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Photo – Dennis Galway, Chair, Allegheny SAF , Presentation Forester of the Year award to Bill Zipse. Photo by Pam Zipse.

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Chair's Corner

By Dennis Galway



The winter training meeting hosted by the West Virginia Division was in peril of succumbing to Mother Nature with a winter storm bearing down on the northeast and a government shutdown potentially preventing many of our members and guest speakers from attending. Although these nature and man-made created problems caused some members and students from making the training it was one of the best attended meetings in some years. The most impressive elements of the meeting besides presenting the recognition awards and seeing old friends and meeting new friends were the discussions on diversity and engagement.

I will digress a little and bring in an example of my personal life that I believe ties in to these topics. I have been married to my wife Donna for 42 ½ years. We actually moved in together 6 ½ years prior to us making our commitment legal albeit our love would withstand any legal binding. The relationship has never been perfect and I don't see how any relationship can be in an imperfect world. However, we did and do strive for perfection in our life and that is the way to success. We have had our ups and downs some soft and some loud but the key was communication. We listened to each other and worked it out.

The SAF has long been considered a Men's Club. ANSAF original member Pennsylvania has been considered a Clique. There are still some vestiges of this in all Districts of our Society and in its way this is good as it provides us with a tie to the past, how far we have come and what we still need to achieve.

I have been a member for 38 years and unfortunately my grey cells are fading and I have a hard time remembering names but still remember faces. I remember when I first saw African-Americans at a meeting, I remember when there were few women at meetings, and when most of the students attending were part of the quiz bowl.

Ever since the 2006 National Convention hosted by ANSAF and with the keynote speaker Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Wangari Maathai I believed and still do that SAF and specifically ANSAF was leading the way for diversity and engagement in SAF. Dr. Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in Kenya providing jobs for women to plant trees. She believed as many of us do that "Peace on Earth depends on our ability to secure our living environment". We also know that "life" depends on a living environment.

Conservation is our Mantra. You can't have preservation without conservation. We must remember those who started our organization and have led us to the present. To me the only way to maintain our credibility and be the first source to seek out for how to manage our forest resources is to remember we are a family of all types of people who love and are dedicated to a common goal the health and sustainability of all the forest resources.

It has to start with our Society in our Divisions and Chapters. We have to know all our members and reach out to them when we have a get together, meeting, workshop, training, especially our older members who helped get us where we are today and our young and student members who we rely on to bring us into the future. The anniversary pins are one of the easiest and best ways to recognize members and confirm we recognize their commitment. We will be starting 5 year anniversary pins this year. We

have to personally make sure we get these pins to the members. And for 50 year and greater anniversary members we have to make every attempt to get them to local or regional meetings, go to their home, or take them to a lunch or dinner to present the pins and certificates in front of their peers. They certainly deserve it and can't be forgotten. We have to nominate more members for the recognition awards which ANSAF and National offer. When we receive only one or no nominations for an award it is a shame and a waste. And if we get more than one nominee for an award the nominee not receiving the award should be submitted again. These are recognition awards and the recipient is not the winner and the non-recipient is not the loser!

Our Allegheny Society is an extended family and it's great when we get together at local, regional, or national meetings and catch-up with old members and start a relationship with the new family members. The new relationships are very important and need a little more nurturing to show how welcome the new family members are and how much they are needed to carry on old traditions and make sure the family stays together and grows for generations to come. It takes us veterans to break the ice and make the initial greeting and welcome. So, walk right up to or sit right down with those young members and tell them how great it is to see them and have them part of our family of foresters!

Board of Directors Report

District 7 Representative – David Gwaze



Committee for Professional Recognition (CPR)

This year I am serving as the Chair of the CPR. The past few months we have been busy reviewing nominations for the following awards:

1. John A. Beale Memorial
2. W.D. Hagenstein Communicator
3. Diversity
4. Employer
5. Gifford Pinchot Medal
6. Carl Alwin Schenck
7. Student Leadership
8. Young Forester Leadership

There were twenty-nine nominees for eight awards. CPR has submitted award nominees to the Board for approval.

CPR also reviewed the District Fellows Committee's Reports. During my review I discovered that District 7 did not have any fellow nominations. I know we have many deserving individuals. I urge all District 7 SAF members to take time to nominate our fellow SAF members for the great work they have done and continue to do.

Board meeting

A meeting of the Society of American Foresters Board of Directors was held at SAF Headquarters, Bethesda, MD on May 4-5, 2019. A few highlights are provided below.

Committee on Forest Policy (CFP)

CFP presented the following position statements for the Board's approval:

- Utilization of Woody Biomass for Energy
- Timber Harvesting on Public Lands

The Board approved them. The CFP recommended the SAF Board authorize the development of a Position Statement on Forest and Water Resources. Given the importance of forests to the production of clean drinking water for human consumption the Board endorsed development of the position statement.

Young professionals group

Dave Lewis is making efforts to re-engage the Young Professionals Focus Group. Young professionals (YP) would be any SAF member between college graduation and age 35 and in the initial part of their career. This group could be utilized to SAF's benefit by:

- Helping to recruit and retain other YPs
- Providing feedback from this demographic on SAF issues and initiatives
- Providing representatives from this demographic on task forces, committees, etc.
- Creating a core of potential future leaders

There are 26 members of the young professionals group. The Board is considering having a YP member on the Board.

ForestEd

This initiative is growing and making an impression. Numbers from Forest Ed:

- 6000 Unique visitors since launch
- As of April, it's up to 10,145
- 224 have registered JoF quizzes -
 - 49 MSU Courses – 1/3 are non-members
 - Several Universities are interested in Forest Ed

I urge all District SAF members to use the Forest Ed Platform. It is available for Continuing Forestry Education (CFE). CFE is automatically credited to a members account when acquiring them through the Forest Ed Page.

Publications

SAF has been searching for a new Editor-in-chief (EIC) of Forest Science through print and digital ad campaigns as well as discussions with specific groups and individuals of interest. The EIC Search Committee is evaluating applications and interviews will begin soon.

Leadership Development Foresters' Fund Grant Program

The Leadership Development Foresters' Fund Grant Program is now fully developed and operational. The new program builds on the traditional two levels of Foresters' Fund grants – regular and special – and incorporates the new criteria and requirements of the Leadership Development level. The SAF Foresters' Fund website page has been fully updated. I encourage District 7 SAF members to access and utilize this program.

Allegheny SAF Winter Training Summary

By Barbara McWhorter

The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters hosted the Allegheny Society of American Foresters Winter Training Meeting on February 20-22, 2019 at the Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa in Morgantown, West Virginia. Over 150 attended the training session whose theme was "Evolving Forestry". On Wednesday attendees had the choice of attending field tours at Summit Forest Resources in Markleysburg, PA and the West Virginia University Sugarbush Operation or a Pesticide Certification Training Course.



Jamie Schuler demonstrates sugar maple collection and processing techniques.



John Mersch, Owner and President, leads a tour of the Summit Forest Resources facilities.

***SPECIAL THANKS TO SUMMIT FOREST RESOURCES AND WVU
FOR HOSTING THE FIELD TOUR AND
ERIN CARTWRIGHT FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS!***

***SPECIAL THANKS TO PSU EXTENSION AND ARBORCHEM PRODUCTS
FOR PROVIDING PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION TRAINING!***



**Kimberly Bohn of Penn State Extension provide training on pesticide labels while
Todd Hagenbuch of Arborchem Products discussed Japanese stiltgrass treatment options.**

Those attending the meeting enjoyed social hour on Wednesday. Those in attendance were able to visit and view the art submissions at the Reginald D. Forbes Art Show as well as bid on silent auction items.



Jamie Schuler, Past-Chair of the West Virginia Division provided opening remarks and moderated the Thursday morning session welcoming National SAF Chief Executive Officer, Terry Baker. Terry provided an insight to his personal and career background and commented on SAF accreditation standards and the five pillars of SAF - growing membership, establishing financial security for SAF, increasing tangible value to members, including education opportunities, elevating the professional status of forestry and promoting sound forest science.

Tripp Prior of the American Hardwood Export Council provided a presentation entitled Impacts of Tariffs on the Regional Forest Industry. Mary Ann Fajvan, USDA Forest Service Research Forester, Andrea Hille, Acting Ecosystem Management Staff Officer and Lead Forest Silviculturist on the Allegheny National Forest, and Linda Burke, Forest Silviculturist on the Monongahela National Forest presented "USDA Forest Service Products Modernization Effort: New priorities on the Allegheny and Monongahela National Forests". Dennis Galway ended the morning session with a presentation of the Student Leadership Award to Sky Templeton of Penn State University. The student members in attendance were also introduced.



Terry Baker, National SAF CEO



Andrea Hille, USFS Allegheny National Forest



PSU Mont Alto Students

Thursday's Concurrent Sessions included:

- Fire in New Jersey Pine Barrens, Nick Skowronski, USDA Forest Service
- Restoration and Management of Degraded Forests, Kimberly Bohn, PSU Extension
- Forestry for red spruce restoration in the Monongahela National Forest, Todd Miller, TNC
- Long-term research continues on the Fernow, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, USDA Forest Service Research Forester
- Status of EAB, HWA, BBD and GM Hosts in the Mid-Atlantic Region: Data Dashboards for Broad-Scale Impact Assessment, Randy Morin, USDA Forest Service
- Potential Impact of EAB on Forested Wetlands on the Chesapeake Bay, Agnes Kedmenecz for Jonathan Kays, University of Maryland Extension
- Update on Forest Pests, University of Maryland Extension
- Plant diseases in a warmer and wetter world: from Anthracnose to Zoospores, Matthew Kasson, WVU



Randy Morin, USFS



Agnes Kedmenecz, University of Maryland Ext.

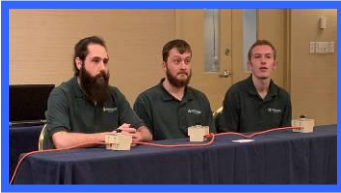


Matthew Kasson, WVU Plant & Soil Sciences

Thursday's afternoon sessions continued with a presentation entitled "Let's bring back couch burning (and other thoughts on the supply and demand of wood products in the Northeast)" by Alex Finkral of The Forestland Group and summary remarks by WV SAF Division Chair, Todd Lotter.

The Student Quiz Bowl saw teams from Allegany College, West Virginia University, Glenville State College and Penn State Mont Alto compete. Allegany College lost in the first round while Penn State Mont Alto was victorious over Glenville State College in the second round. West Virginia University won the Student Quiz Bowl with a come from behind victory in the final around against Penn State Mont Alto.





Allegany College



West Virginia University



Glenville State College



Penn State Mont Alto



West Virginia University Quiz Bowl Winners - Preston Pennington, Noah Smith and David Riley

Thursday's banquet included a presentation entitled "Diversity and Inclusion in SAF: Time to Do Something!" by Susan Stout, Emeritus Project Leader and Research Forester, USDA Forest Service and Jamie Dahl, Forest Outreach Coordinator, Central State University Extension and McIntire-Stennis Program. Banquet attendees participated in a hands-on activity.



Susan Stout discusses diversity and inclusion in SAF.



Banquet Attendees work on hands-on diversity and inclusion activity.

Dennis Galway announced 50-Year Member Certificates and presented the 2018 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award to Bill Zipse of the New Jersey Forest Service.



Dennis Galway(L) with 50-Year Member, Dick Schwab (R)



Dennis Galway (L) presents Bill Zipse (R) with the Forester of the Year plaque.

Friday morning began with the Chair's Breakfast and continued group discussion about diversity and inclusion led by Dennis Galway. State society business meetings and the Allegheny SAF Business Meeting followed. Mike Huneke discussed the upcoming World Scout Jamboree and opportunities for SAF members to participate in this important youth education event. All divisions were reminded to submit their treasurer's report information in a timely manner. Dennis Galway urged all members to consider nominating someone for the many SAF awards that are presented each year. Dennis also discussed the upcoming National SAF Convention to be held in Louisville, KY on October 30th through November 3rd. Allegheny SAF fundraising was also discussed. Susan Lacy was presented with the Chair's Award for her continued involvement in and support of the Allegheny SAF.



Jamie Dahl continues the discussion on inclusion and diversity in SAF.



Mike Huneke urges SAFers to assist with the World Scout Jamboree

Friday's Concurrent Session Presentations included:

- Enhancing oil and gas infrastructure, John King, WV DEP
- Unconventional development influence on forest resources and industry in WV, Shawn Grushecky, WVU DFNR
- Interim Reclamation of Natural Gas Infrastructure on PA State Forest Lands, Kelly Sitch, PA DCNR
- Changing forest distributions under climate change, Steven Matthews, OSU
- Forest soils in a changing climate, Charlene Kelly, WVU



John King, WV DEP



Shawn Grushecky, WVU DFNR



Charlene Kelly, WVU

Scott Eggerud of OSMRE made the final presentation of the conference entitled "Mine Land Reforestation using the Forestry Reclamation Approach (FRA)". WV Division Chair, Todd Lotter made closing remarks and thanks all those that attended and helped in planning the event.

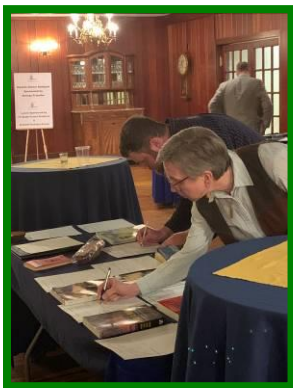


Scott Eggerud, OSMRE



Todd Lotter, WV Division Chair

Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy reported that the Silent Auction netted \$527. Barb Breshock presented a history of Reginald D. Forbes and announced the winners of the art show.



Silent Auction Bidders



Reginald D. Forbes Art Show Winners



Thanks to all who attended the conference!

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Forester of the Year Award – Bill Zipse

By Steve Kallessner

Bill began working in DEP State Forestry Service in 2000, as a forester in their central region office. In 2001, he took a similar role in the southern region office. He would later be transferred to the Trenton office to support the research and data analysis needed to produce the state's first Forest Action Plan. Although he had long been interested in mathematics and computers, it was his support of the drafting of the Forest Action Plan (published in 2010) that merged his love of forests and math. Under State Forester Lynn Fleming, DEP State Forestry Service was reorganized to create a specific State Lands Management program. Bill was tapped to be the Assistant Regional Forester for that program, and to serve as the planner for DEP-owned forests. He is also the Forest Inventory and Analysis program representative for New Jersey to the USDA Forest Service. He is also now in charge of the State Lands Management program.

Since assuming his role of state forest planner, he oversaw the development and approval of Forest Stewardship Plans for Whiting Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Double Trouble State Park. He also oversaw auditing and quality control of the inventory of Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park, Bear Swamp WMA, Flatbrook-Roy WMA, and Walpack WMA. (He also successfully lobbied DEP to expand their FIA contract with the USDA Forest Service to provide enhanced sampling of New Jersey's forests under that program.) Notwithstanding the near-Herculean task of plan development and approval for DEP-owned forests, we return to whether or not data and data services are a forest product.

Bill has built a community of volunteer software developers who are writing the computer code to facilitate the use of an Application Program Interface (API) to the USDA Forest Service, FIA program's EVALIDator data access tool, in order to translate the massive amounts of forest data from the federal FIA Database into something readily usable by software developers willing to use this data in application development for a broad base of users. Software developed under this project is to be licensed under open source licenses, allowing ready access to the source code for the development of apps by software companies and other developers. This community has been organized under the auspices of the NJ Forest Service in partnership with the USDA Forest Service under a joint venture agreement. Bill currently manages and organizes this group.

Recently, Bill's group delivered software libraries that facilitate access to the API for the Forest Inventory and Analysis program of the USDA Forest Service EVALIDator data access tool in addition to providing input into the API design. This software allows automated, live access to forest resource data for analysis and application development without the developers having to have extensive knowledge of the inner workings of the FIA database. This is useful for forestry professionals looking to do many repetitive queries of FIA data for analysis in an automated fashion. It is also very useful for creating apps, data dashboards, online visuals, etc. that update live, as the source FIA database is updated with no extra effort from the software developer or user. API access is controlled, so that illegal queries cannot be executed, allowing those who possess knowledge of application development, but not necessarily FIA data to construct valid queries easily. Facilitating data access in this way, also makes it easier to present forest resource data from FIA alongside data from other API accessible data sources such as census data,

economic data, climate data, etc. thus opening forest resource data to a broader audience whose primary interest in forest resources extends beyond the circles of traditional forestry.

Meanwhile, under Bill's leadership, implementation of Forest Stewardship Plans on DEP-owned lands has reached new heights this year. Specifically:

- 5 miles of firebreak development and the creation of approximately 790 acres of fuel breaks in Wharton State Forest
- 200 acres of thinning for wildfire mitigation in a wildland-urban interface have been completed in Whiting WMA
- 36 acres of thinning designed to benefit rare plants within Double Trouble State Park
- 25 acres of Atlantic white cedar restoration within Double Trouble State Park
- 20-30 acres of thinning with prescribed burning at Brendan T. Byrne State Forest.

Bill and his team developed communications for the public and for stakeholders explaining each project with straightforward language and pictures Bill thinks of data and data services as a product of NJDEP's Forest Service and its partners, whose customers are software developers, and whose end consumers are everyone from forestry consultants to municipalities to the forest products industry to pharmaceutical companies.

Congratulations Bill!

Student Leadership Award – Skylure Templeton

Contributions from Mike Powell and Allyson Muth

Sky was a senior at Penn State, University Park with a major in Forest Ecosystems Management, Forest Biology Focus with a minor in Plant Biology and graduated in May 2019.



During the summer of 2017, Sky was an undergraduate researcher at the Center for Private Forests. He received a grant from the PSU College of Agricultural Sciences to create a guide for forest landowners titled "Invasive Plants of the Mid-Atlantic." That guide was published through Penn State Extension. Sky was also a joint author, along with Jamie Dahl and Joanne Rebbeck, on a *Forestry Source* article titled, "Environmental Education: A Crucial Tool in Creating a More Inclusive Profession."

In addition to his writing skills, Sky has demonstrated his public speaking ability during two events in 2018. He placed fourth among undergraduates at the Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Science Research Expo in March. The PA Botany Symposium awarded him first place among undergraduates in October.

Sky has more recently held positions as a field technician at the Steiner Forest Ecology Lab and as an undergraduate researcher at the Kaye Forest Ecology Lab.

Sky was a member of the Penn State Forestry Society (SAF Student Chapter) since 2016 and Vice President and President in 2017-2019. He was also a member and Historian for the Penn State Chapter of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences. Sky was recognized as an SAF Diversity Ambassador in 2017. He has been active in SAF and attended the 2017 and 2018 Allegheny SAF meetings and participated in the quiz bowl in 2017. Although he was unable to attend the 2018 National Convention, he worked diligently to secure funding for other students to attend.

Sky has been praised by his instructors for his outstanding academic performance, his strong work ethic and personal initiative. He plans to continue his career conducting practical applied research and assisting forest landowners to better understand the impact of the management decisions on the forested landscape.

Congratulations Sky!

SAF's Early Development in West Virginia

By Robert Beanblossom

The development of a professional forestry society in West Virginia has a hazy beginning. In the late teens and early 1920's there existed a loose-net organization simply known as the "Association of Foresters" which included a few professional foresters. Most, however, were non-professionals with an interest in some aspect of forestry. Implementing effective fire control seems to be the common thread uniting them since the WV Legislature had established the office of Chief Forest, Game and Fish Warden in 1909; and in October, 1913 had entered into an agreement with the US Forest Service to further broaden fire protection efforts by appropriating \$5,000 - matching a like amount provided by the federal government.

By 1924 the Society of American Foresters listed only four members in the entire State: Ralph C. Staebner, Meadow River Lumber Co., Rainelle, WV, Alonzo Beecher Brooks, Buckhannon, WV, George D. Curtin, Curtin, WV and H.W. Shawhan, Box 123, Beckley, WV.

The first major step in establishing professional forestry in the State occurred in July, 1935 when W. C. Percival left his post as district ranger on the Greenbrier Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest to oversee the establishment of a school of forestry at West Virginia University. The first graduating class of 11 foresters received their degrees in May, 1939 and the number of foresters in the State increased considerably from that point forward.

The next step occurred shortly after the surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay bringing an end to World War II. On September 8 - 9, 1945, a group of 35 foresters met at Holly River State Park to organize a WV Chapter (it became a Division in later years) of the Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters. The ostensible purpose for this move was for foresters in WV to be in a position to host the first meeting of the Allegheny Section after the war.

“Forestry in the Hardwoods” was the primary theme of this meeting which was held at Jackson’s Mill, the state 4-H camp, located near Weston on July 18 -20, 1946. Approximately 125 members and guests attended. During the welcoming evening session on the 18th, Henry Clepper, executive secretary of SAF, was on hand to give a brief history of the Society of American Foresters and conservation in the United States. The session ended with spirited singing and the showing of a movie entitled “A Date With West Virginia.”

Technical sessions followed the next day and field trips were conducted to a newly constructed farm pond that had been stocked with large-mouth bass and bluegills and to a barrel-stave operation. Another trip was to a nearby woodland where Dan Dunmire, farm forester with the Soil Conservation Service, presented the measures to be taken to manage a somewhat typical farm woodlot which in turn, touched off a lively discussion of what constituted an optimum prescription to develop each acre for maximum aesthetic and economic production.

As soon as the meeting ended, plans were being made for a chapter meeting in September. This state meeting, held at Babcock State Park, September 26 – 28, looked as a variety of forestry issues including the rehabilitation of strip-mined lands. Among the highlights: endorsement of a proposed “forestry” amendment to the State Constitution was approved following a presentation by Latelle M. LaFollette, a Charleston attorney and former member of the West Virginia Conservation Commission. In his address, LaFollette discussed in detail the proposed amendment which, if approved by voters, would allow for state assistance to farmers and other forest land owners.

It is also interesting to note that West Virginia University was well represented at the meeting. Eight of ten faculty members and 10 students attended the meeting. Also present were six recent graduates now engaged in forestry work. D. B. “Pete” Bonebrake, former acting state forester, spoke on “The Future of The West Virginia Division of Forestry”. He emphasized the importance of its work; but asserted that it is seriously hampered by the lack of adequate finances; a condition that, unfortunately exists even to this day. Numerous other sessions were held.

From these rather humble beginnings the West Virginia Division has remained an active organization serving the needs of professional foresters. Currently, there are 128 active members and typically two intensive meetings are conducted each year permitting foresters to obtain numerous continuing forestry education credits. The WV Division also sponsors a “Woodlands Award” given annually to encourage coal companies in the State to restore strip mined land to tree cover. In addition, the WV Division has taken a stance on various policy positions over the years ranging from wilderness management to wildfire control and continues to promote professional forestry and natural resources management throughout the State.

Robert Beanblossom, retired after a 42-year career with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. Currently, he is the volunteer caretaker at the Cradle of Forestry in America located on the Pisgah National Forest in western North Carolina.



SERVING FORESTS AND FORESTERS OF PA WV NJ MD DE

Allegheny Division
Western Gateway Chapter
Annual Summer Meeting—August 21-23, 2019
Holiday Inn, Johnstown, PA

"Restoring Scarred Landscapes and Preserving a Hallow Site"

REGISTRATION

Meeting Registration is due by August 9, 2019. A late fee of \$15.00 will be added to all registrations postmarked after August 9, 2019. Registration includes: Transportation for tour, all breaks, Thursday lunch, Thursday Buffet and Friday breakfast.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone / Email: _____

SAF MEMBER.....	\$100.00	_____
SAF NON-MEMBER.....	\$125.00	_____
Student.....	\$50.00	_____
Student Sponsor/Donation.....	\$10 \$20 \$30 other	_____ student
<small>name</small>		
Late Fee (after August 9, 2019).....	\$15.00	_____
TOTAL.....	\$	_____

Thursday Box Lunch Choice (circle one):

Chicken Ceasar Wrap

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Do you have any special dietary needs (e.g., food allergies, diabetic, etc.) or accessibility assistance? _____

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Allegheny SAF
Western Gateway Chapter
Annual Summer Meeting—August 21-23, 2019
Holiday Inn, Johnstown, PA

“Restoring Scarred Landscapes and Preserving a Hallow Site”

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Noon-6:00 pm	Registration
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	SAF Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Ice Breaker / Social Reception

Thursday, August 22, 2019

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration/Breakfast (<i>on your own</i>)
9:15 am	Welcome - Dave O'Barto W. Gateway Chapter Chair
9:30 am	Board Bus to Flight 93 National Memorial
10:30 am	Tour: Mine Land Reforestation at Flight 93, Scott D. Eggerud, Forester, US Dept. of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement
Noon - 1:00 pm	Boxed Lunch (<i>end of lunch introduce Flight 93 Tour Guide</i>)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Tour Flight 93 Memorial and Tower of Voices
4:00 pm	Board Bus return to Holiday Inn (45 minute travel)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social Reception Cocktail Hour: Musical Entertainment by “Meat & Potatoe”
7:00 pm	Dinner in Crown Ballroom
9:00 pm	Housekeeping & remarks about next day events

Friday, August 23, 2019

7:00 am - 7:45 am	Chair's Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Division Meetings
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Allegheny SAF Business Meeting
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<i>ACRE LAW—John Hudson, ACF Consulting Forester</i>
9:45 am - 10:30 am	<i>“Using Prescribed Fire for Oak Regeneration”, Neil Itle- Asst. Reg. Forester, PGC, SW Region</i>
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Break (Fruit, Yogurt, Granola Bars, Coffee, Water, Soft Drinks)
11:05 am - 11:45 am	<i>“REGENERATING FORESTS USING HERBICIDES AS A TOOL” Bryan Rose, Arborchem Vegetative Mgmt. Specialist</i>
11:50 - noon	Closing remarks / departure

In Memoriam

Walter Rossman



Walter R. "Richard" Rossman, 92, of Ebensburg, passed away May 7, 2019 at home with his loving wife of 70 years, Mary Eunice, by his side. Born January 19, 1927 in Kingston PA, son of the late Walter E. and Ruth V. (Belles) Rossman. Preceded in death by son, Dirk McKay Rossman, sister, Carol Stine, and brothers: Wayne and Charles. Survived by wife, Mary Eunice (Carson) and children: Douglas R. (Alice Pescuric) Rossman, Pittsburgh; Diane L. Rossman, Ebensburg; Denise R. Rossman of Johnstown; and Dana E. (Alan) Myers, of Ebensburg, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Also survived by brother, William Donald (Geraldine) Rossman, Schenectady NY; sister in law, Frona Rossman, Rochester, NY.

Richard served in the U.S. Army Air Force during 1944-46. He earned a B.S. in Forestry in 1950 from Penn State University and began his 38-year career as a utility forester with the Potomac Edison Company in Maryland. In 1956 he took a position as forest manager for the Pennsylvania Electric Company in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he worked until his retirement in 1988. He managed about 10,000 acres of forest land, supervised Penelec's forestry staff, pioneered a replacement tree planting program, and administered a 25-year research project studying pollution effects on trees.

Rossman had an active role in the forestry profession, serving as chair of the SAF Western Gateway Chapter, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, president of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, and cofounder and chair of Stony Creek/Conemaugh River Improvement Program. He contributed to the State Conservation Commission, Pennsylvania Hardwoods Council, and Penn State Agriculture Advisory Council. In 1997 he became president of Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, and vice-chair of Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers.

Rossman's efforts have been acknowledged by way of the Samuel S. Cobb/Bureau of Forestry Award in 1988, Pennsylvania Forestry Association Rothrock Conservationist of the Year in 1994, certificates of recognition by Pennsylvania State Conservation Committee and by Southern Alleghenies RC&D Area in 1995, Cambria County Conservation District Director Service Award 1973-95, Pennsylvania Conservation Hall of Fame in 1996, and election as Fellow in the Society of American Foresters in 2004. He was a longtime member of Ebensburg United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to Laurel Highlands Alzheimer's Foundation.

Leslie Johnson



Leslie Wayne "Les" Johnson, 76, of 1030 W. Market St., Mifflinburg, entered into rest at 5:07 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Geisinger Medical Center surrounded by his family. He was born Feb. 13, 1943, in, St. Marys, a son of the late Herman L. and Margaret M. (Cessna) Johnson. On Feb. 10, 1968, he married the former Rebecca Ann Kinnan who passed away on Jan. 12, 2017. Together, they shared 49 years of memories.

Les was a 1961 graduate of Cameron County High School. He was employed as an assistant forest manager for Bald Eagle State Forest for 31 years. He was a lifetime member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Pennsylvania Forest Fire Museum, Keystone Elk County Association, a member of the Buffalo Valley Sportsman Association, Society of American Foresters, the NRA, and the Elmbrook Hunting Club. Les loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting, and outdoor photography.

Surviving is one daughter and son-in-law, Kristen A. and Harold R. Lamey of Mifflinburg; one son, Karl L. Johnson of Selinsgrove; two grandchildren, Joshua and Julia Lamey of Mifflinburg; and two nephews, Michael and Roger Bauer. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lorraine M. Baka.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Leslie's memory may be sent to Northumberland Christian School, 351 Fifth St., Northumberland, PA 17857. To share in Leslie's online memorial, please visit www.adamofh.com

Thomas DeLong



Thomas Stover DeLong, 98, of Sinking Spring, passed away peacefully in his apartment at Keystone Villa of Ephrata May 29, 2019. He was the devoted and loving husband of almost 68 years of Ann (VanOrder) DeLong. Born in Burlington, Iowa, on February 4, 1921, Tom was the son of the late Charles Aubrey and Mary Eve (Hassinger) DeLong, who moved to the Forester's

Cottage at Nolde Forest, Cumru Township, when Tom was a youngster. He is a 1939 graduate of Shillington High School and remembers fondly his three-mile round-trip walk with his sisters from Nolde's to school.

After graduation, Tom left Berks County for Duke University in Durham, N.C., where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. While at Duke, Tom was elected president of his fraternity, Phi

Kappa Sigma. He was called to active service in 1943 and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force. He spent six months in intensive training at [Yale University](#) in New Haven, Conn., to become a cryptographic security officer, then deployed from Los Angeles on the retrofitted Queen Elizabeth II which carried over 5000 servicemen to India. Tom completed his military duty at Army Air Force headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1946, returning via the Port of New York City. Tom fondly remembers running to the top of the troop ship to be one of the first to catch sight of the Statue of Liberty. Tom returned to his studies of forestry at Duke University and was awarded both his masters and his doctoral degrees (Ph.D.). Following his commencement at Duke, Dr. Thomas S. DeLong returned to Berks County, having purchased his parents' farm in Brecknock Township. He commuted to Harrisburg to work for the Forest and Waters Dept. of the State of Pennsylvania as the supervisor of all Pennsylvania's state tree nurseries until his early retirement in 1977.

In addition to his full-time job in Harrisburg, Tom and his wife owned and operated DeLong Christmas Tree Farm, founded in 1941. Tom was active in the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association and was proud of his twenty-five year business relationship with Longwood Gardens that resulted in the farm's largest, up to 30' trees, being professionally decorated in Longwood's annual Christmas display.

When he retired from the day-to-day operation of the family farm in his seventies, Tom founded an internet start-up company and named his company Tom DeLong Books. His interest in antiquarian books was focused on western writers, primarily Zane Grey. Tom was one of the early founders of the Zane Grey West Society. Tom also maintained a booth at Heritage Antiques in Adamstown, Lancaster County, and set up at Shupp's Grove for many years.

Tom was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Shillington, and enjoyed presenting a Fraser Fir to his church each Christmas season. He was also a Friend of Nolde Forest, www.dcnr.pa.gov, participating in their monthly book club well into his 90s.

In addition to his wife, Tom is survived by his children, daughters, Jean DeLong Custer, Sinking Spring; and Nancie DeLong Minicozzi, wife of Rick, Mohnton. Two grandchildren, Heidi Lee Minicozzi and Robert Thomas "R.T." Custer; and four great-grandchildren: Kira Ann Sell, Connor Thomas Sites, Sawyer Thomas Custer and Wesley Everett Custer, born Memorial Day 2019. Also surviving is a sister, Janice Diehm, Wyomissing, and eleven nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Tom DeLong's memory to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, 1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Kempton, PA 19529, hawkmountain.org, or the Disabled American Veterans, DAV.org 3725 Alexandria Pike, Coldspring, KY 41076.

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Rothrock Chapter

Summer, 2020

Allegheny SAF Summer Training
Pinchot Chapter

February, 2021

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NJ Division

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