

Special points of interest:

- TFA will host their 90th Annual Meeting on **October 26-28**
- Texas SAF Ballots due on **November 12**
- Texas will host the National SAF Convention in Ft. Worth on **October 19-23, 2005**.

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From the Chair...

What is HSD?

The 2004 SAF Annual Convention occurred October 2-6 in Edmonton, Alberta. Prior to the meeting each state society chair and chair-elect meet together for two days as part of the House of Society Delegates (HSD). HSD is the organizational body within the Society comprised of a delegate and alternate delegate from each state society, the chair and vice-chair of the National Student Assembly, and the chair and vice-chair of HSD. Each delegate shall be a state society chair or chair-elect. The chair-elect can also serve as the alternate delegate. Another state society member can be designated as the delegate if the state society chair or chair-elect cannot fill the role. The HSD was established to serve as:

- A means for members (as

represented by their delegates) to work in partnership with Council and national office staff on SAF and professional affairs, and to identify and forward forest policy issues for national office consideration;

- A channel of communication between state societies, National Student Assembly (NSA), Council, and national office staff;

A forum for exchange and discussion of ideas and information to improve SAF and the forestry profession at the national, state, chapter, and student chapter levels.

At the HSD meeting, delegates:

- Review and recommend priorities for the policies and programs of SAF, including new or proposed programs, and discuss the long-range goals of the Society;
- Recommend to the

Council proposals for making SAF more effective in carrying out its responsibilities to its members, the profession, and society;

- Recommend to the Council an agenda of forest policy issues for national consideration;

- Facilitate the exchange of information among state societies and with national office staff, Council, and national committees and task forces.

The agenda of the meeting centered around recommendations or comments on the Strategic Outcomes in the SAF Strategic Plan. These Strategic Outcomes can be found at <http://www.safnet.org/who/strategicplan04.pdf>. Minutes of the HSD meeting will be available following the meeting, at which time I will present these results to you in the final newsletter this year.

Update on '05 Convention By Jan Davis and Angie Cure

Slowly but surely we are creeping up on the 2005 National SAF Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. As time rolls on responsibilities change; the Programs Committee got us off to a

great running start in 2003, now their jobs are coming to completion and the Arrangements Committee



must take over and finish the job. Thursday, September 9, 2004 the Arrangements Committee met for the first quarterly meeting.

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Global Climate Change: Will Grasslands or Woodlands Prevail in Central Texas?

Plant ecologists in the Departments of Rangeland Ecology and Management (RLEM) and Forest Science (FRSC) at Texas A&M University have joined forces to investigate the potential effects that global change may have on grassland – woodland interactions. Increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases are projected to increase temperatures by 2 – 6° F and magnify the intensity of growing season drought by altering the seasonal distribution of precipitation. Altered precipitation distribution and warming may have substantial ecological effects in the region, including shifts in the relative abundance of grasslands and woodlands.

A research project has been established on the Native Plant and Animal Conservancy near the Texas A&M campus to investigate the effects of altered precipitation distribution and warming on the growth, function and competitive interactions of important grass and tree species. The research is directed by David Briske (RLEM), Mark Tjoelker (FRSC) and Astrid Volder (FRSC), a postdoctoral research scientist.

This experiment is among the first to test the interactive effects of altered precipitation distribution and warming on plant and ecosystem responses.

Five planted species combinations are grown beneath eight rainout shelters. The most abundant deciduous tree (Post oak; *Quercus stellata*), perennial grass (little bluestem; *Schizachyrium scoparium*), and the invasive evergreen tree (eastern red cedar; *Juniperus virginiana*), are grown in monoculture. In addition, both of the tree species are grown in equal numbers with little bluestem to investigate grass-tree competition under these global change scenarios. Numerous measurements are taken to document plant response to these contrasting global change scenarios.

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Grow the Vote by Ron Hufford

Are you registered to vote in the 2004 November Election? Do you know who represents you in Austin or Washington DC? Do you want to find out more about the candidates, current issues and the 2004 elections?

I hope you answered yes to most of the above questions, but if not there is still time to take action by going to the TFA website www.texasforestry.org and clicking on the "Grow the Vote" icon. The Texas Forestry Association along with the American Forest & Paper Association have joined forces in an effort to inform the forestry community about the candidates and issues on Capitol Hill that relate to our industry.

Your vote and involvement in the election process sends a message to the candidates that the forestry community is aware of the issues and that you are watching how the candidates stand on the issues that affect the future of the forestry community. As was witnessed in the

2000 Presidential elections, your vote does make a difference. The candidates that represent you and me are setting the future direction of our industry and we need to have input in the decisions that are being made by our elected officials.

If you are already a registered voter you can help make sure others in your office or community are also registered for this year's election. How – by using the "Register and Vote" button on the "Grow the Vote" site. By entering your zip code you will get the early voting information and with a simple click you are able to download voter registration forms. The completed registration forms will need to be mailed to the State Board of Elections at the address also listed on the website. The last day to register to vote is October 3rd. Early voting will begin on October 18th and run through October 29th. If you do not vote early then I encourage you vote on November 2nd.



To find out information about the candidates in your voting district simply click on the "Your Candidate" button and by entering your zip code you will get the names of the candidates in your Congressional District along with their biography. To see the federal and state incumbents in your area click on the "Your Legislator" button and again enter your zip code.

To read about hot issues in the Congress click on the "Take Action" button and you will not only have the opportunity to learn more about the issues but you will also have an opportunity to send an email to your elected official.

I have only touched on a small part of the information that is available to you on this site. There is much at stake in this election and you can make a difference by taking action now.

Ron Hufford is the Texas Forestry Association Executive VP and serves on the TSAF Executive Committee.

Update on '05 Convention *cont'd*

Our first meeting went very well and much was gained from it. Each Drover was asked to report on their current status and the direction they intended on moving in the future. The Arrangements Drovers consist of:

Hughes Simpson - Forester's Fund
Traci Weaver - Local
 Publicity/Marketing
Jim Robinson – On Site
 Registration,
Jennifer Smith - National Student
 Assembly
George Weick – On Site
 Volunteers
Lee Flannery - Field Workshop
 Liaison

Most Drovers have and/or need Wranglers assisting them in completing each task. About **50 volunteers** are needed just in the Arrangements Committee alone to get everything accomplished requested by National SAF to make our Convention run smoothly. Each local SAF Chapter has been assigned to a Drover. The **Lufkin/Nacogdoches Chapter** has been assigned to Hughes with Forester's Fund, **Dallas-at-Large Chapter** has been assigned to Traci with Local Publicity and

Brazos/Trinity Chapter has been assigned to Jim with On Site Registration. The **Student Chapters** have been assigned to George Weick with On Site Volunteers as well as assisting with National Student Assembly. If any of you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Drover who your Chapter is assigned to. **We still need VOLUNTEERS, so if you are interested PLEASE contact any of these people or myself.** I hope that if any of the Drovers asks or have asked for your help, you will assist them in any way that you can. *"The path to greatness is along with others."* Baltasar Gracion, Spanish Priest.

Lee Flannery and the workshop Wranglers are doing a great job in planning six field tours for the Convention. Each tour has a major emphasis and yet many aspects of the "broad field of forestry" will be covered. All tours are in the beginning planning stages and subject to change, but are off to a great start in the planning process.

North: Fire, Grasslands, and Cross-Timbers
Wrangler's: Nick Harrison and Bill Forbes

South: Central Texas forest inventory, Water quality and Brush management

Wrangler's: Jim Rooni and Mike Dunivan

West: Wildlife and Recreation

Wrangler's: Courtney Blevins and Larry Schaapveld

DFW Metroplex: Urban forestry practices

Wrangler's: Matt Grubisich and Stevon Smith

East: Lignite mine reclamation, Water and Wildlife

Wrangler's: John Norris, Jake Donellan and Mike Murphrey

Southeast: East Texas Forest Management: Sustainability, Silviculture and Compatible uses

Wrangler's: Todd Nightingale and Gary Burns

Everyone is on task and doing a great job. A huge thank you goes out to Marty Harris and Temple-Inland for donating lunch for the arrangements crew. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Angie Cure at 979-458-6649 or email at acure@tfs.tamu.edu.

Global Climate Change *Cont'd*

The major hypothesis being tested is that the plant species that most effectively track the redistribution of precipitation, with or without warming, will increase in abundance under the altered climatic regime. Alternatively, we predict that the species least able to track the simulated climatic changes will experience the greatest reduction in soil water absorption and show the most negative effects on growth, function, and competitive ability. Contrasting species responses to these climatic modifications may

contribute to a shift in the relative proportion of grassland and woodland vegetation in the region. A greater understanding of the impact of global change on key plant species will have important implications to land use patterns, agricultural productivity, and natural resource conservation and management.

An archived news release on the global change research project is also available from Ag Communications at Texas A&M

University at the following link: <http://agnews.tamu.edu/dailynews/stories/FRSC/May1104a.htm>

For more information on this research project, contact Mark Tjoelker (m-tjoelker@tamu.edu) at the TAMU Forest Science Department.

Source: Texas A&M University Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management website at <http://cubes.tamu.edu/rlem3>

Barron completes 39 years at Texas Forest Service *by Pat Schaub, TFS*

After 39 years assisting the citizens, landowners and industries of Texas at the Texas Forest Service, Edwin H. Barron closed his office door for the last time on August 31.



Barron joined the Texas Forest Service (TFS) in 1966 as a forester, giving forest management assistance to private landowners. He worked through the ranks to become assistant department head of the forest management department from 1975 - 1977, department head of the forest resource development department from 1977 - 1996, associate director of the forest resource development from 1996 - 2004 and associate director of sustainable forestry & economic development in 2004.

In his time with TFS, Barron managed the agency's rural and urban resource development, pest control and landowner assistance programs carried out from 30 field offices. In addition, he helped organize and

manage an East Texas-wide program that annually reforested 1 million acres over his 25-year career in the forest management program.

Barron also helped develop the Fire Training Simulator Program, worked on the computerization and automation of all forest management department operations, helped initiate the TFS Urban Forestry Program and served on the Texas A&M Agriculture Program Committee on Private Property Rights and Endangered Species.

Barron worked closely with Dr. Ron Billings, from TFS, and Dr. David Appel, from the Texas A&M University Agricultural Program, in developing the Cooperative Oak Wilt Demonstration Project in 1982 and the Cooperative Oak Wilt Suppression Project in 1988. The \$15 million invested in the Texas Oak Wilt Suppression Project since 1990 has generated more than \$170 million in benefits to the citizens of Texas.

Barron was honored with a Texas A&M University System Regents

Fellow Service Award for 1999-2000. He was given a USDA Forest Service Southern Region Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to Landowners in 1995 and the International Society of Arboriculture Gold Leaf Award for Outstanding Arbor Day Activities in 1993.

He is an active member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and was elected Fellow in 1991 in recognition of outstanding service to forestry and SAF.

Upon his retirement, Barron and his wife, Robby, were given lifetime memberships to the Texas Forestry Association. In addition, Barron was presented with the 2004 Texas Community Outstanding Professional Forestry Award for his lifetime contributions to urban forestry activities at the annual Texas Tree Conference, September 16.

Barron is actively involved in his community, contributing much of his time and energy to Elder Aid and to building homes with the Bryan/College Station Habitat for Humanity.

Smokey Turns 60

Walt Disney's motion picture, "Bambi" was produced in 1944 and Disney let the forest fire prevention campaign use his creation on a poster. The "Bambi" poster was a success and proved that using an animal as a fire prevention symbol would work. A fawn could not be used in subsequent campaigns because "Bambi" was on loan from Walt Disney studios for only one year; the Forest Service would need to find an animal that would belong to the Cooperative Forest Fire

Prevention Campaign. It was finally decided that the Nation's number one firefighter should be a bear.

On August 9, 1944, the first poster of Smokey Bear was prepared. The poster depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire. Smokey Bear soon became popular, and his image began appearing on other posters and cards. In 1952, Smokey Bear had enough public recognition to attract commercial interest. An Act of Congress passed

to take Smokey out of the public domain and place him under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Act provided for the use of collected royalties and fees for continued education on forest fire prevention. We still have a lot of work to do. The Smokey Bear wildfire prevention message is as vital today as ever before. Each new generation must be reminded of their role in wildfire prevention.

Source: SmokeyBear.com

Call for Presentations



Dear Colleagues:

As we approach 2005, our nation marks the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first attempts at flight, Koch's detection of the bacteria that causes tuberculosis, and the transfer of the Forest Reserves to the USDA creating the USDA Forest Service. There are parallels between these innovations and the global influences that led to these events.

Subsequent technological advancements in these fields continue to demonstrate a correlation between forest health and a healthy society. Foresters today use satellite imagery to manage forests, maintain urban forests vital to community well-being, use genetic engineering to produce wood products that compete in global markets, and assist other countries with the development of sustainable forest

policies. Foresters protect and balance renewable resources, watersheds, air quality, habitat diversity, and recreational and economic demands on our public and private forestlands through a diversity of silvicultural practices and partnerships. As this year's theme reflects, changes can drive forestry; and as leaders, foresters can drive change.

This Call for Presentations is an opportunity for you, individually or collectively as part of the SAF Working Groups, to assist the National Program Committee in making a concerted effort to ensure that each aspect of forestry is fully explored. This opportunity will allow you as a natural resource professional to share with contemporaries and students the scientific information, models, and tools that affect how today's international issues and technological developments will shape our profession in North America. There are several ways to

participate. Please consider submitting a proposal for a paper, panel discussion, seminar, critical issue forum, poster, or other presentation.

On behalf of the 2005 Convention Program Committee, the Texas Chapter of SAF, and the SAF National Office, I invite you to make the SAF 2005 National Convention a true "roundup" and join us in Fort Worth, Texas, October 19-23, 2005. We look forward to your participation and input on national and global objectives and emerging techniques and discoveries critical to all who are interested in the forestry profession and the management of natural resources.

Sincerely,

Jan Davis, CF
Texas Forest Service
Chair, 2005 Committee on National Convention Programs

Presentation Deadline and Process

Presentations and Posters for the SAF 2005 National Convention **must be submitted online by January 12, 2005.**

The process is much simpler this year.

- Logon with your email address,
- Complete your profile information,
- Enter the names and emails of any additional authors,
- Enter your presentation or poster title and short description for convention printed information,
- Write the format of your presentation (seminar, roundtable, poster, etc.) in the comments box and
- The amount of time you are requesting in 30-minute increments,

- Attach a pdf file of your paper or poster abstract, and
- Email your co-authors to let them know their names have been submitted.

For more information contact:

Terry Clark, CF
SAF Associate Director of Science
and Education,
301/897-8720 ext.123 or visit

<http://www.safnet.org/convention/>

2005call.pdf

Travel Grants

To encourage participation, National SAF will offer a limited number of modest travel grants to accepted speakers. SAF cannot guarantee that all presenters applying for support will receive it.



2004 TSAF Candidates for Chair-Elect

Gary Burns



Current Position and Education:

Gary Allen Burns is a Consulting forester – Appraiser with Burns Forestry in Crockett, Texas. He has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire and a

Master of Science in Forestry (wildlife emphasis – SFASU), is a SAF Certified Forester, and has 8 SAF Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Certificates.

Professional Memberships:

Gary is a registered forester in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma and is a Texas Certified Real Estate Appraiser, Real Estate Property Tax Consultant and Real Estate Broker. He has served as chairman of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters (1983-1984)

and on the Board of Directors of the Texas Forestry Association (1982-1984, 1987-1989), and wrote the study material and test for the Timber and Timberland Appraisal discipline for the American Society of Appraisers.

SAF Participation:

Gary's participation in SAF include Texas SAF chair (1984), as well as serving on various state committees. On the national level he has served as secretary and vice-chair of the Nonindustrial Private Forestry Working Group and is the 2005 incoming chair.

Family

Gary resides in Latexo, Texas with his 3 children.

Hughes Simpson



Education:

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University

Sponsorship Chair (2003 Annual Meeting Committee), TSAF Executive Committee (2003-2004), TSAF Sec/Treasurer (2004). Attended 2003, 2004 National SAF Convention. Forester's Fund Wrangler for 2005 National Convention.

Professional Memberships:

Texas Forestry Association, SFI, Logger Training Task Force, and Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Committees of TFA, Texas Logging Council, American Tree Farm System, East Texas GIS/GPS Users Group

Current Position:

BMP Coordinator, Texas Forest Service

Work Experience:

Staff Forester – TFS

SAF Participation:

SAF member since 1996, Lufkin / Nacogdoches chapter Sec/Treasurer, Vice Chair & Chair(2001-2003),

Community Service: First Presbyterian Church, Lufkin, TX, Advancement Chair – Tall Timbers District, BSA, Assistant Scoutmaster – Troop 136 Lufkin, TX

2004 TSAF Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer

Kurt R. Krueger



Education:

Received Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1994. Continuing education courses in appraisal theory and rural property appraisal.

Background:

Currently the District Manager for Larson & McGowin, Inc. in Huntsville where he oversees management of approximately 70,000 acres of timberland in Louisiana and Texas. Prior to Larson &

McGowin, his previous work experience includes utility line forester, client manager/field supervisor, field forester, and general manager.

Professional Affiliation: Registered Forester (Georgia), American Society of Farm Managers and rural Appraisers, Association of Consulting Foresters, SAF, Texas Forestry Association, Walker County Timber Growers and Landowners Association.

SAF Participation: Secretary/Treasurer, Brazos-Trinity Chapter, 2004

Boyd R. Turner, CF



Education:

Attended Lamar University and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management.

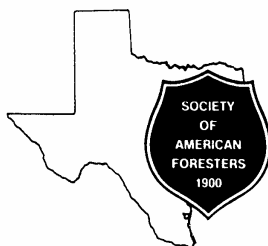
Background:

In 1979 I joined Temple-Eastex Forest (now known as Temple-Inland Forest Products Corporation). Since that time I've served as an Assistant Forester, Regeneration Forester, Forest Management Forester, Field Program Coordinator, Forest Heavy Equipment and Transportation Manager, and currently oversee the Silviculture Operations in Texas and Louisiana.

SAF Participation: Southeast Texas SAF Chapter Secretary/Treasurer 2003-2004.

Family:

Between my wife, Kay, and I we have four children and two grandchildren.



2004 TSAF Ballot

CHAIR-ELECT

The TSAF chair-elect shall be elected in 2004 to serve one year as chair-elect, and the following year as chair. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; the term of office shall commence on January 1, 2005.

Vote for one candidate — Mark with and “X”

- Gary Burns
- Hughes Simpson

SECRETARY/TREASURER

The TSAF Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected in 2004 to serve one year. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; the term of office shall commence on January 1, 2005.

Vote for one candidate — Mark with and “X”

- Kurt Kruger
- Boyd Turner

Due by November 12, 2004

Please return ballots to:
Texas Society of American Foresters
P.O. Box 150555
Lufkin, TX 75915-0555

National News

Volunteering for a National Committee

The October issue of *The Forestry Source* contained an article highlighting the volunteer opportunities on each of SAF's 17 national committees by listing the number of vacancies and the length of each committee appointment.

Members interested in filling a committee vacancy should submit a one-page resume and a brief statement of why they feel they are

qualified to fill the volunteer position by **November 25** to: Society of American Foresters, John A. Helms, SAF Vice-President, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; or via e-mail to [Barbara Weitzer](#), assistant to the CEO and SAF Council.

Current national committee chairs are listed on the [SAF website](#).

Remember to Vote!

National SAF ballots are due by **October 22** for Vice - President, SAF Council Member, and Fellows.

Joe Pase and **Dr. Tat Smith** are Texas nominees for SAF Fellow! Don't forget to send in your ballot to SAF! Your vote counts!

Texas Forester Recognized by National SAF

Ron Billings, CF, assistant department head for forest resource development with the Texas Forest Service (TFS) in College Station, will receive the Society of American Foresters' Technology Transfer Award. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in forest technology transfer, implementation, and extension.

Billings, who has worked for the TFS for the past 30 years, is an internationally known expert on bark beetles, and he is frequently called on by other countries to assist in the development of control programs for major beetle outbreaks.

"Ron not only developed the premier insect and disease control program in the United States but he has helped several countries to our South, from Mexico to Chile," says Ann Camp, chair of the SAF Science and Technology Board, the body that reviews nominations and makes recommendations for the Technology Transfer Award. "Ron makes sure information about the management of

insects and diseases of forests and trees gets down to the people working on the ground. And, he keeps finding new problems to solve, like the exotic giant Asian dodder plant in Houston."

Billings' career highlights include the 1982 establishment of the Oak Wilt Demonstration Project, which has led to a cooperative, federal-state suppression project that continues today. In 1996 he began the Western Gulf Forest Management Pest Cooperative, the only private-public cooperative in the nation for the specific purpose of assessing new treatments for the control of pine regeneration pests. He also initiated and continually serves as chair of the East Texas Forest Entomology Seminar, which brings professionals from a four-state area together for biannual meetings. A prolific writer of technical articles and guidelines in both English and Spanish, Billings has been able to share his knowledge well into Central and South America. Elected SAF Fellow in 2000, Billings is a recipient of the A.D. Hopkins

Award for Distinguished Achievement in Southern Forest Entomology, and he has received several other awards from the USDA Forest Service, Texas A&M University, Texas SAF, and the Texas Forestry Association.

SAF's national award winners are nominated and approved by their peers. The rigorous review process produces candidates with a national profile and a comprehensive history of sustained contributions to the forestry profession and service to the public.

The winners were recognized at a special ceremony held during a joint meeting being between SAF and the Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada. The meeting was held October 2-6 in Edmonton, Alberta.

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www.safnet.org

Bits and Pieces...

SFA ALUMNI

If you attended Stephen F. Austin State University's School of Forestry, College of Forestry, or the Arthur Temple College of Forestry, and are not receiving the Forestry Alumni newsletter, visit www.sfasu.edu/forestry/alumni/update.html or call the College at 936/468-3301 to sign-up. The latest edition will soon be available.

FORESTRY CALENDAR

Don't forget to check out the TREEvents website at www.treevents.tamu.edu for a listing of upcoming forestry workshops and meetings.

TFA Annual Meeting

The Texas Forestry Association's 90th Annual Meeting will be held **October 26-28** at Del Lago Resort on Lake Conroe. For more information contact ssutts@texasforestry.org or 936/632-TREE.

CONGRATULATIONS

Angie Cure is the new Conservation Education Coordinator at the Texas Forest Service. She will also serve as the Texas Project Learning Tree Co-Coordinator.

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Have you visited the Texas Forestry Museum lately? Wow! They are doing great things.

Currently on exhibit through February, 2005 are:

- *On the Map: Evolution of Mapping Technology* and
- *Plants of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.*

Visit www.treetexas.com or call 936/632-9535 for more information.

