

Plan Now for Arbor Day

By Jim Kerkman

Even though our days are filled with snow, ice and cold temperatures now, it's not too early to start thinking about how to celebrate Arbor Day, coming up on Friday, April 24, 2009. One of the reasons Arbor Day is so popular might be that after a long winter, everyone is anxious to get outside and do some gardening. The real magic of Arbor Day is realized when you are planting trees with youth. They seem to have a desire to plant things, or maybe it is just digging in the dirt, whatever the reason; I have never had a boring time when planting trees with them.

At Fort McCoy we had three Arbor Day planting events within two days; one with the Fort McCoy Child Development Center (a daycare facility); another with a group of boy scouts; and the third with a local 7th grade class. The 70 participants asked many questions about trees. Charles Mentzel, Mike Peterkin, and I (all SAF members) explained proper planting techniques, answered questions, and made sure everyone had enough trees to plant. I found that planting many seedlings was more interesting for young people than planting one ceremonial tree. It gives everyone a chance to put a tree in the ground. After planting, the trees were sheltered to protect them from deer and then watered to help them get a good start.



The forestry community couldn't ask for a better communication and outreach event than Arbor Day. I encourage every SAF member to get involved with a local school or community group to help plan and celebrate Arbor Day this year. For ideas, visit these Websites:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/education/arborday.htm>
<http://www.arborday.org/arborday/celebrate.cfm>

Send me an e-mail at james.kerkman@us.army.mil about your Arbor Day celebrations or any other forestry outreach efforts. We would like to keep track of how many people Wisconsin SAF is reaching with forestry information.

Happy New Year!

Some things that you can look forward to in 2009 are:

- New SAF marketing materials;
- National position statements to help advance issues;
- SAF involvement in the Administration transition;
- Continued excellent publications with the most up-to-date information on the art and science of forestry and natural resources management;
- Great networking opportunities at local, state and national SAF meetings.

We all benefit from the products and services that SAF provides, but those come from you - the members. So share your knowledge, experience, and skills in whatever way that you can. SAF only exists through the time and efforts of our volunteers. Get involved and make this a great new year for you and your Society.



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WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

Wisconsin SAF Chair Jim Kerkman

I am looking forward to my second year as your state chair. I'm honored to be in this position and am doing my best to keep Wisconsin SAF as a leader in the forestry profession. I am very fortunate to have been able to spend my time as Chair-Elect under Gary VanderWyst. He did a great job as the Chair and I look forward to him staying active in WISAF leadership. Congratulations to Jerry Van Cleve, the Chair-Elect. He has been our CFE Coordinator since 1998 and is no stranger to the workings of WISAF.



Girl Scouts, or other youth organizations; writing to newspaper editors when something questionable or misguided is printed; contacting elected officials to offer advice in forestry related legislation; setting up the WISAF tabletop display at public events, hosting a Walk in the Woods, or any other form of outreach and education that may present itself. This includes communicating with fellow foresters. Networking within SAF is one of the main benefits we get as members. Don't forget to encourage non-SAF foresters to join.

I fully believe that the leader in any organization is only as good as the surrounding advisors, in our case the Executive Committee. It is through their dedication and hard work that WISAF is as good as it is. Many of the committee chairs have been serving since I started attending committee meetings in the mid-90s, and others go back even farther. You can review who all the WISAF leaders are on our website (<http://www.wisaf.org/>).

While all aspects of WISAF activities are important, I would like to encourage the membership to consider more involvement on communication and education. I would like SAF to be out there, talking with the public about forest management in as many ways as possible; talking to students in all grades in schools; getting involved with Boy Scouts,

One of my goals for last year was to attend as many chapter events as possible. I was able to attend a meeting in each chapter except the Southeast Chapter. At each meeting I was able to come away with new information on forestry subjects that I found beneficial and practical. Don't feel obligated to only attend your chapter meetings, contact the meeting coordinator if you see another chapter hosting a meeting with a topic you find interesting. If your chapter is planning an event, please notify our Webmaster Paul Pingrey so it can be placed online at <http://www.wisaf.org/> for everyone to consider, and check with Melinda Vokoun, our CFE coordinator, to see if there can be CFE credits assigned. I am here to serve your needs, so feel free to contact me at 608-388-2102 or james.kerkman@us.army.mil with any questions or comments you might have.

Leadership Academy 2008

by Jim Kerkman

SAF is a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of forestry. Other than a few paid staff at the national office, it is run at the state and chapter levels by volunteers, other foresters like yourself who have a deep commitment to the profession and give generously of their time to make forestry a better profession. Every member is important, from the student or young professional who have been a member for a year or less, to the Golden Members who have been in the organization for 50 or more years. Like anything worthwhile, the more time and effort you invest in SAF, the more rewarding your experience will be. Like all organizations, SAF needs leaders who are willing to give a little bit more, help chart a course for the society, and motivate other members to become more involved.

Some of the reasons why SAF has had so many great leaders throughout its organization are the resources made available to members in leadership positions. One such resource is the SAF Leadership Academy. I was fortunate enough to attend the academy last year. Attendees came from all over the country. All ages and career stages were represented.

The first order of business was to make sure everyone got to know each other at the evening ice breaker. You had to introduce yourself with a nickname. That nickname had to begin with the first letter of your name and was related to forestry. During the process I got to meet Boreal Bryan, Dogwood Darrel, Dirt Forester Doug, Mountain Mary, Deciduous David, Sprucey Spencer, Beechnut Beth and a whole bunch of others.

The next day was spent on learning creative strategies to motivate leaders. It was facilitated by Jeff Bercuvitz, AKA "Chocolate Man". Jeff had a unique and effective way to encourage participation, he would give out Hershey's kisses when someone answered a question or was involved with the discussion.

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WORDS FROM OUR COUNCIL REP

Gregory Russell, our representative on the SAF Council, is beginning the second year of his 3-year term. To the right is an introduction to him and below is his most recent report.

By Gregory Russell

My goals for my term on Council are to bring issues of importance in our region to the attention of SAF nationally, promote the sound science of forestry, promote the good work foresters in all sectors do, help ensure that forestry remains relevant to society and encourage new foresters and seasoned veterans to become members of SAF in order to keep SAF as a strong voice in local and national issues. I look forward to meeting and working with you during my term. Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns. My contact information is: Greg Russell, Minnesota DNR Forestry, 1200 Warner Rd., St. Paul, MN. 55106. Work phone 651-259-5798, cell phone 320-808-9522; e-mail greg.russell@dnr.state.mn.us.

The Council met at SAF Headquarters in Bethesda, MD on Dec. 7-9, 2008. The first day was set aside as an orientation session for incoming Council members and officers. Highlights of actions taken over the last two days of the meeting include: approved the 2009 budget; approved two new position statements related to the work of the Climate Change Task Force Report; approved Certification Process for Technician Programs; approved the new Strategic Action Plan; dissolved the Forest Practices Task Force as well as the Relocation Task Force; continued the charter for the Leadership Development Committee; and established the Bob & Ann Gregory Endowment and Award (to assist international members with attendance at the National Convention). The Gregory family will match donations to the fund on a 2 to 1 basis for the next 12 months, or until the endowment has \$100,000 (whichever comes first).

SAF Executive Vice President Michael Goergen was invited to represent SAF at a briefing with the Obama Administration's environmental policy team. SAF was one of only ten natural resources/environmental organizations asked to give a presentation at this briefing.

We were introduced to new SAF staff: Erica Rhoads, Forest Policy Director; Chris Whited, Membership Coordinator and Corey Houghley, IT Specialist. Chris is working on several member recruitment projects, as well as updating the SAF Website. In the near future all state societies & chapters will be able to run their Websites through the national site on a share-ware basis, thus reducing costs for local sites and offering consistency in design. Corey is working on consolidating the various data bases used by various SAF program staff to make data management more efficient.

Meet Gregory Russell, our National SAF Council Representative



I joined SAF in 1980 after graduating from Michigan Tech with a B.S. in Forest Management. I have been a member in the Michigan, Colorado-Wyoming, and Minnesota Societies. I have held chapter positions including Foresters Fund; Sec./Treas.; Chair Elect; and Chair and State Society positions including Foresters Fund Chair; Chair Elect; Chair; HSD Representative; Nominations Chair and Executive Committee Member. I have worked for the Minnesota DNR for the past 25 years, primarily in the private forest management section. I also have worked in the utilization and marketing, and RC&D, biomass/bioenergy and fire aviation fields. I am currently the Assistant Regional Forest Supervisor for southern Minnesota. My wife and I operate an 80-acre Tree Farm in northern Minnesota.

SAF remains on sound financial ground, even with the downturn in the stock market, thanks to an investment strategy put in place over the last 3-4 years. Membership now stands at close to 14,500 – up slightly from last year. Just over 1,600 attended the SAF Convention in Reno. Mark your calendars for future conventions in Orlando, FL (2009), Albuquerque, NM (2010) and Honolulu, HI (2011). We're still hoping for Duluth within the next 5 years.

The SAF Constitution was amended to simplify membership categories, as well as giving voting privileges to student and technician members. The 2009 Council meetings will be Feb. 21-22 in Houston, TX, June 6-7 in Bethesda, MD, Sept. 30 in Orlando, FL, and Dec. 4-6 in Bethesda, MD.

Wisconsin SAF Supports Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

Photos and story by Paul Pingrey

The new Aldo Leopold Legacy Center near Baraboo was dedicated on Earth Day 2007. Leopold, an early prophet of sustainable forestry and author of the influential book *The Sand County Almanac*, was a member of the Southwest Wisconsin Chapter of the Society of American Foresters during his lifetime. The Aldo Leopold Foundation raised over \$7 million to build the Legacy Center, preserve Leopold's writings and graphics, and to promote his "Land Ethic." Wisconsin SAF and the Southwest Wisconsin Chapter contributed \$1,000 to their Land Ethic Fund.

About 800 people turned out for the Legacy Center opening and to hear remarks from Nina, Estella, and Carl Leopold and others. Most of the building complex was constructed from timber harvested from the Leopold Foundation woodlands, including pines that Aldo Leopold and his family planted in the 1930s and 40s. The building is the first Platinum LEED Certified structure in Wisconsin. Remarks from Nina Leopold-Bradley focused on innovative utilization of timber from the land. Some of the Leopold pines were also made into paper for a special edition of the *The Sand County Almanac*.

In a nutshell, Aldo Leopold's land ethic stressed that society should not treat land like a commodity to be used or abused as we might please. Leopold envisioned that natural resources and people belong to a unified community. Land owners and society have an obligation to look beyond their immediate self interests and instead "think like a mountain" to benefit the community as a whole.

The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters congratulates the Aldo Leopold Foundation for achieving the Legacy Center. The need for such an effective environmental teaching tool has never been more critical. We look forward to collaborating with the Foundation to further the ethic of sustainable resource management. Read more about the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center at <http://www.aldoleopold.org/>



Pines planted by Leopold were used in the construction of the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center near Baraboo.



Top: Aldo Leopold's son Carl leads a tour of the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center. Above: Nina Leopold Bradley, Aldo Leopold's daughter, addresses the crowd at the dedication ceremony. Buddy Huffaker, executive director of the Leopold Foundation, is seated beside her. Left: About 800 witnessed the dedication of the new facility on Earth Day 2007.

Kerkman honored as a “Friend of Forestry”

Jim Kerkman was given a “Friend of Forestry” award in 2008 by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Division of Forestry.

The honor recognizes Kerkman as a vital link between Fort McCoy and the Division of Forestry. He has helped the Division arrange a variety of training exercises at Ft. McCoy, including finding a place to burn for fire investigation classes and forestry technician certification. His knowledge of the property on the Fort has allowed the Division of Forestry to conduct hands-on fire training that is difficult elsewhere. Kerkman has researched areas to burn, prepared aerial maps for the students and instructors to use, worked with the Fort wildlife crews to herbicide areas for burning, and compiled numerous environmental analysis reports that have to be approved by the Army before the training could even occur.

By providing sites for hands-on tractor/plow training, he allowed the forestry technicians to get on-the-ground training for initial attack fire investigation and situational awareness scenarios. The multi-terrain course at the Fort also allowed the technicians to test different models of tractor/plows on variable slopes and situations. Since 2005, Kerkman’s efforts

have allowed the Division to hold their Forestry Law Enforcement and Ranger Recertification trainings at the Fort. Congratulations to our SAF Chair for going “above and beyond” for a partner organization and being such a good “friend of forestry.”

SAF member receives forest history award

At the 33rd annual conference of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin (FHAW), Kirsten Held, Forestry Outreach Specialist with the Wisconsin DNR – Division of Forestry, was awarded the 2008 Fixmer Award. This is given by FHAW to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to an organization, agency, or corporation, within the forest products and resources community.

FHAW President Sara Connor noted Held’s contributions to the education of Wisconsin students and citizens regarding Wisconsin’s forest history and sustainable forestry practices today. Held has a passion for sharing the story of Wisconsin forestry and continues to work on projects to reconnect Wisconsin’s citizens with our rich forest resource and help them understand the many ways they depend on Wisconsin forests in their daily lives.

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Some of the key points presented by Jeff included:

- Everyone is a potential asset to the organization, you just need to find out their interests to get them involved.
- Embrace and document your mistakes, make sure you learn from them.
- Give out awards and recognition for a job well done.

On the second full day, Tom Davidson helped us to “first know yourself,” the foundation of effective leadership. In the weeks before the academy, all the participants filled out the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®. The results were then explained as to how you gain energy, gather or become aware of information, decide or make conclusions based on that information, and deal with the world around you. Other sessions focused on how to motivate others based on your type and their types.

One of Tom’s more entertaining leadership sessions focused on the differences of the generations that are found in the workplace today. His talk was entitled “Leading Diverse Teams: Boomers, Geeks and Geezers. He gave examples of the experiences, values, behaviors, and principles of the four generations of workers you may encounter; Veterans (born 1920-1945), Boomers (born 1945-1963), Gen X-ers (born 1963-1980), and Millennials (born 1980-2000). Tom gave tips for leadership, communications, and teamwork for all the generations.

Another highlight was the forest policy overview that described how SAF participates in the political and administrative processes by presenting SAF’s professional views to lawmakers. SAF has position statements and a committee on forest policy to help develop the forest policy direction of SAF. The position statements are available at the national website and members are encouraged to use them as a reference for discussing and explaining forestry issues. SAF has a loud voice in the hall of representatives and that is a good thing. If SAF did not counteract some of the misleading and unsound voices that are getting to the lawmakers, how well could we practice forestry? And if not SAF, then who would be the advocate of sound, sustainable forestry? Expert testimony from the field is the most critical thing for politicians to hear when debating laws or policy, and SAF can provide those experts when needed on forestry topics.

The academy had a very positive and inspiring effect on me and I encourage everyone in SAF to attend at some time in their career. It can help develop and hone leadership skills in everyone that can be applied in all aspects of life, not just SAF but your job, family and other volunteer efforts.

The 2009 SAF Leadership Academy will be April 4-7 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Registration deadline is March 20. Details are at <http://www.safnet.org/meetings/leadershipacad.cfm>.

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Chippewa Chapter

Jay Gallagher, Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources, Brule

Twenty-eight people, including private logging contractors, US Forest Service employees, private industry representatives, DNR employees, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association members and a few retired foresters attended an informational session hosted by the Chippewa Chapter, entitled "A review of the proposed *Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvest Guidelines.*" The session was held on October 15, 2008 at the Ramada Inn in Hayward.

Fox Valley Chapter

Tony Deininger, Fox Valley Technical College

The Fox Valley Chapter hosted the fall 2008 state meeting November 11-12 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. Prior to that, the chapter met with members of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) near Gresham on August 12 to discuss harvesting marked or logger-selected pine thinnings. The discussion focused on evaluating forester-marked or logger select harvests, and the effectiveness and efficiency associated with each school of thought. The program was followed up with a landowner program the following weekend.



Dave Stoiber (left) and Ray Perry (right) raffle items at the fall state SAF meeting to raise money for the Foresters Fund.

Mid-Wisconsin Chapter

Charles Mentzel, Forestry Technician at Fort McCoy

The Mid Wisconsin Chapter held their 2007 summer meeting on the Wood County Forest. Will Smith shared information on the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program and led us to



an FIA plot on the Wood County Forest. Will described the process of identifying, finding and collecting data from a FIA plot. In Wisconsin the number of FIA plots has been doubled to get a more accurate sampling of the forest resources in the State. The WDNR Division of Forestry in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service provides funding for the more intensive sampling. The FIA plots are measured every five years. Data gathered is analyzed and used in describing Wisconsin's forest inventory information.

Our 2008 annual meeting in conjunction with members of the UW-Stevens Point Student Chapter was on September 25. The theme was "Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks" and several UW-SP students presented new technologies they have encountered either in their studies or through summer employment. One of the presentations featured information on a free source GIS program as well as sources of free GIS data including orthophotos, .drg files of USGS Topography Maps and Wisconsin County Forests, among others. These can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

At the December 10 chapter meeting in Black River Falls, nominations were received for chair-elect and secretary-treasurer. The votes are in: Ron Schneider will be the Chair-Elect and Justin Barnes will be Sec-Treasurer. Thanks to Steve Edge for his many years as the Sec-Treasurer.

On March 5 the chapter will be touring the Domtar chip plant and wood yard. A June 11 meeting will be held somewhere in Jackson County/Black River State Forest to discuss Timber Sale Administration with an emphasis on logger surveillance. In October we will again meet with the UW-SP student chapter and on December 10 the chapter will tour the new Myrick-Hixton Ecopark in LaCrosse.

Northeast Chapter

Doug Brown, Marathon County

Terri Galinski has stepped down as chair-elect for 2009 due to professional and educational commitments. The chapter is currently looking for a replacement for the position; until a replacement is found, Doug Brown plans to remain acting chair. Other officers elected were Thomas Shockley to remain as secretary/treasurer.

The annual chapter meeting held in Carter on September 10 was well attended. *Tons vs. Cords to Biofuels* was the topic and the speakers provided excellent information, with several presentations available on the state SAF website. A good round-table discussion occurred at the end of the meeting with private consulting foresters, industrial representatives, and county and state foresters discussing primarily the move towards selling stumpage by the ton and the effects of this.

The chapter chair has been in contact with Michigan and Minnesota state chapters regarding plans to hold a joint State Meeting for members from all three states in spring of 2010, to be hosted by the Northeast Chapter. The topic for this meeting is "Recreation and Forest Management." Planning will begin this winter.

Southeast Chapter

Randy Cooper, Wisconsin DNR, Sturtevant

The Southeast Chapter helped staff the SAF display during *Ag Venture Day* at the WI State Fair on August 5. This year the display was held in the Rabbit & Poultry Palace where Julie Peltier and Randy Cooper dropped off the now-famous "Kerkman tree display," along with Jeff Kante's logging diorama. While kids made buttons and tree cookie necklaces, the adults talked trees with the foresters. Thanks to Southeast Chapter members who helped: Al Johnson, Chris Martin, Julie Peltier, and Randy Cooper. Thanks to DNR Forestry LTE Cody Didier and a special thank you to Dave Czsyz, who came down from Rhineland to help, as he has for years.

The Southeast Chapter met on December 11 at the Thunder Bay Grille in Waukesha for a luncheon meeting. We talked about our 2008 events including a brief discussion of program for 2009. We agreed that Southeast Chapter should continue to be involved with the program "A Walk in the Woods" with Plymouth Grade School. We also agreed that we would continue to be involved with the "AgVenture Day" at State Fair. We talked about several options for chapter field days. We finished up with an informal discussion about the find of emerald ash borer in Washington, Ozaukee and Kenosha counties in 2008.

Southwest Chapter

Gene Francisco

The Southwest Chapter held a February 28, 2008 lunch meeting featuring UW-Madison Associate Professor Mark Richenbach in the Dept of Forest and Wildlife Ecology. He discussed his research on the preferences of private forest landowners in implementing stewardship practices. The research includes cross-boundary coordination across small private landholdings; the behavior of landowners and other actors related to ecosystem services; and the connection between social systems and landscape change.

A May 7 meeting featured Ron Jones, of the DNR Silviculture Committee, speaking on proposed revisions to the oak management guidelines with regards to oak regeneration.

The chapter sponsored a field tour of the decommissioned Badger Ammunition Plant near Baraboo, WI on August 27. The event featured two hours of presentations by DNR and Badger officials regarding, history, current use and re-use of the 7,354 acre site as well as hazardous waste remediation efforts, concrete and wood recycling, grassland and woodland bird conservation and integration of land into the Devil's Lake State Park Master Plan. A two-hour narrated bus tour traversed the site to view current activities and discuss problems related to site remediation and restoration.

The chapter met on December 18 to hear a presentation on the status of Wisconsin's paper industry. Jeff Landin, President of the Wisconsin Paper Council, brought a positive outlook for the future of this industry, despite current conditions. He noted that the industry began here even before Wisconsin statehood and reminded the group that Wisconsin has led the nation in papermaking for more than 50 years.

Pulp and paper industry jobs have dropped from 52,000 statewide in 2000 to 34,000 in 2008. Landin said that competition, cost and demand have come together to form the "perfect storm" that is battering the industry right now, and he discussed each of those factors in his presentation. Global competition is fairly new and the Wisconsin industry is repositioning itself to be able to deal with it. A dramatic increase in costs, particularly energy and chemicals, has also had a huge impact as has a weakened demand for newsprint and magazine stock. Landin said the industry remains hopeful that markets will rebound and is just trying to sustain itself until then.

Despite news of mill closures, Landin said that Wisconsin is still the top papermaking state and the industry is here to stay. He noted an increase in capital investment by the industry and new opportunities ahead with biofuels. With an aging workforce, there are many exciting career opportunities ahead, but this industry doesn't seem to be in the minds of high school students. Landin said that graduates of the UW-Stevens Point paper science program have found good-paying jobs in the industry.

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UW-Stevens Point Student Chapter

Kenneth Price

Besides hosting a meeting in September with the Mid-Wisconsin Chapter, the UW-SP Student Chapter had a busy fall. The annual Pulpcut Chainsaw Safety Class was taught by Professors Mike Demchik and Paul Doruska, with the help of many student volunteers. Approximately 100 students were trained in basic chainsaw safety, PPE and tree felling; this provides a valuable service to landowners by performing first thinning on red pine stands that are too small for most loggers to bid on.

Additionally, the students have resumed participation in the Great Lakes Forestry Conclave, sending approximately a dozen competitors to Michigan Tech where they fared very well in their first outing in quite some time.

For all of its efforts, the student chapter has not gone unrecognized; this year Chapter Chair Kenneth Price and Faculty Advisor Paul Doruska were presented the second place award in the annual Outstanding Student Chapter

competition at the SAF National Convention in Reno, NV. Also at the National Convention, students Luke Nigon, Mackenzie Schafer, Mike Schreiber and Lucas Vold represented UWSP in the Student Quiz Bowl, coming in second place for the third consecutive year. The UW-SP Students faced off against the team from UW-Madison in the semifinals; UW-Madison later won a consolation match to secure their third place finish.



UW-SP Quiz Bowl Team

Left to right: Lucas Vold, Makenzie Schafer, Mke Schreiber and Luke Nigon. (Photo by Tom Tompkins)

Wisconsin Council on Forestry

Bob Rogers represents Wisconsin SAF on the Wisconsin Council on Forestry and offers this report from their December 16, 2008 Council meeting.

Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Guidelines, presented by Task Force on Biomass Harvesting chairman Jim Hoppe, were accepted by the Council subject to:

- 1) a review in three years (or earlier) and, if warranted, an update of the guidelines based on any new information that may result from research and monitoring;
- 2) research during the three year period in order to address areas where current science is limited or inconclusive;
- 3) effectiveness monitoring and monitoring of operational issues during the three year period;
- 4) implementation of a robust training and education effort focusing on the practical implementation of the guidelines and possibly expanding on tools that can better quantify removals or residuals; and
- 5) research, monitoring and education to be done by the forestry community, with the government agencies providing leadership and coordination.

The Council accepted the Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species Guidelines presented by Fred Clark and approved a request for the Recreation BMPs to go

out for public comment with the final draft completed by June 2009. The basic approach is a public relations campaign promoted by various recreation user groups. Fred Clark stepped down as chair of the Invasive Species Task Force and from the Council following his election to the State Legislature representing the 42nd District and was given a warm round of applause and thanks from Council Chair and Members for all his hard work on the Council

The Council also accepted the final report of the Managed Forest Law Task Force presented by Bob Rogers. The report recommended: 1) creation of a Legislative Council Study Group to review the Managed Forest Law in relation to sustainable management of private forest lands for both traditional and emerging goods and services; 2) development of a fact sheet for legislators to demonstrate the value of the program to their constituents.

The Council also received an update on Wisconsin's Sustainability Framework. More complete information about all of the meeting topics is available at <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/>. The next Council meeting is March 17.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Legislative Session Begins; Forestry Committee Retained in Assembly

The 2009-2010 session of the Wisconsin legislature began on January 5, 2009 under the leadership of Assembly Speaker Mike Sheridan (D-Janesville) and Senate President Fred Risser (D-Madison). Senate majority leader is Russell Decker (D-Schofield) and minority leader is Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau). In the Assembly, the majority leader is Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) and the minority leader is Jeff Fitzgerald (R-Horicon).

There was uncertainty whether a dedicated forestry committee would be retained in the new Assembly and a number of organizations contacted Speaker Sheridan voicing support for the committee, including this letter from Wisconsin SAF Chair Jim Kerkman.

"I am contacting you on behalf of the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters to show our support for retaining the Assembly Committee on Forestry. The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters or WISAF has over 400 members consisting of professional foresters, forestry technicians, educators, and students involved with forestry studies in our state universities. WISAF is part of the nationwide Society of American Foresters (SAF) that was founded in 1900 by Gifford Pinchot. It is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The mission of SAF is to advance the science, education, technology and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society."

"The forest products industry is the state's second largest manufacturing employer and forests cover over 46% of Wisconsin's land. Forests and forest product industries are a very important component of our state's economy. For that reason due consideration should be given to the industry by our elected officials, especially with the increasing unemployment rates and other economic troubles that are happening at this time."

Thank you for your consideration.

James Kerkman, Chair

Wisconsin Society of American Foresters

Speaker Sheridan heard the message, retained the forestry committee and appointed Rep. Gary Sherman (D-Port Wing) as chair.

Wisconsin SAF has one of our own in the Legislature now. Consulting forester Fred Clark is now Rep. Clark (D-Baraboo). You can find him in Room 418 North of the State Capitol, by phone at 608-266-7746, or by e-mail at Rep.Clark@legis.wisconsin.gov. He will be serving on four committees: Forestry; Natural Resources; Rural Economic Development; and Tourism, Recreation and State Properties.

On the Senate side, forestry issues will be addressed in the Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources being chaired by Senator Jim Holperin (D-Conover). Senator Holperin is a past member of the Wisconsin Council on Forestry and served as Executive Director of Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River and Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism following previous service in the Wisconsin Legislature.

To learn more about the new legislative session, visit <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>. You can sign up to receive e-mail alerts about issues of interest at this site. Bob Mather is our Wisconsin SAF Policy Chair. You can contact him at robert.mather@wisconsin.gov.

National SAF forest policy update

The SAF Committee on Forest Policy has recently updated the SAF's position statements on "Conservation Easements," "Timber Harvesting on Public Lands," and completed a position statement on "Forest Tree Biotechnology." The position statements can be viewed online at: www.safnet.org/policyandpress/positionstatements.cfm

Congrats to Terry Moore!



Terry Moore was honored at a 2008 Northeast Chapter meeting for fifty years of membership in SAF.

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Program Committee

The program committee extends a huge thank-you to the many members who have planned and hosted excellent statewide meetings over the past couple of years. If you missed the Spring 2007 meeting (“Soil Compaction and Productivity” by the Northeast Chapter in Mosinee), the Fall 2007 meeting (“Integrating Forest Management and Forest Hydrology” by the Chippewa Chapter in Cable), the Spring 2008 meeting (“Effects of Change in Forest Ownership” by the Southeast Chapter in Pewaukee) or the Fall 2008 meeting (“Forest Management Solutions for Mitigating Climate Change in Wisconsin” by the Fox River Valley Chapter in Stevens Point), some presentations are online at: http://www.wisaf.org/presentations_from_past_meetings.htm.

The Wisconsin SAF Executive Committee has decided to hold just one statewide meeting in 2009 due to distressed budgets and restricted travel. The Mid Wisconsin Chapter is planning a meeting on jack pine management in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy and others. It is scheduled for August 25-27 in Odanah, Wisconsin at the Bad River Casino. Blocks of rooms are secured in both Ashland and Ironwood for out-of-state travelers.

The Northeast Wisconsin Chapter will host the 2010 meeting. They are planning a joint meeting including Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota on the topic of recreation and forest management.

Indiana Society of American Foresters has invited anyone interested in issues of white-tailed deer management and conservation to a February 25-27 conference at Purdue University. Details are online at <http://www.fnr.purdue.edu/2009deer/> or for more information contact Lenny Farlee at lfarlee@purdue.edu or 765 494-2153.

Continuing Forestry Education

By Melinda Vokoun

Fall brought a steady stream of applications for Continuing Forestry Education credit assignment for events occurring in Wisconsin. Credit was assigned to at least 12 events.

If you're planning to attend or are sponsoring an event that has an educational component presented by a qualified individual, it may qualify for credit. Applications for credit can be submitted by a provider anytime before an event and up to a week after the event occurrence, otherwise they have to be made by the individual. Event sponsors provide certificates of completion to individuals requesting credit and in no more than 3 weeks after event completion submit a final agenda and attendance records of those requesting credit to national SAF.

If you have an event coming up yet this winter or spring, I'd appreciate as much advance notice as possible for time to assign CFE credits. If you know of someone else that has an event that might qualify for credit, have them contact me at Melinda.Vokoun@uwsp.edu or 715-342-5161.

Foresters' Fund

By Jeff Barkley, Foresters' Fund Chair

The Foresters' Fund is available to assist local SAF units in achieving the goals of the Society. Goals of the fund are to promote education enhancing public understanding of the role of professional foresters in forest resource management, strengthen state societies and chapters in achieving the mission of SAF, and conduct forest policy activities. Projects must meet at least one of these goals and should include, but not be limited to, public outreach and education, local unit support and legislative events.

Deadlines for applications are Feb. 15, June 15, and Sept. 15 for regular grants of \$1500 or less and June 15 for special grants for projects totaling \$1501 - \$5000. The State Society may also have opportunities for funding as well. For 2008, nineteen projects totaling \$39,076 were approved at the national level. Wisconsin submitted one proposal from Trees For Tomorrow for an annual workshop, but that didn't get funded. I encourage you to solicit projects for the February 15 deadline. Contact me for details at 608-264-9217 or jeffrey.barkley@wisconsin.gov.

Wisconsin SAF Membership

Membership stands at 432 with breakdown by chapter at: Fox Valley = 34; Chippewa = 59; Mid Wisconsin = 72; Southwest = 69; Southeast = 36; Northeast = 97; UW-Stevens Point = 41; UW-Madison = 19; and 5 members not assigned to a chapter. The goal for 2008 was to increase by one member over the number of members in 2007. We fell 12 members short of our goal of 444.

Membership Chair David Czysz says thirteen students have applied to the Wisconsin SAF Student Mentor Program. If you are willing to mentor a student, contact David at 715-369-1955 or via cell phone at 715-499-1458.

Thanks go to these SAF members who have already offered to be a mentor: Nancy Bozek, Jay Gallagher, Chris Widstrand, Steve Edge, Steve Gress and David Czysz. Three mentors are still needed from the Southwest Chapter, one more from the Mid-Wisconsin Chapter and three from the Fox Valley Chapter.

AWARDS

Presidential Field Forester Award to Wisconsin member for third consecutive year

Julie Peltier, Wisconsin DNR Forester for Ozaukee, Washington and Sheboygan Counties is a 2008 Outstanding Field Forester Achievement Award recipient from the National Society of American Foresters. Eleven members are selected annually (one from each of the SAF districts) to receive this honor. Julie was selected for SAF District V, representing Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. She was recognized at the SAF National Convention during the awards ceremony on November 5, 2008.

The award recognizes foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground and who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Peltier, a University of Minnesota graduate, has been a SAF member since 1993 and a SAF Certified Forester since 2002. She attended the SAF National Leadership Academy in 2006. She served as Chapter Chair of Southeast Chapter in 2004-2005 and has been the Wisconsin SAF Treasurer since 2006. Since joining DNR in 1996, she has been stationed at Pike Lake where her work includes public forest management, private forestry, vegetative invasives control, and working with various groups, including the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association.

This was the third year in a row that our Wisconsin Michael W. King Memorial Field Forester of the Year has gone on to

receive this national recognition. Previous award recipients were Ray Amiel in 2006 and Nina Stensberg in 2007.

Nina Stensberg has over 30 years of service with the Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry, providing forest management services and advice to the forest landowners. She has served as the principle forester overseeing the forest management for 940 landowners on 55,775 acres in Adams County as well as serving as the leading forester providing management services on the nine Adams-Friendship School Forest properties of 428 acres. Stensberg is also very involved with the American Tree Farm program. Stensberg's commitment to private landowners has been her hallmark and it stood the test of two major disasters – an F-1 tornado that struck Adams County on June 23, 2004 causing

extensive damage to approximately 9,000 acres as well as the May 5, 2005 forest fire known as the Cottonville Fire that burned 3,410 acres in Adams County.

Following both catastrophic events, Stensberg served as a vital advocate for forest landowners. She took the lead in providing resources for landowners and was available 24/7 to answer questions and help connect

landowners to loggers for salvage cuts; finding markets for the wood and helping landowners work through the bureaucratic maze to apply for emergency and cost-share programs. Stensberg has also facilitated an annual tree planting field day as well as participating in the local conservation field days for local middle school children.



Julie Peltier



Nina Stensberg



*Think Spring ...
Think Tree Planting!
Make plans now for
Arbor Day 2009*

AWARDS

Kotar Named SAF Fellow



Dr. John Kotar (left in photo) receives congratulations from Wisconsin SAF Chair Jim Kerkman on being selected as a Society of American Foresters fellow. The title of "Fellow" is bestowed on a very select group of members in honor of their outstanding contributions to the Society and to the forestry profession.

Dr. Kotar has been actively involved in Wisconsin forestry since 1961 and was the 1999 recipient of the Wisconsin SAF John Macon Award. He retired from UW-Madison in 2004, but has remained active through his consulting business and in SAF, the Forest History Association of Wisconsin and other organizations.

Dr. Kotar developed the Forest Habitat Type Classification System used as the common tool in Wisconsin for site assessment of the ecological potential for forest management. The use of this site and vegetation classification tool to evaluate site quality, successional potentials, and ecological alternatives, and to develop management objectives and silvicultural prescriptions has become fundamental to forest management in Wisconsin.

He has also worked closely with a broad range of forestry and wildlife professionals, public institutions, and private organizations throughout his career and has provided practical guidance to a generation of natural resource managers. Although he has primarily worked in the research and extension arenas of Wisconsin forestry at the field and site level, Dr. Kotar has had a tremendous impact on natural resources policy as well, serving as a technical expert and trusted advisor.

Dr. Kotar is an active SAF member and a leader at the local, state and national levels. He served on the national SAF council from 2002-2004 and received the national SAF award for technology transfer and extension in 1993.

Jones received 2007 John Macon Award

The John Macon Award recognizes an outstanding SAF member from Wisconsin who has made an outstanding contribution to forestry in Wisconsin and that was Ron Jones from the Fox Valley Chapter in 2007. Although the Fox Valley Chapter is the smallest unit of Wisconsin SAF, it has never failed to offer an outstanding, thought-provoking statewide meeting when its turn comes around. This was again the case this past November 11-12 when they organized a conference on the role of trees and forests in mitigating climate change. And, as always, Ron Jones was a crucial player in the success of this meeting.

Jones is a leader who holds the chapter together by working behind the scenes in his quiet, unassuming way. He has been an active member of SAF since 1978 and values SAF as a vehicle to get foresters from all walks of the profession together on a regular basis to discuss the issues. Jones joined Wisconsin DNR in 1979. His passion is working with private nonindustrial forest landowners, helping them see the value of managing their forests sustainably. Over the past 30 years he has become a recognized expert on the subject and has participated in numerous committees and advisory groups dealing with private forestry issues and northern hardwood management. He enjoys sharing his technical expertise as he mentors young foresters and educating forest landowners through a variety of outreach efforts.



Jones received another prestigious honor recently - the 2006 Forestry Career Achievement Award from the DNR Division of Forestry - and is shown here (in the middle) accepting that award from SAF members Paul DeLong (DNR Chief State Forester) and Tim Mulhern (retired DNR Deputy State Forester).

Melick honored for 75 years of SAF membership

Max Melick was presented a Special Recognition Award by the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters on March 19, 2008 for 75 years of membership in the Society of American Foresters at the spring conference banquet in Waukesha, Wisconsin. His career in the Forest Service spanned 38 years of service in forestry in Region 9; Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio.

Following are excerpts from write-ups by Will Kiefer (Wisconsin SAF state historian) and Gail Melick Gibson (Max's daughter).

Melick was born in Nebraska, raised in Michigan and attended the University of Michigan, receiving a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Forestry. In March of 1934, Melick and his wife Betty moved to Loretta (30 miles west of Park Falls) where he was assigned to the Loretta CCC camp. At that time, Melick was recognized as one of the youngest foresters responsible for the forestry activities of a CCC camp. His forestry activities included planning and directing timber stand improvement, tree planting, other general forestry improvement projects and forestry training activities.

In 1934, Melick transferred to a land acquisition assignment. From 1935 to 1937, he was assigned as an administrative assistant in land acquisition in the Forest Service Regional Office in Milwaukee in the Division of Recreation and Lands. Melick participated in the acquisition of land that eventually ended up as the Mark Twain NF in Missouri, the Hoosier NF in Indiana, and the Wayne NF in Ohio. As administrative assistant, he helped initiate purchase projects, checked land exam reports, collected data, reviewed and negotiated options, trained personnel and basically oversaw the field operations of the acquisition process.

In November 1937, Melick moved into management of the national forests when he was assigned as District Ranger, Watersmeet Ranger District, Ottawa National Forest. This lasted into the early 1940s when he was transferred to the Iron River Ranger District of the Ottawa as District Ranger. In 1954, he was transferred to the Medford Ranger District as District Ranger on the Chequamegon National Forest in Wisconsin. His major forestry activities as District Ranger were in forest improvement work; timber stand improvement, tree planting, forest fire control and the

other administrative jobs of the District Ranger. Melick remained at Medford until 1965 when was transferred back to the Lands Division, Region 9 Office in Milwaukee, from which he retired in 1972.

Melick is a quiet, unassuming, hard-working individual and was happiest when he was out in the field, according to his daughter. Gail Melick Gibson said, "He did his office work conscientiously, but he declined promotions and preferred to stay a ranger because he enjoyed being in the woods. A really good day for him would be to see a mature, healthy stand of trees."

It was a great source of pride that his son Ross followed him into the field of forestry and, like him, got his master's degree at the University of Michigan. Ross retired just a few years ago after being a geneticist and silviculturist on the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri.

Melick was still successfully hunting geese north of Milwaukee when he was 87 and driving a car at 92. Now 98 years old, Max insists that throughout his career he never did



Max Melick (left) accepts a 75-year membership certificate from Jim Kerkman as Gail Gibson (Max's daughter) watches.

anything special, that he just did his job as well as he could and that it was "nothing out of the ordinary." Foresters do indeed have a long-lasting, positive influence!

Most recent Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame inductees: Dahlie and Skiera

Tom Albrecht, Forestry Hall of Fame Chair

The late Gordon Dahlie of Park Falls was inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame at the Wisconsin County Forests Association Annual Meeting on November 7, 2008. Gordon Dahlie was a founder of the Wisconsin County Forests Association, to represent the counties point of view on statewide issues. He served as the first president in 1968, until his retirement from Price County politics in 1978. He pushed for change in the evolution of the county forest program, to keep them as public lands, with favorable financing, and tax basis.

The legacy Dahlie leaves behind is a solid foundation that insures the on-going practice and continued progress of forestry on Wisconsin's County Forests. For more information, call Wisconsin County Forest Association Executive Director Jane Severt at 715-453-6741.



Above: Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Chair Tom Albrecht (left) and Price County Forest Administrator Pete Bartelt (right) congratulate Dr. James Dahlie on the Hall of Fame induction of his father Gordon.

Below: Past SAF Awards Chair Paul DeLong presents the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame plaque to Mrs. Robert Skiera of Milwaukee.

“The humble community tree that in the past was looked upon as an aesthetic NICETY has now gained status as an ecological NECESSITY.”

**Bob Skiera
1932-2005**

Prior to Dahlie's induction, the most recent inductee was Robert W. Skiera in 2006 – the first urban forester to be inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. Skiera worked for the City of Milwaukee from 1955 to 1990 and was a private urban forestry consultant from 1990 until his death in 2005. One of his greatest challenges, and greatest contributions to the profession, was being able to convince city policy makers to budget not only for the removal of the elms ravaged by Dutch elm disease, but also for their replacement and for the ongoing maintenance of the new forest. Under Skiera's leadership, urban forestry became not just about managing trees, but about managing trees for the benefit of people. He set the standard in urban forest management policy that others still strive to meet, providing Milwaukee with an international reputation. Skiera was a central figure in the development of the principles, practices and profession of urban forest management in Wisconsin and nationally.



The Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame was created to recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the field of forestry in Wisconsin. It was founded in 1984 by a group of public and private forestry organizations. Members of the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Committee include: Wisconsin Society of American Foresters, Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee, Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association, Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry, Wisconsin County Forest Association, USDA Forest Service, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, UW-Madison and UW-Stevens Point.

Persons may be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame by member organizations, representatives of member organizations, or individuals through a member organization. Nominees may be professionals or nonprofessionals in the field of forestry or related fields, living or deceased, resident or nonresident. Eligibility is determined by the person's contributions to the practice and progress of forestry in Wisconsin. Applications are reviewed by the committee each May and successful nominees are inducted at a statewide meeting of a member organization. The Hall of Fame plaques are housed in the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point and can be seen during school hours. You can also view a list of all inductees online at <http://wisconsinforestry.org/history.php>.

Forestry Award Programs: You're a Winner!

Congratulations to all of the SAF members recognized in this issue of the newsletter for their various awards and honors. While receiving an award from SAF or other forestry partners may not make you a millionaire or involve a prize patrol standing on your front porch with champagne and flowers, receiving the recognition is truly an honor — an indication that you have achieved excellence in your profession. It sets you apart from the rest and increases your value in the job marketplace.

SAF conducts awards programs each year recognizing myriad accomplishments. By encouraging excellence and awarding members' achievements, the Society reminds us that a winning performance is worthy of peer emulation.

Do you know of someone in Wisconsin SAF who has gone above and beyond the call of duty? If so, Awards Chair Gary Vander Wyst encourages you to nominate him or her for recognition in one of these categories:

1. The Mike King Memorial Field Forester of the Year Award. The state recipient's name is forwarded for consideration as the District V National Field Forester of the Year. Nominations for this award are due by April 1.
2. The John Macon Award is also unique to Wisconsin and it recognizes a Wisconsin SAF member for their outstanding contribution to forestry in Wisconsin. Nominations for this award are due by Dec.31.
3. SAF Fellow: The Society bestows this title on only about five percent of the members in honor of outstanding contributions to the Society and to the forestry profession. Nominees must demonstrate both a strong continuing commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities and exemplary action, sustained leadership and advancement of the forestry profession in one or more of these areas: application of forestry, education, public policy, research or technology transfer.
4. National Awards: See a listing of these prestigious awards at <http://www.safnet.org/who/nationalawards.cfm>. They are presented at the SAF national convention and nominations for this year's recipients are due by February 28, 2009.
5. The House of Society Delegates (HSD) also offers recognition for chapters, states and divisions. 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.

For nomination details or additional information on any of these award opportunities, contact Wisconsin SAF Awards Chair Gary Vander Wyst at 715-762-1360.

Five Smart Reasons to Be a Member of SAF

1. **Resources you can use.** SAF is equipped to handle your questions and calls for specialized help in natural resources. No matter what on-the-job challenge you're facing, count on SAF to respond quickly and aptly. SAF members serve as a bank of expert advice.
2. **Lifelong learning opportunities.** No one can match SAF's educational advantages. Through workshops, seminars, and conferences, you have a special "pipeline" to new natural resource issues and ideas.
3. **Legislative and regulatory data.** SAF monitors governmental developments likely to affect the success—perhaps even the survival—of natural resource issues. Rely on SAF to carefully track issues in the legislature, courts, and regulatory agencies, and then translate these complicated laws and regulations for you into understandable terms.
4. **Connection to natural resources.** When you're faced with job challenges unique to natural resources, it's smart to talk and network with colleagues who have lived your experience. SAF holds the collective wisdom of members representing the full spectrum of forest resource industries and companies with a range of financial resources. Swap ideas and compare notes with fellow members at SAF events. Pursue ongoing friendships with mentors and counterparts alike.
5. **Create the future.** Today there's no room for surprises in natural resources. You have to be prepared for challenges to come so you can manage them. SAF helps identify those challenges for members, and helps you anticipate and organize ways to overcome them. A variety of programs and services — both tangible and intangible — are working on your behalf.





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Scholarship to UW-SP student

UW-Stevens Point student Benjamin Vondra received a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year from the Ben Meadows Company. They offer two awards annually – one for leadership (presented to Vondra) and the other for academic achievement.

These awards to students enrolled in natural resources programs are administered by SAF and eligible students are encouraged to apply for the 2009 scholarships by the June 30 deadline. Details are at <http://www.benmeadows.com/scholarships/>.



Sources for Free GIS Software and Data

Compiled by Mike Schreiber, UWSP Student Chapter

www.forestpal.com ForestPal.com; portal site with a great variety of links to potential GIS data and program options; most have some associated cost.

www.forestpal.com/fgis.html includes a link for a free GIS viewer/editor that is compatible with all common GIS file extensions. Of course, a GIS suite isn't of much good without data, so here are some sources for free digital raster graphics, orthophotos and digital elevation models.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/maps/gis/> source of DEM, DRG, Soils, Landcover, MFL, County Forest and a host of other layers.

<http://www.sco.wisc.edu/orthocat/> Catalog of sources of orthophotography for the state of Wisconsin.

www.wisconsinview.org source of orthophotos; can be downloaded for free on a by-county basis; downloaded in .zip format and still can take up to 20 minutes to download on high speed internet.