



Special points of interest:

- Texas will host the National SAF Convention in Ft. Worth on **October 19-23, 2005**.
- The Texas SAF Annual Meeting Registration Deadline is **March 26**.
- The Texas Arbor Day Celebration is **April 30** in Ft. Worth.

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From the Chair...

This is a busy year for Texas SAF with the annual meeting planning near completion and the 2005 SAF National Convention just around the corner. The 2004 Texas SAF Annual Meeting is set for April 20-22 at Waterwood National Resort, just outside of Huntsville. Tat Smith and the planning committee have done an exceptional job on putting together a meeting you will not want to miss. Please use the enclosed registration brochure to register your attendance for the annual meeting; we look forward to seeing you there.

Our current focus may be on the 2004 Texas SAF Annual Meeting, but the 2005 National Convention will be here before we know it. The 2005 SAF National Convention is set for October 19-23 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jan Davis is doing an exceptional job in her role as Program Chair. Attendees of the meeting will certainly get a "taste of Texas" and have no regrets for attending the meeting. If you have never attended an SAF National Convention, this is an excellent time, with the meeting right here in our own backyard.

On a final note, awards are given at each of these

meetings and it is our job as individuals to nominate people for those awards. Several awards at the 2003 National Convention were not given due to lack of nominations. Please nominate someone you know that is worthy of receiving an award; an award cannot be given to a person if they are not nominated.

Marty Harris



L to R: TSAF 2004 Elected Officers Marty Harris, Chair, Hughes Simpson, Secretary/Treasurer, and Tat Smith pose for a picture at the February TSAF Executive Committee meeting.

TSAF Annual Meeting

With the many challenges rapidly impacting the forestry profession, it is vital that foresters stay informed and active. Foresters will have this opportunity at the Texas Society of American Foresters (TSAF) 2004 Annual Meeting on **April 20-22**, at Waterwood National Resort in Huntsville.

This year's meeting theme, "**The Pendulum Swings**", addresses the major forces affecting foresters and the forestry sector in Texas and the nation.

Enclosed is the meeting registration. Please be sure to send it in by the **March 26** deadline. Meeting registrations are also available

on the TSAF website at www.tsaf.org. Please pass along this information to non-members.



For more information about Waterwood National Resort visit:

waterwoodnational.com

Records on Forests and Forestry by *Dr. Robert Baker*

TSAF administrative records are housed in an archive at the **East Texas Research Center (ETRC)**, Steen Library, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches. ETRC also houses the records of several lumber companies involved in the early development of East Texas, as well as Texas Forestry Association records. Although no foresters worked in the East Texas Piney Woods, information about our historical East Texas forest is available. As an example, this is a recitation of selected portions of what one person, John Henry Kirby, founder of Kirby Lumber Company

wrote about our timbered heritage. In 1970 Dr. Robert Maxwell, head of the History Department, and I had the privilege to select any part of the records of Kirby Lumber Company's records warehouse for the permanent ETRC forest history collection. Many records were not saved since limited space was available in the SFA library. One gem we obtained was a set of over seventy binders of letter-press records of Kirby's personal business correspondence. These bound copies were the equivalent to today's carbon copies, or computer storage.

A few of Kirby's thoughts are printed here to illustrate that before foresters, data about our forests and how they could be managed was held in the heads and records of our original timber barons.

"The lands [in Tyler County] will yield an average of 10,000 feet per acre, including trees 12 inches and upwards in diameter at the stump [January 5, 1898]. The only lumber lands in Texas today that can be bought at first hand and cheap, are

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TSAF Membership

National SAF recently provided TSAF with the latest membership information. To date, we have **426** members across Texas.

Did You Know?

- 48% have only been a member between 1 and 9 years
- One individual has been a member for 70+ years!
- 23 people are 50+ year members
- 22% are between the ages of 20-

29; 44% between the ages of 40-59

- 5 members are over 90 years old
- 22% work for State/Local Gov't; 19% for Private Industry; 14% are Consultants; 14% are Students; 10% are retired; 21% are Other

Please contact **Jennifer Smith**, TSAF Membership Chair, at jennifersmith@templeinland.com or (936) 829-7478 for more information on how to recruit new members.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Members</u>
North East	48
Lufkin/Nac	130
Brazos/Trinity	111
South East	30
SFA Students	39
Dallas-At-Large	31
TAMU Students	6
Hill Country	8
No Chapter	19

Bits and Pieces...

CONTINUING FORESTRY EDUCATION



George Weick has been working feverishly to approve all workshop requests for CFE hours. If you have an upcoming workshop, please send the CFE request to George as soon as possible so that he and his committee may approve the workshop for CFE hours.

For a complete listing of approved

workshops, visit the Texas SAF website at www.tsaf.org or contact George Weick at gweick@fs.fed.us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to serve on one of the TSAF Executive Committee subcommittees, please contact TSAF Chair Marty Harris.



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to **Freda Carraway** for doing a great job with the TSAF newsletter since 2000. Freda served as the TSAF Business Manager for two years and the TSAF Newsletter Editor for three years. She enjoyed working with all of the foresters.

Thank You

Chapter Updates

Several Spring chapter meetings/events are in the works. To find out when the next meeting near you is, please contact the chapter chairs:

South East Texas:

March or April meeting

Luke Corum, Chapter Chair

lukecorum@templeinland.com

(409) 383-2577

Hill Country:

Special ceremony planned at TSAF Annual Meeting to present new charter and install officers

Mike Dunivan, Chapter Chair

mdunivan@tfs.tamu.edu

(830) 596-1173

North East Texas:

Walk in the Forest for Teachers, May

Kevin Rankin, Chapter Chair

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(903) 856-7181

Lufkin/Nacogdoches:

Meeting in Nacogdoches **March 9**

Crawfish Boil **June 8**

Buddy Stalnaker, Chapter Chair

buddy-helena@txucom.net

(936) 569-9031

Brazos/Trinity:

Nature Hike/Meeting **May 13**

Henry Steitz, Chapter Chair

(936) 856-4743

Dallas-At-Large

Matt Grubisich, Chapter Chair

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TSAF Koontz Fund: Applications Currently Being Accepted

The Koontz Fund is the Texas Society of American Forester's (SAF) version of National SAF's Forester's Fund. Grants are provided to TSAF chapters who conduct projects which promote education about forestry.

Grants are given in the amounts of \$100, \$250, or \$500. Grants are allocated four times each year and do not exceed \$500 per quarter.

2003, Last Quarter — The Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council received \$500 to

complete a wooden bridge on the Shadow Lake Nature Trail at Camp Agnes Arnold.

2004, First Quarter

"Houston's Backyard" (May 3-7) received \$500 to assist with reaching over 800 inner-city 4th grade students with the forestry message.

If you need an application or more information, visit the

TSAF website at www.tsaf.org or contact **Mike Hill**, Foresters' Fund Chair, at mhill@tfs.tamu.edu or (936) 327-4832.

Silent Auction items are still needed for the Annual Meeting!!! All proceeds benefit the Koontz Fund.



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Records on Forests and Forestry *cont'd*

located in Jasper, Newton, Sabine and San Augustine counties, and there is not a great deal of it there [April 18, 1898].

It is my estimation that the area of long leaf pine land in Texas today is about 1,200,000 acres [March 31, 1902]. I know so much about East Texas timber lands that I can sit in my office and make a guess on anything like a body of lands, that is nearly as reliable as most of the experts in that line who are sent

upon the ground [September 6, 1909]. Unless the market improves we do not contemplate cutting any trees under 15 inches in the next 14 years or until 1915 [January 11, 1912]. I know that it is entirely practicable to make those forests substantially perpetual but it cannot be done by private enterprise [November 30, 1914]. The home builder of the future and the near future at that will have to bring his building materials from the far Pacific

Coast unless some plan is formulated and put into effect for perpetuating the forestry growth of East Texas [December 17, 1920].

Visit the East Texas Research Center and see for yourself what other early-day East Texas lumbermen said and did concerning the valuable East Texas forest resource.

Dr. Robert Baker is the TSAF Historian/Archivist

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website at www.tsaf.org.

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