWS FROM BOWATER - ARTHUR D. FULLER, PRESIDENT, BOWATER NEWSPRINT, 5/21/02

Howard G. Johnson, Vice President & Resident Manager of our Calhoun, TN operations has announced his plan to retire. Howard began his career with Bowater in Calhoun as Chief Engineer in 1987 and became Vice President & Resident Manager in 1998. After more than 30 years of experience in the paper industry and 15 years of service to Bowater, we thank Howard for his excellent leadership and commitment to Bowater. Please join me in wishing Howard and his wife, Judy, a well deserved, long, healthy and happy retirement.

With this plan in place, I am pleased to announce the following:

Effective June 1, Roger A. Loney will become Vice President & Resident Manager of our Calhoun, Operations, reporting to Jerry R. Gilmore, Vice President, US & Korea Operations. Roger has been with Bowater since 1981,

most recently as Vice President – Mersey & Thunder Bay Operations. Prior to that, he was Vice President & Resident Manager of the Mersey Operations and Resident Manager of the East Millinocket Mill in Maine. Roger has a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and an MBA from the University of Maine. Roger and his family will be relocating to the Calhoun area in the near future.

Don Campbell, Vice President & Resident Manager – Thunder Bay Operations and Bruce Nunn, Vice President & Resident Manager – Mersey Operations will report to me.

NEWS FROM THE UT FWF - GEORGE HOPPER

The Department's 2000-2001 Biennial report will be printed this month. The report will be sent on request and will be available on the department's home page at <http://fwf.ag.utk.edu/>.

We have passed our mid-cycle SAF forestry accreditation review and were approved through 2006.

Dr. Ron Hay has retired (sort of). Ron will be available on a limited basis in the spring term to teach a couple of undergrad courses and one graduate class. We wish Ron Hay the very best in his retirement. He has been an outstanding teacher of silviculture and forestry for more than 30 years and made significant contributions to the lives of many Tennessee forestry graduates. The search to for a new forestry faculty member in the area of forest biology is underway.

Dr. Dave Buckley has agreed to serve as associate editor of New Forests.

Dr. C.A. Speer is the new B. Ray Thompson Professor of Wildlife Health. Dr. Speer will continue his productive career in molecular and immunology studies of wildlife related diseases. We are pleased to have such a distinguished scientist as part of our faculty.

Our graduate enrollment may be at an all time high this fall. We expect to have 56 graduate students enrolled in fall classes, including 13 PhD candidates in our new Natural Resources program.

KEEPING YOUR ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS UP-TO-DATE - JOHN RENNIE

Please keep your information on file with SAF up-to-date. Provide changes to: Amy Ziadi, data systems administrator, SAF National Office, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 897-8720, ext. 102, ziadia@safnet.org.

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