



*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-Fall 2018; Aug, Sept, Oct

‘Summertime and the livin is easy, Catfish are jumping as high as the sky!’

Ah but if it were that easy. Fires rage, populations migrate, but where to go? Redwoods to Oregon, Oregonians to Canada. Yet there are a few of us, many part of this association, who must feel as I do that this must be Heaven, or at least Paradise.

We had some nice events last quarter, starting off with our annual meeting in May, where we got a new member of the directors group! Welcome Erik Lamers to the letterhead and to our table at the restaurant where we hash out each quarter’s schedule and direction. (Remember that anyone can come to the directors meetings, just give a call to let us know you are interested and we’ll let you know when/where).

At the annual meeting our primary speaker was Christine Buhl, PhD Forest Entomologist at ODF (Oregon Department of Forestry) speaking on Forest Insects in Small Woodlands. Christine was an engaging speaker and gave us a rundown of the various bugs that might be buggin our trees, stressing that mostly, trees die of other causes and that the bugs come along for the ride on the dying stem. As I watched 4 out of 5 of our Grand Fir go red this spring and the woodpeckers go after the bugs, my thoughts were about all of those other causes that are lurking.

In June, our chapter took different routes and different carpools to arrive at Starfire in Cottage Grove and then Greenhill Reload west of Eugene. And in July, just a couple of weeks ago, we had a BBQ and potluck at your pres’ forestland, where we had a good turnout on a hot afternoon and spent it by the creek or in the shaded meadow discussing our forests and our passions. Well, perhaps the passions remained below the surface but they are always there!

Alert; Lost and found: one Oneida fork and one clear cup with white floral print. Please let me know at 503-876-2197 if these are yours and I’ll arrange to get them back to you.

In our last newsletter we said; **Fire Season is coming! This quarter it says; Fire Season is here!**

Much of the discussion around the directors meeting table had to do with fire, or the issues around it. All of the active loggers/operators are getting up earlier and earlier to still get in a day before they are ‘out of the woods’ and

for the rest of us it is still a pertinent discussion having to do with fire fuels and how prepared or not we might be in our forestlands.

Not in this quarter, but on our 'interest agenda' for **upcoming** quarters and topics is **information and techniques for fire fuel reduction**. How can we rest a little easier, perhaps doing the work this winter for a more fire safe forest next fire season. Stay tuned.

AND for help with these projects; a new (continuing) program from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be offering a forest health initiative to encourage diversity in forest land. In 2019 the Polk county priority area will be the Luckiamute Watershed and parts of Rickreall Cr., Salt Cr., Mill Cr. and Gold Cr. Contact Evelyn Conrad, the District Conservationist 580 Main St. Suite A, Dallas, OR at 503-837-3689. **Funds are available for pre-commercial thinning, pruning, slash treatment, reforestation** and wildlife, which sounds funny, as what would wildlife do with funds?

This quarter's events start off with a tour of the **Mt. Angel Abbey on Saturday the 22nd of September at 9 am**. We will visit the Mt Angel Abbey at 1 Abbey Dr., St Benedict, OR 97373 which is a private Roman Catholic seminary, university, and community of Benedictine monks in St. Benedict (Mt Angel), Oregon, who own and manage forestlands too. The Abbey hill in Mt. Angel, where we are going, is managed by the monks themselves, and is separate from the 2,600 acre Abbey tree farm which is way up the Abiqua Creek, and is managed by Mason Bruce and Girard. Perhaps this larger tract could be a tour sometime later. The Abbey hill is mix of timber and pasture, the SW side is mostly oak, and NE side planted to Doug fir in most places. The total area is fenced, with trees as well as pasture for their sheep and goats and is about 300 acres. Our Director John Hettwer has done most of the logging here since 1992. We'll start our tour on top to see the views from both sides, Mt. Hood to the NE, and Salem and valley to the SW. Please consider carpooling from Polk county, with these suggested meeting places and times; Wallace Bridge park & ride (Willamina) at 7:30 am; Monmouth Bi Mart at 7:45 am; Salem at the NE corner of the Safeway parking lot, Lancaster and Silverton Rd. At 8 am. These times and places are suggested leave times and go straight to Mt. Angel without stopping at any other pickup spots.

Then in October, on Saturday the 6th at 8:30 am, we will visit the **Lamers Forests property** just west of Monmouth, to see and hear of the success that Terry (our director) and brother Lee have with Redwoods, thinning, logging, pond building and other fine forestry topics. Terry has been involved with OSWA forever, as a past president and a permanent director, and every couple of years we head out to their property to see the results of their excellent management. We will see Redwood trees up to 26 years old, on different sites and conditions. Thinning that is currently being done, thinned areas from 5 years ago, as well as areas to be thinned in the next few years. We will see the methods and machines used and discuss markets for the products produced.

We will look at the clear-cut where **later in October a slash burning demonstration will occur**. The cut was completed in March, and the slash will be burned between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15, depending on weather and permitting (not weather permitting). If you would like to see a slash burn, and the techniques used, sign up by e-mailing Terry Lamers at treemaninore@gmail.com before the Oct. 6 tour if possible. The day that we burn the entire unit (about 9 acres) Terry will only know if he can burn by 7:30 to 8:30 am. Terry will send out an e-mail to everyone that has responded. You will need to be at the site soon after, as when burning can happen, things happen fast. The slash burn will likely be completed in about 2 hours, at least the lighting of the piles.

Directions: come to Monmouth and follow signs to Kings Valley/Falls City. **Only 3/4 mile from Monmouth turn left on driveway where Tour sign is**. Follow driveway to end. Address is 11300 Monmouth Hwy, Monmouth 97361. Use GPS at your own risk.