



# The Azimuth



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## 2000 Annual General Meeting

**T**he 2000 AGM was held on April 8, 2000 at the Maritime Forestry Complex. Outgoing president Blair Degrace challenged the incoming executive to continue to promote Continuing Forestry Education (CFE), to increase the membership by 10% per year, to keep sending in articles for the Azimuth (emphasis added by edi-

**Todd Mac Pherson**

**Technician of the Year**



President Walter Bidlake(left), and Past President Blair DeGrace(center) presents a \$1000.00 cheque to the "NB Forests for Easter Seals Kids Campaign" to Paul Leblanc of the New Brunswick Easter Seals Society

tor) to increase the number of technicians by 50 per year, to continue to build a strong relationship with the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick (ARPFNB), to the regional representatives to hold regular activities and to all members to support each other. Blair thanked the membership for all the support given to the Executive over the last two years. Ron Smith, President of ARPFNB, pointed out the benefits of any joint activities between our two associations and that the members need to take advantage of education opportunities. He also felt that it would be advantageous to have a common database for the

for-  
estry community at large. When asked about the possibility of technicians to become RPF's, he said that it would not be possible due to the educational requirement, but this is not an issue to be concerned about since the ARPFNB is not currently pursuing the right to practice. If and when the right to practice forestry becomes an issue in New Brunswick it will become an important issue for NBFTA. In a special ceremony, Blair Degrace presented a cheque for \$1000.00 to Paul Leblanc of New Brunswick Easter Seals campaign. Paul

thanked the association on behalf of 2000 kids who benefit from the Easter Seals organization. Mayor Sandy Digiaccento wished all a warm welcome to Fredericton. Kenny McGinn presented the 2000 Technician of the Year award to Todd MacPherson for his great contribution to the NBFTA as the editor of the Azimuth for several years. Andrew Clarke reported that MFRS Board of Governor's are shutting down the forest operations on UNB properties due to recent developments at UNB. Claude Chiasson reported that there are now 94 (Cont. P2 AGM)

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# From the President's Desk

Walter Bidlake, President NBFTA

## Letters to the Editor

You are more than welcome to send in letters, comments or photos to the Editor for publication. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you want your submissions returned. Articles may be edited for content, grammar, length etc. Please include author's and photographer's name. If possible save your document on a computer disk formatted for PC's and mail it (e-mail or snail mail). It will make our job easier.

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**H**ello fellow Forest Techs. . As your new president I hope I can get around and meet as many of you as possible in the next two years. Our association has grown very quickly in the past 4 years all due to your hard work in promoting us and the work of past board members driving forward with one goal in mind, a unified voice for all Forest Technicians.

Our Annual General Meeting on April 8, 2000 was well attended. Those present listened to several interesting presentations with the representatives from the Alberta Forest Technicians Association, Rick Stewart and Don Pudlobry, providing us with a different prospective of a Forest Technicians Association. Our \$30.00 membership dues look pretty good compared to their \$400.00 yearly dues. Though they took a different route than us, the end result is the same – recognition and a unified voice in the forest industry.

To-date we have 94 CFTs but to maintain this designation you must submit 150 CFEs within three years of receiving your CFT. To date we have 29 CFTs who have submitted and received their CFE certificate. Of the first twenty who wrote the initial exam only 7 have submitted documentation for their CFE certificate. The rest are endanger of losing their CFT recognition and will have to rewrite to regain it again. So please check to see when you wrote your CFT exam and make sure you get your application in for your CFE certificate.

The board is looking at how we can get more CFE credits at the regional level. If you have an expertise and willing to put on a hour or so presentation on it please let your regional representative know so you may help fellow members work towards their own CFEs. Remember you can get CFEs for developing and making presentation to interested groups..

So by helping others, you can help your self reach a common goal.

I hope everyone has a great New Brunswick summer and try to attend your regional summer meeting .

Walter.

## AGM (Cont. fr. Page 1)

Certified Forest Technicians in the association. Claude Chiasson reported on CFT reciprocity between the Nova Scotia Forest Technician's Association and NBFTA. There are a lot of details to be worked out by the next AGM. Blair DeGrace reported that the Atlantic Forest Technician's Association is a work in progress. Rick Stewart from the Alberta Forest Technician's Association made a presentation on the history of AFT. AFT organized in 1992 as a result of the Alberta RPF associations attempt to secure a right to practice. A Regulated Forestry Profession Act received Royal Assent on April 29, 1999. A lot of details need to be worked out regarding policies, regulations, consultations with stakeholders etc. For more information check out the web site at [www.arpfa.org/afta](http://www.arpfa.org/afta). Work permits are required annually and technologists can become RPF's in Alberta by a process called the syllabus program that takes a minimum of 5 years. AFT membership dues are \$400.00 per year! Blair DeGrace presented a report on the benefits of NBFTA joining Sylvicon. NBFTA will approach the Sylvicon organizing committee with the request to be included as a hosting organization for the year 2001. The NBFTA's annual meeting will be set at Sylvicon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2001.

## NOTICE

If you have any subject that may be of interest or benefit to the membership please submit it to the editor. We are always on the look-out for your submissions.

## Thank you, Canadian Woodcutters!

This is actually for the Canadian woodcutters, who visited France last December to help clean up after a big storm.

I was just speaking with a Mr. Joel Esmard, from Lignol le Chateau, from the region Champagne, located in France. Actually it was he who approached me. He asked me if I was one of those woodcutters, and I was sorry to say no. He said he had been trying to locate them via the internet to thank them for such a wonderful job they did. I told him I would do what I could to relay his gratitude.

If anyone who reads this message knows anything of these woodcutters, please relay this message. If you wish to contact Mr. Esmard, I know of no other way except through icq messenger, his icq # is 72606493, and please note that Mr. Esmard cannot speak any English, so, you will need to communicate with him in the French language.

Thank you,

*Sam Hachey*

## Region 4 Announces Meeting

Danny Lapointe, Region 4 Rep is having a regional meeting on Saturday, July 15, 2000 at 10:00 AM. The location will be at MFRS in room 242.

Danny would also invite members from around the region to contact him at 474-1127 if you wish to have a meeting in your locale at some future date.

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## Directory of Forestry Consultants

As a follow up to a feature on Forestry Consultants in the July 2000 issue, Atlantic Forestry is compiling a list of Forestry Consultants and Forestry

Consulting Companies to appear in the September 2000 issue.

Since the consulting business is extensive and far reaching we have opted

To organize the information into a few broad categories.

If you wish to have your business listed, please provide the following information;

Company name

Owner's/CEO name

location of business

telephone

fax number

Check services provided

forest/woodlot management planning

timber cruising/land valuation silviculture/harvesting services

wood supply analysis

engineering/environmental assessment services

Please indicate any other specialized services your business provides, so

that we may categorize them in the matrix. To be included in our listing,

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**CFS NEWS:** Excerpts from Forest S&T Watch, Atlantic Forestry Center  
Red Spruce threatened:

As probably everyone is now aware, a serious threat to the Red Spruce in the Maritimes have recently been discovered. The Brown spruce long horn beetle *Tetropium fuscum* (Fabr.) is attacking red spruce in Halifax's Point Pleasant Park. As an adult, this beetle bores oval exit holes about 4 mm in size, visible on the bark of red spruce trees. In response, the tree produces excessive resin or sap noticeable down the length of the trunk. In extremely stressed trees, the browning of the foliage may be noticed. Under the bark, the beetle can be found in larval galleries and pupal chambers. The larvae feed on the wood and form extensive

## NBFTA Supports Easter Seal Kids

The NBFTA was fortunate to have Paul LeBlanc, the New Brunswick Easter Seal Society Director of Fundraising & Communication, accept an invitation to attend our March Executive Committee Meeting to explain his Programs.

Paul explained that The New Brunswick Easter Seal March of Dimes has been around since 1966. The Easter Seal Society of New Brunswick holds the license for both Easter Seals and the March of Dimes in New Brunswick. The Easter Seal Campaign helps children with disabilities while the March of Dimes Campaign raises money to assist adults with disabilities.

The Society currently has \$2.6 million dollars worth of items on loan to disabled New Brunswickers. Approximately 2000 children are assisted annually with specially adapted toys, tricycles, household appliances, strollers, wheelchairs and other items not covered by our medical system.

Since 1998, the New Bruns-

wick Forest Industry has geared up in partnership with the Easter Seal Society to raise funds through a program called "NB Forests For Easter Seal Kids". \$6000.00 was raised by wood truckers in 1998. \$7100.00 was raised in 1999 in an expanded program involving a cross section of forest stakeholders.

"NB Forests For Easter Seal Kids" kicked off its 2000 fundraising drive in February. The NBFTA was proud to have the resources to assist the Society in the form of a \$1000.00 donation presented at our AGM in Fredericton on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The NBFTA looks forward to continuing support for this worthy cause.

Please forward your ideas to Blair DeGrace (356-4199 [degraceb@pr.fraserpapers.com](mailto:degraceb@pr.fraserpapers.com)) on innovative ways to raise funds within our Association for Easter Seal Kids.

networks of wide irregular tunnels. Females can lay an average of 80 eggs and both the males and females are strong flyers.

This is one of several threats to Red Spruce. Well recognized as part of the old growth forest in the Maritimes, Red spruce is on decline in terms of population sizes and numbers. Researchers at CFS in the Forest Biodiversity and Climate Change Networks are evaluating the reproductive and genetic status as part of a risk assessment in an effort to develop conservation strategies. Restoration studies assessing silvicultural alternatives to clear cutting are now underway in New Brunswick and Ontario, and are planned for Nova Scotia.



## What does it take to apply for a CFE certificate?

Fill out the application form which is available from any CFE Committee member listed below. If you need help filling it out, contact any member for help. It may look complicated at first, but it's not. To obtain a certificate, you need a total of 150 hours of activities in a 3-year period. There are 3 categories of activities:

**Category 1.** Called “**structured learning**”, which probably doesn't help much – read formal courses conferences, workshops, seminars, short courses, field trips on technical subjects. You need **60 hours** worth of these, over up to 3 years, and could use up to the full 150 hours from this category, if available. Up to one-third (20 hours out of 60) can be on general topics such as computers, public speaking, etc.

**Category 2.** Called “**self-improvement**”. Two ways to self-improve: 1) attendance at your organization's business meetings (one hour per meeting usually), or attendance at other marketing or conservation organization meetings; or 2) one hour per hour of reading or viewing/listening to related technical material (for example reading The Forestry Chronicle, Journal of Forestry, etc.) You can use up to **90 hours** of Category 2, and anyone can achieve those 90 hours based on their own efforts.

**Category 3. “Professional contributions”.** Includes holding elected or appointed office, preparing/delivering course work, or preparing/publishing forestry or related subject material (there are some rules to check out here). Can use up to **60 hours** of Category 3.

The CFE application/brochure spells it all out in more detail, and the CFE Committee members are there to help out with any questions. Hope to see your application soon!

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### Please take note of the following:

1. **All Certified Forest Technicians must obtain CFE Certificate within three years of their certification date.**
1. **Any Certified Forest Technicians with CFE Certificates take note of your expiration date on the certificate.**

**Shawn Farrell, CFT**

**Continuing Forest Education**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION 2000 SCHEDULE OF FORESTRY COURSES

		CFE Credits
Finding The Speaker Within	February 8 & 9	13.5
Improving Speaking Skills	February 16 & 17	13.5
Stand Density Management Diagrams Course	February 29 - March 2	21
Supervisory Development for Forestry Personnel	March 6 - 10	31.5
Global Positioning System Training	March 14 - 16	21
Advanced GPS Mapping Seminar	March 17	7
Executive Speaking	March 30 & 31	14
Introduction To Geographic Information Systems	April 24 - 26	19
Introduction to Arcview GIS 3.1	May 3 - 5	14
Global Positioning System Training	May 9 - 11	21
Advanced GPS Mapping Seminar	May 12	7
Scalers' Refresher	May 23 & 24	NA
Introduction to Hardwood Log Quality	June 1 & 2	10
Introduction to Soil Biodiversity	June 6 & 7	14
Ground Vegetation Identification	June 8 & 9	5
Introduction to Forest Birds	June 8 & 9	10
Tolerant Hardwood	June 14, 15, 16	TBA
Silviculture Module I: Stand Establishment	June 19 - 23	TBA
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	September 6 - 8	19
Silviculture Module II: Stand Development	September 11 - 15	TBA
Manipulating Forest Vegetation; Operational Realities	September 25 - 27	TBA
Introduction to Hardwood Log Quality	September 28 & 29	10
Hardwood Management in the Maritimes and Maine	October 2 - 6	24
Introduction to Arcview GIS 3.1	November 1 - 3	14
Design for Outdoor Recreation	November 14 - 17	29
Forest Landscape Design	November 20 - 23	29
Global Positioning System Training	November 28 - 30	21
Advanced GPS Mapping Seminar	December 1	7
Supervisory Development for Forestry Personnel	December 4 - 8	31.5



# NBFTA / ATFNB Application Form



New Member ☐

Renewal ☐

Address Change ☐

Other ☐

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

CFT Number \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Job Position and job-related duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

☐ **Regular Members:**\$30.00 expires at start of 2001 AGM (max 30 day grace period)

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