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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Just a few days ago I would have sworn that spring was here for good. The daffodils are coming up around my house and the lilacs are ready to leaf out. The red maple catkins are also out. Then winter came back with one more storm and it was a big one. Here in the Chambersburg area we got about ten inches of snow. I know there are other communities in Pennsylvania that got much, much more.

As I was driving to Penn State Mont Alto yesterday and then when I returned home in the late afternoon I saw an excellent example of how important forests are in dealing with large amounts of snow. When I crossed farm fields blowing snow threatened to block the roads and reduce the visibility to whiteout conditions. Yet crossing areas that were forested, the strong winds could not move the snow through the trees. Instead the snow stayed on the ground. Later I realized that the forested areas would keep the snow stationary until it could melt and enter the water table. There would be no risk of flooding or stream pollution in the forests.

If you know the Mont Alto area, then you know that I was driving near and through the Michaux State Forest. We can thank the foresight of Dr. Joseph Rothrock, George Wirt, and many others who helped the Governors and Legislators of the day see the need to protect the forests. That's why the mission of the Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association is so important.

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GOLF OUTING

June 23, 2017



The Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association will hold the 16th Annual Golf Outing Friday, June 23, 2017—Rain or Shine. The event will be at the Rich Valley Golf Course located at 227 Rich Valley Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA.

Team Registration is between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Play begins at 1:00 p.m. The entry fee \$65 per player or \$260 per team. The fee includes cart, hot dogs, drinks, and dinner. Play is Four Person Scramble With prizes for First, Second, and Third-place Teams, Closet to the Pin on Par 3 Holes, Longest Drive Men & Women (If there are three or more female players), a Skins Game, Pot-O-Gold, Door Prizes, Raffles, and more.

Promote your Business or Organization. You can donate a Door Prize or purchase a sponsorship. Sponsorships include: Platinum—Team Entry including Tee Sponsorship—\$300; Gold—Tee Sponsorship—

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Rick Temple Fire Cache Manager



Firefighters on the line rely on their equipment to do the jobs assigned to them. Often they take for granted their equipment, how it got to them and why it works the way it does. Rick Temple's job is to make sure the equipment they have in their hands is up to standard, and in working order.

When a significant fire or incident occurs in Pennsylvania, Rick hooks up the Bureau of Forestry's Mobile Fire Cache and heads to the scene. The MFC along with the command trailer are the Bureau's response units that provide support to the firefighters.

Rick is responsible for the fire suppression equipment in the state. If a Fire Forester needs rakes, Rick makes sure he gets them. If chainsaws need repaired, or parts, Rick is the go to guy. If a Nomex shirt is damaged beyond use, Rick will see to it that the firefighter is properly re-equipped. His job doesn't involve raking line or sawing burning snags, but his job is vital to making sure that firefighters have what they need, when they need it. It is no small task and his job doesn't just happen during the fire season. His job as the warehouseman is a full time, year around job.

Rick has been at his job for nine years. One day he might be driving a forklift in the warehouse outside of Halifax, Dauphin County, and the next day he may be doing routine maintenance on chainsaws. Charging batteries, ordering tires, or cleaning and inspecting portable pumps, are all in a day's activities.

In addition Rick responds as a "single resource" to out-of-state calls, where he acts as an Order Manger or a Receiving and Distribution Manager on a Federal Incident Command Team.

In a previous issue of this newsletter a photograph was shown of the last known McNamara Engine.

Below is a photo (possibly of the same engine shown previously) of a new McNamara Engine shortly after it was delivered to the Michaux District Forest in 1967. The photo is provided courtesy of the Bureau of Forestry



Photographs Wanted

The PFHA is collecting photographs, of firefighters, fire wardens, fire crews, foresters, fires, fire apparatus, or other persons or events pertinent to the forest history of Pennsylvania. They can be recent photographs or photos of historic importance. The photographs will be cataloged and stored for retrieval by anyone who visits the PFHA website. Planning has also begun to collect oral history audio and video recordings about foresters' and firefighters' experiences.

What happens today is history tomorrow. For more information, and how to submit photos, contact the editor of this newsletter.

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Wildfire Statistics to March 15, 2017

Total Fires - 100

Acres Burned - 187.81

Total Damage - \$3,493

Most Fires – District 4 & District 17 – 10

Most Acreage – District 17 –15.4 acres

Structures Damaged – 2

Residences Destroyed – 3

Injuries – 1

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\$100; Silver—Outing Sponsorship—\$50; Bronze - Other Opportunities for monetary donations or Gift Certificates. Pennsylvania Forest Heritage Association is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible.

We would like to thank Dave Kopp, founder and original organizer of this event. Dave has continually contributed his time and efforts to enhance this event in order to help us tell the story of forestry in PA. Dave has brought numerous teams and sponsors on board including, the Event Sponsor, Riverside Camping Association. We wish Dave luck on the course this year.

For more information contact Paul Sebasovich, 13 Twin Oaks Drive, Duncannon, PA 17020, phone 717-215-8359, with any questions or to provide donations or sponsorships. Make check payable to PA Forest Heritage Association and mail with form to: Lisa LaSalle, PFHA Secretary, P.O. Box 154, Berrysburg, PA 17005; 570-449-4150. To find out more about the course, visit www.richvalleygolf.net or 717-691-8805.

Watch your e-mail for a registration form.

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Many people have forgotten the struggle and the necessity to continue it today.

In a short time spring will really be here, and we will be thinking about reopening the Forest Heritage and Discovery Center in Caledonia State Park. We will be calling on you to volunteer your time to tell the story of forest conservation in Pennsylvania again. I hope to see you there!



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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 \$ _____

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