

# ***Emerald Forester Gazette***



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### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

#### **February Meeting**

- Date:** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2012  
**Location:** MOOKIES NORTHWEST GRILL,  
400 International Way, Springfield  
<http://www.mookiesgrill.com/>  
**Time:** 6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:15 PM  
PROGRAM  
**PLEASE RSVP USING EVITE**  
**Speaker:** Johan Hogervorst – Forest Hydrologist,  
Willamette Nat. Forest  
**Topic:** Sticks in the Cricks: Fish Habitat  
Restoration in technical and practical  
terms – design, equipment, contractor  
implementation, and monitoring.

Johan Hogervorst has been working as the Forest Hydrologist on the Willamette National Forest for the past 5 years. He has assisted with 10 large-scale wood placement projects in the Coast Range utilizing helicopter placement of whole trees, excavator wood placement, and fall-and-leave processes. He has also worked on two whole valley bottom restoration projects where the team reconstructed channels that had been ditched, added large wood to flood plains and channels, and replanted with native vegetation (Karnowsky Creek and Enchanted Valley on the Oregon coast). Presently he is reviewing project applications for the OWEB Review Team, serving on the Region 6 Restoration Assistance Team, is a member of the teaching cadre for the Region 6 stream and watershed restoration courses, and is on the technical team for the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council and works closely with the McKenzie Watershed Council. Johan has also

traveled abroad for work in places like the Russian Far East. The lessons he brought to the Forest have helped kick start a comprehensive restoration effort throughout all 4 Ranger Districts on the Willamette. Recently, a new process has been initiated that tips whole trees from along the stream banks and side channels to form key woody pieces. Johan will provide insight on some of these newer techniques, the changing dynamics of the companies providing restoration equipment, as well as some lessons learned after 11 years in the field.

#### **March Meeting**

- Date:** TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2012  
**Location:** MOOKIES NORTHWEST GRILL,  
400 International Way, Springfield  
**Time:** 6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Ole Buch – Oregon State Forests  
Unit Forester, Western Lane Dist.  
**Topic:** Managing State Forests in Lane Co.

Ole Buch has been the State Forests Unit Forester in Veneta for 2 years. Prior to his current position, Ole was the contract administrator and T&E coordinator for the State Forests unit in the Western Lane district. Ole has also held ODF positions as a stewardship forester in Western Lane and contract administrator in Tillamook. Ole worked in the redwood region of California for approximately 5 years prior to his move to Oregon. While there he prepared Timber Harvest Plans for industrial and non-industrial landowners. He has a Bachelor's degree in Forest Management from Humboldt State University and is a Registered Professional Forester in California.

## **Emerald SAF Executive Committee News**

Information from the JANUARY meeting of the Executive Committee.

- 1) Past Chair Fred Sperry moved that the Emerald Chapter create a subcommittee dedicated to creating a history of chapter finances and creating a long-term outlook for stability and wise use of resources. Dale Claassen volunteered. Others will join. Are you interested?
- 2) Bonny Hammons, member-at-large has been heading the program committee and is looking for ideas on the next great topic. Get in touch with any Executive Committee member to ask for a specific topic of interest.
- 3) The SAF Foundation has requested that the Emerald Chapter organize the annual charity golf tournament to support the Foundation. The event is usually held in June or July. Discussions are underway.
- 4) The 2012 OSAF Annual Meeting, Global Issues, Local Solutions: Sustaining Oregon's Forests, will be held at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center, April 25 – 27, 2012. Hosted by the Capitol and Tillamook-Clatsop Chapters of SAF. Topics will focus on investment driven forestry, leadership to shape the future of forestry in the world and global forest products marketplace and implications for Oregon. Field tours on day three will include 1) TIMO company structure forestry balancing investment and stewardship, and 2) Clatsop State Forest Managed by the Northwest Forest Management Plan with the goal of providing the "greatest permanent value" to the public.
- 5) Next Exec Meeting: Immediately prior to the January Membership Meeting; February 21st, Mookies Northwest Grill, 4:30 PM. You are welcome to attend.

### **From the Chair**

Tash Shaheed

Why reinvent? I've decided to continue some of the chapter goals outlined and presented last February for 2011, by Chair Fred Sperry, not because I'm lazy, but because they are relevant, timely and provide continuity as we move forward in 2012 working together.

- Increase involvement & membership
- Emphasize benefits & relevancy of SAF membership
- Interesting & relevant programming (something for everyone)
- Emphasize personal recognition

As professionals, we all have busy family, work, and social lives. Many of us have multiple volunteer commitments as well as personal interests and hobbies that we devote our time to throughout the year. Yet, we are each foresters and desire to advance the profession, participate (locally, state-wide, regionally and some at the national level), we encourage and promote forestry daily.

Quite a few members of our chapter, were able to attend most of the January Leadership conference held in Longview, WA. While the weather was inclement and hazardous for some, most traveled safely to and from the conference. The focus was on National, State, & Chapter past, current and future endeavors. A great deal of information was shared as well as time for catching up with other members from other parts of Oregon and Washington. An interesting policy update was given by the Assistant Director of forest Policy from the National Office, John Barnwell. Bill Rockwell, current SAF President was able to join us for both days of the conference.

We have numerous interesting topics planned for our membership meetings through the year, I hope you will all make time in your schedule to attend a monthly chapter meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

## **Emerald Chapter Membership News**

Bryan Rohl – Delegate-at-Large

I would like to thank those who have renewed their membership for 2012 and remind those who have not renewed to do so as soon as possible. Dues support SAF which keep active forest management in front of our politicians using science. It is difficult at times to keep this daunting task in mind since as foresters we are out implementing forest operations. Foresters need a voice to the public and SAF is the best organization to get this message out. If you have any questions about your membership status you can go to the website (<http://www.safnet.org>) click on “Renew” (upper right corner) and sign in. I would be happy to answer anyone’s questions, e-mail or call me at [rohlb@hotmail.com](mailto:rohlb@hotmail.com) or (541) 520-2447.

The Emerald Chapter is pleased to announce two new Golden members this year reaching the 50 year mark with SAF, Ted Neef and Dennis Payne. We will be honoring these members at one of our meeting this year. Also Bob Kintigh is the longest active member in the Emerald chapter at 70 years of membership. There are 7 members in Oregon that have been members of SAF for more than 70 years. If you see Bob be sure to thank him for his loyalty to SAF. We are very fortunate to have members like Ted, Dennis, and Bob.

## **Emerald SAF Member Publishes Guest Viewpoint**

Federal foresters, industry exhibit integrity - Paul Ehinger

Courtesy of Eugene Register Guard; Appeared in print: Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, page G3

I read Jeffrey Kent’s Commentary article, “The Timber Racket,” in the Jan. 1 Register-Guard. I find it very puzzling that he chooses to base his arguments for campaign finance reform on made-up “facts” about the forest sector that are not only untrue but a quarter century out of date. Surely a skilled advocate could come up with a better, more current set of examples if the rampant government corruption he posits truly exists.

Kent makes the outrageous claim that campaign contributions poison the entire regulatory system to the advantage of the timber industry. Certainly Kent should be able to remember that, during his tenure in the West, the Clinton administration reduced harvest levels on federal lands by 85 percent. How in the world does an 85 percent reduction in harvest favor the industry? How did the industry and rural Oregon benefit from losing more than 35,000 jobs and sending unemployment to the near 20 percent levels of today?

Sadly, Kent is out of touch with today’s U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, forest products industry and environmental watchdogs. If Kent were not so focused on his own biases, he would know that substantial progress has been made in the science of forest management and that there is ever-increasing cooperation among those who depend on our federal forests for its wide range of goods and services.

If Kent really cared about Oregon’s forests he would know that there is almost no clear cutting taking place on our federal forests; he would know that the Forest Service and BLM, rather than harvesting more timber than grows, have failed to harvest enough to keep the forests from becoming overcrowded and subject to insects, disease and catastrophic fire; he would know that the Timber Theft Task Force was endorsed by the industry to protect the honest companies from those with malicious intent; and he would know that there are many more environmental safeguards in federal and state law than there were 20 years ago.

Our federal forest lands have the capability to do many things simultaneously. To name a few: provide jobs in our rural communities for loggers and mill workers, grocers, school teachers and car dealers; protect our water supply; provide recreational opportunities; support local government through timber payments and business taxes; produce the most environmentally friendly, energy efficient, recyclable building material on Earth.

Forestry is no different than any other science. It evolves, we change our practices, the marketplace works, and democracy, messy as it is, ensures that we have balance.

Today, good forest management is held hostage to needless litigation by a few radical activists. This litigation has essentially shut down our federal forests. The current paradigm has made our forests and our communities less healthy.

While I don't condone timber theft, it's too bad Kent is so busy being bitter about events that happened two decades ago that he fails to realize that abandoning management of federal forests is robbing them of their value to the environment and the economy.

As a lawyer, he should be able to make his argument without the aid of strawmen and lies about federal forest management.

The caption under the photograph — “The forest industry and government regulators share a long history rife with systematic theft and exploitation” — is a statement without support and one that indicts a lot of government officials and industry supporters with wild false accusations.

I have worked in the forest industry in Oregon and other Western states for more than 65 years, and have known of problems in the national forest timber sales program. Kent does not specifically define the magnitude of the specific problems nor does he reflect the integrity of both government and industry employees in solving them as appropriate.

I am proud of the forest products industry for its many accomplishments, with improvements, to its local dependent communities and to the state of Oregon.

## **January Membership Meeting Recap**

Ted Reiss

Link Smith, ODF Western Lane District Forester, and Jae Douglas, Incident Commander for the Triangle Lake area Pesticide Exposure Investigation, were the guest speakers for the January membership meeting at Mookies Northwest Grill. The evening began with introductions followed by Link Smith giving a short history of the issue including immediate events leading to the exposure investigation by State of Oregon and Federal Agencies.

Jae Douglas, representing the Oregon Health Authority, is a member of PARC, the Pesticide Analytical Response Center, and is leading the investigation. It comes on the heels of allegations by a group of residents in the Triangle Lake area that local timberland owners have continually exposed them to pesticides. Helicopter application is the main culprit, by the Pitchfork Rebellions' (PR) claims. In the spring of 2011, an Emory University researcher, Dr. Dana Barr, tested samples sent to them by PR members. She presented her findings to the Oregon Board of Forestry, where they showed high levels of Atrazine and 2,4-D metabolites, a compound produced by the human body indicating exposure, thereby starting the process towards a formal investigation by state and federal authorities. A team of PARC members, with the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Administration for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR, a division of the Centers for Disease Control), began creating a plan for investigating the claims.

A multiphase plan was created to test human, food and environmental exposure in the area. Volunteers, and their homes, were tested pre and post application during the late summer and fall of 2011. Tests included urinalysis, food samples from residents' gardens, and water samples from residents' drinking supply. Test

results should be sent to residents who took part in the process this winter and spring. To date, it does not appear that any volunteer had high levels of pesticides in their system. Environmental samples were not available at the time of this meeting. Publicity of results will occur if volunteers take it upon themselves.

The second phase of the investigation will commence during the spring of 2012 with another round of testing volunteers for pesticide pre and post application season in the same general area of Lake Creek. Planning for this phase of the investigation is underway. Results for the second phase of testing will not be available until the summer of 2012 at the earliest.

An excellent question and answer session followed the presentation by Link and Jae. Some of the questions were: How many people participated; How did you guarantee a good chain of custody for samples; We have heard a request for all pesticide application records for 2009 to 2011 is coming. How does this help the investigation; Why are the state of Oregon and federal authorities spending money when the original testing by the PR group has so little credibility in the community and they refuse to hand over data or specific information about collection process?

Approximately 45 people, members and non-members, attended. The meeting ended near 8:00 pm.

## **Forests Today & Forever Field Days – Volunteers Needed**

LaRae Ash

Once again, Forests Today & Forever's Spring Forest Field Days are just around the corner! This year, eleven schools will take part, with more than 1,310 students – plus teachers and parent volunteers — expected to attend at three area tree farms.

As role-playing members of a family who have inherited 200 acres from their “Grandma Petersen”, the sixth graders will rotate through four teaching stations gathering information for their five-year land management plan. In the process, they will learn about sustainable harvesting, forest health, soil, water and wildlife protections and recreational issues.

It is information many would not receive if it were not for Forest Field Days, and to provide this important opportunity, will require 116 volunteers. If you can give a day — or more — it is most needed and appreciated! (At this time, we are particularly in need of foresters!)

To sign up, to learn more, or to schedule a visit to watch a field day in action, please call Coordinator LaRae Ash at 541-767-9078, or email [coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org](mailto:coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org) We at FT&F thank you for all of your support over the years, and we look forward to another fine season of forestry education!

### **Bauman's (near Crow)**

April 23 — Cal Young MS

April 25 — Cascade MS

April 26 — Oaklea MS

May 2 — Shasta MS

May 4 — Meadow View & Prairie Mtn. MS

May 9 — Hamlin MS

### **Udell's (near Lebanon)**

May 16 — Sweet Home schools

May 17 — Seven Oaks MS

### **Huntington's (near Florence)**

May 25 — Siuslaw MS



## OSAF Annual Meeting Forester's Fund Item Request

Tom Parke – 2012 OSAF Annual Meeting Foresters' Fund Chair

On behalf of the Foresters' Fund committee for this years state meeting, we will have a FF raffle and silent auction on the afternoon of April 25 and all day on April 26. You can be of great assistance by providing our booth with both great raffle items and nicer items that will go in the silent auction.

Of course, our raffle needs will be the usual items that go for the price of a ticket in the **Raffle**, and the more valuable items will be bid on in the **Silent Auction**. Here are some examples of great **Silent Auction** items:

- Lodging packages, with meals and perhaps entertainment included.
- Regional products ie. wines, beers, gift packages, and craft items.
- Excursions: fishing, rafting, etc.
- Apparel: Blankets, jackets, sweatshirts, etc.
- Forestry related items: chainsaws, raingear, tools, historic books, etc.
- Merchandise: tools, knife sets, small appliances, etc.
- Hand crafted: paintings, needlework, pictures, carvings, wooden bowls, pottery, sculpture, sewed items, etc.
- Books.

We will gladly accept anything that is appropriate for the **Raffle** and the **Silent Auction**. If the item is good enough for you to receive, then it is good enough for us. Remember to utilize your local Chamber of Commerce to secure local packages and promotional items.

We will be ready to accept raffle items for the booth at 11:00 am on April 25th. We will have separate tables for the **Raffle** items and the **Silent Auction** items.

After the meeting, I will be sending "Thank-You" letters out to all the businesses and companies you have obtained donated items for the FF Raffle, I will need a printout from each chapter with the donors names, mailing address, items donated, and value (if you wish to so indicate). It is very important to recognize all the donor's contributions to the Foresters' Fund. And all contributions are tax deductible.

Trixy Moser, the OSAF Foresters' Fund Chair, informed me the other day that in 2011, there was \$30,000 dispersed nationally in Foresters' Fund grants. And approximately 20% of the funds were dispersed to Oregon. Congratulations to all who received grant money for your projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or e-mail. The meeting brochure will be mailed out very soon. And the web site should be ready very soon to promote the meeting.

Thank you for your time and effort in this request. Hope to see you all in Seaside, Oregon on April 25-27 for an outstanding meeting.

Tom Parke, 2012 OSAF Meeting Foresters' Fund Chair. Home phone: 503-325-7579 e-mail address: [tjparke@charter.net](mailto:tjparke@charter.net)

## SAF Award Nominations Due March 15, 2012

OSAF Awards Committee Chair Clark Seeley, 503-999-3475, [cleoregon@comcast.net](mailto:cleoregon@comcast.net), is calling for SAF award nominations for 2011. OSAF awards are given to outstanding members for a variety of accomplishments.

Please use this link to the nomination form: [http://www.forestry.org/media/docs/or/osaf\\_awards\\_form.pdf](http://www.forestry.org/media/docs/or/osaf_awards_form.pdf) for most of the awards listed below. See special instructions for the Chapter Achievement Award.

The list of potential awards is:

- **Forester of the Year** – Presented annually for recognition by peers for contributing to both the profession and public through application of professional skills.
- **Forestry Appreciation Award** – Presented whenever appropriate to individual(s) outside the forestry profession, groups or institutions, deemed by OSAF to have contributed significantly to the advancement of forestry in Oregon.
- **Tough Tree Award** – Presented to one or more members of OSAF who have demonstrated sustained, excellent professional performance in an extremely adverse work climate.
- **Chapter Achievement Award** – Presented to an OSAF chapter which has made extraordinary achievements in membership, service to members, community service, chapter management and participated in forest policy and legislation in the preceding year. Please see this page for instructions concerning nomination for this award: <http://www.forestry.org/oregon/forestry/awards/chapter-form>.
- **Research Award** – Presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in any branch of science leading to advancement in either science or practice of forestry in Oregon.
- **Oregon State University Student Award** – Presented annually to an OSU forestry student who is a member of SAF, participates regularly, including leadership functions, represents OSU and SAF at state or national gatherings and is in good academic standing.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** - To be presented in recognition of lifetime contribution to the Society of American Foresters and lifetime achievement in the forestry profession by a member of the Oregon Society.

## SAF CALENDAR

February 2012	
21-24	<b>Cable Logging</b> Corvallis OR <b>Contact:</b> FEI, Forest Engineering Inc. 541-754-7558
23-25	<b>Oregon Logging Conference</b> Eugene OR <b>Contact:</b> Oregon Logging Conference ( <a href="mailto:info@oregonloggingconference.com">info@oregonloggingconference.com</a> ), 541.686.9191
27-Mar 1	<b>Unit Planning and Layout</b> Corvallis OR <b>Contact:</b> FEI, Forest Engineering Inc. 541-754-7558
28	<b>Oregon Forests and Water Symposium</b> Corvallis OR <b>Contact:</b> Mike Cloughesy ( <a href="mailto:cloughesy@ofri.org">cloughesy@ofri.org</a> ), <a href="#">Oregon Forests and Water Symposium</a>
28	<b>IESAF Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet</b> Coeur d'Alene ID <b>Contact:</b> Norris Boothe ( <a href="mailto:norrisboothe@hotmail.com">norrisboothe@hotmail.com</a> ), 208.691.9595 or Terry Shaw ( <a href="mailto:tshaw@uidaho.edu">tshaw@uidaho.edu</a> ), 509.595.8755.

March 2012	
1	<b>Forest Health in Oregon: State of the State II</b>

	LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State University <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:dave.shaw@oregonstate.edu">dave.shaw@oregonstate.edu</a>
<b>13-16</b>	<b>Basic Road Design</b> Redding, CA <b>Contact:</b> FEI, Forest Engineering Inc. 541-754-7558

## Quotable Quotes

*“You have enemies? Good. That means you have stood up for something, sometime in your life.”*  
Winston Churchill



**Mount Jefferson from the west. Photo by Dale Claassen**

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