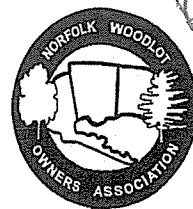


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President's MESSAGE

(written 7/12/11)

For the last ten days I have been abroad to visit family. Coming home I am pleasantly surprised. The weather is sunny and crisp. Nature seems quiet, prepared for winter. A few overwintering birds come feed at our bird feeder. Some noisy Blue Jays have been around for the last 6 weeks. In the field behind our house the prairie looks pristine with ice crystals in the early morning frost. In the next field my husband is working on

re-establishing Black Oak Savannah. This is an endangered habitat, even more endangered than tall grass prairie. In the spring we plan to do a prescribed burn in the savannah. This takes a lot of preparation. We found a company that is willing and capable to prepare and do the burn. Now we are in the process of getting the paperwork ready. The neighbours need to be informed. Norfolk County as owner of the adjacent trail needs to be cooperating. The Fire Department needs to be asked for a permit. When all preparations are done in the right order we can do the burn by the beginning of May. After the burn we will anxiously wait to see how nature will recover. Many Black Oak trees are already appearing from underneath the poplar trees. We also expect to find tall grasses, round-headed bush clover, tick-trefoil and Sassafras to name a few.

It is interesting to realise how we work together with nature; sometimes pressing nature to our wishes, sometimes working with nature to common interest and sometimes letting nature run its own cause. Recently I attended a presentation from Michael Bradstreet at Norfolk Field Naturalist. He told about the history and management of Backus Woods. Backus Woods has had several owners and several management plans. This has shaped the woods into different appearances every time it changed from owner. Over the past year I have been trying to distinguish these different types of management plans. I plan to relate on that during the upcoming AGM on February 1, 2012.

During the AGM we will all renew our membership. To keep our Norfolk Woodlot Owner Association a healthy one we want to invite new members to join. I have come to realise that I know a few people who own a woodlot but are not a member. This year I will invite them to come to our AGM. I also intend to give a membership to one of my friends as a gift. If you also invite a friend we can end up with some new members and keep our association strong.

Also during the AGM we will present a few projects that will start in 2012. There is continued research done into Dogwood Anthracnose. We are looking for volunteers who want to collect infected leaf samples from Flowering Dogwood to contribute to this research.

Another project is to collect White Pine seeds. Those seeds will be sold for the purpose of commercial seeding and bring in money for upcoming projects. We are looking for volunteers to help collect these seeds next fall. There will be an opportunity to sign up during the AGM if you are interested to participate.

If you have any suggestions or interests that you would like to learn about you can let me know by phone (519-428-1421) or by email (vankleef@kwic.com)

Angelle van Kleef

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association



Wednesday February 1st, 2012 7:00 PM
Delhi German Home - Delhi

Forestry Information Forum & Information Displays – open 5 pm

Over 36 Information Displays!

With membership access a chance at \$ 1000 in Door Prizes! A chance to win a chainsaw!

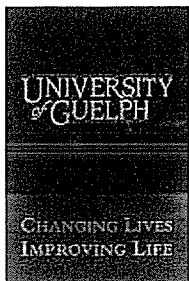
**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN TODAY!
& WIN A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL DRAW FOR A
CHAINSAW!**

**DEADLINE – APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT
NORFOLK FORESTRY 95 CULVER ST. BY JANUARY 30th, 2012**

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM ~ MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM

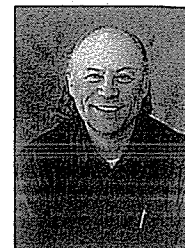
LEARN MORE ABOUT.....

- How you can help save the County Flower
– the Eastern Flowering Dogwood
- Proposed Updates to the Norfolk County Forest Conservation By-law and how they will help tie into Forest Certification to maintain access to US and European markets for our local timber



GUEST SPEAKER

Tom Nudds Professor
Department of Integrative Biology
University of Guelph



**The why and how of landowner participation in effective
conservation of species at risk**

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIO:

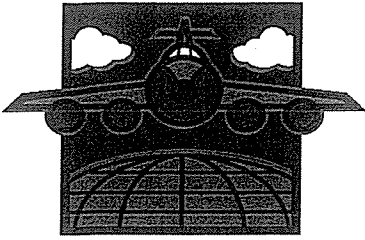
Tom Nudds is a Professor in the Department of Integrative Biology, at the University of Guelph, where he has been teaching and researching wildlife ecology and management since 1981, following a postdoctoral fellowship with the Canadian Wildlife Service. He completed BSc and MSc degrees at the University of Windsor and a PhD at the University of Western Ontario. He has (co)authored over 170 papers, book chapters and technical reports, and advised over 40 graduate students. He was Associate Editor at the *Journal of Wildlife Management*, the *Canadian Journal of Forest Research*, and Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Avian Conservation and Ecology*. He was a Visiting Professor at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and University of California and is an associate faculty member at Montana State University and University of Saskatchewan. Federally, he has advised a number of agencies and organizations, most recently as a member of the Boreal Caribou Critical Habitat Science Advisory Group. Provincially, he served on Ontario's Endangered Species Legislative Review Advisory Panel and presently serves on the Provincial Forest Technical and Wolverine Recovery Team Advisory Committees. He is Principal Investigator for the Decision Analysis and Adaptive Management (DAAM) Project for Great Lakes Fisheries and has facilitated DAAM workshops on resources management generally for the Missouri Department of Conservation, Ducks Unlimited Canada, OMNR Forest Policy Section, and Ontario Parks.

Tom Nudds will be speaking to us about the Ontario Species at Risk Act and how we as woodlot owners can play a part in ensuring the powers to be can and should recognize the importance of our role as private woodlots owners all in an effort towards the successful recovery of species at risk.

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

The why and how of landowner participation in effective conservation of species at risk

In the tradition of British common law, wildlife in Canada belongs to all people, but the land on which wildlife lives often belongs to individual people. This situation has always presented a significant challenge for wildlife management. However, recent changes to Ontario's Endangered Species Act (ESA) seem only to have been exacerbated it, insofar as it has been argued that the ESA provides for more disincentives than incentives to landowners to participate in conservation. Historically, natural resources management operated, often non-transparently, and typically in a top-down, command-and-control fashion that frustrated stakeholders because it ignored local concerns and uncertainty about them. Currently, decision analysis and adaptive management (DAAM) are advocated as means to embrace stakeholder involvement in transparent and accountable decision-making, with sound scientific process at its core, to directly address uncertainty that impedes effective conservation. However, facilitation of DAAM requires the cooperation of landowners whose participation is otherwise difficult to engage without some form of "safe harbour" agreement from prosecution under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Several "flexibility tools" were conceived as part of the advice to the Minister to revise the ESA, and better use could be made of them to assuage stakeholders' concerns about conserving species at risk on private land.



AERIAL PHOTO ~ FREE (kinda)!

IN 2004 the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association partnered with Norfolk County to provide all Woodlot Owner members a copy of the latest aerial photograph of their property.

Aerial Photos of over 500 properties were distributed – in hopes that by our members knowing what they own ~ within the greater landscape ~ they can make better management decisions.

Plus knowing generally where ones property lines are creates better neighbours!!!

In 2009 the entire County was photographed once again in partnership with our neighbouring municipalities and the Province of Ontario. These photos have been corrected for use in our County geographical information system and ready for use.

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association has secured dollars to once again undertake this exercise – these dollars have been provided in part of a grant from the OMNR to increase membership awareness of species at risk within their area and potentially on their property.

Included with your aerial photo will be information regarding general information about how to identify, manage and conserve possible species at risk that you may find in your woodlot.

The cost for a laminated colour copy of your aerial photo of your property is \$5.00 (per property).

BUT this could be FREE!

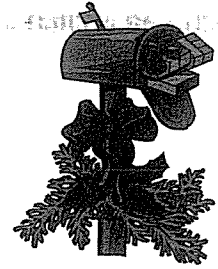
Here is where your homework comes in to encourage growth in our membership the NWOA is waiving this fee if you provide the address for a potential neighbour, friend or family member who would also like to join the NWOA and receive this information. There is no obligation on their part – they will receive a complimentary newsletter and an offer for membership with an aerial photo.

But this opportunity does not stop there – there will be additional opportunities provided to those that wish to learn more about species at risk on their properties – seminars and literature is presently being consolidated – with more information being presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Just complete the form attached for each ROLL NUMBER – IN FULL – and mail it to the following address with a cheque made out to the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association c/o Norfolk Forestry – Community Services Department 95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5.

Project is limited to woodlots within Norfolk County only. Limit of three (3) tax rolls – additional properties can be requested at a cost of \$5.00 / tax roll number.

**FOR A WOODLOT OWNERS THAT HAS EVERYTHING.....
OR THEY THINK THEY DO!**

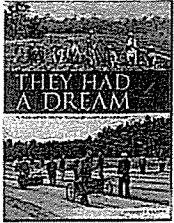


BOOKS WORTH READING...



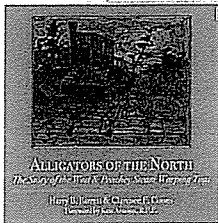
**Two Billion Trees and Counting:
The Legacy of Edmund Zavitz**
John Bacher (Author), Kenneth A. Armson (Foreward)

\$16.92 AMAZON.CA



THEY HAD A DREAM
A History of the St. Williams Forestry Station
Harry B. Barrett

\$25 + \$1.25 GST + \$10 Shipping
Available at local merchants or bchanyi@kwic.com



**Alligators of the North:
The Story of the West & Peachey Steam Warping Tugs**
by Harry Barrett and Clarence F. Coons

\$26.59 AMAZON.CA



Dave Reid and his family have owned a 50 acre woodlot in Charlotteville since he was young. Timber has been commercially harvested 3 times in this woodlot in the past 50 years.

Dave enjoys hunting, mushroom gathering, birding and walking. Dave has been involved in the reintroduction of wild Turkeys in Norfolk County in 1984.

Dave has been a member of the NWOA since the inception in 1996. He remembers this event in the Lyndoch United Church with Bauk Vogelzang.

Dave is a biologist by profession. He became Land Stewardship Coordinator. In this position he is an advisor on the board of directors.

Other significant activities that he would like to share with us is that he likes to harvest and cook local food. He loves to cook grey squirrel and wild mushrooms. He is an avid Turkey hunter and likes to cook these in the Hawaiian fashion.



Look forward to the January Newsletter for a review of Dave's career as he enters retirement. Dave is retiring on December 31st, 2011 - if you see him make sure you thank him for his years of dedicated service to conservation and his community!

As Dave started retirement December 21st - he can no longer be reached at his office at OMAFRA - his new personal email address is dave.reid@eastlink.ca. Dave has agreed to continue working with NWOA & will be standing for a Director position at the AGM.

**ANOTHER GREAT CHRISTMAS
GIFT IDEA!**

**CHAINSAW
CERTIFICATION**

Are you interested in receiving
chainsaw training?

For information contact:
Ron Tchorek at 519-426-5708
tchorek@kwic.com



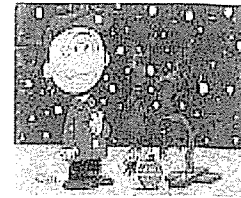
This is a 2 day workshop
– 1 day in class and 1 day in the field.

Required working chainsaw with operating
chain break plus safety equipment – including hardhat with face shield and hearing protection, chainsaw
pants, work boots and chainsaw gloves (latter optional).

If there is enough interest the NWOA is willing to coordinate a chainsaw certification course. Enrolment is
limited to 8 participants – allowing for one on one instruction in the practical field session.

WHAT TO DO WITH THAT CHRISTMAS TREE AFTER CHRISTMAS!

- Placed in the garden or backyard, the Christmas tree will provide winter shelter for small birds. Another good idea is to decorate the tree again. This time hang it with special treats for the birds: Orange slices will attract birds, as will peanut butter spread on tree seed cones; or hang suet balls stuffed with sunflower seeds. If you set your tree outside for the birds, remember to carefully remove all tinsel. Birds will try to eat the shiny stuff and it will make them sick.
- A Christmas tree is biodegradable. Its branches & needles make a good mulch in the garden, especially for plants like rhododendrons which like an acid soil. Norfolk County provides drop off locations to gather Christmas trees and puts them through shredders which chop them up into small pieces which is available to the public.
- Fir tree foliage can be stripped from the branches & snipped into small pieces for stuffing into aromatic fir needle pillows for the sofa or bedroom. Some people also use fir foliage in dresser drawers to give clothing and blankets a fragrant aroma.
- Large quantities of used trees make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially at beaches.
- Old Christmas trees stacked together in a forest provide shelter for rabbits & other small animals.
- Sunk into fish ponds, Christmas trees make excellent refuge and feeding areas.
- Woodworking hobbyists can make a multitude of items from the trunk of a used Christmas tree including buttons, gavels and candleholder.



Be a Savvy Woodlot Owner:

Avoid the Common Pitfalls of Selling Standing Timber

By Wade Knight, Ontario Woodlot Association

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All too often the phone call is made after it's too late. Something has gone astray with their timber sale and the woodlot owner is now seeking information and assistance on how to resolve an issue.

These types of problems are troubling, and unfortunately, are often very difficult to solve because the damage has already been done.

To avoid some of the common pitfalls of selling standing timber, it is important for the woodlot owner to do a little pre-planning before selling. Here are a few of the most common pitfalls of selling standing timber (listed in no particular order).

Harvesting using diameter-limit cutting – locally known as circumference harvest: Allowing this type of harvesting will reduce the long-term financial benefits (e.g., impedes the growth and development of high-value sawlogs) that can be derived from a well-managed woodlot. Further, a diameter-limit cut is not uniform and often results in over-cutting. Harvesting only occurs in areas of larger trees, while other areas of smaller trees are not thinned. Poor quality, small diameter trees with no potential to develop into sawlogs are not removed to provide room for the remaining sawlog-quality trees.

Have a written contract: A contract protects both the seller and the buyer. The contract provides the "who, what, where, when and how" of the business transaction. For example, your contract should include the name of the seller, the buyer, location of sale, volume being sold, a start and completion date, payment schedule, insurance requirements, dispute mechanism and penalties for non-performance.

Not utilizing a forest consultant: A knowledgeable forest consultant can help you through the process of selling your timber, help you avoid the pitfalls discussed in the article and assist in developing a strategy to successfully achieve your long-term objectives. You are seeking someone who will represent your interests and provide you with unbiased advice.



It is important to have your woodlot marked by a certified tree marker following sound forest management principles (a prescription).

Not having a clear understanding of which trees you have sold: Tree marking in its simplest form identifies to the logger (and the landowner) what trees are for sale and what trees are to be harvested. However, it is important to ensure that your woodlot is marked by a certified tree marker following sound forest management principles. Tree marking is a relatively inexpensive operation, and when done in conjunction with good forestry practices, will optimize your economic return and enhance future timber quality and quantity; help maintain and or enhance valuable wildlife habitat and biodiversity; and ensure the long-term sustainability of your woodlot.

Am I receiving fair value?: Never be pressured into making quick decisions when selling timber. The tree's quality and value will not depreciate overnight. It is highly recommended that a competitive bidding process (by advertising your sale to local loggers and sawmills) will obtain the best value for your timber.

Landowner missing in action: Most loggers want to do a good job; however, sometimes things do go wrong. These issues need to be identified early and addressed quickly to avoid major problems or damage to the woodlot.

As a woodlot owner, keep involved in the project. Set up a schedule with your logger to meet and discuss the progress of the work and to assure that everything is going as planned. If you are unable to monitor the logging operations, it is highly recommended that you seek the assistance of a forest consultant to help out.



To help avoid non-payment issues you may want to request full payment in advance before the logs leave your property.

Be a Savvy Woodlot Owner: Avoid the Common Pitfalls of Selling Standing Timber (continued)

Income tax considerations: Know the tax treatment of timber income before selling! Seek out the advice of a knowledgeable chartered accountant that is familiar with woodlot-related tax issues. Obtain a copy of Revenue Canada's income tax interpretation bulletin "IT-373R2 (Consolidated) Woodlots". This bulletin deals with some of the issues around taxable income for owners and operators of woodlots, including woodlots operated as farms.

Here today, gone tomorrow!: The forest industry is no different than any other business; unfortunately, there are a few bad loggers sprinkled in with many good ones. To help avoid any pitfalls such as non-payment, you may want to consider requesting full payment in advance before the operations begin or, at very least get a series of advance payments (before the logs leave your property) as the job progresses. In addition, you may want to request a performance deposit over and above the selling price that would be held in trust until the contract has been successfully completed. Any such terms should be clearly spelled out in the contract and identified to potential buyers as part of the bidding process.

Not having a management plan: Don't shortchange yourself. Before you make the decision to sell timber you should determine your long-term objectives. Use your woodlot management plan to guide your decisions. Will your objectives be enhanced by a timber sale at this time or be jeopardized? Seek out the assistance of a forest consultant if necessary to help you set out a clear, logical management strategy based on your own personal objectives. A concise plan, including maps and a detailed inventory, will allow more effective communication between you and everyone working in your woodlot.

For more information about the Ontario Woodlot Association visit the website www.ont-woodlot-assoc.org.

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