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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Association President Professor Dr. Peter Linehan, of the Penn State Mont Alto forestry faculty, has recently suffered some severe medical issues and will likely be away from work and other pursuits, including PFHA business for some time. We encourage get-well type cards and similar good wishes be sent if you care to do so. Peter's home address is: 1345 Black Gap Road Fayetteville, PA 17222.



This print is one of the raffle items at the upcoming meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

November 12, 2016

Caledonia State Park Office Conference Room

Theme: PFHA Present and Future

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association will convene at 8:30 a.m. on November 12, 2016 in the Conference Room at Caledonia State Park.

Caledonia State Park is located in Franklin County between Chambersburg and Gettysburg along the Lincoln Highway, US 30.

Program

- 8:30 Arrival/Registration - Coffee and Snacks
- 9:30 Introduction - State of the PFHA - Review of Summer at the Discovery Center
- 9:45 PFHA – What the Future Holds – J. Graham / P. Sebasovich
- Mission Statement Review – J. Graham
- 10:00 Presentations: “The Fires of Penn’s Woods” – Michael Klimkos
- “The Birth of Pennsylvania Forestry” – J. Graham
- “Working Together / Partners with PFHA” - Board
- 11:30 Brief Business Meeting /Election of Officers and Directors
- 12:30 Catered Lunch – Savoy Caterers of Waynesboro
- 1:15 Presentation of 2016 George Wirt Award
- Selection of Raffle Winners
- 1:30 Optional Visit to Review PFHA Collected Files
- Members Help to Determine Disposition
- Optional Visit to PFHA Discovery Center for New Attendees

The registration form is found on Page 2

Total Fee = \$25.00 includes lunch

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Caledonia State Park Office Conference Room - Saturday, November 12, 2016**

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Registration Deadline: November 2

----- Cut Here and Submit with Payment -----

Please make check payable to **PFHA**. Mail registration form and fee to:

John (Jack) Graham, 365 Peach Ridge Rd., Ellittsburg, PA 17024

Questions? 717-582-2235 or jatogr@embarqmail.com

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email _____

Number of Registrations _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

ADAM KLING



Fire Management Forester, Forest District 3

Adam Kling is the Fire Management Forester in Forest District 3 - the Tuscarora District. Originally from Dauphin County, he attended Penn State, spending one year at Mont Alto and the following three years at the main campus where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Forest Management. Following his graduation he worked as an Arborist Supervisor for Brickman Group.

Adam began working for the Bureau of Forestry in 2008 as a Service Forester in the District 19 in Pike and Monroe County. In 2010 he transferred to Blain and became the Fire Management Forester. In that position he coordinates and serves as lead worker for district fire programs including the Forest Fire Warden Program, Out-of-State Wildland Fire Crew Program, Prescribed Fire Program, Radio Program, Federal Excess Program, Fire Training Program, and Fire Prevention Program.

He has fought fires across Pennsylvania and been out of state several times. He is currently qualified as a Firing Boss and Crew Boss and is working on becoming qualified as an Engine Boss and Heavy Equipment Boss.

Adam leads district staff on suppression of wildland fires occurring within the district as well as working as the lead wildland fire investigator within the district. He is the

lead instructor for district staff, volunteer fire companies and out-of-state wildland fire crew members, for wildland fire training. As such he has developed strong working relationships with Volunteer Fire Companies, Forest Fire Wardens and other cooperators in his district. District 3 has two support crews which he is responsible for – The Tuscarora Crew and the Mifflin County Forest Fire Fighters. The district also has two Type VI engines which he makes sure are ready when needed.

Because the area he oversees as a Fire Forester is largely in the Ridge and Valley Province, wildfires are usually spotted quickly and responded to by VFDs. He has a good rapport with the local VFDs, making his job easier. Getting the crews and the VFDs training and public education about wildfire prevention are two of his greater challenges in his job.

The McNamara Engine



The McNamara Engine is believed to be the first vehicle designed from the frame up as a wildland firefighting engine; the forerunner of the modern Type III engines.

Developed by Chief of Forest Fire Protection Eugene McNamara in 1967, the engines were built on a one ton, four-wheel-drive Dodge WM-300 chassis. The Treador Red trucks had a custom body built to hold a 300 gallon water tank, a Hale FZZ centrifugal pump rated at 150 GPM, and a smaller Hale 20 T portable pump.

A booster reel carried 300 feet of ¾ inch hose. Another 500 feet of 1½ inch hose was stored onboard along with 3 ten foot sections of 2½ inch hard sleeve intake and 1 ten foot section of 2 inch hard sleeve intake. In addition the apparatus carried 2 nozzles, 8 backpack pumps, 1 chain saw, 12 fire rakes, 2 shovels, 3 axes, 1 brush hook, 3 brush axes, 1 backfire torch, 4 hardhats, 2 fire extinguishers, a first aid kit and a dual frequency radio. The rigs also had two portable spotlights and two red beacon lights mounted on the trucks. This is a photo of the last one known to exist. It is owned by DCNR.

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Wildfire Statistics to September 2016

Total Fires - 728

Acres Burned - 11,548

Extinction Cost - \$2,105,309

Most Fires – District 18 – 114

Most Acreage – District 19 – 8,755 acres

REWARD

A reward totaling \$20,000 now is being offered for information leading to arrests and convictions in what investigators say were two fires intentionally set. Labeled the 16 Mile and Beartown fires, the wildfires were discovered April 20 and burned through May 2 in Delaware State Forest and on private lands.

What Is It?



This marker was recently picked up at a yard sale by PFHA Board Member, Bill Parr. It is believed to be a survey monument used by the PDF&W at their project sites. The elevation would be stamped in the blank area. It is not the same thing as a USGS Benchmark monument.

Any information about the use or location of these markers is appreciated.

In 1906 the first class graduated from Mont Alto and a Department of Forestry was established at Pennsylvania State College as a Technical School. The schools were not affiliated with each other.



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Return Service Requested

Mission Statement

The mission of the Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association is to preserve and showcase the heritage of forests and fire protection as they relate to forestry. The association celebrates Pennsylvania’s pioneers in forest stewardship – past, present and future

Vision Statement

The Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association is a place of discovery. Significant artifacts and interactive exhibits trace the past and point to the future of forestry in Pennsylvania. The museum is dedicated to the stewardship of all forest resources and honors the men and women who sustain today’s forest. Here everyone can enjoy a variety of experiences that further an understanding of forestry and forest fires. In addition to indoor and outdoor exhibits, the facility includes a library, training center, classrooms, volunteer accommodations, museum store and administrative offices. Future plans include outreach programs, transportable exhibits, an auditorium and food service.

Membership Application

Please enroll the following as a member of the Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail: _____

Check One:

- Student/ Youth \$5
- Individual \$15
- Family (number in household _____) \$25
- Sustaining \$35
- Non-Profit Volunteer Organization (check below) \$35
 - Forest Fire Crew
 - Volunteer Fire Company
 - Forest Fire Wardens Assoc.
 - Other Organization _____
- Corporate \$100
- Life \$300
- Contributing \$ _____

I do not wish to join but I would like to make a donation \$ _____

Make Checks payable to:

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