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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Doug McLaren

Every organization has the same issue. How do we increase our general membership? And every organization has a long list of sure fire methods that have been tried and then tried again. Most attempts are made by direct mailings and solicitations to individuals. The results of these attempts usually are all the same – very few new recruits.

Can you imagine what the thoughts were of the Iowa farmer in the movie "Field of Dreams" when he decided to build the baseball field in his corn field? The corn speaks to Ray, the farmer from Iowa, saying, "Build it and they will come. If you google the movie Field of Dreams there are numerous amateur reviewers from across the world that have reviewed this movie with the over riding statement that the movie is not about baseball but the dreams of individuals and having the courage to go through them.

Our dream at KTSAF, as well as the national level, is to see membership grow and total involvement in the organization. During the past several months I have seen a small glimmer of this dream and how it can turn into reality. It happens mostly while speaking to the youngest of our membership – the students. During the Central Hardwood Forest Conference meeting in Knoxville, the local SAF chapter had a social gathering. I had the opportunity to speak to a few of the students that attend UT. I was greatly encouraged by their enthusiasm for the new career that they will soon embarking into. They saw nothing but opportunities and excitement about the future. They were just anxious to take all the "book learning" that they had received over the years and have the chance to apply it.

Another point of inspiration was when I spoke to the students from UK who had just returned from the Forestry Conclave at Louisiana Tech. They were extremely excited about the learning opportunities that lay outside of the formal classroom. They spoke of speed chopping, chain throwing and cross cut sawing that are becoming long forgotten tools of days gone by as if they were new technologies of the industry. Becoming involved in the extra curricular activities, and possibly a more important part of forestry, was an eye opening experience for them all. (University of the South, I am anxious to come and visit.)

For those of us that have a number of growth rings of experience in forestry careers we might want to stop and reevaluate why we became involved in our profession. Emails, computers, instant text messaging and cell phones might possibly have taken us "out of the field" and out of contact with our forestry team members. When was the last time that we simple stopped by to see a forestry acquaintance with a cup of coffee to discuss a SAF editorial, article or opinion?

The movie of the late 1980's, Field of Dreams, is a story about baseball. Somewhere there is a field of dreams for everyone. All we need to do is stop and listen to the corn, in our case the trees, and become more involved in our professional obligations beyond the daily tasks our routine work details. Remember being a kid, dreaming up things with your friends that you all knew were totally out of the realm of logic or reality? Someone would inevitably say, "...but wouldn't it be cool if it really happened?" Becoming more involved on a grass roots level in our profession might just lead others to

want to become part of the larger and more exciting chapter in our membership recruitment. Let's stop and listen to what those trees growing in those young stands as well as the old growth stands are attempting to say to us.

The most immediate opportunity to review what is currently happening in the forestry community close to home would be that of the summer meeting being held by the Middle Tennessee Chapter at Paris Landing, TN, June 7-9. Become involved by attending and bringing along someone who can share the ride as well as the conversation of forestry.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

KTSAF Summer Meeting Lighting Up LBL

June 7, 8 & 9, 2006

Sponsored by Middle TN Chapter

Meeting headquarters, Paris Landing State Park; 400 Lodge Road; Buchanan, TN 38222-4141.

Room Reservations: 1-800-250-8614 ext. 1003

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course

A series of field days for woodland owners in Kentucky. Each field day focuses on a different aspect of woodland management. Field days are run from 9am _ 4pm. Participants enrolling in the entire series of field days will graduate from the Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course are presented a certificates of accomplishment as well as a tree grading stick and other forestry related items.

Informational brochure and registration can be obtained at www.ukforestry.org

June 8	Hart County
July 13	Bell County
August 10	Crittenden County
September 14	Fayette County

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THE 2006 FORESTERS' FUND NEEDS HELP

"Our Woods: Wild and Working" is the theme of the SAF National Convention being hosted by the Allegheny Society in Pittsburgh, PA, October 25-29 and we hope many members will come and participate.

Our eastern forests are still wild and the Foresters' Fund will be just as wild. A great idea created in 1962 to promote education and enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters is still working well 44 years later. Thanks to generous members and previous fundraising activities, the fund will provide \$40,000.00 this year to SAF units to carry out the Funds' objectives.

We need your help to continue the success of this important fund raising event. How?

By donating items for the Foresters' Fund raffle and silent auction. What do we need? Any item your state society, division or chapter is known for or books, clothing, local products (non forestry), paintings, forestry tools (old or new), equipment or in one word **ANYTHING!** You donate the item and the Allegheny SAF volunteers will make money with it.

When do we need these donated items? Items can be sent or brought to the convention and we will accept them during registration hours. We will need the name and address of the donor. Or send your item as soon as possible to:

Sue Thompson/Jason Shuey
PA Biodiversity Partnership
16 Terminal Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1209
Tel. (412) 481-4100

If you decide to bring your item(s) to Pittsburgh, please notify Co-Chair Tim Kaden by email with the following information: Name & address of the individual or SAF unit donating the item(s), and a brief description (including approximate value) of the item(s). Donors will receive an acknowledgement letter from SAF that can be used for tax purposes.

Should you have any questions about the Foresters' Fund raffle and silent auction, please contact either Co-Chair:

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Please help us increase the foresters' fund endowment

EAST TENNESSEE SAF CHAPTER HOSTS SOCIAL

On March 1st the East Tennessee Chapter of KT-SAF hosted its annual Student-Professional Social at Barley's in Knoxville's Old City. Attendance was great! We had a large number of students from the University of Tennessee Student Chapter, advised by Dr. Dave Buckley, stop by. In addition, I would like to thank the many E-TN Chapter members that joined the students for socializing, pool, pizza and other refreshments. Also, I would like to thank the KT-SAF members from other Tennessee and Kentucky chapters (I think I spotted the KT Chair) that joined us while in town for the Central Hardwood Forest Conference being held in Knoxville, and hosted by The University of Tennessee, Department of Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries and the USFS Southern Research Station. The Social was a great success and we can't wait until next year...why wait until next year...let's plan another.

Christopher M. Oswalt
Chair, East TN Chapter

WEST TENNESSEE SAF CHAPTER HOSTS FORESTRY FIELD DAY

The West Tennessee Chapter hosted a forestry field day titled "Forestry and Wildlife Reunion" on March 11. The audience included members of the County Forestry Associations and there were 72 participants. 100% of those attending indicated they would like to attend more field days, and request programs on hardwood management, deer and turkey management, and cost_sharing. Our chapter will be hosting the K_T SAF winter meeting in January 07, and will meet May 5 to plan for the event.

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NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The SAF Student Chapter at UK participated in the Southern Forestry Schools conclave at Louisiana Tech in March. Six students and two faculty made the trip, and were awarded the sportsmanship award. In 2007 they will be attending and participating on a formal level, now that they have become involved in the annual conclave again. Several students from UK will be attending the SAF national convention in Pittsburg next fall.

The Department will soon be advertising to fill two vacant faculty positions. One position will be in silviculture and the other position will be in forestry and natural resource policy. Both will be 70% research and 30% teaching, 12-month, tenure-track positions. The Department will also be hiring to fill a full-time Extension position in the coming year, as Don Graves plans to retire at the end of calendar 2006.

The Department recently hired Billy Thomas as a full-time Extension Associate in the area of NIPF management and development. Billy was previously employed by the Kentucky Division of Forestry in Frankfort.

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FORESTER RECEIVES REAL ESTATE LICENSE

Larry Tankersley, Extension Forester the University of Tennessee Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, recently received his affiliate broker license with the Tennessee Real Estate commission.

CLOSED TRAVERSE

Louis Camisa, 87, of Athens, Tennessee, died Wednesday, March 15, 2006. He was born in Morgantown, W.Va. and graduated from West Virginia University in 1941 with a bachelor's degree in forestry. He worked two years with the North Carolina Pulp Company in eastern North Carolina and for seven years with the Mower Lumber in Cass, W.Va., where he was

forester and truck logging superintendent. From 1953 to 1986, he was with the Hiwassee Land Company, a subsidiary of Bowater, Inc. at Calhoun, serving as district forester No. 1, land management forester, and mineral and properties manager. He was a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, where he served as chairman of the Kentucky-Tennessee section. He was a past president of the Tennessee Forestry Association. Camisa was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy.

From: The Daily Post Athenian

Michael Williams, 59, of Sevier County, Tennessee, died on April 8, 2006. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BS degree in Forestry in 1974. He served with the US Army for 3 tours of duty in Vietnam. Williams worked for 30 years with the Tennessee Division of Forestry as an Area Forester for Sevier, Knox, and Anderson Counties. Twice he was named Forester of the Year. He won a 1996 Award for Outstanding Achievement as a Governmental Employee, he developed the Tree City USA program in the Knoxville area, and served on the Sevierville Tree Board. Williams wrote extensive reference material about controlling forest fires, the All-Season Pocket Guide to Identifying Common Tennessee Trees, and a larger reference book that he recently completed on all-season tree identification for the eastern US is scheduled to be published next spring. He deeply enjoyed wood crafting, music, and being outside with his beloved trees.

From: The Knoxville News Sentinel

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