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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

March Meeting

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 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: 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.

April Meeting

Date: TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2012
Location: MOOKIES NORTHWEST GRILL,
400 International Way, Springfield
Time: 6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program
Speaker: Matt Hane – Biologist,
Weyerhaeuser Company
Topic: Avian Nest Survival in Managed
Forests

2012 OSAF ANNUAL MEETING

Date: APRIL 25TH - 27TH, 2012
Location: Seaside Convention Center,
Hosted By: Tillamook/Clatsop Chapter OSAF
Capnote Speaker: Doug Decker – Oregon State
Forester
Topic: Global Issues; Local Solutions –
Sustaining Forests in Oregon; full
meeting announcement here:
[http://www.forestry.org/media/docs/
or/OregonSAFAnnualMeeting-
FINAL_registration.pdf](http://www.forestry.org/media/docs/or/OregonSAFAnnualMeeting-FINAL_registration.pdf)

May Meeting

Date: TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2012
Location: MOOKIES NORTHWEST GRILL,
400 International Way, Springfield
Time: 6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program
Topic: The state of Oregon State Forests

New Golden Member of Emerald Chapter Ted Neef receiving accolades and a certificate from chapter members presented by Gene Stevens.



Emerald SAF Executive Committee News

Information from the FEBRUARY meeting of the Executive Committee.

- 1) Past Chair Fred Sperry is doing research for a June picnic and tour opportunity with EWEB at a new forest demonstration project in the McKenzie River area.
- 2) The Executive Committee has decided to donate \$1,000 to help the current deficit in funding for the OSAF NW Office. Recently the OSAF membership voted to increase state dues from \$20 to \$30 per year to help facilitate the excellent support the NW Office delivers. This increase does not go into effect until 2013. 2012 will be very difficult without chapters helping with the current budget. The Emerald Chapter leadership will challenge other chapters in the state to follow our lead.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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. Jordan Ryder and Rick Rogers have committed to helping out. Do you have time to help this worthy cause? Contact Ted Reiss at treiss@senecasawmill.com
- 5) 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. See the full annual meeting program here: http://www.forestry.org/media/docs/or/OregonSAFAnnualMeeting-FINAL_registration.pdf
- 6) The 2011/2012 donation of \$1,000 to the recipients, split between two award winners, of the OSAF Foundation Scholarships at OSU were confirmed as received. A personal thank you letter was received by the Executive Committee from one of the recipients. These funds are spent to help fill a gap in scholarship funding by the Foundation considering award amounts are not able to match increases in tuition and general education fees.
- 7) Next Exec Meeting: Immediately prior to the March Membership Meeting; March 20th, Mookies Northwest Grill, 4:30 PM. You are welcome to attend.

In Memoriam

Norman Edward Vogt, Professional Forester, SAF Member, consummate volunteer and dedicated forestry educator passed away following a brief battle with cancer on February 22, 2012. A memorial service will be held March 16, 2012, at the Oakville Presbyterian Church in Shedd, Oregon. Memorial gifts should be directed to Forests Today and Forever at the family's request. He will be greatly missed amongst the local forestry community for which he cared so much.

From the Chair

Tash Shaheed

Is it still winter? It seems to be in Western Oregon. Water resources are being replenished and the spring rains are ahead. We've had flooding and record weather events this year that we will all remember for years to come. These events impact our lives and our work, yet we take them in stride and continue to achieve our goals and targets.

As the seasons change our focus changes but our commitment to forestry remains.

I encourage you all to donate to the forester's fund raffle and silent auction, items small and large are welcome at the annual State Society meeting. We have received some gifts already from chapter members that will be sent to Seaside in April.

Volunteers are always needed for the Forest Field Days, if your time permits, please participate. You could influence a future forester with your efforts.

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 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 meetings 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

Forest Service learns, adapts timber practices – Meg Mitchell, Willamette NF Supervisor

Courtesy of Eugene Register Guard; Appeared in print: January 22, 2012

I would like to briefly respond to Jeffrey Kent's article about timber theft in The Register-Guard's Jan. 1 Commentary section. My purpose in doing so is to describe some of the changes in federal timber practices in the two or three decades since the period he described.

I was just beginning my career in the late 1980s. Still, I am aware of the mistakes that our agency made, whether intentional or by allowing the existence of a system of conflicting incentives. Many others inside and outside the U.S. Forest Service stood firm, collected information, and brought the cases and evidence forward to task forces and federal prosecutors like Kent.

Today, the vast and predominant harvest on the national forest is partial cutting or thinning younger trees approximately between 50 and 100 years old growing in plantations or fire-prone areas. By human scales such trees might sound "old," but in a forest of trees that live hundreds of years, they are approaching middle age. The value of these trees and their numbers are far less than those harvested decades ago. Anyone who has driven behind a log truck in the Northwest has noticed the change.

Most roads we need for access to thinning areas have been built. New roads on the Willamette National Forest are rare, usually temporary, and we close or store some of them after harvest operations end.

Once we determine through environmental planning, public involvement and recorded decision-making that we have some federal timber to sell, the harvest areas are identified on the ground and measured. The wood is then offered to qualified logging companies through auction.

At this point, there have already been checks by a variety of professionals inside and outside the Forest Service to ensure that today's environmental standards can be met, that bidding is equitable and that the taxpayer is getting a fair return. The standards, price and expected amounts are laid out in standardized performance contracts that both the government and the logger will follow. Today is the information age: plans, standards, maps, advertisements, contracts and your mother's maiden name are visible on the Web.

Even with most roads in place, companies working in the woods operate on a thin economic line. There are many varied reasons for this, from what's happening in world housing markets to local conditions. There are times when the forest would benefit from thinning, but the wood isn't worth enough to get the job done.

From my experience, the vast majority of companies that are still working in the woods are savvy, safe performers that can stay in business and compete. Woods workers today also include a wide variety of businesses, watershed councils and nonprofit organizations, all providing a valuable service and providing feedback.

Once federal timber is sold, a separate group of sale administrators and contract officers kick into action to ensure accountability and make certain that environmental standards are met. The Forest Service certifies them through both classroom and practicum testing, and they are re-evaluated every three years.

Further checks and balances ensure that more than one person is involved in minimizing errors or making contract changes. District rangers must sign off on any changes to the contract to ensure that environmental standards are followed. If "leave" or "boundary" trees are cut or any part of the contract is violated, law enforcement officers — who operate independently — must be notified.

Timber sale audits are also conducted randomly and routinely by teams of experts from outside the area. Our staff and I must address potential gaps in our program of accountability so we prevent problems before they happen. Much federal timber is measured and paid for upfront (lump sum sales). If it's not paid for upfront, it is estimated at the time of sale, and then scaled by weight (not by individual logs), using a similar system in use across interstate highways today.

Still, if we have learned anything from our past, it is to stay vigilant, to adapt and to learn. Learning from our past is combined with looking to the future, anticipating risks and trends. Technology itself offers both opportunities and challenges to accountability systems for everything from trees to postal packages. We have to be willing to hit the refresh button, look at things in new ways, so that policies and practices evolve to better meet the intent of laws that are also changing.

Ultimately, good government depends on people — their integrity, innovation, transparency, and continuous civic engagement.

February Membership Meeting Recap

Bonny Hammons

Ted Neef, retired forester for Giustina Land and Timber, was given center stage for his accomplishments and service to SAF for fifty years. He was presented an official certificate signed by National SAF Leadership and applauded for his local contributions to the profession and SAF. The topic presentation followed.

Johan Hogervorst, Forest Hydrologist on the Willamette National Forest, was the guest speaker for the February membership meeting at Mookies Northwest Grill. He began his presentation with a short history of timber related activities that affected streams in the Pacific Northwest and the actions taken in response to the “best available science” of the time. He went on to describe how restoration activities have also changed over the last three decades beginning with the removal of large wood from streams in the hopes of improving fish passage or “creating efficient stream courses”.

Restoration activities took a large turn when scientist and land managers started adding the large woody debris back into the streams. They started with single pieces heavily cabled into the surrounding bedrock and boulders. In more recent years, the use of whole tree tipping (pulling large trees over into streams with equipment) and helicopter placement of logs to form intricate log jams has become the norm for stream stretches in need of rehabilitation. He went on to further describe the changing dynamics of private contractors providing restoration services, financial issues the Forest Service faces, and partners they rely on to help accomplish their restoration goals.

Three large wood placement projects recently completed on the Willamette National Forest were described in detail as examples of restoration planning and implementation. These projects occurred along Moose Creek on the Sweet Home Ranger District, in the McKenzie River side channels on the McKenzie River Ranger District, and at Indigo Springs on the Middle Fork Ranger District.

An excellent question and answer session followed the presentation by Johan. Some of the questions were: Clarification questions about past timber-related activities, restoration efforts, and preexisting geological conditions.

What are the long term monitoring programs in place for the different projects on the Willamette National Forest?

What plans does the Forest have to provide public education opportunities along the McKenzie Trail where the side channel wood placement projects took place?

How do local utility companies like EWEB view these restoration projects?

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. **STILL IN NEED OF PROFESSIONALS FOR THE DAYS BELOW.**

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 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 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 17 — Seven Oaks 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

SAF Award Nominations Due March 15, 2012

OSAF Awards Committee Chair Clark Seeley, 503-999-3475, 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 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

March 2012

1	Forest Health in Oregon: State of the State II LaSells Stewart Center, Oregon State University Contact: dave.shaw@oregonstate.edu
6-7	Washington State Prescribed Fire Council Conference Wenatchee WA Contact: Leyna (wa.rxfirecouncil@gmail.com) or Lloyd McGee (lmcgee@tnc.org). Full agenda and a link to registration available here .
13-16	Basic Road Design Redding, CA Contact: FEI 541-754-7558
15	Forest Management Plan Writing Competency Training Wenatchee WA Contact: Registration questions: Darlene Gutzwiller (gutz@wsu.edu), 509.667.6540. Program questions: Andy Perleberg (andyp@wsu.edu), 509.667.6658
29	Forest Management Plan Writing Competency Training Coville WA Contact: Registration questions: Darlene Gutzwiller (gutz@wsu.edu), 509.667.6540. Program questions: Andy Perleberg (andyp@wsu.edu), 509.667.6658

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5	Forest Management Plan Writing Competency Training Longview WA Contact: Registration questions: Darlene Gutzwiller (gutz@wsu.edu), 509.667.6540. Program questions: Andy Perleberg (andyp@wsu.edu), 509.667.6658
10-13	Basic Road Design Coeur d'Alene ID

	Contact: FEI 541-754-7558
16-19	Cable Logging Boise ID Contact: FEI 541-754-7558
17-19	Third Human Dimension of Wildland Fire Seattle WA Contact: International Association of Wildland Fire (execdir@iawfonline.org), 888.440.4293
20	Helicopter Logging Boise ID Contact: FEI 541-754-7558
25-27	Oregon SAF Annual Meeting Seaside, OR Contact: Jim Culbert (jhculbert@yahoo.com). Download the flyer here (pdf).
26-27	Pacific Northwest Timberland Portland OR Contact: The Seminar Group mailto:info@theseminargroup.net
26-28	Alaska SAF Annual Meeting Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks AK Contact: Jeremy Douse (jeremy.douse@tananachiefs.org), 907.452.8251 x 3374

Quotable Quotes

“A fanatic is one who can’t change his mind and won’t change the subject.” Winston Churchill



Denali (Mt. McKinley) rarely seen in such good conditions. Photo by Bryan Rohl

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