Chairman’s Corner
By Tom Kain

Congratulations’ to all on successfully hosting the 2019 SAF National Convention. We pulled off a very successful meeting thanks to the efforts of the entire KT SAF membership and help of volunteers from around the country. I want to express a special thanks to a few individuals who went above and beyond. First, Rance Frye, for the tremendous job he did leading KT as the General Sessions Chair. Rance dedicated countless hours over the last year and a half to organize the meeting program with the national staff. I also want to express my gratitude to Chris Will, who organized the field tours. David Mercker and Heather Slayton were the co volunteer coordinators. They were awesome and always at their post ready to assist attendees. Also a special thanks to Greg Bailey for helping with various jobs during the meeting.

For me, meetings like this provide a great opportunity to expand my usual work vision. World-class speakers and experts provide opportunities to hear topics outside of my normal career focus. A few examples of presentations I sat in on are forestry practices on large Monastic properties across America, a strategy for reducing deer browse on young hardwood regeneration in Pennsylvania by constructing barriers using limbs and tops, and an economic model for establishing small biomass power plants in remote regions of South America using eucalyptus trees as the feed stock. All of these topics are way outside my normal day to day work and expanded my knowledge base.

If you are like me, and have not attended a National SAF meeting in the past, I encourage you to do so next year in Rhode Island. The National Convention is a great opportunity to break out of your work rut, renew old friendships, and to learn something new. It may provide the creative spark you need to drive your career to new heights. Or it could just be a fun time with family, friends and other foresters. Locally, our upcoming KT SAF 2020 winter meeting, in Bowling Green Kentucky will also be a great time. I hope to see all of you in Bowling Green.

I renewed my SAF membership last week and I encourage all of you to renew your membership today. I also ask each one of you to either ask someone new to join SAF or encourage a lapsed member to rejoin. Be a leader and encourage others to follow you to a chapter meeting, the upcoming winter meeting or the 2020 National Convention. Come to learn something new and to share some fellowship with other foresters. Foresters are the only people you will ever meet that understand what you do in your career. My advice to foresters is to be involved in SAF, your professional society, any way you can and encourage others to do the same. The more you are involved the more value you will get from your membership in SAF.
MARK your calendar

**K-T SAF Winter Meeting**

January 29 - 31
Boling Green, KY

Hosted by the East KY Chapter
Details are in this Newsletter or will be sent by email

**Tennessee Forestry Association**
**East And Middle TN Regional Meeting**

December 11, 2019
Cumberland Mtn. State Park Lodge
Crossville, TN

**K-T Summer Meeting**

June 11-12
Details still being made but it will be in the Oak Ridge, TN area.

What’s Going On?

There’s nothing in this space because YOU didn’t share it.

Good Foresters Play Nice and Share!

POP QUIZ !!

Sugar Maple is the state tree for which **FOUR** U.S. States?
KT SAF Winter Meeting - Save the Dates

**Dates:** January 29th, 30th, 31st - 2020

**Meeting Theme:** “Management to Markets”

*Note: The evening of the 29th will be for the executive meeting and registration. Agenda and CFE credit amount will follow in an email from K-T Secretary.*

*Meeting will be held in the Central time zone*

**Early Registration Rate:** $130 before January 10th

**Late Registration Rate:** $150 after January 10th

**Student Registration Rate:** $90 before January 10th

**Late Student Registration Rate:** $100 after January 10th

**Guest Rate (includes Lunch and Banquet):** $55

**Hotel and Meeting Location Information:**

The Holiday Inn
Boling Green, KY

Address: 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103

Phone: (270) 745-0088

Use group code KTF for discounted room rate of $119/night. Free parking.

**Silent Auction Items Needed**

*Please remember we will need silent auction items. If not attending items can be sent to Laurie Thomas at 213 TP Cooper Bldg., Lexington, KY 40546, or brought to the meeting. Please let Laurie know what you will be bringing or send any questions to laurie.thomas@uky.edu*
TENNESSEE COMPANIES FIND PROMISING MARKET IN VIETNAM

Submitted by Neil Owens

Two Tennessee forest product companies recently joined nearly 80 industry and government representatives on a trade mission to one of the fastest-growing regions of the world. Clark Lumber Company in Red Boiling Springs and Fidelis Forest Management in Baxter joined the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for a trade mission to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to expand their export opportunities.

“We continue our efforts to connect Tennessee businesses with markets around the region, the country, and the world,” Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. “With high quality agricultural and forestry products coming out of Tennessee, we have the ability to compete on a global scale. We are excited to connect Tennessee producers to new markets abroad, in turn creating economic trade opportunities that benefit the state’s economy.”

During the weeklong trade mission, company representatives met with buyers from across Vietnam, Thailand, and Burma. Representatives also visited furniture manufacturers to learn more about the wood product needs of potential buyers.

“There is a lot of potential in the Vietnam market for lumber products,” Clark Lumber Company owner Hugh Clark said. “Not only were we able to reinforce business relationships that we previously established, but we developed two new customers as well. This trade mission was a great success for us.”

USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service led the trade mission to Vietnam, with involvement from 12 U.S. departments of agriculture.

“We are a new business looking for new market opportunities, and this trade mission showed what it takes to enter Vietnam’s marketplace,” Fidelis Forest Management owner Rance Frye said. “We learned a great deal about the country and made the connections needed to successfully export there. I believe we will increase business as a result.”

“Even during a time of world trade challenges, we are making it a point to strongly pursue international markets,” Commissioner Hatcher said. “Tennessee is in an ideal position to capitalize on exporting our agriculture and forest products.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture’s mission is to promote responsible use of our agricultural and forest resources, develop economic opportunities, and ensure safe and dependable food and fiber for the citizens of Tennessee. For more information about TDA’s export assistance, visit HERE.
**SAF National Convention**

Exhale…

I hope everyone has caught their breath after the convention. **Goods from the Woods** hit a Homerun! We don’t have an exact tally but we crossed the 1,500 mark for attendees after the Federal employees were released to attend. Ed Gee, and his able team coordinated an outstanding Silent Auction and Raffle, just short of $9,500 was raised. Chris Will led an organized set of tours that filled quickly and brought rave reviews from the ‘tourists’. The intrepid Dave Walters worked with the Students to host a well-attended student workshop with a 3:1 ratio to students to professionals. The Innovation Zones were a base hit and well received by all attendees.

I have attempted to thank folks personally but want to commit a few keystrokes to Thank each of the Wildcat Volunteers who heeded David Mercker’s call to action and donated time to help with some part of Convention. David organized our Volunteers and Heather Slayton helped herd the cats through the convention all the way to the last session. Folks stepped up at every need to keep the show on schedule. Dylan Jenkins, our Program Chair, needed a last minute AV person and Tim Phelps kept the computers linked up for our main session and SLIGO (text-sent) questions, which worked like a charm. Members like Greg Bailey, Andy Norris, Bob Bauer, and Jeff Holt volunteered multiple days to various tasks. The University of Kentucky stepped up with lots of students at the beginning of the week when we needed bodies to stuff packages. In all, we needed to fill 120 time slots and covered each. A few folks covered multiple duties but 90+/- members volunteered some time to contribute to success in Louisville. We are individuals participating in a Society that is regaining strength.

I look forward to seeing folks at the winter meeting. Bring a Forester with you who missed out on the fun… let’s build on our success.

Respectfully, Your Ex – Convention Chair…

*Rance*
Job Announcement
Submitted by Tim Phelps

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File Code: 6100 Date: November 6, 2019
Route To: SRS Call for Proposals - Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellows
To: SRS Scientists

**REPLY DUE DECEMBER 6, 2019**

I have allocated funding for up to four Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education (ORISE) fellows beginning in FY20. The ORISE Program provides excellent training opportunities for recent graduates. Our goal is to help train future scientists and professionals, while providing additional capacity to initiate or accelerate completion of high priority research projects in the Southern Research Station. The link below provides information on the ORISE Program:

https://orise.orau.gov/stem/internships-fellowships-research-opportunities/index.html

To be considered for an ORISE position, please submit a 4-page (maximum length) proposal to your Center Director by December 6, 2019. All proposals will be considered, but priorities will be given to those that address one or more of the following criteria:

- Addresses SRS priority research areas (e.g., Fire, Water, Markets, Restoration)
- Focuses on research that involves multiple RWUs and Centers
- Includes Experimental Forests and Ranges (preferably multiple EFRs)
- Addresses specific forest management needs including those of the Southern Group of State Foresters and/or Region 8

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the SRS Executive Board, with the final decision on funding made by me. As you prepare your proposal, keep in mind that the ORISE Program provides considerable flexibility in hiring. Fellows can include professional support positions, post-doctoral candidates, and in some cases, established scientists. Funding is available for one year, with the possibility of continued funding for additional years. SRS ORISE Fellows are eligible to drive USFS vehicles.

/s/ Robert L. Doudrick
ROBERT L. DOUDRICK, PH.D.
Station Director Southern Research Station
From the Daniel Boone N.F.
Submitted by Laurie Smith

On the Stearns Ranger District, the stewardship agreement with National Wild Turkey Federation provides for approximately 295 acres of timber removal providing goods in exchange for about 1,788 acres of service work.

Timber harvest treatments include 58 acres of thinning from below, 29 acres of white pine to shortleaf pine conversion, 42 acres of shortleaf pine restoration, 64 acres of woodland establishment, 66 acres of shelterwood preparatory cutting, and 36 acres of two-aged shelterwood.

Service work to be accomplished in exchange for the value of the timber removed includes the following: 71 acres of shortleaf pine tree planting, 36 acres of site preparation for natural regeneration, 71 acres of site preparation for tree planting, approx. 934 acres of crop tree release of which 334 acres is optional, 112 acres of seedling release, 296 acres of mid-story tree removal, 8.79 miles of road maintenance, and 286 acres of wildlife opening edge treatment of which 93 acres is optional. Optional work specified would be completed if additional funding becomes available during the agreement.

This Fiscal Year the Stearns district will advertise and sell 2 timber sales with a total approximate volume of 5,265 CCF (526,500 cubic feet) of timber which includes 3,074 CCF of sawtimber and 2,191 CCF of pulpwood. In board feet, the sawtimber consists of approximately 1.85 MMBF (1.85 million board feet).

Also on the Stearns Ranger District, after weeks of renovation, the Appletree Shooting Range reopened November 1.

“We are very pleased with the reconstruction and upgrades to this facility, and I think anyone who enjoys recreational shooting and target practice will be pleased as well,” said District Ranger Tim Reed, Stearns Ranger District.

“The range was closed in July for improvements to begin, and since that time, the range has become a safer recreational sport location,” said Reed.

The facility now includes six new swivel shooting benches with concrete pads and target holders with ranges at 15, 50 and 100 yards. Two new shelters, a concrete walkway, and earthen safety berms were also added, along with compacted gravel walkways from the shelters to the target holders. The project also included improvements to drainage to reduce movement of lead. Other upgraded amenities include improved road access, visitor information signs, and new trash cans.

The range is open to public use during daylight hours only. The cost is $3 per vehicle, which can be paid at an onsite fee station. Annual recreation passes are also accepted.

The shooting range renovations were made possible by regional safety and environmental restoration funding, fees collected under the Recreation Enhancement Act, and a grant from the National Rifle Association. The Pine Knot Job Corps Conservation Center and Stearns Ranger District personnel provided labor during the reconstruction.

“This is a great facility that target enthusiasts can enjoy for many years to come. We only ask that users put safety first and take care of the facility by following all posted range rules,” added Reed.

Appletree is located 1.4 miles south of the US 27 and KY 478 junction in McCreary County, Ky.
Fellow Foresters,

This is a Mighty Big “thanks” for your willingness to serve as a *Wildcat Volunteer* at the national SAF convention. We did well, very well, all-the-more possible because of your unselfish service and because you showed up! Successes don’t happen by chance, planning and follow through are supreme. And that describes you . . . . supreme.

For those faculty that sent students, please share our heartfelt thanks with them too.

The K-T SAF is now good for another 30 years . . . . hope to see you at the 2049 National Convention!

Your perennial friend in forestry,

**David Mercker**, Ph.D., CF.
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### Executive Committee members needed for a quorum

**Standing Committees**

**Other:**

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1 Month AFTER!!
The 2019 SAF National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

Shots from the National Convention

Next NEWSLETTER Deadline is
Friday
February 14, 2020

Please supply NEWSLETTER information in Microsoft WORD format to:
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- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!