SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION
FORESTRY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER - ON A LARGE SCALE
by Max McCormack, General Chair, SAF Convention

The SAF National Convention is the largest annual gathering of professional foresters in North America. This convention has come to New England twice over the past 50 years (1963 and 1979 in Boston). The 1995 event probably will be the only time it ever takes place in Maine. Attendance is expected to exceed 1400.

Forestry has played a strong role in the history and economy of New England. Wood was used to build sailing vessels along the coast of Maine before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock and the first sawmills were constructed in 1623. Maine remains 90 percent forested with more area of private industry managed forests than any of the United States. Therefrom comes the Convention theme, "People sustaining forests sustaining people sustaining forests...." The private sector of forestry and its related industries will have a strong positive presence at the convention. Many private landowners and public agencies have committed significant support for a variety of activities during the Convention.

This will be the largest forestry technology transfer event ever to take place in the State of Maine. There are 44 committee chairs and cochairs, with over 200 additional volunteers from across New England, working to make this happen.

The Cumberland County Civic Center will be the central location for approximately 90 commercial exhibits and over 100 technical posters. Organized by subject matter categories around the lobby level hallways, the posters will form a unique assembly of technical forestry information over the first two days of the meeting. Delegates will be able to browse through the posters and exhibits during breakfast gatherings and the social mixer on Saturday evening.

Following three days of special preconvention tours across New England, the opening General Session will take place on Sunday, 29 October, with recognition of the long, rich history of forestry across New England. That afternoon, in the same Civic Center location, there will be a Critical Issues Forum focusing on private property rights by using the Northern Forest Lands Council as a case study. There will be formal responses representing different perspectives followed by open participation from the floor.

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NOTES FROM COUNCIL
by Douglas C. Allen

Below is an overview and update on issues that were on our agenda at the most recent Council meeting in Denver.

The NORCal credit card proposal was turned down by Council. Even though SAF members applauded the programs undertaken by our friends in northern California, and fully appreciate the need for funds to support these efforts, the general consensus was that SAF should not get into the credit card business.

Our discussion of the Fellow issue was brief and voting has been postponed. President Siegel felt that because Fellow nominations have been received for 1995, there was no urgency about addressing this question. If all of those currently nominated for Fellow this year are elected (an unlikely event, given past experience), the proportion of SAF members who have attained this recognition will be approximately 5%. So for the coming year we will not violate SAF Bylaws. Council should vote on proposed changes at Portland. The vast majority of those who provided me with feedback on this issue indicated a desire to see a 5% cap placed on each State or Multistate Society. This is the message that I will carry to Council.

The Affiliate membership question has served as a trigger for Council to address the whole issue of membership in our Society. Much of our time in Denver was devoted to this, but more work remains to be done before we feel comfortable presenting a proposal to ISDA and eventually bringing it to referendum. I think it is safe to say at this point, however, that a major review of all membership categories is underway. We hope once and for all the membership categories and definitions that are reasonable and acceptable to a majority of you. We put some final touches on the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force Report (VOS) and within the year this will go to ISDA for review and eventually out to the membership for approval.

Staff presented a brief overview of the agenda planned for the first SAF Leadership Academy to be held in Traverse City, MI. This promises to afford a unique and valuable opportunity for our state society leaders to improve leadership and management skills.

Lisa Stocker, Council Person from District XI who chaired Council’s Subcommittee on Cultural Diversity, provided a very thorough and thought provoking presentation of this group’s final report. In very articulate fashion, her report described where SAF has been, where we are and where we hope to be in the future relative to this important issue. The purpose of the study was to identify ways in which Council members can work within their Districts to assure that the Society incorporates a broad array of views and diverse members into SAF functions at all levels.

I hope you have had an opportunity to read the condensed version of an SAF staff report titled “Background Report on Private Property Rights” that appeared in the June issue of the JOF. The complete report is now available from the national office. I encourage you to read this material. It, along with input that you are providing Gary Youngblood’s Council Subcommittee, results of discussions between this committee and the committee on Forest Policy and input from Council, will determine the content and type of statement that SAF makes regarding this important issue.

Larry Hill and Amy Eads presented a final report of the most recent SAF Member Opinion Survey. This is a concise summary of results from a random survey sent to 1500 members during the past year. All SAF leaders will receive a copy. For those of you who are interested, additional copies may be obtained through the National Office. I encourage you to read this report, because it indicates how SAF members nationwide view facets of the function and structure of our Society. It also reveals the variety of opinions held by members regarding national concerns such as private property rights, ecosystem management and green certification.

SAF CONVENTION: A PLACE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES
by Douglas C. Allen

I sincerely hope that as many of you as possible will attend the Portland meeting and help Max and his volunteers roll out the carpet for our colleagues from across the country. Only infrequently is the CONVENTION in our backyard. It offers a unique opportunity for us to meet and share experiences with foresters from a variety of professional, cultural and educational backgrounds.

While attending the Colorado/Wyoming annual meeting, I was impressed with the fact that even though many forestry practices are unique to the west, there is much similarity between the problems faced by foresters in New England and those who work along the front range of the Rockies. Discussing forestry issues with people from across the United States is an opportunity that for most of us generally is limited to the NATIONAL CONVENTION. The CONVENTION also gives us a chance to show off our wares! Many people who will be attending have never been to Maine, or the northeast for that matter, and are eager to talk shop with local foresters and view the landscape. Please make plans to join Max and his hard working crew next fall and make this CONVENTION one that SAF members will never forget. See you in Portland!

Members Rewarded for Efforts
Susan Francher

Susan Francher, Forest Resources Planner with the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, has been awarded the coveted “Crystal Ball Award” for her contribution to state forest resource planning. She was honored with the award at the annual conference of the Northeastern Forest Resource Planners Association held at Grey Towers in May. The Association represents forest resource planners from the 20 Northeastern States (Maine to Minnesota: Delaware to Missouri).

Kevin and Julie Renaud Evans

Kevin and Julie Renaud Evans have earned the equivalent of a “triple crown” in forestry activism and education this spring as the couple garnered their third award, this time from the Northeastern Loggers Association for “outstanding contributions to forestry education.”

The Evans’ were recognized by the NHTOA as their 1994 forestry activists and then again as the outstanding regional forestry activists by the American Pulpwood Association last fall for their involvement in the Northern Forest Lands issue and their work with the Berlin Technical College’s forestry program.

Just FAX It

To speed up the communication process within NESAF, Dick Watt, our Executive Director, now has a FAX machine. The number for both the office and the FAX machine are the same, 802-229-4111. When calling it is interesting to note that the FAX machine will pick up the line on the second ring. If Dick is not at home to pick up a voice call, the answering machine will continue to pick up on the fourth ring. For those of us that are in rather constant communication with our Executive Director, please FAX him your FAX number so he can add it to his directory.
Executive Director’s Report

Richard Watt

Everyone who is reading this report knows that NESAF will host the SAF National Convention this fall. NESAF should have the greatest number of delegates of any state or multi-state society at the convention. Let me give you several reasons to justify this statement.

Our attendance is the best and most conspicuous way to demonstrate that we in NESAF strongly support our fellow members who have worked hard to make this convention a success. First, they had the difficult task of convincing the national officers, Council, and Bethesda staff that we could supply the people power and convention infrastructure to conduct this meeting. Under the leadership of Dave Kitteredge, then NESAF Chair, as well as an enthusiastic group of other officers and members, particularly those in Maine on whose shoulders much of the important local arrangements would fall, this was accomplished. They had to show that the relatively scattered hotels and convention facilities in Portland could be adapted for such a large group and that the Portland airport was not a transportation bottleneck.

Next, a large number of members were recruited for various committees; they have been working for over a year now on housing, convention halls, field trips, programs, entertainment, and the other innumerable details that must be worked out for an anticipated group of this size. All of us must support their efforts by attending.

The benefits to you are equally important. Remember that one of the major purposes of our society is to provide educational opportunities to keep us professionally aware and current. Local, regional, national, and international professionals will be on the podiums, at poster sessions, and available for interaction in the halls, meeting rooms, restaurants, and sharing entertainment during leisure hours. Come and learn and discuss and argue and enjoy.

In the last decade national conventions have been held in Quebec, Canada and Rochester, New York; the last New England location was in Boston in the late 1970’s. If you don’t show at Portland this year, you will probably have to wait until the next century for another New England hosted convention. What a shame to miss this opportunity.

Each of you will be able to be an ambassador to foresters throughout the nation, many of whom have never been to New England. You will have a chance to end misconceptions of New England - a densely populated megalopolis along the coast, overcut degraded unproductive forests inland, infested with gypsy moths and budworms, struggling under short growing seasons on thin rocky soils, depleted by acid rain of basic minerals. And show them that we are not the proverbial unfriendly taciturn Yankees.

And of course, you will have a chance to greet old friends from throughout the nation as well as make many new ones. Perhaps you are looking for challenges outside of New England. Who knows what might show up if you throw out your net?

Don’t forget to bring your spouse or other important person. Portland is a good meeting town with excellent and varied restaurants, an interesting waterfront, and reasonably priced. SEE YOU IN PORTLAND!!!!!!

QUIZ BOWL WINNERS DO HAVE NAMES

The Quiz Bowl returned to the University of New Hampshire for 1995 thanks to the winning efforts of four students during the NESAF Winter Meeting in Burlington in March. Steve Najjar (MSS For), Ian Halm (Sr. For), Keith Kanoti (Jr. For), and Wanda Rice (MS For) were responsible for the winning effort.

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES UPWARD

As of June 8, 1995 NESAF membership stands at 1267, an increase of 36 members since our Winter Meeting in Burlington. As a part of our growth we sincerely welcome the following new members to the New England Society of American Foresters via original membership (N), transfer (T), or student (S).

Granite State Division: Robert Ganley of Exeter (N), Philip Wilson of Chester (N), Wayne Lewison of Center Harbor (T), Joseph Peters of Center Conway (T), Kevin Devinney of Arcata, Ca (S), and Michael Dolbow of Goffstown (S).

Green Mountain Division: Richard Donovan of Jericho (N), George Weir of Williamsville (N), Paul White of Rutland (T), Jason Coons of Lyndonville (T), and Jon Low of Richmond (S).

Maine Division: Stephen Good of Winslow (N), Samuel Jackson of Farmington (N), Keith Morse of Mechanic Falls (N), Theodore Shina of Old Town (N), Michael Ewing of Pownal (N), Roger Milligan of Princeton (N), Stuart Lane of Lincoln (T), Carl Schmidt of Rangeley (T), Laura Kenefic of Orono (S), Bill Kidder of Fairbanks, AK (S), Daniel LaMontague of Manchester, Ct (S), David Dropard of Orono (S), Scott Gould of Old Town (S), and Brian Chismore of Poughkeepsie, NY (S).

Yankee Division: Caroly Mayer of Belmont, Ma (N), Bruce Spencer of New Salem, Ma (N), Philip Hebron of North Attleboro, Ma (T), Jonathan Kitchen of Fall River, Ma (T), Jack Slomuc of Osterville, Ma (T), Edward Wight of Winchester, Ma (T), James Kain of Reading, Ma (T), Charles Yustin of Jamaica Plains, Ma (T), Katrina Itchikawich of Chicopee, Ma (S), Matthew Mainri of Amherst, Ma (S), Nina Vexcera of Providence, RI (S), and Arthur Talmadge of Mansfield Center, Ct (S).

Connecticut Chapter: David Liedlich of Southbury (N), Bruce Spaan of Middletown (N), James Reichert of Norfolk (T), Alfred Gonzalez of San Jose, Ca (S), David Wright of New Haven (S).

Rhode Island Chapter: Thomas Abbott of North Scituate (N).

Technology Coordinator’s Report

Peter Hannah

This is my last official report as the NESAF Technical Coordinator. I will be leaving the area for about a year on sabbatical spending some time in tropical forestry. John Brissette, with the Northeastern Area Experimental Station in Orono, Maine has agreed to take on the task as coordinator. He is a twenty year member of the Society of American Foresters. Hopefully Working Group leaders can get in touch with John and update him on your group’s activities.

The National SAF Convention in Portland sounds first rate. I know Max McCormack and his committees have put every available effort into making this a great convention. Unfortunately I will miss this convention but I’m sure New England will be well represented in both attendance and program participation. This will be a good opportunity for our Working Groups to meet and also participate in the National SAF Working Group sessions. Posters are also being invited. Russ Briggs and his committee have organized this portion of the convention. Again I hope New England is well represented. Have a good year!!!! I’ll be looking forward to joining everyone at our NESAF Winter Meeting in ’97.
UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

On Monday, April 24, forester, Vietnam Veteran and devoted family man Gil Murray attempted to open a package in the offices of the California Forestry Association in Sacramento. The package was a bomb which killed Murray, leaving surviving family, friends and colleagues appalled, horrified and grieving the loss of a distinguished and principled man who rose through the ranks of his beloved profession to hold one of the top forest management positions in the California.

CFA is the leading timber industry trade association in California, representing both forest landowners and purchasers of federal timber. CFA has been at the forefront of the “timber wars” for many years, attempting to articulate its viewpoint in a complex arena which has been highly charged especially since the late 1980’s. Because of his forestry background and presence as a public speaker, Murray was a “natural” as a replacement for outgoing CFA President William N. Dennison last year. Gil was a man who was known and respected by many within the industry, government, professional, civic and environmental circles. He was funny, honest, and loved the woods, forestry, and the timber industry so much that he was attracted to the political arena on behalf of a way of life and his sense of what was right.

He served two tours of combat duty in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine, and received his forestry degree from U.C. Berkeley. Gil began working seasonally for Collins Pine Company in Chester, California during the 1970’s and served as Chief Forester from 1982-1987. He joined CFA at that time becoming President in 1994. Gil Murray is survived by his wife, Connie and two teenage sons. He was 47.

CFA has established a Gilbert Murray Memorial Trust Fund to accept individual donations to help his family cope with this devastating tragedy. Donations may be sent to The Gilbert Murray Memorial Trust Fund, PO Box 624, Sacramento, California 95812.

(from NorCal SAF NEWSLETTER - Apr - June 95)

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

The likelihood of your ever receiving a bomb in the mail is remote. Unfortunately, however, a small number of explosive devices have been mailed over the years resulting in death, injury, and destruction of property. What can you do to help prevent a mail bomb disaster? First, consider whether you or your organization could be a possible target. Motives for mail bombs often are revenge, extortion, terrorism, or business disputes. A letter bomb contains the explosive device enclosed in either a parcel or an envelope, and its outward appearance is limited only by the imagination of the sender. However, mail bombs have exhibited some unique characteristics which may assist you in identifying a suspect mailing.

- Mail bombs may bear restricted endorsements such as “Personal” or “Private”. This factor is important when the addressee does not normally receive personal mail at the office.
- The addressee’s name and/or title may be inaccurate.
- Mail bombs may reflect distorted handwriting or the name and address may be prepared with homemade labels or cut-and-paste lettering.
- Mail bombs may have protruding wires, aluminum foil, or oil stains visible and may emit a peculiar odor.
- Mail bombs may have an excessive amount of postage stamps affixed.
- Letter type bombs may feel rigid, or appear uneven or lopsided.
- Parcel bombs may be unprofessionally wrapped with several combinations of tape used to secure the package and may be endorsed “Fragile-Handle with Care” or “Rush-Do Not Delay”.
- Parcel bombs may have an irregular shape, soft spots, or bulges.
- Parcel bombs may make a buzzing or ticking noise or a sloshing sound.
- Pressure or resistance may be noted when removing contents from an envelope or parcel.
- If you are suspicious of a mailing and are unable to verify the contents with the addressee or sender:
  1. Do not open the article.
  2. Isolate the mailing and evacuate the immediate area.
  3. Do not put in water or a confined space such as a desk drawer or filing cabinet.
  4. If possible, open windows in the immediate area to assist in venting potential explosive gases.
  5. If you have any reason to believe a letter or parcel is suspicious, do not take a chance or worry about possible embarrassment if the item turns out to be innocent instead, contact your local police department and Postal inspector for professional assistance.

OH GIVE ME A HOME

Richard Arsenault, a long time member of SAF, has been very good at keeping his Journal of Forestry issues. In fact he has about 35 bound volumes of the Journal (Vols: 36 - 40; yrs 1938-1942 and Vols: 48-70; yrs 1950-1972). In addition he has unbound volumes 41-47 (yrs 1943-1949). He has a lot of history in his house. He would like to share that information with anyone who would like them. In fact he is so willing to share that information that he will deliver all 150 pounds of these Journal of Forestry volumes to anyone within 200 miles of Springvale (Sanford), Maine. If you are interested in the collection of forestry history or have a any suggestions for a “home” for them drop Richard Arsenault a line at 7 Cheney Street, Springvale, Maine 04083.
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NOMINATIONS: OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT

It is not too early to begin to think about candidates for several positions and awards coming up in 1996. Candidates will be needed from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire to become state members of the NESAF Executive Committee. These folks are the informational link between the Division/Chapter and NESAF. They present grant information, Division/Chapter news, and in general represent their part of SAF within the overall membership of the NESAF Executive Committee. We will also be electing a Vice-Chair and a Secretary/Treasurer for NESAF for 1996. Each serves a very important role in the function of NESAF. The Vice-Chair will work for a year with the present Chair and then assume NESAF leadership for a year as Chair. After two years of service, the wisdom accumulated is then presented to the Executive Committee within the position of immediate Past Chair. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for keeping track of about an $18,000 budget and keeping the Executive Committee abreast of current financial status and what was covered in previous meetings. A formal budget presentation is made at each Winter Meeting outlining the monetary goals of NESAF for the coming year. If you consider yourself a candidate or think of someone who would make the perfect candidate, the 1996 Nominating Committee of Dick Watt, Mike Fleming, Sue Bell, and Mary Chapman would like to here from you.

Five NESAF awards will be garnered by deserving individuals in 1996 also. They are: The James W. Tourney Award for outstanding service to NESAF, its Divisions, or Chapters; The Austin Carey Practicing Professional Award recognizes NESAF members who have shown outstanding achievement as practicing forest managers; The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technical Transfer Award is presented annually to a member who has made outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service; The Young Forester Leadership Award honors a forester who has been practicing for less than ten years and has shown leadership in a program or project benefitting the practice of forestry. And our oldest and highest award, the Distinguished Service Award is presented annually in recognition of professional achievement in forestry in New England or SAF as a whole. Each award will require some background for each candidate so if you are interested in nominating someone, the details and the final submissions should be mailed to the Executive Director early this fall (to NESAF Chair for Distinguished Forester Award). It is not too early to start considering these positions.

MISSION STATEMENT REVIEW

Almost three years ago, actually it will be three years this December, the NESAF membership adopted our "MISSION STATEMENT" (see every issue of the Nexus Quarterly since January 1993). It was adopted as an interim Mission Statement for full adoption, sunsetting, or accepted with changes at the end of three years. In January 1996 it will become one of the three categories above. At the June Executive Committee meeting in Concord, New Hampshire (after discussions with several members of the Commission who helped with the original draft and subsequent adoption), the Executive Committee preliminarily favored adopting the present Mission Statement as is and continue it into 1996. The Executive Committee will entertain other comments regarding the future of our Mission Statement but would appreciate them prior to our next scheduled meeting on September 8. When you review our present Mission Statement, see how it "fits" all of the forestry issues that have evolved over the last three years and continue to evolve. It fit three years ago, continues to fit, will do itself proud at our National Convention, and will carry us forward toward the next century.
POSTCARDS FROM THE FORESTRY EDGE

What's going on here? New Forestry? What can a girl with a seedling, a juggler, several hundred posters, and John Hibbard possibly have to do with forestry? Easy - it's part of the Connecticut ReLeaf Festival held in downtown Bridgeport on April 25th. Jim Pronovost, juggler Jerry Mine and John Hibbard were all on hand to entertain and educate 1,200 young people and 500 adults about urban, community, and rural forestry. The Connecticut Chapter booth featured information on "Connecticut Wood Products and Where Do They Come From." Missing from the photo (can it say anymore?) is Trish Carr as the very popular Tree Creature.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

David Dobbs, a free lance journalist and Richard Ober, Communications Director for SPNHF, are the authors for "THE NORTHERN FOREST", about the 26 million acres of forestland in Maine and northern N.H., VT, and N.Y. this sprawling land of water and trees and wildlife is ten times larger than Yellowstone National Park. The authors provide portraits of individuals struggling to earn a living in the northern forest through mill work, forestry, farming, and tourism. The 368 page book can be ordered for $25.00 by phoning 1-800-639-2184 and is now available in most New England book stores.

Volume #1, issue #1 of MAINE_WOOD, a newsletter of, by, and for the secondary wood products industry of Maine came out in May. It is a bi-monthly newsletter published by Maine Forest Products Marketing of Greenville, Maine and is a field project of Heart of Maine Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. The first issue contains legislative updates, wood products survey highlights, and a nice article on Shaw & Tenney, a Maine secondary wood producer. For more information on this newsletter contact Maine Forest Products Marketing, PO Box 1250, Greenville, Me 04441.
RNRF ISSUE STILL NOT RESOLVED

In the early 1980's, SAF and RNRF became involved in litigation with each other concerning the status of the 35.4 acre property (known as Wild Acres) on which both SAF and RNRF currently have their headquarters. During the course of the litigation, in order to avoid further legal expense to both parties, the two organizations entered into a negotiated settlement agreement which addresses the rights and responsibilities of both SAF and RNRF with respect to Wild Acres. This settlement agreement was signed on December 30, 1983.

Under the terms of this agreement, RNRF received in fee simple 9.0 acres of land, the then existing 20,000 square foot RNRF headquarters building, and the storage barn. SAF received in fee simple the remaining 26.4 acres of land, the mansion (current SAF headquarters), carriage house and caretaker's house. RNRF received approximately 185,000 square feet of building rights, some of which apply to much of the SAF acreage. Upon exercise of its building rights in excess of 85,000 square feet, RNRF is to compensate SAF as per the current market.

The settlement agreement also calls for an initial joint review between SAF and RNRF to begin on January 1, 1994 and for subsequent review at ten year intervals thereafter. The reviews are to ascertain whether (1) RNRF has exercised due diligence during the preceding ten years to develop the property, and (2) whether further physical development of the property as a renewable natural resource center is viable.

If the two parties cannot agree on these points, the settlement agreement stipulates that the disagreement will be settled by a panel of three persons. SAF and RNRF are to each appoint one person and those two persons are to select the third member of the panel.

As 1994 neared a close, it became clear that SAF and RNRF, in their joint review, did not agree on the issues of due diligence and viability. It further became clear that RNRF would not agree to go forward with SAF to a neutral body to select the third panel member. Therefore, in order to protect its rights under the settlement agreement, SAF -- upon advice of legal council -- filed suit against RNRF on December 23, 1994. The suit essentially asks the Court to enter an order requiring RNRF to participate in the selection of an independent third party panelist or in the alternative that the Court select that individual.

In discussion of this issue, it must be clearly understood that a determination or finding has not yet been made with respect to RNRF's exercise of due diligence, nor with respect to development viability of the property. Only the panel can make that determination and it has not yet been put in place, much less deliberated. (From National SAF Office)

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Monday, October 30, will be a new, innovative approach to programming described as "Delegates’ choice Day." A variety of workshops will be available. However, the major choices will come from approximately 15 field excursions which will tour an array of forestry topics from forest harvesting operations, manufacturing facilities and woodlots to forest reserves, seed orchards, and research installations. The day will close with most of the participants gathering together for an evening lobster feed.

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Forest Practices Task Force - Liz McKay of the Forest Practices Task Force gave testimony at the legislative hearings on LD 1347, An Act to Require a Silvicultural Basis for Harvesting that Produces Understocked Stands. SAF took a neutral position regarding the bill, because of the wide divergence of opinion about the issue, and because SAF lacks the resources and time to conduct a thorough study. However, the testimony raised strong questions about the issue. The bill was subsequently defeated.

Governor King appoints Forest Sustainability Council - Three of the Task Force members, Isabel McKay, Robert Seymour, and Peter Triandafillou were appointed to the Council on Sustainable Forest Management. There are a total of nine members, with Ron Lovaglio serving as chair. The Council is charged with defining forest Sustainability, developing methodology for DOC to monitor forest sustainability, assessment of Maine's forest practices regulations for their adequacy in achieving sustainable forest management.

Poster Contest to Convention - The third annual SAF "What's Green and Growing and Covering Maine?" poster contest has been won by sixth grader, Jesse Gerber, from Piscataquis County. Benjamin Petell of Kennebec County won second place and Nicole Barbee from Washington County won third place. The three foresters involved were Mike Whalen, Gary Fish, and Butch Burberi. SAF sponsors the poster contest by awarding savings bonds to the county winners. The final winners were selected by the Maine Division Executive Committee, Governor King and DOC Commissioner Ron Lovaglio. The three winners will attend, and many of the posters will be on display at the National SAF meeting in Portland at the end of October.

Greg Foster, chairman of the Poster Contest Committee, says that work is underway for next year's contest. Volunteer foresters are needed to visit schools and enjoy themselves for a day. Contact Greg at 998-9237.

PSNH Wood Energy Continues Negotiations - Efforts by Public Service Company of NH to renegotiate long-term rate orders with NH’s wood-fired power generators continue to make progress, albeit slowly. Tentative renegotiation agreements between PSNH and Bridgewater Power, Hemphill Power, Whitefield Power, and BioEnergy are pending before the utilities commission. All are expected to result in a reduction in power output thus reducing markets for low-grade wood. The two Pinetree plants have yet to submit agreements.

GSD-SAF has served as an intervenor in previous rate negotiations on this issue, and will continue to stay involved. Biomass harvesting is recognized as a valuable tool in improving the condition of New Hampshire’s forests, and loss of wood-fired power generators as a market for low grade chips would be serious.

Outstanding Tree Farmers Named - Congratulations to Mary and David Nutt of Etna, the Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year in New Hampshire. the Nutts will host the 6th Annual New Hampshire Tree Farm Field Day in Etna on September 16. Call Diane McLauthlin at 603-224-9845 for more information.

Video and Directory Available - The NH Timber Harvesting Council is proud to offer "Logger’s Pride in the Granite State," a 15 minute video transfer of the multi-media slide show produced by the NTHC to celebrate the NH logging profession. The program was underwritten by Grappone Industrial, Patsy’s GMC, and Husqvarna Forest and Garden. Cost: $15.00 postpaid. Proceeds benefit logger education. Send check made out to NHTOA.

"The 1995 Directory of New Hampshire Certified Loggers and Forest Product Truckers" lists by county the names, addresses and phone numbers of the 51 current graduates of the NH professional loggers program. A description of the PLP certification requirements and a number to call for more information is also included. For ordering information call 603-224-9699.

Niebling To Leave NHTOA - Charles R. Niebling, NTOA Executive Director for the past eight years, will resign his position as of September 1, 1995. He will become a partner in the natural resources policy firm Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, founded in 1994 by former NHTOA and Northern Forest Lands Council executive director Charles Levesque. In offering his resignation, Niebling stated "My time with NHTOA has been enormously fulfilling, both professionally and personally. I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many fine people who care deeply about forestry and a healthy forest industry in our state. I hope that in some way the NHTOA has contributed to this worthwhile cause during my tenure as executive director."

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Maine Division Spring Meeting - An April, 1995 report by the MFS to the Maine Legislature indicated that clearcutting as reported by landowners has declined to 1/3 what it was prior to the Forest Practices Act. Furthermore, the study indicates that healthy stands remained after partial harvesting indicating that a large majority of forest landowners are harvesting to retain residual stocking that is significantly better than the FPA’s minimum standards for partial harvests. The study found that 96 percent of all sample sites were adequately stocked with sound trees needed to regenerate the next stand. Spruce, fir, pine and hemlock dominated regeneration species on most sample sites. Much of the field work for the study was done by Tom Charles of the Maine Forest Service.

Newsomarks - Charles “Chuck” Gadzik has been appointed as the new Director for the Maine Bureau of Forestry. He was the Forest Manager for Baskehegan Company, and served as a Director of the Land Use Regulation Commission.

Connecticut by Robert Ricard

Ecosystem Management Workshop - On May 20th, 35 people, including several area foresters, participated in a nation-wide ecosystem management teleconference. A pre-teleconference workshop hosted by Steve Broderick, Extension Forester, discussed ecosystem management practices in the lower Connecticut River watershed. Emphasis was placed on non-industrial forest land management practices and forest landowner education.

100th Anniversary Celebration of CFPA - The Connecticut Forest and Park Association celebrated 100 productive years by hosting 225 people to an all day event at the Aqua Turf Restaurant. The keynote speaker was Jim Lyons, Undersecretary for Agriculture and Natural Resources. Founded in 1895, CFPA has been a driving force ever since for the conservation of Connecticut forests.

Trails Day Celebrated - CFPA has again hosted it’s very successful Connecticut Trails Day. An event similar to SAF’s Walk in the Forest effort, the 1995 Connecticut Trails Day was held June 3rd at 74 different sites around the state. At each site a guide led people on a hike through the woods often with a specific topic as focal point. Many of the hikes were led by CFPA member volunteers.

Last year 3,500 people participated in Connecticut Trails Day in this national event honoring the recreational trail system in America.

Connecticut ReLeaf Tree Festival - The Chapter sponsored a very successful educational and promotional booth at the annual Connecticut ReLeaf Tree Festival. Each year the festival is held in a major Connecticut city with the purpose of educating the public about urban and community and rural forestry. This year the festival was held on April 25th in the central business district of Bridgeport; a city of more than 140,000 people from all walks of life and ethnic backgrounds. Approximately 1,200 young people and 500 adults attended the festival. The theme of the Chapter booth, staffed by members Jerry Milne and Jim Pronovost, was “Connecticut Wood Products and Where Do They Come From.” Keynote speakers included Sidney Holbrook, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Other forestry displays were provided by USDA Forest Service and CFPA. Chapter members Bob Ricard and Fred Borman served on the planning committee and Tish Carr doubled as the very popular Tree Creature.

Winter Annual Business Meeting - Fifty CT Chapter members attended the annual winter business meeting and workshop on January 25th. In addition to business matters, members were treated to a presentation on “The Connecticut Legislative Process” by John Hibbard, Executive Director, Connecticut Forest and Park Association. John is a Connecticut registered lobbyist and often speaks to state legislators and the Environmental Committee on forestry legislative matters at the capital. John also received the 1995 NESAF Distinguished Service Award.

Spring Chapter Workshop Held - Thirty-five members attended the annual spring workshop led by Mike Bartlett, General Manager and Forester, Hull Forest Products, and Bob Ricard, UConn Extension Forester. The tour was conducted at the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp and Ragged Hill Environmental Center (tour details were provided in the April issue of the Quarterly).

4th Annual Envirothon - On May 4th in Moodus, CT, 12 foresters and Chapter members served as mentors to Envirothon teams at the 4th Annual Envirothon sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Each team was composed of 4-5 high school students and numerous questions dealt with forest and forestry topics. The Envirothon is an all-day environmental education competition which leads to a national tournament to be held this year in Idaho.

7th American Forest Pre-Congress Activities - Beginning in June a local steering committee that includes several Chapter members, began planning a Connecticut Roundtable as part of a pilot process for the 7th American Forest Congress. The Connecticut Roundtable will be held July 12 and 19th at the Haddam Cooperative Extension Center. The object of the Congress is to develop a shared vision, a set of principles, and recommendations that will ultimately result in policies for our nation’s forests that reflect the American people’s vision and are ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible. To this end, the Connecticut Roundtable will involve between 50 and 60 people from many walks of life in an attempt to have a diversity of view points on American forests.

Daniel H. Hudnut has joined the James W. Sewall Company as a Forest Resource Analyst where he will perform resource analyses, feasibility studies, and investment assessment for clients in the forest products industry. Prior to joining Sewall, Mr. Hudnut, who was one of 18 professionals selected as a Luce Scholar, was involved in forest management research at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia. He holds Master’s degrees from Yale in Public and Private Management (School of Organization and Management) and in Forestry (School of Forestry); and a bachelor’s degree in history from Princeton. He has been an active member of SAF.

Pat Flood has been named to head the Androscoggin Division for Pulp & Fiber for International Paper. His office is now in Livermore Falls.

Ed Meadows, former Conservation Commissioner, has been named to Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He will be responsible for divisions of forest management, parks, geological survey, land and water management, fisheries, wildlife, law enforcement and office of litigation service.
workshops before this time on these regulations and held at the end of April in Harvard Forest in Petersham for changes, it is hoped to have a positive outlook for improved Steve Lawrence, Austin Mason, Jeff Lafleur, Joanne Slocum-Gibbs Cranberry Company in South Carver to growing cranberries.

Chapter 132 Workshop Held - A two day workshop was held at the end of April in Harvard Forest in Petersham for DEM foresters on the upcoming changes to Chapter 132, the Forest Cutting Practices Law. Implementation of the new regulations will start November 1, 1995. There will be some changes to the Forest Cutting Plan and other necessary paperwork. Through these changes, it is hoped to have a positive outlook for improved relations with DEP, MACC and other local officials.

Aerial Photo Course Held - UMass-Amherst was the site for an aerial photo training course for MDC and DEM foresters in early June. It was conducted by Mike Hoppus, a USFS contractor to work on the Nationwide Forestry Applications Program.

MFA to Hold Landowner Workshops - This fall Massachusetts Forestry Association will be holding a series of one-day workshops for landowners on how to have their timbers harvested while protecting their forests. The workshops, financed with a $2,500 Forest Stewardship Program grant will include the basics of having a timber sale including the forester's role, how to get the best price for timber, Forest Cutting Practice Act implications, contracts, and aesthetics. The workshop will be conducted by consulting and DEM service foresters in Plymouth and Worcester counties and one site west of the Connecticut River.

Tree Farm Day this Fall - The first annual Tree Farm Field Day will be held at the Buck Hill Conservation Center in Spencer on September 16. Included will be workshops on a variety of topics, ranging from Chapter 61, to timber stand improvement, to managing for wildlife habitat, as well as equipment demonstrations and a woodland tour. The Field Day will also honor the 1995 Tree Farmer of the Year and include the annual Tree Farm Picnic.

Upland Fact Sheets Available - The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the MA Div. of Fisheries and Wildlife has recently completed a fact sheet series of 50 rare upland species. Funded by the Forest Stewardship Small Grants Program, these fact sheets which consider management recommendations for many species, are free and available from DEM Regional Offices or from NH&ESP. For other wetland species fact sheets, contact NH&ESP at 617-727-9194.

While there were no official Chapter activities in the past quarter, Chapter members did participate in the following:

Division of Forest Environment - Division Chief Tom Dupree has been appointed to a Strategic Plan Commission, organized by the new Director of RI DEM Tim Keeney, to create a Strategic Plan for the agency. Joe Michaels of the USFS has offered facilitatory assistance for the Commission.

So New England Forest Consortium (SNEFC) - The Cost of Community Services study is currently proceeding with a second round of public hearings in the study towns. The hearings are presenting preliminary study results, and public comments will be incorporated into the draft report, which is due in July. The Rhode Island town of West Greenwich was the site of one such hearing recently. SNEFC also received a grant to compile a new Secondary Wood Processor's Directory for the three-state area. A U&M forester from each state, to include Jay Aron from Rhode Island, will be working towards completing this project.

RI Envirothon - The first RI Envirothon competition was held on May 18 in Saunaderton, RI. RISAF members Paul Dolan, Tom Abbott, and Marc Tremblay participated in leading and judging the forestry component of the competition. Eight high school teams from across the state participated in the competition, with the top two teams (Wheeler and West Warwick) within a point of each other. Television publicity through the live broadcast of the weather on Channel 10 from the Envirothon site brought statewide recognition to the program.

RIFCO's Workshop - RI Chapter members participated in a woodlot tour held on June 10 at the Buck Hill Campground which is owned by the Boy Scouts of America. It's manager, Ray Levesque, recently attended a Connecticut Coverts Training Session. Ray will in turn sponsor the Coverts Workshop at Buck Hill which will include a hayride woodlot tour and presentations by RI Chapter members on forestry and wildlife management.
**GREEN MOUNTAIN Division**

**Vermont Forest Roundtable Formed** - In response to recommendations of the Northern Forest Lands Council, the Green Mountain Division is creating a Vermont Forest Roundtable. The goal of the roundtable is to coordinate consensus building public involvement in achieving the thirty-seven recommendations of the NFLC report Ending Common Ground. The roundtable will strive to develop trust between interest groups in order that a sustainable forest resource, a forest resource economy, and ecosystem protection can be achieved. It will maintain a dialogue between various interest groups and work to educate the general public to the importance of the NFLC findings.

The roundtable will be divided into a series of four working groups to address the NFLC recommendations: Fostering Stewardship of Private Lands; Protecting Exceptional Resources; Strengthening Economies of Rural Communities; and Promoting More Informed Decision. The roundtable will work closely with the state sponsored Forest Resources Advisory Council. The Executive Committee is putting together nominations for the FRAC subcommittee representation. For more information on the Vermont Forest Roundtable contact Paul Frederick at 802-888-5733.

**Vermont Consortium on Sustainable Forestry Initiative** - In an effort to address the American Forest and Paper Association Sustainable Forestry Initiative Principles and Guidelines, a consortium of forestry interests has been created. The Green Mountain Division has agreed to participate. The initial mission of the consortium will be to explore where we are in Vermont in regard to: education of loggers and landowners; regeneration; procedures for compliance to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative; and development of performance measures for Sustainable Forestry guidelines. The consortium is being led by Champion International in conjunction with the Vermont Timberland Owners Association. It includes a cross-section of industry, state, and environmental groups. The Green Mountain Division is looking for volunteers to participate in its' representation on the consortium. Interested volunteers should contact Paul Frederick at 802-888-5733.

**Upcoming Forest Policy Brainstorming Sessions** - The strength of the Green Mountain Division is its diverse membership. All sectors of the forestry community are represented including educators, researchers, consultants, industrial foresters, environmental representatives, and government foresters. Because of its diverse nature there are many differing priorities within this SAF Division. The Executive Committee would like to hear as many of these opinions as possible. A series of brainstorming sessions is being planned for this fall and prior to the next legislative session. This will help prioritize policy issues and assure that the Executive Committee is representing the Division when it testifies on forestry issues. Dates and locations for these sessions will be determined shortly. Think about what forestry issues are most important to you and plan to attend the brainstorming session nearest you.

**Holten to Middlebury College** - Robbo Holleran was the guest speaker at a Middlebury College luncheon seminar in late May. His talk "Forest Findings: A Practicing Forester Discusses a Common Sense Look at Problems and Solutions in Vermont’s Forests" attracted about 30 people for a lively discussion about forest health. Robbo discussed many of the perceived Vermont forest problems and pointed out that Vermont’s forests are actually in pretty good shape.

**State Forges Ahead With Ecosystem Management** - On May 22, nearly 150 Agency of Natural Resource members met at Vermont College in Montpelier to attend a day long workshop on biodiversity. Several speakers were assembled by the Agency Biodiversity Committee including Reed Noss, noted conservation biologist who spoke briefly on what biodiversity is and why it is important. Included also in this workshop were case studies and examples of state efforts from Maine, New York, and Wisconsin.

On June 14 - 15 most of the State Lands staff met for two days in Burlington to field examine the concept of Ecological Land Typing through soils analysis and vegetative composition, both present and future. US Forest Service Soil Scientist Bill Leak and Green Mountain National Forest Ecologist Diane Burbank spent two field days examining soils and plants on two state properties with about two dozen state foresters to help explain ecological land typing and habitat mapping. Thom Villars, Connie Carpenter, and Steve Fay also stopped by to provide information on soils, sub-unit mapping, and wildlife implications of ELT mapping respectively.

**Volunteers Needed for Education Booth at State Fair** - For the past couple of years consulting forester Robbo Holleran has operated a forestry booth at the Rutland State Fair. Over 2500 people are exposed to a pro-forest management perspective during the 10 day fair. this year Robbo is seeking volunteers to help at the booth during fair week (Sept 1-10). He expects to distribute tree seedlings, forestry magazines, posters, coloring books, and a lot of information to interested folks who walk by and get captured into the booth. If you are interested in helping out contact Robbo at: 802-875-3021.

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Quebec News

Industrial News - The Association of Quebec Forest Industries (AIFQ) has renewed the Industrial Chair in Geomatics Applied to Forestry. The Chair was established in 1990 as a cooperative research program among AIFQ, the Natural Sciences Engineering and Research Council (NSERC) of Canada, and Laval University. Three researchers -- Chris Gold, Geoffrey Edwards, and Kim Lowell -- were hired by Laval University in 1990 to conduct work on Geomatics -- geographic information systems, remote sensing, global positioning system, etc. -- for AIFQ. The original 5 year mandate of the Chair focused on fundamental Geomatics research whereas the second 5 year mandate will concentrate more on technology transfer. The renewal of the Chair represents a financial investment of approximately $2.7 million from the AIFQ, NSERC, and Laval University.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will celebrate 50 years of existence this fall in Quebec City. To highlight this event an international symposium and a variety of other activities is planned for the week of October 11. Since its establishment in 1944, FAO has maintained the goal of promoting the long term development of the Earth's biological resources: food and agricultural products, soils and forests, and even oceans. Currently, FAO has 171 member countries and utilizes a $670 million budget to manage projects almost everywhere in the world. Its principal activities are technical assistance, the formulation of agricultural and forest policies for governments, promoting intergovernmental meetings to find solutions to hunger, and raising public awareness. The sustained development of forests is one of its primary concerns.

According to the most recent statistics published by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the economic situation continues to improve for Quebec forest industries. In particular, the sawmilling industry has increased its output which has helped fuel an increase in the export of all forest products from Quebec. For example, 1993 exports of Quebec forest products -- which represents 20% of all exports from Quebec -- had a value of $6.5 billion compared to $5.1 billion in 1992 and $5.1 billion in 1991. This has resulted in an increase in the price of construction timber, veneer, and panels.

The Canadian Institute of Forest Engineering Research, a private non-profit research and development organization, has recently moved into its new headquarters in Pointe-Claire. The 25,000 square foot building will house FERIC's administration as well as its Eastern research division. The move will also place FERIC close to the Canadian Institute of Pulp and Paper Research.

Private Forest Summit in May - On May 26-28 a summit meeting on the Private Forest in Quebec took place. Claude Godbout, the Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics at Laval presided over the summit meeting which was attended by representatives of the principal groups in Quebec interested in the private forest: the Federation of Wood Producers, the Assembly of Forest Managers, the Association of Forest Industries, the Association of Sawtimber, the Union of Municipalities, and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Forest Science Week - A Hit - March 24-31 Forest Science Week was held, a tradition established in 1968 and continued by forestry students at Laval University. This year a number of public booths, displays, games and machinery, all of which touch some aspect of forestry, were set up in the shopping mall Galeries de la Capitale.

Following this, a number of meetings, presentations, and discussions were held in the Pavilion Abitibi-Price at Laval University under the theme: Quebec Forests-- a Strategic Change.

Internet News - Since last December, the bulletin of the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics has been available on Internet and is managed by Jean-Robert Thibault, Professor in the Department of Wood and Forest Sciences. For individuals with access to the Internet, this free bulletin is available using the following address: http://lyv.for.ulaval.ca and can be found under the column "Faculte de foresterie et geomatique."

New Brunswick News

Graduation and Prizes - The 166th Encaenia of the University of New Brunswick, May 26, 1995, was the occasion of graduation of 37 BScF, 11 BScFE, 5 MScF, 1 MF, and 2PhD students from the faculty of forestry and environmental management. Those receiving bachelor's degrees were from the six Canadian Provinces while the Master's graduates included Ontario and Nova Scotia and five other countries. The 2 doctoral graduates were from Turkey.

The Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal for highest standing among bachelor's graduates was awarded to Christine Lohr who was also awarded the Canadian Institute of Forestry Merit Award. Others awarded prizes for outstanding work were: Jillian Weldon - Videto-Hadley Memorial Prize; Trevor Brown - G.D. Estey Memorial Prize; Andrew J. Cogswell - Lucien J. Fornier Prize in Silviculture; and Andrew Cogswell and Paul Ebert - Faculty Senior Project Award.

Biodiversity, GIS, and Economics - Dr. Mark Roberts spent much of May in Indonesia in connection with the CIDA sponsored Eastern Indonesian University Development Project. He presented a paper "Concepts and Methods of Measuring Biodiversity" at the Biotechnology Seminar: Managing Agricultural Resources Supporting Environmentally Oriented Development.

Prof. Glen Jordan gave a paper entitled "Spatial Forest Modelling and GIS" at the GIS'95 Symposium in Vancouver at the end of March.

Prof. Geremy Rickards has recently been putting his ergonomic expertise to use in designing and developing effective work-spaces for computer operators. The outcome has been "La Desque", which is adjustable to the needs of individual users. By invitation, LaDesque has been displayed at the New Brunswick Transportation Department Annual Workshop and at the New Brunswick Community College Annual Computer Software Users Fair.

In Memoriam - The Faculty has been saddened by the deaths of two former long-serving members. On February 8, Louis Seheault died. He was appointed to the faculty in 1950 and was Professor of Logging, proponent of the Industrial Production Option of the 60's and 70's, and a key figure in the development of the Forest Engineering Degree Program. After his retirement in 1970, he was appointed Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Leslie P. Sebastian died on April 6. Leslie was one of the Sopron University, Hungary, faculty members who, escaping the Soviet occupation, came to Canada with their students in 1958. In 1959, he was appointed to handle wood technology/wood science courses in the faculty at UNB. He remained at UNB until his retirement in 1989.
CFE Update

Activity/Date/Location                                                      Contact Hours/Category
ProtecYing The Working Forest; 4/7/95; Boylston, MA                   5/I
Annual Mud Season Breakfast; 4/12/95; Whitefield, NH                     3.5/I
Forestry Software; 4/14/95; Augusta, ME                                  6.5/I
Timber Harvest Mgmnt. In Proximity of Wetlands; 4/15/95; Concord & Weare, NH 4.5/I
T & E Species Workshop; 4/20/95; Portsmouth, NH                           4/I
Proper Chainsaw Maintenance & Use; 4/20-21/95; Orono, ME                  13.5/I
Timber Security Workshop; 4/24/95; Orono, ME                            6/I
Forested Wetlands Mapping; 5/4/95; Orono, ME                              4/I
Wetland Eval. Workshops; 5/6 or 13/95; Keene or Concord, NH             3.5/I
Getting to Know Bears 5/12/95, Moose 5/19/95, Birds of Prey           4/I ea.
Riparian Areas & Woodland Streams; 6/6/95 Newbury or 6/20/95           3.5/I
Bethlehem, NH                                                            3.5/I
Inventory & Growth Simulation Workshop; 6/9/95; Orono, ME or            6/I
7/17/95; Durham, NH or 7/19/95; Burlington, VT                           6/I
Approved Wood Measurement Training; 6/15-16/95; Orono, ME                8.5/I
Forestry Regulations in Maine; 6/20/95 Augusta or 6/21/95               3.5/I
Orono, ME                                                             3.5/I
NH-VT Christmas Tree Assoc. Spring Meeting; 6/24/95;                  2/I
Bennington, VT                                                          2/I

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CFE hours in 3 years and Bruce has completed more than 300 CFE hours in 5
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