

SWPWO



July 2006

Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners

SWPWO Summer Tour

Saturday, July 8

"What You Don't Know About Roads In Your Woodlands Can Hurt You"

Access to woodlots is a very important concern when it is time to do clearing or harvesting. Many loggers build roads for you as part of the timber sale. There are good roads and there are roads that can cause you more problems later. We'll tour Arlyn Perkey's tree farm in Greene County and see first hand the factors involved in building and maintaining a woodland road. Tour will be held at

Arlyn Perkey's Tree Farm and Stewardship Forest in W. Greene County, PA.

Meet at: Building #10, Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA at 12:30 PM. Tour begins at 1:00 at the tree farm.



Farewell message from Our Forester and Advisor

After thirty four years with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, I will be retiring on July 21, 2006. I can remember starting out as a young forester in 1972. The time has gone by so quickly. I have really enjoyed working with and serving the woodland owners of Greene and Washington Counties. It has truly been a rewarding and fulfilling experience. In one of Robert Frost's poems he says: ' My object in living is to unite my avocation and my vocation as my two eyes make one in sight.' This certainly has been my experience as a forester. I have felt both privileged and thankful for my job. It's so very satisfying to drive by properties on which trees were planted when I first started, and now to see them growing and thriving.

Everyone has been such a pleasure to work with. Thank you all for your cooperation and for the good times we had together. I'm sure I'll find plenty to keep me busy in retirement. I'll be staying in our home in Waynesburg and taking care of our own woodlands.

Best to you all.

By Bill Wentzel, our very own Forester and Advisor from the PA Bureau of Forestry.

Note from the Officers

We can't believe our young and vigorous advisor, Bill Wentzel, is retiring! We do hope that we will still see him at our meetings, as Bill is a founding member of this organization and has done a lot of work to keep it going. We could not let him retire without thanking him for his dedication so we are planning a small celebration during our annual picnic on October 21, 2006. More details will be forthcoming. Bill, we wish you well in your retirement and don't be a stranger.

Committee for the year 2006

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SWPWO Website

The SWPWO official website can be accessed at the following address www.cs.pitt.edu/~daley/swpwo.

This website is available to us because of the talents and time of webmaster and officer, Bob Daley. The SWPWO website has the calendar of events for 2006.

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Calendar of Events

August 12 Summer Tour

George Marinchak's Tree

Farm George Marinchak's Woodland in SW Washington County, PA

Time: 12:00 PM

Meet at: Building #10, Greene

County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA, or Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA (meet 12:30 PM)

September 13 Meeting

Forest Stewardship Plans:

How To Bill Wentzel, Service Forester, PA Bureau of Forestry
Panel: Maria Piantanida, Bob Daley, John Burnham

PA Game Commission Deer Management Program

Update Roxane Palone, PA Game Commissioner

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Building #10, Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

September 23*** Field Trip

Forest Stewardship in

Action Sunset Woods Tree Farm in SW Washington County, PA

Time: 12:00 PM

Meet at: Building #10, Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA, or Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA (meet 12:30 PM)

October 21 Picnic

Time and Place to be determined

November 9 Meeting

Growing Chestnuts: Seed Management, Grafting, and Planting

Greg Miller, Empire Chestnut Company

Note Unusual Day **Thursday**

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: First Floor Meeting Room, Courthouse Square Building, 100 W. Beau Street, Washington, PA

November 11 Field Trip

Time and place to be determined

*** Note new date

