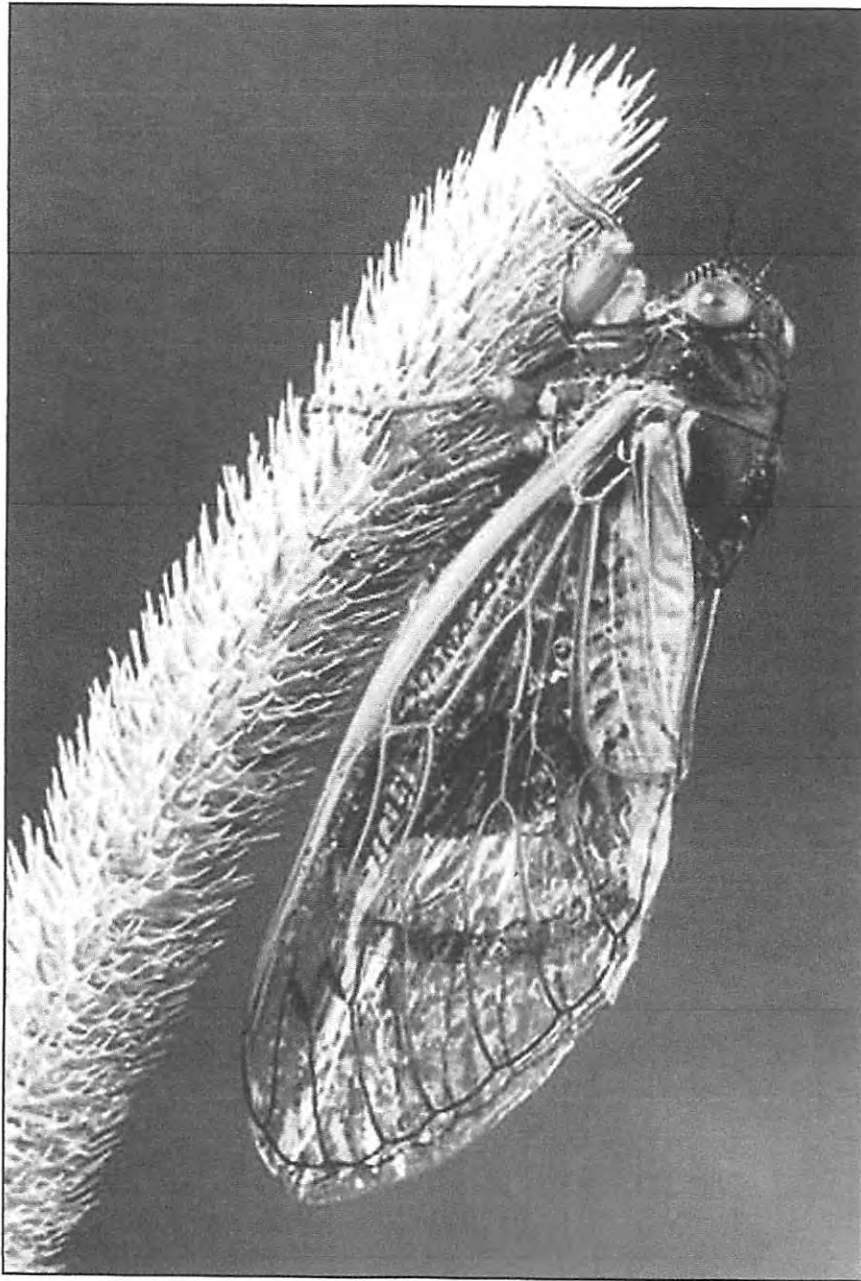


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Seventeen-year Brood X Magicicada emerged to invade Northeastern United States this Spring. See the Silviculture News article on page 22 for interesting details.



Chairman's Corner

By Kenneth W. Jolly
Allegheny SAF Chair

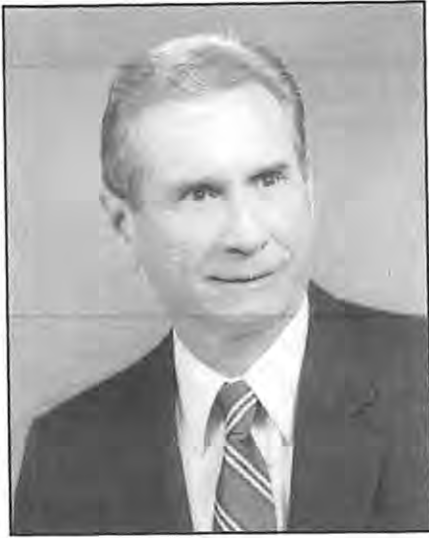
The hot and hazy days of summer are here once again! It's the prime time of year when many of us take a vacation break and relax from the rigors of day-to-day work schedules. But before you get "too booked up" in your summer schedule, make sure you include the 2004 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting - being hosted by the West Virginia Division at the Snowshoe Resort August 4th through 6th - in your summertime plans.

I've found it true that attending any Allegheny Section Meeting is a great way to enjoy the unique camaraderie that seems to blossom whenever fellow forestry professionals get together. However, I've found this to be especially true for the Summer Meetings, which are typically designed to have a strong field emphasis (in contrast to the Winter Meetings, where the emphasis is on formal presentations). Getting together in the field to look at some aspect of forestry practice with other professionals is a great way to inspire discussion and create opportunities to grow - by expanding our forestry knowledge base a little wider, and also by getting to know other SAF members better.

Without a doubt, Allegheny Section meetings are a great way to both initiate and continue warm friendships with professional colleagues in the Allegheny region - an opportunity that we otherwise might not have if we limit our SAF participation to our local Division/Chapter meetings. So come on out to West Virginia in August, and invite some of your local forestry colleagues to come with you - I'm certain you'll find it to be a rewarding part of your summer!

See you there! ❄️

In Memoriam: Calvin F. Glattfelder



Calvin F. Glattfelder, 79, died May 14, 2004 in Naples, Florida. Mr. Glattfelder was a native of Fairfield, Iowa, attended the Iowa State University and obtained a BS degree in Forestry from Penn State University in 1949.

Mr. Glattfelder was Vice President and General Manager of P.H. Glattfelder Pulp Wood Company in Spring Grove, PA. A native of York, PA from 1973-1999, he was a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Navy. He was a Golden (50-year) Member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), and elected as a SAF Fellow by his peers in 1990.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, Penn State Alumni Association, the York Country Club and numerous other civic and professional organizations.

His wife Elizabeth of 57 years survives Mr. Glattfelder, as well as son Calvin, Jr., daughter Nancy Glattfelder Bauer, and grandsons James L. Bauer, Jr., and Matthew S. Glattfelder.

Giving Back to the Profession

By Robert J. LaBar

There are many ways one can give back to our profession. One is simply to do a good job that will in itself give credit to the profession. A second approach is to donate our time by serving on various committees or in leadership positions. There is yet another way that is often overlooked and that is to contribute financially above and beyond our dues and an occasional special appeal. We have many examples of this being done over the years by countless individuals in the Allegheny Society. I could mention names and you can probably remember others who fit this category. However, rather than risk the embarrassing possibility of missing someone's name, I would prefer to turn to the national scene for an example.

Some of us remember in the late 60's and early 70's the anonymous challenge of matching funds to purchase the land and buildings that enabled our profession and other related societies to find a permanent home in Bethesda, Maryland. Those who have visited the site cannot help wonder about the blessing we received through the generosity of one individual. Upon his death, shortly after the land purchase, the donor was identified as Tom Gill, a noted forester and writer. While very few of us might match the level of Mr. Gill's giving, there are opportunities nationally, regionally and at the section and division levels to display similar generosity. It can be done in our lifetime or by arrangements in one's will. In either case, you may need the expert advice of an attorney and/or tax advisor. The national office may also be able to assist in these efforts.

Giving in this way has many advantages. Not only do you benefit a worthy cause that you have identified with, but also there may be positive tax implications for contributing to a charitable organization. There could be further tax breaks if the source of your donation is stock that has appreciated greatly in value and in which you would need to pay significant capital gains.

Both the National office and the Allegheny Society have established the procedures necessary to process such gifts. I urge our members to consider such a possibility in future discussions with financial advisors and tax advisors. Remember, you must first identify a cause, and then seek advice from professionals and your peers on how best to carry out your wishes.

Let me offer a word of advice from my own personal experience. While you may wish to provide for such generosity in your estate, it can also be accomplished in an anonymous fashion, as was the wish of Tom Gill - while the giver is alive and able to enjoy, behind the scenes, the pleasure such a gift brings. As our family attorney put it, "while fulfilling the philanthropic wishes of a deceased client can bring tremendous satisfaction to the lawyer, it would in some situations be so much more meaningful if the benefactor could experience, even secretly, the joy his or her giving brings while they are still alive." Something to think about! ❧

ANSAF Education Endowment Fund Inches Up To \$24,670

By Ron Sheay for the Non Ad Hoc Group

The SAF Endowment Fund (EEF) inched up \$1,360.00 since we reported to you in the Spring issue of *The Allegheny News*. Summer is not a good time to raise money. It is far more important to enjoy vacations with family, friends, etc. and get rejuvenated for the remainder of the year. So go and have fun this summer, which is exactly what I am doing in Southport, Maine. This fall we will reinvigorate our Endowment Fund approach to the forest and allied industries and members.

I thought the pictures at right would interest (and inspire) our members as they approach forest related industries for contributions to the EEF. Take this copy along to show – and a camera to record the check presentation for the next issue of *The Allegheny News*!

Individual contributions since the Spring Allegheny News

Gordon Bamford	NJ (second contribution)
Bruce Brenneman	WV
Joseph Ibberson	PA
Robert Radspinner	WV
Herb Seidel	NJ (second contribution)
Pete Steger	NJ (second contribution)
James Wadsworth	WV
NJ Division – SAF	NJ (second contribution)

Member Contributions \$ 1,140.00

Forest & Allied Industry Contributions

ACMI Co., Inc.	NJ
Blue River Lumber Co., Inc.	NJ
Maier Lumber Co.	NJ
Forest & Allied Contributions	\$ 220.00

Contributions Received to Date \$24,670.00

Once again, we thank all that have dug down and made a contribution to the Endowment Fund. If, per chance, you do feel the urge to contribute while pursuing recreational endeavors this summer, please do. Send your tax-deductible contribution payable to ANSAF Endowment and mail to: Ron Sheay, 12 Glenwood Lane, Stockton, NJ 08559. ☼



Circa 1987

Frank Reiphoff (left) of Reiphoff's Sawmill in Cream Ridge, NJ gives a contribution to Ron Sheay for the Education Endowment Fund



Circa 2004

John Falconio (right), grandson of Frank Reiphoff and present owner of Reiphoff's Sawmill presents a \$1,000 check to SAF forester John Perry for the SAF Education Endowment Fund

Northeast Watershed Forest Manager's Annual Meeting

The Northeast Watershed Forest Manager's Annual Meeting will be held in North Jersey, October 13-15, 2004. The theme this year is The New Jersey Highlands and its importance of water supply for over 2,000,000 residence of New Jersey and the Importance of Forestry.

The meeting is sponsored by the NJ Forest Service and NJ SAF.

For more information contact Frank Hennion at (973) 827-1325 or Ron Farr at (973) 831-3358. SAF CFE credits will be available. ☼

New Jersey Forestry Association Hosts 2004 Trenton Forestry Seminar

Submitted by Kathleen Shiarappa

The New Jersey Forestry Association will host a seminar on August 12, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Network (NJN) Building in Trenton. There will be a reception and dinner following the meeting at the Trenton Club.

Speakers for the seminar include Dr. Jim Fazio from the University of Idaho, who will conduct a four-hour segment on improving the communication skills of forest resource professionals. Thom McEvoy, an Associate Professor in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, will speak on "Positive Impact Forestry – A Sustainable Approach to Managing Woodlands," which is also the title of his new book released in April 2004. Other speakers to be announced.

This program is intended for professional foresters, natural resource managers and forest landowners. Anyone with a strong interest in forest management, sustainability and certification is also encouraged to attend.

A complete registration program will be available by the end of June. The registration fee is \$45.00 per person, and covers all refreshments, lunch and materials, reception and private dinner. Extra registrations for the reception and dinner is \$35.00 per person. Please contact NJFA's office at (908) 996-4734 or via email at mkshiarappa@earthlink.net to be included on our Seminar mailing list.

Second Annual Ibberson-Chauncey Forestry Forum

The second annual Ibberson-Chauncey Forestry Forum is planned to build on the success of last year in making connections among landowners, industry, and government. It continues to be supported by the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and the PSU School of Forest Resources. The meeting this year will be held November 4, 2004 at the Penn Stater. It will include a presentation on "Ecoterrorism in Forestry" by Dr. James Armstrong, WVU Division of Forestry. Dr. Armstrong has taught a course on this topic and presents a comprehensive discussion of the problem from a national and local perspective.

Dr. Harry V. Wiant Jr., the PSU Ibberson Chair, and Mr. Timothy Hicks, a PSU graduate student will discuss "Timber Theft and Trespass," another problem of increasing significance on private, federal, and state forests. A panel including representatives from landowners, industry, and government will follow speakers. Time will be allocated for questions and discussion by attendees also.

Do mark your calendars! Early-bird registration (\$50) must be received by September 23, 2004. After September 23rd, registration will be \$75. To register, please contact Mike Powell at 814 863-1113 or e-mail at mjp175@psu.edu.

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Councilman's Corner

By Mike Lester, SAF District VII Representative

The SAF Leadership Academy was held on May 22-25, 2004 at the National Arbor Day Foundation's Lied Conference Center after a one-year hiatus. The early indications are that it was a huge success. I was fortunate enough to attend as Chair of the Leadership Academy Steering Committee. The work done by Louise Murgia and the SAF National Office staff was impressive. And, the Allegheny SAF was well represented. Now, I realize that Rachel Billingham is writing an article on Leadership Academy, but I just can't resist throwing in my two cents worth. I'll try not to duplicate too much of Rachel's efforts.

Rachel has already mentioned the attendees from ANSAF. However, we also provided instructors for the Academy, including Stephanie Brown, who is currently an ANSAF member (and soon to be an Illinois SAF member) and Terry Clark.

This Academy was unique, because it was our first in which we partnered with another natural resource organization. The American Tree Farm System accounted for ten of the participants, and it proved to be a very good fit. We look forward to their continuing participation.

The agenda was full of great topics that provide a comprehensive tool kit for not only building a stronger SAF, but also for building stronger businesses, agencies, and academic institutions. If you weren't able to go this year, I would suggest laying plans for attending the next Leadership Academy.

One of the more interesting topics was the session by Jeff Bercuvitz, of Community Innovations, on motivating leaders. I guess you could best describe Jeff as a force of nature. He is always on, and his energy seems almost inexhaustible. There is no way that I could recreate the energy and content of that day, but I would like to let you know some of the key lessons that Jeff imparted.

One of the more interesting aspects is Jeff's take on goal setting. I'm sure that many of us have been urged to set stretching goals that probably aren't attainable. This approach builds on the philosophy that we are capable of accomplishing more than we realize. Jeff takes a very different approach. In a volunteer setting, goals that are too lofty may initially be discouraging and demoralizing. He urges setting goals that you know are attainable, knowing that your energy and motivation are enhanced by success. Jeff urges you not to stop with the small successes, but to attain larger goals by building on the success of the smaller, more attainable goals. He has numerous stories and examples of huge community and organizational accomplishments that ensued from what he calls "think big, start small."

Jeff Bercuvitz had many more stories and some great advice, but I really appreciated his admonition to have fun and to "never have a meeting when you can have a party." And when I see you next, make sure that you ask me what Jeff meant when he said, "snorkel before you croak."

Carpe Diem. ✨

MFA Annual Meeting: Forestry & the Wildlife Connection

Via Karin Miller, Exec. Director, Maryland Forests Assn., Inc.

The 2004 Maryland Forests Association Annual Meeting will be Friday and Saturday, October 8 & 9 at the Sheraton Columbia Hotel, Columbia, MD. This year's theme is **Forestry and Wildlife Management - How to Get More Bang for Your Buck!**

The impressive list of speakers will be sure to present something of interest for everyone, not just hunters: Kip Adams, Quality Deer Management; Dr. Patrick Keyser, MeadWestvaco Wildlife Biologist; Tom Engle, USFWS

Blackwater WMA; a National Wild Turkey Federation representative; Doug Hotton, MD DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service; and serving as session moderator will be Paul Peditto, Director of MD Wildlife and Heritage Division of MDNR.

Contact the MFA office for details at 301-895-5369 or via email at mdforests@hereintown.net. Details posted as available to MFA website at <http://www.mdforests.org/AM2004.htm> ✨

Penn State School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni

Edited from *Resources*, newsletter of the Penn State School of Forest Resources

Four Penn State School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumni were honored at the School's Alumni and Friends Banquet on April 23, 2004, at Toftrees Resort in State College: **James R. Grace '78, James C. Nelson '52, Walter R. Rossman '50, and Alden M. Townsend '64.**

The purpose of the awards is to recognize outstanding School of Forest Resources alumni and to foster closer relationships between the award recipient and students, faculty, staff, and other alumni. The selection criteria for the award include professional achievement, excellence, impact, and recognition; service to the profession, to the School of Forest Resources, and to the community; and demonstration of high personal and professional standards.

The School of Forest Alumni will make up to four Outstanding Alumni awards annually, and one Outstanding Recent Alumni award annually. Photocopies are acceptable. Nominations for either award are to be submitted by September 30 each year to: School of Forest Resources Alumni Group Awards Committee, Ferguson Building, Penn State, University Park, PA 16802.

James R. Grace earned a Ph.D. in Forest Resources, with a focus on Forest Ecology, at Penn State in 1978, under the guidance of Dr. Russell Hutnik. Jim's previous academic training included a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management at the University of Vermont in 1970, and a Master of Forest Science at Yale University in 1972.

While completing his doctoral degree requirements, he began working as an adjunct professor at

Rutgers University, Cook College. Jim received the "Professor of the Year" award at Cook College in 1978. In 1980 he became an assistant extension specialist in forestry at Cook College. In 1983, he accepted an appointment as an assistant professor and extension forester with Penn State's School of Forest Resources. The Pennsylvania Forestry Association honored Jim with its Rothrock Award for Conservation that year. He is a 28-yr. Member of SAF.

In 1987, Jim accepted a position as deputy secretary in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources where he administered the bureaus of forestry, state parks, and geological survey. He continued in that role until 1991 when he moved into his current position as state forester of the Bureau of Forestry.

James C. Nelson earned a B.S. in Forestry at Penn State in 1952, then embarked upon a 41-year-long career with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, interrupted by one year of service (1954-55) in the U.S. Army.

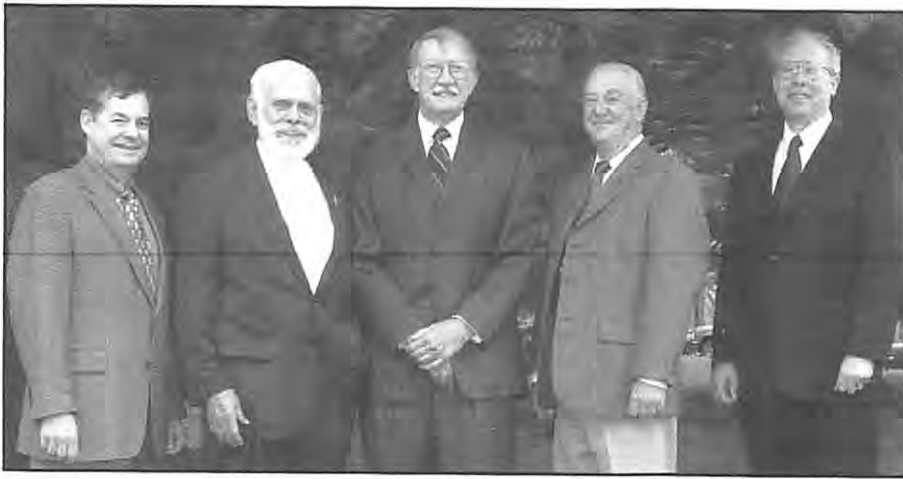
He began his employment with the bureau as a research forester and in 1960, and was promoted to forest management specialist where he worked under the guidance of M.K. Goddard and Joseph E. Ibberson in revising and expanding state forest management plans. He was instrumental in developing a new inventory system, computerizing the timber sales data, and furthering an even-aged management policy for state forestland. In 1965 he was promoted to forest resources planner and developed wildlife habitat guidelines and a comprehensive natural area and wildlife area program for state forests. He authored the "Forest Resource Plans

for State Forest Land" in 1970.

Jim was promoted to assistant state forester in 1982 and to state forester in 1989. He was instrumental in establishing the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory in the Bureau of Forestry and he promoted the Forest Stewardship and the Project Learning Tree programs. Jim has been a member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) since 1952 and has served as vice chair and chair of the five-state Allegheny Society SAF, as SAF Visiting Scientist to Clemson University, and as a speaker at five SAF national conventions. He is a 52-yr (Golden member) of SAF, an SAF Fellow and was elected to the National SAF Council as District VII Representative in 1985.

One of Jim's hobbies is collecting antique and historical logging equipment that he has very generously put on display at countless public events throughout the state; he has also prepared and presents a popular slide program on the history of Pennsylvania's forests which is being converted to a video funded by The Foresters Fund and the PASAF Division.

Walter R. "Dick" Rossman served in the U.S. Army Air Force during 1944-46. He earned a B.S. in Forestry in 1950 and began his 38-year career as a utility forester with the Potomac Edison Company in Maryland. In 1956 he took a position as forest manager for the Pennsylvania Electric Company in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he worked until his retirement in 1988. He managed about 10,000 acres of forest land, supervised Penelec's forestry staff, pioneered a replacement tree planting program, and administered a 25-year research



Penn State's School of Forest Resources 2004 Outstanding Alumni are (left to right): James R. Grace, Walter R. Rossman, Charles H. Strauss (Forest Resources School Director), James C. Nelson, and Alden M. Townsend

project studying pollution effects on trees.

Dick promoted the "right tree-right place" concept for years before other utility companies adopted it in many parts of the United States. The concept led to the founding of the Municipal Tree Restoration Program with Penn State and the Bureau of Forestry, and later Pennsylvania's involvement in the America the Beautiful Program of the U.S. Forest Service. He developed the first erosion and sediment control manual for line construction, which was adopted for use by utilities in Pennsylvania.

Dick had an active role in the forestry profession, serving as chair of the SAF Western Gateway Chapter, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, president of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, and cofounder and chair of Stony Creek/Conemaugh River Improvement Program. He contributed to the State Conservation Commission, Pennsylvania Hardwoods Council, and Penn State Agriculture Advisory Council. Since 1997 he has been president of Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, and is vice-chair of Pennsylvania Organization for

Watersheds and Rivers.

Dick's efforts have been acknowledged by way of the Samuel S. Cobb/Bureau of Forestry Award in 1988, Pennsylvania Forestry Association Rothrock Conservationist of the Year in 1994, Cambria County Conservation District Director Service Award 1973-95, and Pennsylvania Conservation Hall of Fame in 1996. An elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters in 2004, he is a 54-yr (Golden) member of SAF.

Alden "Denny" Townsend graduated in 1964 with a B.S. in forestry and started work with the USDA Forest Service in Oregon that included looking for trees resistant to white pine blister rust. He developed an interest in tree genetics that led him to Yale School of Forestry where he completed an M.F. in forest genetics and ecology in 1966, and then to Michigan State University where he completed a Ph.D. in forest genetics and plant breeding in 1969.

In 1970 he began his career as a research geneticist with the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Ohio and later worked at the USDA's National Arboretum facility in Maryland. His responsibilities have included the improvement of urban trees such as elm, red maple,

spruce, and alder. His work in developing a disease-resistant elm captured national attention. He started by making scores of controlled pollinations between European and Asiatic elms, germinating the seed, growing hybrid saplings, and inoculating them with the disease-causing fungus for the further testing of tolerance or resistance. A long-term process of cloning and screening followed. Denny has developed and released nine of the ten elm cultivars resistant to Dutch elm disease, and six red maple cultivars that are more adaptive to urban environments. He has also conducted extensive research on resistance of trees to insects, air pollutants, deicing salts, and drought. He has published more than 100 scientific and popular articles and provided leadership in various professional organizations including the International Society of Arboriculture, the Central States Forest Tree Improvement Council, the Metropolitan Tree Improvement Alliance, the Save the Elms Task Force, and Elm Watch. Several of his elm cultivars have been planted at Penn State's University Park campus.

Denny is a member of Xi Sigma Pi (forestry honor society) and Gamma Sigma Delta (agricultural honor society), and has received the 1982 Award for Arboricultural Research from the International Society of Arboriculture, a 1996 Certificate of Merit from the USDA Agricultural Research Service, a 1997 Jackson Dawson Memorial Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and a 1999 Honor Award from the Secretary of Agriculture. He is a 34-yr member of SAF.

For more information, contact: Ellen Manno at 814-863-5831 or via email at exr2@psu.edu. ❄

Brock's Family Found

By Alex Day

When the search for the family of the country's first African-American forester — Ralph Brock*— began in 2000, there were few leads to follow. The Penn State School of Forest Resources alumni card file listed a sole reference to Ralph Brock's sister Maria, who lived in West Chester, PA. She was no longer living and Ralph had died in 1958. The last communication from the family indicated that Ralph was buried in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Chester, PA. Despite long searches of old census records and other sources, no current day Brock descendants could be located. Deadlines were approaching for a print story as well as the dedication of an historical marker at Mont Alto honoring Ralph Brock. Ultimately, the print article appeared in the Fall 2003 issue of *Forest History Today*, and the historical marker was installed and dedicated on October 25, 2003. Still no living Brock relatives could be located.

Then the break we were looking for happened... A *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*** garden columnist picked up the Brock story while visiting Penn State's main campus to cover The American Chestnut Foundation's annual meeting in late October 2003. While there, he was directed to me for details about Ralph Brock. After exchanging e-mails, we



Relatives of Ralph Brock (left to right): McHale LeBron (grandson of Oscar Boddy, Jr.), Dorian Burke (grandson of Arlene Snipe-Burke), Oscar Boddy, Jr., Arlene Snipe-Burke, Tylita Burke (granddaughter of Arlene), and Alvin W. Snipe (Arlene's brother) with Alex Day at the Penn State Mt. Alto Campus. Photo by Jack Winieski

eventually got together at the Mont Alto campus in early February 2004 for an interview and photos. The Mont Alto campus staff provided many photos of Ralph for use as needed by the columnist. One portrait photo shows Ralph as a young man probably in his late teens. The article was published in the *Post-Gazette's* Saturday edition on February 21, 2004. It ended with a plea to anyone who had information about Ralph Brock to call me at my office. My telephone number was listed.

Within two hours of the newspaper's Saturday edition hitting the streets, my telephone rang and an excited female caller from Pittsburgh, who had just read the article and examined the portrait of Ralph, "saw her uncle's eyes in the portrait photo" and was convinced she was related to Ralph (this was Arlene Snipe-Burke.) We had a long telephone chat the following Monday and pieced together the details of Ralph's life from both sides! Through this contact, I found other Brock family cousins in West Chester, PA and Hockessin, DE. By the end of the phone conversation, we were both convinced she was indeed a blood relative of Ralph Brock.

In April 2004, at the windup of its Centennial celebration, the Penn State Mont Alto campus saluted over 120 of its distinguished graduates and administrators during a recognition



Members of the Brock family receiving the Centennial Fellow medallion and certificate at Penn State Mt. Alto on April 3, 2004. Left to right, front row: Oscar Boddy, Jr., Alvin Snipe, Arlene Snipe-Burke, and Gerald Boddy (all Brock's cousins). Left to right, back row: Dr. George Buhyi and Dr. David Gnage, PSMA CEO. Photo by Jack Winieski

banquet. Ralph Brock was named a Centennial Fellow, and several generations of his descendants were present for this gala affair, participating as a family in receiving the citation and medallion honoring their cousin. All were thrilled to know their famous ancestor was receiving this well-deserved recognition from his alma mater. Other public ceremonies are being planned by the Brock family in West Chester and in Wilmington, Delaware, to further honor Ralph Brock. ❄

* See 2003 fall edition of *The Allegheny News*

** www.post-gazette.com/pg/0452/279910.stm

Brock Family

(cousins and extended family)

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610-692-3552
Grandson McHale Le Bron

Gerald Boddy (Vanessa)
Cheney University of Pennsylvania
P.O. Box 200
Cheney, PA 19319
Son Matthew Boddy

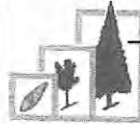
Clarence Brock (Oscar's 80-year old Uncle)
P.O. Box 788
Hockessin, DE 19707-0788

Kocjancic is Golden



Recently at the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum in Kane, PA, Edward F. Kocjancic received his Society of American Foresters 50-year Golden Member certificate. In the photo above, PASAF Chair Dave Miller (left) presents the certificate to "Big Ed" Kocjancic. ❄️

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Maryland's Working Forest: Findings of a Recent Policy Study

By Lloyd C. Irland - The Irland Group, Al Goetzl - Seneca Economics, Inc., and Rob Wieland - Main Street Economics

We were delighted to be asked by the Maryland Center for Agro-Ecology, of Queenstown, MD, to conduct a detailed review of Maryland's forest resource and the amount of forest land needed to sustain its existing industry. To do this, we analyzed Forest Service and Census economic data, conducted our own survey of wood usage, and reviewed indicators of the industry's competitive position. We carried out case studies of the changing market for forest land, and conducted a fairly thorough overview of existing forest policies. Our results are reported in a large report available at http://agroecology.widgetworks.com/datafiles/pdf/1077145814_89267.pdf

In this note, we offer a condensed summary of our policy findings and recommendations.

Why a Working Forest Matters for Maryland

A continued available supply of locally produced wood products is important to Maryland, and, especially, its rural economy. Reasons include:

- Wood-based manufacturing is important to many rural counties;
- Timber production provides an additional reason for open space retention;
- Working forest infrastructure can support other social purposes; and retaining commercial forest retains options
- The rural economy, while small in comparison to the State, is important to rural areas;
- Much of the loss of forest acreage and availability results from public actions such as improved highway links to formerly remote parts of the State. These improvements have brought many benefits, but have also turned extensive rural landscapes into subdivisions and sprawl.

Findings on Maryland Policies

How well have public policies been doing to sustain a working supply of wood? To assess this question, we assembled data and conducted extensive interviews. Our basic conclusion is that while there are many policies aimed at retaining land in forest, there are only a few that attempt to retain forests in managed condition as part of a future wood supply. We divide our observations here into three categories: policy findings, information needs, and recommendations. This is merely a short "bullet" listing of the points made; more discussion is supplied in our full report.

Policy Findings

1. Maryland has a diverse suite of policies for open space protection, at all levels of government. Based on state agency summaries, we estimate that about 24% of Maryland's forest is now protected from conversion to other uses. Additionally, numerous regulations affect management of private forest lands, especially along waterways.
2. There are also programs of cost sharing, tax modification, and information and education designed to motivate owners to manage private forests. Detailed information on participation, turnover, and effectiveness of these programs is lacking.
3. Independent expertise on forest conditions and policy is lacking due in part to the lack of a forestry program in the University of Maryland system.
4. We think that existing programs have helped, at least at the margin, in keeping forests under management. But the regulations have focused largely on other issues and not on retaining managed forests.
5. More effective growth management is a precondition for meaningful forest retention in the future. In our case study counties, however, we could see little evidence that growth management has caused development to be more clustered; instead, it is spreading widely. It is not clear that the programs overall have materially changed the amount of land developed. For example, minimum lot sizes and other classic zoning practices are likely to be wasting land by causing more land conversion than otherwise might occur.
6. Maryland's retention policies to date have left a patchwork of bits of land retained, but rarely have these added up to meaningful units on the ground. We think that better land use can be achieved, to the benefit of future Maryland citizens, without undue interference with property rights. Retaining manageable commercial forest will be an important benefit of such policies.

7. It is not yet certain that public ownership by itself, or even conservation easements, will be able to maintain the area of working forest given the political polarization over management policies that is not really resolved by these programs.

Information Needs

1. The most recent detailed forest landownership study in Maryland is more than 20 years old. An update is seriously needed. A detailed wood usage survey of the secondary manufacturing sector is needed. Also, there should be a periodic review of land use trends at the local level using county data. The 1997 analysis by Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland's Changing Land, should be updated to reflect the extensive land use changes of the past five years.
2. DNR should assess the strengths and weaknesses of the State's secondary wood-using sector, and periodically update the woodflow analysis presented in this report. Better information is needed on markets for low-grade wood and residuals.
3. Every two years the DNR should comprehensively assess its programs, their activities, and their results. On a similar schedule, a full summary of public ownership and all conservation easements, and the degree to which these lands permit timber management, should be prepared.
4. Aid to the logging sector, in a variety of forms, is needed, and economic aspects of timber availability need more study.

Policy Recommendations

Previous reports summarize many excellent recommendations, as we have no need to replace those reports. We focus here on ideas emerging from our own work in this project, and offer nothing concerning federal policies.

1. Ways should be developed to offset effects of public policy actions that reduce timber supply to achieve a No Net Loss of timber availability due to public policy.
2. Review and expand the Forest Legacy Program, and improve the Forest Conservation Act process to provide incentives to maintain manageable parcels instead of chopping them up. The DNR should assess innovative options for slowing down parcel fragmentation; pilot test and evaluate ways to adapt to fragmentation for the industry and for habitat and recreation values.
3. Conduct training and outreach on drafting of improved working forest conservation easements.
4. Use the Sustainable Forest Lands Assessment results to identify gaps in the state's Green Infrastructure. Using this, consider a program of trades to block up the tracts acquired in the Glatfelter and Chesapeake acquisitions.
5. Ramp up the intellectual capital for policy analysis and evaluation and outreach, perhaps in cooperation with nearby states.
6. Forestry incentive programs would benefit from a searching review designed to identify good ideas and improvements. Also, review detailed practices and procedures in the regulatory programs to ensure that results are being achieved in a cost-effective way that minimizes compliance costs.

In summary, Maryland is a diverse forest state, with very different ecological and economic conditions ranging from the mountains in the west to the Atlantic shore. No one set of policies works everywhere. Yet, despite the increasing dominance of suburbia in the state, we think that a strong focus on retaining a locally produced wood supply is in the public interest. It can be done. We hope our findings and the work of many others will be considered as state leaders address these issues for the future. ❄

SAF CFE Recertifications

The SAF Certified Forester program is voluntary, non-governmental, and open to all qualified forestry professional. CF's agree to maintain continuing professional development by earning a minimum of 60 hours in continuing forestry education credits during a three-year period. The following Allegheny SAF members have completed this requirement and have been recertified in 2004: Dennis M. Galaway, NJ; Robert W. Piper, PA; and Doug Tavella, NJ. ❄

SAF Leadership Academy

By Rachel R. Billingham, ANSAF Secretary/Treasurer

You could say that the 2004 Leadership Academy began with a bang, or rather, a siren. Our first night, Nebraska treated us to a classic plains-state welcome with a spectacular lightning display and torrential, flash-flooding rain. As the late arrivals took the first bites of their steaks, the tornado warning sirens went off and everyone was herded into an underground maintenance hallway. There we were, 90+ Leadership Academy attendees squeezed into a hallway with the hotel's extra equipment, a wedding party, and the reunion of the U.S.S. Liberty. This was obviously the beginning of something special – or at least very different...

Despite its stormy beginnings, the Leadership Academy offered some of the best training I ever experienced. Throughout the week, we learned skills to enhance our SAF leadership roles, as well as our careers in general. Motivational speaker Jeff Berkovitz taught us how to “think big, start small.” He gave us insight on how to take obstacles and turn them into stepping stones for progress. Ben Perez took us through the Myers-Briggs personality testing, showing us how to better work with and better appreciate the skills of people that think differently from us. Allegheny's own Mike Lester led a discussion on the strategic plan. The sessions continually offered helpful instruction regarding meeting procedures and structure.

Many members of the National Office staff were in attendance to

lend us their expertise. Michael Goergen, SAF's Executive Vice President, talked about SAF membership and offered his insights on many other issues. We also received current information on communications and policy, as well as SAF-specific information regarding some of SAF's governing bodies. I was impressed by the accessibility and friendliness of the SAF National Office leadership. They were very approachable, willing to listen to concerns. This type of leadership is not easily found in other national societies and is something that makes SAF membership unique and valuable.

Though the training alone was excellent, one of the highlights of Leadership Academy was the opportunity to meet and get to know foresters from around the country. The huge pool of experience represented by all the attendees was impressive. We had many thought-provoking discussions and shared all sorts of ideas in the brainstorming sessions. I enjoyed getting to know some of the Allegheny folks a little better. We Alleghenians made a good showing in Nebraska. The Allegheny attendees were Rachel Billingham, Terry Clark, Ron Farr, Mike Lester, Wayne Myers, Steve Resh, and Jamie Snyder.



The Allegheny showing at the Leadership Conference in Nebraska



Tornado hallway!

The Leid Lodge & Convention Center at the Arbor Day Farm was a perfect setting for the training. Everything in and around the Arbor Day Farm is about trees, from the logs and handmade paper light shades in the Lodge to the “Tree Adventure” on the Farm, where you can climb 55 feet up into a tree house for a view of the canopy. My only regret was that I did not have more time to spend exploring this intriguing place.

No force of nature, even tornadoes and driving rain, could prevent the 2004 SAF Leadership Academy from being a fantastic experience. I would recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity to attend. ❄️



The Leid Lodge & Convention Center

Allegheny SAF 2004 Summer Meeting

"History of Logging & Forest Management in the Appalachians"

August 4-6, 2004 at Snowshoe Resort and Cass Scenic Railroad in Cass, WV

Wednesday, August 4

12:00 - 7:00 pm Mountain Lodge Hallway, Snowshoe
 3:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
 5:30 - 7:00 pm Social Comedy Club Cellar
 Snowshoe Resort

Thursday, August 5

7:00 am - 8:00 am Registration
 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Tours Begin: MeadWestvaco
 Ecological Research Forest; Plum Creek,
 Private Consulting Forester Forest
 Management Tour & USFS National
 Forest Tour; Cass Walk & Frontier Firewood Processing Plant
 Shop Tour Cass Scenic Railroad, Cass, WV
 4:15 pm
 5:00 pm - ??? Cass Dinner Train to Whitaker Station

Friday, August 6

8:00 am - 9:00 am Welcome: Randy Dye,
 State Forester for West Virginia
 Allegheny SAF Business Meeting
 9:00 - 9:45 am History of Forest Management in WV
 Dr. Ken Carvel, WVU Retired
 Break and Drawing
 9:45 - 10:15 am Logging History of West Virginia
 10:15 - 11:00 am George Collins
 11:00 - 11:45 am Graduate Student Presentation
 then Adjourn and return home safely

Websites for Information

Cass Railroad Information: <http://www.cassrailroad.com>
 Snowshoe Mountain/Golfing Information: <http://www.snowshoemtn.com>

Directions

Cass, WV: www.mapquest.com, type in Cass, WV
 Snowshoe Resort: www.mapquest.com, type in Snowshoe, WV

A golfing package has been set up for SAF Members. The Raven golf course is located at the Snowshoe Mountain Resort. Special rates of \$49 are set up for SAF Members. There have been tee times reserved for August 4th at 8:00 am to 8:20 am and 10:00 am to 10:20 am. If you would like to reserve another time, call Gary Williams with the Raven Golf Course at (304) 572-6545. These special rates also apply for golfing on Friday, August 6th in the afternoon and Saturday afternoon on August 7th. You need to mention that you are attending the Allegheny Society Meeting to get the special rates. More info at www.snowshoemtn.com
 Rooms are available at Snowshoe Mountain or at Cass Railroad State Park. You can call Snowshoe Mountain toll-free at 1-877-441-4FUN, or go to www.snowshoemtn.com. Cass can be reached at 1-800-CALL-WVA or online at www.cassrailroad.com
 When you call Snowshoe remember to mention you are attending the SAF meeting.

Inn at Snowshoe	\$ 75/day	Mountain Lodge 1 bedroom	\$110/day
Highland House Junior Studio	\$112/day	Mountain Lodge 2 bedroom	\$140/day

Payments for Meeting and Dinner Train can be put in one check. Make checks payable to WV SAF.

Send Payments To: Steve Stasny, WVSAF
 P.O. Box 187
 Summersville, WV 26651-0187

Deadline for early registration is July 1, 2004
 A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for all
 registrations postmarked after July 1, 2004

Registration Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Email: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Print on Name Tag: _____

SAF Member*	_____ @ \$66	Total _____
Non Member**	_____ @ \$86	Total _____
Student Member	_____ @ \$55	Total _____
Walk-ins	_____ @ \$100	Total _____
Late Fee***	\$20	Total _____

Dinner Train	_____ @ \$30	Total _____	Adults _____
	_____ @ \$20	Total _____	Ages 5-12 _____
	_____ @ \$10	Total _____	Ages 5/under _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Choice of Tour

No. ____ MeadWestvaco Ecological Research Forest
 No. ____ Plum Creek, USFS Mongahela National Forest, Private Consulting Forester Tour
 No. ____ Cass Town Tour, Railroad Shop, Frontier Firewood Processing Center

*Price Includes Transportation, Box Lunch and Breaks

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***Late Fee assessed if postmarked after July 1, 2004

Bring appropriate field clothes and wet weather gear. Tours will be at high elevations so a light jacket may be needed

No refunds will be given after July 1, 2004

SAF Golden Member Joe Ibberson Donates First-Ever PA Township Conservation Area

Joseph E. Ibberson, Golden member and SAF Fellow, donated 46 acres of forestland as the first-ever township conservation area to the Middle Paxton Supervisors at their May 3, 2004 meeting. The area, three miles east of Dauphin Borough, historically known as the Mary Bell



Mary Jane Davis (left), vice chairman of Middle Paxton Township Board of Supervisors, presents Joe Ibberson with an award in appreciation of his donation of the first ever Township Conservation Area. Sentinel photo by Louise James

Hollow tract, was gratefully accepted and will be named the "Joseph E. Ibberson Middle Paxton Township Conservation Area." Ibberson has and continues to assist any landowners in the donation of conservation areas from beginning to the end of the process.

Described as "a real jewel," the tract is magnificent. It includes springs, small sparkling streams, rare flora, two ponds, abundant rare wildflowers, some virgin timber including oaks and tulip poplar over three-feet in diameter, over one mile of nature trails and an

abundance of massive majestic trees creating a cathedral effect.

The restrictive covenant in the deed is intended to preserve open spaces, conserve natural resources and provide opportunities for passive, non-motorized, low-density outdoor recreation and environmental education. The covenant restrictions include that:

- the land is intended for use and enjoyment and education of the public
- the land is intended as a place of exercise, contemplation, meditation and communing with the natural environment
- the land is to be retreat from the pressures of life
- the land is to be a place to recreate and refresh the human soul. Only passive recreational activities such as hiking, walking, jogging, cross-country skiing, bird watching and flora and fauna studies will be allowed. Horseback riding and motorized equipments, with the exception of official use equipment and accommodations for the disabled, will be prohibited.
- wetlands and their flora and fauna will be developed and protected
- big trees and the flora and fauna found only in mature native forests will be of major interest and only dead and downed trees will be harvested (for safety purposes).
- no land from this donation will shall ever be sold, leased, exchanged or transferred
- these restrictive covenant are permanent, irrevocable, and of unlimited duration, as long as streams flow and trees grow.

From the December 1973 Issue of The Allegheny News

Douglas A. Mead, Editor (at the time)

SECOND ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

All those section members so fortunate to have artistic talents are asked to bring some examples of their work to exhibit in the 2nd Annual Foresters Art Exhibit at the Winter Section Meeting in McAfee, New Jersey. The exhibit will include paintings, carvings, photographs and any other artistic achievements section artists would like to bring to exhibit.

Last year's exhibit at the Winter Section Meeting in Hagerstown was a resounding success thanks to the inspiration of Reggie Forbes and the there-to-fore hidden

talents of the many fine artists.

Persons wishing to exhibit their works are asked to bring them to the Winter Meeting. Additional information may be obtained from George Pierson, Bureau of Forestry, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Based on this article, the first Reginald Forbes Art Contest was held at the SAF Winter Meeting in Hagerstown, MD, 1972. The 33rd Reginald Forbes Art Contest was held in Dover, DE, 2004 (for the record).

Editor (current)

Spring Tours at Kane Hardwood

By Ned Karger, Past Chair PA SAF Division

The folks at Kane Hardwood Division of Collins Pine Co. have been very busy this spring with visits by dignitaries from both Pennsylvania and US governments. On March 26, Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell and DCNR Secretary DiBerardinis toured the Kane Hardwood facilities to look at new state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment and to promote the "Growing Greener II" initiative. April 14 was the date of a visit by PA DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty, who toured the sawmill to see the new equipment and took special interest in projects designed to reduce energy use.

On April 22, US Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman visited the area to view US Forest Service operations on the Allegheny National Forest. Of particular interest to the Secretary was how USFS personnel are dealing with timber salvage planning resulting from the massive blowdown caused by the storms of July 21, 2003. The Secretary ended her visit at the Kane Hardwood mill and talked to gathered guests. She spoke of the challenges of the salvage operations and how the Bush administration's "Healthy Forest Initiative" provides new tools for USFS managers.

Secretary Veneman ended her comments by presenting a check to Susan Stout of the USFS Forestry Sciences Lab to help cover the costs of a new study on the impacts of the July 2003 windstorm event. The research will be multi-faceted with concurrent studies of utilization, decay, silvicultural implications, wildlife effects, landscape patterns, etc.

The last big visitor of the spring was Chief of the USFS,



US Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Anne Veneman



Susan Stout accepts check from Secretary Veneman



Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell speaks at Kane Hardwood as DCNR Secretary DiBerardinis looks on (far right)

Dale Bosworth. He was also in the area to meet with USFS personnel and discuss salvage planning and the new tools of the Healthy Forest Initiative. Chief Bosworth toured the site of a small salvage project near a USFS trailhead that was completed under a contract with Kane Hardwood. The Chief also looked at other blowdown sites and stopped at the Kane Experimental Forest to meet Susan Stout and discuss the research project. He ended his tour with a stop on Collins Pine Co. land where salvage operations had just been completed. The discussion included salvage logging, regeneration and sustainability. The Chief also discussed forest certification by FSC and SFI and how that relates to USFS lands.



SAF members and Kane foresters Mike Hancharick (left) and Ned Karger (right) with USFS Chief Dale Bosworth

AHUG, the USFS, the Forestry Sciences Lab, law enforcement agencies and various state agencies as well as Kane Hardwood where involved in the tours. These are excellent examples of how resource management professionals from government employees, private companies and professional organizations can work together to accentuate our positive cooperative relationships and to promote sustainable forestry. ♻️

Penn State Mont Alto Centennial Fellows

The Penn State Mont Alto Campus ended its yearlong centennial celebration by honoring 92 Centennial Fellows at a celebratory dinner on April 3, 2004. Dr. David Gnage, Campus Executive Officer, recognized 70 alumni centennial fellows who had been students over the past 100 years, and 22 honorary fellows who have had a "significant" role in the development of Mont Alto.

Present and past members of The Allegheny Society of American Foresters honored as Penn State Mont Alto Centennial Fellows included: Dr. Robert H. Bommer, Jr., Ralph E. Brock, Henry E. Clepper, R. Alexander Day, Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, Joseph E. Ibberson, Dr. Henry Gerhold, George R. Kemp, Edward F. Kocjancic, Dr. Larry H. McCormick, James C. Nelson, Walter N. Peechatka, Dr. Kerry F. Schell, Dr. Wilber W. Ward, Frank J. Wawrynovic, and Mark W. Webb. ❄



Jim Nelson, R. Alexander Day and George Kemp



Dr. Henry (Hank) Gerhold



Bud Brown and Mark Webb

2004 Pennsylvania Envirothon Results

Press Release by Lorelle Steach, Program Coordinator, PA Envirothon Inc. (814-623-7900, ext.111)

JOHNSTOWN, PA (May 26, 2004) – On the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ), 320 students from 64 Pennsylvania counties competed in the 21st Annual PA State Envirothon competition, eager to showcase their knowledge on environmental issues. These students have been preparing for the state event for months and represent the best of thousands of high school teens that have already competed in Envirothon events sponsored by county conservation districts.

The overall champions of the 2004 PA Envirothon are from Penncrest High School in Delaware County. Team members included: Paul Scherer, Brad Potter, Cara McMahon, Joe Walker, and Roger Whittle. The team's advisors are Mark Samilenko and Chrissa

Kuntz. The Delaware County team will represent Pennsylvania at the 2004 Canon Envirothon, in Buckhannon, West Virginia on July 26 – August 1 at Wesleyan College.

The team from Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill County captured second place. Teams finishing out of the top five were North East High School in Erie County, Northern High School in York County, and tied for fifth were Conrad Weiser in Berks County and New Meadow Run High School, Fayette County.

Also participating were team advisors and chaperones, support staff and technical expertise from many cooperative federal, state and local government agencies, including the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Game Commission, DCNR Bureau of Forestry and State Parks,

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, PA Audubon Society, numerous Conservation Districts and staff at UPJ. Many SAF members in the resource agencies of the Allegheny SAF have been involved in the local, district, state and national competitions from its inception. ❄

**Next newsletter
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September 15, 2004**

Send articles in the form of Microsoft Word documents and photos as 300 dpi JPEG files and e-mail to:

ansaf@paonline.com

The Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum

By Anne Smith, Reporter, The Kane Republican

An overflow crowd of SAF members and members of the forestry community attended the April Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum. After a meal Mr. Drew Ptasienski, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Erie Resident Area of Pittsburgh Division of the FBI, presented an update on the "Current Trends in Environmental and Animal Rights Extremism." Ms. Anne Smith, Editor, was in attendance and filed the following article in The Kane Republican.



Reporter Anne Smith

Giving forest industry representatives' tactics for protecting their businesses from incidents of "domestic terrorism" perpetuated by environmental and animal rights groups, Drew Ptasienski, special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) spoke to one of the largest crowds ever assembled at the bi-annual Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum at the Kane Country Club on April 15, 2004.

Dr. Susan Stout, a research scientist with the U.S. Forest Service, introduced Ptasienski, with whom she became acquainted after the August 11, 2002 arson attack by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) against the USFS Irvine Research Station. Stout noted that, "contact with the law enforcement officers after the attack was one of the positive experiences that came from this tragic event." She described the officers assigned to the case as, "professionals, dedicated to preserving the freedoms we cherish."

Agent Ptasienski described the agendas of several environmental and animal rights movements, explaining that the groups are not considered organizations, but rather

operate on a level of anonymity in "cells" of three to four people. The cells seldom allow others to join their faction, but instead provide information through Internet communication.

Two movements, which have caused considerable damage to businesses in this region of Pennsylvania most recently, are ELF and Animal Liberation Front (ALF). In addition to the Irvine Lab arson, which caused \$1 million in damages, Ptasienski showed photos of a construction site in Erie where ELF spiked trees and set a \$500,000 construction crane on fire in an attempt to stop a highway project. In December of 2002, ELF and ALF cells joined forces to commit arson at Brothers Fur Farm in Harborcreek. The groups destroyed the feed barn causing extensive financial damage.

The goals of domestic terror groups are designed to have an economic impact, hitting targeted businesses with huge financial losses. Their actions place little emphasis on the symbolic value. "A disturbing trend among these movements," according to

Ptasienski, "is an increase in the use of violence."

In an ELF communiqué issued following the destruction of the Irvine site, the group stated, "While innocent life will never be harmed in any action we undertake, where it is necessary, we will no longer hesitate to pick up the gun to implement justice and provide the

needed protection for our planet that decades of legal battles, pleading, protest, and economic sabotage have failed so drastically to achieve."

Besides the economic devastation faced by businesses after becoming a target of domestic terrorism, Ptasienski said that indirect costs include a loss of morale and psychological impacts among employees. He explained that groups such as ELF and ALF use persuasion of public opinion in their favor by presenting the worst cases of the businesses they target while businesses seldom come forward to defend themselves against the groups' allegations.

Ptasienski urged the audience to take several steps to protect their businesses. It is important for business owners to know their local activist groups and to engage them in dialogue, to question situations that are out of the ordinary or doesn't make sense, to review their surveillance tapes, and to keep in contact with local law enforcement agencies.

Interesting questions in the Q & A session after the presentation, brought out more interesting remarks by Ptasienski. He noted that his Erie, PA office receives over 100 calls a week concerning suspected terrorist incidents.

The next meeting of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum will be October 14, 2004 at the Kane Country Club. Dr. Charles Strauss of the Penn State School of Forest Resources will be the speaker.



Ned Karger presents Special Agent Drew Ptasienski with the signature black cherry Biltmore Stick

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2004

Attendees:

Allegheny Officers: K. Jolly, Chair; K. Kane, Past-Chair; R. Billingham, Sec/Treas; N. Karger, R. Siefert, M. Fajvan, J. Perdue, and H. Wurzbacher, Exec. Comm. Members; J. Winieski, Exec. Dir.; M. Lester, Council Rep.
Division/Chapter Officers & Committee Representatives: D. Miller, PA Div.Chr.; S. Resh, MD-DE Div.Chr.; G. Juergens, WV Div.Pst.Chr.; D. Galway, NJ Chr; F. Hennion, NJ ViceChr.; R. Cary, PA Pinchot Chr.; R. LaBar, PA Pinchot Pst.Chr.; M. Buccowich, PA Valley Forge Chr.; C. Newlon, Comm.Chr.; G. Pierson, Ad Hoc; R. Sheay, Endow Fund Ad Hoc & Audit Comm Chr.; M. Webb, Alleg. Past-Chr.; D. Rossman, SW Gateway Chair.

Minutes from Previous Executive Committee Meeting:

No discussion; approved as published in the Allegheny News

Treasurer's Report:

2003 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved (copy in Spring 2004 Allegheny News). End of the year balances: Checking: \$12,312.35; Endowment Savings: \$33,216.90; Endowment CD: \$0 (this amount was transferred to Endowment Savings for the transfer to the new treasurer). It was remarked that the Allegheny is in the best financial situation that it has been in for a while. Current Treasurer's Report was distributed. Current balances: Checking: \$12,061.48; Endowment Savings: \$6,399.43; Endowment CD: \$29,115.00. Because the interest rate on the CD is so low, a committee was formed to find a better place to invest the funds. R. Sheay will chair this committee. K. Kane and F. Hennion will be committee members. K. Kane mentioned that we can now receive donations of securities into a Merrill Lynch account. This option allows a donor to continue to receive dividends while also receiving a tax credit for the donation. One of our members has donated \$5000 in securities. All interested in this donation option should talk to K. Kane. Many thanks to R. Sheay for auditing the books. The current Treasurer's Report (as of 2/18/2004) was reviewed and approved pending date corrections.

Allegheny Endowment Fund Report:

R. Sheay indicated that \$21,385 was contributed by 139 members and 8 organizations. A letter went out today to 18 forest industries to solicit contributions. M. Webb said that the PA strategy is for chapter chairs to contact designees as to how to develop a list of forest products industries in PA - a list will be generated and then given to people who will call the industries for support. The goal of the Endowment Fund is to reach \$40,000. This fund is used to help fund educational efforts/trainings and for outreach. Sheay will write an article about the fund for the Allegheny News.

Future Meeting Schedule:

Summer 2004: WV is hosting. It will be Aug. 4-6 at Snowshoe Resort & Cass Railroad and will highlight the history of logging in WV. The meeting will include a tour of the Mead Westvaco facility, a BBQ at the train station, and a possible golf tournament. Note that WV is selling this year's print for \$35.

Winter 2005: Pinchot will host. The meeting is likely to be in the Scranton area. NJ offered to help with this meeting if the location ends up near the PA/NJ border.

Summer 2005: The Plateau Chapter will plan this meeting.

Winter 2006: Valley Forge Chapter will plan this meeting.

Summer 2006: This meeting will be cancelled due to the National Convention meeting in Pittsburgh.

Council Report (M. Lester):

Leadership Academy: It will be May 22-25, 2004 at the Lied Conference Center, National Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, NE. The Academy is now open to all leaders within SAF and also open to some companies that are interested. Allegheny needs leaders who can "take the reigns." Tuition is \$275 (room & meals are separate cost. Attendees can double up in the rooms to reduce cost. There is room for 70 people. SAF hopes to sell it out.

Presidential Field Forester Award: The National Capital is interested in submitting nominations this year. It is open to everyone and Lester will accept nominations. Nominees should be sent from chairs of state divisions and the National Capital. This award recognizes someone who spent his/her career in the field, making a difference on the ground by practicing good forestry. There are a lot of people that are doing good work, but we never seem to get many nominations. Please go back to your divisions and send in nominees. Nominations should be in to Lester by May 1. Lester will give Presidential award nomination packet to Billingham to send out.

Strategic Plan: This is a framework indicating how to organize our activities. Copies are available from Lester. Work on the 2005 Strategic plan will begin soon.

Membership: SAF lost 340 members nationally. Please talk to the people you work with and promote membership in the society. Send the message that the more you get involved, the more you get out of it.

Outstanding Communicator Award: This award was recently approved. Think of nominees for this award. Talk to R. Billingham for details.

Pittsburgh National Convention: Pittsburgh 2006. Not much is required of local chapters, but there will be a lot of work to do. Consider volunteering to help.

Miscellaneous: Think about running for office and think of getting a committee together to present nominations. It was generally agreed that the number of members that vote is dismal – but the caliber of candidates was good. We need to concentrate on motivating people to vote. Some think this is connected to the drop in membership; we need to have some alliances with environmental groups. Some feel that there are cliques and that we should work to make personal relationships. We need to make an extra effort to tell others what they can do for and get out of SAF. Check out the links on the SAF website; also, Mike Goergen has a powerpoint he can send you.

2003 HSD Report (K. Jolly and K. Kane):

The strategic plan was discussed. It is on the web at: <http://www.safnet.org/who/strategicplan04.pdf>. Goal 2: Try to have SAF membership as a standard for other existing certifications. Goal 5: Revival of the Leadership Academy. Goal 6: Council can allocate money. The SAF volunteer organizational structure is very complex, there is a task force looking into simplifying it. Nancy Peckham was elected 2004 HSD Chair.

Executive Director Report (J. Winieski):

The paper contribution situation is not very good. Mead Westvaco and Keystone Chipping are the only ones left that donate paper. D. Galway will check with Fiber Mark to see if they will donate paper. For any other ideas for paper donation, contact Winieski. Winieski also needs additional advertising in the newsletter to offset costs.

Awards Committee (K. Jolly):

Jolly will step down as chair, so this committee needs a chair. We need nominees for our two awards. We can re-submit old nominees without additional paperwork by contacting the committee and letting them know. The committee should call division/chapter chairs.

Communications Committee (C. Newlon):

Newlon is stepping down from his position as chair. He is moving to NJ. He will still work the art show. Please contact K. Jolly if you know of anyone who is interested in the Communications Chair position.

Membership Committee (K. Kane):

Allegheny membership is dropping, but not as fast as the national rate. Members need to push membership. T. Kaden suggested utilizing the mentoring program.

Old Business:

Appointment of Education Committee (K. Jolly): We do not have one, though our charter calls for one. M. Webb will be the new chair. Webb will contact divisions and come up with reps from each state.

Bob Bauer Scholarship/Student Award at PSU (M. Webb): We recently surpassed \$20,000 and are working on the final wording. We will hopefully have the first award in place for next fall semester. If you make a pledge to PSU, they will let you pay over a period of time, but will credit the account today.

Goddard Chair Sponsorship at PSU (M. Webb): We need a total of \$30,000 to work on the Goddard Chair. You can donate securities if you like.

Mont Alto Student Chapter (K. Kane): The charter was

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presented at last year's summer meeting. This was ready for the big anniversary celebration.

Forester Fund Grants: N. Karger said that the "History of PA Forestry Video" is almost done. The PA Division wants to get it on the air. They are still deciding how to distribute it. D. Galway said that NJ's outreach project, "Get the Word Out on Forestry" is not quite done yet. They began with a mailing to all 566 NJ municipalities and will follow up with personal contact with municipal officials. They will sponsor a booth when the NJ League of Municipalities meets in Atlantic City. Both the PA and NJ grantees must submit a final report into SAF headquarters via the Allegheny Chair in order to receive the remaining 20% of the grant funds.

New Business:

Approval of 2004 Budget: Discussion Notes: K. Kane has arranged a property tax forum (Mar. 23) from which all profits will go to the Allegheny SAF. It is not known how much money it may bring in. It was decided that we will fund two people for Leadership Academy participation at \$1000 out of the Endowment funds. The budget was approved recognizing that it indicates a possible deficit. The finances will be reviewed again at the summer meeting.

2004 ALLEGHENY SAF BUDGET

Projected Income		Projected Expenses	
Dues	\$ 12,750.00	HSD Assessment	\$ 500.00
Section Meetings	\$ 1,500.00 [A]	Allegheny News	\$ 6,400.00 [C]
Vol. Contributions	\$ 1,000.00 [B]	Exec. Dir. Stip/Exp	\$ 6,600.00
Check Acct. Interest	\$ 15.00	Chair Nat. Conv. Exp	\$ 1,000.00 [D]
		Leadership Academy	\$ 1,000.00 [E]
		Student Travel	\$ 900.00 [F]
		Awards	\$ 200.00
		Administrative	\$ 200.00 [G]
		Exec. Dir. Bonus	\$ 500.00 [H]
Total	\$ 15,265.00	Total	\$ 17,300.00 [I]

NOTES:

- [A] This figure represents the minimum contribution expected from the respective Division/Chapter that hosts the Allegheny Section Meetings (e.g., the minimum expected from the Winter Meeting is \$1,000, and \$500 from the Summer Meeting). In the past, Divisions/Chapters have contributed significantly above the minimum level (in 2003, the Meeting Hosts contributed \$2,800). However, on a few occasions, when the Section meeting was not very profitable/or actually lost money, no contribution has been made.
- [B] Voluntary donations are hard to quantify, and are frequently specifically earmarked to non-budgetary items (e.g., Endowment Fund, R. Forbes Art Contest). In 2003, the amount of non-designated contributions (e.g., available for general budget expenditures) was \$160.
- [C] This figure assumes receipt of paper donations; otherwise, this amount could be \$1,600 (approx.) higher (\$400/issue).
- [D] If Chair can get employer to cover travel expense, this amount may not be needed; however, if employer support is unavailable, this stipend amount will be needed.
- [E] This figure is for a stipend to support sending two Allegheny Officer/Leaders to the Leadership Academy. This money will come out of the Endowment Fund.
- [F] This figure reflects \$400 for Winter Meeting travel support, and \$500 for Nat. Convention travel support.
- [G] Postage, etc. We will need to purchase additional Allegheny SAF letterhead/envelopes this year.
- [H] Bonus suggested by R. Sheay. Exec. Comm. has previously expressed support for increasing pay for Exec. Dir. position, budget allowing.

2006 National Convention: We accepted the hosting of the 2006 Convention in Pittsburgh. We will not need to do anything until 18 months ahead of time. The President will appoint three chairs to help with the convention (General Chair, Program Chair, and Arrangements Chair). If you are interested, let M. Lester know. These appointments will occur within the next six weeks. Note: for future budget planning purposes, it was noted that the Allegheny Section will receive a \$10,000 allotment from the National Office following the 2006 Convention.
Policy Items: R. Seifert said that the PA Council of Professional Foresters is working on lobbying for licensing in PA. They have engaged a lobbyist and are looking for sponsors for legislation.

Division/Chapter Reports:

NJ (D. Galway): Open Space is a problem, along with T&E species. Proposed legislation would seriously limit what can be done in the forest. Forest Stewardship legislation has been proposed, emphasizing a commitment to long-term benefits of forestland. Development has increased in the Highlands. The survival of forestry in NJ may be decided in the next six months.

WV (G. Juergens): The combined meeting with fisheries went well. Many students attended. The Monongahela NF plan is being revised (check the website). They are working on the summer meeting.
PA (D. Miller): Is supporting the meeting the K. Kane is putting together.

Science Coordinator (Mary Ann Fajvan): She has been writing articles for the Allegheny news.

Pinchot (R. Cary): Looking forward to planning the upcoming meeting, possibly in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. The topic may be biodiversity. They are still interested in a joint meeting with NJ.

Adjourn:

K. Jolly adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Allegheny SAF General Business Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2004

Ken Jolly conducted the general business meeting, providing the membership with a synopsis of the Executive Committee discussion items from February 18. The following additional business items were discussed at the General Business Meeting:

Note from PA Division Business Meeting:

The PA Division voted to donate \$1000 to the Allegheny SAF treasury.

Communications Chair Recognition:

C. Newlon has decided to step down from his long-held position as Chair of the Communications Committee. R. Billingham took a moment to recognize him for his hard work and to make a plea for someone to fill his shoes.

Adjourn:

Following the discussion of these additional items and the previously mentioned Exec. Committee items, K. Jolly adjourned the meeting at 9:06 am.

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Silviculture News

By Mary Ann Fajvan, ANSAF Forest Science Coordinator

Effects of Periodical Cicadas on Hardwood Forests

Many of you in the Allegheny SAF recently experienced the May 2004 emergence of Brood X periodical cicada (*Magicicada* spp.). This brood is one of the 17 numbered broods that emerge in the same year in a generally geographically contiguous area every 17 years. Periodical cicada nymphs feed underground (6-18") on tree root xylem fluids. This activity may reduce water uptake in trees but probably has little impact on photosynthate availability and tree growth. Cicada nymphs are the only known root xylem feeders - a strategy that allows them to avoid plant defensive chemicals and excess sugar accumulation common to phloem feeders. Any excess xylem water may be used to maintain their underground cells.

Common emergence densities are tens to hundreds of thousands per acre. Mature nymphs construct a mud turret called a cicada hut, emerge from the soil and climb onto nearby vegetation or any vertical surface where they then molt to the winged adult stage. After adult emergence in the spring, males begin calling and mating begins after 5-18 days with a total survival time of 2-6 weeks.

Females cut long slits in twigs $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter. Hence, they are most damaging to small trees and shrubs. The oviposition wound caused by egg-laying females can cause crown dieback known as "flagging." Up to 20 eggs can be laid in each Y-shaped eggnest with up to 600 eggs being laid by each female in 40-50 sites. Eggs remain in twigs for 6-10 weeks before hatching. Wounded trees typically produce a gum that may prevent egg survival.

The three species of 17-year

Magicicada have some site-specific differences in tree species preferred for oviposition but most hardwood species common to Appalachian forests are affected. Reduced stem growth is attributed to high densities of oviposition wounds and the response of trees to the wounds (gum production). A regional study of the effects of cicada damage on radial increment of mature oak trees indicated that growth was 4.1% below average during the year of cicada emergence. Growth in subsequent years indicated a return to pre-emergence rates so there is really no long-term growth effect.

Because of their long life cycles and synchronous emergence, periodical cicadas escape population control by predators even though birds, mammals, spiders and snakes eat them. They are large, slow, and easily captured but their large numbers more than compensates. A cicada emergence event adds huge amounts of biomass to a forest ecosystem but apparently does not cause significant changes in soil nutrients. However, many bird predators demonstrate increased reproductive success, larger clutch sizes, and high survivorship during emergence years, resulting in significant population increases for up to six years in some species.

There are abundant resources on periodical cicadas available via the Internet. One excellent web site is: insects.umz.lsa.umich.edu/fauna/Michigan_cicadas/Periodical/Index.html.

Much of the information for this article was obtained from discussions with Dr. Sandy Liebhold, Research Entomologist, USDA Forest Service, Morgantown, WV. (aliebhold@fs.fed.us)



Dr. Mary Ann Fajvan has been hired as a Research Forester (Quantitative Silviculturist) with the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station in Morgantown, WV. Her research assignment will be community ecology, regeneration, and stand dynamics research in oak-dominated forests and associated hemlock forests in response to natural and man-made disturbances including invasive species like hemlock woolly adelgid.

Mary Ann received her professional education at the University of Maine (PhD, Quantitative Silviculture, 1991), Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (MS, Silviculture, 1983), and Cook College, Rutgers University (BS, Natural Resource Management, 1981). From 1992-May 2004, she was a member of the forest management faculty at West Virginia University where she taught undergraduate silviculture and graduate courses in silviculture and forest stand dynamics. In 2001, she received a Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research from Harvard University. From 1984-1987, she served as an Instructor in Forest Resources Extension at Penn State University.

Mary Ann has been an SAF member since 1977 and currently serves as the chair of the Silviculture Working Group and is a member of the Science Fund Committee. She was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Allegheny SAF where she also serves as Forest Science Coordinator.

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Coming Events

July

12-17 18th North American Forest Biology Workshop at Michigan Tech University in Houghton, MI. More information can be found at forestbiology.org

August

4-6 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting, hosted by the West Virginia Division, "The History of Logging in West Virginia" at the Snowshoe Resort near Cass, WV. Ride on the Cass Railroad and other events; see page 13

September

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the Fall 2004 issue of *The Allegheny News*

October

2-5 Joint SAF/CIF National Convention in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

13-15 Northeast Watershed Forest Managers Annual Meeting, "The Importance of the NJ Highlands." Contact Frank Hennion 973-827-1325 or Ron Farr 973-831-3358

14 Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, Kane Country Club in Kane, PA. Speaker will be Dr. Charles Strauss of Penn State School of Forest Resources. Call AHUG for reservations at 814-837-8550 or fax at 814-837-4950

December

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the Winter 2004-05 issue of *The Allegheny News*

February 2005

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting hosted by the Pinchot SAF Chapter

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Summer 2005 - Plateau Chapter

Winter 2006 - Valley Forge Chapter

Summer 2006 - Cancelled because of 2006 SAF National Convention hosted by Allegheny SAF in Pittsburgh, PA

Future SAF National Conventions

October 19-23, 2005 - Fort Worth, Texas

October 25-29, 2006 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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