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Chairman's Corner

by Wayne Clatterbuck

We are looking forward to an outstanding summer meeting near Dickson, TN on June 10-12. The Middle Tennessee chapter has a great agenda: we will be viewing a few field operations, touring a wood products plant, and looking at forestry in the urban-rural interface. I hope to see you there.

The executive committee of KT-SAF met in late March to discuss our Society affairs and what could be done to enhance our organization. The discussion centered on four items: KTSAF bylaws, standing committees, membership, and teacher workshops.

The bylaws have not been revised since 1980 and a few changes are certainly in order. The Chair will provide a draft of the new bylaws at the summer meeting during June 10-12, 1998. SAF members will review the bylaws and vote on their adoption during the November election of officers. A set of new bylaws will be mailed to each member. Rick Wilcox is revising committee charters and these will also be available for review. A vote for their adoption will follow the same process as the KT-SAF bylaws. The committees that we presently have in place include: the Executive Committee, Membership, Programs, Policy, Communications, Education, Nominating, Tellers, Auditing, History, Awards, Student Development, and Memorial Scholarship.

The Executive Committee is also concerned about membership. Although the number of members in KT-SAF has remained fairly steady at 500, we need more of the membership to become active. The commitment of many of our members has been

KTSAF SUMMER MEETING WITH A CITIFIED TINGE the theme is "forestry on the urban fringe"

You already have at hand the latest details on the summer meeting. We're fortunate to have Erik Berg from the Asheville USDA Forest Service Station to meet with us and describe some of the oak regeneration research being done on the Cheatham Wildlife Management Area. Several other places of interest will be toured including the Gibson Company which has been making high-quality banjos and mandolins for over 100 years. For more information about the summer meeting call Jeff Burns at 615-837-5437. And for up to the minute happenings in and around Nashville, log onto citysearch.com (I don't know what I'm saying but Dave Walters said that was the way to say it).

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Hart Applegate and Bob Leonard who have worked for TDF in Nashville for umpteen years are retiring in September. They will be missed.

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outstanding. However, others should get more involved. One method to get more people involved in our society committees and chapters is to broaden the base. Most committees have a chairman, but do not have an active committee structure. We hope to appoint or volunteer at least three people for each committee to spread the responsibilities and to get more member involvement in the Society. KT-SAF is not attracting graduating foresters to our professional organization. We need to do more to make new members feel part of the organization. Once they feel wanted and are part of the Society, we will usually have lifetime members.

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CHAPTER CHATTER

YOUR NEW OFFICERS, ONE BY ONE
with your help, they'll get the job done

Our officers always work hard, but from time to time, they need your help! So, when asked, nod your head "Yes."

KTSAF

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The Executive Committee talked about activities where KT-SAF can have the greatest impact. We agreed that teacher education workshops is one of those areas. The East Kentucky Chapter used the Forester's Fund to sponsor a workshop for teachers this spring. Forest industry and the Lumberman's Foundation in Memphis is also sponsoring a weeklong natural resource teacher workshop in July at Ames Plantation for inservice or college credit in Tennessee. I challenge other chapters in KT to organize similar workshops for teachers. A trained teacher can affect hundreds of kids who go home and talk to many parents. These workshops do have a ripple effect and get our message to the forefront.

Other activities that will be discussed at the summer meeting include the new Kentucky Forest Conservation Act, the activities of the Tennessee Forest Management Panel appointed by the Governor, and various subjects being discussed by SAF National such as the Code of Ethics, role of the SAF working groups, accreditation standards, and forest certification. I will be representing KT-SAF at the SAF National Meeting in Traverse City, Michigan in September. If anyone in our membership has a concern that needs to be addressed at the National Meeting, let me know.♦♦

Dr. Garland Ray Wells, age 61, passed away May 17, 1998, following a boating accident on Tellico Lake near Knoxville, TN. Dr. Wells was an associate professor of forestry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He was born in El Dorado, AR, received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech, master's degree from North Carolina State and his PhD from Duke University. Dr. Wells joined the UT forestry staff in the mid-sixties to teach forest economics. He was a long time KTSAF member and served as secretary-treasurer in 1994.

Ed. After burial services in Oak Ridge on May 20, friends and family members gathered in the shade across the road and shared comments, testimonials and memories about Ray Wells. The more I heard, the more I realized that I had not known the real Ray Wells. I had been acquainted with him from the time he joined the UT forestry staff, but I had never really worked closely with him. This all reminded me of a story told at the winter KTSAF meeting in London, KY. Please forgive the repetition. Carl Hurley is an East KY humorist--a good one. Carl once owned a dog named Tiger. Tiger got along well with everybody and everything in the neighborhood--everything, that is, but a big yellow tomcat. The two animals hated each other with a passion and when they got close the sparks flew! Their last fight ended on the RR tracks and as they were clawing and pawing and spitting at each other old Tiger failed to hear the train coming. But that cat knew the train was coming and as the train reached them the cat leaped to safety. Well, Carl missed old Tiger and the more he thought about his passing the sadder he became. And he became the saddest of all when he finally realized that old Tiger had left this world thinking it was that old yellow tomcat that had done him in. I'm not sure what all this has to do with the occasion at hand except, perhaps, this--that as sad and sudden and unexpected as Ray's passing was, based on what I heard that day, I just have to believe that Ray left this world knowing that he was loved, honored, respected and appreciated by those with whom he lived and worked. And that had to ease my sadness a whole lot.

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RAPPIN' WITH OUR COUNCIL REP

Kerry Schell

Greetings!--to SAF members, other professional foresters and others who want appropriate stewardship for forest resources. All-inclusive? I hope so because at the February, 1998, Council meeting lots of questions were on the table about who owns SAF, who is served by SAF and who should be served? Answers included: SAF members, foresters who are not members, forest land stewards and the public at large. There may be others on your list??

That February meeting was my first as your District IX rep. It's no exaggeration to say it was frightening and humbling. The tasks, responsibilities and expectations are just short of over-whelming. (My incoming mail has doubled.) The other members of the Council are intelligent, capable and committed. Hope I can do as well.

Perhaps the most significant report I can give you is that Council is evaluating itself, its role and effectiveness. One conclusion already reached is that we need more effort on policy and less effort on tasks best assigned to SAF staff.

SAF by-laws will probably require review and some revision as we attempt to improve governance committees, mission and position statements, and duties of elected and appointed officers.

SAF's Communication Initiative program is exciting and full of opportunities to influence the values that are developed about forestry by various publics and societies. We tend to take values as "givens" in our decisions. Maybe we should try to change values with good marketing programs!

SAF's relationship and actions with the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) are complicated and seem to change frequently. John Moser, Bill Siegel and Bill Banzhaf are representing SAF very well and the society will have increased assets when the dispute is settled.

Guidelines for SAF's investments will be reviewed. It's my hope that we'll depend a little less on fixed securities and move toward good opportunities in the Stock Market!

Our task force on forest management certification may well be too late with too little. An interim report is not expected until December and a final report sometime next year. Bureaucracy is not limited to the public sector!!!

I encourage all of you to stay involved with SAF. Attend our KTSAF summer meeting in June and our national meeting in September. Especially, get involved and support the celebration in Washington, DC of SAF's 100-year birthday in 2000.

I look forward to attending some of your KTSAF chapter meetings and talking with you. Meanwhile, write if you have comments or questions. I'm getting a bigger mailbox!

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Richard Evans and Wayne Clatterbuck were co-coordinators of the UT Forest and Wildlife Celebration, April 23 at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge. They were able to coordinate everything but the weather. However, in spite of the weather, most of the exhibitors showed up and the scheduled tours and presentations were completed.

A similar event will be held in west TN on October 8, 1998 at Chickasaw State Forest. These celebrations focus on education and demonstration of natural resource management and the economic and environmental contributions of these resources.

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Dr. Gary Schneider is doing an outstanding job as chairman of the (TN) Governor's Forest Management Advisory Panel. Recently, the panel slopped through all the tour stops at the Oak Ridge Forest and Wildlife Celebration. Then they went on to visit Champion's Royal Blue Chip Mill and some harvesting operations.

Then on May 28 and 29 the panel toured Natchez Trace State Forest and Miller Lumber Company forest lands. They also heard about the work of the TN Division of Forestry, the TN Wildlife Resources Agency, Water Pollution Control, and Natural Heritage presentations.

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WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?

Left over from the Winter Meeting report in the last issue of the Newsletter--

(During the awards banquet it seemed that the attendees were not paying attention to the awarder or the awardees. The reason finally dawned--attendees were still asking themselves THE question--"How did we get from Schmeckpepper to Clatterback in just one short year?" And the answer is just as clear--KTSAF voters know and vote for good candidates. Eric did a great job in 1997 and he worked his head off to make the Nat'l meeting a success. As for Wayne--UT doesn't hire anybody but good extension staff members. I go all the way back to George Shivery and I will admit the first time I met George I had my doubts. But it wasn't long before I grew to love him and respect and appreciate all he did for forestry in Tennessee. Ed.)

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The SE TN chapter met in Cleveland, TN on March 25, to hear Anne Zimmerman, Forest Supervisor of the Cherokee NF. She discussed "Issues on the Cherokee"--namely the effects of the Chief's new "Natural Resources Agenda" on the forest. A total of 22 members and guests attended.

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Work on the Tennessee Forest Inventory Assessment (FIA) slowed a little during the late winter rains but, now that the weather has improved, field work is moving again. The inventory is about half completed and data for west Tennessee should be out around Christmas. This reinventory will bring the 1989 survey up to date and will cover timber growth and removals, acres in forest and changes in the general condition of Tennessee's forests. If you want to know more about the inventory, call Dave Arnold, TDF, (615) 837-5432.

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TDF is in the process of hiring two new urban foresters. As soon as we know their names and locations we'll pass the information on to you!

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And from west TN (I think) comes loud cicada noises--much louder this year than usual--which must mean there's a lot more of them.

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KENTUCKY TENNESSEE SAF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING March 23-24, 1998 Crossville, TN

Attending:

Wayne Clatterback	Mark Young	Bruce Kauffman	Rick Wilcox
Eric Schmeckpeper	John Perry	Grant Curry	Dave Walters
Stan Malone			

The purpose of the meeting was to organize the Executive committee and clarify the roles of each committee as well as to establish a clear direction for the KT.



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