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## Chair's Corner

*Mike Kusko*



I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and will have a safe and enjoyable 2015. For me, 2014 flew by. One of the highlights was having the opportunity to attend the National Convention in Salt Lake City. I had not attended a national convention for quite a few years. This year's convention was held jointly with that of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations. Over 3,600 foresters and forestry professionals invaded the Salt Palace!

I represented the Allegheny SAF at the House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting on the first day of the convention. Some of the key issues discussed included: 1) increasing SAF membership; 2) improving communications within SAF; 3) lack of public-sector employee support for SAF member involvement and 4) the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Referendum. Kurt Gottschalk, Chair of the Forest Policy, Forest Science and Technology Board, gave a presentation on the responsibilities and status of the Board. Matt Menashes, CEO, reported that SAF is financially healthy. Matt indicated that SAF will receive approximately 15 million dollars from the sale of a portion of the property at the National Office.

By now, you should have received registration materials for our upcoming winter meeting on February 18-20, 2015. It will be hosted by the Pinchot Chapter at the Holiday Inn, Wilkes-Barre East Mountain, Wilkes-Barre, PA. This promises to be a very informative and interesting meeting. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

I have one final note. Currently, the Chair of our Auditing Committee is vacant. A yearly audit of our financials is required. The audit needs to be done early each year and does not involve that much time and effort. It is, however, a critical function. Please consider stepping up and volunteering for this position. Please contact me if you are interested.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you next month in Wilkes-Barre.

## District VII Board of Directors Report

*Kim Steiner*



Following membership's approval of the new SAF Bylaws, Council is now the SAF Board of Directors, and our Executive Vice President (Matt Menashes) is now the Chief Executive Officer. We may still use "Council" as the traditional name, but I think the term "Board" will be used more and more often.

Our final meeting of the year was held Dec. 5-7 in Bethesda. The big news from that meeting is that the sale of excess property at Wild Acres is finalized and the proceeds are "in the bank" as I write. It's important to emphasize that nothing about SAF operations will change, because we still own the mansion where our headquarters are located. After various fees and reimbursements, SAF will have an estimated \$15,340,000 in net equity at

the end of the year. The sale of the property also ends a sometimes contentious legal relationship with the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation, one that has been in place since the original purchase of the property.

It was 40 years ago that SAF completed a campaign to match a then-anonymous donation toward a “new” headquarters at the old Grosvenor estate, Wild Acres. A final tally of \$913 thousand (including the pledge from benefactor Tom Gill) was announced in the January 1975 issue of the *Journal of Forestry*. I recall this campaign well because my wife and I had made a small contribution out of our meagre income. I know of other donors who are still among the active members of SAF. As I see it, proceeds from the recent sale represent profit on those investments by members four decades ago. The Board and Matt are working to develop a Reserve Policy to govern the use of those funds under flexible yet prudent guidelines with the goal of preserving the present value of our assets (after inflation). A draft of that policy was presented and discussed during our meeting.

Matt has hit the ground running as our new CEO. He is examining staff responsibilities and member service programs carefully and charting plans for the future. Some of our programs are not profitable, and some are only marginally profitable. Profitability is not the only measure of a “good” program, and in some cases not the most important measure, but profitability must be examined as we work toward financial stability.

President Dave Walters and Matt have reached out to other organizational leaders during the past several months to explore potential areas of cooperation for mutual benefit. On the second day of our meetings we were visited by several of these people – Mary Wagner (Associate Chief, USDA Forest Service), Tom Martin (CEO, American Forest Foundation), Lynn Wilson (Executive Director, Association of Consulting Foresters), and Scott Steen (CEO, American Forests) – and each spoke at some length about his or her organization vis-à-vis ours. There will be similar organizational representatives invited to future Board meetings.

In other business, the report of the Membership and Credentialing Task Force was received and “accepted” (meaning the task force’s work is done) and the Task Force members thanked for their efforts. One recommendation of the Task Force, a revision of our mission statement, was approved by the membership in this fall’s referendum. Another, to hire a membership services director, was acted upon with the hiring of Corey Ruple, who will start in that position on December 15th. No action was taken in December on the remaining recommendations of the Task Force. These will be matters for discussion at future Board meetings.

The Board passed a balanced budget for 2015. There will be no dues increase this year, but the Board is considering implementing small, annual, inflation-adjusted increases in future years. We approved a measure to increase the annual distribution from the Foresters’ Fund from \$30,000 to \$60,000, an overdue adjustment that simply brings the distribution policy in line with the size of the endowment. The Board approved a fee increase for associate degree program accreditation to make their fee structure the same as that of baccalaureate programs.

The Board engaged in a brief discussion about recent actions of the Certification Review Board (CRB) regarding a pathway for technician members to attain the Certified Forester (CF)

credential. There will be further news about this topic at a future date. On the suggestion of Dave Lewis (Florida SAF), the Board has directed Matt to work with the CRB toward implementing implement a pilot program in which the CF exam would be offered to graduating seniors in accredited baccalaureate programs. The idea is that students who successfully pass the exam could be awarded a Conditional Certified Forester status (there is an experience requirement for full CF status).

Bob Alverts (Oregon SAF) will be SAF's new president in January. Bob's energy, enthusiasm for SAF, and broad perspective on the profession will serve us well. He has outlined the following eight major priorities for the coming year:

- 1) Being responsive to member needs and delivering key, relevant services (learning opportunities, forums for communications, an effective website)
- 2) Retaining current members and recruiting new ones, particularly younger members
- 3) Continuing our strong policy, education, and science programs
- 4) Growing relationships and partnerships with allied professional societies and related organizations
- 5) Generating new sources of revenue to expand SAF's financial health and stability
- 6) Continuing to examine SAF's governance structure and developing a new SAF Board Policy and Governance manual
- 7) Preparing for and delivering a strong national convention in Baton Rouge and state society meetings
- 8) Identifying and preparing future SAF leaders. We want to play the rookies!

The December meeting was my last as District VII representative, and Kurt Gottschalk will take over that responsibility next year. He is at present a non-voting member of Council in his capacity as chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board, so he will transition into this new role very easily, and I know he will do an exemplary job. Although it has been a lot of work at times, I have very much enjoyed rolling up my sleeves alongside our dedicated national office staff and the great folks representing other voting districts. Thank you all very much for giving me this opportunity to serve!



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## ***Save the Dates***

***West Virginia SAF***

***Winter Meeting***

***March 11-12, 2015***

***Flatwoods, West Virginia***

***Pennsylvania***

***Private Forest Landowners***

***Conference***

***March 20-21, 2015***

***Altoona, Pennsylvania***

***Roach Bauer Forum***

***April 9, 2015***

***Kane, Pennsylvania***

***Allegheny SAF***

***Summer Meeting***

***September 16-18, 2015***

***Lake Raystown, Pennsylvania***

***SAF National Convention***

***November 3-7, 2015***

***Baton Rouge, Louisiana***

***Allegheny SAF***

***Winter Meeting***

***February 17-19, 2016***

***Baltimore, MD***



## Maryland –Delaware Division Hold Fall Meeting

The Maryland/Delaware Division held its Fall Meeting at the North Point State Park Visitors Center on November 13<sup>th</sup>. 4 Category 1 SAF and several ISA credits were available, and the meeting was well attended with 50 people, both members and non-members.

Everyone was pleased to hear our excellent line-up of speakers that addressed topics involving Navigating Rare Species Concerns and Timber Market Trends. Our keynote speakers were Matt Menashes, SAF CEO, and Danielle Watson, SAF Assistant Director of Policy. In addition to answering several questions from attendees, Mr. Menashes addressed the future of SAF, member retention, and mentorship. Ms. Watson discussed Northern Long-Eared Bat and the potential to impact forest harvesting in the Northeastern US.

Speakers discussed timber markets and trends, and included Scott Kurtzman from the Glatfelter Wood Division, Noreen Davis, a consultant forester on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Alberto Goetzl from the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Jonathan McKnight and Scott Smith with the Maryland DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service discussed positive aspects of greater cooperation between foresters and wildlife biologists, and characteristics and identification of vernal pools, and importance of their retention. Check out the presentations on the MD/DE webpage: <http://www.alleghenysaf.org/mddesaf.htm>.

Jonathan Kays was presented with a plaque honoring his acceptance as a SAF Fellow (photo below). Other awards, including service pins, will be presented at the MD/DE Spring meeting.

Planning has begun for the Spring meeting, to be hosted in Western Maryland in late May and planning has also begun for the 2016 Allegheny Winter Meeting to be held at the North Baltimore Plaza Hotel, February 17-19, 2016. The theme and additional details will be announced at the 2015 Winter Meeting.



*Jonathan Kays and Matt Menashes, SAF CEO*



*Matt Menashes*

## Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters Hold Joint Summer Meeting

The Allegheny Society of American Foresters, Plateau and Northern Hardwood Chapters held a Joint Summer Meeting in Marienville, PA the afternoon and evening of August 26, 2014. The Chapters met at the USDA Forest Service Marienville Ranger District office in Marienville at 1:00 and spent the afternoon on a field tour with stops on the Allegheny National Forest and Collins Pine properties.

The two main themes were silvicultural practices on both public and private lands and invasive species with an emphasis on Common Buckthorn and Japanese Knotweed. Silviculturalist Jerry Jordan, and Ecologist April Moore were the presenters for the USDA Forest Service and Ned Karger and Dave Trimpey were the presenters for the Collins Pine Company. Following the excellent field tour, a picnic style dinner and brief business meeting were held at the Forest Ridge Campground pavilion a few miles east of Marienville.



*Jerry Jordan presenting Allegheny NF silviculture to group.*



*April Moore discussing invasive species*



*Ned Karger presents Collins Pine Company's forest management approach at field stops.*



## SAF Continues to Engage on Bat Listing

By Steven W. Kalleser, CF Vice Chair of the NJ Division Allegheny SAF

Allegheny SAF, New England SAF, New York SAF, and staff from the National SAF office continued to engage the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) on the proposed listing of northern long-eared bat (NLEB) under the Endangered Species Act. Depending on the details of the listing, restrictions related to NLEB protections could have dramatic and far-reaching impacts to forests and their proper stewardship across 32 states.

On December 3, 2014, SAF's Assistant Director of Policy Danielle Watson participated in the R. A. Skok Policy Analysis Seminar Series at the University of Minnesota. The topic for the seminar was "Northern Long-Eared Bats & Forest Management: Lessons Learned Since the Spotted Owl." Also participating on the four-person panel was Tony Sullins (the lead staff member for USFWS' proposed listing of NLEB), the Minnesota State Forester, and another person from USFWS' Midwest region office. Ms. Watson also serves as SAF's representative on a USFWS stakeholder group addressing white-nose syndrome.

"SAF is in a unique position to connect foresters with important decision makers across the country. Through encouraging and increasing this engagement," Ms. Watson says, "SAF can make important contributions to the dialogue concerning endangered and threatened species and share how foresters and sustainable forest management can be an asset to species management and recovery."

On December 12, representatives of Allegheny SAF, New England SAF, and New York SAF met with key personnel of the US Fish & Wildlife Service's northeast region office in Hadley, Massachusetts. The meeting was originally organized as a discussion of forestry practices in the mid-Atlantic and northeast in advance of the anticipated listing of the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) under the Endangered Species Act.

What started as a friendly discussion of sustainable forest management soon evolved into a broad discussion about NLEB, its habitat requirements, the dynamic nature of the region's forests and the role of disturbance, and how forestry can (and does) positively impact NLEB habitat. Participating in the meeting were James Harding (chair of New England SAF), Steven Kalleser (representing Allegheny SAF), and Todd Baldwin (via conference call representing New York SAF). The participants described the meeting as productive and worthwhile, bringing forth perspectives from academia and private and public foresters' perspectives.

*"Discussions with our fellow conservation professionals at [USFWS] helped not only convey the importance of forest harvesting as a tool for achieving both sustainable management and ecological objectives," said Todd Baldwin of New York SAF, "but also understand how we may all find solutions to the challenge of protecting [NLEB] while continuing to conduct good forestry."*

On December 18, the same three SAF units submitted additional comments to USFWS regarding NLEB, following a reopening of a public comment period. The same group submitted comments in August (see the October 2014 edition of The Forestry Source). The newest set of comments (1) requested that USFWS consider certain state forestland property tax abatement programs that require or promote sustainable forest management as conservation efforts to reduce habitat

destruction, modification, or curtailment of the range of NLEB, (2) provided examples of sustainable forest management in the region and resulting or anticipated impacts on various NLEB habitats over a ten-year period, and (3) addressed the issue of incidental take in regards to sustainable forest management. Those comments can be read at [https://njforests.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/jointNLEBcomments\\_2\\_with\\_maps.pdf](https://njforests.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/jointNLEBcomments_2_with_maps.pdf). A final rule listing NLEB is expected in early April 2015.

“Our profession is built on thoughtful, scientifically-informed decision-making,” Dr. Harding said. “It is encouraging to know that we have been able to serve our members in ways that not only promote sound forest management but add value and expertise to the dialogue aimed at protecting a species under threat.”

## *Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund*

In honor of his many contributions to forestry, the Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund was established to provide funding for a series of annual educational workshops on timber taxes, estate planning, conservation easements and other financial topics for landowners and professionals. The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the National Woodland Owners Association and the Allegheny Society of American Foresters are joining together to raise funds that would support the presentation of these workshops.



Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in the next two years with the long term goal of establishing a permanent fund. If you would like to donate, please make your contribution check out to **PFA** and note “Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund” on the memo or subject line. Donations may be sent to:

**The Lloyd Casey Memorial Fund  
c/o Pennsylvania Forestry Association  
PO Box 1278  
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***The Fund has now raised over \$5,400! Help us reach the \$20,000 goal.***

# Pinchot Chapter to Host Allegheny SAF ~ 2015 Winter Meeting Wilkes-Barre, PA      February 18–20, 2015

The Pinchot Chapter of the Society of American Foresters will host the Allegheny Society of American Foresters - 2015 Winter Meeting on February 18–20, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Wilkes-Barre East Mountain in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Program Committee has compiled an impressive agenda of topics and speakers relating to the theme ***Private Land and Community Forestry – A 21st Century Challenge***. The speakers will provide timely information on issues critical to all areas of the forestry profession and reflecting a program focus of knowledge, skills and resources required by foresters to be successful in the future. Continuing education credits (pesticide credits and SAF credits) will be available where appropriate. Registration and Exhibitor forms are available at [www.alleghenysaf.org](http://www.alleghenysaf.org).

## **Program Schedule**

### Wednesday, February 18, 2015

12:00 PM	Registration Desk Open, Art Contest, Exhibitors, and Silent Auction setup
1:00 – 4:00PM	Pesticide Certification/training Dave Jackson- PSU Ext., Centre Co., Todd Hagenbuch, Arborchem Products, and Brandon Dunlap, Dow Agro Sciences
3:00 – 6:00PM	Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 – 9:00PM	Ice Breaker / Welcome/ Social Reception

### Thursday, February 19, 2015

7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration Desk Open, Art Contest, Exhibitors, and Silent Auction areas open
9:15 – 9:30AM	Welcome / Introductory Comments - Todd Hagenbuch
9:30 – 10:00AM	Keynote Address - Dr. Jim Finley, Penn State University
10:00 – 10:30AM	Morning Break
10:30 – 11:15AM	Ecological Services That Trees and Forests Provide Communities – Vincent Cotrone, PSU Ext.
11:15AM – 12:00PM	Wildlife Habitat in Forested Landscapes - Richard Fritsky (PaGC)
12:00 – 1:00PM	Lunch (included in registration)
1:00 – 3:00PM	Panel Discussion: Challenges in Private Forestry - State Foresters
3:00 – 3:15PM	Afternoon Break
3:15 – 4:00PM	Discussion and Questions – Continue with State Foresters Panel
4:30 – 6:00PM	College Quiz Bowl
6:00 – 7:00PM	Cocktail Reception
7:00 – 10:00PM	Banquet Dinner, Speaker - Jim Brozena, Past Exec. Dir. Luzerne Co. Flood Protection Authority

### Friday, February 20, 2015

7:00 – 8:00	Chair's Breakfast (registration required) – Speaker: William desRosiers, Cabot Oil and Gas Corp.
8:15 – 8:45 AM	State/Chapter Business Meetings
8:45 - 9:30 AM	Allegheny Society Business Meeting
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Morning Break
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Insect and Disease Update – Mark Whitmore, Cornell University
10:15 – 11:00AM	Working Woodlands, Josh Parrish, The Nature Conservancy and Steve Repatsch, Bethlehem Authority Director
11:00 – 11:30AM	Common Waters Partnership – Stephanie Pendergrass Dalke, Pinchot Institute for Conservation
11:30AM – 12:00PM	Helping Woodland adapt to changing climate- Jonathan S. Kays -UM Extension
12:00PM	Thank you and send off... Closing Remarks and Silent Auction pick up

We invite you to be a partner with us in this event. We hope you will consider an Exhibit, a Sponsorship and/or a donation to the Silent Auction. Contact Robert Remillard at 585-764-8611, email: [remrdr@aol.com](mailto:remrdr@aol.com) or Todd Hagenbuch at 570-401-7098 or email: [thagenbuch@arborchem.com](mailto:thagenbuch@arborchem.com). for an Exhibitor/Sponsor/Silent Auction form. Options have been designed to assist you in finding the right level for your budget and your time.

Exhibitor set-up begins the afternoon of February 18, 2015 and runs to the afternoon of February 20, 2015. The sponsorship program has been designed to provide a wide range of options for you to consider. Your support will be appreciated. Benefits include recognition during the general sessions, awards banquet and in the conference program. We are looking forward to seeing you in Wilkes-Barre in February.

# Upcoming Events

## West Virginia SAF

The Winter Meeting will be held March 11-12 at the Days Hotel and Conference Center in Flatwoods, WV. The main topic is the logger side of forestry.

## Roach Bauer Forestry Forum

Thursday April 9, 2015 Kane Country Club Kane, PA Social Hour 5:30 / Dinner 6:30

Speaker: Bryan Rice, Director of Forest Management, National Forest System, USDA Forest Service

For more information, contact Ned Karger: [nkarger@collinsco.com](mailto:nkarger@collinsco.com) 814-837-0121.

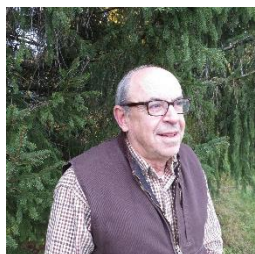
## Pennsylvania Private Forest Landowners Conference

March 20-21 Blair County Convention Center, Altoona, PA

For more information, contact Sara Banker: [seb38@psu.edu](mailto:seb38@psu.edu) 814-360-3131

## The Pennsylvania Private Forest Landowners Conference Becoming a Master

*By Bob Slagter, Pennsylvania Forest Steward*



As you walk through your woods any time of year, your eyes seek familiar places and objects. That large cherry growing in with the hemlocks, that grove of maples or quaking aspen, that gaggle of white oaks that never seem to have enough acorns, all become “go to” areas. But often you are distracted by trees and bushes and even flowers you never noticed before or trees that were healthy looking last time that now look different. That ash tree is showing signs of emerald ash borer; it will soon be gone. Should I try to salvage the others that are still viable? Oh yeah, and are they green or white ash? And do I let the dead one stand or cut it?

When I have these and hundreds of other questions while walking my woods, I think of my friends who are Pennsylvania Forest Stewards (PAFS), or of mentors at the Center for Private Forests at Penn State, or of my service forester with the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry. They know so much and teach so well, I know they could help, and indeed they already have. You see, I attended the first ever Private Forest Landowners Conference in Altoona in March 2013 and it changed how I look at my woods. And now I'm excited [or I'm already excited] about attending the next one on March 20-21, 2015 to see how I can further expand my knowledge and my vision.

If you were one of the 500 of my closest woodland friends attending the 2013 conference, you had the opportunity to participate in, count them, ninety-nine concurrent sessions on such diverse topics as: forest ecology, regenerating trees naturally, tree planting, your back woods garden, backyard habitat triage, young forest habitat, creating a gift legacy, wildflowers and rare plants, stream health, and dozens more...

You saw demonstrations and interacted with experts from all over the state as well as with other concerned woodland owners. You talked with nationally known authors like Curt Meine and Doug Tallamy; in essence, you got a mini-master's degree on your land in two days. The conference was billed as the first of its kind in the state and that it was. Never before did we woodlanders have such an intense and fun learning experience. From the opening through the keynotes through the workshops through the lectures and the demonstrations, the opportunity to be introduced to unprecedented learning was right in front of you constantly.

But I couldn't get enough in just two days, so thanks to the people at The Center for Private Forests at Penn State, I will get another chance to increase my "Master's Training" March 20 and 21, 2015. This one will be bigger and better than the first with ninety-nine presentations (including those above) on resources for landowners, monarch decline and conservation methods for at risk ecosystems, on managing your forest for biodiversity, managing for resilience in the face of change, processing your own lumber, managing your pond or lake, technology and useful apps, firewood cutting and small woodlot management, summer and winter tree ID, forest pests and their friendly counterparts, forestry for the birds, trail cameras, family communications for legacy planning, financing your woodland purchase, and literally dozens of other topics; and seven different possible field tour experiences.

The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Jim Finley, Director, The Center for Private Forests, Ibberson Professor of Forest Management, and state Extension Forester, Penn State Department of Ecosystem Science and Management. Also speaking are Dr. Richard Alley, Penn State professor, environmental scientist, PBS host, book author, polar ice expert, bicycle enthusiast, geologist, Nobel Prize winner, Johnny Cash impersonator, and former oil company employee; and Chuck Fergus, naturalist and author of "The Trees of Pennsylvania and the Northeast" and "The Comings, Goings, and Outdoor Doings of a Naturalist"; and hopefully 1000 fellow woodland owners to learn with and from.

So, do yourself a favor, lock the dates into your schedule NOW and register on line at <http://ecosystems.psu.edu/private-forest-conference>. Your Master's Degree in your property awaits.



# In Memoriam

## Eric Horn



Eric Horn, 51, died August 31. He was born on Feb. 24, 1963, in Smethport, the son of Keith and Phyllis Siegel Horn. Mr. Horn was avid football player and fan. He succeeded in making Big 30 both his junior and senior year playing for Kane High School. Later, he became a loyal Green Bay Packers fan.

Eric attended Penn State-Mont Alto and the Pennsylvania College of Technology. After graduation, he was employed by and eventually became part-owner of Keith Horn, Inc. Consulting Foresters. Eric worked as a forester most of his life. He joined SAF in 1988 and was also a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.

## James Stiehler

James F. (Jim) Stiehler, 61, of Petersburg, passed away at his home on December 31, 2014. James was born on August 13, 1953, in Pittsburgh. He was the son of John Stiehler and Caroline (Rihn) Stiehler of Allison Park. On January 26, 1980, he was united in marriage to Janet (Boonie) Stiehler. He graduated from Hampton High School in 1971 and from Penn State University in 1975 with a degree in Forest Science.

Jim was employed by the Bureau of State Parks for seven years and then retired in 2010 from the Bureau of Forestry with 28 years of service. He was a Boy Scout Leader, 4-H project leader, an active member of the PA Forestry Association and the Society of American Foresters.

Jim was also an active member of the McAlevy's Fort Presbyterian Church. He was a great prayer warrior, a devoted husband, dad and pappy, he loved life and people, especially children. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, camping, boating, wildlife, and doing things for others. In addition to his wife, James is survived by his children, David Stiehler and wife Melissa of Jacksonville, N.C., and Renne Berg and husband Ben of Huntingdon; grandchildren, Ian Stiehler and John Stiehler; brothers, John Stiehler and wife Debbie of Greer, S.C., Jay Stiehler and wife Sherry of Summerville, S.C., and Jeffrey Stiehler and wife Linda of Springdale. He was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Stiehler. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to: Pennsylvania Forestry Association, 116 Pine Street, 5th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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## Coming Events

### February, 2015

**18-20** Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting  
Wilkes-Barre, PA

### March, 2015

**11-12** WV SAF Meeting

**15** Deadline for Spring Issue of the  
*Allegheny News*.

**20-21** PA Private Forest Landowners  
Conference

### April, 2015

**9** Roach-Bauer Forum  
Kane, PA

### June, 2015

**15** Deadline for Summer Issue of the  
*Allegheny News*

### September, 2015

**15** Deadline for Fall Issue of the  
*Allegheny News*

**16-18** Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting  
Lake Raystown, PA

### November, 2015

**3-7** SAF National Convention  
Baton Rouge, LA

### February, 2016

**17-19** Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting  
Baltimore, MD

### Future SAF National Conventions

**2016:** Madison, WI

**2017:** Louisville, KY

**2018:** Portland, OR

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