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## 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY LEPIDOPTERISTS 19 & 20 NOVEMBER 2010 INSECT MUSEUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

### 2010 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Friday, 19 November 2010

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM:** Insect Museum. Dimock Animal Pathology Building, 1081 V.A. Dr. (Bildg #76, University of Kentucky - Campus Map on the UK web Site: [http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009\\_Visitor\\_Map.pdf](http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009_Visitor_Map.pdf)).

The new home of the Kentucky Lepidoptera Collection along with the University of Kentucky Insect Collection. The collection has been organized and currently has a part time curator. The collections are on a compactor which reduces floor space and has ample room for future grow. The collection will be open for viewing. During the week, parking on campus is restricted and enforced. Friday we should park in the University Hospital Parking Garage No.8, 110 Transcript Ave. at the 900 block of South Limestone. (Bldg #601, University of Kentucky - Campus Map on the UK Web Site: [http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009\\_Visitor\\_Map.pdf](http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009_Visitor_Map.pdf)) Buses run continuously from the parking garage to the UK Chandler Hospital to shorten the walk to Dimock Animal Pathology Building.

#### **6:00 PM:** Friday Night Get Together

Leroy & Betty Koehn will host the Friday Night Get Together at their home.  
3000 Fairway Court  
Georgetown, KY 40324  
Tel: 502-542-7091

**Saturday, 20 November 2010**

Insect Museum - Dimock Animal Pathology Building,  
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Campus Map on the UK web site [http://maps.uky.edu/  
printablemaps/2009\\_Visitor\\_Map.pdf](http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009_Visitor_Map.pdf))

If you would like a University of Kentucky Campus map,  
please email the Editor with you name and address and  
a map will be mailed to you.

**9:00AM - 12:00 Noon:** Collection open for viewing.  
This is the time to meet old friends and make new ones.  
Bring your specimens for identification.

**10:40 AM:** Board Meeting

**12:00 Noon:** Lunch Break

We will move to the Agricultural Science Center North,  
Lecture Hall# N-12, 1100 South Limestone, (Bildg #91,  
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Site: [http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009\\_Visitor  
Map .pdf](http://maps.uky.edu/printablemaps/2009_Visitor_Map.pdf)).

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM:** Business Meeting.

**2:45 PM - 2:00 PM:** Break

**2:00 PM - 2:45 PM:** Featured Speaker: Dr. Lawrence  
Gall< Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale  
University. Larry's presentation will be: Catocala Moths.

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM:** Contributed Talks and Papers, Door  
Prize Drawing, and Award Presentation. Anyone wishing to  
present a talk or paper should contact Bill Black: Tel: 270-  
442-9587 or Email: [black8808@bellsouth.net](mailto:black8808@bellsouth.net)

**6:00 PM:** Dinner at a Local Restaurant.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER

You are invited to the home of Betty and Leroy Koehn  
for the "Friday Night Get Together", beginning at 6 PM  
and ending when the last person leaves. Betty will once  
again serve a delightful spread from her kitchen. The  
lucky few who arrive early may enjoy a taste of  
Kentucky with "Chicken n Dumpling" with home made

"Corn Bread" from a cast iron skillet. All diets are off for  
the night. Come enjoy great food, lively conversation and  
good company. You may even wish to view Leroy's  
paltry collection of Lepidoptera.

Directions to the Koehn's:

From I-64: Exit 65 turn north (Coming west from  
Lexington, turn Right, or from Louisville, turn Left on  
MidWay Rd., travel 2.2 miles on Midway rd., until it  
"T's" with Iron Works Pike. Turn Left onto Iron Works  
Pike and travel 0.2 miles to Soards Road. Turn Right  
onto Soards Road and travel 1.2 miles to US 460  
(Frankfort Road). Turn left onto US 460 and travel 0.4  
miles to fairway Drive (2<sup>nd</sup> road on the Right). A UV  
Light will make the road under the "Longview Estate  
sign. Turn Right onto Fairway Drive, travel 500 feet and  
bear to the left onto Fairway Court. The Koehn's home  
is the first house on the right. Another UV Light will  
light up the driveway to the Koehn's home.

If you have a GPS guidance system, good luck. The above  
directions provide the best route. If you get lost, please  
call Leroy at: 502-542-7091 or 502-370-4259. Someone  
will come to rescue the Lost. See map on Pg # 15

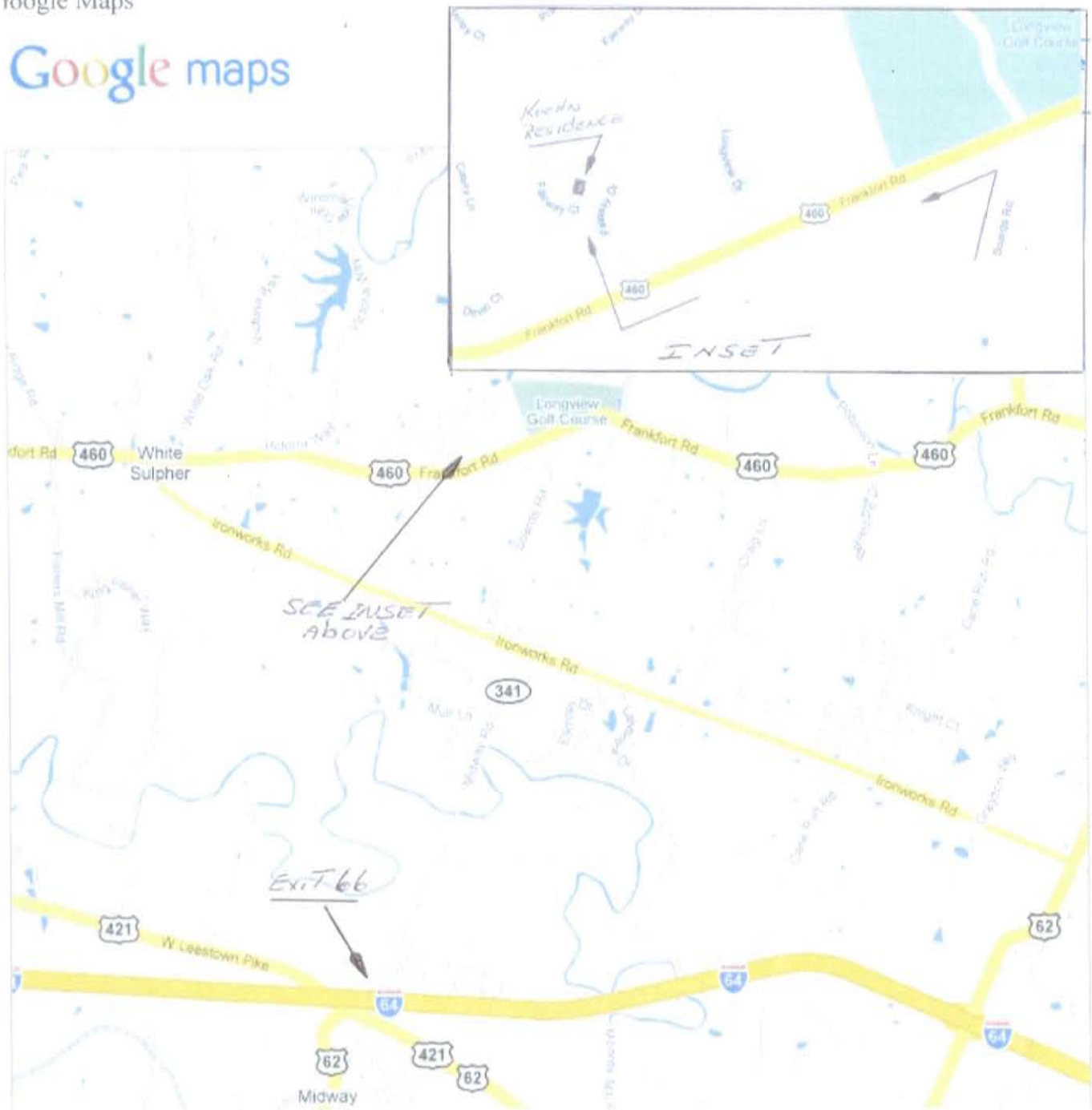
## MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS 2010 Annual Meeting

Once again we have made arrangements for meeting  
attendees to stay at the University Inn in Lexington,  
KY. The University Inn is directly across the street  
from the Agricultural Science Center North and a  
short walk to the Insect Museum in the Dimock  
Animal Pathology Building where the meeting will  
be held. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved until  
1 November 2010 at a rate of \$85.00 or \$95.00 per  
night (King, Queen, or two queens). After the first of  
November the rooms will become available on a first  
come first serve basis.

The Google Map indicates the location of the Inn.  
Exiting I-64/75 at Exit 110, turn west on US60  
(Winchester Rd.). west on US60 to New Circle Rd.  
(Rt.4). Turn left onto New Circle Rd. and travel  
south to Alumni Drive. (Cont. On Page # 16)

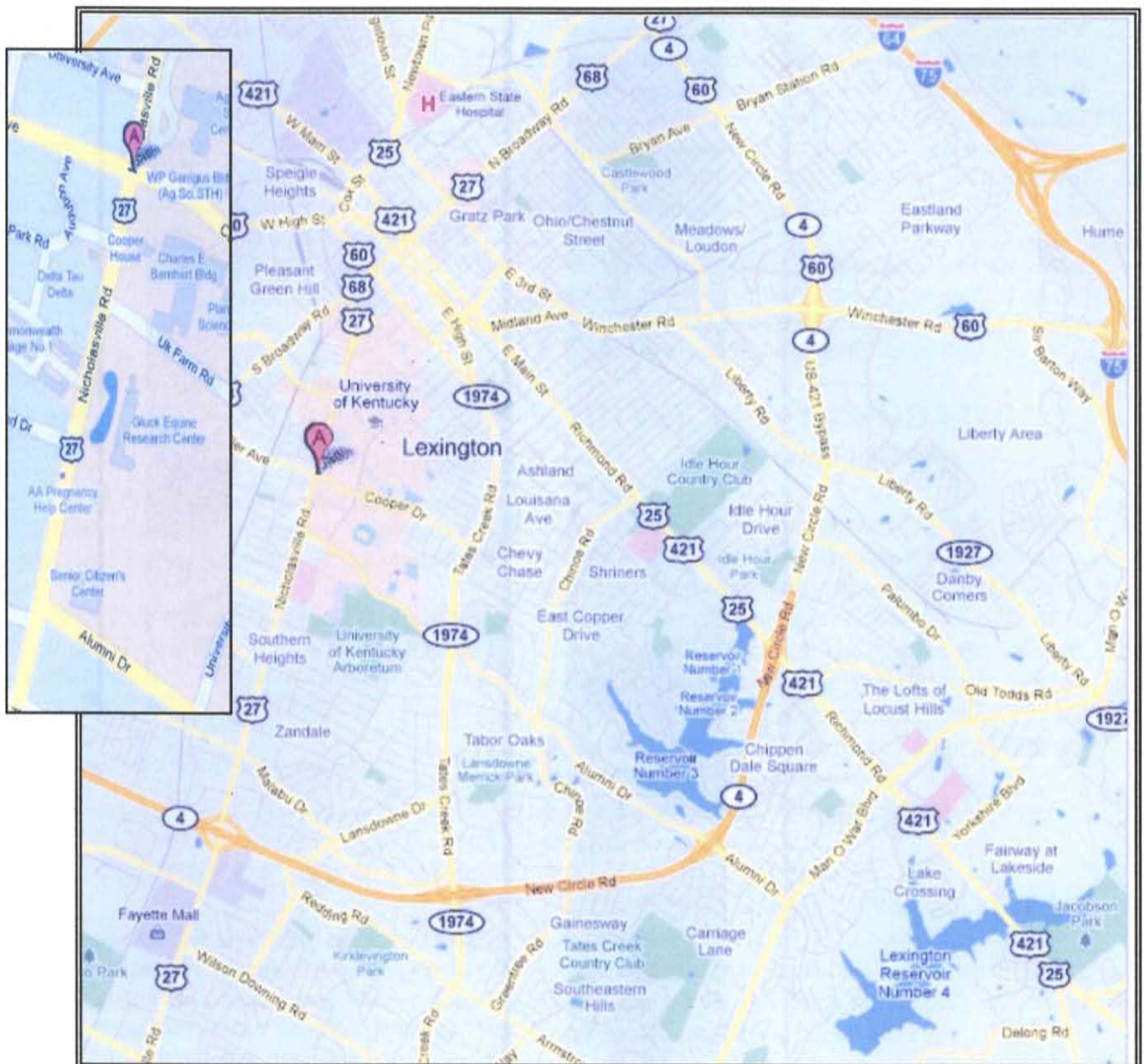
# MAP TO THE KOEHN'S

Google Maps



Turn right on Alumni Drive to Nicholasville Rd.. Turn right on Nicholasville Rd., travel two blocks to Waller Avenue and the University Inn will be on the NW corner of Waller Avenue & Nicholasville Rd. (Actually, once you cross the intersection of Waller Avenue & Nicholasville Road, Nicholasville Road becomes South Limestone Ave.)

**University Inn**  
**1229 S. Limestone St.**  
**Lexington, KY**  
**Tel: 859-278 6625**  
**Toll Free: 866-881-9676**



## FEATURED SPEAKER 2010 ANNUAL MEETING LAWRENCE GALL, PH.D.

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### BioSketch

My story will probably ring true with many in the Kentucky Lepidopterists' Society. According to my parents, as a preschooler in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I basically lived feral outdoors, trying to catch whatever was within reach. I don't recollect many details of this except for caterpillars and the abandoned railroad line across the street that was such a productive stomping ground. I fought the family cat for space as well as for custody of the caterpillars.

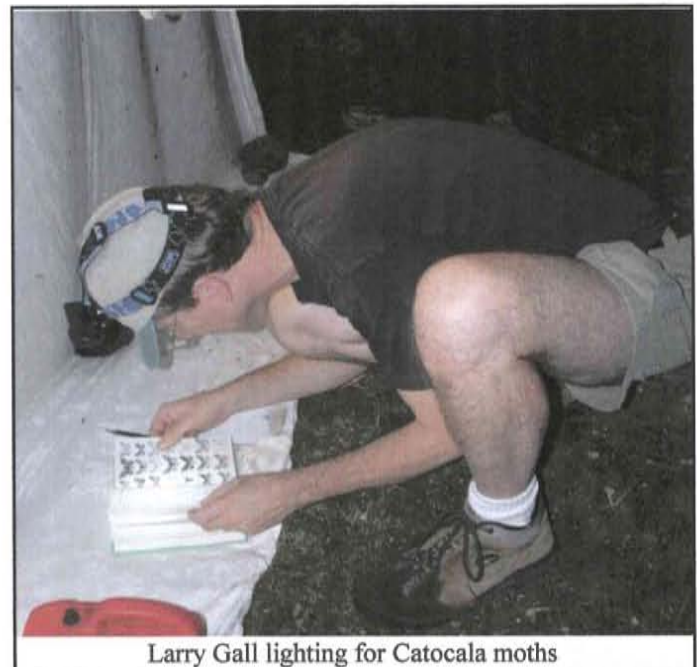
We moved to Connecticut when I was seven. For a brief time during 5th and 6th grade, four boys who lived on our street chased insects together, and kept a "collection" in a shoe box that we paraded from house to house. Wisely, my parents quickly upgraded me to two black insect boxes from Carolina Biological Supply, and Klots' *Field Guide to the Butterflies* and Holland's *Moth Book*, which I devoured. The foursome disbanded, but the boxes, books and my Latinized interest all headed to sleep away camp in western Massachusetts during 1968. That summer, by chance, one of the other 12-year old kids in my cabin proved to be a similarly fanatic, budding lepidopterist. Jeff Ingraham and I would spend the next six summers together at Camp Becket, negotiating every day over who had first dibs on moths at the camp's bathroom lights, and permanently cementing our passion for Lepidoptera.

Jeff and I were fortunate to find mentors early on who were willing to help out two kids with nets. Of all the crazy things, Jeff's pediatrician in Dover, Massachusetts happened to be the late Dave Winter (former Editor of the *News of the Lepidopterists' Society*). Dave seemed to know everything about collecting and we spent our time emulating him. I later discovered that the nearby Peabody Museum at Yale University had several receptive entomologists, including Charles Remington and Kirby

Brown (who was into tenebrionid beetles). I hung out there as a senior in high school and in 1973, when I was 16, joined The Lepidopterists Society on Charles' suggestion. I vividly remember tearing open my first issue of the *Journal of The Lepidopterists' Society*, 27(3), to see a captivating article by Ted Sargent on bird damage to adult underwing moths. Smitten forever by *Catocala*!



Larry Gall at the Berlin Museum



Larry Gall lighting for *Catocala* moths

In the fall of 1974 I enrolled at Stanford University in California. As a freshman, I helped out in Paul Ehrlich's labs, and then began an undergraduate honors program with Ward Watt. Ward traveled each summer to the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Gothic, Colorado. (Cont. on Pg.# 18)

During 1977 and 1978 I was the net-swinger for the Watt crew's research on the population biology of montane *Colias*. At the end of 1978, I renewed my love affair with *Catocala*, returning to do graduate work on these beautiful creatures at Yale with Remington. I also fell in love with computers. To support myself as a grad student, I worked as a computer consultant in various venues. After receiving my doctorate in 1984, I was hired to direct Yale's Social Science Statistical Laboratory. The "Statlab" as it was known, provided computing support to the social science faculty and students. We created and ran one of the first personal computer networks on campus, and I taught courses in the Statistics Department at the same time.

In 1991, I joined the staff at the Peabody Museum to head their recently formed Computer Systems Office. I've been at the Peabody since, and now wear a variety of hats among them developing the museums electronic infrastructure, including digitizing the vast collections and running our bioinformatics services, and editing two journals devoted to monographic research in biology and anthropology. Most recently, since 2008, I've also taken on the role of curating the Peabody's Lepidoptera collection. There isn't much time left after accounting for all that, and my family, and so my research takes place a la carte, sporadically, during evenings and weekends. My current interests revolve around the systematics of *Catocala*, the biology of northeastern US Lepidoptera, natural history interpretation, and dabbling in hairstreak butterflies.

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**Kentucky Life focuses on  
Society and Moths  
By  
Ellis L. Laudermilk**

The Kentucky Life television program, which airs on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) on Saturdays at 8:00 pm Eastern, has done a great job showcasing all aspects of Kentucky and Kentuckians. For those of us interested in nature, they also have done a wonderful job highlighting wild Kentucky with specials such as Kentucky's Last Great Places and many other segments.

The United Nations declared 2010 as the International

Year of Biodiversity, and coincidentally, the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission's book entitled, *Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity* was just released in September. In anticipation of these two events, Brandon Wickey, a producer at KET, expressed an interest in doing a series of segments that would focus on the biodiversity of Kentucky. In April he began filming segments about the Commonwealth's amazing freshwater diversity (i.e., fishes, mussels, crayfishes, etc.).



Setting up the Light Rig. Leroy Koehn installs the bulbs while Gerald Burnett & Craig Segebarth look on.



The Lights come on and the moths do not stand a chance!

Considering about 2,500 lepidopteran species have now been documented from the state, a segment focusing on moths, the most species-rich group of the order, was a logical choice to highlight insect diversity. On August 14, 2010, Bill Black, Gerald Burnett, Loran Gibson, Richard Henderson, Leroy Koehn, Kevin and Craig Segebarth, and I met at the Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest in Clermont for a night of mothing. Bill, Loran, and Richard were all interviewed (some only after a little arm twisting) about The Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists (Society) and moths in general. Andrew Berry, who works on the natural areas of Bernheim, was our host and was also interviewed. All of them did an excellent job. I commented on the member's contributions to science and conservation. Charlie Covell was unable to attend the outing, but he was interviewed in September when he came back to Kentucky for the field trip in the western part of the state.

As we were just about to finish the interviews, an intense thunderstorm passed over the lodge where we were staying complete with lightning and loud thunder. The storm really put a damper on our planned tapping for *Catocala* in the woods because of low light levels. The high definition camera used to shoot the footage needed more than the available ambient light after the storm passed. So, we proceeded to set up Leroy Koehn's mercury vapor and black light sheet set-up for the night's activities. Loran and I set up a second sheet a short distance away in slightly more open habitat in hopes of getting different species.

Leroy and Loran wore a microphone at the sheets to pick up comments about the diversity and conversations in general. Between the two sheets, light and bait traps, we saw or collected over 200 moth species. The most notable finds were the Oystershell *Metrea* Moth (*Metrea ostreonalis*), *Blepharomastix rehamalis*, and *Leucanopsis longa*. Large, showy moths such as the *Polyphemus* Moth (*Antheraea polyphemus*) were especially abundant, and several sphinx and *Catocala* moths also showed up for the camera. Brandon was happy with the footage he captured, but we'll have to wait and see which species make the final cut.

The air date for the segment has not been determined, but once a date is scheduled, probably next year sometime, we will include the information in the newsletter. Thanks to the good folks at Bernheim, especially Andrew, for allowing us to use the site and for providing accommodations, to Brandon Wickey and KET for their

interest in highlighting the Society and moth diversity, and to Society members for agreeing to participate.



KET filming participants feast on Pizza as they wait for the rain to cease.

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## WESTERN KENTUCKY FIELD TRIP REPORT

By  
Tony Merkle

The late summer field meeting for 2010 was held in western Kentucky on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September. Several interesting sites were visited and many species of butterflies and moths observed. Those attending were Bill Black, Gerald Burnett, Donna, Anna and Evelyn Constant, Charlie Covell, Kerri Dikun, Loran Gibson, Mike Gilligan, Richard Henderson, Leroy Koehn, Ellis Lauder milk, Dave Roemer, Jonathan Smith and myself.

I began the trip on Friday by driving from my house in northern Kentucky to the Paducah area in western Kentucky where I would meet with the rest of the group at the Fowler Farm Hunting Lodge near the Ballard Wildlife Management Area. The trip was pleasant but essentially uneventful. I made several stops along the way in the hopes of sighting some interesting butterflies but the overcast conditions with periods of rain prevented me from seeing much of anything. Still, it allowed me to scout some areas that I had been hoping to visit for some time. (Cont. on Pg# 20)

Upon arriving in Paducah, I proceeded to my hotel where I checked into a room and settled in briefly before driving the short distance west of town to the lodge. I arrived there and was greeted by several familiar faces including Pat Gibson and Nancy Black who had graciously agreed to prepare a meal for the group. Jonathan Smith also gave me a warm welcome. We engaged ourselves in conversation while awaiting the return of some of the moth collecting enthusiasts who had ventured out to place light traps in the wildlife management area. It wasn't too long before they all returned and I was able to exchange greetings with them. We occupied ourselves with conversation for a while prior to having dinner. I noticed that the mood was upbeat as usual and everyone seemed to be in good spirits. It was good to finally be with this group of friends following my long drive across the state.

Before long, we sat down to eat the dinner that Nancy and Pat had prepared. It included, barbecued pork, green beans, potato salad and an array of cookies and cakes for dessert. It was delicious. Following dinner we continued conversing and periodically observed some moths and other insects that came to a sheet and light setup that had been placed on the deck of the lodge. The moths seen that evening included the Pink-spotted Hawk Moth (*Agrius cingulatus*) and the Banded Sphinx (*Eumorpha fasciata*). We also watched several slide programs presented by Dr. Covell on a laptop computer. Ultimately however, and seemingly too soon, the evenings activities came to an end. The hour was late and we needed to rest in order to be ready for the coming day's activities.

Saturday began with breakfast at the lodge. After everyone had eaten their fill, the group set out into the field to visit several sites in the wildlife management area where most of us would spend the rest of the day. The first site visited was a large field that contained a variety of wildflowers and grasses. We spent some time there observing its offerings. The sulphur butterflies were particularly well represented here with sightings of the Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*), the Little Sulphur (*Pyrisitia lisa*), the Sleepy Orange (*Abaeis nicippe*) and the Dainty Sulphur (*Nanthalis iole*).

Our second stop of the day was to a site that we had visited a year earlier where the Dion Skipper (*Euphyes dion*) and the Duke's Skipper (*Euphyes dukesi*) had been seen. The spot did not disappoint us. We were again able to observe both species although the numbers of each

were quite low. A large number of other species was observed here also including the Southern Dogface (*Zerene cesonia*). At about this time Bill and Charlie parted from the group and headed farther south to scout for potential sites to visit and place bait trays at the Bunge Corporation site that was slated for a visit the next day. They were able to observe the Broad-winged Skipper (*Poanes viator*) at a site along U.S.51 in Hickman County and the Yehl Skipper (*Poanes yehl*) at a site in Fulton County called Willingham Bottoms.



Back Row: Gerald Burnett, Pat Gibson, Mike Gilligan, Jonathon Smith, Dr. Charles Covell Jr., Richard Henderson & Nancy Black. Front Row: Leroy Koehn, Loran Gibson, Bill Black, Tony Merkle, & Ellis Lauder milk.

The third site visited by the main group was a wood with a stand of mature hardwood trees and an under story that included much cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*). Here we were able to observe several new species including the Southern Pearly-eye (*Lethe portlandia missarkae*) and the Creole Pearly-eye (*Lethe creola*).

Our final stop of the day was to a wet wood where a restricted access road allowed for convenient foot travel. We walked the road for a short distance to see what could be found. Soon we noticed a healthy and plentiful growth of the herbaceous plant Fogfruit (*Phyla lanceolata*) all along the sides of the road. This plant is the larval food plant of a species of butterfly, the Phaon Crescent (*Phyciodes phaon*) that had recently been recorded from Kentucky for the first time at sites slightly farther south in Fulton County. We surveyed the site diligently in hopes of finding it, but none were found. The Pearl Crescent (*Phyciodes tharos*) was seen in abundance but the Phaon Crescent could not be found. (Cont. on Pg.21)



It seemed that our hopes for seeing it would rest upon a visit to Fulton County the following day. Still, the visit to the site allowed us to add several new species of butterflies and skippers to our ever-growing list of those found.

At this point the group field activity ended for the day. Some of the individuals returned to their places of lodging to freshen up prior to dinner. Others utilized the time to place insect traps in strategic places for collecting through the night. Later we would meet again for dinner at the Bluegrass Restaurant in the town of La Center.

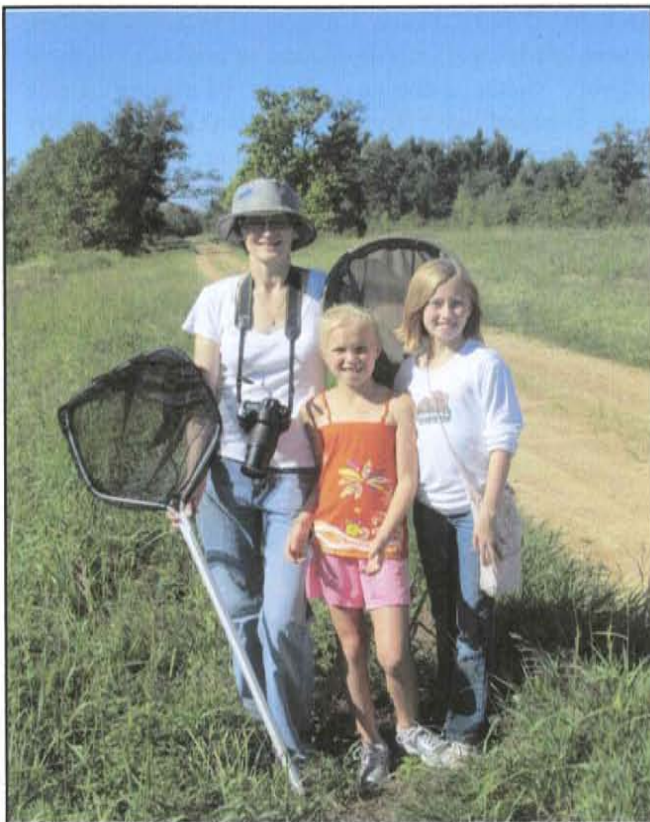
At the restaurant, Donna Constant and her two daughters, Anna and Evelyn, joined the group. We all introduced ourselves to them prior to being seated. The dinner was relaxing and enjoyable. Everyone seemed satisfied with what they had ordered. For myself, it was good to sit down to a hot meal following a long day in the field. I'm sure the others must have felt the same way.

Following dinner the group returned to the lodge. Again we spent some time conversing and observing insects

attracted to the sheet on the deck. Several of us also engaged in star gazing activities. The lodge's deck provided an excellent platform from which to view the sky and the atmosphere was exceedingly clear and still, which made for near perfect viewing. Loran, having considerable knowledge of astronomy, was able to point out some objects of interest that could be viewed through his binoculars including the planet Jupiter, four of its moons and the Andromeda galaxy. Bill, Gerald and Richard all took turns looking through the binoculars at the celestial display. I refrained from using them due to some neck problems with which I had been dealing but I could tell from the reactions of the others that the sights were awe inspiring.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, Dave Roemer joined us and was introduced to those whom he had not met previously. Following the introductions, the group set out to visit more sites. We first met briefly again at the Ballard Wildlife Management Area so that those who had set out traps the day before could retrieve them. Following the retrieval of the traps we proceeded to a site along State Route 239 near the town of Cayce where the Broad-winged Skipper has been observed previously. Unfortunately, the site tends to stay quite wet and for this reason access is often difficult. Typically, one must wade into knee-deep water there in order to approach the skippers, which tend to be in close proximity to their larval food plant, Southern Wild-rice (*Zizaniopsis miliacea*). This year was no exception. The water level appeared to be especially high following the heavy rains that had fallen during the previous week. We all decided that an attempt to approach the skippers closely would not be worth the effort. Nevertheless, some of us were able to observe them from a distance flying near the reed-like leaves of the plants.

Our next stop that day was to the Bunge Corporation site in the town of Hickman in Fulton County. Visiting this site has become a tradition for the group, primarily because it has good populations of the Viceroy (*Limenitis archippus*) and Red-spotted Purple (*Limenitis arthemis astyanax*) butterflies, which have produced hybrid individuals in certain years. Unfortunately, no hybrids were found this year. The site also consistently allows for the viewing of a large variety of different butterfly species. That proved to be the case again this year. Many were observed here and two new ones were added to our list.



Donna Constant and her two daughters,  
Anna and Evelyn.

The next stop was the last one of the trip for me and for several of the others. It was to a spot in Fulton County called Lake #9. This is where the Phaon Crescent had been discovered in Kentucky. We hoped that it would still be there so that we could observe this recent addition to our state's fauna. We were not disappointed as there were plenty of them present. We spent some time there, observing, photographing and judiciously collecting specimens of this attractive little butterfly.

After spending some time at the Lake #9 spot, several of us, including myself, decided to head home. The rest of the group extended the trip somewhat by visiting other sites nearby, including Willingham Bottoms where Bill and Charlie had been the day before. Here, Loran was able to observe and collect a Funeral Duskywing Skipper (*Erynnis funeralis*). This would be the last species of butterfly or skipper recorded for the trip.



*Erynnis funeralis*, Fulton County  
Photographed by Loran Gibson

The total number of butterflies and skippers recorded was sixty-two. They were as follows: Silver-spotted Skipper (*Epargyreus clarus*), Hayhurst's Scallopwing, (*Staphylus hayhurstii*), Common Sootywing (*Pholisora catullus*), Horace's Duskywing (*Erynnis horatius*), Funeral Duskywing (*Erynnis funeralis*), Common Checkered-skipper (*Pyrgus communis*), Least Skipper (*Ancyloxypha numitor*), Ocola Skipper (*Panoquina ocola*), Clouded Skipper (*Lerema acius*), Fiery Skipper (*Hylephila phyleus*), Peck's Skipper (*Polites peckius*), Tawny-edged Skipper (*Polites themistocles*), Northern Broken-Dash (*Wallengrenia egeremet*), Sachem (*Atalopedes campestris*), Zabulon Skipper (*Poanes zabulon*), Yehl Skipper (*Poanes yehl*), Broad-winged

Skipper (*Poanes viator*), Dion Skipper (*Euphyes dion*), Duke's Skipper (*Euphyes dukesi*), Dun Skipper (*Euphyes vestris metacomet*), Pipevine Swallowtail (*Battus philenor*), Zebra Swallowtail (*Eurytides marcellus*), Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes asterius*) Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus*), Spicebush Swallowtail (*Papilio troilus*), Dainty Sulphur (*Nanthalis iole*), Little Yellow (*Pyrisitia lisa*), Sleepy Orange (*Abaeis nicippe*), Clouded Sulphur (*Colias philodice*), Orange Sulphur (*Colias eurytheme*), Southern Dogface (*Zerene cesonia*), Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*), Cabbage White (*Pieris rapae*), Checkered White (*Pontia protodice*), Red-banded Hairstreak (*Calycopis cecrops*), Gray Hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*), Eastern Tailed-blue (*Cupido comyntas*), Summer Azure (*Celastrina neglecta*), American Snout (*Libytheana carineta*), Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*), Red-spotted Purple (*Limenitis arthemis astyanax*), Viceroy (*Limenitis archippus*), Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*), Variegated Fritillary (*Euptoietia claudia*), Hackberry Emperor (*Asterocampa celtis*), Tawny Emperor (*Asterocampa clyton*), American Lady (*Vanessa virginiensis*), Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*), Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*), Mourning Cloak (*Nymphalis antiopa*), Question Mark (*Polygonia interrogationis*), Eastern Comma (*Polygonia comma*), Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*), Silvery Checkerspot (*Chlosyne nycteis*), Pearl Crescent (*Phyciodes tharos*), Phaon Crescent (*Phyciodes phaon*), Southern Pearly-eye (*Lethe portlandia missarkae*), Northern Pearly-eye (*Lethe anthedon*), Creole Pearly-eye (*Lethe creola*), Gemmed Satyr (*Cyllopsis gemma*), Carolina Satyr (*Hermeuptychia sosybius*) and Common Wood Nymph (*Cercyonis pegala alope*).



*Phyciodes phaon*, Fulton County  
Photographed by Loran Gibson

This year's late summer field meeting was especially enjoyable for me. I saw butterflies and skippers in numbers greater than I can recall having seen on any previous field trip. The Dainty Sulphur was exceedingly abundant at nearly every site visited. Gray Hairstreaks seemed to be everywhere. Common Buckeyes were common. I take that back. They were more than common. They were thick. Perhaps they should change its name to the Thick Buckeye. I guess not. Anyway, the number of individuals of many species and the number of overall species observed was astounding. It was a great trip.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend one of our field meetings or who have not been able to do so for a long time, I encourage you to join us at one or all of them next year. They are excellent opportunities to meet and interact with a great group of people while visiting beautiful sites and discovering new things. I don't think you will be disappointed if you decide to attend. I look forward to seeing you.

Funeral Dusky Wing (*Erynnis funeralis*) within 100 feet of my home. It's not a good photo but you can see the white border on the hind wings. Loran Gibson Identified it for me by my photo. This is the only shot I got as a hummingbird flew at it and scared it off.

Photographed on September 15, 2010 in Menifee County on Joe Harmon Rd., Frenchburg, Ky.



Poanes yehl, Fulton County  
Photographed by Loran Gibson



*Erynnis funeralis*, Menifee County  
Photographed by Rita Adkins

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### ANOTHER SIGHTING OF *ERYNNIS FUNERALIS* (FUNERAL DUSKY WING).

I received the following report from Rita Adkins.

I thought this was a butterfly of interest. I found this



*Satyroides appalachia*, Menifee County  
Photographed by Rita Adkins

NEW MEMBERS

Joe & Colin Coleman  
151 Clairbourne Drive  
Jackson, TN 38305

Leven Cox  
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Sikeston, MO 63801

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PASSING OF ELEANER ADAMS

Just as I was in the process of printing the Newsletter I learned of the passing of Eleanor R. Adams. Below is her obituary that was published in the Kansas City Star on 10 October 2010.

Eleanor Ruth Adams, 77, Liberty, MO, passed October 4, 2010. She was born August 7, 1933, in Kansas City, Kansas, to George and Ruth (Carpenter) Ormond. On August 28, 1953, she married William W. Adams, Jr. Eleanor earned degrees in bacteriology from KU, and art/biology/chemistry from Wialliam Jewell. She was a Medical Technologist and worked for several doctors and hospitals. From 1974 - 1999 she and Will taught ballroom dancing to approximately 3500 people. Eleanor was a past president of the Idalia Society of Midwestern Lepidopterists. As founder of the Greater Kansas City area Celiac - Sprue Organization she alos served as its President. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Dr. Will Adams, two sons, Dr. William Adams III, wife Dr. Babara Demmig-Adams, Superior, CO, and children Robert and Melanie: dr. james Adams, wife Kathy Parker-Adams, Calhoun, GA, and children Patrick and Samantha. Memorial contributions may be made to the Martha Lafite Thompsom Nature Sanctuary, 407 N. Lafrenz Rd., Liberty, MO 64068. Arrangements: Church-archer-Pasley Funeral Home 816-781-200.

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NEWSLETTER UP DATE

As we look forward to the Annual meeting in November we must begin to consider the season of 2011. Where would you like to have the Spring Field Meeting? Would you be willing to host a meeting? Would you be willing

to help Gerald Burnett lead and organize a meeting? Are you interested in becoming an officer in 2011? The Society can use your help. Please consider serving this coming year.

As you read the Western Kentucky Field Meeting report you will understand the fun of "Getting Among Them". Please consider becoming a part of the Society.

Your Editor needs short articles, field reports and anything that may interest the membership. Did you take any photographs of interesting species this season? Send them to the Editor.

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