I am Kevin Tudor and I am the KT SAF chair this year. Before reviewing the 2016 Winter Meeting, I want to give a brief introduction of myself. My family has lived in and around Lexington, KY for over 200 years. I was born and raised in Lexington and after a stint in the Air Force I graduated from the University of KY in 1994 with a degree in Forestry. I have spent my career working in procurement and have been with Domtar Paper Co (Hawesville, KY) for the last 10 years. My home chapter is the East KY Chapter and I stay active in SAF primarily for the networking opportunities.

Enough about me; what about you? Did you attend the Winter Meeting in Bowling Green? If you didn’t, I’m sorry. Approximately 100 of your fellow KT members did. You missed presentations on the future of oak in our forests, the outlook for hardwood lumber, 2 professional development speakers (Army Leadership & How to Organize a Speech [page 3]) and we got to see a forester transformed into a monkey. And that was just Day 1. I want to thank the EKY Chapter for their hard work in putting on this meeting. Planning started 6 months ago and they did a great job. For information on the business & executive meetings visit the KT SAF website (www.ktsaf.org). The Middle TN chapter is already making plans for the summer meeting. It will take place on June 9th & 10th so make plans now to attend.

This was our first attempt in providing professional development (PD) training at a KT winter meeting. A recent survey of SAF membership showed that PD training was desired. Of course the challenge is deciding “what PD” training? We have a diverse membership where people work for the private industry, government, university, and self-employed. But there are a few issues/challenges common to us all: meetings, communicating effectively, leadership, motivation, etc. If you have topics for future PD presentations email me (kevin.tudor@domtar.com). We hope to have more PD training at our meetings.

Finally, I will leave you with a quote from one of my favorite Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt. “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”. Remember, SAF is your society. It can be as good, or bad, as you want it to be.
MARK your calendar

2016 Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Field Days

Included in this newsletter is the brochure announcing this spring’s Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Forestry Field Days. This is our 11th year and the 2016 theme is:

“Hardwood Tree Planting: Making it Work for You.”

We are targeting three locations and registration is limited to 80 per location. Some of you will also receive a hard copy via mail. As in the past, the Tennessee Forestry Association is handling the registrations. Details on page 6 of this newsletter!

So don your hiking boots and plan to join the family of forestry!

2016 K-T SFA Summer Meeting
June 9 – 10

FIREWOOD KILN WORKSHOP

TDF, USDA-APHIS, UT, and TNC are collaborating to put on a firewood kiln workshop with Adam Taylor on UT’s Ag. campus on April 9, 2016.

Participants will learn about the dangers of moving untreated firewood, how to build their own kilns, and hear success stories from others in the industry who have built their own business around certified heat treated firewood.

The workshop will be held at the UT Center for Renewable Carbon from 9:00 – 3:00 (EST)

Next NEWSLETTER
Deadline is
Friday
May 13, 2016

Please supply NEWSLETTER information in Microsoft WORD format to:
Greg Bailey
greg.bailey@afmforest.com
• Articles on forestry related topics
• News and events from your Chapters
• Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!

Tennessee STUD

UT Forestry Club will host the Tennessee STUD on Saturday, April 9th at Big Ridge State Park.

Named after Johnny Cash’s song, Tennessee Stud, this event is a public display of the University of Tennessee’s forestry knowledge and timber sports skills. Other schools invited include Virginia Tech, West Virginia University, Warren Wilson College, University of Kentucky, North Carolina State University, Haywood Community College, and Clemson University to join UT in celebrating forestry and demonstrating their knowledge and skills.

Volunteers are needed so help support the UT Forestry Club in hosting the Tennessee STUD!

Contact Caley Monigan (615)-281-0714 to volunteer or for more information.
HOW TO ORGANIZE A SPEECH

By Kevin Tudor

It doesn’t matter how smart you are if you can’t communicate. The following is a summary of Steve Brown’s presentation at our winter meeting. Steve is a member of the local Toastmaster’s club in Bowling Green. Toastmasters is an organization that helps people develop their Leadership & Communication skills.

A speech consists of 3 parts: the Introduction, Body & Conclusion.

Introduction: “Tell them what you’re going to tell them”. You must grab your audience’s attention with the first sentence. Begin with a quote, question or a statement. Answer the audience’s question: “what’s in it for me? The last sentence should be your topic/purpose sentence. Write the intro last and spend no more than 10% of the total speech time on it.

Body: “Tell them”. 3-5 points/facts that support your topic sentence; use transitions from point-point

Conclusion” “Tell them what you told them”. Review the main points and tie back to topic/purpose sentence. Should take no more than 10% of total speech time.

Summary: A good speech depends on both the content & delivery. Use the info above to develop the content. For an effective delivery avoid reading your speech, use note cards with bullet points of main ideas, maintain eye contact, and use body language effectively.

TECHNO TALK

Not sure if your logging job got enough rain last night to warrant an inspection??

This edition’s Technology Helper is a sweet little Phone App called “Farm Logs”. It’s particularly useful if you have Timber Sales (or ANY sort of activity) that you need to monitor rainfall on.

Once downloaded, you use a hybrid aerial/map to locate and mark the location of your area. Name it and then sit back and let technology tell you how much rain has fallen over specified timeframes. It also provides soil type information. Anytime your area receives rainfall, you are alerted with an email. Intended for farm fields, it’s a great addition to your Forestry Arsenal!

Available on Apple and Android but best of all, it’s FREE!
Reigning Quiz Bowl 2015 champions, University of Kentucky forestry students, took on challenging teams from Sewanee, The University of the South and the University of Tennessee at the KY/TN SAF 2016 Annual Conference in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Under the direction of technical and production manager Billy Thomas, scorekeeper Ellen Crocker, and quizmaster Doug McLaren at the helm, students from the three schools vied against each other in a Jeopardy-style forestry knowledge based competition.

As team buzzers raced to sound in first with the correct answer to questions in categories ranging from dendrology to measurements, including the all-inclusive "Woodsmen's Stew," an engaged audience of conferees cheered on their favorite teams! On a few occasions, faculty in the audience were called upon to determine the accuracy of the answers.

With the Sewanee team holding the lead throughout most of the game, the UK and UT teams vied for second place. Ultimately, the first place honor was awarded to the team from Sewanee, The University of the South. Watch out Sewanee --- the UK and UT teams will be honing their skills for the next rematch of the Forestry Quiz Bowl!
Newsworthy

The 2019 SAF National Convention

Just a year ago in this Newsletter, it was announced that the 2017 SAF National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky was cancelled/postponed. Well, here we are again to inform you that it is rescheduled for October 20 – November 3, 2019.

Rest easy... that is a good 1,335 days away! Which is also only 44 months away.... And just a mere 3.7 years! OK, no need to get in a frenzy but “you know how time flies!”

YOU CAN START THINKING OF:

- Potential tour routes for the attendees.
- How we can all pitch in with our individual talents.

TEAMWORK will make this task easier!

New Division of Forestry Director announced

William (Bill) Steele is the new Director for the Kentucky Division of Forestry, effective February 8, 2016. Bill is a native of Columbia, KY and has been the President and CEO of Kentucky Tie and Lumber company, a business he founded and built, employing 80 people. Bill has a BS degree in Forestry from the University of the South, and is past President of KFIA.

2016 Winter Meeting

This year’s meeting raised $1,232.57 for our treasury. Great job to those that organized it and a special pat on the back to Chris Osborne!

The Silent Auction raised $1,178.00. Kuddos to all the members that donated items and also a thanks to those that were the highest bidders! Special Thanks to Hagan Wonn for organizing the auction.

POP QUIZ !!

Forestry 101

What does Japan, Fire and the term, “Triple Nickle” have in common?

JOBS with TDF!!

The Tennessee Division of Forestry is anticipating there will be job postings for one Forester classification positions and the State is expecting to be accepting applications sometime in March, 2016 with interviews conducted in middle to late April. There are two (2) individual positions expected to be filled.

Visit the Tennessee DoHR website at http://www.tn.gov/dohr for more information about job postings, how to submit an application(s), status of job postings and applying for job openings online.

Forester Position Openings Planned to be Posted in March

Forester 3 Classification– Area Forester

2 positions:
- Henderson County near Lexington, Tennessee
- Carroll County near Huntingdon, Tennessee

Forester Positions Planned to be Posted Later this Year, but not yet Scheduled:

Forester 2 or 3 Classification – State Forest Forester

3 positions:
- Standing Stone State Forest – Overton County near Livingston, Tennessee
- Franklin/Bledsoe State Forest – Franklin County near Sewanee, Tennessee
- Natchez Trace State Forest – Henderson County near Lexington, Tennessee

Forestry Program Specialist Classification – Forest Stewardship Program Specialist

1 position:
- Davidson County near Nashville, Tennessee
2016 Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods Field Days

March 19
Giles County
April 23
Polk County
April 30
Madison County

3.5 CFE's have been assigned to this event

Private landowners, professional foresters, and those in the wood industry, you are cordially invited to attend the Tennessee Healthy Hardwoods forestry field days. The 2016 theme is “Hardwood Tree Planting: Making it Work for You.” The partners in this program are providing these educational programs at no cost to participants.

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

7:00 - 8:00  Registration
8:10 - 8:30  Welcome & Introductions
8:30 - 12:00 Site Preparation in Advance of Planting Trees

The Tree Planting Process: Giving them a Good Start!

Field Tour (each location will feature something different):
Giles County: D’Addario Drumstick Sawmill
Polk County: East TN State Nursery
Madison County: UT Research and Education Center

12:00 - 12:30  Lunch
1:00 -  2:00  Door Prizes and Conclusion of the Field Day

For information about Tennessee seedlings for tree planting projects funded by D’Addario, contact your local TDF area forester or call (615) 837-3854.
2016 Winter Meeting
Award Winners!

Outstanding Student Awards

University of the South
Gabrielle Marion

University of Kentucky
Cody Pyles

University of Tennessee
Caley Monigan

Outstanding Members

Forester
Over 35 Years
Greg Bailey

Forester
35 Years and Under
Chris Osborne

Forestry Technician
Coby Stephens

Herman Baggenstoss
Forestry Recognition

Quiz Bowl

50 Year Membership
John Rennie

University of the South

Clifton Taylor
and Family
The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion was nicknamed the "Triple Nickels" because of its numerical designation. The 555th was an all-black airborne unit of the U.S. Army during World War II. The battalion did not serve overseas, primarily because it never reached full strength for an Airborne Infantry Battalion. The 555th PIB was instead deployed to the West Coast for a secret mission, Operation Firefly.

During the winter of 1944–45, the Japanese sent 9000 fire balloons toward the West Coast of North America in an attempt to create forest fires and it is believed 1000 succeeded in reaching the United States. After three days, each balloon dropped four, 11 pound incendiary bombs, one at a time, and then a single high-explosive bomb (33 pounds).

Stationed at Pendleton Field, Oregon and Chico, California, unit members courageously participated in dangerous fire-fighting missions throughout the Pacific Northwest during the summer and fall of 1945. The 555th worked on twenty-eight fires and of these, fifteen fires were "jumped" or parachuted into. Casualties were common. In six months, more than 30 men suffered injuries from cuts and bruises to broken limbs and crushed chests. On one particular jump, a trooper suffered a spinal fracture. Realizing his men were tired and short of food and water, he refused to burden them with carrying him to the nearest airstrip and somehow managed walk eighteen miles to be picked up. Pure Guts! Tragically, one life was lost when he landed in the top of a tall tree. Attempting to climb out his harness and lower himself with a rope, he apparently slipped and crashed into a rock bed 150 feet below. It took three days for patrols to find his body.
44 Months...
Till the 2019 SAF National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky