

# The Western Finger Lakes Forest Owner



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## In the Woodlot

by Ed Piestrak\*

On February 17, 2011 I met with our forester Bruce Robinson at our property in Lindley, NY. It was a beautiful warm day but the snow was still a foot or so deep with a layer or two of ice in between. We proceeded to walk up the rather steep incline, and since I am a 'senior citizen' we had to stop every dozen or so steps to catch our breath. Some interesting things could be discussed during these many stops.

One of them was I asked Bruce if a beautiful straight 18" tree that resembled basswood was truly a basswood. He looked it over and related it was a cucumber tree. I didn't realize we had cucumber trees on the property thus I will mark this one with an identification sign.

Further on we saw multiple red barked trees which I thought were fire cherry since they were in a clear cut and resembled cherry. He related they were hawthorn. However a short

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\* Mike Seager, who has been writing this column for some time, is taking a well deserved break. NYFOA member Ed Piestrak has volunteered to write this issue's column. We invite other members to share their experiences and perspectives here as well. Please contact Dick Starr if interested.

## Annual Dinner Meeting

by Dick Dennison

Members, family and friends of NYFOA are invited to WFL's 6th annual dinner and chapter meeting Tuesday November 1, 2011. Appetizers at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 at Monroe County Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY. Speaker's topic is Mountain Lions in New York State, A Survey of Evidence.

A brief chapter meeting will be followed by door prizes and speaker John Van Niel, professor of Environmental Conservation at FLCC. He will discuss the tension between hearsay evidence and that gathered by professionals. Professor Van Niel has an excellent set of visuals and is passionate on this topic. Space is limited to the first 84 people who sign up by sending \$21/person to WFL treasurer Ron Reitz at 6086 Canadice Hill Road, Springwater, NY 14560. Please have your check in by Tuesday October 25th.

Chef Brad Stevenson of Laurier Catering in Mendon will again provide a delicious buffet. Both your Board of Directors and Laurier Catering are trying hard to keep costs down. Chef Brad values this meal as \$25, the same as our first 6 years ago. Your cost is \$21 with the chapter picking up the rest.

We again invite donations of door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be available at \$2/ticket, 3 for \$5. A new wrinkle this year will be a Two-for-One Raffle at \$10/ticket(s). The Two-for-One raffle automatically enters you in the 50/50 raffle with 3 tickets AND you receive one ticket for a drawing to be first or second at selecting from the door prizes.



Lastly, we're very pleased to have a new **Stihl chain saw** donated by Northeast Stihl. The saw is a MS250 with 18" bar given for a silent auction and has a suggested retail price of \$300. Bring your checkbook. We thank Stihl for this generous donation.

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distance further we encountered several fire cherry trees and Bruce explained you can tell fire cherry by rubbing the bark and it leaves a powder type substance. They are very easy to distinguish when you know what you're looking for.

We discussed releasing the multiple oaks, hickories and maples and how you only need to release a small amount of them to become crop trees and they

will be given a good push to dominate the sunlight.

When a landowner walks with a true professional it becomes quite a learning experience. We ended several hours of walking and talking with the intention of meeting in a couple of weeks to embark on a crop tree releasing project. What a healthy, informative way to spend an afternoon in the woods.

*Ed Piestrak, a retired correctional psychologist and longtime NYFOA member, and his family manage a 900 acre forest in Lindley, NY, in Steuben County.*

### Chapter Need

We are seeking someone to coordinate our chapter's display and information booth at DEC Hunting and Fishing Days for September 2012. This is a 2 day event at DEC headquarters in Avon. The primary responsibility is to arrange for volunteers each day to staff the booth. This is an important part of our outreach to educate forest owners about good management practices. Call Dale Schaefer at 585-367-2849.

### Welcome New Members

Anthony Catalano, Lima  
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Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. NYFOA membership can bring returns in the satisfaction of growing quality timber, stabilizing forest industries and markets, providing permanent jobs, increasing the value of your woods, enlarging areas of natural beauty across the state, and leaving behind a monument in living trees to bless the tomorrows for the boys and girls of today. For information on becoming a NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, P.O. Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566. Annual membership is \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families and includes: subscriptions to this newsletter; to the bimonthly NYFOA state-wide publication, *The New York Forest Owner*; attendance at chapter meetings; and at two statewide meetings. Membership at the Contributing level \$50- \$100 and Supporting level \$101 & up) are also offered. For more information visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org).

Readers are encouraged to submit articles for publication in this newsletter. Articles should be mailed or e-mailed to: Richard Starr at the address to the left. Electronic submissions are preferred. Any letters should be sent to the Chair for consideration.

**Note:** The deadline for our next, Winter, issue is December 1st.

# Camera Security (Part 2)

by Dick Starr

Photography (drawing with light) was introduced to the world in 1839 by Louis Daguerre, a French artist and chemist. His name is forever linked with the daguerreotype. Page 86 of the September 2011 issue of Smithsonian magazine states, "The two great wonders of Paris ... are Daguerre's wonderful results in fixing permanently the image of the camera obscura and Morse's electromagnetic telegraph." As early as 1880 researchers were rigging trip wires to camera shutters to take remote pictures of wildlife, an early version of modern trail cameras.

I've been pleased with my 2 trail cams. One is a Wildview purchased for \$100 on sale at Dick's in



Photo courtesy of Dick Starr.

2006. The other is a Moultrie purchased for \$50 in 2007 on close out at K-Mart. How could I turn it down? With each visit to our land I enjoy examining the memory cards to view what the cameras have seen in our absence. Since months often pass between visits, I was frustrated by the relatively short battery duty cycle of 2-3 weeks. Why have a camera

watching for trespassers and wildlife if it's not functioning?

One day while checking the Wildview memory card I noticed a previously ignored socket labeled 12V. A check of the owner's manual said this was for connecting an external 12 volt battery. A car battery was perfect for some experimentation.

I went to my supply of old wall chargers from defunct electronic devices. Sane people throw these away, not me. After locating a stereo plug that matched the camera's socket, I removed the transformer and connected alligator clips to the exposed wires. When connected to the car battery via this home made cable the camera came to life and ran for 3 months.

One must be mindful of battery polarity when doing the above. To determine polarity I loaded four C cells in the Wildview, which it's designed to run on, and inserted the stereo plug into the socket. Using a voltmeter I tested the voltage on the wires coming from the stereo plug to see which was + and ground. Color coded alligator clips were added to the wires, red for + and black for ground.

The Moultrie uses a 6 volt lantern battery and has no external power socket. I added a socket to the case and tapped into the camera's wiring harness noting that for DC, red = + and black = ground. Alligator clips soldered to the stereo plug wires

permitted attachment to a 6 volt tractor battery from Tractor Supply. The camera powered up and functioned for over 2 months.

In the next issue I'll review how I've been able to keep the Moultrie running 24/7 for a year and a half without recharging or removing the battery.

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# Stumpage Price Report

Species	Western/Central Doyle Rule			New York State Stumpage Price Report Summer 2011/#79	
	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)		
<b>Most Common Species</b>					
Ash, White	100-350 (155)	150-400 (250)	250-500 (310)	<b>Sawtimber Price (Including Veneer and Poles) Dollars per Thousand Board Feet</b>	
Cherry, Black	200-800 (450)	400-1000 (635)	600-1200 (855)		
Maple, Red (Soft)	75-200 (100)	125-300 (200)	190-350 (250)		
Maple, Sugar (Hard)	100-500 (330)	200-700 (495)	400-800 (620)		
Oak, Red	100-450 (300)	250-650 (450)	400-800 (560)		
Pine, White	25-100* (50)	50-125* (75)	100-250* (100)		
<b>Less Common Species</b>					
Aspen	10-20** (15)	20-50* (30)	50-50** (50)		
Basswood	25-100* (60)	50-200 (100)	80-250* (150)		
Beech	10-50* (25)	30-100* (50)	50-150* (90)		
Birch, Yellow	50-200 (100)	30-300 (150)	100-500* (200)		
Birch, White	NR	NR	NR		
Butternut	50-250* (150)	100-400* (225)	250-600* (350)		
Elm, American	NR	NR	NR		
Hemlock	20-60* (40)	30-75 (50)	50-125 (70)		
Hickory (spp.)	50-150 (60)	50-200 (125)	100-300* (200)		
Oak, Chestnut	50-250* (125)	80-350* (185)	150-400* (250)		
Oak, White	50-300 (150)	100-400 (250)	200-600 (300)		
Pine, Red	20-70* (35)	50-105** (70)	50-150* (110)		
Spruce (spp.)	25-100* (60)	100-160* (135)	100-210** (130)		
Tulip Poplar	40-200* (100)	75-250* (150)	100-300* (200)		
Walnut, Black	300-1000* (500)	300-1350* (800)	450-3000* (1100)		
<b>Cordwood Price Dollars per Standard Cord</b>					
Aspen	NR	2-5** (4)	NR		
Birch, White	NR	4-7** (6)	NR		
Hemlock	NR	4-4** (4)	NR		
Mixed N. Hardwoods	NR	2-10 (5)	NR		
Pine	NR	2-4** (3)	NR		
Spruce/Fir	NR	2-10** (4)	NR		
Firewood	4-6* (5)	2-10* (10)	12-20* (16)		

**Low Price Range** - reported range of the absolute lowest price paid by survey respondents over the last six months.

**Average Price Range** - reported range of the average price paid for "middle quality" timber by survey respondents over the last six months.

**High Price Range** - reported range of the absolute highest price paid by survey respondents over the last six months.

**Median** - One-half of reported prices are higher and one-half are lower than this price figure.

Doyle, International 1/4" and Scribner Rules - Provide an estimated volume in board feet of a given tree or stand of trees. In most cases, each rule will provide a different volume estimate when applied to identical trees. Each region of the state has a most commonly used rule, but the use of other rules in a region is possible.

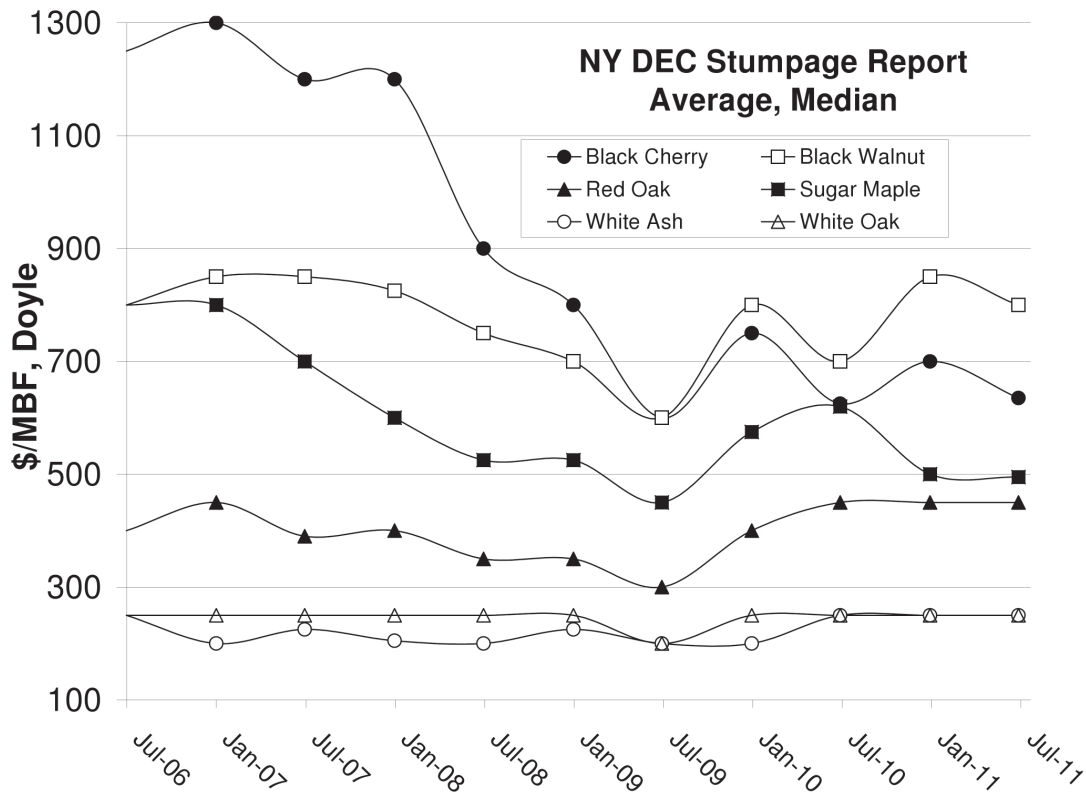
NR - No Report.

\* All price figures in this cell were produced from less than 20 survey responses.

\*\* All price figures in this cell were produced from less than 5 survey responses.

## Tracking Stumpage Prices

WFL Board of Directors member Dean Faklis has been tracking the stumpage price reports for certain hardwoods within DEC region 8 for several years now. Here's Dean's latest graph of the changing median prices...



## Transporting Firewood

You're probably aware that moving untreated firewood more than 50 miles from its source is against DEC regulations. This is an attempt to slow the spread of emerald ash borer and other invasive insects that threaten our forests. The 50 miles is a straight line "as the bird flies" distance, not odometer road miles. Citations are being issued to violators. To be considered treated the wood's core must be heated to 160 degrees F. for 75 minutes.

In addition to the 50 mile limit, transporters are required to carry a Self-Issued Certificate of Source. A copy of this certificate is found on the **next page**. It's included for your convenience and may be copied. It's also available from the state website at [www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/371.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/371.html). Look for the self issued certificate under forest protection.





## Self-Issued Certificate for Transport and Possession of New York-Sourced Untreated Firewood for Personal Use

In accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 192.5, Firewood Restrictions to Protect Forests from Invasive Species, persons who cut and transport Untreated Firewood, from a New York source, for personal use must complete and possess a Self-Issued Certificate of Source from the Department.

1. Name of transporter:
2. Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:
3. Source of transported firewood (Village, Town or City):
4. Destination of firewood being transported:
5. Approximate volume being transported (cords, face cords, cubic feet, truckload, etc.):

I understand that this Untreated Firewood shall not be moved more than 50 miles from its source (as determined according to the regulation).

I further understand, under the regulation, that no person shall transport Untreated Firewood into New York State from any other State or country.

I hereby affirm that under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form and all attachments submitted herewith is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Printed Name and Title of Transporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Transporter and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events

### Woodland Trails & Structures: Creating Your Legacy

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:30PM  
United Church of Christ - Meeting Room  
8758 Main Street, Honeoye, NY 14471

Our guest speaker is Dean Faklis and he will give a presentation on new developments in sustainable design, construction and maintenance of woodland trails and structures for multi-generational ownership. He will discuss the use of key techniques and materials to illustrate how some woodland improvements can provide financial returns and family enjoyment over a century or much more.

Many NYFOA members either own or are now buying rural property for the first time and are seeking information on how best to manage their properties for the ultra long term. While some focus strictly on timber management for the long haul, others are more interested in creating a multi-use and multi-generational meeting place. For the second group, they are interested in ponds, stream crossings, wildlife lookouts, hunting blinds/stands, cabins, barns, lean-tos, trail networks, in addition to timber management. This group seeks to make solid long-term investments in their property and want to use proven methods and materials that stand the test of time.

The presentation will highlight the blending of traditional methods and materials with new technologies towards the goal of offering increased property value and family enjoyment over time frames

### A Gift

Consider giving that special family member or friend a gift membership to NYFOA. Less than 1% of New York's forest owners are members and may not realize what they're missing. Send \$30/membership to NYFOA, PO Box 541, Lima, NY 14485

in excess of one century.

Dean is a Master Forest Owner and lives in Springwater. He enjoys designing and building trail networks and a range of structures, which includes timber frame buildings, timber bridges, lean-tos and wildlife lookouts.



## Classifieds

**Tree Tubes for Sale** - Member/Non-Member price: 4' (\$4.35/\$4.85); 4' w/ stake (\$4.90/\$5.40); 5' (\$4.85/\$5.35); 5' w/ stake (\$5.50/\$6.00). Proceeds benefit WFL chapter. (585) 367-2847

**Tree removal, thinning, cutting** - Canandaigua Area Looking for Hardwood Trees to cut for firewood. Easy take-downs in the open or thinning in the woods. Weekend warrior looking for some outdoor exercise. We can cut on % shares, depending on access, etc. Please call 585-393-5651.

**1947 Ford Tractor 2N (9N-8N)** - Two speed Sherman Transmission, 3 point hitch, belt driven buzz saw. \$2,300 or best offer. Dale Schaefer (585) 367-2849.

**PLEASE NOTE:** SPACE PERMITTING, THE WFL STEERING COMMITTEE ALLOWS MEMBERS TO PLACE FREE CLASSIFIED ADS IN THIS NEWSLETTER PERTAINING TO GOOD STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES. HOWEVER, ADS PRESENTED HERE ARE NOT AN ENDORSEMENT BY WFL.



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## Mark your Calendar!

- **October 19: WFL Board Meeting 7 – 9 Lima Campus GCC**
- **November 1: WFL Annual dinner meeting\***
- **January 24, 2012: General meeting- Woodland Trails and Structures\***

\* See inside for details