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**THE SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY
LEPIDOPTERISTS** is open to
anyone with an interest in the
Lepidoptera of the State of Kentucky.
Membership dues are annual: \$12.00.
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SPRING FIELD MEETING JACKSON & ESTILL COUNTIES IN EASTERN KENTUCKY

The spring field trip will be held April 16, 18 & 18, in Jackson and Estill counties in eastern Kentucky. Charles Wright will be Field Trip Leader. Bring Light Traps and Bait Traps. For those interested, bring UV lighting equipment to collect moths.

April 16, 6:00 PM (Friday evening) - Meet at Opal's Restaurant in McKee for dinner at 5PM. Opal's Restaurant is behind the Court House on Water Street in McKee. After dinner we will proceed to the Wind Cave Church area of the Daniel Boone National Forest in northern Jackson County to set out light traps and possibly collecting with UV lights.

April 17, 8:00 AM (Saturday morning) - Meet at Waffle House in Richmond on KY876 (Eastern Bypass), proceed to Wind Cave Church area of the Daniel Boone National Forest in northern Jackson County to retrieve traps. Collect in general area, and then proceed to Mill Creek WMA in central Jackson County. Dinner in McKee or Irvine and go to locations in Estill County to set out light traps and possibly collecting with UV lights.

April 18, 8:00 AM (Sunday morning) Meet at Waffle House in Richmond on KY876 (Eastern Bypass), proceed to Estill County to retrieve traps. General collecting in Estill County.

For additional information, please contact: Charles Wright; Tel: 502-233-4523; E-mail: hidenspring@earthlink.net, or Gerald Burnett: Tel: 270-559-8214; E-mail: gdburnett@brtc.net.

Prior to the Spring Field Meeting your editor is planning to visit McCreary County Thursday and Friday, April 14 & 15 We will travel to McKee Friday afternoon to join the field meeting. Should you be interested. Contact: Leroy C. Koehn; Tel: 502-542-7091; E-mail: Leptraps@aol.com.

Information about future field meetings, the 2010 Annual Meeting and other Society events and activities, check out the Calendar of Events on Page No. 2.

ANNUAL BUTTERFLY COUNT JUNE 26, 2010 LED BY RICHARD HENDERSON

The Annual July 4th Butterfly Count at Horner Wildlife Sanctuary in Oldham County, Kentucky, will be held Saturday 26 June 2010. We will meet at 9:30AM at the (Now Closed) Brownsboro General Store & Restaurant (The only business building) in Brownsboro, one mile east of Exit 14 of I-71. After briefing and assignment of teams, we will count butterflies from 10AM to 3PM. If it is a completely rainy day, we will hold the count on Sunday June 27, 2010 at the same time.

Please wear boots, long pants, long sleeve shirts and a hat. Bring repellent for ticks, jiggers and mosquitos. We will have some nets to loan. You are free to leave whenever you wish.

For additional information, contact Richard Henderson, Email: mothcollector@hotmail.com

Richard Henderson will need some help from Society members. Please contact Richard Henderson if you would like to help.

Beginners and children are encouraged to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

"Mississippi River Tiger Beetle Hunt" 2nd or 3rd week of June in far Western Kentucky. Trip leaders: Charles Wright E-mail: hiddenspring@earthlink.net and Loran Gibson, Email: kymothman@fuse.net.

The 4th of July Butterfly Count (June 26th) at Horner Wildlife Sanctuary in Oldham County. Trip leader: Richard Henderson, Email: mothcollector@hotmail.com. (See notice above)

Late Summer Field Meeting September 10-12 to Western Kentucky. Trip leaders: The annual field trip is always an enjoyable weekend in western Kentucky. Bill Black, Email: black8808@bellsouth.net and Gerald Burnett, Email gdburnett@brtc.net.

"The Great Papaipema Chase" (September 16,17,18 &19) To Iroquois County in NE Illinois. Following the Late Summer Field Meeting. Leroy Koehn and Bill Black will lead a trip to Iroquois County, Illinois to search for Papaipema moths. Leroy collected this area for three years (2007, 2008 & 2009) and recorded 27 species of Papaipema moths. This is the prime time for Papaipema moths as 16+ species should be flying. There will be more information in the next issue of the Newsletter. Trip leaders: Leroy C. Koehn: Tel: 502-542-7091; Email: Leptraps@aol.com and Bill Black: 270-442 9587; Email: black8808@bellsouth.net.

2010 Annual Meeting November 19 & 20 University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. The meeting will be held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky at Insect Museum in the Animal Pathology Building on Friday and Saturday morning November 19 & 20. We will use the lecture hall in the Agriculture Building for the presentation of papers and the business meeting Saturday afternoon.

If you did not attend the 2009 Annual meeting, plan to attend this year and see the Insect Museum and the University of Kentucky entomology collection and the Dr. Charles Covell collection of Lepidoptera from The University of Louisville and the new compactor.

There will be more information in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend now.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The "Forum Herbulot," a bi-annual worldwide conference of geometrid moth collectors and scholars, will meet at the McGuire Center, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. I am the coordinator, and want to invite you to attend. The \$50 registration fee will cover costs of refreshments and a banquet. There will be talks by several European specialists in this, my favorite family of moths. The dates are June 22 and 23, after which we will have local blacklighting trips for 2 nights, and also we offer a collecting trip to Honduras from June 24 to July 1. Blocks of rooms are available in two local hotels.

Please contact me for further information if you are interested. My Email address is: covell@louisville.edu

2009 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The 2009 Annual Meeting was held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky on November 13 & 14, 2009. Those attending included 31 Members and friends. The meeting began Friday morning at the Insect Museum in the Animal Pathology Building. The Insect Collection of the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky Insect Collection have been relocated from the Agricultural Science Center North Building to the Animal Pathology Building. A compactor has been installed and the Museum Room has temperature and humidity control system to maintain the environment within the room.

Friday was a day to identify specimens, view the collection, meet old friends, make some new friends and get acquainted with other members. The Friday night "Get Together" was hosted Betty and Leroy Koehn at their home. As usual, Betty prepared an excellent feast for all. The meeting resumed Saturday morning at the Insect Museum. A board meeting was conducted and a social time was enjoyed by all. After the lunch break the meeting moved to the Agricultural Science Center North Lecture Hall for a presentation by featured speaker John Shuey. This was followed by contributed talks and papers, the presentation of the Carl Cornett Award to Kevin Segebarth for his outstanding work as Newsletter Editor and his many contributions to the Society. Door prizes were awarded to the lucky ones and a banquet followed at a local restaurant.

Plan to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting this November.

**THE SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY
LEPIDOPTERISTS ANNUAL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
14 NOVEMBER 2009
BY
TONY MERKLE, SECRETARY**

President Bill Black began the meeting with a summary of the Treasure's Report. It was mentioned that the finances were in good shape with a total of \$4,187.00 in the organizations treasury representing an increase of \$110.00 over last years amount. It was also mentioned

that since Treasurer Les Ferge was not in attendance, dues for 2010 would not be collected at the meeting but would instead be secured through the mail with notices to be sent for this purpose. Three new members in attendance were introduced to the membership at large. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. No dissensions were expressed.

The next topic introduced for discussion regarded implementation of a Webmaster position. It was mentioned that the position was being proposed as an additional officer on the organization's board and would therefore require an amendment to the constitution. The proposed wording of the amendment was read. It stated that, "There shall be an officer elected to the Board for the term of one (1) year with the title of Webmaster. This officer shall be a voting member of the Board and shall be responsible for maintaining the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists website." A motion was made to accept the implementation of the position. The motion was seconded. No dissensions were expressed.

The adoption of a conservation policy by the organization was the next issue brought before the membership. Concerns about worldwide access to information posted on the website were mentioned. Also mentioned was the possibility for having information removed or hidden in order to protect endangered or sensitive species and the sites where they are found. A proposal to form a committee responsible for compiling a list of concern species and formulating a conservation policy was put forth. A motion was made to form the committee. The motion was seconded. No dissensions were expressed.

The next item brought before the membership was the organization's board of officers. The list of individuals proposed for the coming year was presented. It was mentioned that Kevin Segebarth would be stepping down as Newsletter Editor. Leroy Koehn was proposed for the position. James Adams was proposed for the At-large board position being vacated by Leroy. The full slate proposed for the year was: Bill Black, President; Gerald Burnett, Field Trip Coordinator; Les Ferge, Treasurer; Leroy Koehn, Editor; Tony Merkle, Secretary; James Adams, At-large Member; Loran Gibson, At-large Member and Richard Henderson, At-large Member. A motion was made to cease nominations. The motion was seconded. No dissensions were expressed.(Cont. On Pg. # 4)

At this time the organization's lack of an official mailing address/contact address was introduced as the topic of discussion. Concerns about difficulties some individuals or organizations have had in establishing contact with our organization were mentioned. Aspects related to establishing an official mailing address were discussed. It was suggested that having an official organization e-mail address might suffice to address any problems individuals outside the organization might encounter in attempting to make contact. Jeff Marcus agreed to work at establishing the e-mail address.

The next topic of discussion was cooperative agreements with other organizations and/or individuals regarding presentations for educational, outreach and public relations purposes. Specifically mentioned was contact from a state park official requesting presentations at some of the parks by an individual or individuals from our organization. Aspects related to doing the presentations were discussed including: the need for volunteers to conduct them, the potential need for development of an audio/visual program and the need for more information regarding the expectations state parks officials would have for them. Bill Black agreed to contact the official at the Kentucky Parks Department to obtain more information regarding their expectations. Another member suggested contacting Blake Newton of the Department of Entomology at the University of Kentucky for information regarding public presentations.

Organization decals were discussed next. Leroy Koehn presented some information regarding aspects on the types of decals that could be secured based on some research he had done. It was suggested that further research would be needed in order to determine how many would need to be purchased and what the cost of such a purchase would be.

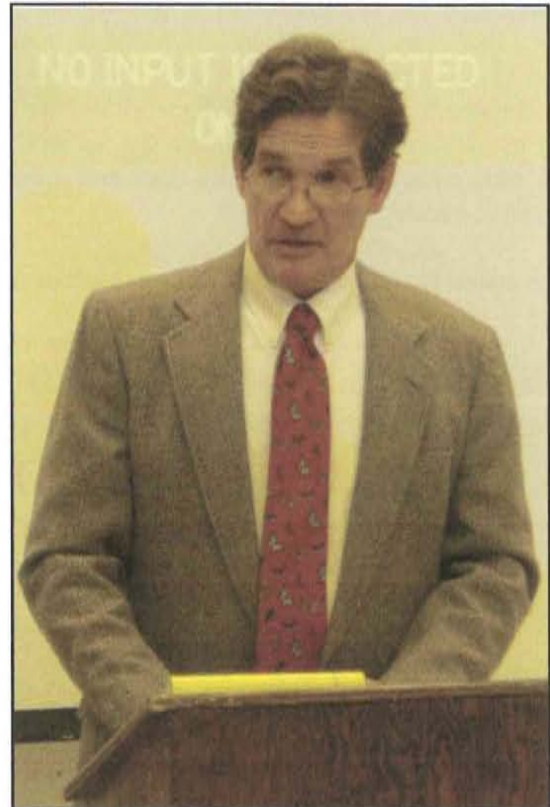
At this time the meeting was opened to discussion points presented by the membership at-large. A suggestion was made to have proposed policies of the conservation policy committee presented in the newsletter so that the entire membership would have an opportunity to review them and provide feedback prior to their being adopted. It was agreed that this would be done.

Next, a question regarding field trips for the coming year was raised. A tentative schedule was presented comprised of a spring trip to the eastern part of the state, a late summer trip to the western part of the state and the annual 4th of July Butterfly Count at the Horner Wildlife Sanctuary in Oldham County, Kentucky.

Finally, a brief discussion ensued regarding ethical collecting practices and conservation measures. Several points-of-view were presented on the matter.



Kevin Segebarth receiving the Carl Cornet Award from Jeff Marcus



Bill Black, President of the Society at Annual Business Meeting

**SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY
LEPIDOPTERIST
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2009
BY
TONY MERKLE**

Present were: Bill Black, Loran Gibson, Leroy Koehn, Jeff Marcus, Tony Merkle and Kevin Segebarth

The first topic of discussion presented by President Bill Black was conservation issues. It was mentioned that there had been concern expressed by some individuals that information regarding sensitive species, including exact locations where they could be found, can easily be obtained by anyone from our website. Concerns centered primarily on the possibility that individuals might go to the sites and cause irreparable harm to the populations of the sensitive species. A discussion ensued regarding how the organization might best be able to address those concerns. Initial discussion involved the website and how the information on it might be managed. It was suggested that certain information on concern/sensitive species, if included on the site, could be hidden from the view of the general public or that the information could be excluded altogether. Further discussion took place regarding a proposal to form a committee to compile a list of concern species and formulate a conservation policy. It was agreed that the matter should be brought to the attention of the organization's membership at the business meeting.

The next topic of discussion was with regard to a Webmaster position for the organization. It was established that the person in the position would be an officer responsible for maintaining the organization's website and that in order to get this done an amendment would have to be added to the constitution. A suggestion for how the amendment might be worded was given. All agreed that the matter should be brought to the attention of the organization's membership at the business meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented as the next topic for discussion. It was mentioned that the report looked good and that Les Ferge had agreed to continue as

treasurer. It was further mentioned that he had requested that no dues be collected at the business meeting because a notification for dues payment would be sent out to all members later.

Organization membership issues were addressed next. Opportunities for increasing membership were discussed including: considering an increase in the number of field trips conducted, carefully considering where field trips will be conducted in order to make them attractive to individuals living in adjacent states and employing personal contact with individuals that might be interested.

A discussion of the field trip schedule for the coming year then occurred. The tentative plan presented was for a trip to Eastern Kentucky in the spring and to the Jackson Purchase region of the state in Western Kentucky in the late summer. Sites mentioned for consideration included: areas in Illinois and other states, Pennyrile State Forest, Land between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Blood River and Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge.

The next topic discussed was the slate of officers for the coming year to be proposed to the membership at the business meeting. It was decided that the slate of officers would be:

President: Bill Black,
Treasurer: Les Ferge, (by prior agreement)
Field Trip Coordinator: Gerald Burnett ((by prior agreement)
News Letter Editor: Leroy Koehn,
Secretary: Tony Merkle,
At-Large members:
Loran Gibson
Richard Henderson (by prior agreement)
James Adams,(by prior agreement)
Webmaster: Jeff Marcus (proposed).

Concerns regarding an official address and/or an official contact person for the organization were then discussed. Discussion on this involved the need for a way for individuals outside the organization to establish contact and how this might best be accomplished. Options mentioned included obtaining a Post Office box and establishing an organizational e-mail address. (Cont. On Pg. 6)

The topic of Monarch Butterfly tagging was introduced next. A brief discussion took place regarding the organization's involvement in this and to whom individuals interested in participating in such activities might be referred.

The next item discussed centered on program presentations to be done in collaboration with other organizations. Specifically mentioned were the Kentucky State Parks and Bernheim Forest. Discussion centered primarily on what our involvement in these might be.

The last topic discussed was organization logo decals. Primary points of the discussion were types of decals that could be obtained, the quantity required and probable cost.

Meeting adjourned.

The Passing of Paul E. Pfenninger: 1925 -2009

August 27, 2009 Paul Pfenninger died at age 84. He was one of the early active members of the Kentucky Lepidopterists, known for his white Cadillac and amiable attitude whenever he attended our annual meeting and field trips. He kept beer of various brands in the trunk of his car, along with a box full of papered specimens of the green-and-black Rajah Brooke Birdwing butterflies, which he offered to any and all. His most memorable quote was "Hi. I'm Paul Pfenninger. Would you like a beer?" On one spring field trip to Red River Gorge Paul was trying to make room for a vehicle coming the other way on a narrow hillside forest service road. He slid off the road, down the hill, to be stopped by a couple of trees. He was undaunted by the mishap. My memories of him are all pleasant, and I will miss him.

Charlie V. Covell Jr.
McGuire Center for Lepidoptera
Gainesville, FL

The following obituary for Paul Pfenninger appeared in the Indianapolis Star Newspaper

Pfenninger, Paul F. August 29, 2008

Paul F. Pfenninger 84, died August 27, 2008 in Boynton Beach, Fla. Born in New Castle, Indiana and was the son of Jacob J. and Freda Pfenninger. He attended Indiana University and was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. In 1945, he joined his father in The Pfenninger Agency. He was a member of Independent Insurance Agents of America. He was married to Mary Lee Edwards Buschmann for 43 years. As a Master Gardener, he was interviewed by "60 Minutes" for their feature on orchids. Survivors: two sons, Fred (Charlene) Pfenninger and Steven (Lisa) Pfenninger; four grandchildren, Lauren (Dave) Dragoni, Jan (Josh) Estelle, Ryan Pfenninger and Jeffery Pfenninger; three great grandchildren; a sister, Jane (Larry) Carter; and a host of other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. Memorial contributions: J. J. (Jake), Paul F. and Steve Pfenninger Family Fund at the Henry County Community Foundation. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

DUES REMINDER

Please check your dues status, the year following you name on the address label indicates the last year for which dues were paid. Send payment to Les Ferge whose address is listed on the front cover. Those in arrears after 1 July 2010 will no longer receive the Newsletter.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Three years after I departed Kentucky in 2005, I returned to Kentucky in 2008. I retired in October of 2009 and was ask to resume as Editor. Send articles, short notes or items of interest for inclusion in the newsletter to your Editor: Email: Leptraps@aol.com. Next deadline in 21 July 2010