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It's hard to believe it is January 2009! 2008 went by so fast. So this will be a "2008 – the year in review" news letter for the Southeast Chapter.

Chapter Meeting Notes

On February 12, the chapter meeting was a snowy day with 8 members attending. We had 2 members receive 50 year membership certificates - Al Johnson and Vern Lindholm. Congratulations to Al and Vern. Randy Cooper also agreed to serve as Chapter Chair. Thank you to Randy.

On March 19 and 20, the chapter hosted the statewide meeting. The topic was "Changes in Forest Ownership". It was well received and we made a little money - \$988 with 75% going to the state society and 25% going to the chapter. So the chapter received \$247. The Foresters Fund netted \$496. The UW Stevens Point Student Chapter also had a raffle with the proceeds to assist with the costs of the 1st Annual Midwest Quiz Bowl and Games. The students raised \$114 and the state society assisted them as well. A thank you goes to the planning committee: Sam Radcliffe, Randy Cooper, John Eschle, Al Johnson, Hank Kleppek, Jeff Kante and Julie Peltier. Sam also receives a huge THANK YOU. The meeting topic was Sam's idea and he contacted most of the presenters.

Chapter member Max Melick received a 75 year membership certificate from the National Office. Max joined SAF in 1933. A few words about Max's career: *Max attended the University of Michigan, receiving a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Forestry. In March, 1934, Max and Betty (his wife) moved to Loretta, Wisconsin (30 miles west of Park Falls) where Max was assigned to the Loretta CCC camp. Max is a very quiet unassuming hard working individual. When asked about his activities and anything special he did in his career, his answer was simply; "I did my job – nothing special."* The complete write up will be posted on the State SAF Website. We are still waiting to see it in "The Forestry Source".

On June 26, a meeting was attended by 13 members. Topics and discussion was varied.

Chapter Activities

On May 28, there was a “Walk in the Woods” with students from Plymouth Elementary. Topics covered were Tree and Plant Identification, Logging and Forest Products, and Forest Wildlife. Jeff Kante, Missy Sparrow and Julie Peltier were presenters. There were 47 students. It was a good day.

Ag Venture Day during the state fair was Tuesday, August 5. In past years the event was held in the coliseum, but this year it was held in the Rabbit and Poultry Palace. Julie Peltier and Randy Cooper dropped off the SAF display, the now famous “Kerkman tree display” and Jeff Kante’s logging diorama the evening before the event. Thank you to Jim for bringing over the display to Julie’s house the weekend before. While the kids made tree cookie necklaces and buttons, parents talked to the foresters about forestry. Thank you to Southeast Chapter members who assisted: Al Johnson, Julie Peltier and Randy Cooper. Thanks to DNR LTEs Chris Martin and Cody Didier. Also a special thank you to David Czysz, who came down from Rhinelander to help, as he has for years.

We are proud to say that Southeast Chapter member, Julie Peltier, was the recipient of a 2008 Outstanding Presidential Field Forester Award from the National Society of American Foresters. Peltier is one of 11 foresters (one from each SAF district) to receive this prestigious honor. Peltier is the recipient of the District 5 award, representing Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. She was recognized at the SAF National Convention in Reno, Nevada during the awards ceremony on November 5. Congratulations Julie!

Other News

Chapter membership is at 36 as of December 2008. About 70% of SE chapter members are retired. Welcome to new members Kent Connaughton and Peter Taylor. If you are a new member to the chapter and I have missed you, please forgive me. The National Office previously sent out monthly updates to the state executive members and I have not gotten the lists regularly since last June. The lists I have gotten I have had to request. Hopefully this will change with the new year.

Centennial Green DVDs are available. This is the story of the US Forest Service as told by Wisconsin’s own Big Top Chautauqua. The performance was filmed at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee on April 4, 2007. Here’s how to order them: Individual DVDs are \$18 + \$2.95 for shipping. Send check or money order made out to Sioux River Song Farm, PO Box 97, Washburn, WI 54891. We can get a discount on orders of 10 or more DVDs. Please contact Julie Peltier at 262-670-3404 by March 15, if you are interested. For orders of 10 or more DVDs, the cost per DVD is \$12.61 but this is shipping to a single location.

Chapter Meetings and Field Day Ideas

- 1) Visit the Leopold Center – joint meeting with SW and/or USFS Retirees Association,
- 2) Visit local thinning operations on private or public lands and what types of products are being produced,
- 3) Visit the Mequon Nature Preserve – possible joint meeting with USFS Retiree Association
- 4) Walk in the Woods with Plymouth Elementary
- 5) Ag Venture Day at State Fair, Tuesday of state fair week
- 6) Others

If you have any ideas for a chapter meeting or outing, please inform Randy Cooper at the number below or Julie Peltier at 262.670.3404.

We are currently in need of a chair-elect. Randy's term in office will end in 2010.

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