

# The Michigan Forester

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## STATE SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

### STATE SOCIETY LEADERS ELECTED

Final costs haven't been released yet, but early estimates put the cost of the 2008 US presidential election around \$1 billion. None of our Michigan SAF, UP and LP candidates shared their campaign costs with ME but I imagine they were a bit below that.

This was the first year we participated in electronic balloting along with the National ballot. We saved hundreds of dollars in reduced postage costs for MSAF. Michigan members without a valid email address on file were provided with a paper ballot.

I'd like to thank Terry DeBlaay for continuing to serve as our MSAF election teller. Terry took the totals from the electronic ballots (provided by National) and the paper ballots he received directly for the final tally.

Here are the results of the 2008 MSAF and local chapter elections:

Michigan State Society Vice Chair 2009, to serve as Chair in 2010

- John "Jack" Penegor

Upper Peninsula Chapter Vice Chair 2009, to serve as UP Chapter Chair in 2010

- William "Bill" Hasse

Lower Peninsula Chapter First Vice Chair 2009, to serve as LP Chapter Chair in 2010

- Harry W "Pete" Squibb

Lower Peninsula Chapter Second Vice Chair 2009

- Richard "Rick" Myrick

Congratulations to you all and thank you for being willing to serve our Society and Chapters. We can't do anything without leadership.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Sjogren, current MSAF secretary

### SPRING MEETING SET

#### "Today's Forests – Tomorrow's Uses"

March 31 - April 1, 2009

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, USA

This meeting will focus on current and emerging trends in forest uses and in forest product markets. The planning committee is currently lining up some great speakers to present on a number of topics, including: the status and condition of our forests, forest certification, patterns in land tenure and ownership, non-timber forest products, bioenergy, carbon markets, global trends, and more.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the spring meeting; additional details are forthcoming. It's going to be a great opportunity to connect with our Canadian counterparts and will certainly be an exciting meeting. The meeting is conveniently being held on the Michigan side, but don't forget that you will need your birth certificate and/or a passport if you decide to make any excursions into Canada.

In other UP chapter news, we are already looking into hosting a joint SAF meeting with Minnesota and Wisconsin in the spring of 2010. We are also working to update our bylaws in coordination with the MI Society and the LP Chapter.

Submitted by UP Chapter Chair Maria Janowiak

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## From the Editor

It's going to be the year of changes. We have all been affected in some way by the economic condition of our State and Nation and despite a very rocky road behind and ahead I know we will come out stronger at the end. It's definitely the year to come together as often as possible. Attend meetings, network with colleagues and friends, reach out to those you haven't in a while. Be an active part of our great Michigan Society of American Foresters!

Brenda

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### A few words from.... 2008 UP CHAPTER CHAIR THOMAS SEABLOM

As I write this last entry, fall is well upon us. The leaves are down and we've had our first sticking snow, but then it hit 60! Gotta love the UP! It's hard to believe that this year has come and gone (by the time you read this anyway). It seems like we just had the spring meeting, now the fall meeting has passed, and the National Convention is about to start. It's interesting when you look at the underlying themes for both the spring and fall meetings this year. This spring we looked at our northern hardwood resource, where we've come from, and where we're headed. The fall meeting was about the future of the forester. Both topics dealt with the future: the future of our timber management and the future of our profession. We're at a pivotal point in this profession. What does the future hold for us? Being an active member in SAF is key to staying abreast in forestry. It's an avenue for us to get information on the most up-to-date research, emerging technologies, and is a major hub to stay networked with other foresters. Using all the tools that we have available to us through SAF will help us stay at the top of our profession during these changing and challenging times. In closing I'd just like to say that I'm honored that I had the opportunity to hold this position and serve as the UP Chapter Chair. It's been a great year and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring meeting in 2009!

Editor's note: Tom's submission should have appeared in the last issue of 2008 but thanks to a glitch in email it wasn't received. Sorry about that Tom!



## HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE MICHIGAN FORESTER NEWSLETTER

Everyone is welcome to submit articles, photos, ideas or suggestions! E-mail submissions are preferable, but other delivery systems are accepted. Articles can come in nearly any format, even via snail mail! **All materials for publication should be submitted to:**

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### 2009 Schedule

<u>Issue/Publish Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
May 2009	March 25
August 2009	June 25
Nov. 2009	Sept. 25

Bill Cook is apparently trying to play charades with camera man Craig Kasmer at the Fall Conference.



**From the Chair's Desk—Larry Leefers**

I am thankful to follow Ernie Houghton and many others who have served as Chair of the Michigan Society of American Foresters—Bill O'Neill was Chair 10 years ago and Bill Hasse was in this seat a mere 10 years earlier (see [michigansaf.org/business/whoswho.htm](http://michigansaf.org/business/whoswho.htm)). This is a reminder of the passage of time, but also of the networks and friendships that SAF provides to all of us, if we want them. And most of us do. Some folks dial in and others dial out. At times the most involved may think that “the same old people” continue to play the main roles in SAF and that not enough folks are involved. Margaret Mead, the noted anthropologist, wrote “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” And MSAF has more than a small group! So consider this an invitation to get more involved in our great profession: help organize an SAF meeting, mentor a youth about forestry, be a Forestry Merit Badge Counselor, volunteer for Chapter, State or National committees, etc.



Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, 1907. Two great early American leaders.

I want to reflect briefly on our amazing profession. For those who attended the East Lansing meeting this past Fall, I think it was striking to hear about the resilient and interesting careers and aspirations of early-, mid- and late-succession foresters. Each had a riveting story to tell. I think we all do because of the love we have for trees and forests. As a forester, I have been blessed to travel a fair amount. Everywhere I travel I look at the forests and their condition. They are never “my” forests, but I feel as though I am a part of them and they are a part of me. I suppose other professions connect with their passions as well—astronomers look to the stars and feel connected to the cosmos, wildlife biologists have their flocks of birds, and so on. But for us, we get that special part of Creation called forests. And we are dedicated to be good stewards of the forests.

Our forests face many threats including invasive species and global warming. We need to continue our quest for knowledge and answers via SAF, so we are at the forefront of addressing these threats. At the same time, there are new opportunities like bioenergy and carbon credits, and we have the professional ability to balance new ideas with traditional ones. To succeed, we need to be viewed as conservation leaders. If you visit the League of Conservation Voters' website ([www.michiganlcvo.org](http://www.michiganlcvo.org)), you will find a link to their list of Environmental Organizations. SAF is not listed, and they don't have a list of professional organizations! Language aside, we are a great environmental organization, and one of our challenges is to correct this social image. Margaret Mead would have argued that we can, so let's do it! Your ideas and efforts are welcome.

This will no doubt be an exciting year in MSAF with the first meeting just around the corner. The SAF-CIF (Canadian Institute of Forestry) Joint Spring Meeting and Conference is scheduled for March 31-April 1 at Lake Superior State University. We'll hear about conditions and trends from both sides of the border. So mark your calendars, and I'll see you there.

# December 2008 District 5 Council Report

## By: Gregory Russell, CF

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Council met at SAF Headquarters in Bethesda, MD on Dec. 7, 8 & 9, 2008. The first day was set aside as an orientation session for incoming Council members and officers. Two outgoing council members were absent, and all incoming members were present. There are 4 new members representing Districts 1, 4, 7, & 10.

Highlights of actions taken over the last two days of the meeting include: approved the 2009 budget; approved two new position statements related to the work of the Climate Change Task Force Report; approved Certification Process for Technician Programs; approved the new Strategic Action Plan; set the dates for the 2009 Leadership Academy – April 4-7, in Coeur d' Alene, ID; dissolved the Forest Practices Task Force as well as the Relocation Task Force; continued the charter for the Leadership development Committee; and established the Bob & Ann Gregory Endowment & Award (to assist international members with attendance at the National Convention) – the Gregory family will match donations to the endowment fund on a 2 to 1 basis for the next 12 months, or until the endowment has \$100,000 (which ever comes first).

Council was also updated on the work of the standing committees, as well as activities from each Council District. EVP Goergen missed a portion of the meeting on Monday, as he was invited to represent SAF at a briefing with the Obama Administration's environmental policy team. SAF was one of only ten natural resources/environmental organizations asked to give a presentation at this briefing.

We were also introduced to new SAF staff, including: Erica Rhoads, Forest Policy Director (as of Jan. 1, 2009); Chris Whited, Membership Coordinator and Corey Houghley, IT Specialist. We were also updated on their activities over the last few months. Chris mentioned that he is working on several member recruitment projects, as well as updating the SAF web site. In the near future all state societies & chapters will be able to run their web sites through the SAF web site on a shareware basis, thus reducing costs for local websites and offering consistency in design. Corey is working on consolidating the various data bases used by various SAF program staff to make data management more efficient.

SAF remains on sound financial ground, even with the downturn in the stock market, thanks to an investment strategy put in place over the last 3-4 years. Membership now stands at close to 14,500 – up slightly from last year. Just over 1,600 attended the SAF Convention in Reno, which was above expectations. Mark your calendars, as future convention sites include: Orlando, FL in 2009, Albuquerque, NM in 2010, and Honolulu, HI in 2011 (we're still hoping for Duluth within the next 5 yrs).

The SAF Constitution was amended to simplify Membership categories, as well as giving voting privileges to Student & Technician members. The By-Laws will be updated to reflect these changes.

Dates have been set for the 2009 Council meetings as follows: Feb. 21 & 22 in Houston, TX, June 6 & 7 in Bethesda, MD, Sept. 30 in Orlando, FL, and Dec. 4 – 6 in Bethesda, MD



## PEELING BACK THE BARK

As some of you may know, November 30 marked the 108th anniversary of the founding of the Society of American Foresters. December 1 is the birthday of an early and very influential member of SAF -Raphael Zon. Both of these anniversaries are commemorated on the Peeling Back the Bark blog maintained by the Forest History Society staff at [www.PeelingBacktheBark.org](http://www.PeelingBacktheBark.org).

Peeling Back the Bark features posts on new acquisitions and new online exhibits and historic photographs from the rich resources held in the FHS Archives and Photo Collection. Other posts feature discussion of forest history in the contemporary world or bring to light notable dates in history. SAF's anniversary prompted an entry from our first guest contributor, Char Miller, who offers his reflections on the founding of SAF and its importance. Upcoming guest contributors include Jeffrey Stine, who will discuss forested wetlands, and Walter Cook, who will talk about his new book, *Forest Aesthetics*.

We hope you will visit Peeling Back the Bark, leave comments, and sign up to receive feeds or a reminder e-mail when a new post is available. Please forward this note to the membership in your region, State Society, Division, Chapter, or Working Group. Thanks.

For more information about the Forest History Society go to: [www.foresthistory.org](http://www.foresthistory.org).

Sincerely,

Steve

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Steven Anderson, President, CF, CAE



*Deadline for the next issue is  
March 25, 2009!*

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## NATIONAL CONFERENCES LOOKING AHEAD

Orlando, FL in 2009  
Albuquerque, NM in 2010  
Honolulu, HI in 2011

(personally—I'm saving up for 2011! - Brenda)

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## EASTERN and WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

As many of you know the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has organized a culmination of land user groups and individuals throughout the Upper Peninsula and have been sectioned off into the western division and the eastern division. Michigan SAF was able to place a representative at each area and have been actively attending meetings for the past 6-8 months.

On the eastern side, Brenda Owen, MSAF newsletter editor, was chosen to participate and is currently the secretary for her group. On the western side Jim Schmierer was chosen to represent MSAF. Each group however has more MSAF members involved but are representing other groups as well. It's incredible to have such concerned and active members! The eastern group has 3 openings on its board while the western side is at capacity. Consider participating!

"The primary goal of the CAC is to offer informed advice to the Department to be used in establishing work priorities at the local level and to participate in honest, open and respectful dialogue." (excerpted from the Charter for the CAC). Each group leads itself with only informational presentations from MDNR staff.

To see a list of members, agenda items, and meeting minutes visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and go to the Commissions, Boards, and Committees tab on the left side of the screen.



## Michigan Society of American Foresters

### Year-end 2008 Budget Status Report

<b>Revenue</b>	Revenue Received as of December 31, 2008
<b>State Society</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 3,459.50
Interest	\$ 22.82 *
Spring Meetings Proceeds	\$ 2,168.41
Fall Meetings Proceeds	\$ (1,259.36)
<b>Education Fund</b>	
MSU student SAF membership sponsorship contributions	\$ 245.00
MTU student SAF membership sponsorship contributions	\$ 525.00
Michigan SAF Education Fund (UP Auto tour Carry-over)	\$ 800.00
National SAF Education Fund Grant	\$ 400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,361.37</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	Funds Disbursed as of December 31, 2008
<b>State Society</b>	
House of Society Delegates	\$ 237.60
Chapter Dues	\$ 511.50
Michigan Forester	\$ 871.00
Society Administration	\$ 136.36
State Chair	\$ -
Michigan Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00
Michigan Forester Business Manager Honorarium	\$ 200.00
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00
MTU & MSU Students National Meeting attendance	\$ -
State Meetings	\$ -
Michigan Bird Council Travel Support	\$ 198.38
National Meetings Attendance (split between chair and chair-elect)	\$ 1,000.00
Leadership Academy Attendance (chair-elect)	\$ 1,500.00
Awards	\$ 580.29
Donation to national raffle	\$ -
Misc	\$ -
<b>Education Fund</b>	
UP Auto Tour Signs	\$ 1,700.00
MTU & MSU Student Scholarships	
MTU & MSU student SAF membership sponsorship disbursements	\$ 700.00
	<b>\$ 8,235.13</b>

\* Fourth quarter not included.

Total Michigan SAF cash on hand as of 12/31/2008:	\$ 3,082.16
Total Michigan SAF Education Fund cash on hand as of 12/31/2008:	\$ 4,039.34

**Prepared by: John Pilon, Michigan SAF Treasurer**  
Michigan SAF has cash assets only.

# The Bob and Ann Gregory Award in Forestry Initiated

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It was an eventful year for the Gregory family. As you may know, Bob passed away peacefully on August 29, just 3 days shy of his 93rd birthday. We are thankful for his strength of spirit and his wit and humor to the end. Thanks to so many of you for your cards and letters. We've wondered how best to commemorate Bob and Ann's contributions to making the world a better place. What stood out most in our thoughts was the impact of their work in so many countries around the world. We say 'their impact' because anyone who knew them recognizes Ann, in her own special way, connected with people from diverse cultures and situations. Dad used to tell me that he loved being a professor because he was welcomed into the homes of poor people as well as the heads of state, and this was especially true in the international arena.

Our wish is to keep the warmth and encouragement that Bob and Ann gave their friends, students and associates around the world alive with a special type of recognition. To this end, we have created the Bob and Ann Gregory Award in Forestry endowment. Awards from this endowment will mark the achievements of a remarkable career in forest economics and further their interest in international relations. The award, the first of its kind in forestry, provides financial assistance to outstanding students or professionals from outside the US and Canada to attend the annual conference of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and have meaningful engagement with foresters on this continent. Travel funds for such an experience seldom are available in many nations. We expect all SAF conference attendees to benefit from an exchange of ideas that were so valued by Bob and Ann throughout their lives.

We have an ambitious goal of raising at least \$100,000, which can indefinitely sustain an award by only using the interest from the endowment. To this end, the Gregory Family will match all donations 2:1 through 2009 or until the goal for the endowment is reached (whichever comes first). An SAF committee will oversee administration of the endowment, as well as solicit and review applicants and select appropriate awardees on an annual basis. I would be delighted to send you more information about this award should you have questions. Please help sustain the memory and impact of Bob and Ann Gregory through this special recognition. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to:

The Bob and Ann Gregory Award in Forestry  
c/o Society of American Foresters  
5400 Grosvenor Lane  
Bethesda, MD 20814-2198

Submitted by:  
Shari Gregory



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## CALENDAR ITEMS

Michigan Association of Consulting Foresters Annual Meeting  
25-26 February, Grayling Ramada Inn  
Contact: Terry Read at [skread@ironriver.tv](mailto:skread@ironriver.tv)

Forest Stewardship Training  
Update on Plan Writing and Cruising for a Carbon Baseline  
25 February, 10:00-4:00, Gaylord Alpine Lodge  
26 February, 10:00-4:00, Escanaba Bay de Noc Community College  
Contact: [Deb Huff at huffd@michigan.gov](mailto:Deb.Huff@michigan.gov)

Woody Biomass Utilization for Michigan's Upper Peninsula  
10 March, 9:15-4:00, Marquette, Peter White Library  
Contact: Maria Janowiak at [janowiak@mtu.edu](mailto:janowiak@mtu.edu)

# MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTER'S MEMBERSHIP PIN RECIPIENTS FOR 2007-2009

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## 2007 & 2008 PIN RECIPIENTS

### **10 YEAR PIN 2007**

Ms. Anne Helen Collins  
Mr. R. Gregory Corace III  
Mr. Gary Alan Inhelder  
Dr. Richard K. Kobe  
Mr. Kristopher D. Kovar  
Mr. Richard C. Louys  
Mr. David MacArthur  
Mr. Mark A. Majewsky  
Dr. Linda Marie Nagel  
Dr. William C. Parker  
Mr. Steven M. Snell  
Mr. Jason Neil Stephens-**Received Fall 2007**

### **20 YEAR PIN 2007**

Mr. Charles A. Becker  
Mr. Mike Castle – **Received Fall 2007**  
Ms. Amy A. Douglass – **Received Fall 2007**  
Mr. G. H. Grossman – **Received Spring 2007**  
Mr. Less G. Holman – **Received Spring 2007**  
Dr. Neil W. MacDonald  
Mr. Robert S. MacGregor  
Mr. Thomas A. Schmidt  
Ms. Martha L. Sjogren – **received Fall 2007**

### **30 YEAR PIN 2007**

Mr. Joseph R. Cissell  
Mr. James E. Ferris  
Mr. Dayle I. Garlock  
Mr. Joseph A. Gates  
Mr. Michael R. Graham  
Mr. Bradley R. Homeier  
Mr. David S. Linari  
Mr. Dennis A. Werblow

### **10 YEAR PIN 2008 1998**

Mr. James H. Buck  
Ms. Linda Margie Carruthers- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
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  
Karlis J. Lazda  
Ms. Linda Lindberg  
Mr. David Scott Lint  
Mr. Bryce Metcalfe  
Mr. Justin Miller  
Ms. Louise A. Murgia- **Received Fall 2008**  
Mr. Scott Noble  
Mr. Andrew J. Williams  
Mr. Dean Wilson

### **20 YEAR PIN 2008 1988**

Mr. Dean Robert Francis- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Dr. Alexander L. Friend- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Dr. Margaret R. Gale- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. Brian D. Glodowski-**No longer a Member**  
Mr. John P. Shepard- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. Mark A. Sherman- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**

### **30 YEAR PIN 2008 1978**

Ms. Charlotte Bofinger  
Mr. William B. Botti  
Ms. Susanne Marie Brown  
Mr. William A. Hennigan  
Dr. Robert L. Heyd- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. Donald E. Howlett- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Dr. Larry Leefers- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
David S. Linden  
Mr. Quentin McNichols  
Mr. Dennis C. Oja  
Mr. Byron R. Sailor  
Mr. David J. Silvieus- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. David G. Spalding  
Mr. Louis A. Willis  
Mr. Robert Ziel



# MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTER'S MEMBERSHIP PIN RECIPIENTS FOR 2007-2009

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## **40 YEAR PIN 2007**

Mr. David V. Holli  
Mr. Norman Kasmaukis  
Mr. Martin K. Nelson  
Mr. Terry L. Reed  
Dr. Gerald J. Thiede (Fellow)

## **50 YEAR PIN 2007**

Mr. C. David Ridgway – **Received Spring 2007**  
Mr. Jonas L. Snyder – **Received Fall 2007**

## **60 YEAR MEMBER 2007**

Mr. James L. Halbach  
Dr. McClain B. Smith – **Received Spring 2007**

## **70 YEAR MEMBER 2007**

Mr. John L. Arend – **Received Certificate 2007**

## **40 YEAR PIN 2008 1968**

Mr. Bernard W. Carr  
Mr. Edward W. Caveney- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. Robert A. Cool- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. Richard L. Cooper- **Rcv'd Fall 2008**  
Mr. Forrest Ruppert

## **50 YEAR PIN 2008 1958**

Mr. Richard T. Brewster-**deceased**  
Mr. Robert C. MacKinder  
Mr. Fred Metzger  
Mr. Roswell K. Miller

## **60 YEAR MEMBER 2008 1948**

Mr. Rueben J. Griewe-**deceased**  
Mr. James W. Meteer-**deceased**

## **70 YEAR MEMBER 2008 1938**

**NONE**

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## **2009 RECIPIENTS**

### **10 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1999)**

Mr. John Beebe  
Ms. Rebecca Bienman  
Mr. Todd M. Bishop  
Mrs. Lora (Jean) R. Freer  
Dr. Christian Giardina  
Mr. Kevin J. Makuck  
Mr. Terry J. Manty  
Mr. Jason Scott Mittlestat  
Ms. Kirsten Robinson  
Dr. Jerome C. Winslow

### **20 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1989)**

Mr. Robert R. Bloye  
Mr. Paul A. Call  
Mr. Daniel R. Clark  
Mr. Rory J. Mattson  
Mr. Steven R. Nyhoff  
Mr. Patrick M. Ruppen  
Mr. Jeffrey J. Stampfly  
Mr. Richard D. Stevenson  
Mr. Mark D. Stormzand  
Mr. Christopher A. Yonkers

### **30 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1979)**

Mr. Paul E. Gaberdiel  
Mr. Randall L. Kuipers  
Mr. Paul J. Lyden  
Mr. Gerald R. Mohlman  
Mr. Dan W. Moore  
Mr. Dennis A. Nezich  
Mr. Dana A. Varney

### **40 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1969)**

Mr. Dan H. Farnsworth  
Mr. Joe N. Fields  
Mr. Bernard S. Hubbard  
Mr. Michael T. Mang  
Mr. Glenn F. Moll  
Mr. James D. Okraszewski  
Mr. Dean I. Reid

### **50 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1959)**

Mr. Leon E. Erbe  
Mr. Gayne G. Erdmann  
Mr. Peter C. Grieves  
Mr. James Alfred Johnson  
Dr. Melvin R. Koelling

### **60 YEAR MEMBER 2009 (Member since 1949)**

Mr. John Hanson

# Michigan Tech Forestry Club Previous and Future Events

By: Trevor Hahka

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Trevor  
Hahka  
getting  
ready for  
the Single  
Buck  
event



As you may guess, the Michigan Tech Forestry Club spent nearly all of our time and energy hosting the 57th Annual Foresters Conclave this past fall. We took an overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. ESPN taped the ESPN Timbersports events, which will be aired next year on ESPN. Everyone is all pumped up and ready for next year's Conclave, which will be hosted by SIU (Southern Illinois University).

Eight students attended the SAF National Convention held in Reno. It was a great experience for everyone. The eight of us that attended. Three out of the four of us that interviewed for full-time forestry related positions obtained them.

Following the Reno trip was the annual Christmas tree sale. Balsam fir, 7-8 ft, was by far the most popular species purchased. We only sold 54 trees this year which was down from last year's 104 tree sale.

Currently we are planning our annual spring banquet which should be bigger than ever. We also are planning on attending Stevens Point's spring Conclave/Quiz Bowl.

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## Northern Michigan Forest Landowners Sell Carbon Credits

Twenty-three members of the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group earned over \$305,000, an average of \$8.00 per acre, for fighting climate change through sustainable forest management and good land stewardship. It is believed that this is the first time small working forests have had access to the carbon markets as the offset credits were sold on the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX®). The innovative program was initiated by the Delta Institute, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group. According to Group Manager, Gerald Grossman, members of the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group are dedicated to sustainable forest management.

Land enrolled in the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group is certified sustainable to the American Forest Foundation Standards of Sustainability for Forest Management.. “While many people appreciate the clean water, clear air, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and forest products that sustainably managed forests produce, certified American Tree Farm System Group Members know how much work this involves.” This program provides annual payments for providing clean air and helping to mitigate the effects of global warming. The baseline amount of carbon contained within a forest is established during the winter. As the forest grows it sequesters carbon from the atmosphere. Landowners sell the net annual change in carbon (growth, minus natural mortality, minus timber harvest). All timber harvesting is done by trained logging contractors in accordance to individual management plans under the supervision of professional consulting foresters.

The extra income is welcome recognition for a job well done. It is also an important source of annual revenue in an area that is economically challenged and suffering from job loss. For example, Group Member Burt Township Schools is an isolated school district located on the South shore of Lake Superior. Sixty-four students attend the K-12 school. According to superintendent, Penny Barney, “keeping a well managed, healthy school forest is important to our students and the community. We are stewards of a wonderful 1,326 acre school forest which provides educational opportunities, recreational opportunities, and an important source of revenue.” Receiving recognition as well as financial payments for providing clean air will help dedicated landowners continue to manage their forests sustainably into the future.

For more information call Grossman Forestry Company (906-293-8707) or visit [www.grossmanforestry.com](http://www.grossmanforestry.com).

(Press release submitted by Jerry Grossman)



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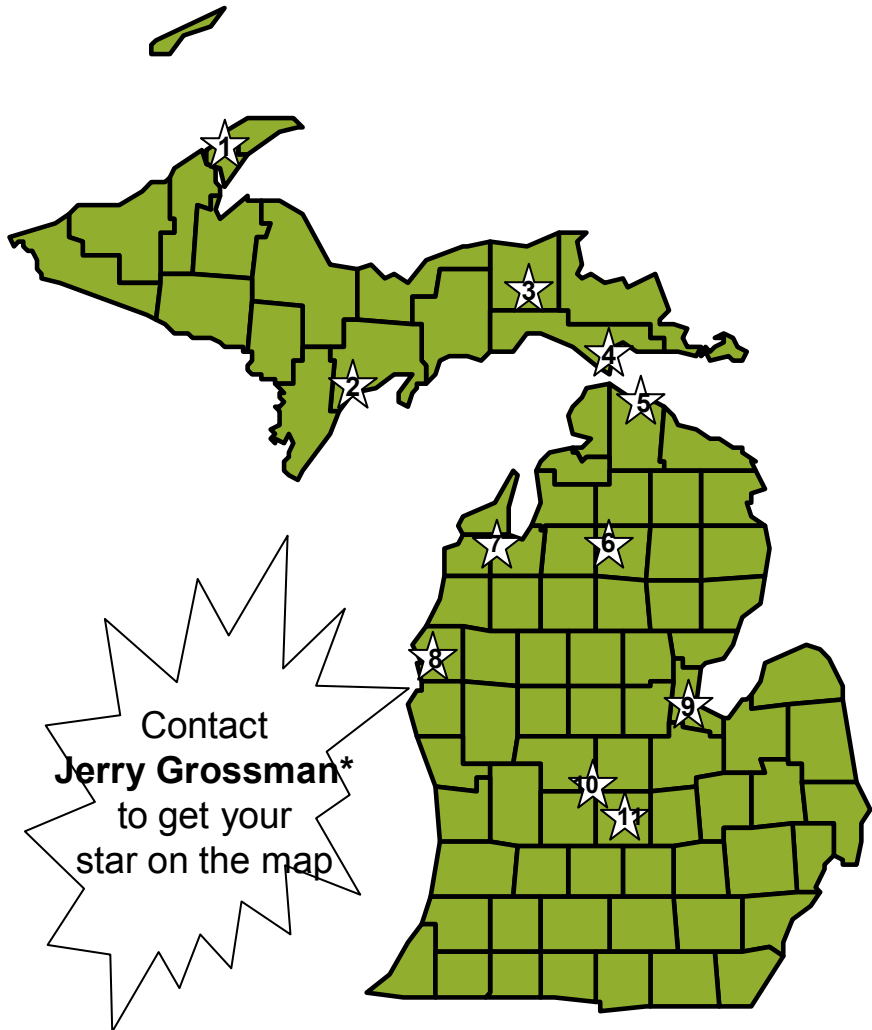
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