

# Kentucky - Tennessee Society of American Foresters NEWSLETTER

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## **SAF COUNCIL REP. FOR DISTRICT 9**

In late March, Tim French, District 9 representative on the SAF Council, sent an email to District IX Leaders. Here are some items that are relevant to SAF members.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Without a doubt you have heard of President Heissenbutal's challenge to each State/Multi state Society. He calls it Plus 1. The challenge is that we end the year 2001 with ONE more member than we had in 2000. Personally, I can't believe that he set the bar so low! I have a feeling that the Leaders in District IX can and will see that we blow the President's challenge completely out of the water. Membership is not the job of just the Membership Chair. It is the responsibility of each of us. Talk membership at every opportunity and don't let any potential member go unasked! Not only that, the Surpassor Campaign has some great prizes.

**CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN:** The campaign is over \$1.1 million dollars. There is still time to make a personal commitment to the broad funding base that the campaign provides OR target your favorite Campaign entity: help the Foresters' Fund reach a million dollars or possibly help fund SAF efforts in Conservation Education. This campaign has something that each of us can support. If you haven't made a personal pledge...please do. If already have, I sincerely thank you. Now, please encourage a colleague to make one too. Email me and I will see that you get some Centennial brochures and pledge cards.

**2001 SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION -** The Denver Convention will be outstanding - "Forestry at the Great Divide". It will be September 13-17. Registration material is in the April *Forestry Source*.

### **Future National Conventions:**

2002 - October 5-9 Winston-Salem, NC

2003 - October 22-25 Buffalo, New York

2004 - October 2-5, 2004 Edmonton, Alberta This is a joint meeting of SAF and CIF.

## **KT-SAF SUMMER MEETING**

Plans are now final for the summer SAF meeting in Jackson. The title is "Forestry on the WILD Side" where W = wetlands, I = Industry, L = land management, D = down under. Registration will begin Wednesday evening, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Plaza Hotel. That same night, while the Executive meeting is in progress, other SAF members can attend a Chicago Cubs AA minor league game - the "Diamond Jaxx." We have received group rates for tickets.

The next morning (Thursday), will be action packed.

7:30 Registration

8:00 Andy Warner - "Forestry Down Under" - Tasmania, Australia

9:00 Mike Butler - "Tennessee Elk Release Program"

10:45 Tour of Bruce Hardwood Flooring (world's largest hardwood flooring mill)

1:00 Field Tour of Miller Hardwood Land Management

3:00 Field Tour of Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge

p.m. Shortened business meeting Conclude program (no Friday events)

All room rates are \$50 per night, complete with indoor and outdoor pool and lounge (registrations due by May 31<sup>st</sup>). Early registration fee for members is \$35.00.

David Mercker, UT Extension Forester, is arrangements chair. He is at 901/425-4703 if you have questions.

## **WINTER KT-SAF MEETING**

Doug Rodman, Treasurer of Winter meeting, reports that the meeting netted \$1387.

## **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **June 6, 2001-E TN Chapter**

Breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. at Shoneys on Clinton Highway, Knoxville.

### **July 11, 2001-E TN Chapter**

Breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. at Shoneys on Clinton Highway, Knoxville.

### **July 11, 2001-SE TN Chapter**

Joint Mtg. with NE GA SAF TBD

### **August 1, 2001-E TN Chapter**

Breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. at Shoneys on Clinton Highway, Knoxville.

### **Sept. 12, 2001-SE TN Chapter**

State of TN Theme TBD

### **September 27, 2001 - EK SAF Fall Meeting**

### **Nov. 14, 2001-SE TN Chapter**

Industry Theme TBD

January 2002

## **KT SAF Winter Meeting in SE KY**

Hosted by East Kentucky on Forest Certification. Exact dates and location to be announced later

**June or July 2002**

## **KT SAF Summer Meeting**

Joint meeting with Indiana and Ohio SAF in vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky

## **NEWS FROM CHAPTERS AND OTHERS**

On March 14, 2001, the **SE-TN chapter** of the KTSAF met in Cleveland TN.

Charles Harris, the guest speaker for the meeting, told the story of 9 civil war rifles which were found in a cave on Lookout Mountain by a Chattanooga area lawyer in the 1930s, and how he (Mr. Harris) has been trying to track down and reunite the rifles since locating the first in the collection.

Discussion following the meeting centered on his work with archaeologists on public lands.

Following the presentation Diana Gennett raffled off door prizes (out-of-print maps from TVA).

Jeff Piatt discussed the new member get a member campaign and the 'survivor' theme national has adopted.

Comments were solicited on the planned actions at Land Between the Lakes, and it was suggested that any position statements

on this topic from the KT be consulted .

**Joe Burckle, The University of the South**

The **West Tenn. chapter** has received from national a grant to cost share for new or re instated SAF members. Grants of \$32.50 will be issued for each new member (up to 10 members) upon proof of paying full dues. Contact David Mercker (UT Extension Forester) for details (731 425 4703 or [dcmercker@utk.edu](mailto:dcmercker@utk.edu)).

**David Mercker, UT Dept. Of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries**

Congratulations going out to **Rick Wilcox** for qualifying for the SAF Superior Continuing Forestry Education award by completing 300 hours of continuing forestry education within a five year period.

Congratulations to both **Laurie Taylor** and her husband **William Thomas** on the arrival of their new born son Jack. Does Jack have a chance to be anything but a forester with both parents graduating from the University of Kentucky and working for the same?

**Doug McLaren, UK Dept. of Forestry**

The **UT student chapter** is wrapping up another outstanding year. We recently attended the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Association of Southern Forestry Clubs conclave hosted by Auburn University where we competed in fourteen physical events including crosscut sawing, axe throwing, pole climbing, archery and log burling. We also competed in eight technical events such as timber estimation, compass & pacing, wildlife identification, dendrology and wood technology. Over three hundred students attended from fourteen schools

throughout the southeast, including Texas and Oklahoma. We are looking forward to another exciting conclave hosted by Texas A&M in the spring of 2002.

This school year we have experienced all kinds of activities that have enhanced our upcoming professional careers. We attended the national convention in Washington, D.C. and the Kentucky-Tennessee SAF winter meeting in Nashville, TN.

At our biweekly meetings we had guest speakers ranging from the Tennessee Forest Products Center, state foresters, extension agents, consulting foresters, and a member of the Tennessee Forest Management Advisory Committee.

We have also had various social activities such as cookouts, bonfires, scenic river trips, camping trips and various other road trips.

We are looking forward to next years activities, which will begin with a trip to Denver for the 2001 SAF National Convention in early September, and the annual fall bonfire. These trips will be lead and organized by next years officers who are **Brian Stanfill**, President; **Jeff Webster**, Vice President; **Matt Ellis**, Secretary; **Ward Tarkington**, Treasurer. The new officers are excited and have already begun organizing activities that will enhance students= professional careers.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who have provided the resources for these activities and look forward to an outstanding 2001-2002 school year.

### **Supplemental Obituary Note:**

We are sorry to learn of the passing of fellow K-T SAF Member **Allen P. Swayne**, of 1531 Pennsylvania Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee 37331. Our thoughts go out to his surviving family.

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