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Mike Kusko (l) presenting Steve Kallessen with SAF House of Society Delegates National Recognition Award for his leadership on long-eared bat listing issues. Photo by Charles Newlon.

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Chair's Corner

Steven W. Koehn



I was going to open this note by hailing the arrival of spring given the bud break of the red maples and the emergence of many of our mid-Atlantic annuals, and then it snowed yesterday. Who would have thought that we would see measurable snowfall **AFTER** the cherry blossoms had bloomed along the Potomac River tidal basin – but then again, that's spring! Kinda like Forrest Gump's box of chocolates, you never know what you are gonna get.

Before I go much further, for those who could not attend the Winter gathering hosted by the Maryland/Delaware Division, you missed a really powerful meeting focusing on traditional and urban forestry at the cross roads. My thanks to Brian Seipp and his crew for a well-run and informative meeting as evidenced by its large attendance and lively discussions. I also want to thank Mike Kusko and Susan Lacy as well as the rest of the ANSAF Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication leading up to the passing of the

Wye Oak gavel this February. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee, Executive Director and the rest of the Chapter Chairs over the next two years to advance the profession of forestry in our five state area.

Finally Getting Some Well Deserved Recognition

These are exciting times for those of us who are blessed to make our living around trees and forests. The importance of well managed trees and forests are finally being acknowledged in public discourse. A healthy green infrastructure which includes trees and forests is viewed as a low-cost solution to many of our most pressing environmental concerns. The tremendous recovery of our Mid-Atlantic forests since the early 1900's is specifically *because* of sound professional management, not in spite of it as some would suggest. While we have more acres in trees than we did 100 years ago, and vastly more growing stock, we are decidedly not out of the woods yet.

Threats to Our Mid-Atlantic Forests

Given the diversity of the geography and demographics of the region we work in, our trees and forests are subject to any number of threats which constantly challenge natural resource professionals to try and influence an ever changing landscape. Change in land-use to non-forest uses; lack of markets and utilization infrastructure; insects, diseases and invasive species; and inter-generational land transfers are all just a few examples of the many issues and challenges we foresters are grappling with on a daily basis in order to deliver on Pinchot's promise of the "greatest good".

Relevance to Natural Resource Policy

When I was a kid and trying to earn a little pocket change, my Dad always used to say, "Figure out what they are buying and *sell* it to them!" The problem is, what folks are buying is often dependent on where they are and what they want. Right now the things that are the subject of public discourse, depending on what part of the country you are in are: fire – life and property, CO₂ – adaptation and sequestration, water – health and restoration, forest health – resiliency and recovery, and communities – urban (livable neighbors) and rural (wealth and vitality). The good news? Healthy and sustainably managed trees and forests are the solution!

We Need New Approaches

While the National Woodland Owner Survey will tell you that landowners still highly value a one-on-one relationship with a forester who has personal knowledge about their property, this model for reaching previously unengaged landowners does not allow us to move beyond random acts of conservation. To my way of thinking,

we need to do three things in order to move the needle and make a more compelling case for well managed trees and forests. First, we need to increase our capacity on the ground by expanding the partner base and attracting others to our work. Second, we need to broaden our reach by increasing the pace and scale of our work at the landscape level. And finally, we need to connect and engage with stakeholders where they are by listening and giving voice to their frustrations in order to get beyond them and collectively engage in the work.

Leadership Commitment

Over the next two years, I am committed to working with the ANSAF leadership and its Executive Director to do the following:

- Develop a ANSAF Strategic Plan that will lay out a vision and direction for the membership and provide a basis for standing committee work plans,
- Improve student engagement, retention and diversity,
- Increase award nominations and member recognition
- Pursue leadership development and training with the national office and other SAF chapters, and
- Encourage employers to support employee membership and participation in professional societies like SAF.

A Parting Thought: The “Big Why”

After being in the business for over 30 years, I’ve discovered a little known fact: people don’t care what you do, they care why you do it. When I first starting working on my “elevator speech” to answer the question about what I do for a living, I needed a very tall building to deliver it. How we contribute to the profession of forestry varies in many different ways, but I would suggest that why we do what we do is threefold. As foresters, we ensure healthy and resilient forests, we feel called to the work of caring for creation, and thus we do it for each other.

Semper Fi! Your Humble Woodcutter,
SWK

Farewell Column as Allegheny Chair

Mike Kusko, Immediate Past Chair



I hope your holiday was a wonderful and memorable one. Our warm December seemed to take something away from the hunting season, as well as from the holiday celebrations. I suppose the white stuff will be here soon enough (like maybe in time for our winter meeting)!

I attended the House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting at the National Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. What traditionally was a one-day meeting became a high-powered day and a half affair this year. Major topics discussed were membership and effective recruitment, communications and the future of forestry, leadership development, and employer support for SAF involvement. Several initiatives were put forth to address these issues. At the

HSD meeting, SAF units are recognized for their efforts in the areas of communications, leadership development, and cultural diversity. An award is presented for a “success story” in each of these categories. The Communications Award was presented to the Allegheny, New York, and New England Societies for their coordinated effort in engaging the USFWS concerning the history of the Northern Long-Eared Bat. This considerable effort helped strengthen a professional line of communication between SAF and USFWS and impacted the decision to list the NLEB as Threatened rather than Endangered.

The Convention, as always, affords one an opportunity to share ideas and discuss issues with foresters from across the country. It is always interesting to learn what's going on far from your region. This was my first trip to that part of the country (other than two trips to two Sugar Bowls to cheer on PSU – they went 0-2!). I soon discovered that “bayou” foresters have their own unique set of challenges, yet some of the same as we have here.

This is my last submission to the Chair's Corner, as I turn the reins over to the capable hands of Steve Koehn. I know you will afford Steve the same support and encouragement that you have shown me over the past two years. It has been a privilege to serve as your Chair. It has given me an insight into SAF that I would not otherwise have experienced. I am encouraged at what is going on with SAF at the national level. The initiatives being put forth are on point to deal with the complex challenges/opportunities facing the forestry profession. Likewise, I believe we here in the Allegheny are making progress in meeting our challenges. I strongly believe the future of ANSAF is a bright one. Please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for the support and guidance you have shown. I look forward to serving as your Past Chair for two more years. Take care and have a safe and productive 2016.

Allegheny Society Winter Meeting

Timonium, Maryland – Radisson North Baltimore

February 17-19, 2016

The 2016 Winter Meeting, hosted by the Maryland/Delaware Division, opened on Wednesday, February 17th with a well-attended, optional bus tour of the Port of Baltimore, and the Forest Products Terminal there. Participants learned that Baltimore is #1 among US ports for imports and exports of autos, farm, and construction machinery, and imports of sugar and aluminum. The Forest Products Terminal, operated by BalTerm, is #1 for forest products imports in the nation.

The Executive Committee Meeting followed the bus tour, and the traditional Icebreaker Reception was well attended, in the hotels spacious atrium. The session on Thursday opened with a welcome from Bryan Seipp, Maryland/Delaware Division Chair. Steve Koehn, incoming Allegheny SAF Chair and Director of Cooperative Forestry at the USDA Forest Service in Washington DC, presented the keynote address, which focused on cooperative forestry, and the meetings theme of reaching a crossroads of traditional and urban forestry.

Morning speakers featured a presentation by Tom Martin (*left*), American Forest Foundation President on forest policy and issues and a presentation by Phillip Rodbell, with the USDA Forest Service, on Community Resilience through Forestry. The morning concluded with a state representative panel, with state updates by Donald VanHassent (*middle*), Maryland State Forester, Kyle Hoyd, with the Delaware Forest Service, and Jason Albright (*right*), Pennsylvania Assistant State Forester. (*All photos by Charlie Newlon*)



Following Lunch, the meeting continued with two break-out sessions, with presentations which participants could select from; one an Urban Forestry, and the other with more traditional forestry topics. The urban forestry side heard presentations from Danny Davis, on Utility Forestry, Marlo Atkinson presented on the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition. Bryan Seipp talked about “Stormwater Forestry”, and Brian Knox spoke on recovering and utilizing wood that would usually be considered waste. The “traditional” forestry side had presentations from Eric Sprague, on landscape scale forest management; Intergenerational Land Transfer by Craig Highfield; Northern Long-eared Bat updates from SAF National staffer Danielle Watson; and forest health issues by Rick Turcotte. All of these presentations, and more are available on the Allegheny SAF website.



The annual college Quiz Bowl completed the afternoon session. Teams from Penn State University Park, Penn State-Mont Alto, and Allegany College of Maryland competed to correctly answer the most forestry questions. The winning Penn State University Park team is pictured (photo by Charlie Newlon). Proceeds from the silent auction were awarded to the winning team, to support student attendance of the SAF National Convention and for SAF student recruitment activities. This year the team from Penn State-University

Park took home the trophy. Thanks to the generosity of SAF members, nearly \$600 was raised to cover the costs of all the students in attendance—well done!

Later that evening, following the banquet and awards ceremony, the new (and continuing) Allegheny Society officers were sworn-in, and an excellent presentation on the woods used for guitar manufacturing was delivered by Paul Reed Smith (PRS) Guitars president, Jack Higginbotham.



Allegheny SAF 2016-2017 Executive Committee being sworn in by Board of Directors Representative Rachel Reyna (*far right*). (*l. to r.*) Kip Powers – Maryland; Brad Elison, Pennsylvania; Steve Resh – Treasurer; Mike Kusko – Immediate Past Chair; Steve Koehn – Chair; Dennis Galway – Vice Chair; and Su Ann Shupp – Secretary. Karen Sykes – West Virginia and Richard Lewis – Pennsylvania (*not pictured*).

Friday morning began with the Chair’s Inspirational Breakfast, with a presentation by local brewery operator Hugh Sisson, and the uses of wood for beer making. Samples were generously provided by Hugh, and enthusiastically (yet responsibly) consumed.

State society meetings were briefly held in the corners of the main meeting room, followed by the Allegheny SAF business meeting, and much seemed to be accomplished. Friday morning presentations focused on forest product exports, the pellet export market, and forest inventory software, with presentations by Al Goetzl, Kent Jenkins, and Max Nova.

Some highlights of the meeting were; the incredible attendance, with over 140 members, non-members, students, speakers, and guests; the many positive comments received about offering break-out sessions; and the excellent beer provided by RAR Brewery of Cambridge, MD for the hospitality suite. Most of the port tour attendees felt it was excellent and educational, offering a look at things seldom seen.

Once again, the MD/DE SAF Executive Committee would like to thank Jack Perdue, Jack Higginbotham, Hugh Sisson, Susan Lacy, all of the speakers, student sponsors, and those who stepped-up at the right time! We also thank sponsors Parker Forestry Service, Inc., The Maryland Tree Farm Committee, Arborchem Products, and RAR Brewery.

Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting

February 17, 2016

Minutes

Attendees:

Dennis Galway	Susan Lacy	Rachel Reyna
Dave Jackson	Richard Lewis	Dick Schwab
Steve Kalleser	Bob Merrill	Roy Seifert
Jonathan Kays	Jack Perdue	Su Ann Shupp
Steve Koehn	Kip Powers	Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy
Michael Kusko	Steve Resh	Dave Trimp
		David Wigglesworth

3:03pm: Michael Kusko called to order

Meeting minutes were presented from the summer SAF meeting at Raystown Lake. They were **moved, seconded, and minutes were voted approved** by Steve Resh and Steve Kalleser.

3:10pm: Steve Resh-Treasurer's Report (refer to handout)

- Discussed 2016 Budget
- Overview of State/Chapter dues distribution
- Draft Budget Worksheet (projected income & projected expenses)
- How to get members to National Convention? USDA FS is a lot less likely to send personnel unless actively involved in a panel/workshop/poster session (election year visibility)
- Need to sell t-shirts currently available
- **Request by Steve Resh=>**

Projected income: \$18,621; Projected expenses: \$18, 621

It was moved, seconded, and voted approved.

Questions: Aren't there separate funds in Franklin A that make up Franklin A? Are there separate funds that are losing money in there that we need to change? *Answer:* No, it's a mutual fund; it's one fund; but within this fund, can money be rolled around? We can't afford to lose \$5K, \$6K/ year if we can move money to more stable funds right now until the market changes.

=>We don't think there are separate funds within Franklin A

Point: All of our work is dependent on volunteers; the Treasurers job tends to be the most labor intensive in the leadership roles; please try to keep this in mind when we expect folks to step in

Point: We are in a down market, keep that in mind, as it's no different that our retirement funds

Steve is going to ask for a meeting with the banker to see what can be done to stop the money from being lost

3:35pm: Board of Director's Report-Rachel Reyna

- The SAF Science Fund has been officially renamed the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund
- Science fund gives out grants associated with scientific growth and projects
- Provides some award for rookies within the organization
- Please donate to the science fund; currently a matching opportunity going on from a gentlemen from the Pacific NW who recently passed away;
- Any thoughts on 50/50 proceeds going to this fund?

Comment: Finding out the codes to the chapters are basically unreadable/need a better chart

- Membership news:
 - We are up this time period by 11%; still some folks that need to re-up (national SAF)
 - Over all of 2015 it was a 3% increase in membership
- SAF National Office is working on a mentoring program; currently in the works
- New campaign: Evolving Forestry
- SAF taking a look into the future about what our resources are and who we need to target
 - Hopefully we will know more by the summer meeting; targeted to be a fairly large effort
- SAF is expanding their communications team; nationally some consultants have been hired (Jeff Ghannam); working hard to communicate better with members and other organizations trying to create partnerships and see where SAF fits in and complements other organizations
- Database is getting worked on; website/membership data base is getting put into a new system; they are using this to revamp and update several areas of the website; possibly ready for an April 2016 launch; let Rachel know if you are having problems utilizing once launch occurs
- SAF has had an address change (from old Grosvenor address)
10100 Laureate Way,
Bethesda, MD 20814
- Fellow award nominations or national award nominations; we are always looking for nominations
- How can we elevate member support for national convention attendance? Encourage employers to be supportive. What are the employers who are supportive doing to support? If you have an example of how your employer is supporting you, please share your thoughts.
 - *Point:* Once this election cycle is over, on the federal side we are hopeful that more attendance will be supported via USDA Forest Service;
 - *Point:* 20 years ago we used to thank employers for their support;
 - *Point:* Another consideration was an award to employers for support; they are thinking about things like
 - *Point:* We used to let employees go on work time with work vehicles, but there was very little cost to employer with the rubber meets the road, local meetings, but sometimes it helps to remind folks of this; remind them of the networking and professional connections that occur here and how critical to what we do as professionals; present the professional gain as an opportunity
 - *Point:* Get their picture, get them publicity; make it worthwhile to send folks; the gain in expertise is a benefit to the employer
 - **Rachel:** please contact her with suggestions

- Final Thought: Moved from the finance committee. I am going to liaison to the House of Society Delegates, specifically relating to the special focus of diversity, leadership, mentorship; and as a liaison to the student population of SAF

4pm: Executive Director's Report: Susan Lacy

- Last year's meeting:
 - We learned we were only two of the few people in this type of position in SAF nationally
 - One of things we are doing is sharing information
 - Lori Rasor (PNW) created and shared an Action Calendar (see handout), with important national dates, and important information; please take a look at get back to Susan any edits
 - Talking with Patricia Adadevoh about changing tax reporting. We do not qualify; Susan will be doing the taxes again this year. If the divisions and chapters doing get their information in, she cannot do her job.
- Sales Tax Exemption Update:

Started in December 2014; they came back and denied as they said we didn't meet the criteria; but in the letter to deny, they included an appeal form; which we did. It has taken over 15 months to figure things out; during which time we granted the Revenue Service an extension (PA's issue in this). We are going to continue to follow-up with the elected official. Susan's point: if they had provided the criteria in this eligibility; then we could have figured out where we don't meet eligibility.

Point: the Right to Know request is incredibly difficult to fulfill

Point: Does the Wildlife Society have exemption? If they do, we should be able to.

Response: That would be available in the Freedom of Information Act: the ultimate point is they should be visible with this information; we shouldn't have to be denied or dig around

- *Question about the t-shirts:* Have you thought about consigning some to chapters to their meetings for sale? *Response:* no we haven't tried that yet. *Suggestion:* Would X(non SAF) organization consider selling them in their gift-shops, we should check it out. *Challenge:* How many of what sizes to send to what places?

Jack's Report:

- New Allegheny website: If you go on the website, it's much different/updated.

Question: How many people saw the reminder email about the website? A few.... Please remember, you have a website/webpage you can use; works with PayPal for registrations, etc.; if you are interested in knowing more, talk with Rob; the fees are a little higher due to a pro-rated cost but individuals do. *Suggestion:* Eventbrite is a great template forum and costs, but is worthwhile due to increased activity. That's what we use with the Extension; for whatever reason PSU doesn't like using PayPal.

Question: Does Allegheny have its own PayPal account; *Response:* it does not, but

Overall: folks think using an online pay method system is a great idea
Who decides who makes this decision?

Question: Are we able to set up an Allegheny level account, or does it have to be individual or chapter level? Looking back at past meetings, it was nice for one person to pay for something in a lump sum (like the treasurer); to look at the other side to this. Present to folks: does it seem beneficial for folks to buy into this method? The point is, whatever works for you is the key (both PayPal and Eventbrite will be compared)

- Another concern for selling t-shirts online are shipping charges; Rachel knows of one selling system (squares) and can help if needed

- Send Susan the officer changes for the website; if you go online and see anything and things need to be updated, please send it to me and we can make changes pretty quickly
- The PA Chapter of the Wildlife Society is having a joint meeting with SAF coming up.

Mike Kusko:

Committees: How do we encourage smaller committees to participate more?

We need representation for the communications committee.

Question: We need to know what they do, and how to folks find this information

Question: Does the committee have a charter? What does the charter represent?

People need to understand the importance of the charter to participate

Keep in mind; many committees are not represented plentifully

Point: We need strategic plans for the committees; based on this, identify what committees need next;

how are we showing the general population understand what we do; how do we engage the community

Steve Koehn:

Ad Hoc Committee to Work on ANSAF Strategic Planning:

We need to think about how we are going to be relevant going forward; Steve Koehn, as Chair, is creating an ad hoc committee to work on a strategic plan for ANSAF. Anyone interested in participating should contact Steve Koehn. What is our vision for Allegheny SAF? How do we get this done? If we do a Strategic Plan, then we need to present the vision and mission to chapters and garner support. How can the local folks support the regional vision? Within 6-9 months we propose to have a guiding document to support this team. We need to work on diversity of gender, thought, age, etc. How do we attract youth into the schools so that they are available to us when they leave the schools? We should be a co-leader or convener of this discussion in these schools.

Point: Recommend doing a two-year plan; and Richard Lewis will serve on Steve's committee

Point: We need an urban forester/person pulling this plan together

Point: We need to make sure we include the urban work we do

Point: SAF National is currently working on a Diversity Policy

Point: Many of the people in this room are tapped out; we need to expand more to the general membership and implore their participation or endorsement; perhaps include people that don't have the experience or breadth of understanding/thought somebody from the millennial generation/someone who is a student

Point: Items to consider within the plan:

1) Committee activity; 2) increasing award nominations; 3) strategic planning

Award Nominations:

- Consider looking at Georgia's program: Forestry Hall of Fame; WV has an Ag Hall of Fame
- Outstanding Forester of the Year Award is a great Award, but the Hall of Fame award may be fill out areas this award does not;
- *Point:* Make it A Rookie Award, or Young Forester Award or an Allegheny Partners Award instead of or in addition to the forester of the year award
- We aren't seeing nominations repeated, recommend reaching out to nominators of previous years and suggesting them for a second/third year; or use them as submissions for subsequent years
 - *Question:* Can we do additional recognition, perhaps outside of awards to commend the good works of our members? Whether it be in the newsletters or at the bi-annual meetings.
 - *Question:* Is the policy well-known on the nomination process? Are people allowed to self-nominate? Do we want these nomination types?
 - *Answer:* Not for distinguished career awards, the overall consensus is no; the wording is that anyone can submit
- State Awards: Need to bring up this idea through the strategic process; best piece of legislation from a chapter, best piece of legislations from a state, etc.

- Long-time members/service: 10, 20, 30 year members get a pin, 40-50-60 years should be invited free of costs, perhaps their families too, given a gift; recognition is key
- Regional Awards: It's limited; we need a larger number of awards to cover these different categories
- John would like to come up with a write-up for some new awards for people to look at (young forester award, age constrained to 40 years OR young in their forestry career)
- Still keep the Forester of the Year Award BUT look at the criteria for the awards
- Something that's worked well in New Jersey: we have an 'all other duties' awards- Chairman's Selection Award
- We must have representation from each state, and then if all else fails we have the Chairman's selection
- **Send Jonathan Kays award ideas:** Young Forester's Award/Sapling Award, Partnership Award, Membership Recognition (of time, 10-60+ years) Awards (points systems)

Review the New Jersey Division Request:

Question: If the fund is down below the initial capital, can we take any money out of the fund?

Answer: You can only take the funds out of interest gained. Steve said he would be happy to write a check out of the general fund to support a loan, but would be uncomfortable when the education endowment fund is down to \$50k. The goal is to remain at the \$50K goal. Thought: Just because it's below \$50k, doesn't mean you can't grant the funds, legally. Now the understanding is if it's out of interest.

Question: What was the original intent? The intent was to fund these types of things, so if we have the resources, we should support the request. As long as it's reasonable and prudent.

What is the bottom line of how far we'll go to support these types of projects?

Point: We didn't plan to use this from monies gotten from CDs

Point: Why don't we just take the \$2k from the checking acct.; why are we talking about using the endowment fund

Dave: 80% of each year's income will be delegated to that year's educational budget. So if we are in a \$4K deficit, should we be giving?

It was moved, seconded, and voted to pay for the New Jersey Grant request out of our general funds.

Mike Kusko:

ANSAF received one of three 2015 House of Society Delegates (HSD) awards in partnership with New York and New England SAF. The award was for collective action taken regarding the USFWS possible listing of the Northern long-eared bat. Steve Kalleser was a major player in this effort, working closely with SAF National Policy specialists and representatives from New York and New England SAF.

Any new business?

Rachel: Request for this group to certify the 2016/2017 election results.

Certification of election results:

It was moved, seconded, and voted to certify the election results for 2016 Allegheny Executive Committee.

There is a larger issue regarding nominations: there is a systemic problem in SAF as a whole for getting people to step-up into leadership positions

Suggestions: Rotation of leadership (4 year commitment); some form of a track; if this body were to decide to do something different than what we are doing now, do we need to get National's blessing to change protocol? Has the potential for a 6-year term, or a 4-year term if done in 1-year tracts; many pros and cons to both two and one year terms

Dennis' updates on membership: >800 members including students

It would be great if chapter chairs could give updates on their current memberships

Recruiting: Give personal calls to members who have lapsed; worked really well in New Jersey

Steve on Programming (refer to handout):

Summer Meeting is New Jersey Division: Mount Laurel; we are bringing in folks from out of the area, bringing in the speaker from VA; theme suggestion to consider: This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Tree Farm Association/ perhaps honor longest-lived tree farmer

Next year's winter meeting is Feb. 15-17th

Keystone Chapter is doing the winter 2018 Meeting

Division Chapter Reports:

- MD/DE: Nothing
- New Jersey (refer to handout) : We have membership up 7%; doing well on policy/treasury/nominations committee and awards committee are up to speed
- Established Charlie Newlon Forestry Forum- first in 2017
- PA: April 15th-16th we have a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society; Ramada at State College; sign up early as it's the blue and white weekend
- WV: The house has a bill to dissolve our register of certified foresters? The board wants to stop the dissolution; anyone with any ideas of how to handle this is let me know.
 - Jamie Schuler will be our Chair; same treasurer
 - We give an award through the West Virginia coal association, and we choose the award winner.
 - Planning a spring meeting, we use PayPal (money transferred from their checking account to ours)
 - Hopefully Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy be presenting on hybrid Chestnuts at an upcoming meeting
- Keystone: nothing
- Western Gateway: nothing
- Northern Hardwood: nothing
- Pinchot: Summer meeting theme: Traditional urban forestry, moon lake state park, late July/early August
 - Take this theme back to our chapter members; good way to get some of Allegheny's meetings info back to our membership
- Plateau: Upcoming meeting to do elections. We'll be electing a new vice-chair/chair elect.
 - Theme will be 50 years of SILVAH with Dr. Susan Stout leading it.
- Rothrock Chapter:
 - Held our winter dinner meeting.
 - First week of March: Planning meeting; looking to fill-out out leadership, we need a chair-elect.
 - Looking to plan our summer event
- Valley Forge Chapter:
 - Plan for next year's winter meeting. We do have a venue, but we haven't signed the contract yet due to inclement weather language. It's not going to change the venue, just how it's going to affect the contract. We have most of the keynote speakers but need to fill a few spots. Theme: People, Trees, and Water. **February 15-17th, 2017.**

Rachel Reyna: Thanks everyone for volunteering and stepping up to help.

Steve Koehn: Thanks to everyone for continued support (though put much more eloquently).

Mike Kusko: Thank you for your support and guidance over the last few years.

6:15pm: Adjourn

Ron Sheay Receives Outstanding Service To Forestry Award

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Ron Sheay graduated from the University of Maine's forestry program in 1955. He joined the Society of American Foresters in 1956. Following military service and other employment, he began his career in the NJ Forest Service in 1960. For the next 10 years, he served as an outreach forester, assisting private landowners in the development of plans, and executing sustainable forestry practices on their land. He also assisted in the NJ Forest Fire Service's controlled burn program. In 1966, he served as vice chairman of the NJ Division of Allegheny SAF, and served as chairman in 1967. In 1970, he was promoted to supervisor of the cooperative forest management program.

In the early 1970s, Ron began organizing private forest landowners and foresters in support of developing an association to advance the interests of private forest landowners. In 1975, the NJ Forestry Association was established, with Ron as founding director. He would serve as director from 1975 until 2013, (excepting about 3 years). For much of the first 25 years, he also served as its secretary.

From 1974 through 1978, he served as the secretary-treasurer of the Allegheny SAF. Ron moved onto the vice chair position in 1979-80 and eventually served as Chair in 1981-82. During his tenure as Chair, Allegheny SAF operated with a published operations manual that included contact information for all leadership, a calendar, charges for all committees and governing documents. Allegheny SAF operated with various subcommittees staffed by volunteer foresters. From 1982-88 and 2002-04, Ron served on the Educational Endowment Committee, raising over \$33,000 for the support of educational programming within the five-state area.

In 1979, Ron began serving on the NJ Division of Taxation's Farmland Assessment Advisory Committee. At that time, woodlands could qualify for reduced property tax assessment under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964. However, many of the tax assessors of the 367 municipalities within the state used different standards to determine compliance for woodlands under the Act. Ron, along with Les Alpaugh, drafted a report highlighting important considerations for determining compliance. The report was distributed to many of the tax assessors of rural municipalities through various meetings. Legislation was drafted at the request of the municipal tax assessors based on that report, and that amendment to the Farmland Assessment Act was signed by Governor Tom Kean on December 30, 1986. The cornerstone of the "woodlands amendment" was the necessity of both a written forest management plan and active management of the woodlot in accordance with that plan. Following the amendment's passage, Ron was tasked with developing the regulations that would implement the law. Those regulations went into effect for the calendar year 1989. As of November 2014, those regulations have had only minor revisions based on further amendments to the Act, and associated case law.

Ron retired from the NJ Forest Service in 1990. In 1991, he was awarded the title of Fellow in the Society of American Foresters. During the early 1990s, he served a 3-year term on the National Committee on Accreditation. Following that term, he served on the National Committee on Professional Recognition for 3 years, including one year as Chair (1996). In 1997, Ron organized the Forest History Committee in Allegheny SAF to update its

published history in advance of the 75th anniversary. That published booklet incorporated the history written for the 50th anniversary, as well as updates over a 25 year period and histories of the various divisions and chapters. In 1998, he was presented with the Silas Little Award from the NJ Division of the Allegheny SAF in recognition of his outstanding service to the division. He continues to serve as assistant newsletter editor for the NJSAF Cruiser as of May 2016.

Penn State Student Selected to Receive Student Leadership Award



The Allegheny SAF Student Leadership Award recognizes an outstanding forestry student in one of the schools in our five-state area. While academic performance is an important criterion, the award emphasizes the demonstration of leadership in the classroom and other activities. This year we are pleased to announce that Timothy Ackerman was selected to receive the award.

Tim was a senior at Penn State this year, majoring in forest ecosystem management with a minor in wildlife and fisheries science. That broad academic background was beneficial to his work as a forestry technician intern with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Tim was elected President of the SAF Student Chapter at Penn State in 2014 and continues to hold that position. His leadership includes a focus on mentoring other students which included helping underclassmen with learning dendrology and organizing joint field events with the Penn State Wildlife Society. Tim's leadership activities extended beyond campus as he has served as the Student Representative to the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Forestry Association for the last two years.

Tim was also selected to attend the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences Emerging Leaders Endowment Program where he experienced leadership training and decision making skills through an internship with one of the college's executive leadership team members. Tim attended Thiel College and served four years in the United States Marine Corps as a Squad Leader before enrolling at Penn State in 2013.

Joseph Harding, Director of Forestlands at Penn State, who nominated Tim for this award said, "Tim is a great student leader because of his active involvement in the student SAF chapter and his quiet role-modeling of what an engaged and high quality student should look like. I have no doubt that Tim will be a future leader in the forestry profession and will be an exceptional asset for whomever he works for in the future."

Congratulations Tim!

Program Committee Update

By Steve Kalleser

Upcoming meeting schedule

Summer 2016:	New Jersey Division – September 14-16, 2016	Mount Laurel, NJ
Winter 2017:	Valley Forge Chapter – February 15-17, 2017	Wyomissing, PA
Summer 2017:	Plateau Chapter	
Winter 2018:	Keystone Chapter	

All of the above local units have committed to hosting those meetings.

And after that.... Be forewarned!!! You will be getting a phone call soon!!

Summer 2018:	Western Gateway or volunteer
Winter 2019:	West Virginia Division or volunteer
Summer 2019:	Northern Hardwoods Chapter or volunteer

Winter meetings – please check American Tree Farm System annual meeting date to avoid conflict if possible.
Summer meetings – Due to regulations and filing deadlines in some states, June and July are very busy for some members. Please avoid these months and schedule summer meetings in August or September.

This schedule is set up to rotate meeting host responsibilities between the NJ, MD/DE and WV Divisions and the seven PA chapters. It also attempts to rotate hosting between summer and winter meetings. Any division or chapter may volunteer to host more often or to co-host with another division and/or chapter. This schedule should be kept 2-4 years ahead to allow ample planning time and to permit divisions and chapters to volunteer to host more frequently if they so desire.

Upcoming plans:

This year I hope to update the Guidelines for Hosting Annual Summer and Winter Meetings guide last revised by Ned Karger in 2010. We are looking to add recent developments from the National office and some sample budgets. If anyone has any suggestions, email me at steve@gracieharrigan.com.

Recent history:

Summer 2005	Plateau (Erie)
Winter 2006	Valley Forge (Lancaster)
Summer 2006	Cancelled for Nat'l Convention
Winter 2007	MD-DE (Hagerstown)
Summer 2007	New Jersey (East Windsor)
Winter 2008	Keystone (Carlisle)
Summer 2008	Western Gateway (Johnstown)
Winter 2009	Rothrock (State College)
Summer 2009	Northern Hardwood (Bradford)
Winter 2010	West Virginia (Roanoke)
Summer 2010	Pinchot (Wilkes-Barre)
Winter 2011	Plateau (Clarion)
Summer 2011	MD - DE (Salisbury)
Winter 2012	New Jersey (Clinton)
Summer 2012	Valley Forge (Downingtown)
Winter 2013	Western Gateway (Johnstown)
Summer 2013	Keystone (Mont Alto)
Winter 2014	Northern Hardwood (Williamsport)
Summer 2014	West Virginia (Berkley Springs)
Winter 2015	Pinchot (Wilkes Barre)
Summer 2015	Rothrock (Lake Raystown)
Winter 2016	MD-DE (Timonium)

THE FIRST FOREST

by John Gile

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Submitted by Ron Sheay

I believe foresters will have a different perspective when reading this story than an adult or child. I hope you enjoy reading the story. I did. Here is an interesting quote from a reader: "Our son-in-law is a forester by profession and enjoys reading to his kids. This helped him share his love and respect for trees with them."

The First Forest

If you wonder in winter when you walk in the snow
Why some trees stand naked while cold north winds blow,
Come with me to visit a woodland I know
Where the first trees were made, long, long ago.
To get there, just place your hands over your eyes
And imagine a tree, any shape, any size:
A muscular monster in leafy disguise
Or a short, chubby shrub with a prickly surprise.
Then imagine another and do it again
Keep imagining trees just as fast as you can.
Before long you'll arrive, if you follow my plan,
In The First Forest where all tree making began.
The Tree Maker made the first trees with great care
With their roots in the ground and their limbs in the air.
He gave them strong trunks and green clothes to wear
And made certain that all that they needed was there.
He let each tree choose what it would become;
A spruce or a maple, a pine or a plum.
There were hundreds of choices they could pick from
And each choice was sure to be pleasing to some.
The Tree Maker saw that his forest was good
And was pleased as his trees shared their new brotherhood.
He helped each tree learn how to grow as it should
Changing water and sunlight and soil into wood.
Each day in the forest was happy and peaceful
As each day each tree grew more stately and graceful . . .
Till one sad day greed, all spiteful and hateful,
Created a scene nothing short of disgraceful.
"If the sun makes me grow," some heard one tree say,
"I'll be biggest and best if I catch every ray."
So he stretched out his limbs and shoved others away. . .
And the peace of the forest was ended that day.
Soon other trees followed that tree's lead like sheep.
They pushed and they shoved, making wounds that went deep.
Broken limbs and dead leaves were knocked off in a heap.
It was so sad it made the willow trees weep.
When the Tree Maker came to his forest that night,
His beautiful trees were an ugly sight:
They were twisted and bare and shaking with fright
Except for a few that stayed out of the fight.
The sight of the mess made the Tree Maker mad.
But the plight of his trees made the Tree Maker sad.
His heart broke in two, he felt so bad,
When he thought of the beauty his trees once had.
Slowly he started to clean up the mess
That had changed his woods into wilderness.
He chased away greed and selfishness
And bound up each wound with tenderness.

Then the Tree Maker did what was hardest of all –
He punished the trees that took part in the brawl.
He ruled that the selfish ones, big and small,
Would lose every leaf from their limbs every fall.
He rewarded the trees that stayed calm and serene
While others were being selfish and mean
With a promise that they would remain ever green
Through summer and winter and seasons between.
That's why in the winter when you walk in the snow
Some trees stand stark naked while cold north winds blow.
But each spring the Tree Maker lets his love show
When he gives back their beauty and makes new leaves grow.

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Penn State SAF Student Chapter

Text and Photo by Dave Jackson



Members of the Penn State SAF Student Chapter, including Brady Byers, Coby Salmon, and Dylan Johnston, were available to assist teenage youth at the 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Field Day.

Dylan, on the right, is assisting participants with winter tree identification. The field day took place at the site of Ag Progress Days in Center County, Pennsylvania on April 23, 2016. While at the field day, youth participants learned about 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation and Forestry Judging.

Roach Bauer Forestry Forum

Several factors harming health of local black cherry trees

By Ted Lutz, Republican Staff. Article reprinted with permission from the Kane Republican.

Kane is proud to be known as the black cherry capital of the world. But the declining health of this valuable asset in the Allegheny National Forest in the Kane area has become a major concern for professional foresters and the local timber industry. Experts who are conducting major research projects have determined that several factors are to blame for black cherry mortality and its laggard regeneration.

Many of these black cherry health issues were outlined Thursday, April 7, at a semi-annual Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum at the Kane Country Club. The speakers included Dr. Robert Long, research plant pathologist at the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station in Irvine near Warren; and Shawn Lehman, section chief for the state Bureau of Forestry Resource Inventory and Monitoring base at Spring Mills in Centre County. They took turns narrating a "power-point" presentation with slides projected on a large screen.

The conclusions about changes affecting black cherry:

- There is an increase in the number of "standing" dead trees. Most of the mortality is affecting trees with a diameter of a foot or more.
- Conditions at the crown of the trees are worsening. There is a reduced density at the top of ailing black cherry trees.
- There is evidence of "chewing" insect damage in black cherry trees, which at maturity stand between 60 and 90 feet in height with a spread of 35 to 50 feet.
- There is a lack of "consistent" seed production, which affects regeneration.

According to the presentation, here are some of the reasons for the decline in health for the black cherry:

- The Allegheny National Forest is an "aging" forest.
- Deer density is affecting regeneration because deer dine on young trees.
- There is a "cumulative effect" of attacks by a variety of insects.
- There appears to be a decline in pollinators. Bees are considered a major pollinator. But Long pointed out that "flies" are the "biggest pollinators" for black cherry.
- Weather. Longer wet periods promote bacteria, virus or other microorganism that can cause disease for the black cherry.
- Changes in the deposition of nitrates and sulfates.

Black cherry is considered by many as the most valuable natural resource in the Kane area. The "high-value" wood is used for fine furniture, cabinets, flooring and veneer. The study cited by Long and Lehman in their presentation focused on black cherry trends in three ecological regions, including the local "high plateau." According to the study, 9.8 percent of dead trees in this zone in 2006 were black cherry. The percentage jumped to 20 percent in 2014. Black cherry regeneration in the "high plateau" rose between 2004 and 2009. But the regeneration level recorded in 2014 is less than in 2004. "Something's changed to black cherry over the last decade and a half," Long said. That change is not good for the black cherry-- and the communities that rely on this valuable resource for jobs and economic well-being.

The crowd of 150 at the forestry forum is the second highest ever and the largest since 1993. The forums began in 1984. Ned Karger, land manager for Kane Hardwood, is the chairman of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum. In keeping with a long-standing tradition, Karger presented Long and Lehman with a black cherry Biltmore stick-- a tool used to measure various tree dimensions. Karger, master-of-ceremonies for the forum, asked for a moment of silence in memory of professional foresters. He also called for the audience to purchase jars of maple syrup to support the Bob Bauer Scholarship Fund at Penn State University. All syrup was sold and \$360 will be going to the fund. A threatened species of bats will be discussed by a panel at the next forum in October at the Kane Country Club.



Ned Karger (center), chairman of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, presents black cherry Biltmore sticks to Shawn Lehman (left) and Dr. Robert Long (right). Photo by Ted Lutz.

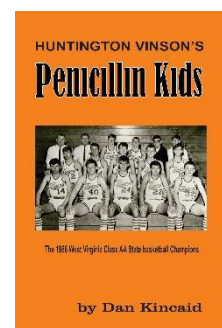
Allegheny SAF Member Publishes Books



One of our colleagues, Dan Kincaid, sent an update on his retirement activities. Dan is now a published author. Dan recently wrote a book titled “The Penicillin Kids” about the 1966 West Virginia state championship basketball team that he played on in Huntingdon. See the book cover photo – that’s Dan on the bottom right.

The 1966 team was honored with a special day on March 18, 2016 by the Mayor of Huntingdon and again on March 19 in halftime 50th anniversary celebration at the West Virginia state basketball championship in Charleston. “Penicillin Kids” is available at Amazon.com.

Dan is also working on volume 1 in a collection of outdoor columns written in 1981-82 while he was working on the Wayne National Forest in Ohio. The columns are reproduced as they appeared in the early 1980s, and is a historic compilation of outdoor topics from that time. Later this year, Dan will be publishing another book about the adventures of a forest ranger. This book is targeted to the teen-aged and young adult audience.



Allegheny SAF 1900 Founders' Circle Donors Plea

By Ron Sheay

As most of you know, the 1900 Founders' Circle Donors, established in 2012, is a group of individuals who have committed \$1,900 payable over a four- year period. The revenue is used to fortify SAF resources and promote the profession of forestry. Contributions go directly into the Foresters' Fund or another SAF fund of your choice. This has allowed SAF to double its annual Foresters' Fund distributions from \$30,000 to \$60,000 annually. Remember that the Foresters' Fund provides grants to SAF units to promote forestry through educational projects.

Allegheny SAF (ANSAF) units have received grants totaling \$5,560 for projects since 2010. They included: \$660 to the New Jersey Division for a student outreach/membership program (NJD increased its membership from 77 to 101 over a two- year period); \$500 to New Jersey Division for a special joint training with the Wildlife Society; \$1,200 to NJ Division for forestry outreach to legislators and the media, and \$3,200 to the Allegheny for a forestry educational DVD. Grants are available to SAF units and it seems NJ Division has taken advantage of these opportunities. If you have a forestry project that needs money, tap into the Foresters' Fund for help.

How have ANSAF members responded to the challenge? As of the end of 2015, eight members are 1900 Circle donors, which represent 1% of our membership. I feel we can do better if someone asks. So I am asking if you will consider joining the 1900 Founders' Circle and commit to give \$1,900 over a four year period. Now I don't expect foresters that have been in the profession for five years or less, or foresters with young children or college-aged children, or have medical problems, to become donors, because funds are needed for more important things for you.

However, there are many foresters that are in a much different position in life than raising children or have health issues. How many? I don't know but I'm willing to guess more than the eight presently 1900 Founders' Circle donors. My plea to you is consider becoming a 1900 Founders' Circle donor soon and join the following ANSAF members that are:

Tracy R. Cate, Maplewood, NJ
R. Alexander Day, CF, Bellefonte, PA
James C. Finley, University Park, PA
Kurt W. Gottschalk, CF (Deceased), WV
Richard Lewis, Gettysburg, PA
Everette D. Rast, Princeton, WV
Robert H. Rumpf, Carlisle, PA
Ronald J. Sheay, Stockton, NJ

Two former ANSAF members, Robert S. Bond, Hallowell, ME, and E. Dwight Fielder, Jr., Lake View, OR, are also 1900 Founders' Fund donors.

Founders' Fund contributors also receive special recognition in *The Forestry Source*, a Founders' Circle lapel pin, and, upon completion of the gift, a personalized paver stone at the SAF National Office that commemorates their donation. For me, being a contributor gives me great pride and extreme satisfaction in being able to do this for my professional organization that I have enjoyed being an active member for 60 years.

To become a part of the 1900 Founders' Circle, visit the link <http://tinyurl.com/jchg2a9> to download the form or contact Christopher Whited at whitedc@safnet.org or (866) 897-8720.

**Allegheny Society of American Foresters
Annual Summer Training Program
The Westin, Mount Laurel, NJ
September 14 -16, 2016
“Forest Management for Productivity and Resilience”
6.0 Category 1 and 1.0 Category 2 SAF CFE Credits
(Thursday: 4.0 Cat. 1 and 1.0 Cat. 2 CFE credits; Friday Morning: 2.0 Cat. CFE credits)**

Wednesday, September 14

- 1:00 – 5:30 PM **OPTIONAL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:** (Additional Information on registration page)
- Canoe or kayak the pristine cedar waters of the Pinelands’ Mullica River
 - Hike the forests and bogs in the heart of the Pines Alternative longer self-guided hiking available, too! Bring binoculars, a camera, and a good pair of shoes!
 - Learn about and taste the wines of the Pinelands’ own Valenzano winery
- 2:00 – 6:00 PM Allegheny Executive Committee Meeting – [location]
4:00 – 8:00 PM Registration – [location]
7:00 – 8:30 PM Ice breaker event

Thursday, September 15

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Browse Silent Auction Items
- 8:00 – 8:10 Welcome – Steven Kallessen, Chair, NJ Division Allegheny SAF
8:10 -- 8:55 “The Eastern Oak Forest Silviculture with Fire for Safety, Wildlife, and Forest Health Benefits” – TO BE DETERMINED
9:00 – 9:45 “Safely Increasing the Role of Prescribed Fire in New Jersey: A discussion of the prescribed burn bill” – Kelly Mooij – NJ Audubon, VP for Government Relations
9:45 – 10:00 Break, Refreshments/Silent Auction
- 10:00 – 10:30 *Board Bus & Depart for Field Program (20 minute travel time)***
10:30 – 11:30 USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station Silas Little Experimental Forest
Option 1: Fire, Climate, Forest Disturbance, and Silviculture Research Program – Dr. Kenneth Clark, USDA Forest Service NRS Research Forester
Option 2: Forest Simulation and Modeling Tools for Decision Support and Reporting Results – Bill Zipse, NJDEP Assistant Regional Forester
Option 3: Methods for Estimating Fuels and Fire Effects –Michael Gallagher, USDA Forest Service NRS Researcher
- 11:30 – 12:05 *Load vans/drive to Oswego Lake (20-25 minute travel time)***
12:05 – 12:50 Brown Bag Lunch at Oswego Lake – Penn State Forest
- 12:50 – 1:00 *Load vans/drive to next stop (0-10 minute travel time depending on where we start)***
1:00 – 3:00 Pine Island and Lee Brothers Cranberry Cos. (will need to get travel time)
- Timber Management and the Successful Reintroduction of the Bob White Quail - Bob Williams, Consulting Forester
- Rubies of the Pines: American Cranberry Production Past and Present in the NJ Pine Barrens – Bill Haines, 6th Generation American Cranberry Grower
- 3:00 – 3:30 *Load vans/drive to next stop (15 minute travel time)***

3:30 – 4:15	<u>New Jersey Forest Fire Service Coyle Field</u> - Sharing Fire Knowledge: The North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange – Dr. Inga LaPuma, North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange Coordinator (15 minutes) - Contrasting Characteristics of Fire From Pitch Pine Barrens to Oaks in the Highlands – New Jersey Forest Fire Service – to be determined (15 minutes) - Ground and Air Firefighting Apparatus Tour and Air Tanker Demonstration (15 minutes)
4:15 – 4:45	<i>Load vans/drive to next stop (10 minute travel time)</i>
4:45 – 7:30	<u>Dinner: BBQ and optional self-guided nature walk around Pakim Pond</u> – History and Culture of the New Jersey Pine Barrens – Tom Gerber, Pinelands Historian, NJFFS Section Fire Warden, xth generation Cranberry Grower
7:30 – 8:15	<i>Load vans/drive to next stop (35 minute travel time)</i>
8:15	Return to hotel

Friday, September 16

7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast & Browse Silent Auction Items
8:00 – 8:30	Division Business Meetings
8:35 – 9:15	Allegheny Business Meeting

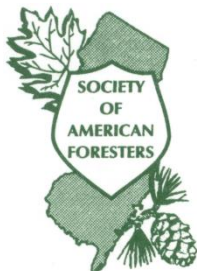
Concurrent Sessions

Track 1: Rural Forestry

9:25 – 10:10	”The Collaborative Stakeholder Approach at George Washington National Forest: Lessons Learned and Potential for Other Federal Lands in the East” – John Hancock, VA Division Appalachian SAF
10:10 – 10:55	Who’s Who of 2016? Native and Invasive Forest Insect Pests of Concern Now– Tiffany Mauro, Pest Survey Specialist, APHIS PPQ
10:55 – 11:40	Forest Management for the Northeast in an Uncertain Future – Dr. Jason Grabosky, Director of the Rutgers Center for Resilient Forests

Track 2: Urban & Community Forestry

9:25 – 10:10	“New Useful Data Feeds and Opportunities with Forest Inventory and Analysis for Urban and Suburban Foresters” – Mark Majewski, USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station Forest Inventory and Analysis Program Supervisory Forester
10:10 – 10:55	“Using iTree Results to Inform Better Decision-Making at the Municipal Level” -- David Nowack, USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station Forest Inventory and Analysis Program
10:55 – 11:40	“Urban and Community Forestry Wood Utilization and Marketing: Ideas from Illinois” – Edith Makra, Metropolitan Mayors’ Caucus, Director of Environmental Initiatives
11:40 – 11:50	Break (refreshments) Browse silent auction / make final bids
11:50 – 12:00	Farewell



**THE ALLEGHENY
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Forest Management for Productivity and Resilience

Allegheny Society of American Foresters
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Wednesday September 14 – Friday September 16, 2016
The Westin Mount Laurel Hotel
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Lodging

Hotel Reservations: Call The Westin Mount Laurel at (856) 778-7300, and tell them you are with the Society of American Foresters.

Room cost: \$149 + tax for a room with a king bed, \$159 + tax for a room with double beds

Interested in Being an Exhibitor or Sponsor?

We are expecting about 100 professional conservationists from across the five-state area. Join us to help support continuing education for our rural and urban foresters, and display materials for your organization.

We thank the Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment, the NJ Tree Farm Program, and the Committee for the Advancement of Arboriculture for their support in bringing speakers of regional renown and helping us keep our costs low.

Want to sponsor a student? See option below. Funds will be used to offset the local division's loss on student registrations, then to offset student travel costs. Any extra funds will be given to Allegheny SAF for future student use.

For additional information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Steve Kalleser at 908-781-6711.

Optional Activities for Wednesday

Stay tuned! Additional information forthcoming.

Registration Information – Detach and mail

Register no later than August 31, 2016
to avoid late fee!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to NJ Division Allegheny SAF. Return registration to Kris Hasbrouck, 230 South Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Phone: (201) 760-9062 E-mail: hasbrouckforest@gmail.com

Package includes all course materials, icebreaker, continental breakfast, lunch, and certificate of training.

Full registration: Wednesday through Friday SAF member: @ \$135 _____

Non-member: @ \$170 _____

Student: @ \$ 40 _____

Friday-only registration SAF member or student: @ \$ 35 _____

Non-member: @ \$ 45 _____

Optional (it's worth every penny) Thursday BBQ: @ \$ 25 _____

Sponsor a student: @ \$ 30 _____

Exhibitor (commercial): @ \$250 _____ includes one

registration!

Exhibitor (non-profit): @ \$200 _____ includes one

registration!

Extra seat for Thursday bus tour (guest or spouse of member): @ \$ 40 _____

Don't be that guy or gal. Register now! Late fee: @ \$ 25 _____

In Memoriam



Walter F. Gabel, 89, formerly of Dover, Delaware, died at home following an extended illness on May 11, 2016, in St. Augustine, Florida. Mr. Gabel was born on June 24, 1926, in Pennsylvania, the son of Louis and Lois Gabel. He was one of eight children. Mr. Gabel was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946. After the war, he graduated from Penn State University in 1950 with a degree in forestry. He served 35 years in the Delaware Forestry Department, becoming the State Forester in 1977. Thousands of Delaware schoolchildren may remember his costumed character visits to their classroom or Scout troop as he played the educational role of Smokey Bear. He and wife, Patricia, retired in 1991 and soon relocated to Florida. He was a member of Shores United Methodist Church in St. Augustine.

Walt was a member of several organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Delaware Veterans Association, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of American Foresters, Kent County Red Cross Disaster Team, Capital Grange, Delaware State Fire Police, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co. and was a charter member of the Daytona Beach/Palm Coast Penn State Alumni Association.

Walt dedicated himself to a goal of lifelong learning and education. He received great pleasure in sharing his knowledge with others. Over his lifetime, he acted at various times in the role of museum docent, visiting university professor, book author, newsletter editor, Fire Service instructor, lay speaker, Sunday school teacher and public speaker. His many hobbies included gardening, American History and writing. One of his longtime passions was genealogy. He traced his family's roots back to the late 1500s.

Walt is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia (nee Wagner), of St. Augustine; daughters, Deborah (Samuel) Dawson, of Miami, and Priscilla (Stephen) Robinson, of Birmingham, Alabama; and son, William (Julie), of Crofton, Maryland. Mr. Gabel was predeceased by daughter Jessica Gabel Triesler in 2010. He is also survived by one brother, Thomas, and one sister, Ila. Mr. Gabel had seven grandchildren; Brian (Tiffney) Triesler, Jennifer (Colby) Jones, Jacob Scott and Joshua Robinson, all of Birmingham; Daniel Triesler, of Arizona, and Colin and Luke Gabel, of Crofton; and one great-grandchild, Elijah Gabe Triesler.

A celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Shores United Methodist Church in St. Augustine. Interment will be held at Barratt's Chapel in Delaware on a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shores United Methodist Church, 724 Shores Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32086 or the Penn State Alumni Association Daytona/Palm Coast Chapter (Attn: Alan R), 29 Stratford Place, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 in memory of Walter Gabel.

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Coming Events

July, 2016

15 Deadline for *Allegheny News* Summer Issue

September, 2016

14-16 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting
Mount Laurel, NJ

15-18 Women and Their Woods Fall Retreat

October, 2016

6/13 Roach Bauer Forestry Forum
Kane, PA

February, 2017

15-17 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting
Wyomissing, PA

March, 2017

24-25 PA Forest Landowners Conference
Altoona, PA

September, 2017

20-22 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting
Clarion, PA
SILVAH – 50th Anniversary

Future SAF National Conventions

2016: Madison, WI Nov. 2-6

2017: Albuquerque, NM Nov. 13-19

2018: Portland, OR Sep. 30 – Oct 6

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