



Allegheny Foothills Chapter Newsletter

Chairman's Corner

As I write this, I am in Menomonie, WI where I will be auditing a 'float glass' operation for the next few days. This is a plant that has seen an amazing change due to applied technology of the computer age, including robotics. It (applied technology) has made them more efficient and reduced back injuries.

Because I grew up on a dairy farm which also had timber, I have become fascinated with technology applied to two areas historically not associated with "high tech": forest products and dairy farming.

In the past twenty years I have seen how lasers and computers increase yield and reduce waste from logs in

some of the larger mills. Although I currently don't have any mills as clients, I continue to find it interesting.

This week I have been given a chance to visit a dairy farm that has been converted to "robotic milking". Although I have explored this on the internet, and we do have installations in New York State, it will be my first chance to see one up close. I am looking forward to it.

Hope this finds everyone well on their way to having an active, informative and enjoyable Summer including the NYFOA-AFC picnic, county fairs and woods walks.

-Bill Dorman

Mark Your Calendars—2014 NYFOA AFC Dates

- July 12—Rupp Family Forest (Catt. Co.) Annual Picnic & Steering Committee Meeting
- County Fairs: Allegany July 14-19; Chautauqua July 21-27; Cattaraugus July 28-August 1
- August 2—Woods Walk, Morabito's property; Truck Road Building for Forest Products
- Woodsmen's Field Days— Boonville, NY August 15-17
- September 20—Woods Walk, Otis Barber
- October 13— 12:00 R&B Restaurant, Randolph, NY Steering Committee
- December 6—Christmas Holiday Party

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July 12th Summer Picnic-Rupp Family Forest, Cattaraugus County

The 2014 Annual Summer Picnic will be held at the Rupp Family Forest on July 12th. Drinks will be provided, please bring your own lunch. There is no formal program, just an informal get-together to sit around and talk or enjoy the hiking trails. Trees will be marked for an upcoming timber sale.

The Rupp Forest borders 1,000 acres NY State Forest; it is a beautiful location to enjoy as you wish. Feel free to bring a comfortable lawn chair, limited seating will be available.

From NYS Route 353 (South of Cattaraugus Village) take Gowin Gulf Road up 1-1/4 miles. Bear left at the fork; come up another 1/4 mile—7009 is on your left, West side of the road. Drive in; lots of parking space is available. Drinks will be provided, but bring your own lunch picnic-style. Stay as long as you wish.



It is Fair Time Again!

Submitted by the Fair Committee

Fair dates: Allegany County Fair July 14 to July 19

Chautauqua County Fair July 21 to July 27

Cattaraugus County Fair July 28 to August 3

Working a shift or two at the NYFOA displays at the fair is a very enjoyable and informative way to spend part of a day as one gets to meet with and discuss with others from various locales about a variety of subjects relating to the woods. We have found it to be a great opportunity in increasing memberships while promoting good forest stewardship. It would be most helpful to have 2 or more people per shift to sign up.

To sign up to be part of the Allegany or Cattaraugus County fairs contact Jeff Rupp at 257-5652. For the Chautauqua County Fair contact Dennis Dragich phone (716)386-5897, or email dpdragich@windstream.net. To help set-up or tear-down our display, phone-Dennis (716)386-5897 or Tony Pingitore at (716)962-4041, or email Tony at tonyfp231@gmail.com .

Woodworkers or crafters that would like to showcase handy works made from their own or other local woods please contact Jeff Rupp or Tony Pingitore as noted above. Your items can be placed on display only, or put up for raffle towards our Youth Forestry Outreach Fund.

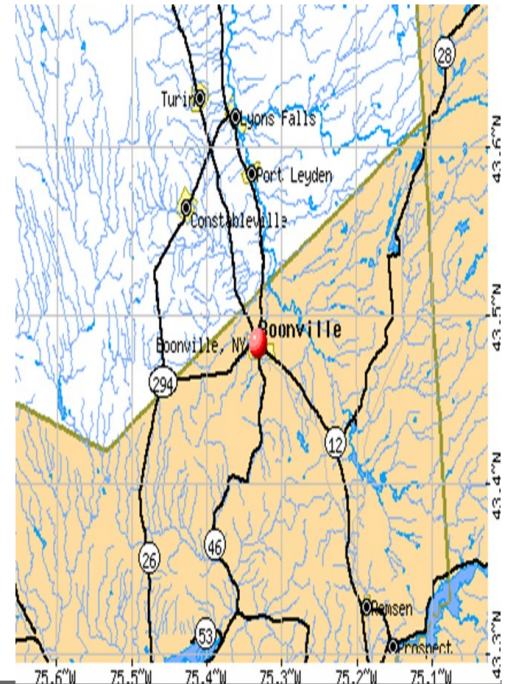
If you have any suggestions for improving our display or recruiting new members please submit your comments to Jeff, Dennis, Tony, or any of our officers, our contact information is always available in the NYFOA newsletters.

Woodsmen's Field Days August 15th-17th

Submitted by Tony Pingitore

The annual Woodsmen's Field Days are held in Boonville, NY, this year on August 15, 16 and 17th. This is an impressive three day show of everything related to Logging and Forestry. There are countless displays of equipment and tools, demonstrations and competitions. Jack and Jill Lumberjack, Junior Lumberjack, and Game of Logging competitions are held. There are also skidding, log loading, and horse skidding contests. The contests are fun, exciting and educational. There are a series of free workshops which prove very valuable to both woodland owners and the general public. There is always a wide variety of food available on the grounds!

If any MFOs or interested and active NYFOA members would like to attend and help assist with the workshops or help man the NYFOA/MFO display contact Walt Friebel, Forest Education co-chair at (315) 202-4027.



Chamberlain Forest Woods Walk Notes

Submitted by Jeff Rupp

Eighteen interested NYFOA members and friends representing the Allegany Foothills, Niagara Frontier and the Western Finger Lakes Chapters gathered at the Chamberlain farm and forest May 17th, near Angelica, in the Genesee River Valley, where Rob Chamberlain and Tom Frair led the group on a guided tour of Rob's forest.

Rob is the 3rd generation to both live on and manage the property. Originally a dairy operation, Rob now raises beef cattle. In addition he tends the forest of approximately 300 acres, while also contract logging. Diverse species (both hard and soft wood) dot the Chamberlain landscape, with a well-tended maple sugar bush and some outstanding stands of red oak and white pine.

Tom Frair, an associate with Bruce E. Robinson, Inc. Forestry Consultants, and author of a management plan done several years prior, provided tour-goers with management details.

Historical use is evident. Portions of a long-abandoned railroad bed are now used as access roads on this property—remnants of commercial transportation (perhaps for saw logs and timber) developed and used by early settlers. Remnants of old barbed wire and woven wire field fence were deeply embedded in climax forest trees. Cooperating weather (no rain after a considerable stretch of rainy days) provided an enjoyable woods walk for all who attended in the heart of Allegany County.

Firewood Alert - Don't Move Firewood! A [regulation](#) prohibits firewood from being brought into New York unless it has been heat treated to kill pests. The regulation also limits the transportation of untreated firewood to less than 50 miles from its origin. For more info visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html>

Big Problems from Tiny Invaders—7 minute video of interest to woodland owners on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyXaDe5GZIE&feature=youtu.be>

Barber's Woods Walk, September 20th

Submitted by Otis Barber

On September 20th, Otis Barber will host a Woods Walk on The Barber Family Woodlot located at 6399 Route 380, Sinclairville, N.Y. from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Attendees will be looking at a site for a future pond, a timber stand improvement in progress, and a cabin under construction. Transportation during the walk will be available for those who have difficulty walking. DEC Forester Jeff Brockelbank will be present to discuss Timber Stand Improvement, Beech Control, etc.

Afterward, a light lunch will be provided for those who may be interested in further discussion. Please contact Otis Barber@ (716)962-8175 for further information or for those who wish to be expected for lunch.

Skidding a few Logs

Submitted by Tony Pingitore

How would you like to skid a few logs without the use of a lot of equipment? This past winter I found how a skidding cone does slick work! The cone is a large bullet shaped cone made of high-performance polymer plastic. It fits over the end of a log up to 20 inches in diameter. The chain runs through the hole in the nose and around the log. The opposite end is designed to attach to a tractor or ATV. The cone will ease the log over obstacles, through brush and will slide the log along without tearing up the ground.

On frozen ground in about a foot of snow, my grandson and I, skidded out three 17 foot hemlock logs, the biggest being 17 in dbh and the cone worked great! Even with no snow, it still does minimal damage to the ground! One word of caution... don't try to pull it off the end of the log by putting your fingers in the hole while the chain is still in there- it hurts! With that being said, the cones cost; ~\$160.00 +shipping.



Conifer Planting

Submitted by Jeff Rupp

On April 19th and May 3rd the Ackley Family Farm on Broadway Rd. (County Road 4) in the Cattaraugus County Town of Persia was a site of a public highway windbreak tree planting project. Sponsored by NYFOA's Allegany Foothills Chapter, and assisted by students in Mr. Schabloski's ECOS club from Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School, the project saw 50 Colorado Blue Spruce and 100 Norway Spruce seedlings planted on 1/2 acre of open farmland adjacent to Broadway Rd.

Several students (some parents), from the ECOS Club, and several local members, friends and families of the NY Forest Owner's Association showed up with shovels to make short work of an investment in the future—hoping to reduce the perennial hazard of blowing, drifting snow in the area. Thank you to all who helped!

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Submitted by Dan Anderson



I know, I know!! I have heard about so many invasive species with possible catastrophic effects that I am at the saturation/defeated point (I also know that I am not alone in this). But this one really got my attention.

In driving down to Harrisburg to attend a National Alpaca Convention we travelled through the State College area of Pennsylvania. The freestone Pennsylvania streams, home to some of my most cherished fly-fishing memories, are typically lined with beautiful stands of hemlock (PA state tree). We drove through miles of dead hemlock trees lining the creeks, all the work of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

It has not yet arrived in our area, although it has crept within a hundred miles in several directions of us. JCC is monitoring several hundred hemlock trees at two local sites (Randolph and Warren). No adelgids were found in our recent survey (W h e w) .

I am calling to arms (eyes?) our AFC members with hemlock trees. The adelgids appear as tiny white masses on the underside of hemlock trees, and are easy to spot (they look like miniature 'Q-tip' ends). Randomly check your hemlock trees, and if you find any, contact your DEC person (Or me). The more eyes we have observing, the better the chances of stopping this i n v a s i o n .

Here is fervently hoping you 'fail' in your endeavor (No adelgids spotted)! (Included photos depict active Hemlock Woolly Adelgid)



Invasive Species Awareness Week July 6th-12th

Submitted by Colette Morabito



“Invasive species affect all New Yorkers – from hikers to highway personnel, from birders to boaters and from farmers to foresters. The **mission** of the New York Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW) is to promote knowledge and understanding of invasive species to help stop their spread by engaging citizens in a wide range of activities across the state and encouraging them to take action.”

Visit <http://www.nyis.info/blog/about/> to learn more about the activities and programs dedicated to this initiative. NY Invasive Species Awareness Week.

Readers: Please feel free to submit a paragraph or two about your favorite tree, animal or bird. Stories about fishing, hunting & other woodland adventures are welcome! Email submissions to ctp11@hotmail.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 12TH

SUMMER PICNIC

AUGUST 2

WOODS WALK MORABITO

AUGUST 15, 16, 17

WOODSMEN'S FIELD DAYS

SEPTEMBER 20

WOODS WALK BARBER

OCTOBER 13

STEERING COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 6

STEERING COMMITTEE/CHRISTMAS PARTY

Welcome New Members: Steve Haskell, Stockton

Total Membership: 287

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(Catherine Heath)

AFC Chapter Service Award Recipient, Otis Barber

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"Otis Barber and his wife Patty live on 64.8 acres, mostly wooded, in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua County, NY, which he is actively managing. Otis is a graduate of a Cornell University Ag program. He has recently resigned as Stockton Town Justice, having served 34 years. Otis got his start in forestry

endeavors at an early age, planting a stand of larch obtained through the FFA at Cassadaga Valley Central with his brother Jim, also a NYFOA member, when they were in high school. This stand has been valuable to Otis in recent years as some has been harvested for lumber for use in his own buildings.

Otis eagerly joined NYFOA in March of 2005 and quickly became an active member. He has attended many woods walks and almost always brings his children, grandchildren and others along to introduce them to forest stewardship. He participates in Webinars put on by Cornell Extension Service. He has served NYFOA by helping at our booth at the county fair and has aided with our nut collection activities, and can be counted on to provide the ham for our Christmas parties. He is always cheerfully available to help where ever need.

Otis served as an effective and dedicated delegate to the state board. He served as chapter chairman for two full terms plus an additional year as interim chair to let our current chair and recent member, William Dorman come up to speed to take over.

Otis is our most recent Master Forest Owner Volunteer (MFO). He completed his training in September of 2013 and is looking forward to getting involved in doing MFO visits.

He has for years been active in the 4H program along with his children and grandchildren. Otis Barber is well-deserving of the New York Forest Owner's Association 2013 Chapter Service Award for the Allegheny Foothills Chapter."



