



# ENERGY: fossil & bio

... *business, technical, and economic considerations*

26th Annual Meeting of the

Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.

The Arbor in Alexander City, Alabama May 4 & 5, 2007



**Please join us on Friday evening** for the **President's Reception** and a **relaxing dinner** at **The Arbor** catered by **Bill Hendricks' Collegiate Deli** followed by a **thought provoking discussion** on **drilling, pumping, mining, or growing energy supplies right here in Alabama.** Reception at 5:30 PM followed by Dinner at 6 PM.

A huge **natural gas field** is being developed in **St. Clair County** and may include Cherokee and Etowah Counties, as well. If a landman knocks on your door, will you know how to **negotiate** the best possible **lease** for your oil & gas rights? **Dr. Charles D. Haynes**, Mining, Petroleum, and Coalbed Methane Consultant, will bring us up to date on current **exploration possibilities** in Alabama and also provide several important **tips when leasing** oil & gas rights.

**Biofuels, biomass, biodiesel, bioenergy** — what do all these terms mean and what kind of fuels are we talking about. In simple terms, **what is the process** of turning bales of hay, bushels of corn, or cords of wood into gallons of liquid fuel or cubic feet of burnable gas or 50 pound sacks dry fuel pellets? **Dr. David Bransby**, Advisor to President Bush and Auburn University **Energy Crops Professor** will help us understand how **wood can play a part** in the bioenergy economy.

And finally, a few **economic considerations**. Will **fossil fuel supplies** last forever? Should we depend heavily on **unstable parts of the world** for our critical energy supplies? What happens if **bio-processing methods** never improve much and we spend huge amounts of our wealth on **unsustainable bioenergy** projects? What are some of the **scenarios relevant to forest owners** that might occur in a **changing energy environment**? **Dr. Mark Thornton**, Economist and Senior Fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute will give us a **no-nonsense look at U.S. Energy Policy**.

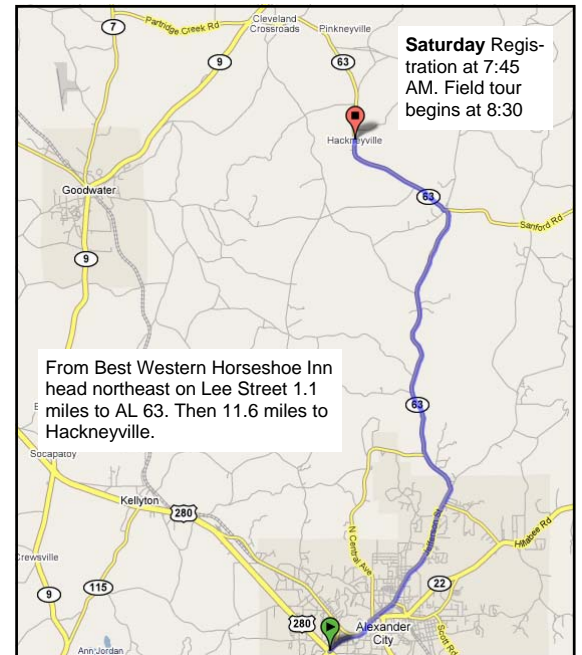
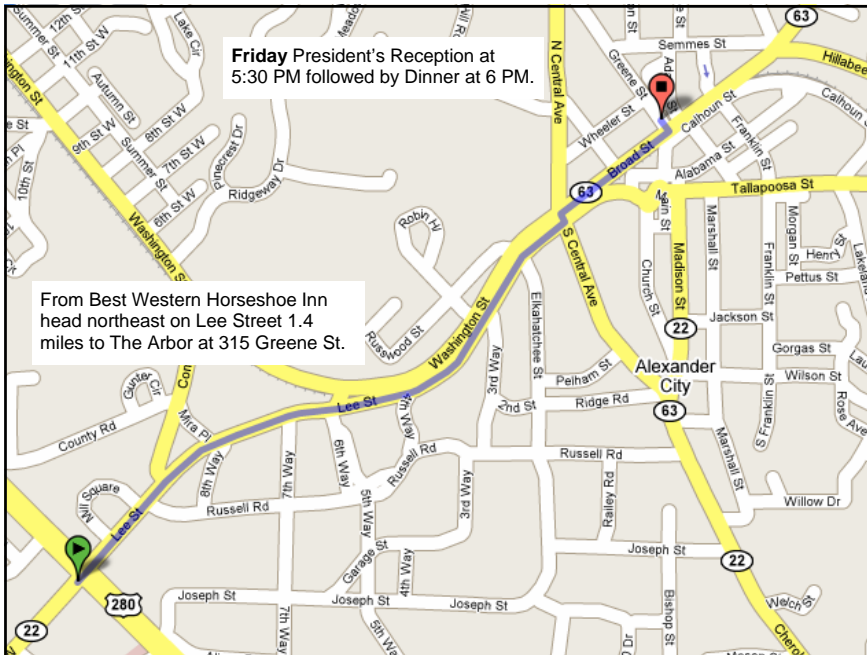
**On Saturday** we'll visit with **Bobby Jennings**, retired school teacher and absentee forest owner who began buying land when he was 37. He calls himself "a poor man" who didn't inherit his property. Bobby writes: "If you are a forest landowner interested in **growing quality timber and enhancing wildlife habitat**, you should make every effort to attend our forest field day." **If you cannot attend Friday evening, please pre-register for Saturday by calling (256) 825-4244. Leave your name, number of people attending, and your phone number.**

## Accommodations

Register now for rooms in Alexander City at:  
Best Western Horseshoe Inn (256) 234-6311  
Holiday Inn Express (256) 234-5900  
Jameson Inn (256) 234-7099

## Friday Exhibitors

Eiland Forestry and Real Estate  
Federal Land Bank of South Alabama  
Carignan Forestry Consultants  
Forestry Consultants, Inc.  
Alabama Super Tree Nursery  
Alabama Chapter, Association of Consulting Foresters  
International Forest Company  
Sizemore & Sizemore  
W. W. Sellers Realty  
Woodland Enterprises



## Forest Owner Registration

**\$20 per person includes Friday Reception, Dinner and Saturday Lunch**

**\$5 discount if paid by 4/27.**

Please print names as they are to appear on name tags.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Refunds will be made if AFOA is notified by April 27

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** for all people included on this registration form @ \$20 per person

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with payment to: **AFOA - Annual Meeting, P. O. Box 361434, Birmingham, AL 35236**