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**FALL MEETING...
KELLOGG CENTER**

October State Society Meeting to Focus on the Future of Forestry

Jason Hartman, Chair, Lower Michigan Chapter has announced that the fall State Society meeting will be held in East Lansing at the Kellogg Center on Tuesday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 22. A great program has been planned by Don Dickmann and Mike Moore. Mark the dates on your calendar now.

The theme of the meeting is “Forestry in the 21st Century: Does It Have a Future?”. Many factors have determined that this is the time to look at our future...the future of the profession, the future of forestry as a science, the future of our professional society and the future of forestry education. Decreased forestry program enrollments, increased wood imports, and questions on the economic value of certification are some of the issues of concern for our Society. The future looks bright in some areas, but will foresters lead in the development of the cellulosic forestry-bioenergy indus-



try? What effect will TIMOs and REITs have on the future of forestry?

Newly appointed United States Forest Service Regional Forester Kent Connaughton is confirmed as the keynote speaker. Additional speakers of merit including panels of students, mid-career managers, academics and elders will address their concerns. A full listing of speakers is anticipated to be available in July and will be provided on-line.

An effort is being made to support students from Michigan Technological University and Michigan State University to attend this timely and important meeting. Sponsors are being sought. Excellent hotel rates at the Kellogg Center have been negotiated and this promises to be a top notch and important professional meeting. See you there!
Submitted by: Mike Moore.

DON'T WAIT! Reserve your room, mail your registration, set your schedule and **ATTEND THE FALL MEETING!**

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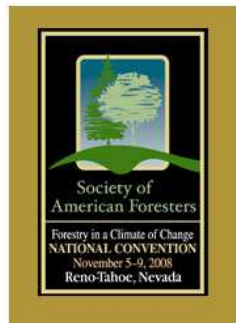
Bambi's photo submitted by Craig Kasmer, Awards Chair

From the Editor

I Am continuously thinking of the benefits of the Society of American Foresters, in particular our Michigan chapter. I have always known how lucky I am to be part of this group. Not only is it the best kind of family but it is also a source of incredible knowledge and vast information. If you haven't taken the time to attend a meeting lately this fall is the perfect opportunity to do so. I know our western UP members will find the trek to East Lansing a trial of patience in city driving but it gives us all an opportunity to regroup our thoughts. I am not alone as a person that has never been to the famed Kellogg Center and I look forward to being there for the first time and hope to see many of you there as well. Brenda

SAF National Convention

The time is now to send your registration for the annual convention in Reno-Tahoe, Nevada. Make sure to visit the Society's website (www.safnet.org) for more information if you've misplaced yours mailed in the June issue of the *Forestry Source*.



DEACON'S SEAT

It was recommended that we reinstate this column that will help keep us all "in the know" about who's where and doing what...

The purpose of the column is to list promotions, transfers, hirings, and other personnel actions within State and Federal agencies, industry, Universities, and private businesses.

Mike Moore passed on to me that the Deacon's Seat was a classic piece of "furniture" in the logging camp that was one-half a log, flat side up, used by the men to sit around the camp stove or fire. It often ran the length of the bunk house and the men would sit along it resting, smoking, talking, getting caught up on the day's activities before turning in.

An excellent idea Mike.....Please email me a short note about yourself or someone you know that has been promoted, transferred, hired, or the like so we may recognize them here.



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Which species in the accompanying photo is more threatened by a changing landscape? Is it *Canis lupus* or *Homo sapiens var. forester*? To find out, make plans to attend the Michigan SAF fall meeting, October 21 and 22 at the Kellogg Center, located on the campus of Michigan State University. The topic of the fall meeting is "Forestry in the 21st Century: Does It Have a Future?" Meeting organizers Lower Peninsula Chairman Jason Hartman, Mr. Mike Moore and Dr. Don Dickmann have done a great job with the planning and have negotiated very competitive room rates at the Kellogg Center. The MSU campus is beautiful in October and an outstanding arboretum to visit. So mark your calendars: we hope to see you all there.



The UP Chapter did a terrific job organizing the 2008 spring meeting, held at the Holiday Inn in Marquette on April 23 and 24. The conference was about northern hardwood management and included a trip to the Dukes Experimental Forest, located within the Hiawatha National Forest. Discussion topics included a history of the Dukes Forest, northern hardwood silviculture, update on the emerald ash borer, and managing for wildlife diversity. Ms. Christel Kern of the USFS Northern Research Station recently conducted a remeasurement at the experimental forest and led the field discussion. Everyone seemed to enjoy the walk and discussion at Dukes, despite the late season snow pack. Thank you to all the speakers and attendees for making this a successful meeting.

Special thanks go to SAF Vice-president Bernie Hubbard and Council Representative Gregory Russell. Bernie updated us on society affairs, including the sale of the SAF headquarters and the approval of an accreditation process for 2-year technical forestry programs. Currently the SAF only recognizes 2-year programs using less stringent criteria. Greg was able to make the long trip from Minnesota to fill us in on actions taken by the council. One such action was renewal of three policy statements on clearcutting, endangered species habitat on private lands and regulation of forestry on private lands. To view the policy statements check out the SAF Web site at www.safnet.org.

At the spring state society business meeting the membership voted to fund two \$500.00 general college scholarships out of the Education Fund. One of the scholarships will be for a forestry student at Michigan Tech and one at Michigan State. Information on how to apply for the scholarships will be posted on the MSAF Web site in the near future.

The spring edition of *The Michigan Forester* mentioned MSAF was looking for a new Policy Chair. I am happy to announce that Mr. Doug Heym has volunteered to take over that important role. His knowledge of the workings of SAF and of today's forestry issues will be a great asset to the state society.

Right after the spring meeting, Vice-chair Larry Leefers and I made the trip to Potomac, Maryland to attend the SAF leadership academy. The academy covered many topics including the inner workings of the SAF, legislative processes, developing creative strategies and action plans, and working with teams. I would recommend that anyone who has a chance to attend the academy not miss the opportunity.

If you have a new e-mail address please notify the national office by contacting Ms. Carol McKernon (MckernoC@safnet.org) so that an electronic voting ballot can be sent to you in the fall. Enjoy the summer field season and no matter how annoying the ticks become, don't let them get under your skin!

Ernie Houghton
State Chair

Energy From Woody Biomass

What's this mean to foresters? Well, managing forests and removing forest products is something we've done for decades. If we're to remove more biomass, then we simply need a bit more information about ecological effects in sensitive areas and updates on evolving harvesting technology. Using forests for energy production will certainly expand market opportunities, which in turn will expand forest management opportunities and may allow us to more easily meet additional silvicultural objectives.

The technology of producing heat and electricity from wood is well-established. Within a few years, transportation fuels and a new range of chemical products will be produced from wood. "Technology" is only a part of the bio-economy equation. Getting wood to the mills and marketing the mill products are key elements we may not see so much in the news.

For forestry, the feedstock supplies are within our domain.

There is no doubt that Michigan forests are among the nation's most underutilized. We have huge volumes of net annual growth each year. The relative size of our wood-based industry is on the low side. The difficult part is figuring how much of that volume is actually accessible. How many forest owners will simply refuse to sell? And, what sort of products will new industries require? How much will they cost?

For foresters, we may be looking at additional ways to harvest forests and will likely need to modify silvicultural prescriptions. We'll have more choices and will need to update our knowledge base.

Policy decisions, new industries, and bio-energy technology all create exciting media sound bytes. But the fact remains that the forest component of a wood-based bio-economy still needs good forest management. And that's what we're really good at.

The energy potential from our forests exceeds that of all other combined Michigan renewable resources. Sooner or later, folks will be knocking on the door of our forests to figure out the best way to increase utilization of Michigan forests. A new industry is on the horizon. It should complement our existing industry, enhancing both.

Michigan may not be the first state in the country to develop in this arena and we're certainly far behind countries such as Sweden, Finland, and Denmark. Yet, we possess qualities that could make us a leader, if we play our cards right and embark on some strategic thinking. But for most of us, that's the job of other folks. Our job is to continue to practice good forestry and adapt as we must.

Article by: Bill Cook, MSAF Communications Chair



HARTWICK PINES SCHEDULED TO CUT DOWN OLD GROWTH

Now that I have your attention...Once again the time has come to ask for my fellow foresters to submit their nominations for the Annual Forester Awards. At the fall 2008 SAF Conference I will be presenting the Certificates of Appreciation, Membership Pins (see below) and the following awards:

- * **Young Forester of the Year**
- * **Forester of the Year**
- * **Retired Forester of the Year**

As in years' past, to nominate someone for these awards, all one needs to do is contact me either by phone or email (also see below) and I can help you with your nominations. To nominate the Young or Retired Forest of the Year, one simply needs to throw their name my way and send along a short paragraph on the person's background and why this person qualifies for such a distinct honor.

For the Forester of the Year Award, we (Executive Committee) are working on the policy on what requirements are needed to nominate an individual for Forester of the Year. In the past, ten signatures from SAF Members "in good standing" are needed to officially nominate a person for this annual award. Because of the difficulty of gathering signatures due to everyone's strange work schedules and the ease of email, we are throwing around the idea of only requiring 5 to 7 signatures. Regardless, a "blurb" telling a little about the nominee and why they should be recognized is needed and very helpful.

Also, there are a bevy of awards/recognitions at the national level that can be awarded to Michigan SAF Members. Although the deadlines for most of those awards have come and past, you can find out more at the SAF website. Go to www.safnet.org then on the left side tool bar, click **About SAF** and scroll down and click on the **National Awards** toolbar. You will then go to the page where the descriptions and nominating criteria can be found for each of the National Awards.

The following SAF Members are scheduled to receive their membership pins. I presented a few pins at the Spring Conference in Marquette. If you know any of those folks, please let them know that they are "in-line" to receive their pin and encourage them to attend the conference in the fall:

Deadline for the next issue is
October 25th!

10 YEAR PIN 2008 1998

Mr. James H. Buck
Ms. Linda Margie Carruthers
Ms. Karen M. Cox
Mr. Michael E. Elenz-**Received Spring 2008**
Mr. Anthony Fox
Mr. Paul W. Heil
Mr. Andrew T. Klein
Mr. Steven P. Knivila

20 YEAR PIN 2008 1988

Mr. Dean Robert Francis
Dr. Alexander L. Friend
Dr. Margaret R. Gale
Mr. Brian D. Glodowski-**No longer a Member**

30 YEAR PIN 2008 1978

Ms. Charlotte Bofinger
Mr. William B. Botti
Ms. Susanne Marie Brown
Mr. William A. Hennigan
Dr. Robert L. Heyd
Mr. Donald E. Howlett-**Received Spring 2008**

40 YEAR PIN 2008 1968

Mr. Bernard W. Carr
Mr. Edward W. Caveney
Mr. Robert A. Cool
Mr. Richard L. Cooper

50 YEAR PIN 2008 1958

Mr. Richard T. Brewster

60 YEAR MEMBER 2008 1948

Mr. Rueben J. Griewe-will receive a certificate

70 YEAR MEMBER 2008 1938

NONE

If you have any questions or need clarification on the awards, I can be reached at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park, (989) 348-2537. Also, my email address is kasmerc@michigan.gov.

Craig Kasmer
Michigan SAF Awards Chair

Michigan Society of American Foresters

Mid-Year 2008 Budget Status Report

Revenue	Expected 2008 Revenue	Revenue Received as of June 30, 2008
State Society		
Membership Dues	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,284.50
Interest	\$ 30.00	\$ 7.55
Meetings Proceeds	\$ 1,000.00	
Contributions		
Education Fund		
MSU Student Sponsorship contributions		\$ 245.00
MTU Student Sponsorship contributions		\$ 525.00
Education Fund Contributions		\$ 290.00
Michigan SAF Ed Fund (UP Auto tour Carry-over)	\$ 800.00	
National SAF Education Fund Grant	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 5,930.00	\$ 4,752.05

Expenses	Budgeted for 2008	Funds Disbursed as of June 30, 2008
State Society		
HSD	\$ 225.00	\$ -
Chapter Dues	\$ 540.00	\$ -
Michigan Forester	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 430.00
Society Administration	\$ 500.00	\$ 94.36
State Chair		\$ -
MI Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MI Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Student Chapters MTU & MSU	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
State Meetings		\$ -
Michigan Bird Council Travel Support	\$ 200.00	\$ 198.38
National Meetings Attendance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Leadership Academy Attendance (chair-elect)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Awards	\$ 450.00	\$ 495.23
Donation to national raffle	\$ 120.00	\$ -
Misc		\$ -
Education Fund		
UP Auto Tour Signs	\$ 1,700.00	\$ -
MSU Student Sponsorship disbursements		\$ 245.00
MTU Student Sponsorship disbursements		\$ 525.00
Total	\$ 9,235.00	3,487.97

Total Michigan SAF cash as of:	June 25, 2008	\$ 4,600.00
Total Michigan SAF Education Fund cash as of:	June 25, 2008	\$ 5,630.28

Prepared by: John Pilon, Treasurer/Michigan Society of American Foresters has cash assets only.

Michigan SAF Treasurer's Report John Pilon, Treasurer

- * Period: First half of 2008 account activity
- * Spring Meeting (Marquette) proceeds: \$2,168
- * Spring Meeting Education Fund ticket sales: \$886
- * Spring Meeting Education Fund contributions totaled \$250

Contributors were Rick Lucas, AJD Forest Products, Weyerhaeuser Company, and Besse Forest Products Group

Contribution by Renken Consulting in memory of Mike Lanasa: \$50

Contribution by Renken Consulting in memory of Rueben Griewe: \$40

MSU and MTU student SAF membership sponsorship contributions totaled \$770 (enough for 22 students). Contributions were made by:

Amy Douglass
Linda Nagle
John Schultz
Lauri LaBumbard
Robert MacGregor
Tim Baker
Grossman Forestry Consultants
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NEW WEBSITE FOR BIOMASS INDUSTRY

The Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development Council announces the launching of a new website, dedicated to promoting woody biomass as an alternative fuel source. Its purpose is to stimulate the development of a sustainable woody biomass industry in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, by providing a central clearinghouse for information on all aspects of woody biomass production and utilization in the region. You can access the site by going to: www.upwoodybiomass.org.

In addition, the website contains:

- * UP Woody Biomass Exchange - An free, interactive service for buyers & sellers of woody biomass in the UP
- * Woody Biomass Users - Information about schools & other facilities using wood for fuel in the UP
- * Woody Biomass Harvests - Information on past, present, and future woody biomass harvests in the UP as well as guidelines for maintaining the sustainability of woody biomass harvesting in the UP
- * Information Sets - A searchable collection of information on many aspects of woody biomass production & utilization, categorized into four main topics and 13 subtopics.

Please spread the word!

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TREE ATTACKS INNOCENT GUARD RAIL

The power and resolve shown by trees can be a lesson to us all at some point in our lives.

Picture at left submitted by Bill Cook.

*Upper Peninsula
Chapter News*

Tom Seablom, UP Chapter Chair

Recently two of our members attended the initial meetings/brainstorming sessions of the East and West UP Citizens Advisory Council (WUP-Jim Schmierer and EUP-Brenda Owen).

The organizational meetings were very well laid out and stayed true to their task of creating a Charter for the Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Councils for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

All persons in attendance at both meetings were mailed an application for a seat on the Council. All applications are to be reviewed and candidates selected based on applications.

Seats on the Council have terms ranging from 2 to 4 years. Jim and Brenda have both agreed to complete their applications and they have been submitted. This is not a guarantee, however, that we'll be on the council. Here's to hoping though.

We have also been invited to participate in/on the Upper Peninsula Habitat Work Group. Ernie has asked Jerry Rose if he'd be our representative and Jerry has accepted.

The summer/fall field tour for the Chapter is tentatively being planned for this fall on the Gogebic Co. Forest. More information will be out soon.

*Lower Peninsula
Chapter News*

Needless to say the LP chapter is hard at work lining up speakers, door prizes, field tours, seminars and all things that make yet another great MSAF state meeting. See the front page for Mike Moore's synopsis of their progress thus far.

JOIN US IN OCTOBER FOR THE FALL MEETING.....THIS IS ONE NOT TO MISS!!!

2008 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Amy Douglass, Membership Chair

We have been steadily gaining members, mainly student members, since January. However, June is when our membership usually takes a plunge. June is our "purge" month where members who have not paid their dues are eliminated from the member list. We try to retain these members through direct contact however, not all want to maintain their SAF status.

Here are our numbers since January:

- New – 22
- Reinstate – 5
- Deceased – 3
- Resigned – 7
- Purged - **39**
- Transfer In – 19
- Transfer Out – 19



We started January with 450 members (31 student members) and ended May with 470 members (48 student members).

One goal of each State Society is to increase membership by one more member by the end of December as compared to the previous December. This year our goal is to have 450 members by the end of December. Let's all work towards that goal!

Three members have died since January.

Mike Lanasa, UP Chapter, Fellow with 38 active years and former membership coordinator.

John Hanson, LP Chapter, 59 active years.

Rueben Griewe, UP Chapter, 60 active years.

We had several non-members attend our spring meeting on Hardwood Management. If you liked the meeting invite a non-member to the next one!

Two legged
trees
defend the
Forest
Photo
submitted by
Bill Cook





Lightening Strikes Again!

Early this spring during a spectacular thunder and lightning storm the Tahquamenon Falls Park Headquarters office in the Eastern Upper Peninsula was the hot zone. A small area of white pine trees located 30 yards from the Park office took a direct hit and one tree appeared to have been planted with dynamite when discovered by Park employees the next morning.

Shards and dagger-like spears of wood from the tree-victim were scatter over a 300' wide radius. What was left of the tree was cut down and removed but not before the Park staff snapped off a few pictures they were willing to share.

The office did not escape damage however as the surge of electricity managed to wreak havoc on computer-office equipment and also the National Weather Service Station located across the street at the maintenance building.

Thinking back to last summer when the Sleeper Lake fire was ignited by lightning, this scene was saved by an unusually wet spring and lack of dry material to initiate a potentially devastating situation.



LAUGH CORNER

Well, as promised, a funny story.....

Many of us here in the Eastern UP can attest to the fact that the bee population in the woods seemed to be flourishing during the hot dry summer last year. As a woman in this industry finding an appropriate location to “water a tree” can be challenging. After a lengthy drive through the woods I was in need of a pit stop and parked the truck. I wandered a short distance off the road behind a nice maple and proceeded to do some watering. I realized that there were a bunch of what I thought were bugs or flies around me. As I tried to keep my balance and swat at my offenders I looked down to notice in horror that I had chosen to water a spot not 12” from a ground nest of bees growing increasingly unhappy. Stopping in mid activity I slowly extricated myself from the area. I somehow escaped un-stung despite my level of “exposure”. Is it safe to go back in the woods?

Brenda—Editor

Your turn: email me your funny (embarrassing) story.
bowen@up.net

HELP WANTED Photographer

The *Michigan Forester* needs your picture taking skills during MSAF meetings.

We need pictures of the following all the time and duplicates from several people are great...

- * Awards being awarded
- * Field trip follies
- * Speaker specialties
- * Socialites of the social hour
- * Adventure antics

Anything else you think would zip up our newsletter is perfect and if I don't use it right away be assured I keep them for future fun!

Digital pictures are the best but I can scan regular 35mm pictures. Thanks, Brenda

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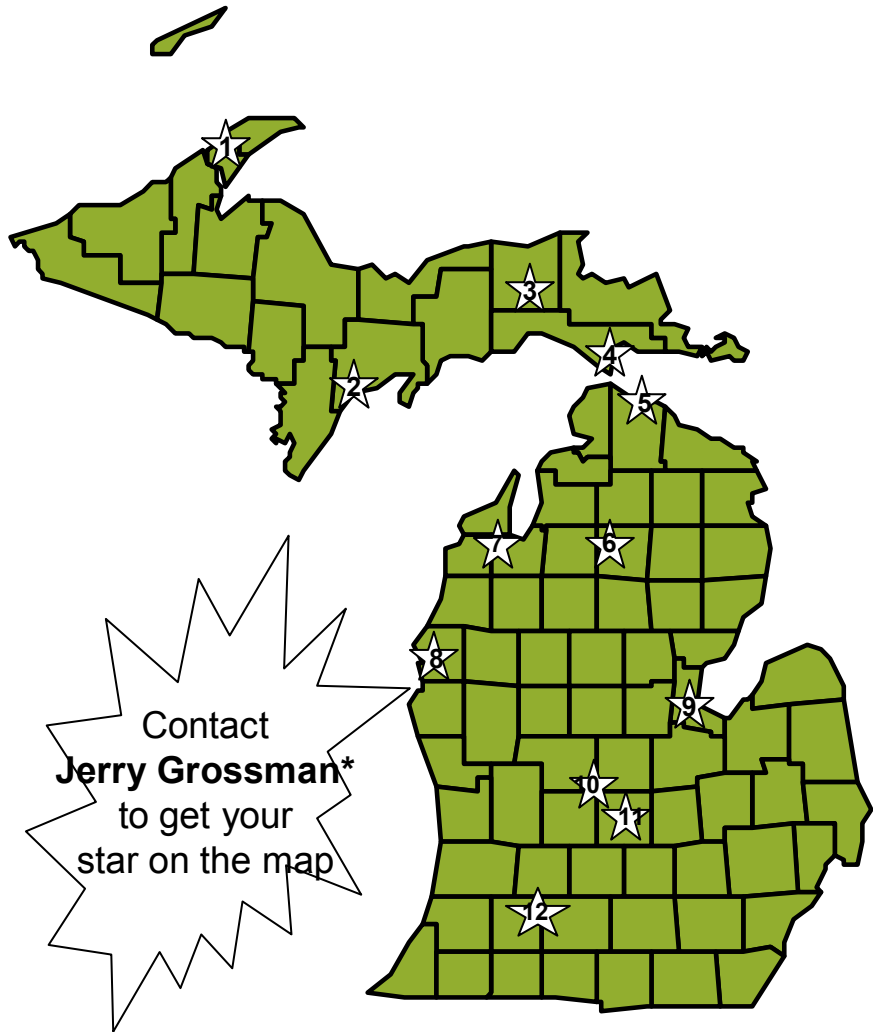
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