Chairman’s Corner
By Ken Smith

As we hunker down for a week of ice and snow, it is a good time to reflect on our successful winter meeting. First, big thanks to the East Tennessee chapter for putting on a good show with some great talks. In particular, Jeff Holt and David Hudnall did a nice job of emceeing over the two days, and the other organizers kept the event on time and in sequence while working behind the scenes.

I thought it was a good idea to start off the meeting with a reminder about the goals of SAF and the value that it provides to our members. If you know of someone who was once a member or should be a member, take some of Tim Phelps’ advice and reach out to them. In the morning session, I enjoyed seeing a younger version of Marisa Tomei, as well as the sage advice about what makes an expert. I have been humbled more than once in the woods by people who never went to college.

The afternoon session can always be a little dicey following lunch and a darkened room, but the speakers delivered the goods with a series of interesting talks. Bruno Marcoccia snapped us out of our post-chicken cordon blues with an update on nanocrystalline cellulose, value-added lignin and investment in bio-products. About halfway through his talk, I looked around the room and people were definitely leaning forward as we heard about new innovations that fundamentally alter our perceptions of forest products. Adam Taylor finished off the afternoon session with mostly good news about solid wood markets, which is a marked difference from a similar talk from five years ago.

Later in the evening, the Wildcats took home the quiz bowl trophy, and the banquet was punctuated with an entertaining but sad talk about meth production in our two states. I will definitely approach all roadside trash with a different perspective after hearing from Special Agent Farmer. At the awards ceremony, special attention was deservedly given to Mr. John Wells, who received an award to commemorate his 50th year in SAF. Kudos also went to John Perry, Greg Bailey, Brant Miller and to all the others who have helped keep KTSAF moving over the past year. The following day, the last event of the meeting was a panel discussion of a wide variety of topics related to forest industry, and some great advice was dispensed to the students in the crowd. Practice those communication skills!

Please put the summer meeting on your schedules (June 11), and note that David Mercker has already promised an evening of baseball at Jackson’s fine stadium.

Be safe in the woods, Ken
MARK your calendar

2015 Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Field Days.

Included in this newsletter is the brochure announcing this spring’s Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Forestry Field Days. There are two events, one in south-west and the other in south-central Tennessee. 2015 represents our 10-year anniversary!

The theme is “Do it Yourself Forestry” and we have lined up exciting events. Representatives from various equipment dealers will demonstrate: portable sawmill, ATV logging equipment, chainsaw safety, and machine tree planting. Additional topics include the Div. of Forestry Nursery, planting trees by hand, and assessing woodlands for over-stocking. Special keynote speakers will be present. As always, there is no fee to attend (which includes lunch) but registration is limited. And too, the hats are very impressive this year! Also, 4 CFEs have been assigned.

Additional details are available on page 9 of this newsletter. The partners thank you for your support and for your continued dedication to wise management of forest resources.

SAF Membership Renewals


Or just click HERE!

38th Council on Forest Engineering (COFE) Annual Meeting

Engineering Solutions for Non-industrial Private Forest Operations

July 19 – 22, 2015 - Hilton Hotel Downtown - Lexington, KY
Click HERE for more information.

The Forestry Source Reader Survey is still open, with 99 responses, so far. Please encourage more members to take the survey. Steve W. will distribute survey results later this month.

To complete the survey, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ForestrySource.

Or click HERE.

You can complete the survey via any web browser on your personal computer, tablet, or smartphone.

On February 5, the West Tn. Chapter hosted the annual forester’s gathering. Eight SAF chapter members were present, along with 15 non-member foresters, for a dinner meal and presentation. Dr. Allan Houston staged a very informative summary of ten years of quality deer management on the Hobart Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tn.

2015 K-T SFA Summer Meeting

June 11th

The KT-SAF summer meeting to be held in Jackson, TN. Foresters will be treated to an interesting and action-filled day at the Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge. Planned topics include: beaver damage and control, attributes of mature bottomland hardwoods, row-cropping impoundments, under-planting bottomland oaks in advance of harvesting, plus a surprise competition.

Further, we are attempting to line up a minor league ball game the evening prior to the meeting. So please reserve Thursday, June 11th, don your snake chaps, and plan to join us!
By Allan Houston

Read this. I know ... it is sorta long, but we need to think on this. Besides there is a pretty good joke hidden and you will have to read to find it.

This year Kentucky/Tennessee had three National Award winners, representing special recognition for a lifetime of contributions to the Society. These men were distinguished as Fellows and this illustrates several things. First, these people well deserve this National distinction. Second, there are K/T men and women who deserve this award now or are building the credentials to put them in line for it. And third, hey guys, K/T is a big deal. We are a major player on the national scene and should have people up for recognition regularly. Our past National Chairman came from K/T; and Dave told us at the winter meeting there is seldom a moldering pile of National nominations every year. Even with stiff competition, we can be in the running ... every year.

A list of National awards is included here. Look it over. Someone will perhaps pop into your mind for one or maybe even several of these. If so, begin by letting our current chairman know and we can get the ball rolling ... and yes it will take a little work ... most probably in soliciting testimonials and filling out forms. I can help there.

There are 11 categories below and a description of the basic qualifications. We've got folks who fit. The coolest thing would be K/T hanging some National distinctions on the wall.

**Awards in Forest Science & Technology**
- Barrington Moore Memorial Award
- SAF Award in Forest Science
- Technology Transfer Award

**Barrington Moore Memorial Award in Biological Science**
The Barrington Moore Memorial Award recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry. Presented annually, the award includes a $1,000 honorarium.

**SAF Award in Forest Science**
The SAF Award in Forest Science recognizes distinguished individual research in any branch of the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences leading to the advancement of forestry. Presented annually, the award includes a $1,000 honorarium.

**Technology Transfer Award**
The Technology Transfer Award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of technology transfer, implementation and extension. Presented annually, the award includes a cash honorarium of $1000.

**Awards in Communication**
- Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award
- W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award

**Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award**
The Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award recognizes high quality journalistic coverage of topics that increase the American public's understanding of forestry and natural resources. Presented annually, the award includes a cash honorarium of $500.

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W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award
The Outstanding Communicator Award recognizes an SAF member who displays the ability, talent, and skill to lead innovative and exemplary communications initiatives and programs that increase the general public's understanding of forestry and natural resources at the local, regional, or national level. The award, presented annually, consists of an engraved award and a $500 honorarium.

Awards of Professional Recognition
- John A. Beale Memorial Award
- Carl Alwin Schenck Award
- Honorary Award
- Gifford Pinchot Medal
- Sir William Schlich Memorial Award
- Young Forester Leadership Award

John A. Beale Memorial Award
The John A. Beale Memorial Award recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period of time by an SAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society. The award, presented annually, includes a $500 honorarium.

Carl Alwin Schenck Award
The Carl Alwin Schenck Award recognizes devotion and demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of forestry education. Presented annually, the award includes a cash honorarium of $500.

Honorary Membership
The Honorary Membership Award recognizes individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.

Gifford Pinchot Medal
The Gifford Pinchot Medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry. The award, presented biennially (odd-numbered years), consists of an engraved medallion and a $500 honorarium.

Sir William Schlich Memorial Award
The Sir William Schlich Memorial Award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry with emphasis on, but not limited to, policy and national or international activities. The award, presented biennially (even-numbered years), consists of an engraved medallion and a $500 honorarium.

Young Forester Leadership Award
The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.

There was no joke, except if you have read this far looking for it, well that's pretty funny; but it's no joke we have people qualified for these awards. Ignoring them would not be funny. We need to build the disposition of recognition within K/T. To some extent, for those of us here now, it is a legacy. A burning house draws a crowd. National relevance can attract local members.
The 2017 SAF Convention will NOT be held in Louisville

The Louisville CVB has informed SAF that they will be closing the convention center for two years for renovation. SAF will be finding another city in the next couple of months. SAF is still interested in holding the convention in Louisville, perhaps after 2018…?

Our Forest Resources: Southern Research Station Scientists Coordinate National Assessment

A new U.S. Forest Service report provides updated national estimates of forest area, growth, mortality rate, and other information, including timber products output. Forest Service Southern Research Station (SRS) scientist Sonja Oswalt coordinated the assessment. The most recent update shows that the total acreage of forested land in the U.S. is about 766 million acres, an increase of 7 million since the 2010 update.

Three percent of the conterminous U.S. is considered urban, and approximately 250 million people live in cities. Trees cover about 35 percent of urban areas, and provide essential ecological, economic, and social benefits. The economic value of reduced air pollution and building shading (which reduces energy costs) is estimated to be $2.4 trillion.

The article and more information can be found on this LINK.

Carbon Accumulation by Southeastern Forests May Slow

Researchers show that future carbon accumulation rates are highly sensitive to future land use changes. Land use choices that either reduce the rate of afforestation or increase the rate of deforestation are key factors in future forest carbon accumulation.

The impact of land use transition is especially significant in the Southeast where 89 percent of the forested land is privately owned, underscoring the importance of land use policies that provide incentives for keeping lands in a forested condition.

The FULL ARTICLE for the Southern Research Station can be found at this LINK.

Judges want Land Between the Lakes plan changed

A plan to turn large tracts of Land Between the Lakes (LBL) into an oak-grassland worries not only former residents but also county leaders. The idea is laid out in LBL’s management plan adopted in 2004, and calls for clearing huge tracts to allow oaks and native grasses to grow.

Some environmentalists have criticized the U.S. Forest Service for this practice, calling it “a slash and burn” activity.

Read more HERE.

Estate planning for forest landowners: what will become of your timberland?

The purpose of this book is to provide guidelines and assistance to nonindustrial private forest owners and the legal, tax, financial, insurance, and forestry professionals who serve them on the application of estate planning techniques to forest properties. The book presents a working knowledge of the Federal estate and gift tax law as of September 30, 2008, with particular focus on the unique characteristics of owning timber and forest land.

This book can be downloaded at this LINK.

POP QUIZ !!

Forestry 101

In northern Idaho during the “Great Fire of 1910”, this Forest Service Ranger saved 40 men of his firefighting team by leading them into a mine tunnel, pulled out his pistol and threatened to shoot anyone that tried to run out.

You’ve heard his name before...

Who was he?
A public opinion phone survey of Tennesseans was conducted during early January, 2015 by The Trust for Public Land. The intent was to assess public held values and willingness to fund various state-wide conservation efforts. The results were astonishing comparable to the 2009 (severely depressed economy at that time) phone survey conducted by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and published in “Tennessee 2020: Vision for Parks, People and Landscapes.” While the analytical results have not yet been completed, preliminary results clearly indicate the following.

- **2009** - Citizens continue to place high importance on a wide range of environmental values (55-97%). These values range from water quality for drinking, and for rivers and streams; fish and wildlife habitat; working farms; state parks; working forest lands; acquiring additional land for parks and outdoor recreation; nature trails; providing neighborhood and community parks; and environmental education for youth and adults.

- **2015** – Most citizens want the above conservation issues adequately funded.

- **2015** - Would support legislation for providing more funding for conservation.

- **2015** – Citizens would have a favorable impression of their state legislator(s) who supported dedicated funding for conservation purposes.

- **2015** - Citizens believe the legislature should allow the public to vote on dedicating more funding to protect and restore land along streams, rivers, and lakes; improve water quality; support working forests and farms; and to manage and protect fish and wildlife and their habitats.

- **2009** - Only 1/3 of citizens opposed a constitutional amendment that would add 1/8% of 1% sales tax on all retail sales for conservation.

- **2009** – 69% supported the dedication for conservation purposes of 1/8 of 1% from all existing state sales tax revenue.

- **2009** - Citizens (69%) would support dedicating 7% of existing state sales tax on outdoor recreational equipment for conservation purposes.

- **2015** – A large percentage of citizens would vote in favor of a constitutional amendment dedicating a small portion of existing revenue for conservation purposes.

**Summary:** Tennesseans place a high value on environmental quality - clean water, working forests and farms, fish and wildlife, outdoor recreation - and are willing to pay for and maintain/improve those resources. Citizens will vote for legislators who support efforts that adequately fund conservation management, and they want to be able to vote, through a constitutional amendment, whether or not to dedicate funds specifically for conservation.

The full document Tennessee 2020: Vision for Parks, People and Landscapes can be accessed [HERE](#).
2015 Winter Meeting Award Winners!

Outstanding Student Awards

University of the South
Elise Landreaux

University of Kentucky
Mackenzie Schaeffer

University of Tennessee
Alison Shimer

Outstanding Members

Forester
35 Years and Under
Neil Owens

Forester
Over 35 Years
Tim Phelps

Forestry Technician
Nathan Hamby

Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition

David Keyes
Morgan County, TN
2014 Fellows

David Mercker

Jeff Holt

Doug McLaren

50 Year Membership

John Wells

Quiz Bowl

University of Kentucky
The forestry community in Tennessee invites you to attend the 2015 Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods (THH) Field Days. This year celebrates the 10-year anniversary of these educational events. The theme is “Do-it-Yourself Forestry.”

THH is coordinated with a partnership of professionals who seek to provide non-formal education to private forest landowners.

The agenda will feature several field demonstrations including:

- Registration 8:00 - 9:00
- Welcome & Introductions 9:00 - 9:30
- Be Woodwizer with a Woodwizer 9:30 - 12:00
  - a demo on cutting logs with a portable sawmill
  - Chainsaw Safety - Old Dogs Can Learn New Tricks
  - here safety will be the focus
  - Skidding Logs with an ATV
  - using an ATV to lift and drag logs
- Lunch & Keynote Speakers (see below) 12:00 - 1:15
- Getting them in the Ground—demo on tree planting 1:15 - 3:00
  - Quick-Cruise Timber
  - the fundamentals of learning when a forest is overstocked
  - Experience the TDF Nursery!
- Special Keynote Speakers (see below)

PLUS: Special Keynote Speakers

Jai Templeton, TDA Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture (Chickasaw Location)
Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation (Tullahoma Location)

**Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Field Days**

The same program will be offered at both locations. When registering, indicate the location you will be attending:

April 18 - Chickasaw State Forest
  - Register by April 14
  - From the intersection of HWY 45 and 100 in Henderson, TN, travel west approximately 8 miles to the main park entrance. Continue one mile to the west entrance (RV & Wrangle Camp). Turn left, then remain left for one mile to the site event.

April 25 - Highland Rim Experimental Forest
  - Franklin County (Tullahoma)
  - Register by April 21
  - From the intersection of HWYs 33 & 41-A in Tullahoma, travel south toward Winchester. After 4 1/2 miles, turn left (east) onto UT Farm Road. Follow 1/2 mile to the entrance.

**Note:** Registration is limited to 120 for each location.

**Tennessee Forestry Association (800) 893-7403**

**Nondiscrimination**

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this program on the grounds of disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. If any special disability needs are required by participants, it must be indicated upon registration.

**Registration**

There is no fee associated with attending the Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods field days. Please register in advance for meal purposes (registration is limited).

To register, call the Tennessee Forestry Association office in Nashville at (800) 893-7403. State the location you will be attending, the number in your party, plus your address and phone number. The events will occur regardless of the weather.

**Please Register Soon!! (800) 893-7403**

(Be sure to indicate the location you will be attending)
Edward C. "Ed" Pulaski (February 9, 1868 – February 2, 1931) was a U.S. Forest Service ranger based in Wallace, Idaho. On August 20, 1910, Pulaski was credited with saving all but five of his 45-man crew during what is known as the "Great Idaho Fire" or the "Big Blowup." Drawing on his knowledge of the area and of the dynamics of forest fires, Pulaski led his men to safety in an abandoned prospect mine (picture above left). After ordering his crew into the mine tunnel, he threatened to shoot with his pistol any man who left. Lying prone on the tunnel floor, all but five of the firefighters survived. The mine entrance, now known as the Pulaski Tunnel, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pulaski is widely credited for the invention of the Pulaski in 1911, a hand tool commonly used in wildland firefighting. A combination hand tool with a mattock for digging or grubbing on one side and an axe for chopping on the other, it is often called a "Pulaski tool".

Mount Pulaski, a 5480 foot (1670 m) peak 1.5 miles southwest of Wallace, is named for him.

Read Pulaski’s account of the wildfire [HERE].
Next NEWSLETTER Deadline is

Friday
May 8, 2015

Please supply NEWSLETTER information in Microsoft WORD format to:

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- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!