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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **May 2015 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday May 19, 2015  
**Location:** The Steelhead  
199 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR  
**Time:** 5:00 PM Exec. Meeting  
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program  
**Speaker:** Dallas Hemphill  
**Topic:** New Zealand logging and forestry

### **June 2015 Picnic**

**Date:** Friday June 26, 2015  
**Location:** Thomspson's Mill State Heritage Site  
Shedd, Oregon  
**More Info:** "Thompson's Mills is a unique survivor of times past, chronicling 150 years of Oregon rural life and honoring the owners who adapted the mill to the changing world around it. It is the oldest water-powered mill in the state and its turbines can be seen in action on guided tours. A water right that predates statehood produces the water flow that still runs the milling machines for demonstrations today." –Oregon State Parks  
[http://www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=parkPage.dsp\\_parkPage&parkId=186](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=parkPage.dsp_parkPage&parkId=186)

### **Fall Meetings**

To be announced!

### **Welcome to the Emerald Chapter, Tracy Beck!**

Tracy Beck is the new Willamette National Forest Supervisor. Tracy has worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years. After graduating from the University of Montana (1980) in Forest Management, he started in the rainforests of the Tongass NF, then went to the Willamette NF, Payette NF, Chippewa NF, prior to his current position in Region 6. Tracy has worked as a Presale Forester, Timber Sale Administrator, Certified Silviculturist, IDT Leader for Post-fire Recovery EIS's, Forest Plan Revision IDT Leader, District Ranger, Region 6 Assistant Director for Natural Resources and now his current position as Forest Supervisor on the Willamette National Forest. He recently served as the Acting Forest Supervisor on the Fremont Winema National Forest. Tracy has also been a leader in fire suppression for 30 years; with many red card qualifications, the highest position being Division Supervisor.

### **From the Chair – Meghan Tuttle**

If you would like to help with picnic planning please contact [Meghan.tuttle@weyerhaeuser.com](mailto:Meghan.tuttle@weyerhaeuser.com).

# **Gunnar Schlieder: Implications of the Oso Slide**

Notes from April's Meeting, courtesy of Steve & Wylda Cafferata

Gunnar Schlieder, a certified engineering geologist, spoke to about 25 Emerald Chapter members on April 21 on implications of the March 22, 2014 OSO land slide. Gunnar divided his presentation into five parts: An overview of the topic; a history of the geologic activity at the site; information presented by other experts; information he himself developed; and implications of the event.

At 10:37 AM on March 22, 2014, the first sunny day after three weeks of rain amounting to 30", a hundred year rain event, the rapid failure of Whitman Bench, 55 miles northeast of Seattle, left eight people injured and 43 people dead in the space of two to three minutes.

Gunnar presented a detailed geologic history of the area beginning 4500 years ago, discussing the last ice age, glacial effects, movements of the Stillaguamish River, changes in vegetation, and various slides over time on both sides of the river in this valley. He pointed out that many of the slides predated logging.

Gunnar reviewed reports from GEER (Geotechnical Extreme Events Reconnaissance) and USGS. The GEER report emphasized that the hundred year rain event was a causal factor, and their data did not indicate a correlation between land slide activity and logging. The USGS report included a detailed analysis of seismic data. Eyewitness accounts include reports of an immense roaring noise, and river displacement in the space of two to three minutes.

In Gunnar's view, taking all data into consideration, the lower block of the Whitman Bench slid 1500 feet, moving at 50 mph. The 2014 event is one of many and due to the river's erosion of the toe of the bench in conjunction with heavy rain and underlying geologic conditions. He backed up his conclusion with detailed drawings showing the sequence of events and the reasons he disagrees with some of the conclusions of the published reports.

Gunnar pointed out several implications of the OSO Slide. He believes developers should have known better than to establish housing on this site, especially after the 700 foot 2006 slide and LIDAR images taken in 2006 showing the underlying geology. A Snohomish County study in 2006 recommended that all houses below the slide be purchased, but instead, more homes were built. Although the media implied the disaster was caused, at least partially, by an eight acre clear cut in the vicinity, and the DNR consequently reviewed and changed their Forest Practice Rules, there is no evidence that the slide was due to logging. Gunnar asserted that Washington residents are in denial that these events will reoccur, and the red herring of blaming forestry activity has caused an unwillingness to spend the resources necessary to establish the actual causes and reasonable development restrictions. In the interest of public safety, we must discredit the idea that the slope movement was due to logging, Gunnar believes. Interactive maps, photos, and LIDAR reports can be found on the Snohomish County website.

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual SAF Golf Tournament – Save the Date!**

Please plan to attend the Ninth Annual SAF Golf Tournament at Trysting Tree Golf Course in Corvallis, OR on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for sun, fun, golf and to support the OSAF Foundation. The Foundation was created 30 years ago to support Oregon forestry students prepare for a professional career. The Foundation is going strong because of your support. Over the years the SAF Golf Tournament has raised approximately \$45,000! Please consider supporting the Foundation by attending the event and having a good time with your fellow foresters. For more information you may contact Ted Reiss – 541-912-5471 or [oregonrice@gmail.com](mailto:oregonrice@gmail.com).

## Dave Cramsey – Forester of the Year



Matt Krunglevich, Dave Cramsey, Dale Claassen, Link Smith

Emerald SAF Chapter Member Dave Cramsey has received the Forester of the Year Award from the Oregon Society of American Foresters. Cramsey received the award on April 30 at the OSAF Annual Meeting in Eugene.

The award is given annually to the OSAF member who has been recognized by his peers for contributing to both the profession and the public through application of his professional skills to the advancement of forestry in Oregon and through public service that benefits his community or some larger segment of society.

Cramsey graduated from OSU with a BS in Forest Management in 1991. He worked for the Campbell Group before coming to Roseburg Forest Products in 1997. As a forestry professional, he is an active member of the Oregon Smoke Management Advisory Committee representing industrial forest landowners; president of the West Lane Forest Protective Association Board of Directors; a member of the Siuslaw Watershed Council representing industrial landowners; and a member and past president of Forests Today and Forever Board of Directors.

"For decades Dave Cramsey has contributed to both the profession and the public through application of his professional skills toward the advancement of forestry in Oregon and through public service that benefits his community," said OSAF Awards Co-Chair Tim Keith. "He easily exceeds all professional criteria and is a shining example of SAF's Core Values at work in his community."

OSAF and its 15 local chapters represent all segments the forestry profession within the state. The society includes public and private practitioners, researchers, administrators, educators, and forestry students. Its mission is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethics of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

## **Thank you to Emerald SAF members**

from Dale Claassen, Joint Annual Meeting Co-Chair

Thanks to a coordinated effort between our two societies, the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society and OSAF had a very successful joint annual meeting this year. On behalf of my co-chair Fran Cafferata Coe, I want to thank each of you who stepped up and helped us organize a terrific meeting!

Bob Sanders was, again—as for the 2008 meeting—our venue and arrangements expert. Bob negotiated a favorable initial contract with the Hilton, then monitored the contract and negotiated changes and helped plan those wonderful meals we all enjoyed.

Denis VanWinkle helped early with the fundraising effort, then became our field trip coordinator. With help from Noelle Arena and several folks from ORTWS, they created Friday's program of 5 field trips showcasing forestry and wildlife around the south valley. Noelle procured the vans and drivers—a process helped by some gentle arm-twisting by Denis and others!

Jordan Ryder, Dan Shults, Gary Jensen and Denis were our fundraising group, helping us raise the funds needed to support OSAF for the coming year, which in turn allowed us to keep registration costs at an affordable level. The early budget summary indicates that this meeting was very successful for the society.

Norm Michaels and Dan Shults contacted speakers and scheduled the “ESA and Forestry” thread for Thursday's concurrent sessions. They both moderated sessions as well. Even with some last-minute speaker cancellations, Norm and the other program folks arranged a very good program.

Bonny Hammons almost single-handedly organized a great raffle and silent auction, the proceeds of which will benefit our Foresters' Fund. While more help would have been beneficial, Bonny put in many long hours calling individuals and businesses to get items donated, and then two long days at the meeting working the raffle booth. Great job, Bonny!

Steve Cafferata was the force behind the first (annual?) photo contest (a first for SAFers...the wildlife society does this regularly). I know I enjoyed everyone's entries, and the contest netted SAF a small profit.

Tiffany Roddy and Meghan Tuttle also assisted the effort with a variety of planning tasks.

Our partners in this endeavor helped make the planning process easier by spreading the work load. Jenniffer Bakke, Mike Rochelle, Kendel Emmerson and Jimmy Taylor worked on significant pieces of the process from the Wildlife Society side. Special thanks to Vanessa Blackstone, who generously and very capably agreed to take on all of the treasurer duties and was also instrumental in the registration process. And this meeting simply would not have happened without the vision and drive of Fran Cafferata Coe, who had a hand in most of the many moving parts of this incredible organizational effort. Fran was also one of the seven meeting attendees who are members of both ORTWS and OSAF.

I know many of you were able to attend and I appreciate your positive comments about the meeting. Please thank your fellow chapter members mentioned above...it is thanks to their dedication to SAF that the Emerald Chapter is once again recognized as a class act and top-flight chapter! President Bob Alverts and many others expressed to me their appreciation to our chapter for a job well done.



## OR Chapter of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers 2015 Spring Meeting

The Oregon Chapter of the ASFMRA is hosting their spring meeting on May 14 & 15 at OSU in Corvallis, OR. It is geared toward timber/forestland valuation; the focus of the seminar is concentrated on taxation and how it impacts the value of timber, succession planning, and common errors in timber valuation. The Society of American Foresters has approved this meeting for 8 hours of CFE credits.

Find the program schedule and register online at [ASFMRA.org](http://ASFMRA.org)

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### Membership Milestones

Congratulations to the following Emerald Chapter Members who have reached these milestones. Thank you for your membership and your service to SAF!

**60 Years:** Robert Thompson

**45 Years:** Ronald Heninger, Warren Weathers, Hal Westover

**40 Years:** Michael Atkinson

**35 Years:** David Wellman

**30 Years:** Peter Daugherty

**20 Years:** Foster Robinson, Edward Reiss, Carl Harrison, Cary Hart, Jeffery Grogan, Douglas Campbell

**15 Years:** Tash Shaheed, Angelia Kegley, Avel Salgado

**10 Years:** Daniel Shults, Debbi Dalrymple

**5 Years:** Ryan Beyer

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### Have a Beer to Support Forests Today & Forever!

*Please join us for a brew at Elk Horn Brewery  
Wednesday, June 10, between 5 and 9pm*



Elk Horn, located at 686 E. Broadway Street in Eugene, is generously donating 10% of sales made on June 10, between 5 and 9pm!

**It's simple!** All you need to do is show up and enjoy a drink and/or have a delicious dinner to support FTF!

*Funds raised through this event will go to further our mission of promoting forest stewardship through education!*

Visit Elk Horn's web site:  
<http://www.elkhornbrewery.com> to see a menu and learn about their great beer!

## Free OFRI Planting Signs



Tree-planting season is here, and it's a good time for forestland managers to remind the driving public that trees are always replanted on private forestland. Managers are encouraged to order **free** signs from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) and to erect them along well-traveled highways or county roads.

OFRI offers the signs not just for plantings this winter, but for any year – even stands planted 20 or 30 years ago. “This is one simple thing any landowner can do to make sure the public sees that replanting is a routine part of what we do,” says OFRI Executive Director Paul Barnum. “I urge landowners to sign older stands, too. It helps people easily understand that what is today a thriving, mature forest was once a harvest.”

Since initiating the program in 2012, OFRI has shipped out about 200 signs to family and industrial forestland owners. Many of the signs can be seen along busy state highways such as U.S. Route 26 from Portland to the coast. But land along any highway or well-used county road is suitable, too. Barnum says on well-traveled highways, he'd like to see a sign about every five miles.

Order signs at [knowyourforest.org/learning-library/landowner-signage](http://knowyourforest.org/learning-library/landowner-signage). You'll just have to specify the planting year. The durable signs are 5 feet wide, come with nuts and bolts, and are shipped free of charge. Landowners need only supply two metal posts to erect the signs.

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### ***Did You Know?***

SAF members can save up to 55% off prescriptions with the SAF Prescription Discount Card? Learn more here:

<http://myfreerxcard.com/foresters/>

SAF members can save money on travel services like: Travelocity, Orbitz, Southwest, JetBlue, Hotwire, and more.

Members can also receive rewards and discounts at online home and garden stores like: ACE, Home Depot, Lowes, Sears, TSC and more. Start planning and shopping at: [www.saf.achievelinks.com](http://www.saf.achievelinks.com)

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