



The Ohio Hetuch

Summer 2019



Chair Comments

James P. Stafford, CF

Greetings from the Ohio Chapter Chair, this year located in beautiful Zanesville, Ohio. I'm honored to take the gavel from my colleague, Jim Chattin. He's set the bar high for me; I hope I can continue on the trail he blazed. A member since 1978, I've always valued my association with this group. Initially joining just for networking opportunities, I've come to realize how important this organization is to any professional forester. Approaching the twilight years of my career, I thought I'd just settle into my easy chair and just go out in the woods on those bright sunny days with pleasant temperatures and low humidity. But the trip to Portland last October for the House of Society Delegates (HDS) meeting as Chair Elect has re-energized me! Our profession is as vibrant as it was when I entered the field 42 years ago, and the opportunities and challenges are as numerous now as they were back then. The most striking moment to me was to see the involvement of the young foresters still in school or just graduating. The world is yours for the taking. When my consulting firm, Muskingum Valley Woodland Services, was still up and running I always made it a point to bring on new graduates to help them get the experience they need to get them started out as a practicing forester. I'm proud to say several of them are out there now doing their thing. I encourage all you established foresters to act as a mentor to these young students. Our experience will serve to guide them to continue to care for the important forest resource we are entrusted with.

Ok, time to get off my soapbox. Enclosed you will find the agenda for the upcoming summer meeting, Tuesday, August 6th to be held at the Caesar Creek Visitor Center near Waynesville. We have several important items to discuss at the business meeting, including moving forward on defining what a "forester" is legally in the state of Ohio. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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Where has this summer gone?

Patrick Migliozi

Here in SW Ohio and all over the state it has been raining all too much (I don't think corn will be "Knee high by July"). I can't believe we are only a month away from the OSAF Summer meeting. The meeting this year will be on Tuesday August 6th at the Caesar Creek Visitor Center in Waynesville, Ohio just a few miles from I-71. I am still finalizing a few details, but it should be a great meeting. Some of the topics covered will include updated research on timber rattle snakes, wildlife habitat management and forestry marketing. Included in the schedule is a site visit to look at different techniques for woody invasives control. Registrations forms will be going out soon and SAF CEUs will be available. As Chair Elect, I am looking forward to seeing all of you who attend!

SAF National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky • October 30-November 3, 2019

From cellulosic nanotech to cross-laminated timbers and mass plywood, wood-based products are rapidly evolving and impacting our lives for the better. Today, in light of increasing global demands for wood fiber, as well as the ongoing loss of fiber to insects, disease, and wildfire, the role of foresters in managing the nation's forest resources has never been more important. Simultaneously, multiple social demands for ecosystem services from forested landscapes oblige multiple professions to interweave goals and objectives. The 2019 SAF Convention will highlight major trends such as advanced wood materials and new products from cellulose, while acknowledging the legacy of American wood use in music, food, shelter, and culture. We hope you will leave the convention with a renewed appreciation for how forestry and our affiliated professions are driving the world's transition toward a sustainable, de-carboned economy.

Taken from SAF.net Registration is now open. Prices go up September 18th.

Student Chapter Highlights - Ohio State University

67th Annual Midwest Conclave Timbersports Event

Jennifer Prewitt-Secretary of OSU Forestry Forum

The Friday of April 12th, Ohio State University's Forestry Forum made the trek to the 67th Annual Midwestern Foresters' Conclave, hosted by Purdue University. Teams from across the Midwest camped out in the university's research forest, Martell Forest and competed in timbersports. The day kicked off with Men's Double Buck. Competitors also participated in axe throw, log rolling, underhand chop, along with more brain-busting challenges such as DBH estimation and dendrology, as well as one not-so-pretty tobacco spitting event. Continued on Page 2



Want to be a part of the Hetuch?

Please email Elliot Smith at elliott.smith@dnr.state.oh.us if you'd like to contribute articles or pictures. Both are welcome!

2019 Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative

Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, Cambridge, Ohio

Restoring Productive Forests on Mine Lands in Ohio

Come listen to experts on the science, policy, and implementation of reforestation on active mining sites, abandoned mine lands, and previously reclaimed land. This event includes site visits to several projects in Ohio at various stages of the reclamation approach. Registration includes a buffet lunch, coffee and snacks on Day 1, and transportation and lunch for the field trip on Day 2.

Cambridge, Oh July 24-25, 2019. \$150—Register [Here](#). 8 Hours of SAF CEUs are estimated.



Wasp Galls on Oak Seedling
-Frank Luppino

Ohio Member Submitted Photos

Tornado Damage in Rockbridge, Oh From Memorial Day Weekend Storms, Seen During Aerial Surveying - Elliot Smith



Leadership Academy Approved for Spring of 2020

Jim Stafford

I am happy to announce we have just received confirmation that the National office has approved the Ohio SAF Chapter hosting our first Leadership Academy in the spring of 2020. Our theme would be, *Ohio SAF Leadership Academy: Leveraging Our Diverse Talents and Perspectives*. The overall purpose is to foster leadership and leverage diverse talents and perspectives to inspire increased engagement in the natural resources profession and SAF at the local, state and national levels. Hats off the Jamie Dahl and her committee for carrying the mail on this one. Goals include: increased engagement at all levels for Ohio SAF members; involvement of early-career professionals (including college students); development of evaluation criteria so we can best assess knowledge gained and utility; creation of additional tools and information that can be shared for future SAF Leadership Academies; increased awareness of SAF amongst other natural resources partners in Ohio. As plans for this Academy come together, watch the Hetuch for details.

Connecting with Ohio Natural Resource History

Dan Kincaid

In 2018 I completed *Your.....Wayne National Forest, Volume III*. It was the final of three books, which are a compilations of weekly forestry/outdoor columns that I wrote for The Marietta Times from 1981 - 1990. The columns also appeared in *The Logan Daily News*; two Monroe County weeklies; and from time to time in *The Athens Messenger*, *The Ironton Tribune*, and a couple of newspapers in Wood and Pleasants counties in West Virginia. In total, about 470 columns were written. The columns covered more than just U.S. Forest Service stories. There were numerous items on local, statewide, and national topics; human interest stories; wildlife/fishing. If you are interested hearing these stories or connecting with me, my email is dbkincaid@outlook.com.

Dan Kincaid recently received his 50-year pin from OSAF. He is a former Hetuch editor; Communications Committee Chair; OSAF Chair and Vice-Chair; Outstanding Member in 1988; and Communicator of the Year in 1990. He was elected Fellow in SAF in 1991. Dan and his wife currently live in Florida.

Student Chapter Highlight Continued...

Ohio State's own Katie Reidman won first place in Wood ID! On the weekend, Katie said "I made so many great memories competing at Conclave alongside my friends from Forestry Forum. I'm so thankful for all the wonderful opportunities I've experienced throughout our club." As if watching fellow collegiate competitors wasn't inspiring enough, 3:30 pm kicked off the *STIHL Timber Sports* Event. A handful of competitors from the various universities were facing off for an invitation to the STIHL Timber Sports national competition. All-in-all, the weekend was great, with Ohio State finishing in seventh place out of the ten schools. We are looking forward to this next year of competitions, especially the 68th annual Midwest Conclave, which is being hosted by Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.



Katie Reidman Wins 1st Place in Wood ID

Upcoming Events:

OSAF Summer Meeting - Caesar Creek Visitor Center in Waynesville, Ohio Aug 6th, 2019

ARRI Conference - Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, Cambridge, Ohio July 24-25th

National SAF Convention - Louisville, Ky. Oct 30th - Nov 3rd, 2019