



*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 2019 Aug., Sept. and Oct.

The burst of spring is gone and the fruit is filling on the vines and trees. The forest trees are cruising through the summer, working with the moisture, site and sun they got when they sprouted or were planted right where they are. We get to watch and marvel.

Last quarter we had two great events; the **Nuts, Bolts and Dollars of Forestland Ownership** presented by Steve Vaught and Terry Lamers and then our **Annual Meeting**. At the annual, our presenters were Keith Baldwin of Oregon Department of Forestry, and Bryce Edwards from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, speaking on Archeology.

Your directors, listed at the top of the page, get together each quarter to discuss and decide on what presentations or tours to offer our group. At the annual meeting, a couple people expressed interest in attending these meetings and discussions and we are happy to have them along. Please call the numbers above to talk to one of us about sitting in on the director's meetings.

At our meeting the other night, we talked over the events that are scheduled below, as well as few other topics that we may organize into future events. Some of these were a tour of Freres Lumber Mass Plywood Panel plant; the experimental forest off the Black Rock Road west of Falls City; and the general observations and discussions of increasing tree mortality at the perimeter of the valley. We'll see if we can put together good events around those topics.

This quarter we have three items coming up, with one in a couple weeks and the other two in October. **Saturday, August 17 from noon till perhaps 4:00 pm** we'll have a second (annual?) **BBQ-Potluck social**, but this year with an **Old Growth Forest Tour** after lunch! There are some BLM properties just a few miles away that have pretty incredible OG. This event will start at your pres' place at 6955 Gold Creek Rd., Willamina, OR 97396 for those of you on GPS. This is about 30 miles west of Salem and about 4 miles past Willamina. Take Hwy 22 west from Salem about 27 miles to the Willamina Jct. Go straight through and continue toward the coast on a divided highway another 3 miles to exit 25. Take the exit and a right at the stop, up and over the overpass and down to a T on Yamhill River Rd. Take a left and go 1/2 mile to Gold Creek Rd., which is a right, over a concrete bridge. Go (1) one mile up Gold Creek Rd. to the first forest on your right, then along those woods for 1000 ft and a right just past a small bridge over Gold Creek. Watch for 6955 on the mailbox and an OSWA sign to follow in. BBQ chicken, Kielbasa, and beer will be provided, so please bring your favorite side dish. After lunch we'll load up into a few cars for the trip up the hill or mountain. The hike into the Old Growth is not easy, but no mountain climb

either. Please have appropriate shoes and cameras. This social event has no real program other than the lunch and hike, and BS-ing among ourselves, but there are all sorts of things that may catch your attention, so speak up!

In October we'll have a couple very interesting tours. The first, **Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am** will be a tour of **new developments at Lamers Forests**, near Monmouth, as well as continued operations with thinning and logging, and the success to date of the Coastal Redwood groves they have planted over the years. The Redwoods range from 6 months to 32 years in age. The new development is an equipment shop, with all the features of many years in the planning. We've had several tours of Lamers Forests in the past, and each one proves better than the last. **To get there;** find yourself in Monmouth going west on Main St. from Hwy 99, and follow the Falls City Hwy signs out of town to the SW. There are a couple sharp turns and then a straight away across the small valley and up the hill. Only 1/2 mile from Monmouth, as you start up the hill, the driveway is on the left, or south, and there will be an OSWA sign. It is a long driveway so go the distance to the end. If you are close and need to call for clarification, Terry's number is 503 930-3946.

Then **Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 am** we will have a tour and equipment demonstration by **Tom Repko of Small Woodlot Tools LLC**. Tom is a retired engineer who came up with and now manufactures a slick skidding **grapple for 3-pt hitch** on tractors. Tom will also show us some simple physics that make working in the woods far more possible and enjoyable. Tom and his wife Penelope have been demonstrating their grapple and some of it's uses all around our Pacific NW, but this fall they will also be exhibiting and demonstrating at the Paul Bunyan Show in Ohio. This is a great chance to see a low cost option for DIY logging on our forestlands. To get there; find yourself on the Dallas/Monmouth Hwy about 1 mile east of Dallas where the speed limit changes and look for Cherry Knoll Rd. The address is 2080 Cherry Knoll Rd, Dallas OR 97338 and there will be signs. If you are close and need to call for clarification, Tom's cell number is 503 949-2209.

OSWA is a statewide organization with local chapters like ours, and we work together with OSU Extension, the OR Department of Forestry, Oregon Forest Resources Institute and others to bring the most pertinent information and networking to our members. And aside from the state main office, it is all us, volunteers! We've discussed putting together a new (for Oregon) statewide or regional event(s) modeled on the Forestry Field days that have been going on in WA for years. These are summer events, outside, where there are stations located all around a host property and folks can rotate each hour to the topics that interest them. Look for more information on these possible events, most likely initiated by OSU Forestry Extension.

If you are near the county lines south or north, you may be interested in events that our neighboring OSWA chapters are doing. For events with Linn or Benton, please see **The Needle** that our extension agent Brad Withrow-Robinson publishes online which can be easily reached through the Linn County chapter at <http://linncountyswa.com/needle.html> or even better get yourself on the mailing list by using the link on this web page or by contacting Jody Einerson jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu 541 766-6750.

To the north, the Yamhill chapter is active on the west and the Clackamas chapter on the east. The Yamhill chapter does monthly meetings at the OSU Yamhill County Extension auditorium, 2050 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, beginning at 7:00 pm with a social half hour beginning at 6:30 pm. Their upcoming topics include: Wednesday, September 25 OSWA's lobbyist, Roger Beyer "Your Voice Matters"; Wednesday, October 23 OSU Extension specialist, Tamara Cushing, PhD. "Estate Planning"; and Wednesday, November 20 "Reforestation" as the topic for which the speaker is not yet confirmed.

For Clackamas, the state's largest chapter, please see their website at www.ccffa-oswa.org.

See you in the woods!