



**FROM THE CHAIR** - Jim McCarter, 2008 Triangle Chapter Chair

Thank you for giving me the honor of leading the Triangle Chapter for 2008. Throughout my three decades of SAF membership, I can honestly say that membership in and service to the Society have been a very important part of my career in forestry. Staying engaged in SAF, no matter what part of the U.S. I call my home, allows me to stay connected to the community of my profession. Local Chapter Chair is not a new role for me, but since every Chapter is different, so will be my approach to leading the Triangle Chapter and representing it to the State and Appalachian Societies. The state of our Chapter is good with a respectable checking account and, as you will see from the membership numbers in this newsletter, we have over 200 members. But are numbers of members the best way to measure the success of effectiveness of our Chapter? What do you want from the Triangle Chapter in return for your annual membership dues: Chapter meetings, networking opportunities, CFEs, increased communications, community service opportunities, growing membership, Forester Fund-raising events, student mentoring, Golden Member activities, tours and trips...? I hope that you will take a few minutes to give me a call or jot me an email telling me what you would like from Triangle SAF in 2008. I can be reached at 919-803-0527 or [james.mccarter@gmail.com](mailto:james.mccarter@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your ideas and advice!!! - *Jim McCarter*

## Next Chapter Meeting

*March 4, 2008, K&S Cafeteria at South Hills Mall*

*6:00 PM*

The next Triangle Chapter SAF meeting is **Tuesday, March 4** at the K&S Cafeteria (private dining room) located at South Hills Mall: 1177 Buck Jones Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606 (phone 919-462-8404). The speaker/presenter will be Rick Iverson, Weed Specialist with NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Pesticide credits and SAF CFE will be available.

**Please RSVP:** by calling Kelley McCarter at 919-610-2852 **by March 2** so we can give our speaker the headcount for the number of handouts to bring.

**Meeting fee:** Each meeting attendee simply goes through the line, getting whatever you wish and pay for your meal individually as you leave.

**Directions:** South Hills Mall is located off Buck Jones Road and is accessible from I-40/440 via exit 293 and 293A, or from Rt. 64/1 at exit 101B. K&S is a large one-story brick building located at the far southwest corner of the shopping center. The web page with directions to the meeting location is: [www.kscafeteria.com/Locations.html](http://www.kscafeteria.com/Locations.html)

## ApSAF 2007 Winter Meeting

*Grand Strand was cold, but meeting was HOT!*

The winter meeting took place at the Crown Reef Resort and Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, SC January 23-25, 2008. Over 300 people were in attendance the meeting whose theme was, "Catch the Rising Tide of Forestland Sustainability." The keynote address by Carlton Owen, Endowment for Forestry & Communities, gave the meeting an upbeat tone. Excellent speakers, an awards luncheon, two social events, a sightseeing tour, and the pre- and post-conference workshops were all well-attended.



The business meetings of ApSAF and state chapter meetings were held at the end of the overall program. The NC SAF meeting included a discussion important to the region, the proposed changes to the NC Registered Forester legislation.

## SAF EVENTS-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	CONTACT
March 4, 2008	Triangle Chapter Meeting	K&S Cafeteria, Cary	Kelley McCarter, 919-610-2852
March 11 2008	ApSAF Excom Meeting	Raleigh area	Liz Bourgeois, etbourgeois@yahoo.com
May 2008	Triangle Chapter Meeting	TBA	Kelley McCarter, 919-610-2852
June 26-27, 2008	NC SAF Summer Meeting	TBA	" "
August 2008	Triangle Chapter Meeting	TBA	" "
October 2008	Triangle Chapter Meeting	TBA	" "
November 5-9, 2008	SAF National Convention	Reno, NV	www.safnet.org

### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

*Membership statistics as of January 31, 2008*

- 159 Triangle Chapter professional members
- 46 NCSU Student Chapter members
- 10 Duke University Student Chapter

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an executive committee meeting of the Appalachian SAF on **March 11, 2008**. The location has not yet been determined. For more information, please feel free to call Jim McCarter, Triangle Chapter Chair, at 919-803-0527.

### 2008 NC SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS SUMMER MEETING

*Thursday-Friday, June 26-27, 2008*

The NC Society of American Foresters will hold its summer annual meeting on **June 26-27, 2008**. The Triangle Chapter will be the host organization for the meeting so it will be located in the Piedmont region of the state. Several options are on the table for the location. In general, the theme will be water. Let's hope that the ongoing drought will not be the main focus! More news on the annual meeting coming very soon. In the mean time, please contact Kelley McCarter if you would like to volunteer in the effort of hosting meeting.



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