Chairman’s Corner

By Ken Smith

For many reasons, fall is my favorite season, and it seems like it just won’t end this year. I was out in the woods with a student yesterday, and some of our sugar maple still have green leaves on them. At home, we usually have cranked up the wood stove several times by now, but my firewood stack is sitting there untouched and raring to go. Maybe these November wood savings will yield a benefit in March.

As many of you know, the national SAF convention is held at this time of the year, and I just returned from Baton Rouge and a meeting with all the other state society chairs. The group is called the House of Society Delegates (HSD for short), and we met for one and a half days to discuss the latest events across the US. All of us here in K-T land should be grateful that Tim Phelps and Dave Walters continue to give our group such national prominence. Tim is the chair of the HSD, and he did an excellent job in leading the meetings.

Some brief highlights from the HSD meeting included good news about national membership which went up this year (3%). Unfortunately, we also learned that all regions are struggling to retain members in the 25-45 year-old age group. All state societies were encouraged to work on developing their younger leadership, and we were also told that it would be helpful if we could contact the national office about specific policy issues that they can work on in Washington, DC. One of the big success stories from this year involved several state societies working with the national office on adjusting the restrictions with forest management inside the range of the northern long-eared bat. In addition, we were shown an excellent video produced by the Montana SAF about members building a Habitat for Humanity home with locally harvested and processed wood.

A big thank you goes out to Dow Corning’s Rance Frye and Louisiana-Pacific’s David Hudnall and Michelle Boucher for organizing a great mentoring event last month in Nashville with 10 forestry and natural resource students. Well done my friends.

Finally, make sure that all of you reserve January 27-29 for the winter K-T SAF meeting in Bowling Green. It is always an interesting meeting and a great time to reconnect with old friends. I look forward to seeing you all there, and have a great holiday season.

Regards, Ken
What’s Going On?

SAF Fellows

March 1st is the deadline for SAF Fellow Nominations.

If you know of a member that is deserving of the title, now is the time to start the process of putting the nomination packet together.

If you have any questions, contact a KT Officer.

Nominations for Awards are Needed

Folks it is time to think about awards. An earlier newsletter outlined the specific awards and general criteria. It is imperative we get started with the process and it is important we continue to develop that culture of recognition. Think about people who deserve the gratitude of a professional society for good work, well done.

~Dr. Allan Houston

Nominations* are needed for:

- Outstanding Forester
  - Over 35 years of age

- Outstanding Forester
  - 35 years of age and under

- Forestry Technician

- Herman Baggenstoss
  - Forestry Recognition Award

*Kentucky membership only for 2016

District 9 Council Representative

By just a narrow margin, Lee Crocker was elected as our District 9 Council Representative. The KT membership applauds Tim Phelps and the work and inspiration he provides to the forestry profession.

Lee Crocker (Ohio) – 56%
Tim Phelps (TN) – 44%

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- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!
MUSIC AND MENTORING
By Rance Frye

On October 22nd, the Middle Tennessee Chapter, with Louisiana Pacific, hosted a MUSIC AND MENTORING event with students from The University of the South. The purpose of the event was three-fold:

• Natural Resource students often lack exposure to professionals in the workforce who can answer questions and provide Mentorship through decisions affecting their entrance into the workforce after college.

• Natural Resource professionals have a wealth of experience and knowledge of the workplace that remains underutilized because they lack access to students and young professionals.

• Bridge this gap by bringing the two groups together for a tour of the LP offices in downtown Nashville where everyone can learn about LP and open a dialogue for both parties to exchange ideas, dreams, and contact information.

We began the Music and Mentoring in an LP break room on the 20th floor of their downtown Nashville offices. After general introductions; Lynn Wilson, Director of Natural Resources, spoke to the students about her career as a forester. She answered questions about college course selection, internships, and first jobs from the students. Michelle Boucher (LP Engineering Office Manager) led everyone on the office tour before leading the group to Nissan Field and the LP sky boxes for presentations.

Once the group settled into the LP Suite, the Foresters each spoke for 10-20 mins and then fielded questions from the students and nosey professionals.

Presenters included:
• Doug Rodman – LP Certification and Sustainable Forestry Initiatives
• Andy Norris – Opportunities in TIMOs for Foresters who learn to NETWORK
• Dave Walters – How to Split a Banana – Also, The multifaceted world of the TN DOF and State Government Forestry
• Diane Gennett – How Forestry has changed during my career but has continued to offer options if we are continually learning
Each of the speakers was able to engage the students with their stories. We enjoyed lively discussions about the realities of dealing with the public, people management, and the amount of time lawyers are able to bill most forestry companies. One Professional, who shall remain un-named, taught everyone how to split a banana; any who might have nodded off remained wide awake thereafter. To close our presentation period David Hudnall reminded the students about the importance of Networking with the Foresters in attendance and explained that our profession is a close knit group with broad borders that reaches into new realms of society every day.

Following the Presentations, Students and Foresters broke into small groups to talk and become acquainted with each other. Students quickly gravitated to Foresters more aligned with their interests and talked as the full group walked to the George Jones Museum. The Museum includes a full restaurant and everyone ate their fill while we listened to the cover band playing various recordings by the “Possum”. Contact information was shared and many LinkedIn connections were created in the days after the event.

Foresters and Students voiced their approval of Music and Mentoring. Plans are underway to make the event a yearly undertaking for the rising Juniors and Seniors in Natural Resource/Forestry studies at Sewanee; The University of the South.
Kentucky – Tennessee Election Results

Due to both candidates running unopposed, elections for 2016 open positions were not held. Regardless, a big THANK YOU to both Heather Slayton and Alex Richman for stepping forward to undertake each position. After the 2016 Winter Meeting, Heather will become the Chair-Elect and Alex will assume the duties of Secretary.

Heather Slayton

Heather Slayton received her BS in Forestry from Virginia Tech and is currently pursuing a MS in Forestry from the University of Tennessee. Over the past 15 years, she has provided forestry consultation services to landowners, TIMOs, and the general public across three different southern states. Currently, she is the Forest Health Unit Leader for the TN Division of Forestry. In her current position, Heather is responsible for monitoring the health of TN's 14 million acres of forest while providing technical assistance to TN's constituents.

Throughout her time in school and her professional career, Heather has served SAF in a variety of positions. She served as Secretary for the NC Chapter of APSAF, Chapter Chair for the East TN Chapter of KTSAF, and Secretary, Treasurer, and Audit Chair on the Division level of KTSAF. Heather was also afforded the privilege of attending the 2014 SAF Leadership Academy in Iowa.

The Society of American Foresters is an excellent professional organization that provides tremendous value to our members. I owe nearly every job I have secured in my career to SAF; either through the networking benefit or the access to job opportunities.

KTSAF is close knit family of forestry professionals who care about our up-and-coming foresters and about each other. It would be an honor to give back to SAF on both a national and local level by serving as your Chair.

Alex Richman

Alex Richman has a B.S. degree in Natural Resources from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and is pursuing a master's degree in Forestry from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville under the guidance of Dr. Wayne Clatterbuck. She is a forest landowner in Moore County where she is the Chief Operating Officer for Cumberland Springs Land Company, Inc. which is a 6,000 acre family owned and operated forestry harvesting and reforestation business.

Alex worked in Washington D.C for The Nature Conservancy and the American Tree Farm System. She is an active member of the Society of American Foresters and hosted a field day in Cumberland Springs. She has experience as a forester in middle Tennessee. Alex is currently serving on the Tennessee Forestry Commission representing landowners over 500 acres. She is an avid outdoors woman and enjoys hiking, hunting, and fishing.

I really enjoy attending the KTSAF meetings for the fellowship and education they provide. I would be happy to serve as secretary/treasurer for such a great group of people.
In the August 2015 Newsletter, a slight typo occurred in the caption to the picture above. The caption should have read,

"How to blow a beaver dam!"

Apologies to our own David Mercker for the miss-type and reassurances to him that he did NOT submit the errored caption. The Editor figures it was either a Freudian slip, miss-guided auto correct, or perhaps a flashback to the dam blowing demonstration and the recollection of his reaction to the ear-splitting explosion.

**KTSAF Winter Meeting Jeopardy**
*By Doug McLaren*

Before we know it, it will be time for the KTSAF Winter Meeting and with it comes, Student Jeopardy! Annually the students from Sewanee University of the South, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Kentucky compete in the traditional “Quiz Bowl” event. This year the meeting will be (January 27-29, 2016) in Bowling Green, Kentucky (Home of the Corvette!).

Last year we saw the winning team, the University of Kentucky, win by adding points slowly throughout the game to have the honor of taking home the “gold” in the form of the Hard Hat Plaque. Hopefully for this year the same format will be followed, two games, with an intermission between the games providing the opportunity for the teams to plan their strategy and get refreshed.

Professionals – hopefully we can get you involved again this year also. It is always great to see the competitive spirit between the two groups even though the professionals can only walk away with the “bragging rights” of a game well played. See you all at game time.

PS - A note to the University of Kentucky team members, please remember to bring the Hard Hat Plaque back. You will have the same opportunity as the other two schools to “bringing to your university campus the gold of KTSAF Jeopardy”.

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**In Memory**

Max Joe Young, Sr., of Knoxville, TN, age 77 passed away on July 7th. Max was a member of the undefeated 1958 Sewanee football team. Max graduated from Sewanee: The University of the South in 1960 with a B.A. degree, he then went on to obtain a Masters degree from UT Knoxville, and his Doctorate from Tennessee State University. He worked for many years with the Department of Conservation, including serving as the State Forester from 1972-1981. Max also worked as Administrator for Tennessee State University from 1985-2000.

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National SAF Convention
--Caley Monigan, UT Chapter President

Early morning on November 3rd, a van of eight excited and impatient young foresters traveled to the National SAF Convention in Baton Rouge, LA. Among the eight were seven seniors Hilary Chittom, William Hoaglin, Jacob Lunsford, Brady Miller, Bryan Fitzgerald, Caley Monigan, Garrett McFall, and one junior Chase Grisham.

Hilary, Jacob, Caley, and John started the convention off strongly, winning the first round of Quiz Bowl against Cal Poly. Our second round of Quiz Bowl was not so lucky against the University of California at Berkeley. However we gave it our best and had tremendous fun testing our forestry knowledge in friendly competition!

All of our foresters, eager for a glimpse of the career world after school attended the career fair, which provided us with a view of possible career opportunities, chances for on-the-spot interviews, and a networking opportunity. Forestry students Brady, Garrett, and Hilary all scored interviews with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Plum Creek while attending the career fair!

The “Recreating Forestry” convention theme inspired dialogue between our students and forestry professionals about the future of forestry. Not only did we make new acquaintances and attending seminars, but we also had the opportunity to admire the work of our University of Tennessee professors and graduate students. Dr. Poudyal and Dr. Zobel, both co-advisors for the UT Student Chapter of SAF, presented during the convention.

We represented both our University and KTSAF proudly. Thank you for helping us attend the National SAF Convention!

Renovation of Keno Shooting Range
Daniel Boone National Forest
-- Kimberly Bonaccorso, Public Affairs Specialist Daniel Boone N. F.

After nearly three years of closure, the Keno Shooting Range in southern Pulaski County, Ky., is open for business. U.S. Forest Service management officials closed Keno in 2012 due to safety concerns for nearby residents who had developed housing on adjacent private lands. “The range was completely redesigned and the firing line was reoriented by 180 degrees,” said Ranger Tim Reed of the Stearns Ranger District. “We now have a new, safer recreational sport facility that target enthusiasts can enjoy for years to come.”

The new range is fully accessible with shooting shelters, benches, target holders and safety berms. Keno’s reconstruction was made possible primarily with Recreation Enhancement Act funds, or recreation use fees, and a grant from the National Wild Turkey Federation. The Pine Knot Job Corp Center also partnered with the Stearns Ranger District to provide labor during the reconstruction. “We only ask that users put safety first and take care of the facility by following all posted range rules,” added Reed.

The shooting range is open to the public during daylight hours only. The cost is $3 per vehicle, which can be paid onsite at a fee station. Annual recreation passes are also accepted. Keno is located off Highway 751, approximately five miles from U.S. Highway 27.
Douglas-Fir

Pseudotsuga menziesii

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Douglas fir is one of the world’s best timber producers and yields more timber than any other tree in North America. The wood is used for dimension lumber, timbers, pilings, and plywood. Creosote treated pilings and decking are used in marine structures. The wood is also made into railroad ties, mine timbers, house logs, posts and poles, fencing, pulp, and furniture. Douglas fir is used extensively in landscaping. It is planted as a specimen tree or in mass screenings. It is also a popular Christmas tree.

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**TWINING OF THE TRAILS**

By Allan Houston

Spider webs across my path  
make me blink and back up fast.  
Weeping nearly in my wrath,  
I wipe away the gummy mask.

The spider lurks darkly hidden  
and plucks his broken strings.  
A guest too big and unbidden  
has ruined his deadly things.

In the grey of fading light  
he’ll spin his ropes anew,  
anticipating that the night  
will bring prey of less sinew.

He is the patient personality,  
in an equilibrium of lives,  
for it is on the energy  
of others he relies.

For all who slowly wait,  
to balance Nature’s scales,  
are those who fly to their fate  
at the twining of the trails.