



# Kentucky - Tennessee Society of American Foresters

## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE CHAIR - Jerry Crow

#### Summer Meeting a Sweltering Success!

The KTSAF 2004 Summer Meeting at Ames Plantation was super! Congratulations and commendations to our hosts, the West Tennessee Chapter, and especially to David Mercker and his Planning Committee for the well organized and run meeting. Attendance for a summer meeting was above average with 101 participants, including a cadre of Tennessee Division of Forestry personnel. Thanks to Tennessee State Forester Steve Scott for showing his support of KTSAF, and his commitment to the ongoing professional development of his TDF foresters. We look forward to seeing many of them at future KTSAF meetings. For those of you that missed the meeting, we were brought up to date on the extensive hardwood and wildlife research activities being conducted on Ames Plantation including hardwood genetic improvement and seed orchard establishment, group selections, enrichment plantings, crop tree economics, mammalian predator ecology, and quality deer management. We had an excellent lunch and dinner, and an unbelievable silent auction! (Ask Dave Walters about his "one-of-a-kind" find.) And lastly, you can't visit Ames Plantation and not talk about quail! Our evening was capped off with a history of Ames Plantation and a presentation on the quail release program in support of the annual national field trials. All in all, a very enjoyable and informative summer meeting! Thanks again West Tennessee Chapter. See you all in Kingsport in January '05.

#### Leadership Academy Does it Again!

You've heard it numerous times before from the previous KTSAF graduates, but let me reiterate it, the SAF Leadership Academy was a blast! Eighty-eight participants representing most of the various state societies gathered at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska May 22-25 for the 2004 SAF Leadership Academy. Other than spending portions of two evenings in designated tornado shelters while funnel clouds passed very close, the time was focused on gaining knowledge and insight on the meaning of leadership, honing individual leadership skills, and interacting with one another to share experiences and make new friends. Attending from KTSAF were: Anne Ulrey of Middle TN chapter, Jim Bean of West TN chapter, Hagan Wonn of East KY chapter, and Jerry Crow of West KY chapter. All will attest that it was an incredible and sometimes challenging experience, and would recommend to any and all to attend the academy in the future. Following are my most memorable "hot tips" and ones we can certainly apply in our future KTSAF activities:

1. "Never have a meeting when you can have a party!"
2. "If you cook it, they will come!"
3. "Just do it -- don't wait for others!"
4. "Don't worry about making mistakes, just try to make new mistakes!"
5. "Maintain a sense of humor and remember the big picture -- after all, it's only life!"

(\*If you want to read the other 55 hot tips, I'll be happy to share them.)

### **KTSAF Membership Update**

As of June 30, 2004, statistics provided by the National SAF office indicate KTSAF's current membership stands at 376 members. This is a decrease of 46 members since the beginning of 2004. The breakdown includes 59 purged members (15 were student members), 2 new members, 1 transfer in, 1 transfer out, 1 resigned, and 1 reinstated. Our 2004 goal is 423 members which is 1 additional member above the rolls on December 31, 2003. Let's make it a point to speak with our colleagues and friends, and encourage them to maintain their KTSAF memberships. We need them, you need them, and SAF needs them!

### **Membership Benefits**

If you've ever done any SAF recruiting, I'm sure these are familiar statements: "SAF just doesn't do anything for me.", "The dues are too high!", "The *Journal of Forestry* doesn't have any articles that apply to what I do.", and on and on. Do you have an answer when a colleague or co-worker makes those or similar statements about not being an SAF member? Have you given any thought to why you are an SAF member? In these times of declining participation and falling membership levels, let's review and consider the many benefits of SAF membership:

Information: Tap into the latest information affecting forestry through subscriptions to the *Journal of Forestry*, SAF's monthly newspaper *The Forestry Source*, the E-forester newsletter.

Continuing Education: SAF is your best resource for training and education! Advance your knowledge and earn continuing education credits at national and local conferences, workshops, and online.

Networking: A great way to learn is from your colleagues. Make connections by participating in a local unit or through e-mail list exchanges. An online mentoring program enables students and new professional to gain knowledge from more experienced members.

Access to Science: Working groups help you focus on specific areas of scientific interest such as water resources, sustainability and forest certification, wildlife and fish ecology, silviculture, fire, urban forestry, recreation, and others. Members gain access to information about upcoming meetings, news, and publishing opportunities.

Legislative Advocacy: SAF is your "watchdog" in Washington D.C. and at the local level. The Society closely monitors legislation that affects forestry and represents your interests on regulatory and legislative issues.

Promotion of the Profession: The forestry profession's viewpoints are promoted through an aggressive media program. Efforts are focused on promoting forestry to national media and on providing tools to grassroots units for local outreach.

Professional Standards: SAF promotes and maintains high professional standards and ethics within the profession. The Certified Forester credential is the national program that sets the standard nationwide for professional foresters.

Employment Opportunities: If you are looking to make a career move or fill a vacant position, you can count on SAF's classified ads in *The Forestry Source* or our comprehensive online Career Center.

Volunteering: Not only will you have the opportunity to serve on a Society committee and be involved with setting SAF goals and objectives, but you'll also gain benefits that will help you grow personally and professionally, leadership experience, satisfaction through helping others, and networking. Get involved! This is your association.

There are others as well. Perhaps you have your own personal reasons for being an SAF member. The next time someone says SAF doesn't do anything for them, present several of the benefits and tell them why you're an SAF member. Maybe you can't recruit everyone, but knowing the values of being an SAF member can only help you. **Be passionate about your profession!**

### **2004 KTSAF Elections**

Dave Walters is our 2004 Nominations Chair and will be seeking candidates for the elections coming up this fall. We will be voting for a Chair-Elect (from Kentucky) and for a Secretary. If Dave asks you to run, please serve your society and seriously consider saying yes!

### **AWARD NOMINATIONS**

There are many active, involved foresters and technicians, and others that contribute to the profession of forestry in Kentucky and Tennessee. Each year KTSAF offers a way to recognize the efforts of those individuals through awards in four categories:

- Outstanding Forester Over 35 Service Award
- Outstanding Forester Under 35 Service Award
- Outstanding Technician Service Award
- Herman T. Bagenstoss Forestry Recognition Award

The guidelines for the Outstanding Forester awards, both Over and Under 35 are for an individual's outstanding efforts in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the SAF by a member of KTSAF.

The Outstanding Technician award is recognizing an individual's outstanding efforts in the forestry field by a Forestry Technician. The individual does not have to be an SAF member.

The Herman T. Bagenstoss award is for an individual or group where the contribution to forestry has been beyond the demands of their regular employment. In general, the recipient should not be a professional forester. In 2004, the nominees and recipient for the Herman T. Bagenstoss award **only** must be from Tennessee as per our by-laws.

Now is the time to nominate those individuals whom are deserving of these awards. Following is a nomination form. Please consider all of your colleagues and nominate someone. Don't delay and return nominations to Pam Snyder, your chapter chair, or one of the KT officers. Please get your nominations in before the end of September. Thanks.

### **HELP NEEDED AT THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION - LOUISVILLE, KY**

The KT-SAF is once again responsible for coordinating and staffing the Society of American Foresters booth at the 2004 FFA National Agricultural Career Show, which is scheduled for October

27 – 29 in Louisville, Kentucky. Last year's show was attended by 51,338 people. The show hours will be 12:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 27; 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 28; and 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Friday, October 29. The objective of the SAF is to help advance the science, technology, practice and education of professional forestry to high school students contemplating their future careers as they enter college and to provide sources of information via the SAF website to those who are interested in resource management. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. If you are interested in providing assistance, please contact Lloyd A. Foe, Project Manager, at 502-222-1115, 502-797-0134 (cell) or through e-mail at [Lloyd@FoeForestry.com](mailto:Lloyd@FoeForestry.com).

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Tennessee Tree Farm Inspector Training** -- August 11-13, 2004, Nashville Marriott Airport Hotel, Nashville, TN. Contact: Dana Howard - (615-883-3832)

**Tennessee Forestry Association Annual Meeting** -- August 12-13, 2004, Nashville Marriott Airport Hotel, Nashville, TN. Contact: Dana Howard - (615-883-3832)

The **East Tennessee SAF Chapter** meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7am for breakfast at the Shoneys on Clinton Highway in Knoxville.

The **Southeast Tennessee SAF Chapter** will meet on September 1st, 2004. Business meeting at the Three Amigos Restaurant adjacent to Wal-Mart in Kimball, TN at 12pm CDT, followed by a mill tour at Cardin's Sawmill. Ken Smith will host the meeting.

A final 2004 **Southeast Tennessee SAF Chapter** meeting in late fall is tentatively planned to tour the Walls of Jericho in southern Franklin County.

Contact Benjamin Myers with any questions or comments at [benjaminlmyers@hotmail.com](mailto:benjaminlmyers@hotmail.com) .

**Kentucky-Tennessee Advanced Hardwood Silviculture Training** - September 14-16 at Oak Ridge, TN, and September 21-23 at Cookeville, TN. Three full days of hands-on/field training. Subjects: Crop tree management and release; Decision-making in low-quality hardwoods or high-graded stands; Two-age and sparse tree management; Site preparation for natural hardwood regeneration (reproduction surveys, predictive computer model, use of herbicides, regeneration mechanisms, prescriptions, etc.); Planting hardwoods; and How to grow high-quality hardwoods. CF and CEU credits. Cost: To Be Determined. For further information, contact Wayne Clatterbuck, 865-974-7346 or [wclatterbuck@utk.edu](mailto:wclatterbuck@utk.edu)

**Kentucky Wood Expo** - September 18 and 19 at Optimus Sports Complex and Park in London, Kentucky.

**CIF/IFC and SAF Joint 2004 Annual General Meeting and Convention** - October 2-6, 2005, Edmonton, Alberta CANADA

The **East Kentucky SAF Chapter** fall meeting will be October 5 and 6 at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg, KY. This will be a joint meeting with Forest Resource Association, and will be geared towards timber trespass and timber security issues, although other speakers will be present, including Herb Lloyd, chairman of the state BMP board, who will be addressing upcoming changes to the Forest Conservation Act and BMPs.

**Plant Invasive Workshop** - Friday, October 22, Hollingsworth Auditorium, UT Agriculture Campus, Knoxville. This workshop is for resource managers to become more informed about the biology and control of invasive plant species. CF, CEU and Pest credits. Tentative Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and breaks). For further information, contact Wayne Clatterbuck, 865-974-7346 or [wclatterbuck@utk.edu](mailto:wclatterbuck@utk.edu)

**KT-SAF Winter 2005 Meeting** - January 26-28, 2005 at the MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. **Put this on your calendar.** More details to come.

## **NEW FROM SAF**

### **A Simple Way to Keep Track of Your Continuing Forestry Education Credits**

SAF proudly announces the launch of a new online CFE database system that allows you to submit continuing education credits directly into your membership or Certified Forester record. You no longer need to fax or mail CFE forms or agendas to log your hours!

Simply log onto [www.safnet.org/events/cfe/](http://www.safnet.org/events/cfe/) and enter your username and password. Your username is your membership ID number or Certified Forester number, and your password is your last name.

Select the meetings that you attended from the online education calendar. If the meeting is not there, the system allows you to enter the meeting and other continuing education categories just prior to submitting the information. At the end of the process, you can print out the hours submitted for your records.

You are encouraged to keep documents related to your meeting attendance for your personal records. SAF will conduct random audits of selected records.

If you need Category 1 continuing forestry education hours, SAF offers you the opportunity to earn 8 CFE's per year for \$10 a credit--and on your own schedule! Each quarter, we post a 20-question online quiz based on articles in the most recent issues of the Journal of Forestry. If you haven't taken advantage of this great learning opportunity, check it out. A new quiz has just been posted! Visit [www.safnet.org/commerce/jofcfequiz.cfm](http://www.safnet.org/commerce/jofcfequiz.cfm)

Here's an added bonus: earn 100 points in the SAF Rewards Program when you take the quiz. For more information on SAF's Rewards Program visit [www.safnet.org/members/rewards.cfm](http://www.safnet.org/members/rewards.cfm)

### **Ethics Guide: A Tool to Help You Put the SAF Code of Ethics into Practice**

The SAF Code of Ethics adopted in 2000 has generated much discussion. SAF's new Ethics Guide explains the Code's preamble, principles, and pledges with clarifications and case studies that will help you see the breadth of issues in every ethical situation and provide you with a framework for making ethical choices.

The Ethics Guide will help you reflect on the core beliefs of the profession; the meaning, intent, and inspirational values of the Code; and how the Code relates to your personal and professional life. At the heart of the Ethics Guide is a series of 18 case studies in forestry ethics that cover the principles and pledges of the Ethics Code. The primary focus is professional practice in applying science, techniques, and judgment to real-world forest management, administrative, policy, and business problems every day.

Highlights:

\*Ethical Reflection Steps

\*Interpreting the SAF Code of Ethics: Comments and Discussion Questions

\*Is "Compliance" Enough?

\*Functions of the SAF Code of Ethics

\*Case Studies for Reflection and Discussion

\*Suggested Activities on Forestry Ethics

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### **Convention to Offer Communications Workshop**

No matter what part of the profession a forester practitioner works in, the ability to communicate effectively is a valuable asset. That's why there's a professional development workshop being offered at the Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada and Society of American Foresters Joint 2004 Annual General Meeting and Convention, to be held October 2-6 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

"Communications Skills for the Natural Resources Professional" is a daylong event that will provide forest practitioners with a better understanding of public relations and how strategic public relations and communications can benefit them. The workshop will enhance participants' confidence in using public relations processes and tactics and provide material to help them become more effective communicators.

"Being able to communicate what we do and why we do it is essential for the forestry profession's success," says workshop copresenter Gina Childs, group leader with the USDA Forest Service's Northeastern Area Office of State and Private Forestry and former member of SAF's National Communications Committee.

To accomplish the workshop's aims, organizers have tailored the workshop to meet the everyday needs of natural resources managers by infusing the program with real-life examples and hands-on training. Attendees will develop a communications plan; examine the pros and cons of different media formats; hear from local reporters about what they look for in a natural resources story; learn to conduct stimulating interviews; develop skills in initiating and sustaining a dialog with the public; and learn basic website design.

François Miville-Deschênes, communications manager for the Canadian Forest Service and workshop copresenter, says attendees will receive a good mix of conventional public relations training and the newest media relations techniques.

"Good communications and public relations skills can have significant effect on an organization's visibility and credibility," he says. "And with so much competition from other organizations trying to get their message out, it's important to keep up to date on the public and media relations techniques."

"Communications Skills for the Natural Resources Professional" will take place from 8:00am to 4:30pm on Saturday, October 2. Along with Childs and Miville-Deschênes, presenters at the workshop will include Dan Kincaid of the USDA Forest Service and Bruce Palmer of the Missouri Department of Conservation. The cost of the workshop is US\$100/CAN\$140 and includes all handout materials and refreshment breaks. For more information about the communications workshop or the convention, go to [www.cif-saf-2004convention.org](http://www.cif-saf-2004convention.org).

A **Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the UT Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department** will be on Oct. 22 and 23, 2004 in Knoxville for all alumni, friends and families. More information will be forthcoming via mail and on the FWF website [ <http://fwf.ag.utk.edu/>].

## **DEADLINES**

KTSAF award nominations - **September 30, 2004** [see article above and attached form for details]

Items for the November KTSAF Newsletter - **November 2, 2004**

## **NEWS**

### **2004 KTSAF summer meeting - David Mercker, West TN SAF chair**

The KT SAF summer meeting was very successful. A total of 108 foresters attended, including 46 Tennessee Division of Forestry personnel. The silent auction raised \$1,528. A special thanks to all the participants and to the Ames Plantation for their hospitality. The West Tennessee SAF Chapter continues to work toward the development of a position statement that would require registering of professional foresters in Tennessee. We should have a final version available by fall.

### **Southeast Tennessee SAF Chapter - Benjamin Myers, SE TN SAF Chapter secretary/treasurer**

On July 22, 2004 the Southeast TN SAF held a chapter meeting. The business meeting was held at the Western Sizzling in Dayton, TN.

Mike Williford and Don King of Bowater hosted the field tour. The meeting focus was herbicide use in forestry. The areas visited were pine beetle areas being prepared for replanting in the vicinity of the Tennessee River.

Bowater's strategy for treating these areas was discussed. Bowater's fertilization program was touched on with some contentious issues or opinions concerning long term site productivity discussed. Thanks to Mike and Don for taking the time to arrange this nice field tour.

Nine Southeast TN chapter members and three students from Sewanee's Summer Domain Management program were in attendance.

Joseph Burckle, chapter chair, has moved to the Maryland/ Northern Virginia area. The chapter chairman position was filled by Ken Smith, the freshman vice-chairman. Currently the vice-chairman's position is vacant. Ben Myers still occupies the Secretary/Treasurer position. Nominations for the 2005 chapter positions are currently being taken. The election will be held by October 31st.

### **The University of the South Department of Forestry and Geology - Ken Smith, Associate Professor**

Forestry graduating senior John Ross Havard received the US Forest Service Science Award at the 2004 graduation for high achievement in his sciences courses at Sewanee.

We also had five new forestry majors sign up this year - our Forestry and Geology Department has 36 forestry, geology, and natural resource majors (juniors and seniors).

### **National WUI Maps on Web - Cherokee NF newsletter**

The Forest Service and the University of Wisconsin recently released new scientific maps depicting the communities and lands within the wildland urban interface (WUI) across the lower 48 states. This is the first consistent nationwide representation of the WUI, and makes possible mapping and analysis at national, state and local levels. In all, 42 million homes or 37 percent of the nation's total are in the WUI. These lands comprise 273,000 square miles or nine percent of the 48 states. While California leads the nation with more than five million homes within the WUI, North Carolina has the greatest area at more than 12 million acres. In 20 states, 50 percent or more of all homes are in the WUI. For more info and to retrieve maps: [http://silvis.forest.wisc.edu/projects/WUI\\_Main.asp](http://silvis.forest.wisc.edu/projects/WUI_Main.asp).

### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

**Lloyd Foe**, chair of the **FFA Convention committee** has a new email address  
[Lloyd@FoeForestry.com](mailto:Lloyd@FoeForestry.com)

Please keep your information on file with SAF up-to-date. Provide changes to: Amy Ziadi, data systems administrator, SAF National Office, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 897-8720, ext. 102, [ziadia@safnet.org](mailto:ziadia@safnet.org).

**Editor's note:** the KTSAF 2004 Budget Report (Midyear) and the Candidate Nomination Form are on the two pages below.

## KTSAF 2004 Budget Report (Midyear)

	Forecasted Income	Income to- date
Income		
Student Development	\$ -	\$ -
(Carried Forward from 2003)	\$ 569.93	\$ 569.93
Foresters Fund	\$ -	\$ 100.00
(Silent Auction)	\$ 400.00	\$ -
(FFA Convention)	\$ 650.00	\$ -
Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$ 165.00
MISC	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 60.00	\$ 7.18
KT Dues	\$2,500.00	\$ 537.25
SAF Dues to Chapters	\$ 390.00	\$ 53.50
Leadership Academy (Challenge)	\$ - \$ -	\$ - \$ 525.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,569.93</b>	<b>\$1,957.86</b>

	Budget Expense	Actual Expense
Expenses		
Memorial Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -
Student Development	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.19
Foresters Fund	\$ -	\$ 192.50
(Silent Auction)	\$ 200.00	\$ -
(FFA)	\$ 650.00	\$ -
Awards	\$ 500.00	\$ 601.36
Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Postage & Labels	\$ 220.00	\$ 46.06
Newsletter	\$ 200.00	\$ 154.79
Web Page	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.39
National Convention	\$1,000.00	\$ -
Nominations	\$ 100.00	\$ -
HSD	\$ 175.00	\$ 192.00
MISC	\$ 150.00	\$ -
KT Dues	\$ -	\$ -
Dues from SAF to Chapters	\$ 390.00	\$ 53.50
KTSAF Contribution to Chapters	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Leadership Academy	\$3,000.00	\$1,546.83
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,485.00</b>	<b>\$3,668.62</b>

Prepared by J. R. Anderson, 2004 KTSAF Treasurer, June 7, 2004

**Candidate Nomination Form**  
**Kentucky - Tennessee Society of American Foresters**

**Send Nominations To:**

KTSAF Awards Chair (Pam Snyder, 250 Hunter Ridge Rd, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342) or  
Your Chapter Chair

**By September 30, 2004**

Check the appropriate award category (only one) listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Herman T. Bagenstoss Forestry Recognition Award (must be from TN in 2004)

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Forester Service Award, 35 years and under  
(must be a KTSAF member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Forester Service Award, 35 years and older  
(must be a KTSAF member)

\_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Forestry Technician Service Award

1. I nominate the following person (or group) named below as a candidate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation or Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (Outstanding SAF member only): \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background:

Forest conservation or affiliated organization of which candidate is a member:

2. List chronologically the contributions, achievements, and influence of the candidate which have contributed to the advancement of forest conservation or the forestry profession. Please attach as many extra sheets of paper that you need for details.

3. Candidate Sponsored By: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_