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General Membership Meeting—September 9

The next General Meeting of TCFLOA is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 9:30 AM in the Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville.

Scott Yosko, Woodville Chief-of-Police, will address Emergency Circumstances. On exhibit we will see the 48,000 pound MRAP MaxxPro, an armored personnel carrier that the city acquired from Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Disposition Services last year. Its purpose is to provide officers protection when entering an unfriendly situation. Other items will be on exhibit. Chief Yosko will answer questions that landowners may have.

Todd Harrell, Harrell Dozer Company, will talk about mechanical site preparation for planting pine seedling after a final harvest.

Brandon Moseley, Texas Game Warden, will address landowner property rights with hunters and hunters trespassing.

Jacob Spivey, Tyler County Extension Agent, or Dr. Eric Taylor, Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, will address the Master Tree Farmer course that is going to be offered in Tyler County.

We will have a short business meeting followed by lunch.

U. S. Rep. Brian Babin’s Forestry Roundtable Notes

Congressman Brian Babin’s Forestry Advisory Committee met Friday, August 18th at Charles and Betty Zimmerman’s home near Woodville. Rep. Brian Babin extended his congratulations to Rob Hughes, who will be the new Executive Director of the Texas Forestry Association.

Rep. Babin shared that the executive order rescinding the Waters of the United
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CALENDAR

September 9, 2017, Saturday—TCFLOA Fall General Meeting, 9:30 AM, Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas. You may refer to our website tcforest.org for the latest information.

October 25 – 27, 2017 – Texas Forestry Association Annual Meeting – This year’s annual meeting will be held at the Fredonia Hotel and Conference Center in Nacogdoches, TX.

January, 2018— TCFLOA Winter Board of Directors Meeting in Woodville, Texas. More information in the Winter issue of The Dogwood Times and also see tcforest.org for time and location. Members are encouraged to attend.

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Disposing of Debris by Burning

Landowner’s are responsible for clearing debris from their property.

- After much rain the fire danger may soon be high and a burn ban may be in effect.
- Let the debris dry until leaves begin to fall.
- Select a burn day with low winds.
- Then put the debris in large, compact piles and cover the piles with fuel oil.
- Stoke the fires to keep them burning until all woody material is burned. In some areas, you may need a burn permit.



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States (WOTUS) Rule is out for public comment, after which it will be recorded in the Federal Register, finalizing the process. Rep. Babin has introduced H.R. 3282, the Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) Extension Act of 2017, which would impose a two-year delay on the requirement for truckers to use ELDs on all freight trucks.

Shane Harrington, Texas A&M Forest Service, revealed that the U.S. Forest Service, as a part of their forest plan revision, is studying Wild and Scenic River eligibility of the Neches River. Ron Hufford added that the US Forest Service will hold public meetings September 12th at the Lufkin Convention Center and September 14th at the San Augustine Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the public meetings is to discuss the Forest Planning process and share information on the recent study that has 41 rivers and streams within the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas as having Wild, Scenic, or Recreational values. The Texas Forestry Association is concerned with the direction this study has taken and will attend to voice opposition to the treatment of these rivers and streams as Wild and Scenic River designation. Rep. Babin replied there is no current activity in the U. S. Congress regarding designation of the Neches River.

Shane shared that the Louisiana Pine Snake is expected to be designated as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in September, with potential negative impact on forestry operations. Rep. Babin responded that he is co-sponsoring Rep. Gohmert’s bill to weaken the Endangered Species Act. There are currently 14 fresh water mussel species on the endangered species study list.

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Rainfall totals (inches) for Tyler County attributed to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey.

- Chester 25.00
- Colmesneil (4 E) 26.98
- Colmesneil (2.3 SE) 23.14
- Colmesneil 28.05
- Fred 29.84
- Harmony 27.12
- Ivanhoe Missing due to gage under water
- Rockland Missing due to missing data
- Spurger 28.08
- Spurger (6.2 S) 29.18
- Town Bluff Missing due to missing data
- Triple Creek RV Park 29.97
- Warren (5SS E) 27.90
- Woodville 20.73
- Woodville Fire Tower 25.67
- Woodville (2W) 28.07
- Woodville (5SW) 25.52
- Woodville (7.2 S) 25.01 West Ivanhoe

Information provided by the Tyler County Emergency Management Weather Division August 31, 2017.

Note: When the official rain gauge is located outside the town, i.e. “(4 E)” after Colmesneil, means four miles east of town.

Websites of Interest



Texas A&M Forest Service Information Portal
<http://www.texasforestinfo.com>

Southern Group of State Foresters
<http://www.southernforests.org/>

Association of Consulting Foresters
<http://www.acf-foresters.org>

DeAnna Turner, TCFLOA Director from 2013-2016, who lit up a room with her warmth for others, love of family and devotion to God, will often be remembered by all of us who knew her. Her light is now shining in Heaven.

DeAnna and her husband Fred tended their Tyler County tree farm like a garden and enjoyed hosting friends and meetings there. Together, they designed, constructed and artistically decorated a podium for the Tyler County Extension Office that is used during meetings by county, state, and national officials, as well as TCFLOA officers and speakers. It will be a lasting reminder of DeAnna. We will miss her dearly.



Description of 10 Common Invasive Plants in the East Texas

Landscape—<http://www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/>

Chinese Tallow: *Triadica sebifera*. Introduced from China in the 1700s as an ornamental and for its waxy seeds. A deciduous tree reaching 60 feet in height, it readily invades open land and has distinct heart-shaped, alternate leaves that display brilliant fall colors. Attractive white berries persist on the tree in the fall and winter.

Chinese (European) Privet: *Ligustrum sinense* (and others). Native to China and Europe and brought to the U.S. by the mid-1800s as ornamentals. Mostly evergreen, thicket-forming shrub having opposite, elliptical leaves with smooth margins. Fragrant, white flowers form in spring and produce clusters of dark purple berries.

Japanese Climbing Fern: *Lygodium japonicum*. Native to Asia and Australia, this fern was brought to the U.S. in the 1930s as an ornamental plant. It is a climbing, twining, mat-forming fern that invades open forests, road edges, and wet areas. Leaves are mostly deciduous, opposite, compound, lacy, and finely divided. Foliage tends to die back in winter.

Japanese Honeysuckle: *Lonicera japonica*. Introduced from Japan in the early 1800s for erosion control and as an ornamental, this plant is a semi evergreen, woody vine with simple, opposite leaves and produces white to yellow (sometimes pink) fragrant flowers from April through September.

Kudzu: *Pueraria montana*. Introduced from Japan and China in the early 1900s for erosion control. Kudzu is a deciduous, twining, mat-forming, ropelike woody vine and may completely cover large trees. Common in several southern states. Stems are covered with dense hairs. Leaves are alternate, compound and contain three leaflets.

Asian Bamboos: *Phyllostachys* and *Bambusa* spp. Native to Asia and widely planted as ornamentals and for fishing poles, this plant is a perennial grass forming jointed cane stems and reaching heights of 40 feet. Leaf blades are long and lanceolate with parallel veins and often are a golden yellow color. Dense thickets may form in pine understory in wet areas of East Texas.

Chinaberry Tree: *Melia azedarach*. Introduced from Asia in the mid-1800s as an ornamental tree. Dark green leaves are doubly compound, alternate, deciduous, and display bright yellow fall colors. Fruit is spherical, about ½" in diameter, yellow, persists on the tree in winter and is poisonous.

Chinese Wisteria: *Wisteria sinensis* (and others). Introduced from Asia in the early 1800s as an ornamental. Deciduous, high-climbing woody vine with alternate, compound leaves up to 16" long. Large, fragrant, showy lavender to purple flowers in spring. Seed pod is typical of legumes.

Mimosa: *Albizia julibrissin*. Brought from Asia in 1745 as an ornamental, mimosa is a deciduous tree with alternate, doubly compound leaves and showy, fragrant pink blossoms. Leguminous seedpods persist during winter. Leaves resemble those of honey locust.

Nandina: *Nandina domestica*. Introduced from Asia and India in early 1800s. Widely planted as an ornamental, now escaped and spreading from around old homes. Evergreen, erect shrub to 8 feet in height, with multiple bushy stems that resemble bamboo. Glossy, compound green or reddish leaves, white to pinkish flowers in terminal clusters, and bright red berries in fall and winter.

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Rainfall Totals (inches)—Tyler Co. Emergency Management Weather Division

	June	July	August
Chester	5.72	3.39	27.20
Colmesneil (4 E)	5.39	8.86	30.28
Fred	14.72	4.78	36.11
Spurger	11.89	3.23	32.94
Warren (5SSE)	13.99	9.35	31.13
Woodville	8.14	2.10	20.73

Note: When the official rain gauge is located outside the town, i.e., "(4 E)" after Colmesneil, see above, means 4 miles east of town.

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
2017-2018**

- Pres: Elizabeth Parker
- VP: Josh Lempert
- Sect: Jeffrey Parker
- Treas: Charles Zimmerman
- Dir: Betty Zimmerman
- Dir: Jack Clark
- Dir: Dr. Jay Fish
- Dir: Sarah Reinemeyer (past President)

Membership 2017

Check your memberships status for 2017. Look at the address label on the envelope for your status—if the year number after your name is not **17** or greater, then consider renewing your membership.

Send your renewal check to the treasurer at the address on the membership form. Use the form to join TCFLOA or update your information.

Note that we are asking for your e-mail address. This will allow us to get time sensitive information on programs, conferences, workshops, weather, or fire situations. We will **NOT** give your address to any other group, people, advertisers, etc. This information is for your board members and newsletter editor **only**.

At the January board of directors meeting, a discussion about funds for program expenses led to a decision to raise TCFLOA annual dues from \$10 to \$15 starting in year 2018. This is the first dues increase since the organization was chartered in 1991. Starting with the winter newsletter, the Membership Form will reflect the \$15 dues.

Charles Zimmerman—editor

MEMBERSHIP FORM
For Calendar Year 2017 - TCFLOA

Regular Membership: Private non-industrial owners of five (5) or more acres of land in Tyler Co. **Dues:** \$10 per calendar year per couple. One (1) vote per membership.

Associate Membership: Any individual not qualifying as a Regular Member who supports the objectives of TCFLOA. **Dues:** \$10 per calendar year per individual or organization. Associate Members are non-voting.

USE THIS FORM TO JOIN TCFLOA OR TO MAKE CORRECTIONS

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE

APPROX # TIMBER ACRES IN TYLER CO.

E-Mail

Please make checks payable to TCFLOA, and mail to:

Charles Zimmerman, Treasurer TCFLOA, 298 County Road 2152, Woodville, TX 75979