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## Managing Oak in the Northern Forest

Michigan Society of American Foresters Fall 2009 Conference

October 20th & 21st  
Ramada Inn, Grayling MI

The Lower Peninsula Chapter of Michigan Society of American Foresters will be hosting the fall 2009 State SAF Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ramada Inn in Grayling.

Michigan's oak resource is aging. Success in regenerating oak stands and maintaining oak as a component of the forest has been mixed. Management opportunities are diverse for the sites that oak forests currently occupy. The goal of this meeting is to inform land managers about options available for maintaining oak species as components of the forests of the future.

Registration will take place and the meeting will begin on Tuesday morning. A social hour, banquet, raffle, and entertainment program are in the works for Tuesday evening. The program will continue on Wednesday morning, adjourning before lunch.

Details on registration costs, lodging and CFE credits will available soon. Watch your mailbox in September for the meeting brochure.

Jason Stephens  
Michigan SAF  
LP Chapter Chair

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**FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 20TH, 21ST**



**National Convention**  
Orlando, Florida September 30–October 4, 2009

## NEWSLETTER 2010 Schedule

<u>Issue/Publish Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Feb. 2010	Jan. 5, '10
August 2010	July 1
December 2010	Nov. 5

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### Upper Peninsula Chapter News

Maria Janowiak, UP Chapter Chair

Save the date for next spring's meeting! The Upper Peninsula Chapter will be co-hosting spring meeting with the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters. Planning is underway. We still need to think of a catchy title (your suggestions are encouraged), but the topic for the spring meeting will be **Recreation and Forest Management**. The meeting will be **March 10-11, 2010, in Marinette, WI**.

The planners from Michigan and Wisconsin SAF would appreciate your input on presentations that you would like to see at the meeting. Do you want to know the trends in forest recreation in your region? Are you interested in how to incorporate recreational ATV use into your management plans? Would you like to learn more about setting up a timber sale in an area that is also used for recreation? If you are interested in any of these topics or have suggestions for others, we'd like to hear from you. An online survey has been set up at <http://tinyurl.com/forestrec> and I welcome your comments and ideas.



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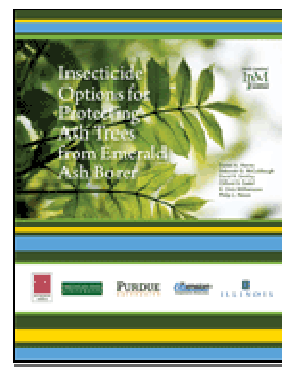
### HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE MICHIGAN FORESTER NEWSLETTER

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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### New EAB Insecticide Bulletin is Available Now

The most current, up-to-date information and research on if, when, and how to treat ash trees is available in this bulletin. This bulletin is now available to download at



[www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) or by contacting your local MSU Extension office.

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## From the Chair's Desk—Larry Leefers

Like most years, 2009 is moving far too quickly. By August most of us yearn for the summer to start over again in hopes of “catching up” on the many tasks before us. No such luck! It has been a cool summer in the south (East Lansing) that belies broader concerns we have regarding global warming—a reminder of the weather vs. climate conundrum. It is always a challenge for me to “keep up” on forestry news and conundrums. To help me, I rely on three monthly, weekly and not-quite daily venues in particular—*The Forestry Source*, the *E-Forester*, and Bill Cook, the MiSAF Communications Chair.

I like *The Forestry Source* with its newspaper feel (and our *Michigan Forester* supplement). The most recent (July 2009) issue had two front-page articles I found interesting. One focused on Forest Service fuels treatments to reduce wildfire risks and therefore carbon released into the atmosphere. One of the findings was that not enough of the treatments were close to communities. The study authors argued for more treatments within the Wildland-Urban Interface. On the flip side, most of the WUI is not on federal land, and there have been significant increases of communities involved in treatments. The other story highlighted the planting of poplars in a desert area in central Oregon—of course, the Columbia River makes up for the lack of rainfall. The story noted that sawlogs, rather pulpwood, were of interest and that they could get 100' tall trees with 18" dbh at age 14. Wow! All this is tied to a chip mill, a sawmill, a planing mill and a planned biorefinery. This is interesting stuff.

The recent (July 31) *E-Forester*, as usual, contains a wide array of articles. The one on the Asian long-horned beetle in New England caught my eye immediately. For those of us looking at the effects of emerald ash borer and beech bark disease, another invader is dreaded. An article of personal interest was on the need for more plantations in the South to supply the expanding bioenergy markets there—perhaps this is a prelude to Michigan's future. Researchers at Michigan State and Michigan Tech are pursuing bioenergy plantation projects—one was even highlighted in the *E-Forester*.

Finishing the news theme, Bill Cook plays a significant role in MiSAF. I won't waste the time counting the emails that I receive from Bill, but they are numerous and useful—a testament to a new SAF Fellow, who was elected in 2009 along with our friend and colleague Glenn Moll (we'll thank them formally at the Fall meeting). Some of Bill's recent notes have been on woody biomass harvesting guidelines, the Forest Service's new “Michigan Forests 2004,” and a new EAB insecticide publication. He also emails Wood-Based Energy Notes including his most recent on the end of the NewPage-Chemrec venture. He keeps us on the cutting edge.

Foresters have been at the forefront of promoting ideas, discussions and actions related to forest- and tree-related topics. Though it's hard to catch up and keep up on the breaking news, joining us for the Fall State-wide SAF meeting in Grayling will help. Bring your stories, and we'll listen. Enjoy the end of summer.



From a June trip to Indonesia: A Forester's Conundrum? “Take nothing but pictures (gambar). Kill nothing but time (waktu). Leave nothing but footprints (jejak).”

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## 2009

We ended 2008 with 444 members. January saw a slight decrease to 441 and by June's end, prior to purge, we had 452 members. With the purging of 54 members (ranging from 1 to 27 active years!) in July we show a total of 398 members.

Here's a breakdown of membership over the past 15 years:

SS/Chapter	Beginning of year totals:				July 2009
	1995	2000	2005	2009	
<b>MI SAF</b>	11	7	5	6	5
<b>Lower Mi</b>	288	292	230	196	173
<b>Student Total</b>	122	71	38	53	50
<b>Upper Peninsula</b>	239	227	221	190	170
<b>Total Members</b>	660	597	494	445	398

Declining membership has obviously been an ongoing trend, and with these tough economic times it's easy to forgo SAF membership. But maybe that membership is where the answer lies. The many benefits of membership should be a help, not a hinderance. So here is something that each one of us can do. If you know of any forester that is not a member, please take the time to invite him/her to the next meeting and tell them of the benefits you receive from being a member. We all must join in together to keep membership up! Check out the SAF website for more information at [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org).

Over the year our member fluctuation has been:

- New – 7
- Reinstated – 6
- Deceased – 0
- Resigned – 2
- Purged – 54
- Transfer In – 5
- Transfer Out – 5

Please welcome MI SAF's newest members:

**January:**

David D. Olson  
Barbara C. Van Alstine  
Paul Myers

**February:**

Brian Walters  
Scott E. King  
Todd K. Parker  
Nancy A. Walker  
Susan H. Balint

**March:**

Adam R. Bromley

**April:**

Donna M. LaCourt  
Marc H. Pletcher  
Thomas E. Combrink

**May:**

Christopher D. Mueller  
Chris Hohnholt  
Matthew R. Brooks

**July:**

Chris A. Miller



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## **AWARDS UPDATE**

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2009 **Forester of the Year**, **Young Forester of the Year** and **Retired Forester of the Year**.

Please send your nominations to Awards Chair, Craig Kasmer at [kasmerc@michigan.gov](mailto:kasmerc@michigan.gov) or call him at The Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park at (989) 348-2537.

Below is a list of pin recipients for 2009. If you know of any of these individuals, be sure to remind them or let them know that they will receive their pin at the evening banquet at the fall conference.

### **2009 MiSAF MEMBERSHIP PIN RECIPIENTS**

#### **10 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1999)    20 YEAR PIN 2009 (Member since 1989)**

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. John Hanson

## Michigan Society of American Foresters

### Year 2009 Budget Status Report

Revenue	Expected 2009 Revenue	Revenue Received as of July 29, 2009
<b>State Society</b>		
Membership Dues	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,295.00
Interest	\$ 30.00	\$ 7.56
Spring Meeting Proceeds	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,400.00
Fall Meeting Proceeds	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -
MI Forester Ads		\$ 255.00
Michigan Forester Acct Balance		\$ 493.74
Fund Balance	\$ 720.00	
Contributions/Other		\$ 110.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,161.81</b>

Expenses	Budgeted for 2009	Funds Disbursed as of July 29, 2009
<b>State Society</b>		
HSD	\$ 240.00	\$ -
Chapter Dues	\$ 510.00	\$ -
Michigan Forester	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,854.00
Society Administration	\$ 150.00	\$ 180.00
MI Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MI Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MTU & MSU Students to attend Nat'l Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Misc in-state travel expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Michigan Bird Council Travel Support	\$ -	\$ -
National Meetings Attendance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Donation to national raffle	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Leadership Academy (chair-elect) <span style="color: red;">cancelled</span>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 6.00
Policy and Legislative Event		\$ -
Misc		\$ 97.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,137.21</b>

Total Michigan SAF cash as of:	July 29, 2009	\$ 3,618.30
Total Michigan SAF Education Fund cash as of:	July 29, 2009	\$ 4,960.34

**Michigan Society of  
American Foresters  
has cash assets  
only.**

**Prepared by: John Pilon, Treasurer**

## FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### US FWS Great Lakes Biological Network Forest Ecology & Management Workshop

September 15-17  
Seney Wildlife Refuge  
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### MSAF Fall Conference “Managing Oak in the Northern Forest”

October 20-21  
Grayling, MI  
Contact: Jason Stephens  
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### MFA Tour to the Biltmore Estate and Great Smoky Mountains

October 22-25  
Departs Grand Rapids  
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### SPRING 2010 Joint Conference Michigan and Wisconsin SAF “Recreation and Forest Management”

March 10-11, 2010  
Marinette, WI  
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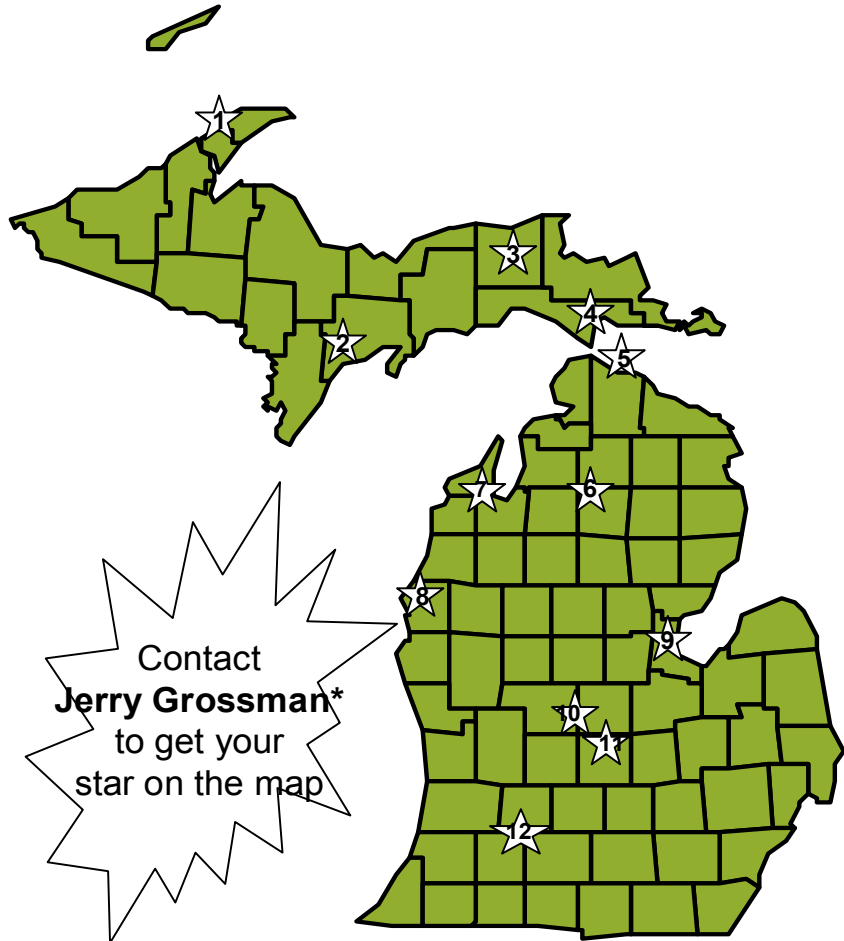
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