Chairman’s Corner
By Kevin Tudor

In 1943 138 foresters from Kentucky and Tennessee gathered in Knoxville for the first annual meeting of what would become the Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters. Several issues were discussed including developing a newsletter and membership directory, defining the term “forester”, and how best to spend the whopping $122 in the account. Seventy-three years later, members of KT SAF again met this past June to discuss the issues of today. Congratulations to Rance Frye and members of the Middle Tennessee Chapter for an interesting and informative meeting. Our next KT SAF meeting will be January 26th-27th in Chattanooga.

Congratulations are also in order to the University of Kentucky’s Department of Forestry for their Robinson Forest SMZ Study. Kentucky has mandated logging BMP’s since the year 2000. But how effective were the BMP’s? That was the question the study attempted to answer. The study commenced in 2004 and lasted a decade. Robinson Forest was logged in the early 20th century and then conveyed in trust to the University. When the SMZ study was publically announced there was tremendous outcry from environmental groups, writers, politicians and poets. But to UK’s credit they stuck with it. The results from the study showed Kentucky’s current SMZ’s were doing a pretty good job of controlling NPSP. It did show though that additional protection was needed when operating near SMZ’s and when crossing streams & channels. Those changes will become effective on January 1. As members of SAF we have a mission to advance both the science and practice of forestry, using current research and data. That’s what the Robinson Forest SMZ Study provided. Luckily for the waterways in both Kentucky & Tennessee, University of Kentucky leadership chose not to be intimidated.

See you in Chattanooga.

1 Real value in 2015 = $3,240. Measuring worth.com

From Dr. Wayne Clatterbuck

Employment Update for the 2016 Senior Class of Forest Management Majors at the University of Tennessee

We thought that the KT-SAF membership might be interested where students are employed after graduation. Several of our senior class members still have another semester of classes before graduating in December 2016. Most of the December graduates were employed this summer in forestry-related positions.

Caley Monigan
Evergreen Packaging, Canton, NC
Supply-chain, Procurement Forester

Jacob Lunsford
Timberland Harvesters, Troy, AL
Procurement Forester

Brian Fitzgerald
Forest Service FIA in Knoxville, TN
Plans to go to graduate school at UT FWF after graduation in Dec. 2016

Brady Miller
Forest Service
Firefighting position in California

Hilary Chittom
Tennessee FIA, Nashville, TN
Graduation in Dec. 2016

Buddy Hoaglin
UT Oak Ridge Forest Resources Research and Education Center
Graduation in Dec. 2016

Henley Baugh
Oak Ridge National Laboratory Summer Forestry Intern
Graduation in Dec. 2016
MARK your calendar

2nd Annual
Music and Mentoring

Middle Tennessee Chapter KT SAF event with
Louisiana Pacific
University of Tennessee
The University of the South

October 6th, 2016

Students and Professionals will gather at 1 pm in
the Louisiana Pacific offices in downtown
Nashville on Oct 6th 2016. Lynn Wilson, Director
of Natural Resources for LP, will welcome
everyone and make introductions. Then the
group will walk to the LP Skybox at Nissan Field
for several presentations and time for pairing the
students with Professionals who work in areas of
interest for the students. The event will conclude
at the George Jones Museum on 2nd Avenue with
music and food.

We are expecting 20 students and would like to
have one professional for each student to meet
and stay in communication with. LP can provide
parking passes. Food cost was about $25/with a
beer in 2015.

If you have questions or wish to attend please
contact Rance Frye:
989-600-9007
rancefrye@gmail.com

What’s Going On?

Elections are coming!

If there are any Kentucky members interested in
serving as the upcoming Chair-Elect or
Secretary/Treasurer, contact Mac for information!

2017 SAF National Convention

Madison, Wisconsin
November 2-6

Early Bird Rate
Ends
September 16

www.safconvention.org

2017 K-Y Winter Meeting
From Dr. Ken Smith

We are hosting the winter KT meeting in
Chattanooga at the Choo Choo Hotel. We made
a valiant effort to hold it at three other hotels, but
the costs were too high and we didn’t want to
raise registration to $150 to cover costs.

Rooms are now blocked off at $109 per night for

For Hotel reservations:
1 800 877-2529.
Group code is J17SAF
No online option

We will get an agenda out this fall. If you have a
speaker or topic in mind, please let me know.

TFA Annual Meeting

Celebrating 65 years!

September 21-23, 2016

Margaritville Island Hotel
Great Smoky Mountains
Pigeon Forge, TN

For Registration and Information
www.tnforestry.com
Region Forester
Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) is hiring for their paper mill in Counce, Tn paper mill.

Responsibilities include:
1. Develop harvest plans and schedules for fee and private timber tracts to assure proper management and harvest of timber.
2. Oversee price estimates and bidding procedures on raw materials.
3. Negotiate cut and haul contracts for cutting controlled timber with logging contractors.
4. Inspect vendor cutting operation contract compliance and close contracts when completed.
5. Monitor contractor compliance with local, state and federal laws and best manufacturing practices.
6. Maintain active contracts with landowners, local and state officials, competitors and suppliers to stay abreast of market conditions and to improve business plan.
7. Perform basic forest management functions, including planning, scheduling harvest, site preparation prescriptions, regeneration and mid-rotation cultural activities.
8. May train or supervise lower level forestry positions.
9. Communicate and work with peers and superiors to achieve desired goals.

Basic Qualifications:
- BS Degree in Forestry or equivalent experience supplemented by degree in related field.
- Registered Forester certification desired.
- 4 years minimum experience in advanced forestry techniques and assignments

Knowledge-Skills-Abilities
- Must be able to regulate and communicate professionally with wood suppliers, private landowners and state and federal agencies.
- Must be able to work flexible schedules
- Must have a valid drivers; frequent travel required.

Competitive pay and benefit package.
Please apply for this position by sending a resume to COURecruiter@packagingcorp.com and include Job# 165-19 in the subject line.
From Chris Reeves, 2019 National Convention General Chair

KTSAF’s 2019 National Convention Responsibilities

KTSAF will be the host society for the SAF National Convention that takes place in Louisville, KY from October 29 – November 3, 2019. Hosting a Society of American Foresters National Convention is nothing new for our society. As many of you are already aware KTSAF hosted the 1997 National Convention in Memphis, TN. Many of our current members were intimately involved with the planning and execution of that meeting so they know the level of effort and dedication of what goes into putting together a successful program. But a lot has changed in SAF’s structure since 1997 that has significantly altered the responsibilities of the host society.

It is easier to start with what KTSAF is not responsible for when hosting a national convention. KTSAF is not responsible for the hotel, the convention site, registration, or the vast majority of the presentations. We do not select or sign contracts with the hotels. We do not coordinate the meeting space at the convention center. KTSAF does not oversee registration including advertising or handling money. SAF has a professional staff that has responsibility for overseeing these activities including handling all the contracts that have actually already been signed.

We do not select what topics are presented or the speakers for almost the entire program. We will have a hand suggesting some of the keynote speakers in the larger plenary sessions. The other hundreds of speakers, posters, and moderators are chosen and organized by the Program Committee that is chosen from the national membership.

There are two activities that are KTSAF’s main responsibilities: field tours and volunteers. Five to seven day-long field tours take place on the closing day of the convention. A two-day pre-convention field tour takes place right before the convention. Field tour attendees will usually board a charter bus early in the morning to visit several stops related to their selected tour. Tours at other national conventions have focused on famous national parks or monuments, industry tours, silviculture, urban forestry, forest health, and many other topics. We will need to select topics and tours that can provide attractive content within a 60 – 90 minute bus ride from Louisville to have people back in town by 5:00 pm. There’s a couple of obvious tours locations that include Mammoth Cave, a bourbon industry tour, and urban forestry in Louisville or Lexington but many others will need to be solicited. In the coming months we will begin to reach out to our neighboring border state of Indiana to consider what’s available outside Kentucky.

We are also responsible for soliciting and coordinating volunteers for the week of the national convention. The bulk of these volunteers usually come from the host society or nearby states. Volunteers are needed to work the registration desk to check folks in and hand out goody bags. Volunteers are needed to stuff those goody bags a couple of days before the convention with materials from SAF and convention sponsors. People are needed to sell raffle tickets for the Forester’s and Science Funds. People are needed to help exhibitors get settled in the booths and get set up. Volunteers are need to help sell apparel, books, and other items at the SAF Store. In total, KTSAF will have to solicit around 50 or 60 volunteers to cover around 100 four hour shifts. We hope that our local universities will supply a great deal of volunteers but we will still need many from KTSAF.

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Host societies also have a couple of other low-key responsibilities. KTSAF will be responsible for coordinating donated items for the raffle and silent auction. This includes finding a place to receive the hand delivered or mailed items. These items will then be transported to the convention site. KTSAF will work with the SAF national office to identify regional and local publications to advertise the convention to non-SAF members. We are also responsible for student activities such as the quiz bowl, student professional development speakers, and student specific presentations.

We will need several other KTSAF members to serve on the Convention Planning Committee. In the next edition of the newsletter I will detail each of the positions. Future editions of this newsletter will continue to drill into the specifics of each job and what other host societies have done to meet their obligations in past conventions. Very preliminary planning has begun and will continue over the next few years. Early planning and decision making will make the entire process more effective and easier on the committee members, volunteers, and KTSAF. Watch this space and your email inbox for potential activities you can be a part of to make the 2019 SAF National Convention a success!

Member Update

Ed Smith (seated on the right) has pulled up stakes and headed north to Maine to be closer to family. He and his wife moved into their newly constructed home on a small lake in the forest. Life is good! Ed has been an active and valued member of the KT-SAF for many years and will be missed. His new contact info:

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WALDOBORO, ME  04572

Home Phone: 207-563-2699
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At the August East TN Chapter Breakfast meeting, we were happy to have David Mercker join us from across the state. The Chapter meets every first Wednesday of the month at two alternating Shoneys restaurants between Oak Ridge and Knoxville. All members are welcome so join us if you will be in the area.

Pictured L to R: Keith Belli, Bill Burkman, Greg Bailey, David Mercker, Wayne Clatterbuck, Jeff Holt, Kevin Hoyt, Ed Smith.
**Newsworthy**

**Turning Trees into Bioenergy: What are the Effects on Soil?**

Timber has been harvested for hundreds of years, but current bioenergy operations use more parts of a tree than ever before; small branches that used to be considered non-merchantable are now often harvested instead of left rotting on the forest floor.

“The increased use of small branches and formerly non-merchantable wood has been linked to changes in energy cycles, short and long-term hydrology, and changes in a number of soil properties,” says Andy Scott, a research soil scientist at the U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station.

*CompassLive (21 Jun 2016)*

**BLM approves Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon forests it says will increase timber harvest while offering strong environmental protections, job growth, tourism, recreation; implementing RMPs expected to deliver 278 mmbf/year timber harvest**

“With this Resource Management Plan, the BLM has achieved an extraordinary balance that will create predictability and sustainability in Western Oregon,” BLM Deputy Director Steve Ellis said. “We are creating timber harvest opportunities for local communities, increasing tourism and recreation and protecting threatened and endangered species. We look forward to continue working with Oregonians on plan implementation.” Throughout the course of the planning process, the BLM held 41 public meetings, workshops, and forums in Western Oregon. The agency received more than 7,000 comments, 4,500 of which were sent in during the formal comment period in 2015. The BLM also worked closely with other federal and state agencies and Oregon counties to develop strategies to protect fish, water, and threatened and endangered species.

*Bureau of Land Management (5 Aug 2016)*

**Studying Woody Biomass for Energy Across the U.S.**

Five U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station (SRS) scientists – John Stanturf, Emile Gardiner, Leslie Groom, Dana Mitchell and James Perdue – recently contributed to four review articles that were part of a special issue of the journal BioEnergy Research. The articles cover all aspects of the bioenergy supply chain – from cultivation in fields or forests, to harvest, to conversion into a final product. Since 2009, Forest Service scientists and engineers have contributed to more than 60 peer-reviewed journal articles about forest operations – a branch of industrial engineering that includes designing, implementing, or improving technologies in the forest sector – and logistics, which includes the harvest, handling, processing, transportation, and storage of woody biomass.

*CompassLive (23 Jun 2016)*

**US Fish and Wildlife Service taking six times longer than law allows on endangered species protection, raising risk of extinction, study finds.**

A new study in the international scientific journal Biological Conservation finds that over the past 40 years, imperiled species have waited more than 12 years on average to receive protection under the Endangered Species Act, despite the fact that under the law, the process is supposed to take no more than two years. The study also found that vertebrate species move through the process faster than invertebrates or plants and that lawsuits filed by conservation groups and other interested parties targeted species stuck in the process and hastened protection.

*Center for Biological Diversity (8 Aug 2016)*

**POP QUIZ !!**

Which Tennessee State Forest is occasionally used by the U.S. Military for training purposes?
2016 K-T SAF
Summer Meeting
Cookeville, TN
Stewart State Forest is located in northwestern Tennessee, in south-central Stewart County. State Highway 49 was an old rail bed that connected iron furnaces, that now bisects the forest. It is south of the western boundary of the Cross Creek National Wildlife Refuge. The Forest was acquired from a larger tract of land that was the Leech Estate, it became State land in 1935 in lieu of taxes. Later that year Governor McAllister declared it a state forest. There also are many sites of historic or cultural interest on the forest, including hundreds of areas where charcoal was produced, an iron ore pit, and several old house sites and stills. There are also several small areas where prairie grasses have been established. The 101st Airborne Division of Fort Campbell Military Reservation utilizes the forest on a renewable permit basis for training purposes on a biannual basis. Hunting has been a traditional use of the forest. Other recreational activities on the forest include hiking and some mountain biking. There is also an orienteering course developed by a local Eagle Scout for any scouts or group to practice or test skills using compass, pacing, gps, maps, etc.
38 Months...
Till the 2019 SAF National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

Heading to China! The logs... not Allan.

Next NEWSLETTER Deadline is
Friday
November 11, 2016

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!