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## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

- 1997 – Mel Jenkins
- 1998 – John Torunski
- 1999 – Jim Coufal
- 2000 – Bill Gillespie
- 2001 – Dave Embree
- 2002 – Bernie Carr

## 2003-04 CEFTS OFFICERS

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- TREASURER ? Doug Staiger**  
Haywood Community College

## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT ~ Report from Jeff Dubis

The University of Maine system Board of trustees and the Chancellor of the UMS system released a new proposed strategic plan this spring that will among other things merge the University of Maine at Fort Kent campus with the campuses in Presque Isle and Machias into the University of Northern Maine. This merger will result in the loss of each campus identity and unique mission. A number of positions and programs will also be eliminated with this merger if it goes through. More damaging to the forest technology program however is the plan to eliminate all two-year programs within the UMS system and transfer them to the community college system. The nearest community college to Fort Kent is 60 miles south in Presque Isle and is located on a very unattractive campus that likely will not attract many students from outside the local area. The quality of education would also likely suffer as the community college system in Maine serves more as a vocational education school and less as a community college. This is of course if they even wanted to take over the forest tech program. Fortunately however it appears that the chancellor will likely be willing to allow the program to stay at UMFK because it is a unique program within the state and is crucial to the local region and the college. We should know for sure what our future status is by the end of September.

## RINGLING'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings from your current CEO! I am happy to say that the CEFTS brochure is done, printed and probably will be sent by the time you get this newsletter... and we did it under budget!!! Of course revisions will be made where and when appropriate, the important thing is that we have another "vehicle" in place to publicize what we do. Please bring your final thoughts to our next meeting regarding SAF accreditation vs. recognition....I hope to move on this subject one way or other at this meeting..... take care and we will be seeing everyone soon!

~Dennis Ringling, Chair

## WESTBROOK'S WORDS

As I write this short note, we are on a much appreciated spring break! It has been a long cold winter up here in Northern New York and we anxiously await the warmer weather that should be here soon. I am looking forward to serving CEFTS as the Vice-Chair of the organization. I believe we have a number of important challenges in the months ahead and look forward to tackling them with the membership. SAF Accreditation, relationships between Associate Degree Programs and Bachelor Degree Programs, and enrollment issues top my list of items that we need to focus on in the coming year.

Given the hectic schedules that we all have, it is oftentimes hard to focus on regional or national issues ~ but I hope to focus on some of them in the coming year. If you have any thoughts about these topics or others you would like CEFTS to investigate, please feel free to drop me an e-mail at: westbrook@esf.edu. I look forward to seeing you at our Meeting in October!

~Chris Westbrook, Vice-Chair

**2004 CEFTS MEETING  
to be held in  
Whiteville, NC  
October 6-8**

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM PENN STATE MONT ALTO — AUGUST 2003

### **Vegetation Management at Gettysburg National Military Park**

By Jamie Savage, SUNY-ESF Ranger School

During the afternoon of August 15, following our very interesting and thorough tour of the battlefields, we were treated to a second tour of Gettysburg National Military Park. But this time it would be a tour through the eyes of a National Park Service (NPS) forester, Randy Krichen, and a NPS natural resource specialist, Zach Bolita. In essence, we retraced our steps taken earlier that day, but instead of discussing the strategy and tragedy of battle, we focused on the vegetation—past and present—of Gettysburg. At one stop, we discussed deer management strategies being implemented by the Park Service. Here's what we learned.

Gettysburg NMP is about 6,000 acres in size. About 36% is covered in woodlots from 3 to 104 acres in size. However, not all of today's woodlots are "historic woodlots" and some areas have been converted to farmlands or pastures. As stated in the Penn State publication Woodlots & Landscape Features at Gettysburg National Military Park, "Accurate interpretation of historic military sites and events and the historic landscapes associated with the 1863 battle at Gettysburg is a persistent goal for park management." Accordingly, Randy, Zach and their 3 seasonal employees are charged with creating and maintaining the vegetative conditions that existed at the time of battle.

To fulfill their charge, Randy and Zach are busily involved with several projects. In some areas of the Park, "whole-tree removals" are being conducted in an effort to re-create thickets or open fields. But even in these areas, "witness trees"—tree that were around at the time of the battle—are preserved. In other stands, "health cuts" are being applied in an attempt to eliminate exotic species and/or to re-create the open understory conditions that existed in many of these stands in 1863. Exotics on the "hit list" include plants like multiflora rose, barberry, autumn olive, Norway maple, and tree of heaven. Randy noted that there are 553 plant species native to the Park, and 183 exotics.

Other projects occurring in the Park include orchard replacement, forest re-establishment via planting, thicket development using native shrubs, and the leasing of certain land to local farmers to maintain fields/grasses. Many of the trees cut in the Park are chipped on site, but some of the "whole-tree removal" cuts yield commercial timber products. Some of the woodlots in the Park are used for long-term monitoring and/or silvicultural research.

At our last stop on the tour, Randy and Zach discussed deer management at Gettysburg NMP. With densities hovering around 156 deer/sq.mi., a program was started in 1995 to reduce the size of the deer population. Deer are shot by NPS employees between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. during certain weeks of the year. Spot-lighting and baiting is sometimes used to attract the deer. The deer meat is distributed to homeless shelters throughout the local communities. Although somewhat controversial, the program is generally supported and has resulted in a decrease to 40 deer/sq.mi. The goal is 25 deer/sq.mi.

Ostensibly, Gettysburg is just an area of open fields, scattered woodlots, and granite monuments (1,600 monuments in all!). But our full-day tour of the area, first by a licensed guide and then by experienced NPS personnel, brought to life the historical importance of this sacred ground. Our excellent tour guides helped us realize that Gettysburg *was* the decisive battle of the Civil War, and that the area should be preserved for generations to come lest we forget the cause, spirit, and sacrifice of tens of thousands of our fellow countrymen during those first, hot days of July, 1863.

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### **CEFTS Review of Michaux State Forest Tour**

By Valerie Fox, Hocking College

Our tour started with a brief overview of the iron industry in front of a replica iron furnace at Caledonia State Park. Clearing the land for charcoal used in iron production shaped the area forests. When more easily accessible ore was found elsewhere, the furnaces were deserted and the state park and state forest were formed soon after. The Michaux State Forest focuses its management goals on timber, water quality and less intensive recreation than the neighboring state park. Roles have changed, with rangers becoming first point of contact and law enforcement, and foresters managing the land. The state forest has 9 forestry positions, including three technicians.

Experimental activities take place on the forest. In the area deer is a major concern for regeneration. At Huckleberry Hill a deer enclosure was erected to study the effects of deer browse on regeneration. A notable difference could be seen between the fenced and unfenced areas. The shift to an ecosystem approach to management has lengthened rotations and taken more areas out of the cutting cycle. To maintain a steady flow of timber, age classes are being evened out throughout the forest and the impacts of poor regeneration will be more heavily felt. Experiments with crop tree release to promote red oak are also being conducted.

In a partnership with the National Turkey Federation, the state forest has established 40 food plots in the district to raise the turkey population. Fruit trees were planted and netted to prevent deer scrapings. The field is mowed every two years to keep unwanted vegetation from invading. Tree tubes are also used to aid reproduction. Good luck was had with planting an acorn in the tree tube. By the end of one growing season the trees had mostly reached the top of the tube.

Frequent problems on the state forest property involve water resources and trash dumping. Because of severe droughts last year new wells are proposed, but there are concerns that this will affect already existing water supplies, and possibly the forest. Trash dumping is finding a worthy adversary in the forest beautification act. Greater media coverage, more clean up crews and surveillance in key areas are leading to a cleaner forest.



## CEFTS TREASURER'S REPORT 2002-2003

August 14, 2003

### Balance Forward: July 31, 2002

Checking:	\$ 1,203.53	
Savings:	\$ 3,615.40	\$ 4,818.93

### Annual Expenses:

Scholarships:	\$ 0 (\$ 225.00)	
Postage:	\$ 61.90	\$ 170.14
WEB page:	\$108.24	
Printing:	\$ 0	

### Annual Income:

Interest:	\$ 83.25	
Annual dues:	\$ 450.00	\$ 533.25

### Current Balance: July 31, 2003

Checking:	\$ 1,541.91	
Savings:	\$ 3,640.13	\$ 5,182.04

Respectively Submitted,  
Douglas K. Staiger, Treasurer  
Council of Eastern Forest Technician Schools

## 2004 CEFTS Paid Memberships

(9/2/03 to 3/15/04)

- Penn State Mont Alto
- Maritime College of Forest Technology
- Dabney Lancaster Community College
- Allegany College of Maryland
- Glenville State College
- Haywood Community College
- Abraham Baldwin Ag. College
- Paul Smith's College
- Thompson School-UNH
- Penn College of Technology
- Algonquin College
- Southeastern Community College

## ***DUES ARE DUE!***

*If your school has not paid their current dues,  
please remit your check or money order to Doug.*

***School dues are \$30/year.***

*Doug Staiger  
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# CEFTS AWARD PROGRAMS

## JANUARY 2004 SUMMARY

The Council of Eastern Forest Technician Schools has established the following award programs. Do you know of someone deserving recognition?

AWARD/PROGRAM	WHO IS ELIGIBLE	CONTACT	WHEN
<u>North American Forest Technician Honorary</u> Our oldest award category. Students must have a 3.3 in forestry courses and a 3.0 overall. Simply submit transcript before March. There are three scholarships associated with this award, but all will receive a nice certificate.	Current sophomores	Grafton	March
<u>Graduate FT Achievement</u> Alumni who have contributed to forestry and or technician education. Maximum of 5 awards per year. Write a short letter outlining their accomplishments, attach a resume, and bring it to the annual meeting. Nominations are considered for up to three years. A numbered certificate is awarded.	Tech. Grads	Resh	annual meeting
<u>CEFTS Alumni Recognition</u> We wish to keep former members of CEFTS apprised of current activities by mailing them our newsletters and inviting them to our annual meetings. Names should be submitted to our secretary or executive committee member.	Retired FT Faculty	Secretary or Exec. Comm.	annual meeting
<u>Meritorious Service</u> Recipient must have made significant contributions to CEFTS and/or Technical Forestry Education; nomination to be made by member schools in good standing. Prepare a one page summary justifying the nomination. There is a maximum of one service award per year. The recipient receives a plaque. Also, their accomplishments are published in the CEFTS newsletter. Furthermore, their name is listed in the newsletter for five years.	Past CEFTS	Exec. Comm. members	annual meeting

### CEFTS Meritorious Service Award

#### Eligibility

Recipient must have made significant contributions to CEFTS and/or Technical Forestry Education.

#### Nomination Procedure

1. Nominations may be made by member schools in good standing to the Executive Committee.
2. Nominator shall prepare a one page summary justifying the individual nomination.
3. All nominations shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall determine recipients of the award.
5. Not more than one service award may be presented in any given year.

#### The recipient shall:

1. Have his/her name listed in the CEFTS Newsletter for a period of five years.
2. Have a summary article of accomplishments published in the CEFTS Newsletter.
3. Receive an appropriate plaque.

The Executive Committee shall develop procedures to implement this award.

## NORTH AMERICAN FOREST TECHNICIAN HONORARY 2003

# Name	Institution	# Name	Institution
451 Eric D. Carbaugh	Penn College of Technology	473 Merle Bethal, III	Hocking College
452 Justin R. Wilson	Penn College of Technology	474 Benjamin Carson	Hocking College
453 Dirk D. Hillegass	Penn College of Technology	475 Bryan Durr	Hocking College
454 Tonya L. Harrington	Hocking College	476 Douglas Fritsch	Hocking College
455 Ann Felix	Hocking College	477 Michael Hovatter	Hocking College
456 William Roberts	Hocking College	478 Philip Hucke	Hocking College
457 Joseph Michael Byrd	Hocking College	479 Carey Klamut	Hocking College
458 Dwayne Miguel Vigil	Hocking College	480 Michael Krol	Hocking College
459 Jacqueline M. Snyder	Hocking College	481 Brian McCombs	Hocking College
460 Kevin Shaun Davis	Hocking College	482 Christopher Moore	Hocking College
461 Francis G. Varvoutis	Hocking College	483 Aaron Noblet	Hocking College
462 Elizabeth Baker	Hocking College	484 Charles Lee	Hocking College
463 Christopher Campbell	Hocking College	485 Anson Sloan Goins	Southeastern Community College
464 Joyce Moreno	Hocking College	486 Kyle Lacy Powell	Southeastern Community College
465 Matthew Tarr	Hocking College	487 Abigail Zarichansky	Penn State Mont Alto
466 Serena Helvey	Hocking College	489 Cory Deniker	Penn State Mont Alto
467 Nancy Schneider	Hocking College	490 Stephen Hoy	Penn State Mont Alto
468 Joshua V. Thompson	Hocking College	491 David Duell	Penn State Mont Alto
469 William B. Laubscher	Hocking College	492 Amy L. Kaser	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
470 Ryan A. Nowak	Hocking College	493 Walton A. Nelson	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
471 Timothy A. Bahr	Hocking College	494 Rashonda R. Todd	Horry-Georgetown Technical College
472 Donald F. Croyle	Hocking College		

### 2003 CEFTS Scholarship Awards

Two-way TIE for First Place:

**Eric Carbaugh** - Penn College of Technology

**Joyce Moreno** - Hocking College

Second Place:

**Abigail Zarichansky** - Penn State Mont Alto

Third Place:

**Donald Croyle** - Hocking College

### Bernie Carr

#### 2002 CEFTS Meritorious Service Award

*Note to CEFTS from Bernie:*

Thank you for the wonderful meritorious service award and plaque! I have valued the education received from interacting with CEFTS members. I can honestly say that I experienced greater professional development through CEFTS meetings than any other type of meetings I attended throughout my career. I place the value of this award right up there with my SAF Fellow award.

I hope that some time within the next few years I will be able to attend another CEFTS meeting and exchange stories with old and new friends. Keep up the good work and professional interaction.

## GRADUATE FOREST TECHNICIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2003

The Council of Eastern Forestry Technician Schools (CEFTS) bestowed recognition on three graduates of forest technician programs during their most recent meeting held at Penn State Mont Alto. CEFTS, an organization committed to improving education of forest technician programs in the United States and Canada initiated this award, the Graduate Forest Technician Achievement Award, in 1995 in order to recognize graduates of technician programs who have made significant contributions to the profession of forestry and/or to technician education. To date, 35 graduates have been given awards. Their names are shown on the next page. A maximum of five awards per year may be made.

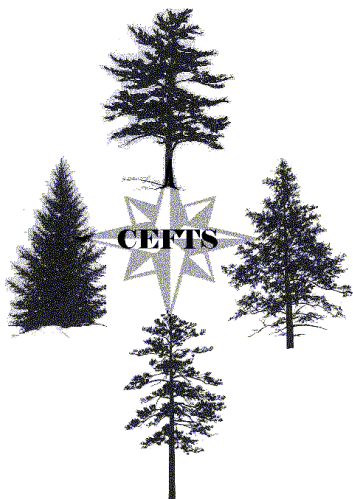
Two 2003 awards were given to graduates of Glenville State College in Glenville, WV. Ed Grafton who chairs the forest technician program nominated both recipients. Mr. **John Lockwood** graduated from Glenville in 1986. Even though he worked full time for Sun Lumber Company during his matriculation, he was a superior student and was granted membership in the North American Forest Technician Honor Society. A year after graduation, John purchased a sawmill which produces between 8 and 12 million board feet annually. Mr. Lockwood is member of the West Virginia Forestry Association as well as a registered forest technician in his home state. He has become a strong advocate of forest technician education through his membership on the Glenville State College Forestry Advisory Committee and has funded a scholarship to Glenville in honor of his father. John provides a tour of his sawmill and land

management operations during the school's annual forest management trip and provides a cookout for the students following the tour.

**John Holstine**, the second award recipient, graduated from Glenville in 1981. Trus-Joist MacMillan, a branch of Weyerhaeuser, in Buckhannon, West Virginia, currently employs him. John's contribution to forest technician education has been significant. He is a member of the Forest Technology Advisory Committee at Glenville and guides the annual golf tournament, which has raised over \$60,000 in the last five years. John arranges for annual student tours of wood utilization facilities and is a strong advocate of forestry education and natural resource management within West Virginia government. He is a member of the WV Forestry Association and actively supports the Logger Safety Initiative program of that organization.

The final 2003 award winner is Ms. **Pam Hoskins** who graduated from Allegany College of Maryland in 1978. Pam was nominated by Program Coordinator Steve Resh who wanted to recognize Pam for her outstanding contributions to the Forestry Alumni Association at the college. As a founding member of that organization in 1980, Pam has helped make the group an integral part of the program and the college. She has held every office within the group and has missed only one annual meeting in its history. Pam, who helps operate a family-owned sawmill/logging company with her husband Gene, has helped to raise money to support an alumni scholarship, and has made significant contributions of time and materials to aid the alumni association as well as the program. Resh gives credit to Pam for the continued existence as well as the growing importance of the oldest alumni association at the college.

Any faculty member of a forest technician program can make nominations for this CEFTS award category. For more information, contact **Steve Resh**, Alumni Award Coordinator, at Allegany College of Maryland by calling 301 784-5307 or by email at [sresh@allegany.edu](mailto:sresh@allegany.edu).



## Graduate Forest Technician Achievement Award

Award #	Award Winner	Year	School
1	Maureen Brooks	1995	Allegany College, Maryland
2	Gerald Fournier	1995	MFRS, Fredericton
3	Russell McNally	1995	MFRS, Fredericton
4	Victor LeBlanc	1995	MFRS, Fredericton
5.	Girvan Harrison	1995	MFRS, Fredericton
6	Rex Brown	1996	MFRS, Fredericton
7	Gerald Peters	1996	MFRS, Fredericton
8	Lewis Stone	1996	MFRS, Fredericton
9	Elden LeBrun	1996	Allegany College, Maryland
10	Geoffrey Jones	1997	Thompson School UNH
11	Brian Ritter	1997	Haywood CC, NC
12	Cary Deffenbaugh	1997	Allegany College, Maryland
13	Wildon Long	1998	MFRS, Fredericton
14	Robert Pinkston	1998	Haywood CC, NC
15	Michael Kew	1998	MFRS, Fredericton
16	Steve Ditmer	1998	Allegany College, Maryland
17	Harley Mattinson	1998	MFRS, Fredericton
18	H. Carl Sostrom	1999	Spokane CC, Washington
19	Jim Kirkland	1999	SIC, Illinois
20	Kenneth McGinn	1999	MFRS, Fredericton
21	Stan Piedad	1999	Coll. Nth. Atlantic, Newfoundland
22	Jack Fisher	1999	Penn College, Williamsport
23	Michael Coady	2000	MFRS, Fredericton
24	Brian Belyea	2000	MFRS, Fredericton
25	Craig Hartsock	2000	Allegany College, Maryland
26	Eldon Plaughter	2000	Glenville, WV
27	Mike Gwaltney	2000	SIC, Illinois
28	Ralph Arnold	2001	Thompson School, UNH
29	Charles Rhoden	2001	SIC, Illinois
30	Thomas Snyder	2001	Glenville, WV
31	Brooke Firlie	2001	Allegany College, Maryland
32	Bernard Siskavich	2002	NY Ranger School
33	John Lockwood	2003	Glenville, WV
34	Pam Hoskins	2003	Allegany College, Maryland
35	John Holstine	2003	Glenville, WV

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## CEFTS

LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING EVERYONE AT

**SOUTHEASTERN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

OCTOBER 6-8, 2004

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FOR MORE INFO!

## Cool history from John Bozak:

Prior to 1976 a loose-knit group met during the SAF national meetings and was called the "American Council of Technical Forestry School Executives". Then:

- 1976 - Penn State Mont Alto (the 1st official CEFTS annual meeting)
- 1977 - New York State Ranger School at Wanakena
- 1978 - Lake City Community College, Lake City, Florida
- 1979 - Haywood Community College, Clyde, North Carolina
- 1980 - Thompson School, UNH, Durham, NH
- 1981 - Hocking Technical College, Nelsonville, Ohio
- 1982 - Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- 1983 - Williamsport Community College, Williamsport, PA
- 1984 - University of Maine, Orono
- 1985 - Haywood Technical College, Clyde, NC
- 1986 - Michigan Tech, Houghton, Michigan
- 1987 - Wayne Community College, Goldsboro, NC
- 1988 - Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, NY
- 1989 - Glenville State College, Glenville, West (by God) Virginia
- 1990 - Southeastern Illinois College, Muddy, Illinois
- 1991 - Abraham Baldwin College, Tifton, Georgia
- 1992 - Maritime Forest Ranger School, Fredericton, New Brunswick
- 1993 - Lake City Community College, Lake City, Florida
- 1994 - Allegany Community College, Cumberland, Maryland
- 1995 - L.B. Wallace College, Andalusia, Alabama
- 1996 - Westviking College, Corner Brook, Newfoundland
- 1997 - Thompson School, UNH, Durham, NH
- 1998 - Haywood & Cradle of Forestry (100th Anniversary), NC
- 1999 - Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR (joint mtg w/ western instructors)
- 2000 - SUNY Ranger School at Wanakena, New York
- 2001 - Hocking College, Nelsonville, Ohio
- 2002 - Horry-Georgetown Technical College, South Carolina
- 2003 - Penn State Mont Alto, Mont Alto, PA (PSMA 100th)

## FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 2004** - Southeastern Community College, North Carolina
- 2005** - Pennsylvania College of Technology, Pennsylvania
- 2006** - Paul Smith's College, New York
- 2007** - University of Maine at Fort Kent, Maine
- 2008** - Itasca Community College, Minnesota



THANKS TO CRAIG HOUGHTON, PETER LINEHAN AND BETH BRANTLEY &  
PENN STATE MONT ALTO FOR A GREAT MEETING IN 2003!