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From the (NEW!) Chair

New Year resolutions

It is late December and the lake effect snow is coming down. Most of us are focused on Family and Holidays. At some point in time we will review the past year and look forward to next year.

Michigan SAF had another successful year. We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2004.

Michigan SAF has more opportunities than resources. The Executive Team will be identifying priorities, allocating effort, and assessing effectiveness. Volunteer time is the most precious resource that we have. All members should take the time to bring ideas, issues and projects to the Executive Team. Consider volunteering. You will enjoy the time spent on SAF projects.

In general we can look forward to the usual high-quality meetings and workshops that SAF does so well. In

addition we will be maintaining past projects like the auto tour and legislative contacts. One benefit of membership, pointed out at the employers breakfast last fall, is the personal development opportunities at SAF meetings. Increasingly forestry professionals are working for smaller organizations and/or are the only forester in an office. The opportunity to meet with colleagues is a genuine benefit of membership.

Last year I took the time to ask several foresters if they would re-join SAF after a lapse in membership. Several did. Sometimes all it takes is an invitation from a colleague.

I look forward to working with all SAF members this year.

Gerald Grossman, ACF & CF

MSAF 2004 Chair

*Our new State
SAF Chair—
someone who
really stands
out in a crowd...*



A Letter from the Editor

As I look out my window watching the snow fly, it looks like we're at the height and glory of our winter season. This issue of the newsletter is designed to review the year we just completed, and look toward the upcoming one. 2004 should prove to be pretty exciting, with lots of pending natural resource issues related to Healthy Forests, forest certification, and exotic invasive species, not to mention a national election!

My sincerest hope is that all our SAF members, past, present, and future, have a safe, happy, and productive new year.

- Georgia Peterson

Here's a timely rhyme from E.M. Hull's "Poem Book of the Gael," known to some as The Woodcutter's Song.

*Oak-logs will warm you well,
That are old and dry;
Logs of pine will sweetly smell
But the sparks will fly.*

*Birch-logs will burn too fast,
Chestnut scarce at all;
Hawthorn-logs are good to last -
Cut them in the fall.*

*Holly-logs will burn like wax,
You may burn them green;
Elm-logs like to smouldering flax,
No flame to be seen.*

*Beech-logs for winter time,
Yew-logs as well;
Green elder-logs it is a crime
For any man to sell.*

*Pear-logs and apple-logs,
They will scent your room,
Cherry-logs across the dogs
Smell like flower of broom.*

*Ash-logs, smooth and grey,
Burn them green or old,
Buy up all that come your way -
Worth their weight in gold.*



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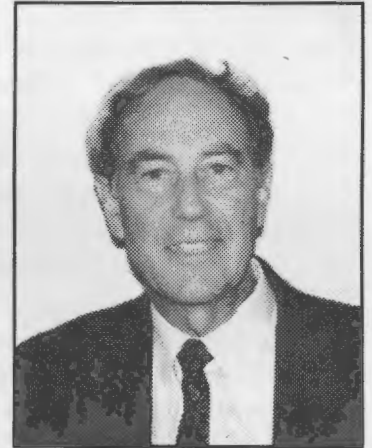
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Helms Elected Vice-President of the Society of American Foresters

John A. Helms of Orinda, California, has been elected vice-president of the Society of American Foresters. After serving SAF as vice-president in 2004, Helms will assume the SAF presidency—the organization's top volunteer leadership post—on January 1, 2005.

Helms, one of the nation's leading experts in silviculture, is professor emeritus at the University of California-Berkeley. He served as professor of silviculture at the university from 1964-94 and chaired the Department of Forestry from 1989-93. Helms holds a PhD in silviculture (1963) and a master's in forest management (1960) from the University of Washington. He also holds a diploma of forestry (1953) from the Australian Forestry School and a BS in forestry (1953) from the University of Sydney, Australia.



"I am privileged to be elected vice-president because forestry in the United States, and indeed worldwide, is at a threshold of opportunity and believe I can make a difference," says Helms. "Rapid change in public attitudes toward forest resources makes the potential role of SAF increasingly important. I want to strengthen SAF so it is fully recognized and respected for its mission to serve employers and the public and to enhance professional forestry."

Healthy Forests Bill an important first step

The nation's largest professional forestry organization says that today's Congressional approval of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HR 1904) is a significant action in efforts to improve the health of both public and private forestlands.

"This bill is an important step in a long-term effort that is needed to allow forest managers to begin to address the forest health crisis on our nation's forests," says Michael T. Goergen, executive vice-president and CEO of the Society of American Foresters. "With more than 190 million acres of forests at risk of wildfire and millions more threatened by insects, disease, and invasive species, this legislation will allow us to begin work to address the complex and difficult challenge ahead."

According to Goergen, foresters can improve forest conditions and reduce the risks of wildfire, insects, disease, and invasive species through forest management. The Healthy Forest Restoration Act gives professional forest managers additional tools to improve conditions on the national forests and private lands, while maintaining both environmental protections and public participation.

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SAF Mourns Loss of an Honored Michigan State Faculty Member

Lee M. James, 87, died August 18, 2003. He was born on February 14, 1916, in Brooklyn, NY, but spent much of his youth in Philadelphia close to the Appalachian Trail and the mountains that contributed to his love of forests. He received his B.S. in Forestry from Penn State in 1937 where he was class valedictorian. He started his forestry career as an instructor at Penn State, but soon moved on to forestry research with the Northern Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station and the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station. He returned to educational pursuits and completed an M.F. in 1943 and a Ph.D. in 1945—both in forest economics from the University of Michigan. While completing his Ph.D., he began working for the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. After completing his Ph.D., he became forest economist in charge of resource analysis with the Southern Research Station in New Orleans from 1946-51. Dr. James joined the faculty in the Department of Forestry at Michigan State University in 1951 and retired as professor emeritus in 1986. He served as department chairman from 1966-78. He received the Alpha Zeta Award for excellence in teaching at Michigan State in 1956 and the John L. Arnd Research Recognition Award for outstanding forestry research achievements in Michigan in 1985. Throughout his career he was an active consultant to numerous agencies of the U.S. government including the Public Land Law Review Commission, the Water Resources Policy Commission, the Council on Environmental Quality, the U.S. Senate's Committee on Public Works, the Secretary of Interior's Resources Program staff, and the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture. Dr. James was also a consultant to forest industry regarding domestic and international forestry. He was the major professor for some 100 master's students and 35 Ph.D. students, many with international ties. He introduced a course in international forestry and taught it for more than 30 years, during which time he was involved in projects in the Dominican Republic, Belize, Brazil, Thailand and Indonesia. As a pioneering forest economist, he published over 80 journal articles and research publications. He joined SAF in 1937 and was elected Fellow in 1973; he held a variety of leadership positions in SAF spanning four decades. Dr. James was preceded in death by his bride of 57 years, Janet Rees James—she passed away on August 1, 2003. Surviving are daughters, Karen James, Annie James, Beth Kott and son-in-law, Michael Kott. Contributions can be made in memory of Lee James to the MSU Department of Forestry—send gifts to University Development, 4700 S. Hagadorn, Suite 220, East Lansing, MI, 48823, or to CARE, which is a humanitarian organization fighting global poverty, at 151 Ellis St., NE, Atlanta, GA, 30303-2440.

Congratulations to Bill Cook, 2003 Michigan Forester of the Year!

Who's that mysterious fellow tromping through the woods of the Central UP? Who's that sturdy figure leading forestry workshops throughout the state? Not the Abominable Snowman, nor Smokey Bear...it's Bill Cook, our 2003 Forester of the Year!

Bill Cook has served as the MSU Extension UP District Forester for the past six years. In his Extension work, Bill works with the private landowners, forest industry, schools, and the natural resource community to implement forestry education programs across the UP. Bill comes to the UP from the Red Lake Indian Reservation in northern MN where he worked for seven years. He has degrees in forestry, wildlife management, biology, and resource management from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and a master's degree in forestry from the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY. Bill also has international experience in Germany, Great Britain, and southeast Asia.

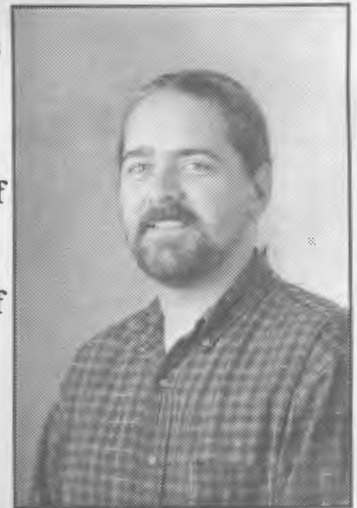
Bill was the state chair in 2002, and has been serving many other important roles in Michigan SAF, including communications team coordinator, webmaster, and all-around helpful guy!



Bill Cook, schmoozing with important members of the forestry community at the 2003 ice cream social.

A new face at Michigan Tech

The newest member of the school's faculty is **Robert Froese**, who joined us this summer after completing his PhD at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. Previously, Robert earned Master of Forestry and Bachelor of Science in Forestry degrees from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



Though Robert grew up in the city, and has pursued advanced degrees in Forest Biometrics, he remains a professional forester at heart. His first summer job was traversing road and cutblock boundaries in the coastal old-growth rainforest. He says his most memorable fieldwork was installing permanent sample plots in northern British Columbia, over 1,500 kilometers north of the border, and in valleys of tens of thousands of hectares being roaded for the first time. At Tech, he will teach biometrics and vegetation modelling during the spring semester, and is developing a graduate course in biometrics, which he hopes to teach in the near future.

Robert and his wife, Erin, live in a vintage 1900s house in Houghton with their two sons, Connor, five and Sacha, nine months, as well as their border collie, Ashlu. A self-professed "computer geek," in his free time Robert also enjoys camping and hiking with the kids, working the dog and fixing things around the house. He's also an avid motorcyclist, when he can find the time.

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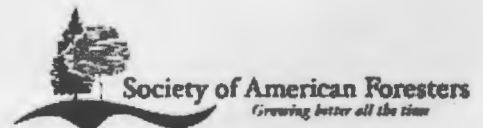


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Foresters outstanding in their field?

There are several opportunities to nominate an outstanding member of Michigan's forestry profession. Ernie Houghton, our awards coordinator, is always interested in getting entries for awards, especially state Forester of the Year, Young Forester of the Year, and Field Forester Award. There are other national awards possible, also, such as the Carl Alwin Schenck Award, which our own Marty Jurgensen earned last year. The possibilities are endless:

NEW! The **Outstanding Communicator** 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 **Gifford Pinchot Medal** recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry (presented biennially).

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 (presented biennially).

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 **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.

The **Barrington Moore Memorial Award** recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry.

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.

The **Technology Transfer Award** recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of technology transfer, implementation and extension.

The **Carl Alwin Schenck Award** recognizes devotion and demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of forestry education.

The **Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award** recognizes high quality journalistic coverage of topics that increase the American public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

Finally, there's the **Presidential Field Forester Award**. Through presidential direction, eleven members (one from each of the eleven SAF districts) will be selected to receive an outstanding field forester achievement award. This process will assure that each region of the United States will be able to recognize an outstanding field forester.

See the national SAF website, www.safnet.org, for further details. Or contact Ernie Houghton at 906-786-2351 or houghtoe@michigan.gov for forms and information.

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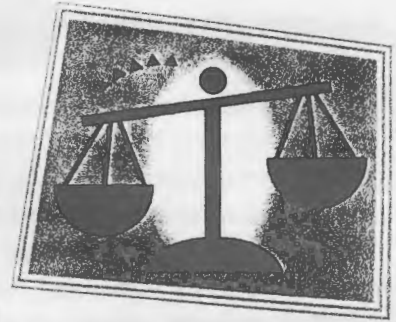
"Foresters have been frustrated with the impediments to action that have arisen over the past decade. It is frustrating to watch the conditions of many of our forests decline, when we know we can make a difference," says Goergen. "It's encouraging for us to see that Congress shares our sense of urgency about the health of our nation's forests. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration to craft other solutions to the challenges facing our forests."

- Jeff Ghannam, SAF Communications Director

Policy Update:

Issues being monitored by the MSAF Policy Team

Extension Forestry (and the Ag Experiment Station) – MSAF was among a group of forestry interests who met with the Dean and Associate Deans of Agriculture at MSU in November to support Extension forestry field and faculty positions. Between the time the meeting was scheduled and when it occurred, all of MSU Extension and the Agricultural Experiment Station were earmarked by the Governor for elimination. We joined the groundswell to save Extension and the AES, but we have yet to see what will happen to Extension forestry.



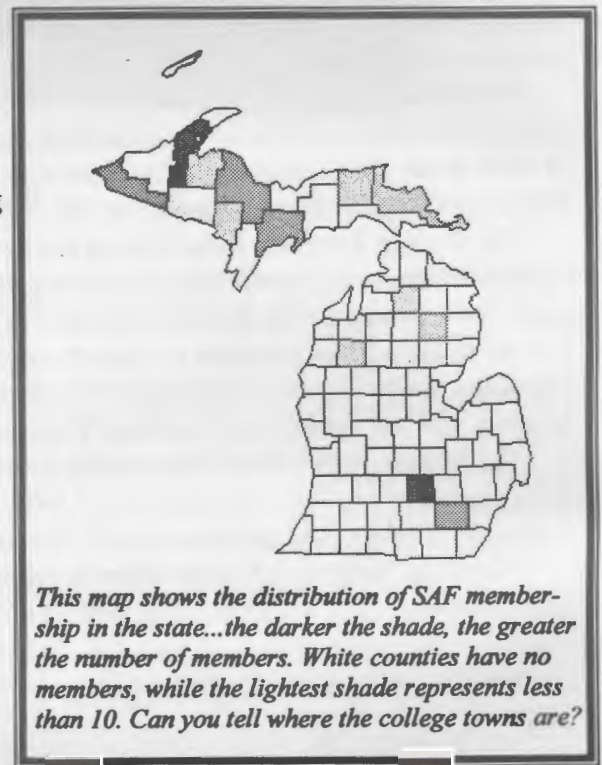
Representative Casperson's Healthy Forest Initiative – MSAF went to a meeting of forestry interests in December to speak with Rep. Tom Casperson's (Republican for the south-central UP) on his wide-ranging interests in forestry in Michigan. We did not get into many particulars, but might have set a framework for future discussions among the forestry community.

State Forest Certification – A big issue in the Casperson discussions was certification of the State Forest system, which is moving forward on its own. The DNR is pursuing a strategy to achieve certification to at least the SFI Standard within an ISO 14001 framework by the end of 2005.

Right to Practice Forestry – The Natural Resource Commission is supposed to draft guidelines that, if followed, would confer a "right to practice forestry" in Michigan. MSAF has talked about using our "green book" guidelines, but these would need revision and expansion, and would be part of a larger process anyway.

Land Use – This perennial issue is coming up yet again at a "summit" February 2-3 at Kellogg Center at MSU. For more information, visit <http://35.8.121.138/vi/upcoming.asp>.

If you have any thoughts on these issues, contact Bill Rockwell, MSAF Policy Coordinator, at (989) 224-4600 or rockwell@mich.com.



Tidbits from the students at Michigan Tech University...

The School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science will host the North American Forest Biology Conference next July on the Michigan Tech Campus in Houghton. The dates are July 12-15, 2004. There will be field trips on the 11th for those who arrive early. The conference is a Society of American Foresters sanctioned event, endorsed by the Physiology and Genetics working groups. The conference website is www.forestbiology.org

Glenn Mroz, dean of the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science, has agreed to serve as interim dean of the School of Technology at MTU. Mroz is stepping in following the retirement of the former dean, **Tim Collins**. He will continue to serve as dean of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. A national search for a new dean of technology is under way and Mroz is expected to serve in an interim capacity until the post is filled permanently.

Michigan Tech's Research Services recently released data showing research awards to the school increased about 11% for the period July 1 2002 to June 30 2003 to \$4.84 million with 85 grants. The School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science is ranked first in research awards among the academic and research units on campus. Congratulations to the faculty and staff of the school for their successful research proposals.

Michigan Tech students are helping Mackinac Island residents address an invasion by a big, green exotic species.

The Mackinac Island Community Foundation came to the school last fall with concerns about the proliferation of Norway maples, which are popping up in native forests around population centers on the island.

The School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science is sending a team of forestry and applied ecology students to the island's rescue. They will research the degree of the invasion of the Norway maples on the island and then create a

management plan with suggestions on controlling the problem. Beginning this summer, students began to evaluate a 240-acre tract of the island's forests as part of a senior capstone course. Additional teams will be studying the island each fall for the next few years until a complete assessment of the island has been performed. They will report on everything from land use and local history to all the trees and vegetation in the area.

Students will begin their research with a town meeting of sorts, discussing the island's issues with representatives from the State Park Commission and the community foundation.

"This will enable them to gain some great insights into the complex and multifaceted management issues that natural resource managers often face," Assistant Professor **Christopher Webster** said. "This is more than just an academic exercise. These students will be encountering real management issues and real people."



Forestry Club Hat Sale!

Besides Conclave, woodcut, and a ton of other things, the MTU Forestry Club/Student Chapter SAF will be selling hats and t-shirts as a fundraiser for this school year.

The baseball caps are embroidered and feature a pinecone and the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science name. They are available in two colors, moss green or khaki. The hats are \$16 for those of you who are able to pick them up from the UJ Noblet Building. For those of you who are further away, the Forestry Club will mail the hats to you for an extra \$2.

The Forestry Club is also selling T-shirts. Both would make excellent **Christmas gifts!** Contact Chad at cmfate@mtu.edu to place an order or ask any questions.

--Contributed by Carrie Richards and Laura Walikainen

State/Local Events

✿ “Restoration Strategies in the Aftermath of the Emerald Ash Borer”

12 February 2004
 William M. Costick Activities Center
 Farmington Hills, MI



This professional workshop is designed to bring together resource and community development professionals to address the current EAB situation. For more information, consult the website www.hrt.msu.edu/outreach.htm, or contact Sandy Allen, 517-355-5191 x339 or allens@msu.edu.

✿ Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP) training opportunities

11 February 2004	AND	18 February 2004
Bay de Noc Community College		Holiday Inn
Escanaba, MI		Grayling, MI

This training will cover the scope of FLEP, as well as the application process, the scoring and ranking process, and the relationship to other government-sponsored resource programs. For more information, contact Debra Huff at 517-335-3355 or huffd@michigan.gov.

✿ Symposium on Forest Certification

15-16th April 2004
 Michigan Tech Forestry Building
 Michigan Tech University and Xi Sigma Pi are co-hosting this event. For more information, contact Frank Dave Luther at 906-482-3140.

✿ MSAF Spring Statewide Meeting

25-26 March 2004
 Marquette Holiday Inn, MI
 “Public & Forestry Values and Land Management Activities”
 Various publics will be invited to speak about their values related to forestry, and there will be opportunities for roundtable discussions. For more information, contact Dean Wilson at 906-485-1031 or wilsonde@michigan.gov.

**SAFs 2004 National Convention: “One Forest Under Two Flags”
 Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut Forestier du Canada
 2-6 October 2004
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

This special joint event occurs only once every ten years. Several streams have been developed within the theme to guide development of the program. These streams include "Partnerships in Forest Management," "Forest Health, Protection, and Climate Change," "Developing Forest Policy to Encourage Sustainable Forest Management," and "Technology Development in Forest Planning and Operations." Go to the website <http://www.safnet.org/convention/> for further details.

Michigan SAF		
Year 2003 Financial Status Report		
	previous year	\$2,319.70
Revenue	Expected 2003	Revenue/Expense as of
		Year End
Membership Dues	\$3,800.00	\$4,118.50
Interest	\$50.00	\$23.87
Meetings (Spring & Fall)	\$1,500.00	\$1,437.86
Contributions		\$400.00
Total	\$5,350.00	\$5,980.23
Expenses		
HSD	\$230.00	\$232.20
Chapter Dues	\$575.00	\$608.50
Michigan Forester	\$2,000.00	\$2,150.00
General Administration	\$650.00	\$19.40
State Chair		\$ -
MI Forester Editor Honorarium	\$200.00	\$200.00
MI Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$200.00	\$200.00
Secretary Honorarium	\$200.00	\$200.00
Treasurer Honorarium	\$200.00	\$200.00
Student Chapters (Prof. Devel.)		\$ -
UP Auto Tour	\$500.00	\$500.00
National Meetings	\$500.00	\$ -
Donation to National Raffle		\$ -
Leadership Academy	\$ -	\$ -
Misc.		\$73.49
Teams:		
CFE		\$ -
Awards	\$600.00	\$318.31
Awards Display		\$ -
Membership		\$ -
Communications		\$ -
Policy & Legislative Breakfast	\$500.00	\$738.00
Science & Technology		\$ -
Image and Outreach (University Liaison)	\$400.00	\$ -
Total	\$6,755.00	\$5,439.90
Total Michigan SAF cash as of:	Year end	\$2,860.03
Total Forester Fund cash as of:	Year end	\$2,700.32
	assets only.	
Prepared by:	John Pilon, Treasurer	

U.S. – Canada Forest Products Trade In Eastern North America

31 October – 3 November 2004

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Further study of issues surrounding the forest products trade, particularly lumber, is needed, as is dissemination of research findings. To lend focus and scholarship to this issue, a technical symposium on U.S. and Canadian forest products sectors will be held in East Lansing this coming fall, with a focus on lumber trade in the Lakes States, the northeastern U.S. and their Canadian provincial partners. Contact Karen Potter-Witter for more information: 517-353-8474 or karen@msu.edu.

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* Welcome Don, Dean and Jerry to the collection of MSAF chairs!

It's time...to renew your SAF membership!

Don't miss any of the opportunities that a Michigan SAF membership offers. If you haven't already renewed your membership, now is the time! And if you know of colleagues who have let their membership expire, it may only take YOUR invitation to bring them back.



SAF offers a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer and assist in making this the best professional organization around. Take advantage of the benefits you receive from SAF. One easy avenue is to help with the publication of the Michigan Forester. Become a reporter, a photographer or simply help review the content. Contact Georgia Peterson or any other member of the executive team to learn how you can help SAF today.

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