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Register Now for the Annual Meeting !

August 10 & 11, 2007
Mio, Michigan

Space is still available on both tours.

Details on the meeting and a registration form are available on the MFA web site.

Addition to the agenda: On Friday, at 5:00 p.m. there will be a **business meeting** of the membership at the Woodland Sanctuary.

After the meeting...

Consider staying Sunday and enjoy the local golf or canoeing opportunities.

MFA member **Ned Caveney** has invited those interested to his place for target or skeet shooting on Sunday. (BYOG)
MFA board member **Gus Chutorash** invites anyone going south on Sunday to visit him at the Cole Canoe Base at Alger, MI.

Are Bugs Bugging You?

MFA member **Tom Stone** has submitted some useful bits of information for the desperately bugged. Relief from the persistent **deerflies** is offered by a trap you can attach to your tractor, mower, canoe, or hat. Visit the web site at http://ufinsect.ifas.ufl.edu/deerfly_trap.htm. Let us know if it works for you.

Tom also sends the following suggestion from **Joe Durbin**, of Newberry: *"When I return from the woods and I know that I could have a **tick** or more undiscovered within my clothes, I remove my clothes and put them in the clothes dryer right away. I set it on high heat for 15-20 minutes. The ticks die from the heat and many times I find them in the lint trap. My wife is happy because we don't find ticks roaming the bedroom or house anymore."*

Thanks, Tom.

Oops! Our Apology...

After hearing from several of you that you were not receiving the **Michigan Out-of-Doors** magazine, we realized it was because we hadn't paid the bill. You should be getting the magazine now and we will see that you get a year's worth for your money. Sorry for the delay.

In memoriam

Our sympathy goes to MFA board member **Gus Chutorash**, of Alger, MI, on the sudden and unexpected loss of his wife, Dawn. They had been married nine years.

U.S. Department of Energy Funds Bioenergy Research

MFA Board member **Bill Cook** informed us that the DOE will fund research on converting “cellulosic feedstocks” (wood and other materials) into transportation fuels. Three research centers will be established, one of which, the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (GLBRC), will be headquartered at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Michigan State University will receive about \$50 million as a partner in the GLBRC, Bill says.

Details are available at <http://special.newsroom.msu.edu/glbrc/index/php?home>

Learn Forest Management During Master Woodland Steward Award Training.

MFA member **Dean Solomon** has notified us that there will be a Michigan Master Woodland Steward training session on Sept. 14 to 16 at the Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center on Higgins Lake.

Participants will explore such topics as forest and wildlife ecology, tree planting, managing forests and tree identification. Instructors include MSU forestry faculty and woodland management experts. During this new weekend format, participants will have many indoor and outdoor learning experiences.

Master Woodland Steward graduates will be asked to complete a special forestry-related project in their communities or commit 30 hours of volunteer service within one year. This service may include working with local MSU Extension offices or conservation districts, helping woodlot owners understand stewardship options for their land, planting trees or teaching children about forest management.

The \$300 registration fee is due August 31. Registration includes lodging at the MacMullen Center, meals, reference materials and refreshments. Registration is limited. Application forms are available from any MSU Extension county office or online at www.for.msu.edu/mws.

For more information, call the Roscommon County Extension office at 989-275-4670.

The Master Woodland Steward program is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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MFA member **Keith Abrahamson** says he's not claiming the **state record burdock**, but, in cleaning his hardwood plantation he's resorted to using a chainsaw!