Chairman’s Corner

By Hagan Wonn

In my inaugural “Chairman’s Corner”, I felt it appropriate to reflect just a bit on the path that led me to this point, and try to better understand both the How and the Why of how I got here. After all, if you aren’t sure which direction you are to be going, a compass bearing doesn’t do you much good. And one of the best indicators of where you need to go next usually starts with an understanding of which way you just came from.

Certainly at points in my forestry career I have felt disoriented, disconnected, and without much sense of direction. Not from a “wandering” standpoint, obviously, I can navigate the woods just fine, but more from the “wondering” standpoint. As in wondering what the point of it all was, or wondering if anything I was doing on a day-to-day basis was really making any difference at all. I certainly had the desire to do good. Most foresters that I have met are infected to some degree with this same desire. Perhaps as impressionable youth, this is what draws us to forestry and natural resource careers in the first place, in hopes of better managing the resource for the many wonderful benefits it provides to our society, and relishing in our role as stewards of the land. This is to some degree true in my case. I was drawn to forestry for a variety of reasons, but there is no doubt that the stewardship aspect and the ability to have such a profound positive impact on society was paramount to my decision to become a professional forester.

Early in my career, the legendary forester and communicator (former member of KTSAF) Grant Curry said to me, “The world is run by the people who show up.” I have thought about the simple truth of that statement many times and it’s applicability to so many things. In the daily grind that we all function in, it can be very easy to just tune out and not show up. Maybe this is especially true for foresters, whose love for the solitude and quiet of the outdoors is also a common infection point. But the fact of the matter is, this world needs running, and it is imperative that we all take the time to contribute to that task, in whatever degree we can, not just for the betterment of the world, or the organization, or the profession, or whatever, but also for the betterment of ourselves. Grant’s words have inspired me over the years to serve on countless committees and community organizations, led me to leadership academies and meetings with legislators, and to my continued involvement in SAF.

I first joined SAF as a student while attending UK, and have maintained my membership throughout my career, because I believe in the profession and the importance of its voice in our society. But, ultimately, SAF is only as good as the people who show up. Our KTSAF chapter is extremely fortunate that we have the contributions of so many dedicated professionals who continue to show up. Our membership is composed of a diversity of professions and backgrounds that makes for a broad coalition of voices and an incredible professional resource that we can all use for good. I am extremely honored and humbled to be your Fearless Leader in 2020, and look forward to helping move KTSAF forward.
MARK your calendar

**2020 K-T SAF Summer Meeting**
June 11-12
Oak Ridge, TN
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**2020 KWOA/KWOF Annual Meeting**
Rescheduled
September 22-23

Visit the KWOA website for details on changing your reservation

**Association of Southern Forestry Clubs Conclave**
Saturday, March 21
8:00am to 9:00pm

Clyde M. York 4-H Training Center
Crossville, TN
More INFO

**Current Issues in Natural Resources**
March 21
8:30 am

Hohenwald Housing Authority Conference Room
Hohenwald, TN
More Info on Page 5

Next NEWSLETTER
Deadline is

Friday
May 8, 2020

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- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!

POP QUIZ !
Forestry 101
A “Slip-Tongue Wheel” is the name of this predecessor to the piece of machinery in use today for harvesting operations.

What modern piece of machinery are we talking about?

Answers at the end of the Newsletter.

NEEDED!!
A member to volunteer for the Committee Chair for Nominating. If interested, contact someone from the Executive Committee.

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In 2019, the following members reached a milestone with SAF with fifty-year membership. Please congratulate them on their involvement with SAF.

- Lloyd Foe, CF
- Charles L. Hedglin
- William Kearney
- Thomas Lyons
- Rex Mann
- Charles “Mac” McClure, CF
- Dennis E. Miles
- Robert Owens
- Richard C. Winslow
AWARDS FOR 2019
Presented at the 2020 Winter Meeting

Sewanee, the University of the South – Gretchen Flaig

University of Kentucky – Jacob Murray

University of Tennessee – Joslyn Knox

Outstanding Member Service Award
over 35 years old
Lloyd Foe

Outstanding Member Service Award
35 years and under
Brian Hughett
AWARDS FOR 2019
Presented at the 2020 Winter Meeting

Outstanding Service Award to a Technician
David Collett

Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award
Don Girton

Quiz Bowl
University of Kentucky
Current Issues in Natural Resources

Saturday, March 21
8:30 a.m.
Hohenwald Housing Authority
Conference Room
117 Allison Avenue
Hohenwald, TN

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 Timber Tax Basis, Storm Damage, and Casualty Claims
   Dr. David Mercker, UT Extension Forestry
10:00 Impact of Partial Cutting on Tennessee’s Forests
   Nathan Hoover, TN Division of Forestry
11:00 Lunch (provided)
11:30 Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Update
   Dr. Daniel Grove, UT Extension Wildlife Veterinarian
12:30 p.m. Forest Insect and Disease Report
   Nathan Hoover, TN Division of Forestry
2:00 Prescribed Fire at Lewis State Forest (weather pending)
   TN Division of Forestry

Space is limited for this FREE event.
RSVP Required.

RSVP by March 16 to:
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Area Forester
(931) 796-2721
Christy.Gehrler@tn.gov
QUIZ BOWL 2020
By Doug McLaren

The 2020 Winter Meeting of Kentucky/Tennessee SAF was held in the city where “Corvettes are Born”, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The students from the three university forestry schools made a quick turn around after the last of the afternoon speakers to prepare for the annual jeopardy style Quiz Bowl event. The event tests the skills of these students on 10 different forestry and natural resource categories in two rounds. Fifty questions in total, all having various points values associated.

The cold wet weather got the teams off to a slow start. The teams seemed to have been attracted to the categories with familiar titles of Dendrology, SAF Trivia, and the newest category of Forest Health. Categories of It’s All Greek to Me, Forestry 101 and Measurements were held for late in the game. Slowly the questions and answers of the first round were exposed and answered. After 25 questions, Round One ended and all the students took a quick refreshing break.

Another 25 questions appeared. Again the questions and categories were eliminated providing a score that had the University of Kentucky leading the other two teams. Final Jeopardy! The final jeopardy question, even with a wager of $5,000,000 that Tennessee did not have to wager, did not change the final outcome that was slowly developing in the last round of the game. The University of Kentucky had a dominating lead and used a conservative approach in the final Jeopardy question. The University of Kentucky did win the 2020 KT SAF Quiz Bowl with Sewanee, The University of the South, and University of Tennessee cautioning the winners that they will both be a force to deal with at next winters meeting. It should be noted that the UK team had a very large contingent of players. Sewanee also had a good showing of students compared to the four students representing the University of Tennessee.

Again, I want to send out a quick “thank you” to the “captains” of the official Jeopardy Quiz Bowl presenters. Chad Niman, East Kentucky Chair, the official who kept the technology of the game going and to Laurie Thomas, upcoming East Kentucky Chair, for maintaining the scores throughout the event. Next year we will continue the tradition. Here is a “spoiler” for the game questions for next year. Questions will be from the category of “forestry and natural resources”. Thanks to all for your involvement in Jeopardy for Foresters - Kentucky/Tennessee SAF Quiz Bowl!
2020 K-T Summer Meeting  June 11-12  Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Planning is ongoing for the summer meeting but the final agenda is not available at this time. Some of the things we are trying to make available for this meeting are:

- Meeting will take place at the UT Arboretum Shelter and several tour stops.
- Tour the Cumberland Experimental Station.
- Box lunches on Thursday.
- Tour of the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary.
- Visit FIA and Carbon plots.
- Thursday evening catered banquet with speaker entertainment about the local history.
- Vans provided for travel to the tour stops.
- Information for weekend entertainment if you should decide to stay. Along with the many diverse recreational activities around the area, the Oak Ridge Secret City Festival will be that week/weekend as well.

The Meeting not will be held at a hotel so we encourage you to seek out your own lodging in Oak Ridge. At designated times, we will meet at the UT Arboretum Shelter and either assemble the meeting there or travel to a tour location.

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Kentucky – Tennessee Meeting Schedule

The chart provided on the left displays the summer and winter K-T meeting schedule. For the summer 2020 and 2021, East TN and West KY were switched. After this switch, the regular rotation of Chapter hosts resumes. The Executive Committee accepted this schedule.

Traditionally, the Summer meeting is the second Thursday-Friday in June and the Winter meeting is the last Thursday-Friday in January.
Roads in Managed Forests
A Position Statement of the Society of American Foresters
Submitted by Tom Kain, Policy Chair

Originally adopted on February 20, 1998 and subsequently revised and renewed by the SAF Council on December 7, 2014. This position will expire in May of 2020, unless, after subsequent review, it is decided otherwise by the Board.

Position
The Society of American Foresters (SAF) believes forest roads are necessary to provide access for managing and sustaining our nation’s federal, state, private, and tribal forestlands. Strategies and practices to maintain healthy and productive forests for multiple uses by present and future generations, such as timber harvesting, prescribed burning, wildfire control, recreation access, and habitat and watershed improvement require access on well-constructed and maintained road systems. Access is essential to provide for many critical environmental, economic, and societal needs from forestlands. There are widely developed and accepted best management practices (BMPs) whether regulatory or nonregulatory, to guide forestry professionals in providing these services.

Forest managers must also have the ability to restrict use of forest roads when necessary to ensure public safety, prevent wildlife disturbance, protect threatened or endangered species, or meet other resource management objectives. As such, SAF also believes that some public lands merit roadless protection due to their unique qualities.

Background
As railroad logging declined in the 1930s and ‘40s, an extensive network of access roads began to evolve on forestlands, first on more accessible private lands and later, as demand for wood products greatly increased following World War II, on federal and state lands. Although forest roads were built primarily to facilitate timber harvest and log transport, the expanding road system significantly improved fire protection and provided access for more effective forest management and to fulfill the multiple-use mission of federal agencies. Forest roads became popular with the public, who used the improved access to public lands for outdoor recreation. By fiscal year 2000, recreation had become the largest single use of the national forest road system, accounting for 90 percent of the daily traffic (US Forest Service 2000). Although the Wilderness Act of 1964 reflected a different view of some unique areas, the public generally regarded the expanding road system on other federal lands as a desirable feature because it enhanced access for recreation opportunities.

Beginning in the 1970s, there was a growing recognition that road construction could have adverse environmental impacts, particularly on water quality. The Clean Water Act Amendments of 1972 identified forest roads as a nonpoint source of pollution and increased attention at both the federal and nonfederal levels to road construction and maintenance practices. During the 1970s, some states — including California, Oregon, and Washington — enacted state forest practices laws with specific road construction and maintenance requirements. Other states, with federal technical and financial assistance, began developing forest road BMPs for private, state, and local forestlands. By the 1990s, states in the South developed BMPs designed to improve water quality associated with silvicultural activities, with emphasis on reducing sediment related to forest roads (Wear and Gries 2002).
Roads in Managed Forests
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These BMPs have proven to be effective. Documented compliance rates approach 90% nationwide (Ice et al. 2010), including in states with voluntary programs. Voluntary BMPs have an additional benefit of having lower administrative costs. BMPs are state- and site-specific, allowing them to most appropriately address the geomorphological attributes unique to each state. In addition, proper road construction and maintenance practices on forestlands is mandated by forest certification programs such as the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) (Wallinger 2003), the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) (American Tree Farm System 2015), and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) (Washburn and Miller 2003) for landowners certified to those standards.

Extensive public debate, media coverage, and litigation over administrative rulemaking and extensive federal roadless area proposals, together with policy efforts to more effectively address forest health and wildfire concerns, have highlighted the role of forest road systems on federal forestlands. A broadening of natural resource concerns on federal forests and limited budgets for road maintenance has required federal managers to assess existing road systems to determine if older roads are compatible with current resource goals, legal mandates, and budget needs. This has resulted in decisions to decommission roads or restrict motor vehicle access to protect wildlife or other resources, but also has raised concerns among recreational groups that use forest roads. Closed or decommissioned roads often need removal or restoration to protect soil and water quality. The availability of appropriated funding for this work is not adequate. Combining appropriated funds with other forest restoration projects that generate revenue increases the opportunity to fund road management.

There have been increasing efforts by states and cities to develop roadless areas on nonfederal lands to protect water quality and provide recreational solitude. Some public entities are using a variety of mechanisms including a subsidy to private landowners who use BMPs and acquiring development rights as both cost-effective and functional alternatives to accomplish this goal.
The 2020 K-T Executive Committee and Officers are below. Please refer to this chart for any correspondence with them.

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**Executive Committee members needed for a quorum**

**Standing Committees**
Pop Quiz Answer

Early **Skidders** were pulled by a team of oxen, horses or mules. The driver would straddle the cart over felled logs, where dangling tongs would be positioned to raise the end of the log off the ground. The team pulled the tongue forward, allowing the log to "skid" along between the rolling wheels. These were known as "**slip-tongue wheels**".

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