

EKSAF Tours Industry Mills at Spring Meeting

Christopher Reeves

On May 7th the East Kentucky chapter of the Society of American Foresters toured the Curry Timber Products chip mill and the Robinson Stave Mill. SAF member, Stephen Curry, led the walking tour of the Curry chip mill where they produce chips from roundwood. The chips are produced on site and are automatically loaded into railroad cars. The railroad cars have sensors placed around them to detect when the railroad cars are close to full and are automatically moved so the cars do not overflow. The mill also accepts chips produced from residues (slabs, edges, and cutoffs) and loads them on to the rail as well. The full rail cars are then delivered to Curry Timber Products main customer, Domtar, at their mill in Hawesville, Kentucky.

After a lunch provided by Domtar, a business meeting was held to update the attendees on the business of EKSAF. In summary, EKSAF is doing very well. The chapter is in good financial shape and membership levels are actually growing (79 professional members and 65 University of Kentucky student members). EKSAF leadership also announced that the fall meeting would be held at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, Kentucky on Friday, September 20th. EKSAF is hosting the meeting jointly with the Kentucky chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters. The meeting will be held along with the Kentucky Wood Expo.



EKSAF Vice-president Kevin Tudor (red hardhat with yellow stripe) reviews the chip procurement process with fellow EKSAF members.

After lunch the group toured the Robinson Stave Mill. Producing more than just staves, the mill is also a cooperage of bourbon and wine barrels, chip producer, and traditional lumber sawmill. Staves are milled from logs and immediately provided to the barrel makers. The cooperage produces around 450 - 500 white oak barrels a day that are charred on site. The barrels are generally filled by the distilleries within two or three days of charring. Fewer wine barrels are made each day in a separate facility and instead of being charred, these are lightly toasted.

The meeting was a great day to review our local forest industry and participate in fellowship with SAF members and peers. We hope to see all EKSAF members are our next fall meeting in Lexington on September 20th!



Mr. Robinson demonstrates the level of char desired for the ends of bourbon barrels.



White oak bourbon barrels are charred on site at Robison Stave mill.

Chairman's Corner*Tim Phelps*

Greetings Fellow Foresters! Spring has sprung and the growing season is off to a fast start. Keeping up with the pace can be a challenge, but I know that you are all up to it.

The Middle TN Chapter is hard at work and has a great event planned for our membership in June. I sincerely hope you take the time to attend. Summer meetings offer a chance to get outside and see forestry activity in the field and hear from experts on their own turf. This meeting will be no exception as we get to hear from wildlife biologists discussing bird and bat habitat and foresters discussing silvicultural options for wildlife and timber at Cheatham Wildlife Management Area. Indoor sessions will revolve around similar topics. The dinner topic will be interesting as well when we'll learn about nature-based tourism and related economic development opportunities for landowners. We'll end in exciting fashion zipping through the trees on an optional adventure-tourism activity. This won't be a meeting you will want to miss.

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

~Saint Basil

Much great forestry work goes on in our Society but, unfortunately, much of it also goes unreported and thus not acknowledged as it should. We all need to do a better job of communicating good things going on in our respective areas. Such reporting will help the good work our Membership Information Committee is doing in broadcasting this work to our members through this newsletter and on our website. It will also help to raise our profile to potential members and on a national scale. It will help me as your Communications Chair raise awareness through the media about forestry issues in both of our states. The next time you're involved with or see good forestry work, please consider sharing it with us.

See you in June!

Tim

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Identifying Hickory and Walnut Trees Native to Tennessee Using BRFs

The production of this publication is now complete. It is available on the Extension publications site at <https://utextension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/PB1810.pdf>.

This publication is available online only; no printed copies are available.

Intrepid members of the esteemed Society of American Foresters:

We are in need of items to be auctioned at the KT-SAF meeting in Montgomery Bell State Park on June 13, 2013. We have just 5 weeks to compile an assemblage of gear, curiosities, art work, and crafts that will entice even the most parsimonious of foresters to bid up a generous donation to our beloved Society. (As you all know, proceeds from the silent auction are shoveled into the big tub o' dough from which our chapter supports education and outreach, projects, scholarships, and other sundries that contribute to the fulfillment of our Society's mission.)

So, to that end, I encourage all members to scan their wood shops for projects that can only be sold to foresters. I also encourage members to reach out to all their buddies, neighbors, artisan friends, and local businesses and put their cajoling skills to work. Remember that this is for a good cause. We foresters care about forested ecosystems, water resources, and multiple-use management. Many of our neighbors and the people within our communities do as well and are willing to support our mission. This is a great opportunity to educate others about forestry and get some cool stuff to boot.

We foresters also enjoy practicing the craft of sustainable forestry, passing on our knowledge to others, and supporting those who are learning to be the professionals that will come after us. Our individual efforts are scaled up to exponentially greater effect through a collective effort, a.k.a. the KT-SAF. Be sure to let your marks (I mean buddies and neighbors) know what a noble cause they will be supporting. *—And, the donation is tax deductible as we are a 501 (c)(3).—*

Please fire off an email to me describing the item(s) that you will be bringing for the silent auction. Also, please let me know where/who it is coming from so that we can appropriately recognize all who generously donate items to our cause.

Regards,

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The **West Tennessee Chapter** is in recovery stage after hosting the KT-SAF meeting in January. Current plans are to hold a meeting late this summer with a guest speaker to address business ethics in forestry. In addition, we are in the early stages of hosting the second "Forest Research Overview Gathering" (FROG) to occur at the Hobart Ames Plantation during 2014. Details on both of these will follow.

~David Mercker

News and updates about**YOUR KTSAF Chapter****could go here!**

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POP QUIZ !!**Where is Kentenia State
Forest?**



*Join us in North Charleston, South Carolina, October 23 - 27, 2013,
for the Society of American Foresters National Convention!*

Centrally located within the Charleston area, the convention center campus makes visiting forests, plantations and gardens, and the downtown historic district a short, easy commute. All convention hotels offer free shuttle service anywhere within a 3- to 5-mile radius, including the Charleston International Airport and North Charleston's Old Village, known as Park Circle, with its quaint cluster of pubs, restaurants, and shops. For those driving to the convention, the complex is close to Interstate 26, South Carolina's main thoroughfare from west to east.

A short drive from the convention center will allow you to stroll along the streets and experience Charleston's 300+ years of history, explore celebrated Lowcountry gardens and plantations, and enjoy the warm sand and water at area beaches. The Embassy Suites offers shuttle service to the downtown historic district for a small fee.

If you need more reasons to come to Charleston:

1. Earn nearly 30 CFEs;
2. Learn new information at 300 world-class continuing education and training opportunities;
3. Visit with colleagues and alumni;
4. Test tools in the Exhibit Hall;
5. Make new business contacts;
6. Attend interesting and informative field tours throughout South Carolina's Lowcountry.

Whether or not you can attend in person, you still can attend in spirit by donating an item (or two) to the Silent Auction. We are looking for artwork, forestry tools, toys, handcrafted items, historic books, etc., to support the outreach efforts of the Foresters' Fund and the Science Fund (<http://www.safnet.org/workinggroups/SciFundApp09-Revised-April132009.pdf>).

Items for the Silent Auction can be mailed to Dave Gerhardt, 180 Westvaco Road, Summerville, SC 29483. Please indicate SAF SILENT AUCTION on the package, and please designate whether you want the proceeds from your item to go to the Foresters' Fund or the Science Fund

We hope that you will bring your items for the Silent Auction in person and join other forestry professionals at SAF's National Convention at the North Charleston Convention Center, October 23 - 27! Please go to the following link for more information: www.safconvention.org.

Newsworthy

Tree Sitters Could Become Felons

Environmental activists who block timber sales in the Elliott State Forest (Oregon) could face stiffer criminal penalties in the future. The Oregon House Judiciary Committee held on House Bill 2595, which would create both first- and second-degree charges of interference with forestland management. The second-degree charge is a Class A misdemeanor. The first-degree offense would be a Class C felony, and would carry a minimum sentence of 13 months in prison and a maximum sentence of 5 years.

Worldlink.com 3/6/13

USFS Budget Cuts Likely to Affect Fire, Forest Management

The US Forest Service expects to shoulder \$212 million in sequestration cuts this year, but it is unclear how that might play out at the local level. However, a February 5 letter from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to the Senate Appropriations Committee that outlined the agency's general plans, predicted the closure of up to 670 campgrounds and other recreation sites and the "reduction" of 35 Forest Service law enforcement officers. It also predicted that timber harvests would be cut about 15 percent in 2013, from 2.8 billion board feet to 2.379 billion, and that the agency would restore 390 fewer stream miles, 2,700 acres of lake habitat, and improve 260,000 fewer acres of wildlife habitat.

Missoulian.com 3/4/13

TN Paper Mill Idles its Last Newsprint Machine

In mid-March, Resolute Forest Products (formally Bowater) shut down its last newsprint machine in Calhoun, TN. In 2008, the company shut down two of its five paper production machines in the Calhoun plant, shifting the newsprint demand to the other company mills in Augusta, Ga., and Grenada, Miss., where the company invested more than \$30 million to upgrade operations. Resolute officials said the "indefinite idling" of the newsprint machines will cost another 150 mill jobs, cutting the remaining staff to below 500. Resolute continues to operate two specialty paper machines in Calhoun, making papers for circulars, flyers and other higher-grade paper publications.

TimesFreePress.com 3/13/13

Domtar Inaugurates Commercial Lignin Production

Domtar Corp. has announced that it has successfully installed a commercial-scale lignin separation plant at its Plymouth, North Carolina, mill—the first US facility of its type in more than 25 years.

Biomass Magazine.com 3/12/13

Bat-Killing Fungal Disease Has US Lumber Firms Fighting States

A flesh-eating disease called white-nose syndrome has killed more than 5.7 million bats in the eastern US and Canada since its discovery in 2006. Pennsylvania has had the most precipitous decline and the game commission, which manages wildlife and habitats, has proposed placing three species on the state's endangered list, as was done in Wisconsin and Vermont. The Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, based in Harrisburg, says a listing might lead to a ban on tree removals, making it nearly impossible for businesses to recover from the 18-month recession that ended in 2009.

Bloomberg.com 3/10/13

Timber Mats: Potential Conduits of Invasives

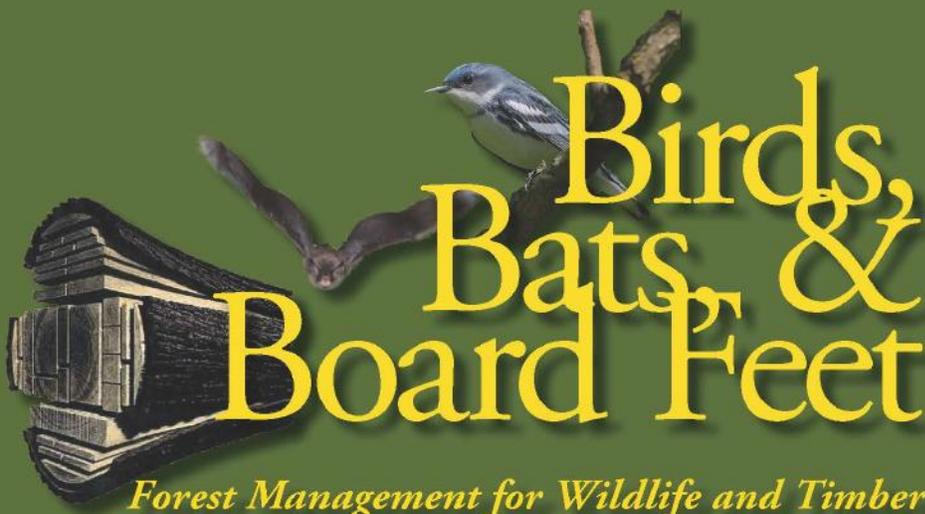
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has alerted foresters that a large yet elusive wood product has appeared on the radar as a potential conduit of pest introduction: timber mats. These mats are commonly and conspicuously used in construction, utility installation, and logging to build temporary roads in muddy, swampy, or unstable ground.

The Forestry Source 03-3013

"Larry" to Take on Adelgid

Virginia Tech research team is working to stop destruction of Appalachia's iconic hemlock trees unleashed a new microscopic weapon in the fight against the tree-killing woolly adelgid. The team seeded infested hemlocks on private property near Mountain Lake in Giles County with about 1,000 laboratory-grown eggs of the *Laricobius osakensis* ("Larry"), a newly discovered beetle species from Osaka, Japan, that preys almost exclusively on the woolly adelgid.

Roanoke.com 3/23/2013



Birds, Bats, & Board Feet

Forest Management for Wildlife and Timber



includes tour of Cheatham Wildlife Management Area




Bring your sense of adventure and see the forest from another angle in a high flying, eco-adventure tree canopy zip line tour (optional).



Society of American Foresters
KT-SAF Summer Meeting

- June 13-14
- Montgomery Bell S.P., Burns, TN
- Earn 8.0 CFE credits (cat. 1)

\$65 Early Registration
 (May 31 deadline)

\$30 Student Registration

Montgomery Bell State Park
 1000 Hotel Avenue
 Burns, TN 37029

Hotel reservations:
 1-800-250-8613
<https://apps.tn.gov/parks/>
use group number "7010"
 rate = \$77/night

Check the website for updates & information:
www.ktsaf.org

Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters

invites you to be a part of the 2013 K-T SAF summer meeting, June 13-14 at Montgomery Bell State Park near Burns, Tennessee. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear from a packed panel of speakers and network with your colleagues. Speakers will present on several subject areas, which sum to the theme of "Birds, Bats and Board Feet: Forest Management for Wildlife and Timber". Tours of Cheatham Wildlife Management Area on Thursday and of a logging site on Friday will bring this theme to life. And to spice it up a bit, we've added an optional eco-adventure tree canopy zip line tour at the end of our program. This activity provides an opportunity to see the trees from a whole other view. We hope you'll take part.

We have a block of rooms reserved under group number "7010" at Montgomery Bell S.P. and Reservations have been extended till May 20th!! If you miss the deadline or the block sells out, there are plenty of hotels in nearby Dickson, TN, which is only a 20 minute commute to the park.

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Kentonia State Park is the oldest state-owned forest in Kentucky. Acquired in 1919 as a gift from the Kentonia-Cantron Corporation, it is located in Harlan County along the south side of Pine Mountain in seven scattered tracts totaling 4,318 acres. The largest of these tracts is accessible by Little Shepherd Trail on the crest of Pine Mountain.

The forest is open to the public for hunting and fishing and subject to state fish and game regulations. Primitive camping, hiking, picnicking and horseback riding are also permitted. All off-road vehicles, including ATVs, are prohibited.

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