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Banquets, and Meetings, and Workdays....

It looks like everything is falling in place for our banquet on January 27th. All that remains is to sell tickets and get as many donations as possible. We will be holding some donated items to auction off for chapter money to fund upcoming projects, of which there are many. Please do your best to get what you can as we are beginning to run out of time. Please don't forget that we will be drawing for the Kimber shotgun on the 27th. I have received unsold tickets back from the other NJ chapters so anyone needing them please contact me so I can send them to you. We will have one more meeting before the banquet, and we will have a workday as well.

The final arrangements are being made for a chainsaw class to be held by the Delaware Water gap NRA for us to begin working on projects there; we are getting set to move RGS Cat to the gap this coming month. Mark Banker will be making arrangements to have people trained to use this machine in accordance with Park Service guidelines and approvals. The estimated time for this to begin happening is January so we will be busy this coming month. Additionally our next workday will be the 13th of January that's a Saturday and we will begin cutting down a second stand of dieing Aspen down at our original project area of the Wallkill River NWR. We are waiting for the coldest part of winter due to ridiculously mild weather and the tick factor. We will meet at the refuge office at 8:30 AM anyone may attend.

Our next meeting is on Monday January 8th at 7:00PM at the Lafayette house we will finalize any kinks we may have our preparations for the banquet and answer any questions anyone may have. Wayne Roberts will be there and should have more information about any issues raised last meeting. On a side note Thank you Wayne for taking care of the mix up on the flyer I just got the second mailing and it was correct. Aside from the few we already got this should alleviate a lot of problems at the banquet.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jim