

# **NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER**

## **COMING NYFOA PROGRAMS**

### **WOODSWALK, CUYLER HILL STATE FOREST, SATURDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Here is a rare opportunity to learn from the master. Our woodswalk will be led by Dr. Ralph Nyland, Distinguished Service Professor from Syracuse University's College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Dr. Nyland is widely published and is the author of the acclaimed book "Silviculture – Concepts and Applications". He has also developed and overseen timber stand improvement projects in several stands within the Cuyler Hill Forest. DEC State Forester Mark Zubal will accompany us on the woodswalk, and will discuss salvage harvesting in several stands decimated by the Forest Tent Caterpillar.

The woodswalk will begin at 9:30 and finish at approximately 12:30. Please call or Email Jerry Michael by May 15<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. We will cancel the event and call you if there is insufficient signup, or if severe weather is forecast.

Directions: Cuyler Hill State Forest is in the NE corner of Cortland County. From the south, take Rt. 26 N through Cincinnatus. Turn left on County Rd. #12 (Lincklaen Rd.) & go 7 mi. Turn left on Randall Hill Rd. in Lincklaen and go 1.4 miles. It is a dirt road after the first half mile. We will assemble at the first intersection (look for NYFOA sign). Anyone interested in car-pooling from Cornell Cooperative Extension in Broome County should assemble in the rear parking lot by 8:00 a.m.

### **FOREST EXPO, SATURDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

This is probably the biggest event the Southern Tier Chapter has ever undertaken! It is a celebration of our local forests, and the many benefits and products they provide. There will be a wide variety of demonstrations, displays and seminars, with an overall objective to educate the public about the benefits of informed and active forest management. It will be held at Apple Hills Fruit Farm in Broome County. Page three of this Newsletter is a flyer with complete details about the **FOREST EXPO**. Members are encouraged to make copies of the flyer and distribute them as widely as you can. As you will see from the flyer, there are events of interest to seasoned forest owners as well as the public-at-large. So come and make a day of it. The restaurant at Apple Hills serves a great breakfast and lunch!

### **GAME OF LOGGING, LEVEL ONE, TO BE OFFERED SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

We have retained Bill Lindlof to teach his Game Of Logging, Level One course on Dana Benjamin's woodlot in Nanticoke on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Level One course includes the basics of chainsaw safety, saw maintenance and directional felling techniques. Each participant will drop at least one tree under Bill's supervision. Bill will also demonstrate the use of ATV logging equipment. The cost of this all-day course is \$132 for NYFOA members (subsidized by the Chapter) and \$152 for non-members. For further information, or to register, call or Email Dana Benjamin at (607) 743-1255 or [dbenjamin4@stny.rr.com](mailto:dbenjamin4@stny.rr.com). Act now because there may not be another Newsletter prior to the event.

## **POT LUCK SUPPER A BIG SUCCESS !**

About 50 members showed up for our January 20<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck Supper. The food was great and plentiful, and the program by Cornell Wildlife Biologist Nathan Roberts was very entertaining. We'll have to do this again next year!

## **JUSTIFYING OUR WOODLAND TOYS**

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Bob Coupal, Editor for the NYFOA Northern Adirondack Chapter Newsletter. I thought it was a helpful testimonial and would be of interest to some of our members. Questions can be directed to Bob at [bob@gompc.net](mailto:bob@gompc.net). )

“Even though it took over 50 years, we finally broke down and bought a tractor last year for our 240 acres of forestland. For three generations we have used shovels, scythe's and sheer will to manage our forest. Although we did replace the hand ax with a chain saw a long time ago, the brute work was still done by hand (or back). The addition of an ATV and then subsequently a UTV was a huge step in efficiency, as we no longer had to carry chain saw, fuel and other supplies to every forestry task.

Once we decided to commit to a tractor (compact = forest trail size) it opened up a whole new level of efficiency and safety. Our 6 miles of ATV width trails can now be cut in one pass and our meadows can be brush hogged in fall after bird nesting season. All in a day vs. a full week of hand held bush blading. One of our concerns was forest impact. We already use logging arches with either an ATV or UTV to remove wood from the forest in a linear path but wanted a tractor to be nimble, but hefty enough to dig and lift when needed. Initially we thought the subcompact size would be best (nimble) but quickly realized the standard compact would be the minimum size due to the heft needed. We chose the Kubota B2630. What amazed us with all the current tractor capabilities regardless of brand is how easily and precise they are to control. JT, our 9 year old, used the mid mount mower right off the delivery trailer that day, cutting one of our easy flat grass roads with confidence.

Then less than 6 months after taking delivery of the tractor, our shallow water line froze from the wellhead to the cabin. Good time to test the backhoe. Wife Sally and JT both pitched in taking turns digging a 4'+ deep trench across our yard and it was nearly effortless. No wasting days of precious vacation time, no organizing rental equipment to be delivered and most importantly no back ache.

### **One of the Many ANBO Grapple Designs**

There is one implement in particular that we "hemmed and hawed" about, but took our dealer's advice when he said, "once you put the ANBO Grapple on you may not ever take it off". This is a wonderful forest tool. I only wish we had it for the ice storm cleanup. The precise handling of the jaws allows you to pick up a 2x6 that is sitting flat on the ground, and has heft enough to lift and place a 8' long Black cherry log that is 24" in diameter on to our band saw mill. You can even drive the lower jaw in to the ground to remove undesirable vegetation or to lift and replant conifers or saplings in another location. We've even used the top jaws while going in reverse to lightly scarify areas in our meadow for some reseeding. Sure enough the front-end loader rests under the tarp! No wonder JT appropriately nicknamed the tractor "Obi Wan Kubota". The force is definitely with us now.”

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# FOREST EXPO – JUNE 5, 2010

**Featuring the Products & Benefits Provided by our Local Forests.**

\*Apple Hills Fruit Farm, 131 Brooks Road, Binghamton, NY 13905\*

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

Woodmizer log sawing demonstrations by Dave Williams at 10 & 11:00 a.m., 1 & 2:00 p.m.  
Chainsaw carving by Gordon & Gini Cook, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 1:30 & 2:30 p.m.  
Horse logging by Donn Hewes and his team, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Hourly seminars on sustainable forestry topics and chainsaw safety  
Woodswalk in Apple Hills forest, led by Consulting Forester Roy Hopke, 3:00 p.m.

## EXIBITORS

Slavin's Old Time Workbench -- studio furniture maker.  
LaDue Music -- custom-made guitars from local woods  
Warner's Woodworks -- demonstration and display of intarsia woodcraft  
Oakworks Studio -- cabinets, mirrors, etc. from local woods, including spalted maple  
A D Bowman & Son -- free drawings for a ton of wood pellets & a truckload of bark mulch.  
Southern Tier Hardwoods Co. -- product display  
Stihl factory trailer with their full line of products  
Olivers Sales & Service -- saws, splitters, tools, etc.

## DISPLAYS & INFORMATION

Department of Environmental Conservation - DEC Forester Gerry Kachmor  
Rogers Environmental Center – Forest habitats for wildlife  
New York Forest Owners Association & Master Forest Owner Volunteers  
Cornell cooperative Extension Maple Syrup Production display  
Wide-board hardwood flooring display.

Apple Hills restaurant is open for breakfast from 8:00 – 10:30 and for lunch from 11:00 – 2:00  
Free Admission. Free Parking. Hours 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

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### **Directions to Apple Hills Fruit Farm, 131 Brooks Road, Binghamton, NY 13905**

**From the North:** Take exit # 7 (Castle Creek) from I 81. Turn right and take Rt. 11 South for 1 mile. Turn right on Brooks Rd. (Route 105) and go 2.6 miles.

**From the South:** Take exit # 6 from I 81. Turn right on Rt. 11 and go .5 mile. Turn left at light by Lowes and go 1.4 miles, still on Rt. 11. Turn left on West Chenango Rd. (Rt. 104) and go 2.7 miles. Turn right on Brooks Rd. (Rt. 105) and go .3 mile.

**From the East or West:** Take Rt. 17 to I 81 North, then follow directions for "From the South".

**From the East Via I 88:** Take exit #2 (Chenango Bridge). Turn right on Rt. 12A West and go .9 mile. Turn left on Rt. 12 South at light and go .5 mile. Turn right on Rt. 11 North at light by Lowes and go 1.4 miles. Turn left on West Chenango Road (Rt. 104) and go 2.7 miles. Turn right on Brooks Rd. (Rt. 105) and go .3 mile.

The New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) was founded in 1963 to promote sustainable woodland practices and improved stewardship of privately owned forestlands. NYFOA's educational mission is pursued through its bi-monthly publication "The New York Forest Owner", workshops and woods walks sponsored by its ten regional Chapters, and through partnerships with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), the DEC and numerous kindred organizations with similar objectives.

The NYFOA Southern Tier Chapter (SOT) includes Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware and Otsego Counties. SOT sponsors several workshops and woodswalks each year, usually in cooperation with county CCE associations. SOT publishes a Fall, Winter and Spring Newsletter to announce programs and other educational information for members.

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