



Emergency Incident Management Featured

Make plans now to attend the annual conference

by Doug Grimmert, Program Chairman



Mike Byrne from the Office of Homeland Security has been invited as our featured speaker. Above, Tom Ridge, Director, discusses five threat conditions or five different alerts.

Plans for the Ouachita SAF's annual meeting in Ft. Smith, AR are almost complete. The three-day meeting is slated to begin at 1 p.m. on December 4 and conclude at noon on December 6 following the Ouachita SAF Business Meeting.

The Holiday Inn Center, located in downtown Ft. Smith, will be the host hotel again this year. A modest registration fee of \$75 will include all educational sessions, Thursday evening's banquet and live entertainment. Members of the Executive Committee are requested to attend a special session at 10 a.m. on December 4 preceding the annual meeting.

"Emergency Incident Management" is a timely theme offering practical information to foresters and non-foresters alike. Program chairman Doug Grimmert notes that SAF is about more than just growing and cutting trees. He encourages SAF members to invite others who work in emergency management roles.

The program committee will send announcements to city and county judges, mayors, fire chiefs and electric cooperatives among others. A special invitation has been extended to Mike Byrne from the new Homeland Security Department to deliver the keynote address.

Knowledgeable panelists will speak on various aspects of handling crisis situations. Program moderators Kurt Atkinson, Robert McFarland and Alan Newman will keep the sessions on track and provide time for questions and interaction with the speakers.

Wednesday, December 4

- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm** Registration
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** Exhibits open
OSAF Executive Committee Meeting
- 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm** **Welcome**
Dotson Collins, AK Governor's office
- 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm** Keynote Address:
Homeland Security
- 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm** Break
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm** **SE Arkansas Fires in Light of Florida's Fires**
Ernest Lovett, USFS Forester
Crossett Experiment Station
- 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm** **Florida's Response to Bad Fire Years**
Jim Karls, Fire Chief of Florida
- 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm** **Texas' Emergency Response Plan**
David Abernathy, Asst. Chief Regional Fire Coordinator, Texas Forest Service
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm** **Sponsors Reception**

Thursday, December 5

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am** OK and AR Breakfasts
- 8:00 am - 10:15 am** Registration
- 8:15 am - 8:30 am** **Welcome**
Mayor of Ft. Smith
- 8:30 am - 9:45 am** **The Arkansas-Oklahoma 2001 Ice Storm and the Public Utilities Restoration**
- 9:45 am - 10:15 am** Break
- 10:15 am - 11:30 am** **Incident Command**
John Roberts, OK Fire Mgmt.
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** **Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service**
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm** **Emergency Mgmt. Training**
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm** Break
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm** **Incident Mgmt. at the World Trade Center/Pentagon**
- 7:00 pm** Banquet

Friday, December 6

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am** UAM & OSU Alumni Breakfasts
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am** **OK and AR Division Meetings**
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am** Break
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am** **OSAF Business Meeting**
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm** Wrap up and Adjourn

Seven CEUs available for attendees

Reflections from the Chair



Greetings from the Ouachita Mountains!

What a great year this has been for the SAF members of Arkansas and Oklahoma. Both divisions have been very active with successful summer meetings. The Arkansas chapters have also been gathering to discuss forestry issues and earn those CFE's, some even on a monthly basis. Thanks to all of you for your participation.

The OSAF Executive Committee has been meeting quarterly to coordinate and support SAF activities in Arkansas and Oklahoma. We are proud of our accomplishments thus far in 2002.

Tim Cannon, Membership Coordinator, has put SAF applications in the hands of every active member to pass along to their co-workers with an invitation to join our professional society. Doug Grimmett, Program Committee Chair, is working hard with his committee in developing our annual meeting in Fort Smith. It looks like a winner!

Carri Abner, Sec./Treas., continues to do an outstanding job of recording our actions during the Executive Committee meetings and managing the OSAF funds so that we meet our obligations. Greg Hay, Nominating Committee Chair, has departed from us for South Carolina but not before he presented us with a slate of outstanding candidates for OSAF leaders.

Mary Marek, Awards Committee Chair, has been working hard to assure proper recognition of several OSAF members at the annual banquet. Melissa Pearson, Communications Chair, has worked hard with Kathy Draper to publish two quality issues of the Ouachita Reporter this year.

Jim Giltmier, Policy/Legislative Coordinator, has kept us informed on issues and new policies at both the local and national level. Joe Friend, Foresters Fund Coordinator, has been busy trying to make our annual meeting fun. He is also a fundraiser for the SAF Foresters Fund. Bob Levins, OSAF Historian, continues to archive and inventory the history of the Ouachita SAF.

Randy Holeman (Tellers), Ray Boutz (Auditing), Bob Heinemann (Planning), and Dr. Bill Ross (Education) have also been active on the Executive Committee during 2002. Thanks to our Division Chairs, Jim Sorenson and Mike Barrick, for their leadership.

Last, but not least, I need to recognize one of our most active members this year, Veronica Bookout. She has been primarily responsible for the development of the new OSAF website. She also attended the SAF Leadership Academy and the SAF national convention.

The OSAF has supported both Arkansas and Oklahoma Envirothons along with the OSU and UAM Student Chapters this year. We are so proud of both student chapters and their active participation in SAF events this year. I would also just like to congratulate two of our members before I close out. First, James W. Giltmier, for receiving the 2002 Sir William Schlich Memorial Award and James S. Sorenson, our newest SAF Fellow in the OSAF. Recognition well deserved!

Hope to see you in Fort Smith to celebrate a great year for the Ouachita Society.

David J. Samuel, CF, RF

News Flash!

It appears that as of Aug. 31, the Ouachita Society was 1 member away from meeting our 2002 goal of +1 member! Apparently, we are tied for the best record nationwide with the N. Dakota Society. However, the other Societies need help, so let's get more members.

Tim Cannon, RF, CF
Membership Chairman

Davis Retires as OK State Forester

For over 20 years Roger Davis inspired deep loyalty among his staff with his quiet, unwavering innovative vision. Davis dealt with many issues his predecessors never did. During his tenure, Oklahoma's Forestry Services saw unprecedented expansion in all areas of service.



Farewell to a Fellow

On September 3, Greg Hay began his new position with Forest Technology Group in Somerville, South Carolina. He is recruiting and training sales staff throughout the nation. Hay left the Director of Sales position with Timberlands, which is a subsidiary of MeadWestvaco.

Cannon Recognized

Congratulations to Tim Cannon who was nominated by the OSAF for the 2002 Field Forester of the Year Award.

Sorenson Soars

Congratulations to Jim Sorenson, who was recently elected as a Society of American Foresters Fellow. He is currently the Arkansas Division Chair.



Fish Fry Catches New Members

The Caddo Chapter had its annual fish fry Thursday, August 15 on Lake Ouachita. The speaker for the occasion was Phil Covington from Ducks Unlimited who talked about the current reforestation efforts of his organization. He also offered information on programs available to private landowners.

This fish fry also serves as the annual fundraiser and membership drive for the chapter.



Giltmier receives Schlich Memorial Award

The Society of American Foresters has recognized James W. Giltmier of Hot Springs, Arkansas, with its Sir William Schlich Memorial Award. The national award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry, particularly policy and national or international activities.

Giltmier, former executive director and senior fellow at The Pinchot Institute for Conservation in Washington, DC, has been involved in the forest policy arena for more than three decades. As a staff member for the US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry from 1971 to 1981, Giltmier played a central role in

developing the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977—three key laws that have set the direction for the USDA Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

More recently, Giltmier's careful efforts throughout the past 12 years to bring together representatives of differing interests, mediate discussions among them, and build consensus has made his work at The Pinchot Institute successful and valuable to the forestry profession. Giltmier was given an honorary SAF membership in 1982. He and other national awards winners were recognized at a special ceremony on October 7 during the 2002 SAF national convention.

Website Update

The Ouachita SAF received a \$500 Foresters Fund grant this year to create a website. A contract has been signed with Leslie Batten, of Swiftnet, to code and host the new OSAF website.

The website committee is currently working on the design and content. The website will include upcoming events, ways to get involved in SAF, policy statements, Ouachita Reporter newsletter issues, and job opportunities.

The Arkansas and Oklahoma Divisions will each have pages linked to the OSAF home page to provide additional information about division and chapter activities. These pages will be designed with members and non-members in mind. Information on forestry in Arkansas and Oklahoma will be featured along with SAF material.

Anyone interested in assisting with the website or making suggestions about its content should contact Veronica Bookout, vbookout@oda.state.ok.us, (405)288-2385.

Many Changes in New Farm Bill

by *Bill Ross*

The Forestry Title (Title VIII) in the new Farm Bill recently signed by President Bush contains several changes from previous forestry programs, as well as some interesting new emphases. For starters, Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) and the Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP) are history.

In their place is the Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP) which incorporates many features of the previous two programs as well as some new broader directions. Cost-sharing for reforestation and timber stand improvement on non-industrial private forests is still a prominent feature.

Other objectives and approved practices include carbon sequestration, agroforestry, improving aesthetics and outdoor recreation, combating invasive species, water quality protection and hazardous fuel reduction. The bill authorizes 100 million dollars for FLEP through 2007.

Oklahoma State University has a web site containing Power Point presentations on all aspects of the new Farm Bill, including forestry and conservation. The site may be viewed at www.agecon.okstate.edu/agpolicy/index.html.

Be Aware: little time remains for becoming a Certified Forester without testing. Fill out the application and obtain the credential you have already earned before January 2003. If you wait, you will be required to take a long and difficult test. Why do that?

Do we have your current e-mail address? Would you like to receive the Reporter electronically? Send updates to Jim Guldin to jguldin@fs.fed.us

Asian Longhorned Beetle Considered Serious Threat

Oklahoma State University Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology / Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, with funding from USDA-APHIS, is conducting a statewide distribution of educational materials about the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). This is phase one of a new ALB First Response program in Oklahoma. Although ALB has not been identified in Oklahoma yet, education of any person or business dealing with trees or lumber is the first step in controlling the beetles.

ALB was accidentally imported from China on solid-wood packing materials (crating and pallets) and is now established in both Chicago and New York City. Damage from the larvae has reached devastating proportions with many neighborhoods losing large numbers of valuable old hardwood trees. The only control for larval infested trees is to remove the tree and burn or chip it into ½" or smaller chips. Research has shown that injecting uninfested trees with imidicloprid prevents infestation, but will not control active infestations.



A CD-ROM (produced by The Morton Arboretum in Illinois) containing life-stage and control information about ALB with printable posters, a PowerPoint presentation and video segment are being sent free of charge to anyone in the forestry or tree industry in Oklahoma. The grant limits CD distribution to Oklahoma only. Many foresters and arborists are already on the mailing list. If you live in Oklahoma and do not receive a CD-ROM by October 30 (this allows ample time for delivery to those on the mailing list), call 405-744-7293 for information to obtain a free CD. Additional information about ALB can be found in the following web sites.

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/alb/alb.html>

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/apfo/alb/>

<http://www.ceris.perdue.edu/napis/pests/alb/>

Don't forget to vote!

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Newly discovered tree in Muskogee: *Quercus adidas*