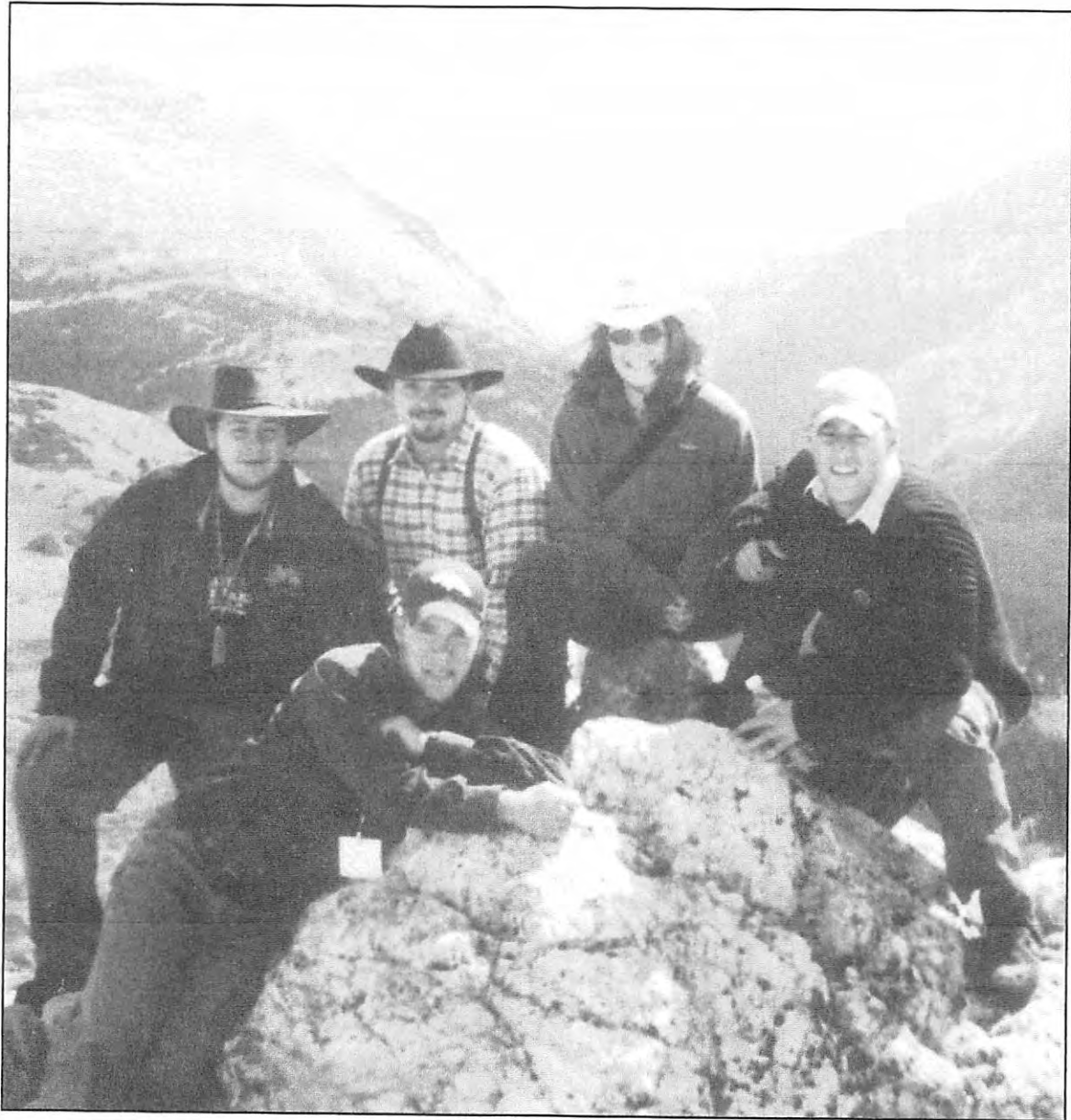


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In the mountains of Colorado at the SAF National Convention are (back, left to right) Jason Allen, William Harlon and Candace Sabol, and (front, left to right) Brent McNeal and Andrew Brought. Penn State Forestry students getting hooked on SAF!



Chairman's Corner

By Ken Kane
Allegheny SAF Chair

This is my first article for *The Allegheny News* as incoming chair for 2002-03. I'm honored and excited, and thank all for this opportunity to serve our profession.

I also thank my predecessor in this position, Mike Lester, for his leadership of the Allegheny SAF the past two years. Congratulations are also in order to Mike on being elected as Chair of the National SAF House of Society Delegates (HSD) for 2002 at the National Convention in Denver, Colorado, September 11-12, 2001.

When we hear the "911" date, the negativity of the attacks to our country and fundamental principles dominates our thoughts - we will all remember where we were and what we were doing when we first learned of the tragedies. I was arriving at the Denver Holiday Inn for my first HSD meeting and the SAF National Convention.

The HSD meeting was called to order, with the question being, whether to continue business or to cancel. It was promptly determined to proceed, and what occurred in those next two days was amazing. HSD members representing nationwide units of SAF, presented, discussed and voted a platform for presentation to the National Council based on issues accumulated through a year-long convener system.

With just over 300 members in attendance on September 13, National Council and the SAF Executive Board decided to continue with a downsized national convention. Any differences of opinion among the members in attendance were reduced to patriotism and determination to overcome adversity. At the final reception that night, most people were collaborating on how to return home, as transportation was at a standstill. Fortunately, many rental car companies were waiving fees for the drives home.

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In Memoriam

Dr. Robert D. Shipman 1921-2001

Dr. Robert D. Shipman of State College, PA, died Friday, October 19, 2001 at Centre Crest nursing home in Bellefonte. He was a Golden (50 years) Member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and nominated and elected Fellow by members of the Allegheny SAF in 1990. "Bob" was a 1948 graduate of the University of Michigan with BS and MS degrees in Forestry and received a PhD in Forest Ecology from Michigan State in 1952.

Shipman served seven years as a research forester for the US Forest Service in Charleston, SC and taught forestry for five years at Clemson University. In 1963 he joined the Forest Resources Department at Penn State, retiring in 1990 as Professor emeritus of Forest Ecology after 28 years of service. He enjoyed teaching undergraduate and graduate forestry, wildlife and environmentally related courses and related well outside the college classroom when communicating the forestry message during "Walks in the Forest" with elementary and high school students and teachers.



Bob was an active member in the Rothrock Chapter and the Allegheny Society, serving on numerous committees over his 52-year membership. For many years he was Awards Chairman for the Allegheny and he often referred to his wife of 54 years, Louella, as secretary of that Committee. They worked together and were faithful attendees at most SAF meetings and conventions, always supporting Penn State students in the Student Bowl competition.

During WWII, Bob served four years in the US Army Air Corps as an aviation engineer in the China/Burma/India campaigns and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal with three Bronze Stars, the American Theater, Victory, and Good Conduct Medals.

Bob enjoyed tennis, hunting, fishing and hiking. He was a member of many civic organizations and in 1995, was named Volunteer of the Year for service to the State College, PA community. Most recently, he and his wife had been active volunteers for the Clearwater Conservancy. A combined memorial service was held for Bob and Louella, who preceded Bob in death in March of 2000, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clearwater Conservancy, 2555 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803. He is survived by a daughter, Nancy, of Catawissa and a son, Karl, of State College.

Arthur L. Bennett 1915-2001

Arthur L. Bennett, 86, of Johnsonburg, PA died Saturday, December 15, 2001. He was a Golden (62 years) member of Society of American Foresters and was peer-elected as an SAF Fellow in 1987. He was also active professionally as a member of the American Pulpwood Association and the Elk County Extension Service.

Bennett received a B.S. in Forestry from Penn State University in 1940; his career spanned 28 years with the Armstrong Forest Company and 12 years with the Texas Gulf Corporation before he retired in 1980. He authored numerous publications in the *Journal of Forestry*, and *Pennsylvania Forests*, presented papers on forestry and wildlife management and contributed to workshops and conferences in the areas of forestry and pulpwood research.

Art was a veteran of WWII, having served in the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant with the 561st Army Air Forces after officers training and the Army Engineering Schools. In the community, "Art" served St. John's Lutheran Church as an usher and former church council president, was on the Elk County General Hospital and Wilcox Library Boards, Wilcox Area Development Corporation, Jones Township Teachers Association and the Jones Township and Johnsonburg Area School Boards.

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I was fortunate to already have a rental car and announced my plan to return to Pennsylvania the next morning, offering rides to anyone headed east. I only had one taker to Indiana (most had heard of my driving habits, I guess). During the long journey back, it became evident to both of us that, sharing one thing in common, two people with very different personal, political, and religious beliefs could be compatible for such a great length of time. That common denominator being, we were both foresters, believed in our profession and had common core values.

It is in reflecting on those challenging days around "911" that causes me to believe that when we remove all the static, rhetoric, and social issues, we all have a lot more in common than we realize - whether we are foresters or citizens of these United States. The unity I've witnessed during the past tragedy, both in Denver and with my Indiana friend on the ride home, inspires me to suggest that we foresters need to promote the professional and personal benefits of SAF membership. First we must reach out more aggressively to those individuals who we know qualify for membership, and second we must take every opportunity to engage the public that does not fully comprehend forestry or the profession of forestry.

My goal over the next two years is to increase the membership in SAF, and stimulate the participation of existing members. This is a great profession, united in a Society, living in a great nation - let's not forget to promote them every chance we get! ♡

Steven Koehn Appointed MD State Forester

J. Charles Fox, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), announced today that he has appointed **Steven W. Koehn** (pronounced "Kane") as State Forester and Director of the Forest Service. As Maryland's State Forester, Koehn is responsible for the statewide delivery of all technical and financial forestry assistance on both public and private lands. He will be reporting directly to Assistant Secretary of Resource Management Services, **Carolyn Watson**. Maryland's state forestry agency is composed of about 120 classified and contractual employees and has a budget of over \$12 million.



Graduating from the Pennsylvania State University in 1983 with a Bachelor's degree in Forest Science, Steve began his career as a consulting forester with James M. Vardaman & Co., working out of their Columbia, SC office. Taking a position with MD DNR as the Baltimore County Project Forester in 1984, he progressed through the organization as Supervisor of Forest Resource Management, Forest Stewardship Section Chief and most recently as Associate Director before serving as acting State Forester since **Jim Mallow** retired earlier this year.

Steve has been a member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) since 1981 and is currently serving as Chair of the Maryland/Delaware Division of SAF. He is a licensed forester, certified tree care expert, member of the MD Forests Association, represents his agency on the Forestry Workgroup of the Chesapeake Bay Program and MD Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Technical Committee, and is a founding member of the Partnership for Sustainable Forestry.

Married with two daughters ages 10 and 12, he coaches soccer and softball, and teaches forestry related courses at John Hopkins University in the non-credit liberal arts program at the School of Professional Studies in Business Education.

National SAF Elects Kutack

Jason N. Kutack of Hattiesburg, Mississippi has been elected vice-president of the National SAF for 2002. Kutack, who finished ahead of **Ray Craig** of Salem, Oregon, will assume the SAF presidency in 2003. In addition, 40 SAF Fellows were elected. Congratulations to the three from the Allegheny Society: **Joseph Ibberson, Kurt Gottschalk, and Wilbur Wolf, Jr.** ♡

Penn State Mont Alto Arboretum Mapped

Mont Alto, PA (December 6, 2001) – Using leased GPS equipment, ten Bartlett Tree Experts, six forestry students and four faculty members mapped over 500 trees and flowerbeds on the Mont Alto campus in a two-day session this November.

Bartlett Regional Manager Scott Diffenderfer and Professor Craig Houghton arranged for the Bartlett Tree Laboratory staff in North Carolina to map the site with student and faculty assistance. The data collected provides a

computerized map of all of the historic (the arboretum was established in the early 1900's) plantings, which have served the forestry faculty and students in research and instruction since the beginning of the Forest Academy.

Native and exotic arboretum specimens were planted in rows and clusters so that students could observe natural forest forms while studying dendrology silviculture, and forest management; faculty studied and recorded the adaptation of exotic species to the climatic and

edaphic environs of Mt. Alto.

As the Mt. Alto Forestry Campus approaches its Centennial Celebration, the Bartlett Tree project has added significantly to the historical and current record of this important outdoor classroom. Forestry students and campus maintenance staff will now be able to accumulate a database on individual tree maintenance – fertilization, pruning, disease and insect occurrences, and other environmental stress times – and monitor tree care needs.

PCPF Retains Legislative Consultant

The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Inc. (PCPF) has entered into a contract with Joseph Dudick of Dynamic Strategies Group for consulting services dealing with PCPF's legislative agenda. PCPF, a 301(C) 6 corporation, was organized to explore issues affecting foresters and forest management in Pennsylvania, develop consensus among Pennsylvania foresters on these issues, and represent developed consensus before the public and the political leadership of the Commonwealth. PCPF's fifteen Charter Members are members of the Pennsylvania Division, Allegheny Society of American Foresters' (SAF) Licensing and Registration Committee, Chaired by Don Oaks.

"The retention of Dynamic Strategies Group services is an historic and important step in this effort," said PCPF President Ken Balliet. Joe Dudick was formerly the Rural Affairs Advisor to Governor Tom Ridge and during his tenure served on the Executive Committee of the Hardwoods Development Council. Joe said that during his service on Governor Ridge's staff he kept a picture of Gifford Pinchot on his office wall - he still does. This admiration of Pinchot should be near and dear to every forester's heart.

In addition to advancing forester-licensing legislation for Pennsylvania Foresters, PCPF has been actively pursuing the development of "Standards of Forestry Practice" for Pennsylvania. Several attorneys, speaking before groups of foresters, have stated that if there are no written standards of forestry practice, then the standard becomes that which is commonly practiced. There is considerable agreement among Pennsylvania foresters that much of the "forestry" commonly practiced in Pennsylvania is an unacceptably low standard. To the end of producing an enhanced consensus on these issues, PCPF is pursuing a meeting open to all Pennsylvania Foresters in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Division Allegheny SAF and the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) early in the year 2002.

December Council Discussions

Submitted by Tim Kaden

At the December 2001 SAF Council meeting, members discussed the significance of having a set of Core Values – statements that reflect the importance and central reason SAF exists. Within the coming months you will be asked to identify those core values that are important to you. Here are four draft core values as presented at council:

- 1) Forests are fundamental source of global health and human welfare;
- 2) Forests must be sustained to enhance long-term human well being through simultaneously meeting environmental, economic, and community aspirations and needs;
- 3) Sound forest management, regardless of ownership, forest type, or purpose, can only be attained through applying knowledge based on science and practical experience within the context of good forest policy; and
- 4) Professional foresters serve society through shared values, personal integrity, ethical behavior, and respect for individuals. Think of what SAF core values are to you

Councilman's Report

By Tim Kaden, SAF District VII Representative

During the course of our lives, various tragic events occur that punctuate our consciousness. We reflect upon them, contemplate the surrounding moods and circumstances, and subject these events to our questioning. We sympathize with victims and try to analyze the "whys." What good can possibly come from these tragedies? Time passes, life goes on, and then at some future time we will typically ask of one another, "Where were you when J.F.



Kennedy was assassinated? We now have another "where were you on September 11, 2001?" question. The world and each and every one of us will never be the same. Our children and grandchildren will lead lives totally different from what we were accustomed too. Life has changed - we can only hope that some good will surface from this tragedy.

I was walking to the Holiday Inn in Denver, Colorado on September 11, 2001, looking forward to the SAF, House of Society Delegates meeting. As I walked the few short blocks, I met Jim Doescher, Councilman from the southeast district, who asked what I thought about the attack on the World Trade Towers in New York. That was the first I knew of the event. We walked into the hotel lobby and there it was on the television - life, as we know it, changing before our eyes.

The SAF National Office, select members of SAF Council leadership, and the Colorado Host Society, quickly met to assess the affect the terrorist attacks would have on our convention. It was quickly decided to cancel the convention but to proceed with those pre convention activities for members and family that had arrived for HSD and other functions. E-mail quickly went out to registered members to stay home. For those of us all ready there in the midst of confusion and uncertainty, a modified agenda was delivered. HSD would go on as scheduled, various functions would be held, President Heissenbittel opened his Presidential reception to all, the General Assembly agenda was scaled back, and a modified Student Quiz Bowl went on as planned. Hats off to Penn State Students who drove out to compete in the National Student Bowl, even though they knew that the convention was cancelled. They came in second but to my way of thinking they took first place in the true American Spirit. Thank you **Kim Steiner and the forestry students!**

One item on every one's mind during those days was how to get home. Airline flights were cancelled immediately, and trains and busses going east and west were full (some people were driving to Canada for flights, why I'll never know). SAF car pools began to spring up, with members networking to all points across America. Throughout the hotel lobby you heard calls for riders, "I am going to Missouri, Maine or Florida, who needs a ride?"

My wife Karen and I had our Saturday morning flight cancelled four hours before take off, so without skipping a beat, I decided, to Karen's dismay, we would drive. Karen does not drive interstate highways, she does not like my driving, and she would have preferred to stay in Denver, so you knew this was not going to be a fun trip. We left Denver at 10:10 a.m. Saturday (we kept a travel log) and made 540 miles to Topeka, Kansas for our first night stop. Looking at the map I thought I could make Pittsburgh, PA on the second day and stay with my sister. Wrong. After 800 miles and twelve hours in the car we were only at Columbus, Ohio. We either stopped or our 32 years of marriage would be tested. Day three was a piece of cake; 440 miles put us at our son's house in Newark, Delaware. By this time, conversation between Karen and I was non-existent. We had covered 1,740 miles in 27 hours. Karen and I are now talking and looking forward to year 33.

The cancellation of the convention has taken its toll on the SAF budget. At this point in time we do not know if our insurance claim will be forthcoming. The National Office leadership believes it will be honored, but the timing for the payment is uncertain. As members **we can help by renewing our membership right now; do not wait until you have received your second notice or next year.** Also recruit a new member or bring in a past member that has dropped out.

I believe next year's convention will be the biggest ever, based on two observations. First, there is a core of members that attend all conventions and these folks were denied the Denver convention. Second, over 4,000 SAF members in the Allegheny, Appalachian and South East Districts are within an eight-hour drive Winston-Salem, NC (October 5-9, 2002). I hope you have this convention marked on your calendar.

Speaking of calendars, do not forget the 80th Annual Winter Meeting of the Allegheny SAF at Hagerstown, Maryland, and February 26-28, 2002. In the meantime, my wish to all for the New Year is simple - PEACE. See you in Hagerstown.

Pinchot SAF Chapter Meets and Tours Gray Towers

Northeast Pennsylvania Penn State Cooperative Forester, and ISA Certified Arborist, **Vincent Cotrone** reviewed the many facets of urban forestry for the SAF Pinchot Chapter on December 7, 2001. Diseases, plantings and parks in urban settings, as well as, fire hazard situations in the wildland-urban interface were highlighted in an illustrated talk in the "Bait Box" at Gray Towers in Milford, PA. In the business meeting, **Robert (Bob) LaBar** was elected as the new Chapter Chair for 2002-03.

Following a luncheon, US Forest Service Guide **Lynn Dennis** led a tour through the newly renovated Towers, historic home of Gifford Pinchot. ♠

Photo by Robert LaBar



Rothrock SAF Chapter Winter Meeting Highlights

By Kenneth L. Balliet, Secretary/Treasurer

The Rothrock SAF Chapter held their winter dinner meeting at the Atherton Hotel in State College, PA on December 6th 2001. Over 30 members and guests attended, including 10 members of the Penn State Student Chapter. Chairman **Alan Sam** recognized and thanked the students for their interest in SAF and invited them to seek mentors from among the assembled group of foresters.

After dinner, Chairman Sam opened the business meeting at 8:00 P.M. and proceeded with the usual minutes and treasurer's report. Treasurer **Ken Balliet** presented a written report summarizing account balances encompassing all transactions since assuming the post. The report was accepted and then **Brad Elison** immediately assumed the position of chapter treasurer.

Other topics of discussion followed: Should the Chapter continue the Journal of Forestry subscription for Bald Eagle School District for another year? Referred to the Executive Committee after it was suggested that we substitute the "Forestry Source" instead. Membership is "steady" at the chapter level. Nationally, SAF may be in financial difficulty due to the affect on the "911" disaster on the National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Over half of the membership voted in the biennial chapter election of officers resulting in **Marc McDill** as new Chair Elect, **Brad Elison** as Sec./Treas., and **Andy Blazewicz**, **Bill Krieger**, **Mike Jacobsen** and **Amy Griffith** as Executive Committee members. **Scott Cary** automatically ascended to the Chapter Chair for 2002-03. **Bob Bauer** led a discussion concerning the SAF position on the PA deer hunting season regulations being proposed for 2002. He suggested that the Executive Committee review the proposed regulations and forward the Chapter's recommendations to the PA Game Commission's hearing.

The Chair noted with sadness, the passing of member **Dr. Robert Shipman**. Bob was a valued member of the Chapter and the Allegheny Society. He had a gift for being able to communicate the forestry message to individuals of all ages and backgrounds. He will surely be missed, but never forgotten.

The speaker for the evening was **Paul Lyscava**, Executive Director of the PA Hardwood Development Council. He presented an interesting overview of the Council's mission and the opportunities it offers to the wood utilization industry in Pennsylvania.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. ♠

WV Division Society of American Foresters Winter Meeting Agenda

Cacapon State Park · January 30 - February 1, 2002

"Best Management Practices/Forest Roads/Alternative Timber Harvest Methods"

January 30

3:00 - 5:00 PM Registration
5:30 - 6:30 PM Social
6:30 - 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

January 31

8:30 AM - Noon Program
"A Proposed Method to Evaluate Timber Harvesting Roads"
Dr. Darrell R. Dean, Jr., Assoc. Professor and Assoc. Chair, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, WVU
"Best Management Practices in West Virginia"
Rudy Williams, Forester, WV Division of Forestry
10:00 - 10:30 AM Break
"Best Management Practices for Low Volume Roads"
Jim Sherar, Logging Systems Specialist, USDA Forest Service, Southern Region
"Appalachian Hardwood Logging Systems: Managing Change for Effective Best Management Practice Implementation"
Hank Sloan, Forest Logging Engineer, USDA FS, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch
"West Virginia Loggers Viewpoint on Educational Needs - Survey Results"
Steve Milauskas, Forest Operations Extension Specialist, WV University Appalachian Hardwood Center
"Timber Theft"
Gerald Stuckey, Westvaco Timber Security
"Field Tour & Discussion on Forest Roads"
Jeff Bracken, Forester, Westvaco CFM Lands
5:00 - 6:00 PM Social
6:00 - 7:00 PM Banquet
7:00 PM "Watershed & Road Rehabilitation After A Major Natural Disaster"
Banquet Speaker: Glen Juergens, Silviculturist, Monongahela National Forest, USFS

February 1

8:00 - 9:00 AM Business Meeting
9:00 AM Program
"Shovel Logging"
Steve Carruth, Forester, Westvaco
"Effects of Watershed Treatments On Large Peakflows on the Fernow Experimental Forest"
Jim Kochenderfer, Research Forester, USDA Forest Service, NE Research Station
"Current Forestry Issues in West Virginia"
Randy Dye, State Forester WV Division of Forestry
"Current Issues at the National Level"
Dr. David William Smith, Professor Emeritus at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, and
National President of the Society of American Foresters
12:00 Noon Adjourn and Lunch

Directions to Cacapon Resort State Park:

From Interstate 81: Take Winchester, VA Exit 310 or exit 317 to State Route 37 (Winchester Bypass). Stay on 37 to US Highway 522. Follow US 522 to Cacapon State Resort Park (about 30 miles north from Winchester, VA).

From Interstate 68/70: Take Exit 1, Hancock, MD (US 522) to Berkley Springs, Follow signs to Cacapon State Park.

From PA Turnpike: Take Exit 12 (Breezewood) to US 70 S to Hancock. Follow directions from Interstate 68/70.

Registration Information: Glen Juergens at gjuergens@neumedia.net or Fax 304-799-6820 or phone 304-799-4334



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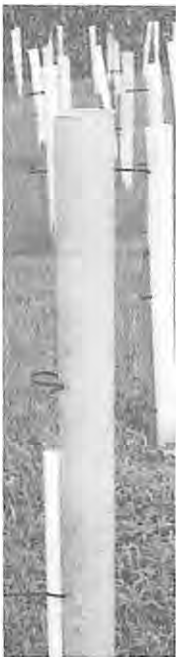
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Allegheny SAF Election Results

An Allegheny SAF Tellers Committee, Susan Stout and Steve Horsley, counted the ballots for the biennial election of officers for 2002-03 on November 23, 2001 and submitted a report to Chair Mike Lester. The new Chair Elect is Robert Bauer (PA), Secretary/Treasurer is Kenneth Jolly (MD/DE), and the Executive Committee At Large members are Earl Higgins (PA), Jack Perdue (MD/DE), Karen Sykes (WV) and Howard Wurzbacher (PA). The referendum on changes to the by-laws, changing the deadline of submission of candidates for election, passed by a vote of 92 (yes) to 4 (no). Copies of the revised by laws will be modified in time for the next election. The Tellers Committee commented that they would retain a copy of the tally sheet in case anyone should care to investigate pregnant "chads" or other contemporary concerns!

The Allegheny News Editor received the following SAF unit election records (a reminder to all chapter and division chairs that election results for all officers should be sent to the National SAF office ASAP for inclusion in the 2002 SAF Leadership Directory).

Keystone Chapter: Chair Elect - Robert S.

Bingman, Sec./Treasurer - John (Jack) Byerly

Northern Hardwood Chapter: Chair Elect - Jason

Albright, Sec./Treasurer - Marian Keegan

Plateau Chapter: Chair Elect - David A. Andrus,

Sec./Treasurer - Cecile M. Stelter

Valley Forge Chapter: Chair Elect - Mark P.

Buccowich, Sec./Treasurer - Robert I. Girvin, Jr.

Pennsylvania Division: Chair Elect - Dave F. Miller,

Sec./Treasurer - Doug D'Amore

The Chairs Elect, who have automatically advanced to the Chair positions for 2002-03, are listed on the inside back cover of all issues of *The Allegheny News*. Ken Kane, Allegheny SAF incoming Chair for 2002-03, introduces his first "Chairman's Corner" on page #1 of this issue. All new officers will be installed at the banquet during the 80th Annual Allegheny SAF Meeting, in Hagerstown, MD February 26-28, 2002 (make a commitment now by sending in the registration form on page 13. The "Outstanding Service to Forestry" and "Forester Of The Year" awards, plus recognition of newly elected National SAF Fellows from the Allegheny SAF, Joseph E. Ibberson, Mark R. Webb, and Wilbur E. Wolf Jr. will also be recognized at the banquet, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

Election of Officers for 2002

By Ron Sheay, Allegheny SAF Historian

I was highly disappointed with our biennial election process this year. As you know, the chair-elect takes the chair of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ASAF) two years after being elected. This year we had a slate of three nominees for the chair-elect. All had a depth of experience in SAF and would have made a fine leader. This was good because it gave us some options. The Secretary/Treasurer is a time-consuming position and when a candidate is found that will do the job, nominate that person for the position and be thankful for efforts expended. If that person is doing good work and agrees to stay on, by all means, nominate that person again.

This brings me to the "disappointing" part of the slate. First of all, only four candidates were nominated for the four Executive Committee slots, leaving no choices for the voters. Secondly, three of those nominated were incumbents, which was even more upsetting to me. With over 1,000 members in ASAF, it seems to me that six to eight members that haven't served on the executive committee before – with ideas on ASAF internal and external management and policy – should accept an offer to be nominated, and serve.

Why do I believe this would better serve the organization? Our election of leadership positions deals directly with membership retention in the SAF. President John Heissenbittel wrote in the July 2001 *Journal of Forestry (JOF)* that his goal for membership in 2001 was "plus one" – that is to have at least one more member at the end of 2001 than at the end of 2000. Our council representative, **Tim Kaden**, reported to us in the Winter 2000-01 issue of *The Allegheny News (AN)* that membership is continuing to decline nationally, and made a plea in our Spring 2001 *AN* for us to recruit past members, pointing out membership advantages. Allegheny SAF chair, **Mike Lester's** column in the Winter 2000-01 *AN* pointed to the loss of 116 ASAF member from the previous year, and that retention was one of the three main issues facing the SAF. Finally, the first recommendation of the 2001 HSD meeting in Denver was that SAF should explore new dues collection options that may help lower the impact of dues on members and thereby increase retention rates.

One way I offer to help retain members is to get them actively involved with the SAF. Committee

assignments at chapter, division and state levels help make members feel a part of an organization. From committee assignments to officer position nominations at all levels is a natural progression in SAF leadership involvement. Anyone having served the SAF in committee assignments or officer positions soon realizes that the benefits gained in working in leadership positions with other foresters far outweighs the effort and time expended – especially in our multi-state society, with the many similar and diverse forestry issues within our five state boundaries. And the professional contacts are invaluable!

I voted this year, as I do in every SAF election, but I hope that future election processes will offer more options; new members stepping forward to take advantage of the opportunity that a nomination for leadership position offers – to an individual career and an active SAF unit. A member involved, is a member retained.

Musser Forests



Northern-Grown Tree Seedlings

Pine: Austrian, Balkan, Japanese Black, Pinyon, Mugho, Ponderosa, Red, White, Virginia

Spruce: Black Hills, Blue, Engelmann, Norway, Serbian, White

Fir: Balsam, Canaan, Concolor, Douglas, Fraser, Grand

Hemlock: Canadian, Western

Birch: European, Japanese, Gray

Dogwoods: Chinese, Gray, Silky, Siberian, White

Locust: Black, Bristly, Honey

Maples: Norway, Red, Silver, Sugar

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September 13-17, 2001 in Denver, Colorado



Your Allegheny SAF Leadership for 2002-03: Outgoing Chair Mike Lester, Incoming Chair Ken Kane, Council Representative Tim Kaden



Kim and Suzy Steiner



Penn State at the Student Quiz Bowl Competition: Andrew Brought, Candace Sabol and William Harlon (Brent McNeal cannot be seen)



Bill Banzhaf, Leslie Batten (Oregon Chair), and Mike Lester



The Kadens, Tim and Linda



Ken Kane and Ray Craig

Photos compliments of Mike Lester

"Ethics & Endangered Species" at the Ben Roach Forum

Jim Coufal, Professor Emeritus of the SUNY, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, was guest speaker at the October 11, 2001 "Benjamin A. Roach Forestry Forum" at the Kane Country Club in Kane, PA.

"A philosopher I ain't, a PhD I ain't, a dirt forester I am!" With that opening statement, Jim proceeded to give the audience his take on ethics related to a scenario involving the Endangered Species Act (ESA). What would you do? You own 50 acres of prime Allegheny black cherry worth a million dollars, and then find a Small Whorled Begonia on your timberland. What followed was an exploration of values, and the relative worth of objects – "Is it good" – in a given context. A lively discussion followed the presentation, which was the third in a series of Roach Forums examining the legal, economic, and ethical aspects of the ESA. ♻️



Jim Coufal (r) receiving the symbolic Roach Forum black cherry Biltmore Stick from Bob Bauer



State University of New York, Wanakena Ranger School alumni gathered at the Roach Forum (left to right):
Lionel Lemery, 1964
Doug D'Amore, 1981
Joe Marquart, 1964
Jim Coufal, 1957
Steve Jilk, 1973
Tom Kase, 1988

Teachers For The Forests

By Rob Jones, Director

Teachers For The Forests (TF²) is a nonprofit organization of teachers and foresters committed to debunking the myths believed by teachers about forest issues. Teachers are important because they are the most powerful political block in every state and they are the culture shapers for the next generation. TF² is dedicated to conducting professional development workshops to educate teachers about forest ecology issues from a science-based perspective (rather than a political science-based perspective). Rob Jones is the director who works under a board of directors. The Board of Advisors for TF² includes **Dr. Harry Wiant** and **Dr. Patrick Moore**. A typical workshop consists of a full day of training including: an interactive, multimedia presentation challenging the myths commonly held about forestry, a tour to a forest site or wood products center, a catered lunch, and curriculum distribution and training for the

classroom. TF² presenters are selected from teachers and foresters who have a concern about what the public perceives about forest management issues and the misinformation prevalent in schools. Currently, TF² works in four states and is poised to begin training teachers in several other states. Presenters for TF² are trained in a two or three day all expenses paid, hands-on, how-to seminar and are paid \$300 plus expenses per presentation. It raises funds from foundations and wood products businesses to support its efforts. TF² believes that foresters, not celebrities, should train teachers about forest issues. Its source of factual authority is universities that train professionals in wood science. TF² will begin work in the Allegheny region in 2002. Consider becoming a TF² presenter. You can find information about TF² at www.teachersforthe forests.org (Director Jones is on the agenda at the Hagerstown Summer Meeting). ♻️



Post Deer Season Meeting of PA Deer/Forest Committee

By Robert W. Bauer- Committee Member

The Deer/Forest Committee, consisting of members of the Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters, met at the McKean County Penn State Cooperative Extension Office on December 12, 2001. Tim Pierson was the host and the first thing on his agenda, as always after deer season, is to swap deer hunting stories. Dave Miller's crew was given the award for being the most effective in helping the Pennsylvania Game Commission get the deer herd under control. One only has to sit back and listen to the stories to appreciate the importance most foresters place on their heritage of hunting deer in Penn's Woods. Dave's crew harvested 8 deer on a 180-acre tract or about 30 deer per square mile. Mike McIntyre reported that on one of Forest Investment Associate's properties of approximately 4,300 acres they actually checked 101 harvested deer or over 13 deer per square mile. The known harvest on another

13,000-acre tract was over 14 deer per square mile.

General consensus was that the harvest may be down due to a lack of hunter participation after the first Day, and that most people were hunting bucks that first day. Concurrent season was received well and some deer were taken in areas that do not traditionally get much pressure in the antlerless deer season. Another factor that could have entered into the lower harvest was that with fewer licenses available, fewer hunters were in the woods to harvest deer, and this especially affected the areas that do not have local residents to hunt, like most of the northern part of the state. Increased harvest efficiency from the concurrent season may not have been achieved. Another factor that may have had an impact was that most deer processors quit taking deer on the first day and did not take any for several days. This was compounded by the warm weather.

The committee will again present testimony at the PGC seasons and bag limits meeting on January 14, 2002 in Harrisburg.

Members agreed to encourage continued support for Dr Gary Alt's effort to lower deer numbers and give the deer management unit some freedom in how best to do that. Dr Alt will be encouraged to continue taking the message to the public. The committee will also encourage caution in making new recommendations so as not to lose the support that has been gained. The group felt that support was not there for an October antlerless at this time but that the October season was more for recreation than a deer control message. Caution was also expressed about going with antler restrictions at this time. Another suggestion will be for some season restructuring to allow processors to handle the deer kill as well as encourage the harvesting of an antlerless deer before hunting bucks. The longer concurrent season had many hunters seeking bucks while thinking they could take an antlerless deer at some later date.

Good luck hunting, and encourage your friends to hunt especially for larger antlerless deer. ♠

Program Coordinator Excellence in Logging

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Enter the SAF Art Show in February at the Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting

It is time to dust off your camera, whittle a better bird, find your photos, weave a masterpiece, have big prints made from your 35 mm slides, carve a zinger, mix the watercolors, make 8x10 or larger prints from your digital, squeeze the paint tubes, fire up the ceramic kiln, sketch a scene, or dream up the best art show entry ever. Bring your masterpiece, or send it with an attendee, to the meeting.

The show is open to SAF members of all categories. SAF Student members have their own category. SAF family member entries are also welcome to enter.

Any questions? Contact Charlie Newlon, Reginald Forbes Art Show Chairperson at cbnewlon@home.com, or phone 610-872-6019 or "snail mail" at 2 Irving Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086-6677. ♠

Allegheny SAF 2002 Winter Meeting

"Perpetuating Working Forests in the Rural / Urban Interface"
February 26-28, 2002 · Clarion Hotel, Hagerstown, MD

Approved for 7.5 CFE, SAF Category 1

Tuesday, February 26

4:30-6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
6:30-7:30 pm Ice Breaker Reception
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, February 27

7:00-8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:00 am Registration
9:00-9:15 am Welcome/Opening Remarks
General Session 1
9:15-10:00 am Keynote: "Facing the new realities of Interface Forestry" – **R. Neil Sampson**
10:00-10:45 am "Implementing a Strategic Forestland Assessment" – **J. Wolf**
10:45-11:15 am Break
11:15-12 noon "Successful strategies for forestry in the interface: land use issues" – **J. McElfish**
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch
Concurrent Sessions
Track 1: Small Woodlot Management
1:00-1:45 pm "The New Landowner" – **J. Finley**
1:45-2:30 pm "Harvesting Probabilities" – **C. Conn**
2:30-3:00 pm Break
3:00-3:45 pm "The New Economics" – **M. Jacobson**
3:45-4:30 pm "Harvesting Techniques" – **H. Staley**
Track 2: Fire Protection Issues
1:00-1:45 pm "Risk Assessment" – **B. Hartlove**
1:45-2:30 pm "Firewise Communities" – **A. Zentz**
2:30-3:00 pm Break
3:00-3:45 pm "Habitat Burning" – **G. Vickers, B. Giese**
3:45-4:30 pm "Rural Water Delivery" – **M. Mitchell**

Wednesday, February 27 (continued)

Track 3: Community Considerations
1:00-1:45 pm "Hazard Trees" – **P. Becker**
1:45-2:30 pm "Urban Forest Health" – **A. Cummings**
2:30-3:00 pm Break
3:00-3:45 pm "Using GIS/IKONOS" – **M. Galvin**
3:45-4:30 pm "Local Conservation Planning" – **T. Worthley**
5:00-6:30 pm Student Quiz Bowl
6:00-10:00 pm Cash Bar
7:00-9:00 pm Awards Banquet

Thursday, February 28

7:00-8:00 am Chairman's Breakfast
7:00-8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:45 am Allegheny Business Meeting
General Session 2
9:00-9:45 am "Incorporating Forest Stewardship into Conservation Easements" – **M. Lathbury**
9:45-10:30 am "Making resource-based industries a component of rural development" – **S. McHenry**
10:30-11:00 am Break
11:00-11:45 am "Keeping forestry on the political radar screen" – **A. Swanson**
11:45-12 noon Concluding remarks
12 noon Adjourn
Lunch on your own

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Registration Prices

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_____ \$55 Student Member
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_____ \$5 Icebreaker Reception
_____ \$10 Chairman's Breakfast
_____ \$25 Awards Banquet

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Dr. Patrick Moore Address to SAF/SFI and Students

By Robert W. Bauer, Chair, PA SAF Division

Dr. Moore is one of the founders of "Greenpeace" and has been a leader in the environmental field for over 25 years. By his own admission, he became a radical environmental activist in the late 1960's and 70's, spending 15 years at the forefront of the world's largest environmental activist organization. He and his rag-tag looking group of activists and their ship, The Rainbow Warrior, made the national news many nights, protesting things from killing baby seals, nuclear bomb testing, to the Soviet Union's factory whaling fleets. Dr. Moore and Greenpeace were successful in eliminating or changing some of these practices, and putting Greenpeace on the map.

In the mid 1980's, Dr. Moore began looking for something that he could actually be for, instead of something he was against. He decided that sustainable forestry, based on a renewable resource, was something that he could promote as strongly as he protested some of his earlier causes. Fortunately for the forestry profession, Dr. Moore has become one of the world leaders in promoting sustainable forestry.



Dr. Patrick Moore



Bob Bauer with daughter Jennifer, a student at PSU

As to his message to the cross section of 400 foresters, industry representatives, students, and other members of the environmental community - "Trees are the Answer!" The use of wood as a raw material is environmentally sound. It is a renewable natural resource, and unlike steel, aluminum, plastic and cement, requires far less inputs of energy and generates lower emissions of carbon dioxide and other noxious elements in the conversion processes.

One could quote Dr. Moore on an endless number of items. To those who compromise the anti-timber cutting movement in the name of improved bio-diversity, he demonstrated that that bio-diversity is greatest immediately following clear cutting and is greatly enhanced by proper timber harvesting in general. While it is acceptable to convert forestland to farmland to feed the world's population, the most poorly managed forest stands have more bio-diversity than the best examples of cornfields or cabbage patches. Of the 50,000 species that the World Wildlife Fund claimed, at a 1996 media conference, were

going extinct each year, not one single example could be offered as evidence. The 50,000 species exist only as electrons on a computer hard drive in a computer model at Harvard University.

The audience sat spellbound during Dr. Moore's talk; to see such attention by a large group was priceless to me. A standing ovation was almost unanimous. I believe his presentation was the most compelling environmental talk I have ever heard and, working with the forest resources daily as I do, made me proud to call myself a forester. His talk was a fitting end to the earlier SAF/SFI presentations on the challenges associated with maintaining viable forest resource values.

On a personal note, my day was really made when my youngest daughter Jennifer, a student at Penn State, told one of her older sisters on the phone, "I went to show support for our dad, but I really enjoyed Dr. Moore's talk - and learned a lot." ♣

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Bob Rumpf, SAF Fellow and retired Glatfelter Co. General Manager (c) converses with Dr. Moore and an audience member

Silviculture News

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Forest Science Coordinator, Allegheny SAF

Understory Control Key to Oak Regeneration Success

Since the 1950s, foresters have been documenting the decline of oak regeneration on sites where it had historically been dominant. Lack of seedlings and saplings are most pronounced on better quality sites and the oak regeneration problem is similar in both second generation managed stands and in old-growth preserves. Foresters have tested a variety of stand manipulations to alter overstory and/or understory light levels and inter-species competition including: clearcutting, shelterwood method, prescribed fire, underplanting, herbicide treatments, and wildlife control. Even when oak seedlings are abundant and the overstory removed, oaks frequently fail to out-compete shade tolerant species present in the understory.

A recent West Virginia University doctoral student, Dr. Jim Rentch, studied five old-growth oak forests located in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. These forests provided a 300-year history of individual tree and stand dynamics, fire history and other disturbances typical of oak forests in this region; major periods of harvesting were not evident. Although there was some variation by site and historical period examined, there were no significant changes in canopy disturbance rates for the 300-year periods reviewed. The tree ring record examined suggests three modes of oak recruitment:

1. Recruitment into large openings after a stand-initiating disturbance
2. Episodic recruitment into overstory canopy gaps with one or two growth releases
3. Continuous establishment in the understory and recruitment into the overstory through gap release

Dr. Rentch also documented small-scale disturbances occurring every three years, on average, and larger disturbances involving more than one tree occurring on a 17-year interval. Wind and fire are historically the most common agents of forest disturbance. Fires in our region most often occur on the forest floor during the dormant season and are most commonly ignited by humans. Old fire scars were evident on many large trees in the study areas. High velocity, very localized, short duration windstorms associated with thunderstorms accounted for 40-70% of the severe weather events in the five study areas. These winds tend to create gaps during the growing season when trees are fully leafed out, soils are near saturation, and foliage is heavy with rain. Using a variety of growth strategies and canopy opening sizes, the dominance of

oak on these sites has been maintained in a relatively stable, uneven-aged condition. However, the current sparseness of oak seedlings and saplings suggest that the future species composition may change. Dr. Rentch concluded that oaks' ability to persist in the understory for long periods of time, constituted the key difference between the past and present condition of these stands. He documented average understory residence times of 89 and 54 years for white and red oak, respectively, suggesting that the level of understory shade, and by implication the abundance of shade tolerant understory species, was considerably less in the period before 1900. This hypothesis is consistent with the absence of shade tolerant species in the oldest cohorts but their presence in 1800s-origin cohorts, the reduction in fire frequency after 1900, and the fact that virtually none of the oaks recruited after 1900 experienced a prolonged period in the shaded understory.

Few second generation oak stands contain surviving understory oaks in the age range documented in Dr. Rentch's study, especially red oak. Foresters typically favor even-age management in their silvicultural prescriptions to regenerate oak, with the shelterwood system being most favored. Yet, the results of this study demonstrate the continuous establishment and survival of a competitive oak understory, and eventual accession to the overstory. These five stands exhibited ecological strategies favorable to uneven-aged management, however, practical application of this system would require constant control of more shade tolerant competitors. The frequency of low intensity surface fires during presettlement and settlement times acted as the "natural" cultural treatment that discriminated in favor of oaks and against sugar maple, beech and other typical understory competitors. ♣

For more information on this study please contact Dr. Jim Rentch, West Virginia University, jrentch2@wvu.edu

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PA Society of American Foresters, SFI of PA and PSU School of Forest Resources Joint Meeting

"Meeting the Challenges of Sustainable Forestry in PA"

Parts extracted from an article reported by Ken Manno, PA SFI of PA Program Coordinator

Some 350 people, involved in and interested in Pennsylvania forest resources and allied forest industries met in Heritage Hall in the Hetzel Union Building on the campus of Penn State University September 19, 2001, to examine the challenges of sustaining a viable forest resource in the state. The PA Division Society of American Foresters (SAF), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative of PA (SFI of PA), and the Penn State School of Forest Resources jointly sponsored the presentations and discussions.

Chris Bingaman, vice president of Bingaman & Sons Lumber of Kreamer, PA, presented the keynote address. Acknowledging that the current drive for certification will most likely be a way of life in the forest industry for the foreseeable future, he suggested that ways must be found to make it work to the benefit of all players. Diminishing harvests on State and Federal lands have put more pressures on private forestlands to supply raw materials to forest industries. He proposed a coalition of government, academia, industry and professional foresters examine three essential elements as a basis for furthering the



Keynote Speaker, Chris Bingaman

implementation of sustainable forestry practices: third-party evaluation, willingness of all involved to report honest/factual data, and the building of peer pressure against those who fail or refuse to comply. Chris simplified the picture by saying that the issue may well be "regulate ourselves or be regulated."

The Syracuse SUNY ESF team of Chris Nowak, John Wagner, Ralph Nyland, and Rene Germain examined the accumulated evidence of the effects of diameter-limit (DL) cutting on stand qualities, economic return and overall "sustainability." Dr. Nowak spoke to the ecological implications of DL cutting. He cited some short term effects such as an adverse effect on stand quality, a reduced presence of high value species, an inefficient use of growing space, and a shift in production to pulpwood or less quality and size saw timber. In addition, there is a likely loss of quality seed sources and erosion of the gene pool over the long run. He concluded that DL cutting is not compatible with producing high-quality saw timber over the long term.

Dr. Wagner discussed the financial implications associated with DL cutting, citing as myth that it provides the highest short-term financial returns. He reported on both 12" and 16" DL harvests in



Ralph Nyland, Rene Germain, Chris Nowak and John Wagner

stands thinned to 65% relative density; 50% of the time DL cutting provided the highest net present value and 50% it did not. DL cutting may or may not offer the highest short term financial return, depending on a multitude of variable stand circumstances in each and every stand.

Dr. Nyland described DL cutting as removing the largest trees in order to favor the "promising ones" in the lower crown classes. In the process, it takes out the trees with the best growth potential and does no tending of the residual tree classes. It does not balance age classes or upgrade the growing stock through time. Consequently, DL cutting results in a loss of long-term sustainability, a reduction of yields and many other allied values. He used an example of four harvest cuttings over a span of 113 years to support his conclusions.

Dr. Germain examined whether, "Participation in Sustainable Forestry Programs Promotes the

Application of Silviculture on Company Lands.” Since an Environmental Management System (EMS) usually serves as the vehicle for achieving a formal approach to sustainable forestry, such an EMS should contain such basic elements as an environmental policy, planning, implementation, monitoring, management evaluation, and continual adjustment. Reporting on a 13-question survey to 700 companies (265 responded), he concluded that forestry operations participating in sustainable forest management programs are more likely to promote the application of silviculture on company lands and thus less likely to practice DL cuttings. He also reminded us that Silviculture is a long-term process, NOT a single event.

Dr. Jim Finley of Penn State’s School of Forest Resources opened the afternoon session emphasizing that, for whatever barriers to sustainable forestry we have to contend with, we are all a part of the solution. Typically, there are relationships among landowners, foresters, loggers and sawmillers in many timber-harvesting arrangements. Creating a dialogue among the players, in terms of their commitment to sustainable forestry practices, provides the greatest assurance that things can and will be done properly. Depending on what

statistics one chooses to accept, in 25 to 45 years, we could leave our forest largely occupied with “green junk” if we fail to abide by sustainable forestry practices.

Dr. Susan Stout of the USFS Sciences Lab in Irvine, PA, in concert with **Ned Karger** of Kane Hardwood, Kane, PA and **Jeff Kochel** of Forest Investment Associates discussed “Silviculture: Keeping Your Options Open”. Every harvest cut has regeneration consequences and there is a need to focus on what will remain after the harvest in the way of advance regeneration and long-term residuals. Doing so requires that we look at the prospects of advanced regeneration survival in terms of species composition – the key to sustainability. Certain harvesting models offer far more future opportunities to maintain desirable and appropriate management practices and outcomes, as opposed to the limited potential associated with high-grade types of harvesting. Preferred models consist of group selection or single tree selection harvests on uneven-aged stands, and seed tree, shelterwood, or clearcutting on even-aged stands.

Gary Rossman of Rossman



Jim Finley, Susan Stout and Ned Karger

Logging presented “Cutting/Skidding Innovations.” By gradually introducing a much higher level of mechanization into his business over a period of years, he has realized higher rates of productivity, efficiency and safety. These expanded capabilities have increased business prospects and allowed for more options in terms of the jobs he is able to take, and has especially provided a heightened level of safety in harvesting and skidding processes.

Dave Fetzer of Lyons Equipment showed videos of some of the newest harvesting, transporting, and processing equipment available. It was most impressive to see how this equipment offers improved levels of safety, much less impact on the site and the environment, and in the right settings, unparalleled levels of

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Gary Rossman, Rossman Logging



Dave Fetzer, Lyons Equipment



Bill Luppold, USFS Sutton, WV

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productivity and efficiency.

Bill Luppold of the USFS in Sutton, WV looked at some of the changes occurring in the forest products marketplace in a "Utilization; Thinking Outside the Box" presentation. He cited the increasing East Asian production in the furniture industry as one example, and also focused on the domestic timber resource picture and how species composition changes are coming into play. Opportunities exist for companies that allow more time for business planning, looking for the "silver lining" in these changes, and doing what is necessary to capitalize on them.

Marc Lewis of Dwight Lewis Lumber Company closed the afternoon session with "The Keys to

Sustainable Businesses." Marc echoed several of Bill Luppold's sentiments about doing what it takes to put your business in the strongest competitive position. He spoke of the FSC Certification process that their company experienced in order to process and produce certified materials. Absorbing a cost that they may not recoup for some time has opened doors of opportunities otherwise unavailable to their organization. He emphasized the need to have an updated plan for your business that sets goals, gives direction and allows the gauging of progress - "If you don't know where you're going, it's pretty hard to get there."

The program adjourned for the afternoon only to convene that evening to hear Dr. Patrick Moore, co-founder of Greenpeace.



Marc Lewis, D. Lewis Lumber Co.

Dr. Moore addressed an overflow crowd estimated in excess of 400, as he discussed "Environmentalism for the 21st Century" as Penn State Visiting Lecturer, sponsored in part by the Glatfelter Paper Co. of Spring Grove, PA (see article on page 14).

Pa Parks and Forests Alumni "Reconnect" at Luncheon

By Conrad Lickel

Several alumni of the historic PA Department of Forests & Waters, the Department of Environmental Resources and the present Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, are attempting to "reconnect" long-time friendships and relationships among the hundreds who have professionally contributed to the Commonwealth's State Forests and State Parks legacy.

Efforts have included the publication and distribution of an Alumni Newsletter in October of 2001, followed by an early December reunion luncheon in Harrisburg. A congenial mix of foresters, parks & waters alumni and their guests, together with Secretary of DCNR, John C. Oliver and members of his executive staff, made for a successful first event. About forty luncheon



Joe Ibberson talks with article author Connie Lickel



Chuck Strouse of PSU and Bob Klingman

attendees introduced themselves and revealed a variety of personal post-retirement situations, travels and hobbies. In small spontaneous groups before and after the luncheon, stories of the early struggles in the development of the "Crown Jewels of Pennsylvania" (Forests & Parks) and the individuals involved, surfaced effortlessly.

The group's continuation is still tenuous - there is no attempt at formal organization - but any alumni interested in being informed of future luncheon gatherings can contact me (Connie Lickel) at 717-599-5770 or drop a note to 436 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

"HISTORY IN THE MAKING"

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting June 19-21, 2002

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Coming Events

February 2002

- 16 5th Keystone Coldwater Conference, "Headwater Habitats: The Importance of Native Plant and Animal Diversity," Penn State Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA. 814-863-5100
- 26-28 80th Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting, Clarion Hotel, Hagerstown, MD. 7.5 CFE credits. Registration form on page 13

March

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Spring 2002 issue of The Allegheny News**

April

- 17-18 2nd Annual Goddard Forum, "Global Warming - Causes, Effects, State Control and Mitigation Strategies," Penn State Conference Center 814-865-9390 or rbm10@psu.edu

June

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Summer 2002 The Allegheny News**
- 19-21 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, "History in the Making," Gettysburg, PA. See promo in this issue - registration information will be in Spring issue of *The Allegheny News*

July

- 15-19 17th North American Forest Biology Workshop & Western Forest Genetics Association, Pullman, WA "Rocky Mtn. Ecosystems: Diversity, Complexity & Interactions." John Bassman 509-335-5296 or Jon Johnson 253-445-4522.

September

- 15 **Deadline for articles and photos for Fall 2002 issue of The Allegheny News**

October

- 5-9 SAF National Convention, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

- 2003 Winter - PA Northern Hardwoods Chapter
2003 Summer - PA Rothrock Chapter

Future SAF National Conventions

- October 22-25, 2003 - Buffalo, NY
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