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Letter from the President

A **highlight** of belonging to Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) is its annual statewide meeting. The meeting is four days in September and is held somewhere different each year. This year it is being held at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo on September 13th –16th. You have the opportunity at these meetings to network with fellow landowners who have common woodland interests. You will also have the opportunity to learn and see many different things at this meeting. Tours, unique workshops, and presentations are offered along with our annual business meeting.

Some of the exciting events being plan for this year's WWOAA annual meeting are:

- Thursday workshops on scrap booking to document activities on your land, prairies, working with your legislator and a biking tour.
- Friday tours being planned include a landowner equipment demonstration, the Baraboo Hills, small woodland opportunities, Leopold Legacy Center, International Crane Foundation, and a boat trip.
- Saturday morning is the annual business meeting, reports from the legislative committee and the WWOA Foundation. Keynote, Chief State Forester, Paul DeLong, will present the future of private forestry assistance in Wisconsin. Some afternoon concurrent sessions will include a deer panel and discussion, Baraboo Hills birds, Emerald Ash Borer, consulting foresters and world timber markets. On Saturday evening, we hold the WWOA annual banquet with WWOA and the American Tree Farm awards.
- Sunday, it is out to the woods. Tom Powers will be hosting our field day at his Three Springs Tree Farm near Hill Point, Sauk County. This hands on field day offers a variety of stations and a chance to ask questions of the experts.

The annual meeting is a great place to meet fellow landowners. I hope to see you there!

Dale Zaug, President
Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

Words from the Chair

"When It Rains It Pours". You may have seen this statement before on the label of a salt container.

"When It Rains It Pours" also refers to the successes Wisconsin has had competing in the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year program. Many Wisconsin Tree Farmers have been named "Regional Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year": Ernest Brickner(1978), Jack Whirry(1982), Albert & Marion Deppeler(1985), John & Rosemary Bazile (1986), Jack & Jane Edson(1993), Don & Dave Solin (1995), Don & Rachel Jordan(1996), Glenn & Evelyn Charlson(2000), Jim & Marlene Zdanovec(2004). Wisconsin also was awarded two National Outstanding Tree Farmers, Don & Rachel Jordan (1996) and Jim & Marlene Zdanovec(2004).

Now for 2007, Wisconsin was awarded the opportunity to hold the **2007 National Tree Farmer Convention** in Madison, WI on October 11-14th, with events starting on October 9th.

The convention will provide attendees with many exciting forestry-related seminars in addition to time for networking, fellowship, and meeting other folks from around the United States. The event culminates with a banquet honoring the Regional and National Outstanding Tree Farmers and Inspectors of the Year.

Attendance at the convention is open to the public. Registration materials will be included in the complimentary July/August issue of the Tree Farmer magazine and will also be posted on the Tree Farm web site at www.treefarmssystem.org.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee at wtfc@athenet.net or by phone at (715) 445-5991.

We appreciate your support,

Tom Jacobs, Chair
Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee

Call for Nominations

The WWOA Nominating Committee is looking for people to fill four WWOA Board of Director positions that will become vacant at the close of the 2007 Annual Meeting in Baraboo in September. Directors whose terms are expiring are Merlin Becker, Eugene Roark, Penny Shackelford, and Jim Zdanovec.

To qualify as a candidate for the WWOA Board of Directors, one must be a voting member of WWOA (owning 10 or more acres of Wisconsin woodlands) and agree to uphold WWOA's Purpose and ByLaws. Candidates must be willing to give time and energy to help enhance and achieve the goals of WWOA through their work on WWOA's board, committees, and chapters. Candidates elected must sign a Conflict of Interest policy.

Please contact Nominating Committee members, Jim Zdanovec at zdanovecj@new.rr.com or 920-233-1948 or Donna Johnston at johnfor@ez-net.com or 920-848-2026 or Jan Lehrer at leelehrer@wi-net.com or 715-677-3850 or the WWOA office at wwoa@uwsp.edu or 715-346-4798 if you are interested or wish to nominate a fellow WWOA member. Biographical sketches must be received by the WWOA office, PO Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481 by *May 26, 2007*. Ballots will be mailed to all voting WWOA members in June 2007.

2007 Annual Meeting

Now is the time to mark your calendar for WWOA's 2007 Annual Meeting on September 13-16 in Baraboo. Get to know someone new, who might turn out to be your woodland neighbor. WWOA members are invited to come for an event, a day or the whole weekend. Join us for a variety of workshops, tours, speakers, field stations and exhibitors, with plenty of time to make new friends.

Fellow WWOA members will be presenting their experiences on Thursday evening. New attendees are invited to attend a special reception just before the Friday social and dinner. Saturday evening help us in honoring WWOA and Tree Farm award winners. Then enjoy a beautiful fall Sunday at Three Springs Tree Farm.

Make your hotel reservation at the Ho Chunk Casino and Convention Center (www.ho-chunk.com) in Baraboo. WWOA's special conference room rates are \$60/night plus tax. Reserve your room now by calling 800-746-2486 ext. 7878 and stating that you are with "WWOA" to receive the discount rate. Meeting registration packets will be in your mailbox in early July. We look forward to seeing you there!



WWOA's Website

Mark www.wisconsinwoodlands.org as one of your favorite websites to stay up-to-date on woodland owner information. Visit *Join Today* for a copy of our membership application—WWOA members can give the gift of a first year regular or associate membership for only \$20. Check the *What's New* for new or late breaking information or public hearing dates. *Events* has a calendar of events. *Chapters* has a map of our chapters and chair contact information so that

you can meet local members and join in local activities. *About Us* has WWOA organizational information including our bylaws, strategic plan, and committees. *Resources* button has links to WWOA brochures and sample timber sale contract along with an extensive listing of interesting websites. *Gift Shop* has photographs of all our products along with an order form. Video-tape rental form is also here.

National Convention features Field Day at Arington Tree Farm

The Arington Tree Farm in Cambridge, WI will be the site for the Saturday Field Day during the National Tree Farmer Convention.

This 100-acre Tree Farm, about 20 minutes from Monona Terrace, includes 40-50 acres of young planted stock, 10-15 acres of hickory/oak type, and a diverse marsh area. Joe Arington and Cathy Lorang will be our hosts for the day, and will welcome attendees on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007.

The Field Day will feature seminars on invasive species, deer damage control and the use of fencing, pine thinning, prescribed burning, wetland management, pond management, BMPs (best management practices), growing trees for landscape stock,

and a seminar on bat behavior and biology.

Also featured will be demonstrations of lumberjack sports, chainsaw carving and the use of portable sawmills, a wood bowl turning demonstration, an ISA Certified Arborist tree climbing demo, and a demonstration featuring live pheasants, and live music courtesy of the Lonesome Rogues. Visit www.treefarmssystem.org or www.witreefarm.org for more convention updates.

A Saturday-only rate for attending the Saturday Field Day will be offered as part of the registration materials, soon to be available on www.treefarmssystem.org registration option.

Win a Bad Boy Buggie !

You can enter a drawing to win a new Bad Boy Buggie by purchasing a raffle ticket as part of a joint fundraiser being held by the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee and the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. Visit www.badboybuggies.com for a description of the 4WD electric all-terrain vehicle.

Only 3,000 tickets will be sold, with the proceeds to be split between the two organizations to assist in providing forestry outreach for woodland owners, and to promote sustainable forestry in Wisconsin.

Tickets will be \$5.00 each, and will be available at events including the WWOA Annual Meeting and the National Tree Farmer Convention.



ATFS joins organizations supporting the 25x'25 Initiative

The American Tree Farm System (ATFS) recently announced its support for the newly organized 25x'25 program. This program envisions by 2025, America's fields, farms, and forests will provide 25 percent of this nation's consumed energy. For more information on the 25x'25 Alliance, visit their website at <http://www.25x25.org>

The technology involved for converting wood into ethanol, especially wood from hardwood forest resources like those found in New England and the Lake States, is getting a serious look in light of recent developments in energy markets. Federal and state tax incentives will likely be necessary in developing the increased production of ethanol, and the forestry community will be a significant source of the raw materials necessary to produce ethanol.

This could present a good opportunity for forest owners to seek new uses for low-value wood products (pulpwood). "Wood just makes sense as a significant portion of our bioenergy needs. Think about its advantages over annual crops. It requires less chemicals and fertilizers, is available year-round (unlike corn). Its process are much less volatile than the traded grain commodities. It covers nearly a third of the nation, and it is a more efficient energy collector; What's not to like ?!" - Bob Simpson, Senior Vice President, Forestry Programs, American Forest Foundation.

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