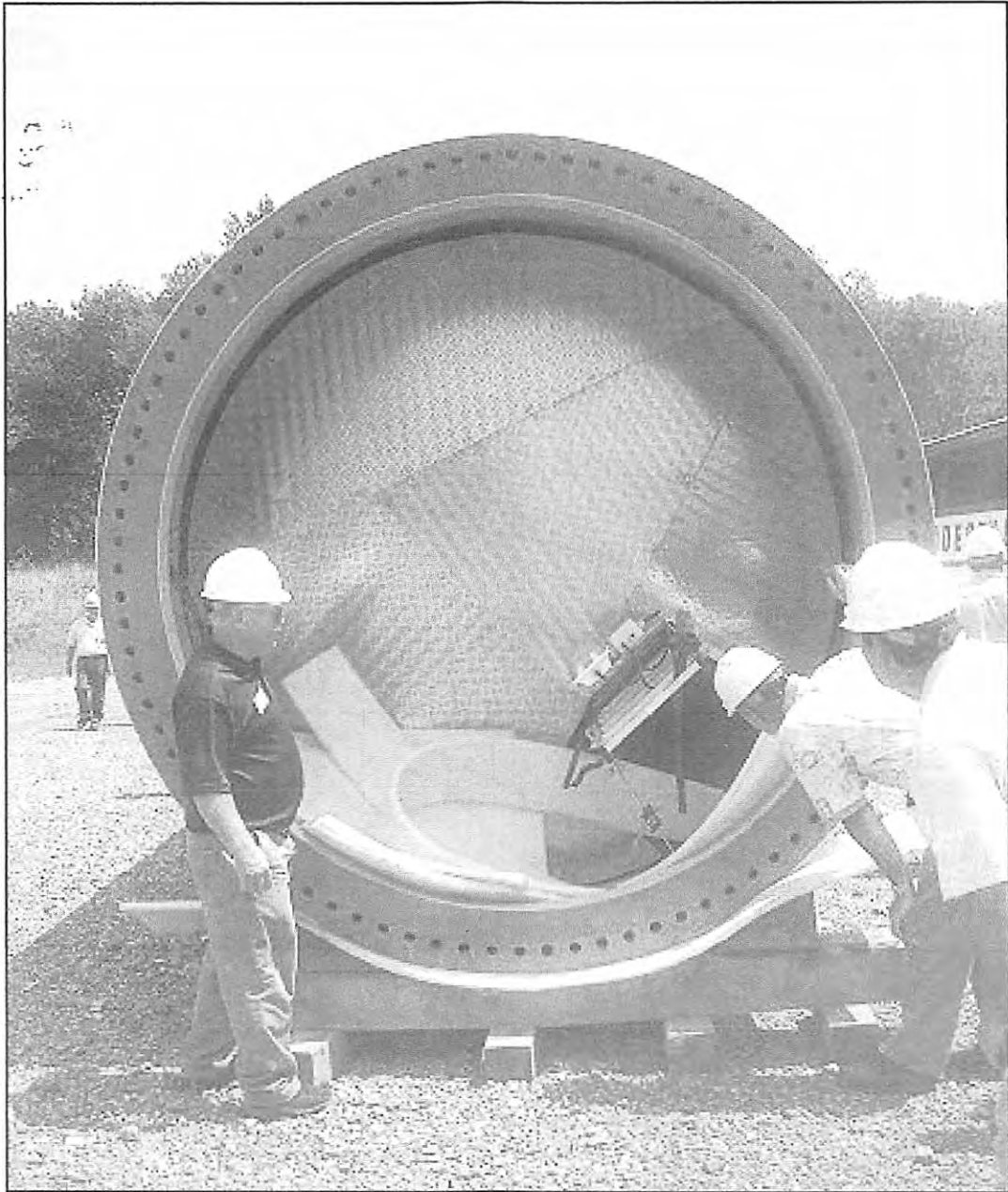


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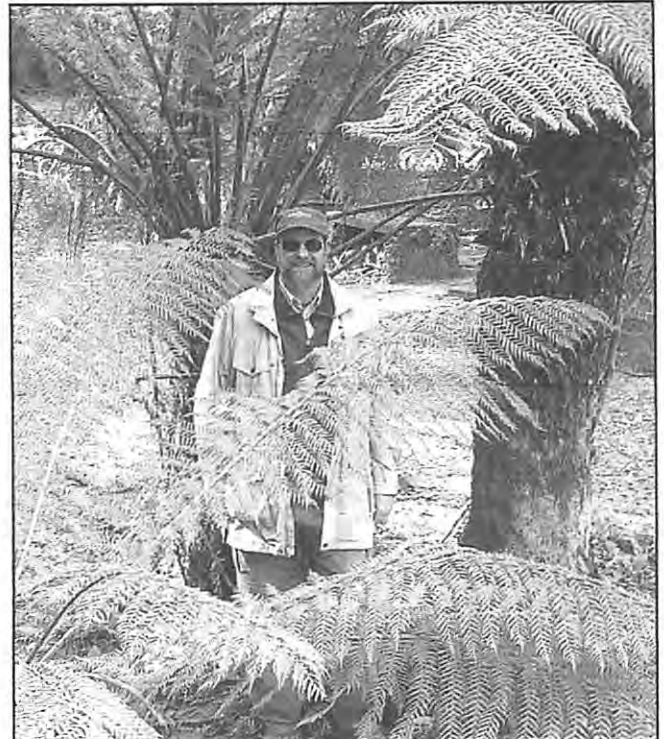
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Many members gathered for the Allegheny SAF summer meeting, and attended a field trip to wind farms in the area to learn about this controversial alternative energy source. In the cover photo, individuals inspect one massive parts of a windmill. See page 12 for the full article, and pages 13-14 for more photo highlights of the meeting.  
Photo courtesy of Robb Piper, Jr., CF

## Chair's Corner

By Kurt Gottschalk, Allegheny SAF Chair



## Fall for SAF!

As I write this column, fall is quickly approaching. The days are warm and nights are cool. Autumn is my favorite time of year. I enjoy traveling in September and October and watching the forests change and enjoying the pleasant weather conditions. The "magic" that is manifested as fall leaf coloration is one of the commonest hooks to explain the wonders of forests to the public and an opportunity to explain how sustainable forest management can guarantee that autumn magic forever.

Fall is also an important time for SAF. Most of the national conventions are in the fall of the year. Autumn is the time when most SAF organizations - national, state society, division, chapter, working groups, House of Society Delegates, and Forest Science and Technology Board - hold elections of new officers, and start planning the next year's activities.

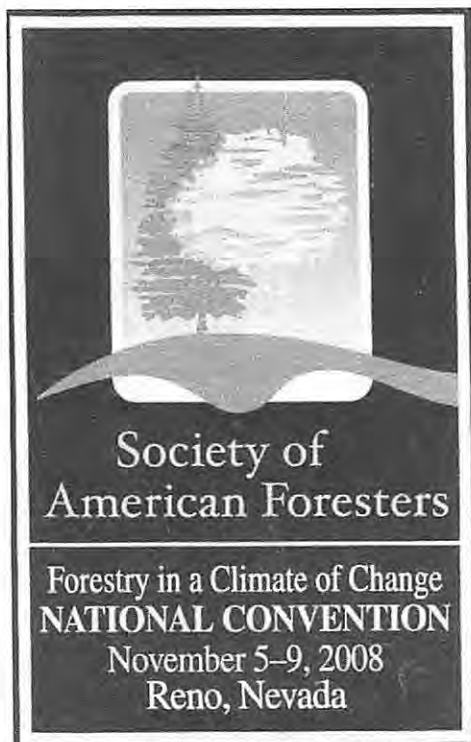
Fall is time to develop nominations for the Allegheny SAF awards and Fellow nominations. Please take some time and think about whom is deserving of an award or nomination, and then take a beautiful fall afternoon off from work chores and nominate them.

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Fall is the time to recruit new student members of SAF into our student chapters and get them excited about being a part of SAF. Autumn is an excellent time to recruit new members to SAF as well. Explain to them the benefits of membership, ranging from quality programs at chapter, division, society, and national meetings, to national and local policy inputs, to continuing education certification, to professional networking and socializing.

Fall is time for fruits of the forest as well. Fresh pressed apple cider, walnuts, hickory nuts, acorns, and many other tree byproducts provide the well being for man and beast alike. While chestnut used to be an autumn mainstay, there is some hope for its return as a fall fruit of the forest as we come closer to the reintroduction of this Appalachian treasure. I will close out this column a little shorter than my previous ones. I leave you with this fall message — **May the forest fruit be with you!** 🌿



## An "Approved" Message from Mike Lester

The SAF election for Vice-President is upon us, as it is this time every year. You saw notes from me in the past urging you to vote when I was the Allegheny Chair and a similar note when I was your Council Representative. Your vote has become more urgent (to me, anyway) this year because I am running for SAF Vice-President. Both our other candidate, Darrel Kenops, and I were asked to run this year by the SAF Nominating Committee, and we have accepted.

I would urge you, if you haven't done so already, to read our campaign statements and interviews that are in the current *Forestry Source*. Those of you who have read my articles in the *Allegheny News* over the last decade are aware of my stance on many forestry issues. However, I would like this opportunity to touch briefly on issues that you hopefully find relevant.

The national leadership for SAF has been outstanding. They have been focused on issues that are critical for the Society and for the profession. I think it will be important to place continued focus on issues such as the role of forestry in bio-fuels, in climate change, and on water quality. These are issues that are achieving increased importance on the national and international stage and these are opportunities where sustainable forestry plays a key role in solving or ameliorating these problems.

Moreover, the use of natural resources, including working forests, continues to generate intense feelings. SAF will need to continue to play a vital role in providing accurate scientific information that will be critical in framing an intelligent debate on these complex issues. Furthermore, SAF needs to aggressively engage all stakeholders in these discussions, not just those that tend to be viewed as our allies.

Finally, we can't lose the focus on our field foresters. This is where all of the sustainable forestry is actually accomplished, and we sometimes lose sight of the importance of the field foresters when we become embroiled in national and regional issues.

This election will be interesting on several levels. First, it's hard for me to look at Darrel as an opponent, because we both served on Council together and have a shared passion for SAF and for the profession of Forestry. I also consider Darrel to be a man of integrity and a friend. However, you have trusted me to lead the Allegheny SAF for two years as your Chair and as your Council Representative for three years. I believe that your trust was well placed when you elected me to these past two leadership positions, and I assure you it will be equally well placed if you support me in this run for National SAF Vice-President. Having said that, regardless of whether you vote for me or for Darrel, what will be most important is that you vote. Thank you. Carpe Diem. 🌿

## PA & WV Compete in National 4-H Forestry Invitational

Pennsylvania and West Virginia were among the 14 states that participated in the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational July 20-24, 2008. The event was held at West Virginia University's Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp and Conference Center near Weston, WV. The Farm Credit System and the Cooperative Extension Service sponsored the Invitational.

At the event, 4-H members compete for individual and overall team awards in several categories. Events included a forestry written exam, tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, the Forestry Bowl and a forest evaluation.

Representing Pennsylvania were **Sean McGaughran** of Blairsville, **Sean Undercofler** of Creekside, and **Rebecca and Daniel Picone** of Felton. The team was co-coached by **Debbie Beisel** of Clymer and **Sheri Picone** of Felton. PA finished third among the 14 state teams that participated.

Representing West Virginia were **Sarah Landis** of Augusta, **Kyle Sine** and **Shannon Sine** of Slanesville, and **Melissa Ward** of Delray. **Susan Sine** coached the team, which finished eighth. Alabama won the event and Illinois placed second.

The Joe Yeager Leadership Award was given to **Traci Byers** of Texas. This award is presented to the individual who demonstrated excellent communication, management, decision-making and interpersonal skills at the Invitational.

4-H is a youth education program operated by Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the state land grant universities. More than 5.5 million young people participate in 4-H, and nearly 100,000 are part of the 4-H Forestry Program.

This event is sponsored by the Farm Credit Systems (FCS), a government-sponsored enterprise created by Congress in 1916 to provide American agriculture with a dependable source of credit. The FCS

is a nationwide network of cooperatively organized banks and associations that are owned and controlled by their borrowers. It serves all 50 States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The FCS provides credit and other services to agricultural producers and farmer-owned agricultural and aquatic cooperatives.

For more information on the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, go to: <http://www.aces.edu/n4hfi> or contact David Jackson, Penn State Cooperative Extension by telephone at (814) 355-4897. ❁



Pennsylvania (left to right) Debbie Beisel, Sean McGaughran, Sean Undercofler, Rebecca Picone, Daniel Picone, and Sheri Picone



West Virginia (left to right): Susan Sine, Kyle Sine, Shannon Sine, Melissa Ward, and Sarah Landis

# PSU Students Build a Bridge

By Michael J. Powell, Research Support Associate, Pennsylvania State University School of Forest Resources

With the 2007 fall semester completed, and finals waiting, members of the Penn State University SAF student chapter braved the ice and cold temperatures this past winter to help replace a hiking bridge washed away two years earlier by Hurricane Katrina. The trail is part of the Stone Valley Recreation Area's trail network that surrounds Lake Perez. Time was the biggest enemy for all involved in this project, but with the help of the chapter, not only was the bridge rebuilt, but several hazardous trees were removed along the trail approaching the creek. If you are ever in Huntingdon County, and have the opportunity to visit Stone Valley Recreation Area, check out Spearmint Trail and the chapters' handy work. This is just one of many community service oriented projects this chapter completes during the school year. ❄️



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## If You Must Go to Washington, DC

From the Summer 2008 WVSAF Newsletter

If you must go to the nation's capital, take some time to stop by the National Arboretum and see West Virginia's State Soil (can you name it?), mounted on a wormy chestnut plaque. (see it at [http://www.usbg.gov/education/events/upload/award\\_27\\_dig\\_it\\_images.pdf](http://www.usbg.gov/education/events/upload/award_27_dig_it_images.pdf))

Better yet stop by the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and visit the brand new exhibit "Dig it! The Secrets of the Soil". An internet site is also available at <http://forces.si.edu/soils/>

In addition to a display of the 50 State Soils, included in the exhibit is information about forest soils, and the importance of forest as land cover to protect soil and water quality. It's great fun! The Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil Science Society of America, and the Fertilizer Institute, among others, sponsored the exhibit. It's well worth the trip! ❄️

[By the way, the Monongahela silt loam is West Virginia's State Soil.]

# Allegheny Society of American Foresters

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2008

### Attendees:

**Allegheny Officers:** K. Gottschalk, Chair; M. Fajvan, Chair Elect; K. Steiner, Imm. Past Chair; R. Billingham, Sec/Treas; C. Newlon, B. Elison, Exec. Cmte Members; J. Winieski, Ex. Dir.; K. Jolly, HSD Chair; **Division/Chapter Officers and Committee Representatives:** H. Wurzbacher, PA Div. Chair/Awards Cmte Chair; T. Hoffman, Valley Forge Ch. Rep.; M. Kusko, Keystone Chap. Chair; R. Merrill, Rothrock Ch. Chair; R. Piper, W. Gateway Chair

### Minutes from Previous Executive Committee Meeting:

The motion to approve the minutes as presented in the *Allegheny News* was made by H. Wurzbacher, seconded by C. Newlon.. The minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report (R. Billingham):

See Treasurer's Report, attached. A motion was made by M. Kusko, seconded by H. Wurzbacher, to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented in the handout. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### Council Report (K. Gottschalk for M. Coloumbe):

M. Coloumbe's full report from the recent Council meeting in June was printed in the Summer 2008 issue of the Allegheny News. Everyone is encouraged to attend this year's national convention in Reno. It was set up to be affordable and has a very good agenda.

### HSD Report (K Jolly):

K. Jolly attended the recent June Council meeting. He mentioned the following items in addition to M. Coloumbe's report: SAF is creating a new draft strategic plan. The state and multi-state societies now have an opportunity to comment on the plan. All comments need to go to K. Jolly by Aug. 1. Council approved three Forest Science and Technology Board items: a new charter for FSTB, and new Science Fund Charter, and recipients of the 2008 science awards. Two new position statements were approved: Wildland Fire Management and Using Herbicides on Forest Lands. Council approved the Task Force Report of Forest Technology School Accreditation. K. Steiner mentioned that this report was sent to the Education Policy Committee, which made some comments on it. Steiner is concerned that their comments were not taken seriously, the major issue being that the standards seemed to be set low enough that everyone could get in without any additional actions. The Committee felt that the bar should be raised somewhat higher. K. Jolly said that the report did go back to the task force several times with suggestions from Council and was under the understanding that all the concerns had been worked out. Anyone with items for the HSD meeting in Reno should contact K. Gottschalk by Sept 1. We do have some successes to submit for possible HSD awards: 1. ANSAF action taken to have our meeting fundraisers benefit the Science Fund instead of the Foresters Fund. 2. MD/DE board foot plaques to legislators 3. PA Division joint meetings with the Wildlife Society. We can submit as many success stories as we want. Anyone who wants to submit can do so - contact K. Gottschalk for the forms. C. Newlon suggested that HSD create an award for the best newsletter and/or website (similar to what is currently set up for student websites). We will submit this as an action item C. Newlon will write it up and submit it to K. Gottschalk.

### Executive Director's Report (J. Winieski):

The last issue of the Allegheny News was only sent out in hard copy to members who requested hard copy, which is currently 17% of the membership. The most recent newsletter will be sent to J. Purdue soon for inclusion on the website. J. Winieski is giving his two-year notice to finish up his tenure as Executive Director for the ANSAF. We will need to find someone else for the executive director job. We will eventually put out a notice in the newsletter asking for applications. In the meantime, we will create a note for the newsletter from the Executive Committee telling our members of his plans. Winieski's daughter Catherine may be willing to stay on as our newsletter designer.

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## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership (M. Fajvan):**

In June, 101 members were purged for not paying dues. There were two resignations (one of which is no longer directly involved in the profession). At first glance, there do not seem to be any patterns of membership loss. Through phone calling, M. Fajvan was able to convince one person to stay in SAF. We need to get list of people who have not paid their dues early on and call them before the purge (MD/DE has done this in the past with only moderate success). A motion was made by C. Newlon, amended by T. Hoffman, for the executive committee to charge the leadership of the divisions/chapters with the responsibility to contact the members purged from their rolls - the divisions/chapters will then contact M. Fajvan with a report on their success. The motion passed. M. Fajvan will send an email to folks who were purged, encouraging them to renew their membership.

### **Awards (H. Wurzbacher):**

S. Kurtzman was submitted to M. Coloumbe for the Field Forester of the Year Award. Wurzbacher will send out the call for nominations in the fall for the winter meeting awards. He really needs more nominations, as we have many deserving people in the Allegheny. T. Hoffman suggested that divisions/chapters submit at least one person each year. Also remember to send in fellow nominations. They are voted on at the June Council meetings.

### **Nominations (K. Steiner):**

This is not applicable until next year.

### **Continuing Forestry Education Credits (K. Gottschalk):**

M. Vodak will resign as CFE coordinator. D. McGill may take over as ANSAF CFE Coordinator. There are currently issues with processing CFE credits for meetings. We must avoid conflicts of interest, so CFE Coordinators cannot prepare CFEs for a meeting that their institution is holding. K. Gottschalk will follow up with D. McGill and will bring all the state CFE coordinators together on conference call and then publicize who each one is in the Allegheny News. Note that there was an article in the April issue of the Forestry Source regarding this issue.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Electronic/Credit Card Registration for ANSAF Meetings (K. Gottschalk):**

National has the capability to put our meetings, including agendas, on their website and then take registrations for us via credit cards. It only takes a few days to get this set up. It can be done as long as you have your registration fees set up. This option can be utilized for a small fee. We need to add this feature and the new insurance information into the meeting planning guide. The credit card feature may not be available for chapter meetings, which are likely to be too small. Those that are interested in the credit card registration option can call Louise Murgia at the national office for more information.

### **IRS Tax Filing (K. Gottschalk):**

We need to fill out a 990 form because we received over \$25K in income as a society. This includes Allegheny and all divisions/chapters using the same tax id number. There are some divisions/chapters that have their own tax id. This information needs to be sent to the treasurer by beginning of each March so that the 990 can be put together by the end of April. Note that New England hired an accountant to do this. We need to set up a spreadsheet with line items on different types of expenses. R. Billingham will follow up and let everyone know which chapters/divisions still need to send their financial information in. We need to make sue that divisions/chapters send in the information that is requested in the 990.

### **Revision of Operations Manual (K. Jolly):**

The manual is complete, it just needs to be sent to J. Purdue for uploading on the website. J. Purdue needs to draft a charter for the webmaster. This will be an addition to the operations manual.

### **Records Storage for Allegheny SAF Archives (J. Winieski and K. Steiner):**

Steiner has not fully explored the option of having our records stored at the PSU Archives. Our records

are currently at the PA Forestry Association (PFA). The PFA office is in the process of moving their archives from the PFA office to the PSU archives. We currently have approximately two four-drawer filing cabinets of information that needs to be sorted. K. Steiner will make an inquiry with the archives and then he will call A. Day to see if he is interested in sorting the information.

## REPORTS OF DIVISIONS AND CHAPTERS

**NJ Division (D. Tavella via email):** Tavella recently attended SAF Leadership Academy. He submitted an article to the Allegheny News. NJ SAF submitted a grant proposal to the Foresters Fund for a big display on the necessity of using professional foresters. They are continuing to work on the forestry education center at Lusscroft Farm (former 4-H camp near the Appalachian trail).

**PA Division (H. Wurzbacher):** The PA Division recently had a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society. The meeting went well. They have written articles on it for the Allegheny News and the Forestry Source. They are working on making a contribution to the PSU Tax Study and are also working on getting PA Division information up on the ANSAF website.

**Rothrock (R. Merrill):** There is a meeting coming up on Oct. 30 where they will be looking at different forest management techniques used by the PA Game Commission. They are preparing for the ANSAF winter meeting on Feb. 18-20 at the Ramada Inn in State College. The keynote is Urbanetti with New England Consulting Foresters. The banquet speaker will be Elliot Abrams with AccuWeather. The theme is Changing Dimensions of Forests.

**Keystone Chapter (M. Kusko):** Keystone had a spring meeting at which they critiqued the recent ANSAF winter meeting. They also held elections and now have a new slate of officers. They will make a \$1500 donation to ANSAF from the winter meeting profits. This will be done as soon as the new treasurer works out the change of accounts.

**W. Gateway (R Piper):** Piper attended SAF Leadership Academy. This was very good training. All should take the opportunity if possible. It is great to get to know the staff at the SAF National office and what they do. Piper feels that our dues are cheap for what the National Office is doing for us. W. Gateway has been busy working on the current meeting. CFE credits will be offered. Many thanks to all the W. Gateway people who worked to make the meeting possible.

**Valley Forge (T. Hoffman):** Valley Forge continues to have quarterly meetings. The last one was in June where they went to three of L. Casey's timber sales (selective harvest and small group selections). A good mix of foresters attended. C. Newlon mentioned that Valley Forge co-sponsored a wood crafters seminar (replicas of antique foot powered lathes, Mennonite furniture maker, basket makers, tour of herbarium, etc). Attendance was good and they hope to do this again.

**MD/DE Division (K. Jolly):** The spring meeting was held near Conewingo Dam in NE MD. They talked about the BMP process in MD and then viewed the dam and fish ladder. There were around 40 attendees.

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**Other Business:**

T. Hoffman mentioned that he is doing much work for the 25 by 25 initiative (25% renewable energy by 2025). He urges state societies/divisions to join the initiative as state societies. PA has its own version of the initiative. Other states may have similar opportunities.

## **Allegheny Society of American Foresters General Business Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2008**

Brief reports were given of all information discussed in the Executive Committee meeting on July 16.

Note that S. Resh was elected as Fellow from ANSAF.

Note that M. Lester will be running for SAF Vice President. He appreciates your support.

SAF Leadership Academy will be held in 2009. This is great training and is recommended to all who are interested.

**Updates from the National Office (T. Clark):**

- L. Murgia is working on getting SAF CFE credits to meet ANSI standards. It is noted that obtaining CFEs has become a complicated process. National is working on ironing out the complications.
- Technical schools will now be eligible to go through their own certification process instead of solely a recognition system, as was previously in place.
- This year's national convention in Reno will include the first Symposium on American Forest Policy
- The 2009 National Convention theme is Opportunities in a Forested World. It will be held in Orlando at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort (\$105/night).
- SAF is currently developing a certificate program on developing a small business.
- Mike Mortimer has joined the National Office team as the new forest policy person.
- Chris Whited has joined the National Office team as the new director of Marketing and Membership. He has a background in marketing, branding, and membership. Feel free to call him if you have any suggestions or ideas.
- The April/May Journal of Forestry was a little late because it contains the SAF task force report on climate change.
- Remember that you can receive CFE credits by taking the quiz in the back of the Journal of Forestry (the climate change report issue will offer more credits than usual)
- National continues to work on the sale of the building. They are currently facing some challenges with historical preservation, which are causing the need to rework the permits.

R. Merrill reminded everyone to be sure to attend the upcoming winter meeting, which will be hosted by the Rothrock Chapter.

J. Karakesh introduced the following motion, which was seconded by M. Lester - the motion was amended upon discussion to read: "It is moved that Allegheny SAF support efforts to utilize low use wood in all possible markets, including local scale energy, within the limits of sustainability. The value to members and the industry includes strengthening of logging infrastructure and practice development for foresters to assist landowners with practical improvement and regeneration work."

This motion is consistent with the national 25 by 25 initiative.

The motion passed. K. Gottschalk will mention this motion when he attends the HSD meeting in Reno.

The meeting was adjourned. ❀

All minutes respectfully submitted by  
Rachel R. Billingham, Secretary/Treasurer

# Allegheny Society of American Foresters Treasurer's Report, July 16, 2008

## Beginning Balances (on Jan. 1, 2008)

1. Checking Account	\$18,421.52
2. Endowment Savings	\$49,081.70

## Checking Account Information:

### 1. Income

a. 2008 Allegheny Dues:	\$10,930.50
b. 2008 Div/Chapter Dues (pass-through)	\$ 4,151.00
c. Funds from Endowment for Leadership Academy	\$ 500.00
d. bank mistake	\$ 0.50
e. Contribution from PA Division	\$ 500.00
f. Contribution from MD/DE Division	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total Income:	\$ 17,082.00

### 2. Expenses

a. 2008 Div/Chapter Dues (pass-thru)	\$ 4,151.00
b. Electronic Election Fee	\$ 120.00
c. Website Fees	\$ 166.70
d. Awards	\$ 146.47
e. Leadership Academy Support for D. Tavella (NJ)	\$ 500.00
f. Seed money to W. Gateway for upcoming mtng	\$ 1,000.00
g. Travel money for Mont Alto (Convention)	\$ 500.00
h. Allegheny News (2 issues)	\$ 3,628.98
i. Executive Director Stipend/Expenses (1 Qtr)	<u>\$ 3,860.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$14,073.15

**Income Less Expenses:** \$ 3,008.85

**3. Account Ending Balance:** **\$21,430.37**

## Endowment Savings Account Information:

### 1. Income

a. Contributions	\$ 75.00
b. Savings Account Interest	<u>\$ 102.30</u>
Total Income:	\$ 177.30

### 2. Expenses

a. Leadership Academy support for D. Tavella	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 500.00

**3. Account Ending Balance:** **\$48,759.00<sup>1</sup>**

## Account Summary:

### Current Balances

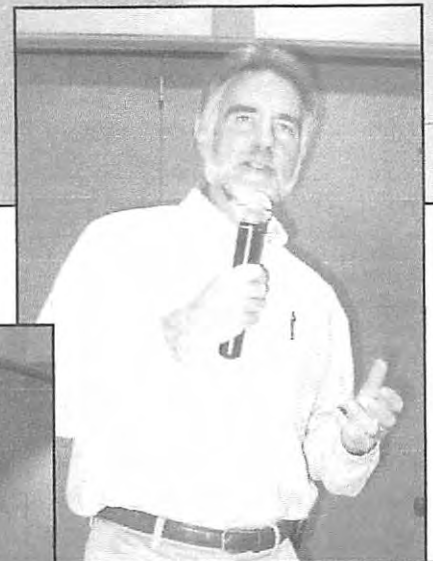
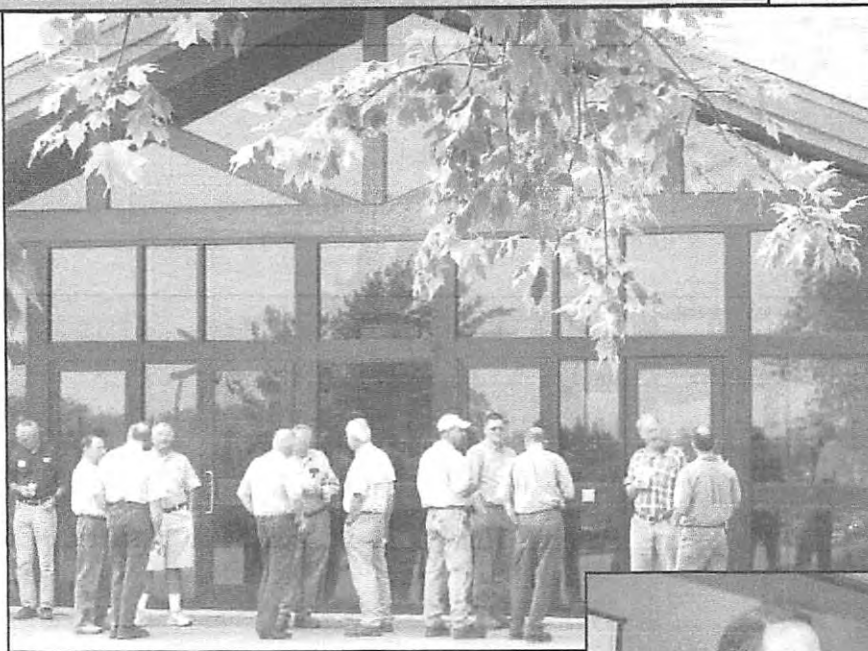
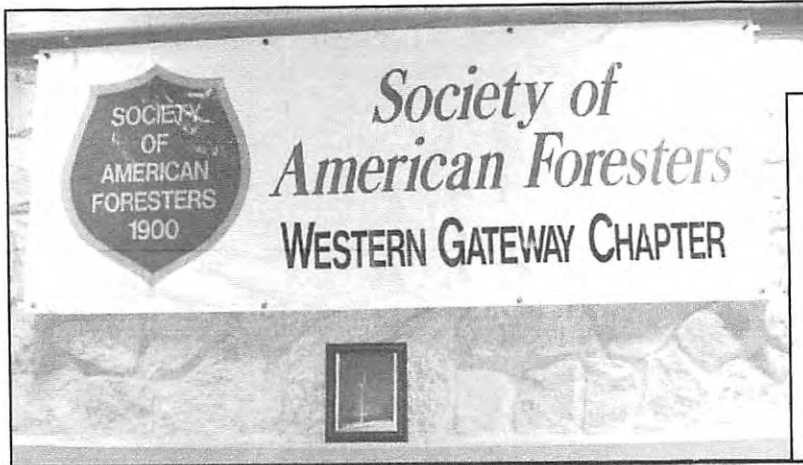
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2. Endowment Savings	\$48,759.00 <sup>1</sup>

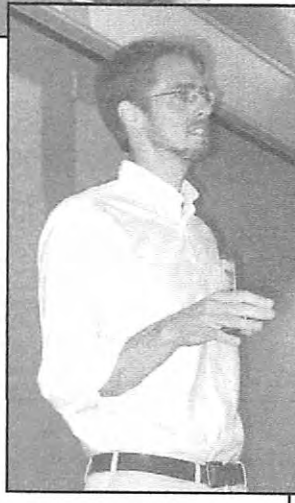
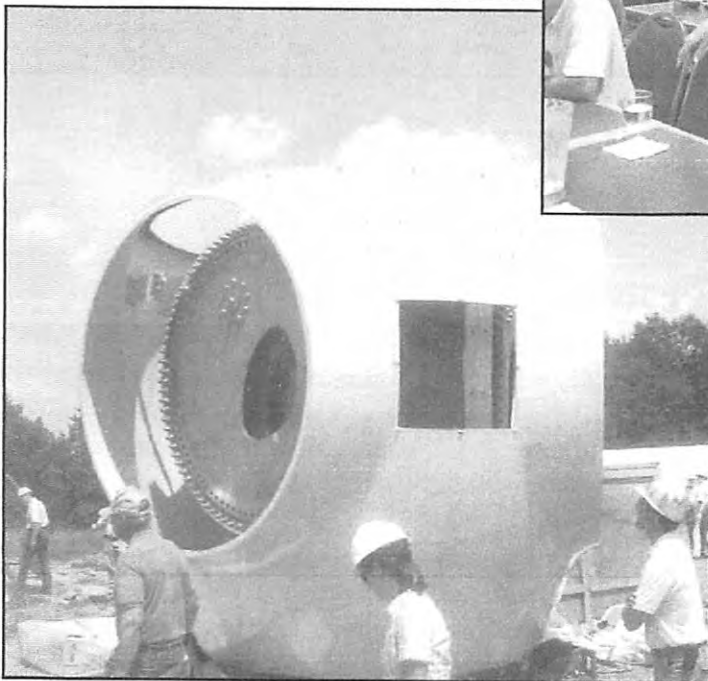
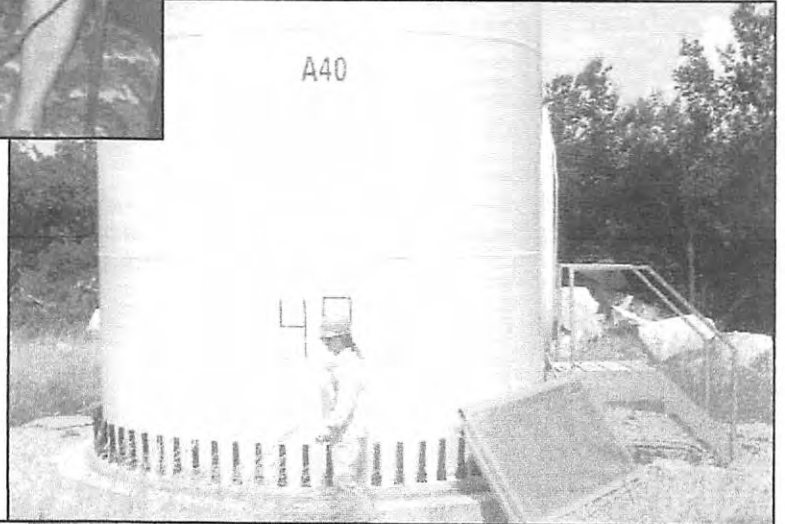
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Respectfully prepared,  
Rachel R. Billingham, Secretary/Treasurer

# Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Photo Highlights

Photos courtesy of  
Charlie Newlon and Robb Piper





# ANSAF Summer Meeting - Full of Energy!

By Robert W. Piper, Jr. CF –Western Gateway Chapter Chair

The 2008 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting was held on the Campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's Living & Learning Center, July 16-18, 2008. Nearly one hundred attendees were attracted to this beautiful setting in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania to hear facts about an agenda based on a controversial theme of *Forest Land Issues Related to Wind Energy*.

This location is in the heart of the wind energy movement in Pennsylvania with Gamesa Energy (Gamesa) - a Spanish based company, having a fiber blade plant in the Ebensburg Industrial Park and two wind turbine farms established close by on the Allegheny Front. PA's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard has mandated that 18% of its energy needs shall come from alternative sources.

Western Gateway Chapter members **Mike Barton CF** and **Craig Ostheim CF** were co-chairs of the event. Without their initiative and dedication to the SAF, the meeting would not have been a success. All the chapter officers extend to these fellow foresters our deepest appreciation for their time and effort.

topics included **Richard C. Curry**, Principal, McLean Energy Partners, LLC, Curry & Kerlinger, LLC; **Ed Shoener**, Principal, Shoener Environmental Consulting Services; **Tim Vought, Sr.** Project Developer for Gamesa Energy USA, LLC; **William Gleason Barbin**, Esquire; and **Dr. Erik Foley**, Director, Renewable Energy Center at St Francis University. **Kerry Campbell** from PA DEP and SAF's **Mike Lester**, Assistant PA State Forester, along with the Game Commission's **Tracey Librandi-Mumma**, who presented pertinent information related to their agency's involvement with wind energy development.

Wind farm tours were lead by company representative **James (Chris) Edwards** of Gamesa. **David R. Jackson** of Penn State Cooperative Extension led explaining vegetation management activities on the wind farm forest property.

SAF Continuing Forestry Education Credits were awarded to attendees along with PA Department of Agriculture pesticide license credits. Summer meetings are usually a little more casual and laid back than this one, but with the



The meeting goal was to provide educational information related to alternative energy projects and to provide attendees with some of the environmental implications and impacts of these projects. The presentations and accompanying field trip was aimed at helping foresters better understand the impacts on the resource, site decision-making, for site development planning and the benefits to subsequent forest management.

Experts that addressed the various related

“wind’s of time” and the location, we believed that a unique opportunity existed to meet a technical need and demonstrate a positive outcome to the issue of alternative energy development on forest lands. Kudos to all that donated to the silent auction, and *THANKS* to all that participated. **Auction proceeds were donated to the SAF Science Fund.** Lastly I want to extend a special thank you to **Ken Jolly** who conducted our Prayer Breakfast on Friday morning. ❄️

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting\*  
**“Changing Forest’s Dimensions” (CFD)**

February 18-20, 2009

Ramada Conference Center in State College, PA

**Wednesday, February 18:**

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration; Reginald Forbes Art Contest Registration  
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Icebreaker Reception – Hors D’oeuvres

**Thursday, February 19:**

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration; Reginald Forbes Art Contest Registration  
9:00 am - 9:15 am Welcome & Introduction, Bob Merrill, Rothrock Chair  
9:15 am - 10:00 am Keynote Speaker: “ACF View on Changing For. Dimensions”  
Richard Carbonetti, ACF President Elect (tentative)

10:00 am - 10:30 am **BREAK**

10:30 am - 11:15 am “Landowner Perspectives,” PSU Study, Dr. Finley & Alex Metcalfe  
11:15 am - 12:00 pm “Tree Farm, Future Trends,” Bob Simpson, Senior VP Forestry Programs,  
American Tree Farm System

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **LUNCH**

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm “PGC Perspectives on Effects of Encroachments,” Dr. Ben Jones  
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm “Forest Fragmentation; Changes of Forest Dimensions,” Gene Odato, Chief  
DCNR Rural & Community Forestry Section

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm **BREAK**

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm “Gas Rush of PA,” Ted Borawski, DCNR Minerals Section  
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm “Small Dimension Wood Products,” Tom Weiland, Northeast Regional  
Manager of Glatfelter Pulpwood Co.

4:15 pm Student Quiz Bowl

6:00 pm Cash Bar Opens

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Awards Banquet Buffet, Speaker: Elliot Abrams, Sr. Vice President,  
AccuWeather, Inc.

**Friday, February 20:**

7:00 am - 8:00 am Chairman’s Breakfast, inspirational speaker – (Stephanie Gottschalk -  
tentative)

8:00 am - 8:30 am PA Division Meeting  
8:30 am - 9:00 am Allegheny SAF Business Meeting  
9:00 am - 9:45 am ”New Models for Aggregating Forest Landowners for Effective and  
Sustainable Cross-Boundary Management” – Dylan Jenkins,  
The Nature Conservancy

9:45 am - 10:15 am **BREAK & Silent Auction Ends**

10:15 am - 11:00 am “Forest Soil Change Effects in Light of Clean Air Act” Speaker -TBA  
11:00 am - 11:15 am Closing Comments: PA DCNR, Forestry Sr. Staff Representative  
11:15 am Announce Silent Auction Winners  
12:00 Noon Adjourn

\*Final program & Registration Information in the Winter 2008-09 *The Allegheny News* and by first Class mailing

## Conference on Renewable Energy and the Role of Forests and Forestry October 31-November 1, 2008 ~ Loews Annapolis Hotel Hosted by the Maryland Forests Association

The new economics of world energy supply are driving rapid growth and innovation in biomass related fuels. Those who work at the ground level in implementing society's framework for protecting the environment are positioned at the leading edge of the changes and challenges of this discussion. The Maryland Forests Association (MFA) has invited leaders in the bio and alternative energy fields to speak on this fast changing field and to address the practical ways one can become involved charting the future of this industry in the State.

Friday's keynote presentation, "**With Vision, There is Hope**" will feature award-winning activist **Bruce Vincent of Libby, MT**. Saturday's sessions begin with updates on **State and National Forestry issues** will be given by MD State Forester **Steve Koehn** and **Michael T. Goergen, Jr.** Executive VP and CEO of the Society of American Foresters (SAF).



Keynote speaker  
Bruce Vincent

Other sessions include:

**The Role of Forests in Biomass Energy Production**, with discussions on

- *Woody Waste as Fuel for Renewable Energy* by Bill Rodenberg, CEM Energy Management Strategies, Inc
- *Cellulosic Ethanol - Fact or Fiction* by Kirk Martin, Ascendant Partners
- *Wood Energy at Community Scale - The Leadership Roles for Foresters, Landowners and Logging Professionals* by John T. Karakash, Resource Professionals Group

**Renewable Energy Projects for Landowners** with discussion on

- *Wind Power Basics for Forest Landowners* by Patrick Doyle, Director of Development, Northeast Horizon Wind Energy
- *Financing Small Wind Projects* by Bruce Weaver, Business & Community Specialist, USDA Rural Development

The agenda has plenty of time built in to visit exhibits, for Q&A with the speakers, and networking with other attendees. The meeting has earned 4.5 Category 1 CFEs. **Pre-registration is required.** Full agenda, registration brochure, plus speaker and hotel details are on the MFA website at <http://mdforests.org/AM2008.htm> Payment can be made by check, VISA or MasterCard. Final deadline for registration is October 17th. Contact the MFA office for further information at 301-895-5369 or [mdforests@hereintown.net](mailto:mdforests@hereintown.net) 🌲

## WVSAF Judges National 4-H Forestry Invitational

From the Summer 2008 WVSAF Newsletter

On July 23, 2008, several members of West Virginia SAF served as judges and timers for the lumberjack competition at Jackson's Mill, as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> National 4H Forestry Invitational.

Rudy Williams, Mary Beth Adams, Barb McWhorter, Steve McAnarney, Vernon Stephens, Chris Cartwright, and WV Forestry students Chris Cassidy and Daniel Koener helped with the log roll, pulp toss, and cross-cut saw competitions. From the photo shown on the right, you can see that a good time was had by everyone! 🌲



# Handheld GPS Computer Workshops Offered

By Jonathon S. Kays, Extension Specialist –MDNRCooperative Extension

The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension is again offering a series of fall workshops for Beginner GPS Training to teach those interested in learning how to use GPS handheld receivers with a computer, with specific applications to forestry and logging uses. The workshop provides a Garmin GPS MAP76CSx unit for each participant to use, as well as a laptop computer. The daylong workshop uses classroom and field. The workshop will provide the basics of using a GPS receiver, as well as marking waypoints, creating routes, entering and finding coordinates, determining acreage of a site, incorporating coordinates into timber sale bids, locating roads, stream crossings, points of interest, downloading and uploading data to a computer, computer software options, and comparing different GPS handheld units. A second one-day workshop is being offered on the use of Terrain Navigator (TN) software. This software provides USGS topographic maps on a CD-ROM and allows the participant to create GPS waypoints, routes and tracks, and transfer them to a GPS unit or to download GPS information taken in the field. It then creates an individualized computer map of the area in which the artwork is being done. This is very useful for natural resource professionals and landowners as well.

Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the cost is \$55. Pre-registration is required. A GPS unit and laptop is provided. For more details, go to: <http://www.naturalresources.umd.edu/GPS.cfm#Training> or contact the following person at each facility below.

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**October 22** – Beginner GPS Training for Natural Resource Professionals

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**November 4** – Beginner GPS Training for Natural Resource Professionals

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# Ecological Forestry in the Central Appalachians

*A Workshop Incorporating Natural Models Into Silviculture*

**Graceland Inn and Conference Center  
Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV**

**October 22-23, 2008**

Ecological forestry uses silviculture and management techniques that mimic the ecological processes that have shaped our forests for thousands of years. Ecological forest management creates forest structures and functions that promote diverse and healthy forests across the landscape.

### **Workshop Objective**

To introduce core principles of natural disturbance and natural development-based silviculture, and matrix management paradigms, through classroom lecture, discussion, and field visits to innovative projects that implement these principles.

### **Registration Fee: \$190.00**

Includes workshop binder and CD, meeting room and facilities, transportation to and from field sites, and these meals: Wednesday breakfast, coffee break, lunch and dinner, and Thursday breakfast and box lunch.

### **Registration Information**

Please contact Sue Dimmick, WVU Division of Forestry and Natural Resources  
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*Detailed information can be found on the workshop website:*

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# 2008 Allegheny SAF Awards

By Howard Wurzbacher, Allegheny SAF Awards Chair

It's time to be thinking ahead to the Awards Banquet at the Allegheny winter meeting in State College, PA, in February 2009. As you know, the Allegheny Society has established two annual awards, the **Forester of the Year**, and the **Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry** award, to recognize those individuals from among our membership who have made outstanding contributions to forestry and the Society.

The purpose of the Forester of the Year award is to recognize current professional achievements in forestry and a specific accomplishment or achievement within 2008. The Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry award recognizes achievement in the forestry profession and service to SAF and local or regional community activities over a career time span. MD/DE Div. member Teri Batchelor received the Bauer award for 2007.

We all interact regularly with foresters who are deserving of our recognition for their professional commitment and performance. A request for nominations for Allegheny Awards will be forthcoming to Allegheny leadership late this fall. Please give consideration to professional peers who are deserving of our Society's awards, and forward their names to your appropriate Division

or Chapter Chairs for submission as nominees for one of the two annual Allegheny SAF awards.

Here is a brief review of how the award nomination and selection process works: nominations may be submitted by Division and Chapter Chairs until the deadline of December 15, 2008. Nominations are received by the Awards Chair and forwarded to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee consists of four members, one representative from each state Division in the Allegheny. To preserve the integrity of the awards peer review process, all members of the Awards Committee serve anonymously and individually; they conduct their ratings individually, not collectively; and no member of the Awards Committee knows who the other members of the Committee are. The Awards Committee members return their selections to the Awards Chair, who compiles the results of the Committee members' ratings, notifies the selected nominees, and co-presents the Awards with the Allegheny Chair at the Winter Meeting Awards Banquet.

Let's keep up the strong tradition we've developed by recognizing deserving colleagues through presentation of the annual Allegheny awards. ❁

## Western PA Tree Climbing School

Penn State Cooperative Extension and tree care industry leaders will host the "Western Pennsylvania Tree Climbing School" October 20 to 24, 2008 at the Devil's Elbow Grove in North Park, Allegheny County Park System. This five-day tree climbing school is designed to teach fundamentals of safe tree climbing and maintenance. Major emphasis will be placed on learning the skills required to climb and prune trees.

Experienced professionals from Penn State, ISA Penn Del Chapter and industry will present lectures and demonstrations, and participants will spend much time climbing to internalize the technical skills. Students completing this school will not be accomplished climbers; however, students will have a satisfactory basic understanding, knowledge, and the skills required in the field of tree maintenance and tree climbing.

Cost to attend is \$450. To register, or to find more information about the course, call Dr. Bill Elmendorf, Asst. Professor of Urban and Community Forestry, The Pennsylvania State University at 814-865-7541.

This seminar is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension and the International Society of Arboriculture - Penn Del Chapter. A total of 28 ISA Arborist CEUs will be awarded to Certified Arborists completing this course.

PSU encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing special accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Scott Sjolander at 814-333-7460, or email [sas305@psu.edu](mailto:sas305@psu.edu) in advance of your participation or visit. ❁

# Silviculture News

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Forest Science Coordinator

## Bioenergy demand and utilization of logging residue

In the central Appalachian region, the use of wood as a biofuel may be most practical and economical in community bioenergy programs. If woody biomass systems can replace plants currently using fossil fuels for heat and electricity production, then demand for low value timber and logging residues will increase. Creation of localized markets for low grade wood expands the silvicultural options available to forest landowners, especially regarding intermediate treatments such as thinnings. Pennsylvania is one of several states that recently developed guidelines for promoting sustainable harvesting of woody biomass.<sup>1</sup>

In a typical commercial sawlog harvest, logging residue, in the form of unwanted logs, limbwood and tops can be substantial depending on initial stand attributes, the intensity of harvest, and available markets for small diameter and low grade material. The ability to predict the potential availability of logging residue could greatly impact the timber appraisal process. A 1995 survey of logging residue from 101 harvests in West Virginia was used to develop equations based on data collected from residue at least 4 inches in diameter and at least 4 feet long. The harvests were randomly selected from timber notification forms and were stratified by region of the state. Ninety-seven percent of the harvests occurred on

private land. Comparison of pre- and post-harvest stand structures indicated that 80% of the harvests were a diameter limit cut,<sup>2</sup> and substantial volumes of logging residue were left on the ground. The equations derived from the study provide managers with an estimate of logging residue volume expected based on the amount of basal area to be removed and the average dbh of harvested trees (see Table 1, excerpted from Reference 3). Species-specific equations were also developed for red and white oaks and yellow-poplar.<sup>3</sup>

For example, a thinning is being conducted in a 60 acre hardwood stand, and 50 ft<sup>2</sup>/ac is the planned basal area removal with an average dbh of harvested trees equal to 10 inches. By referencing Table 1, approximately 370 ft<sup>3</sup>/ac is the expected amount of logging residue that would be available for biomass extraction. According to some BMP guidelines, 15-30% of harvestable biomass should be left as coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat. To simplify the math, assume that 23% is left for wildlife and the residue available per acre is reduced to 300 ft<sup>3</sup>/ac or a total of 18,000 ft<sup>3</sup> for the entire stand. Using the biomass conversion of 200 ft<sup>3</sup> = 2 green tons, the harvest residue could potentially produce 90 green tons or 3.6 loads for a standard chip van. Both skidding and hauling distances affect extraction and trucking costs. However, removal of residue during the harvest operation is the most cost effective.<sup>4</sup> Efficient

**Table 1.** Total volume (ft<sup>3</sup>/ac) of logging residue expected after timber harvest in West Virginia based on amount of basal area (ft<sup>2</sup>/ac) removed and average dbh of harvested trees.

Basal area cut	Average dbh of harvested trees						
	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
10	56.86	134.17	232.21	345.94	472.11	608.43	753.26
20	102.16	200.24	317.04	448.04	590.27	741.68	900.78
30	145.87	259.87	391.08	535.31	689.87	852.86	1022.91
40	188.74	316.18	459.52	614.92	779.87	952.62	1131.90
50	231.09	370.35	524.39	689.63	863.73	1045.08	1232.49
60	273.05	423.01	586.72	760.85	943.23	1132.35	1327.12
70	314.74	474.53	647.13	829.44	1019.43	1215.70	1417.23
80	356.19	525.14	706.02	895.94	1093.01	1295.94	1503.76

recovery of underutilized materials during harvesting is the key factor in determining the economic viability of logging residue utilization. ❁



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*(Note: Articles 2-4 are available from the West Virginia University, Appalachian Hardwood Center website: [www.ahc.caf.wvu.edu](http://www.ahc.caf.wvu.edu))*

**The next newsletter deadline is  
December 15, 2008**

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### October-November

30-1 MFA Annual Meeting "Renewable Energy and the Role of Forests and Forestry," at Loes Annapolis Hotel. See page 14, and for more details visit <http://mdforests.org/AM2008.htm>

### November

5-9 National SAF Convention in Reno, Nevada, "Forestry in a Climate of Change." Visit [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org)

### December

15 **Deadline for articles and photos for the Winter 2008-09 issue of *The Allegheny News***

### February 2009

18-20 ANSAF Winter Meeting at the Ramada Inn, State College, PA, featuring "Changing Forest's Dimensions." Hosted by Allegheny SAF Rothrock Chapter. See page 13 for more information.

25-27 "Emerging Issues in White-tailed Deer Management," Lafayette, IN Holiday Inn. Hosted by F&NR Extension. Contact Lenny Farlee, 765-494-2153 or [lfarlee@purdue.edu](mailto:lfarlee@purdue.edu)

### March

15 **Deadline for articles and photos for the Spring 2009 issue of *The Allegheny News***

### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Summer 2009: Northern Hardwoods Chapter  
Winter 2010: West Virginia Division

### Future SAF National Conventions

2009: Orlando, FL—Sept. 30-Oct. 4  
2010: Albuquerque, NM—Oct. 25-28

Your editors cannot attend the SAF National Convention in Reno, and would appreciate receiving appropriate photos taken at the event for the next issue of *The Allegheny News*. Photos of members in social situations, receiving awards, field trips, and especially student chapters in the Quiz Bowl competition would be greatly appreciated. Please send JPGs to Jack Wineski at [ansaf@verizon.net](mailto:ansaf@verizon.net)

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