

Tree Farm News

*A Quarterly Newsletter of the
Maine Tree Farm Committee*

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A Sign of Good Forestry

Annual Tree Farm Field Day

The Maine Tree Farm Committee invites Maine Tree Farmers and others to attend the annual Tree Farm Field Day, scheduled for Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Maine Outstanding Tree Farmer Larry Park and family will host the field day at their property in Presque Isle. Events for the day include tours of the property, demonstrations, displays, discussion sessions, and an awards event.

Established 50 years ago, one may view the cultural treatments of a red pine plantation, including pruning, which have occurred as needed on a regular basis. In the natural stands, view and discuss the results of years of work, including non-commercial thinnings, commercial thinnings, cross-country ski trail establishment and other treatments. Larry has measured the annual growth on twelve trees for many years, and will discuss the results of his findings.

Displays and other demonstrations include a forester's tool kit, a matching game using things found in the forest, and a visit from a wildlife biologist. On site equipment will include a portable sawmill, a farm tractor with various forest harvesting/processing attachments and other forest management tools. The Park Tree Farm is also an active agricultural farm, and Larry predicts that the harvesting of broccoli will be occurring the day of the Tree Farm meeting. A "Lumberman's Lunch" will be provided by the Men's Club from the local Methodist Church. The price has yet to be determined, but is likely to be \$10.00 or less.

Other items of interest, very handy to the Park Tree Farm, is the Double Eagle Balloon site where three balloonists lifted off in helium-filled balloons, crossed the Atlantic and landed in France, a feat never accomplished before. Maine Winter Sports, sponsor of an annual National Biathlon, is also located nearby. This organization has established trails using world-renowned trail designers. It is often used by participants and others for training. Aroostook State Park is also within two miles of the Park Tree Farm. If not full, the park has campsites for camping enthusiasts. In addition to the state park, there are several nearby hotels and campgrounds.

If you are a Tree Farmer, look for an announcement in the mail.

Directions to the Park Tree Farm are as follows:

From the south, take Route One north (Houlton Road). Look for the Aroostook State Park Sign in Presque Isle, approximately three miles past the Presque Isle/Westfield Town line. Turn left onto Spragueville Road, as if to drive to the state park.

From the North, take Route One South (Houlton Road) and travel approximately three miles from the town Presque Isle. Look for the Aroostook State Park Sign and turn right onto Spragueville Road as if to drive to the state park.

Look for Tree Farm meeting signs beginning along Route 1. Follow the Spragueville Road west approximately 1/2 mile and turn left onto Echo Lake Road. In a short distance, look for the Park home and a field beyond the house for parking.

Tree Farming in Maine

A Way of Life for 50 Years

*A History of the Maine Tree Farm Program
1952 - 2002*

*Compiled and Edited by Kathy Nitschke
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The Maine Tree Farm Committee is pleased to announce the publication of "TREE FARMING IN MAINE: A WAY OF LIFE FOR 50 YEARS". This 70-page full color book is chock full of photographs and stories from the first 50 years of tree farming in Maine from 1952-2002. From Samuel Condon's first tree farm in South Penobscot to current Maine State Tree Farm Committee Chair Dave Harvey's vision of the next 50 years of tree farming in Maine, this book is a "must have" for anyone interested in the people and programs that have made Maine Tree Farm what is today.

Released within the last three months, this well-done publication highlights significant happenings from 1942 through 2002. Initiated by the Maine Tree Farm Committee in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Tree

Farming in Maine, the publication took several years to complete. Kathy Nitschke, (1997-98 Tree Farm Chair, and former Tree Farm newsletter editor) researched and authored the publication, beginning the work sometime in 2002.

Kathy began this undertaking by reviewing pictures and other records archived by the Tree Farm committee since 1942. Over the data gathering period, Kathy was often seen carrying Tree Farming pictures, containing unidentified people, to forestry meetings and events, asking members of the forestry community to identify the unknown faces. Some people and their significance were identified when shown to the right Tree Farmer, logger or forester. In some cases, more mystery was created. As noted in the text, some photos in the publication still contain unidentified persons. If any knowledgeable Tree Farmers recognize any of the people in question, please contact a member of the Tree Farm Committee (listed on page 4).

Other research by Kathy included interviews with key people, such as former forest commissioner Austin Wilkins, long-time Tree Farm inspectors and Committee members, and many Tree Farmers. She also reviewed past publications from various sources. This undertaking by Kathy Nitschke took untold amounts of time to complete. Many thanks go to Kathy for this production.

Copies are available for \$5.00 plus \$2.50 shipping.

<p>Number of Copies _____ X \$7.50 (\$5.00 book + \$2.50 shipping) Total _____</p> <p>Shipping address:</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State _____</p> <p>Zip Code _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Make checks payable to: Maine Tree Farm Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Send orders to: Keith Kanoti, Maine Forest Service, 50 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME 04330.</p>
