Iowa Chapter of the Walnut Council

Fall 2016 Field day . . . Saturday, October 22nd

Please note that the date has been changed from an earlier announcement!!!!

Time: 10 am to 3 pm
Location: 18337 Eby’s Mill Road, Monticello, Iowa

Directions to the property: Travelling on 136, turn west on county road E17, 3.7 miles to Ebys Mill Road (there will be a sign for Scotch Grove Coon Hunter’s Club/Ebys Mill Road). Turn north (right) onto EMR (X73) and drive about another 3 miles. At this point there will be some corn field to drive over, so vehicles with higher ground clearance are needed. We can car pool from here.

The Event: We’ll visit a direct seed plantation planted in 1976 that is now owned by the Jones County Conservation Board, formerly owned by Arnold Bruggeman. This property was a mature oak stand that was cleared of all the understory leading up to a fall harvest when the acorn crop was plentiful, then all the merchantable trees were harvested. The rest was cleared, pushed into piles and burned after which it was assumed the land would be farmed. Instead, the Bruggeman Reforestation Technique, as it was to be called, resulted in a really nice black walnut plantation. Ben Bruggeman is a 4th generation timber buyer and will be conducting the tour. While there, we will participate in a hardwood harvest including on-site sawing of the harvest by Ralph Manternach.

Lunch: This will be pay-as-you-go at a “The Grove”, a local bar and grill. The menu options will be burger, tenderloin, or chicken and fries.

There is no cost for this field day other than lunch.

Please let one of us know if you plan to attend.

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Ralph Manternach will be conducting the on-site sawing