



*An Association of Small
Woodland Owners Dedicated to
the Protection, Management,
Use, and Enhancement of
Oregon's Forest Resources
...and having a good time doing it*

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Greetings OSWA members, families and friends Summer 2018; May, June & July

When it is newsletter time, it seems like I'm always sitting down to write a note to friends and it is always a wonderful time of year. How is this possible? Aha, I know, it is the forests.

We always have great tours and events and it is due to our great group of directors and friends! As we were having our directors meeting to discuss what to offer our members this coming quarter, I was basking in the conversation going on around the table. We meet at a restaurant in West Salem every 3 months; bring our ideas together and then hash out the details among ourselves. What a blast to sit and listen to all those different perspectives on forestry and their applications. With the **annual meeting coming right up**, this is the chance for you to become one of the lucky few on the letterhead and participate in those great, extra conversations every three months. Please raise your hand and become one of the directors of our band.

The conversation this time had lots to do with the still-smoking markets for logs and lumber, also covering cruises, taxes, basis and lasting as well as emerging markets for large diameter logs. Much of these topics will be on the agenda at **our annual meeting May 19**. As it has for the last few years, our meeting will be held at the **Scottish Rite Temple 4090 Commercial St. SE, Salem**; this is just south of the Browning Road traffic light and McDonalds, on the east side of the road. The meeting will officially be held from noon to 2 pm, but please arrive a little early to have some time to chat, steal your neighbors raffle ticket and swap some stories before the excellent lunch is served. While our meeting will be big on information and education with our speakers, it will, as always be real small on cost. **JUST \$5 per person** as our chapter will pick up the rest of the tab. Please bring a neighbor, friends or relatives who might want to get to know our group, the overall topics we cover and perhaps become a future member. Let's have a great turnout for a great program.

The primary speaker will be Christine Buhl, PhD Forest Entomologist | Oregon Department of Forestry, speaking on "Forest Insects in Small Woodlands". This should be a great and timely topic as we come into green-up and brown-out season and many of us are wondering about the bugs that might or might not be causing it.

We will also have our regular annual meeting business to attend to, hear how and what we are doing, and get reports on the log markets, our finances, our director benefits and a general conversation on the benefits of being an OSWA member.

This quarter will be a fun one, with two other chapter events besides the annual meeting. In June we will have a very interesting and possibly financially beneficial tour event, to two mills & customers of woodland owners who have big logs to sell. Most folks know that many and nearly all of the regular lumber mills that buy from us small woodland owners have upper limits on the size of logs they accept, somewhere around 32 or 34 inches at the big end. This kicks many of our member's logs out of the picture and again many folks think there is no way around this and that they will take a hit on their logs. While it is true that most mills will pay less or not accept large logs, and while you might just whack off the portion that is larger than 32/34 and keep it for other uses; you could sell to mills that gladly accept large logs and pay similarly decent prices as for the smaller logs.

Both tours are Tuesday June 12, and since they are down the I-5 corridor, they have been organized so that they will happen on the same trip.

Starfire Lumber is at 2795 Mosby Creek Road, Cottage Grove. Tour starts at 9:30 am.

Greenhill Reload is at 88223 Greenhill Rd., Eugene. Tour starts at 1:30 pm.

Both companies have **no maximum diameter on the logs they buy.** Starfire buys Douglas fir and white woods, while Greenhill buys Douglas fir, White woods (hemlock, grand fir, noble fir) Pines (Ponderosa, White and Sugar) and soon will be buying alder. We understand that Greenhill Reload is a sort yard, servicing primarily export markets with these large and different species logs. Hardhats aren't necessary for either tour.

While this is a long trip and perhaps a long day, here is another way to make it go better and not fall asleep on the way home up the freeway; Carpooling! Rather than drive 100 cars to the same place, let's meet at a Salem location for southbound I-5 traffic and in Monmouth for those in the west that would travel down 99W. The computer has the travel times around 1:30 to 1:45, so let's **meet at the carpool locations and leave by 7:45 am.**

In Salem and east, please meet at the **Kmart** parking lot behind the DQ, at Mission (Hwy 22) and 25th. (2470 Mission St SE) From the west, please meet at the Monmouth **Bi-Mart** store parking lot off 99W, on the south end of town.

We will meet up with the other travelers at the Starfire tour, then have a leisurely lunch somewhere and visit the reload business on our way back north. Both of these companies are buying large diameter logs at good prices and if there is any log selling interest in your future, this would be great to know!

Then **Saturday July 14 in the late afternoon**, from 4 pm on, we will have an event, meeting, field trip and meal at your OSWA chapter president's property near Willamina. **This will be a BBQ and potluck** with Chicken, Beer, & Bratwurst provided, asking you to bring a favorite salad, side dish, and/or dessert, along with your **dishes and flat wear.**

Please come one and all (including non-member friends or family) to 6955 Gold Creek Road, Willamina, OR 97396. This address is actually 6 miles SW of Willamina, off the Highway 18/22 (so don't turn to Willamina) and if you haven't been here before and would like good directions, please call Mark at the number on the letterhead.

Then to our north, our Yamhill county OSWA friends always have some interesting presentations at their monthly meetings. All of the Yamhill events are held at the Yamhill County OSU extension office; 2050 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville OR 97128. The events normally start with a social get together at 6:30 pm and the meetings start at 7 pm. At this time, they have only their annual meeting scheduled, and this sounds like a good one.

Yamhill Small Woodlands Annual Banquet will be Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Yan's Chinese Restaurant located at 1822 NE Hwy 99W, McMinnville, OR. Cost: \$14/person for a family style dinner. Social half hour at 6:00 pm, dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker, Craig Hanneman will present his Mt. Everest trek. RSVP Hal Hagglund at 503-843-2173 or <hal.elin@gmail.com> by Monday May 21.

Fire Season is coming!

While most of the following info is for active logging operators, it affects everyone that owns forests and makes sense to keep abreast of developments, or to get a basic understanding of what goes on. Please attend if you have any interest.

Operator Meetings. Each year the Oregon Department of Forestry holds meetings to review the industrial fire rules and the outlook for the upcoming fire season. The meetings are primarily for professional loggers, but they can also be valuable for landowners working on their own properties. For the Marion-Polk area the afternoon meetings are: **Dallas ODF Office, Friday June 1** – call 503-934-8146 for required registration and details; and **Oregon Garden, Silverton, Thursday June 7** – call Molalla ODF at 503-829-2216 for registration and details.

To our south, but of great interest, Benton County Tree Farmer of the Year Neighbor-to-Neighbor Tour

Join the Benton County Small Woodlands Association on a tour of the Carr Family Forest, a fourth generation family forest north of Monroe. The family homesteaded the original parcel in 1883. Some of that homestead orchard still survives today, but most of the land was gradually changed from agriculture to forestry. The family planted tens of thousands of tree seedlings long before that was a common practice. Today, you will find a large vigorous forest, areas of diversity that are being preserved or added to, and 3 generations of family working together to keep the forest productive and to bring the family together. The first goal they list for the property is to have the 5th generation out there working and playing too.

The free tour will focus on: 1) History of the property and plans and challenges for the future, 2) Striving for a variety of forest ages, 3) Wildlife found in a working forest and associated with ponds, 4) Young Stand Thinning strategies, and 5) Commercial Thinning strategies.

Date: May 19. The tour & lunch are free, but **registration is required by May 11.**

To register: email oswaevents@gmail.com or call (503) 588-1813 by May 11. Be sure to identify the May 19 Benton County woods tour.

For those of you who might have missed Tree School Clackamas in March; Tree School Lane County!

A one-day mini-college for family forestland owners, foresters, loggers, arborists, teachers, forest recreators, and the general citizens of Oregon. Registration includes a choice of classes, lunch, morning and afternoon break refreshments, and vendor tables.

Date: Saturday June 2. **Time:** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm **Location:** Pleasant Hill OR

This program is sponsored by Oregon State University Extension Service, Lane County Small Woodlands Association, and Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI).

Registration Information:

- * \$60 per person if registered by 5:00 pm, Friday May 4.
- * Fees will increase to \$80 per person May 5 to May 18.
- * **Registration Deadline: Friday May 18.** No registrations will be accepted after May 18.
- * Register EARLY! Each year some classes fill to capacity. Seating is limited.
- * No Walk-in registration available For more information call 541-344-5859.

As you read these newsletters I hope you are thinking about your property, family and personal interests, but I hope you might also think about this great group of people that are OSWA members and your cohort. Join us! Join us on the tours, the annual meeting and at the directors table for our brainstorming sessions! If you don't want to commit until you try it out, that is fine too, but please let us know you want to come to the directors meetings so we can let you know when it will be, next quarter.

Yours; the directors and officers of your OSWA chapter.