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As the 4th of July speeds past, we are all reminded just how fast the summers do go.

The last chapter social / meeting was held at the Mineshaft Restaurant in Hartford on June 23, 2005. Sixteen people did come and spend a little time talking with old and new friends. It was a nice evening. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it - John and Jean Eschle, Hank Kleppek, Al Johnson, Rick Hokans, Jim and Kippi Bednar, Gus and Jane Wahlgren, Dave and Betsy Schumann, Bob Bloomquist, Dick Smith, Randy Cooper, Jeff Kante and Julie Peltier. (Sorry to say all the photos turned out blurry!)

Julie presented Gus Wahlgren with his 50-year membership plaque.

Current chapter membership is at 42. I would like to welcome Mr. John Saemann to the chapter.

Mentors are still needed for students and new professionals. If interested, contact Julie.

Wisconsin SAF Returns to the State Fair

The WSAF will host a booth at during the AgVentures Day, Tuesday August 9, at the Wisconsin State Fair. This will be the second consecutive year the Communications Committee and the Southeast Chapter are partnering to provide forestry information to fair goers. The day long AgVentures program is designed to bring children in contact with the agriculture industry through "hands on" exhibits. Last year the coliseum was filled with displays from many agriculture industries. In addition to live pigs, cows, sheep and horses, there was information about genetics, crops, and equipment.

The WSAF booth will be similar to last year with a display featuring forest products, forest insects, handouts on forestry information and button making. The children will have the opportunity to color drawings of tree leaves and make buttons from the drawings.

August is just around the corner so if you would like to help staff the booth you can call Jim Kerkman at 608-388-2102 or Julie Peltier at 262-670-3404. If you are planning to be at the State Fair, stop by and visit us.

We did have some members volunteer at the meeting to assist with Ag-venture Day. But if you are interested, please contact Julie as soon as possible. (Al, Gus and Jane, Dick and Jeff don't need to contact me.)

The next meeting will be August 3 at 10:00 am at the Ice Age Center, located on the Northern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The forest will have recently gone through the forest certification process. The local foresters (Tim Beyer and Julie Peltier) will share their experiences with the certification process and what it means for Wisconsin's state forests. We will have a brief overview of the process and then go out and look at some of the timber sales and areas the certifiers went. If possible we will stop at an active timber sale to take a look at the equipment used and of course talk about silviculture practices. Please R.S.V.P. to Julie by August 1.

We are looking for ideas for upcoming chapter meetings. And your input is needed. Would people be interested in an overview of the American Tree Farm System? GPS?

We are also planning on hosting the fall 2007 statewide meeting. We do have one idea (from Sam Radcliffe) and are looking for any other ideas people have. What would you like to learn more about? Is there some topic you cover in your job but do not have the time to explore it more? Any and all ideas are welcomed.

The next statewide meeting will be November 1-2, 2005 and the SW chapter is hosting. Watch for more information coming to your mailing address. National Convention is October 19-23, 2005 in Fort Worth, Texas. Foresters' Fund for the National Convention is asking for donations. I know the state society will be donating something for the raffle. Would the chapter like to donate anything? If yes, please inform Julie by September 1, 2005.

The Stevens Point Student Chapter is asking for donations to help defray the cost of going to the National Convention. The Stevens Point Chapter does not get any state help whatsoever. Would the chapter be interested in giving a small donation? (I did have someone say we should donate a few bucks towards their trip. Any other thoughts?) The Madison Chapter has not contacted the chapter that I am aware of.

Jeff Kante submitted the following article.

Arbor Day Presentation

Village of Chenequa Forester and SAF member Jeff Kante gave an Arbor Day presentation to the fourth grade classes of Lake Country Grade School. The sixty students were given a lesson on the value of trees to the environment and our economy. From clean water to ping pong balls students learned that the benefits of trees are not always easily apparent as maple syrup or wooden baseball bats.

As is customary with all Arbor Day programs, the students plant a tree. This year a Swamp White Oak x Bur Oak hybrid was planted along the edge of a wetland restoration project on the school grounds. This naturally occurring cross is grown

from collected acorns by Johnson's Nursery of Menomonee Falls and was selected because of its ability to withstand our high PH soils and transplants easily.

A hit with the kids was the appearance of fire engine from the local fire department to water in the newly planted oak tree.



If you have any stories or events you would like to share with the members, please submit them to Julie or Jeff and we'll get them in the local or state newsletter and on the website.

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