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UPCOMING NYFOA events

December 1 - CNY NYFOA Christmas party at Sandy and Maria Babcock's house at 3174 Thompson Rd., Cazenovia starting at 6:30 pm.

For a \$5/person contribution, you will enjoy a gourmet dinner and a festive evening with other NYFOA members. Please RSVP to Sandy or Maria at 315-662-7707 or email aplstone@dreamscape.com.

We are still looking for a volunteer for the Vice Chairman position. Also, if you have announcements, photos, articles, suggestions etc. of general interest to share, please send them to danielzimmerman57@yahoo.com OR to randi.starmer@gmail.com OR any of the steering committee. In addition to officers listed on the left, Ralph Meyer and Carl Stearns are also Steering Committee members.

Also, Hugh Canham may still be looking for helpers for the NYFOA presentations at the Farm Show in February... Please contact him at 315-430-4972 or by email at hocanham@esf.edu

Chairman Dan Zimmerman's Summary of CNY NYFOA EVENTS in 2017

Hello fellow members!

2017 has been a fine year for our Central NY chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association! Your dues of \$45 has enabled you to attend four great events, with the fifth event (December PARTY) described above!

2017 Summary continued...

In April we had three wildlife biologists, the president of the NY State American Chestnut Society, the executive director of the Empire State Forest Products Association, and a forester (yours truly) each give well-received presentations and in-field demonstrations near Vernon Center, NY.

In August we had our annual picnic in the beautiful setting of Beaver Lake Nature Center featuring good food and discussion of chapter concerns (especially how to involve more members in future activities and reach out to potential new members, perhaps through social media). Unfortunately, weather limited the tour of a timber sale in the area.

The Forest Equipment Demo Day was held September 23rd at Hudson Forest Equipment 8187 State Route 12, Barneveld, NY. The event featured a tour of the manufacturing and retail facilities, historical logging equipment, and the latest in modern forest equipment, production, capabilities, applications, marketing, and modern technological production methodology.

Demonstrations and applications included:

Uniforest demo: log harvesting, low impact logging, log skidders and grapples.

Saw milling demo: portable bandsaw mills - homesteader to professional.

Firewood processing: wood splitters to processors.

The demonstrations were held on owner Dan Hudon's 500-acre forested property with transportation provided via a Hudson four-wheeler and other vehicles. Discussions also centered on forest management, 480a tax law, whole tree chipping, a recent timber harvest, foresters, and wildlife.

There was also a tour of a recently purchased 85-acre parcel featuring a renovated camp and stocked pond. Last stop for the day was a tour of the Hudon's residence which featured many unusual architectural features along with a panoramic view of the southern Adirondacks. Mr. Hudon's wife provided attendees with an excellent lunch. **Many thanks to the Hudon family, Mr. Mike Spadaro (Sales Manager) and Hudson Forest Equipment for one of the best events I've had the pleasure to help organize and attend!**

Photos from Demo Day

Top left : Dan Hudon (center) with Sales Manager Mike Spadaro (left) and Equipment Manager Charles (right)

Top right: Firewood Splitter demonstration

Middle: Portable band saw mill demo sawing a spruce log that was just harvested and bucked to length

Bottom: Attendees with owner Dan Hudon at his recently acquired 85-acre camp and pond

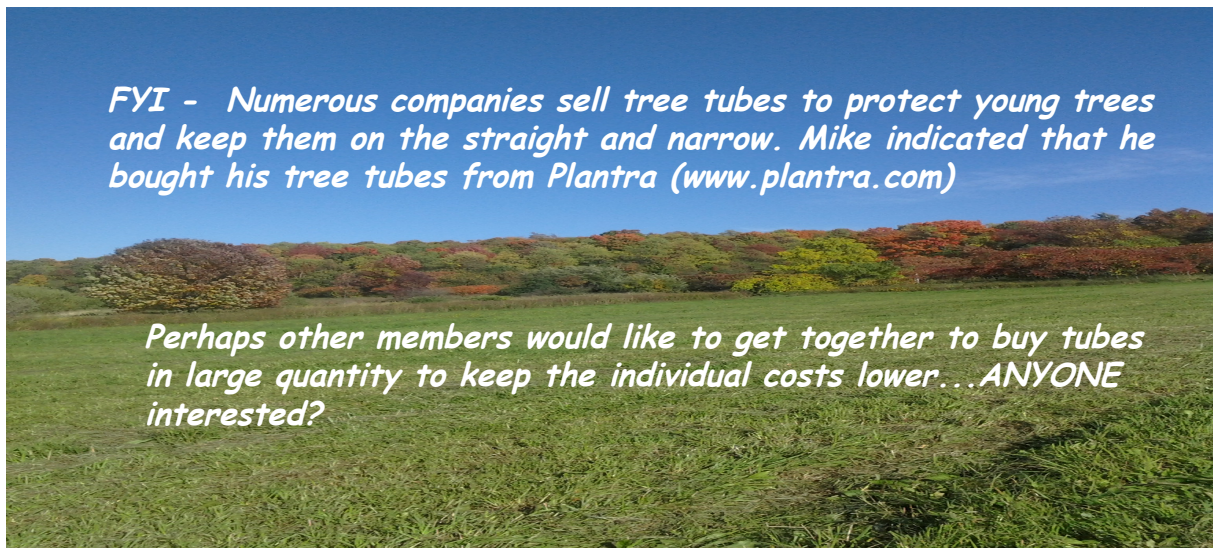


*2017 Summary continued..*October Woods Walk

In October we went to Fulton, NY and toured Mike Gorham's interesting and diverse property. In-depth discussion of forest management projects carried out over many years were extremely informative, together with touring his camp constructed with hemlock harvested right from his property! The camp cabin is off-grid with a water catchment system, a solar pv roof panel and a wood stove. It is a cozy family work-in-progress with many attractive wood finishes. The cabin site is enhanced by the view of a lovely, large pond created by damming a small stream. Mike showed us many of the areas where he has been protecting young trees or planted seedlings, with transparent tree tubes that have really been helpful not only in keeping the trees from being browsed by deer, but also assuring that they will grow straight and tall. Mike is an Arborist, and his insights into constructive pruning and other techniques were an excellent learning experience for attendees. Mike's two sons and wife participated in informing and supporting our tour. Mike's excellent grilling provided a good lunch. It was a beautiful day for a walk in these unique woods.



Mike (with yellow folder), other NYFOA attendees and a small portion of the firewood that Mike has cut for use this year.



FYI - Numerous companies sell tree tubes to protect young trees and keep them on the straight and narrow. Mike indicated that he bought his tree tubes from Plantra (www.plantra.com)

Perhaps other members would like to get together to buy tubes in large quantity to keep the individual costs lower...ANYONE interested?

Looking for the Birds May Lead You to the Bug - Woodpeckers and Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. It probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia. It is also established in Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Missouri, Virginia, Minnesota, New York, Kentucky, Iowa, and Tennessee. In New York it is found in Erie, Monroe, Cattaraugus, Steuben, Ulster and Greene counties.

Since its discovery, EAB has:

- Killed tens of millions of ash trees in the States and Ontario, Canada.
- Cost municipalities, property owners, nursery operators and forest products industries tens of millions of dollars.

EAB attacks all species of Ash (White, Green, Black,). White Ash is native and most common in New York. It is estimated that in New York's woodlots one in ten trees is Ash. Green Ash is very common in urban areas. In order for an individual to look for the bug, one must know what Ash trees look like. A quick search on the internet can help one find out how to identify an Ash tree. Once you know what an Ash tree looks like the next step is to look for signs or symptoms pointing to EAB.

The Emerald Ash Borer is a member of a family of insects called metallic wood-boring beetles (Buprestidae). Adult EAB are a bright metallic emerald green color and can be found from late May to mid-August. Adult EAB average 3/8 inch to 3/4 inch long and 1/6 inch wide. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of Ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients, eventually killing the tree. Attach Picture of EAB- Either the side view or the EAB Penny picture or both

It is extremely difficult to determine whether an Ash tree is or is not infested with the EAB because tree decline is usually gradual. Early symptoms of an infestation might include dead branches near the top of a tree or wild, leafy shoots growing out from its lower trunk. D-shaped exit holes 1/8 inch wide or smaller and bark splits exposing S-shaped galleries are significant signs of EAB. Woodpecker activity might also indicate the presence of EAB.

Now! is the perfect time to look for woodpecker damage in Ash trees. The smaller woodpeckers - Downy, Red Headed, Red Bellied- are the ones going after EAB larvae. Woodpecker damage has been very useful in pointing the way to trees infested with EAB. The damage is particularly obvious now and for the next couple weeks as wood peckers are searching for EAB larvae beneath the bark .While searching for the insects the woodpeckers cause the outer bark to fall off the tree, revealing whitish patches of inner bark. Peeling the bark away to the dead wood will reveal S-shaped galleries, a characteristic exclusive to EAB. IF the galleries are not s-shaped then the larvae is not EAB Emerald Ash Borer is on the move and we must be on the lookout for it. It is very important for citizens to become aware, educated and vigilant. Now is a great time to get out in your yards and woodlots and look for that woodpecker activity on your Ash trees. Go online learn more about this insect pest. Talk to your local Cooperative Extension or DEC Forester.

For more information go to: www.nyis.info , www.dec.ny.gov , www.cce.cornell.edu . EAB Hotline-1-866-640-0652

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Reading Corner - Miscellaneous forestry related items that caught our eye

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