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Calycopis cecrops
Red Banded Hairstreak
Photo by Rita S. Adkins

KY Leps Member has Great Summer of Photography

Member Rita Adkins, of Frenchburg, KY reports having had a very productive summer of photographing Lepidoptera. Since studying butterflies for a school project in the 1960s, she says she had not paid much attention to them again until she became aware of the Society of KY Lepidopterist website. Rita says she noticed that several butterflies that she knew were in Menifee County were not listed and decided to "set out on a personal mission to find and photograph" the species not yet listed from her county. "I figured I would find at least 50 species...to my surprise I have photographed 63 species, just in and around my back yard."

The above photo of Calycopis cecrops is one of her favorites from this summer. The butterfly was photographed naturally on tall bearded iris. (See more of Rita's photos on page 25)
25th Annual July 4th Butterfly Count

The 25th annual July 4th Butterfly Count was held in the usual area of Oldham Co., KY, off Zaring Road near Brownsboro on Saturday, July 5, 2008. The property visited was the farm of Mr. Bob Horner, and the University of Louisville's Horner Wildlife Sanctuary. The high this day was 84; low 71; mostly cloudy but dry, with west winds about 5-10 mph. Present were C.V. Covell Jr. (compiler), William R. Black Jr., Loran D. Gibson, Richard A. Henderson, Marcia Jumblatt, Richard Healy, Ed Huber, Wayne Willis, David & Megan McCarty, Margarette Perkins Dan Ochs, Martin & Jane Williams, Dominic Ventura, Elizabeth Mason, Whitney Mason, Trevon Henderson, John Henderson, and newspaper reporters Antwon Pinkston (Courier-Journal) and Laura Hagan (Oldham Era).

Species recorded were as follow: 47 Battus philenor, 18 Eurytides marcellus, 25 Papilio polyxenes asterius, 12 Papilio glaucus, 5 Papilio troilus, 156 Pieris rapae, 52 Colias philodice, 182 Colias eurytheme, 5 Eurema nicippe, 3 Strymon melinus, 1061 Everes comyntas, 7 Celastrina neglecta, 2 Libytheana carinenta, 75 Phycides tharus, 48 Speyeria cybele, 3 Vanessa virginiensis, 5 Vanessa cardui, 1 Vanessa atalanta, 11 Junonia coenia, 6 Limenitis arthemis astyanax, 10 Asterocampa cellis, 1 Asterocampa chlyton, 5 Enodia anthedon, 5 Cyllopsis gemma, 2 Herceutychia sosoibus, 118 Megisto cymela, 84 Cerocyonis pegala, 2 Danausplexippus, 4 Epargyreus clarus, 2 Erynnis horatius, 70 Erynnis baptisae, 4 Polites themistocles, 3 Wallengrenia egeremet, 3 Pompeius verna, 1 Anartrytone logan, and 3 Euphyes vestris. Also 1 Polygonia, unidentified species. Totals: 37 species and 2,042 individuals. Moths seen included Haploa clymene (Arctiidae), Hemaris thyrsbe (Sphingidae) and Melilla xanthometata (Geometridae). Conditions were excellent, especially in that Bob Horner had not cut his hayfields and there were plenty of nectar plants such as thistle, white sweet clover and daisy fleabane in bloom. A photographic article appeared in the July 6 Louisville Courier-Journal.

-- C.V. Covell Jr.

Kentucky Lepidopterists' Late Summer Field Trip

5-7 September 2008

By Loran D. Gibson

The Kentucky Lepidopterists' late summer field trip was once again hosted by Bill and Nancy Black of Paducah. The meeting began with a gathering of the members at the Black's house on Friday evening, 5 September. Nancy provided a delectable buffet of snacks and deserts that were well received by those present, including: Jeff Marcus, Gerald Burnett, Loran Gibson, John (Tony) Merkle, Kevin Segebarth, and Charles Wright. The conversation and off-the-cuff presentations on recently encountered butterflies and moths were lively and diverse and lasted well into the evening.

Saturday's activities began with breakfast at the Paducah Days Inn. From there we caravanned to the Streetman's farm, along Massac Creek, on Paducah's west side. The farm has some nice habitats including: low meadows with lots of late summer wild flowers, wooded areas with canebrakes, open pasture, and a sandy/pebbly stream bottom along Massac Creek. We began by walking across an open pasture and climbing the farm gate into another pasture, which is the realm of Valentino, a large white bull, and his herd of cows, calves, and heifers. Some of the herd members were curious and came up to the fence, but Charles succeeded in scaring them away with a steely look!
Butterflies were out in good numbers, but diversity was not as great as usual. The following species were logged at Streetman’s Farm: Epargyreus clarus, Thorybes bathylus, Lermia acius, Ancyloxypha numitor, Hylephila phyleus, Polites themistocles, Wallengrenia egeremet, Atalopedes campestris, Poanes zabulon, Euphyes vestris metacometa, Battus philenor, Papilio glaucus, Papilio troilus, Phoebis sennae, Strymon melinus, Cupido comynatus, Celastrina neglecta, Euptoieta claudia, Speyeria cybele, Polygonia interrogationis, Vanessa atalanta, Junonia coenia, Phyriodes tharos, Chlosyne nycteis, Limenitis arthemis astyanax, Limenitis archippus, Asterocampa celtis, Enodia anthedon, Cyllophora gemma, Hermeuptychia sosybius, Cercyonis pegala alope, Danaus plexippus.

In early afternoon, we left Paducah and moved south along U.S. Rt. 62 into Carlisle County. With Bill Black leading, we all stopped for snacks and drinks at Huck’s store at the corner of U.S. Rts. 62 and 51 in Bardwell. Tony and I were last in line, and as we drove into Huck’s parking lot, we saw Bill park his truck and jump out quickly as if he was on a more urgent mission than buying a Coke and a candy bar. We parked and walked to where most of our group had congregated around Bill and a large moth that was resting on the southeast wall of Huck’s building. As we approached I could see what I thought was a Black Witch moth sitting on the wall. Right away, Bill remarked that it was a White Witch (Thysania xenobia) and that it was only the second state record of the species from Kentucky! What a find! This was by far the most exciting discovery of our field trip! I wondered how Bill recognized this rare tropical American species so readily. It was because Bill was the lepidopterist who had discovered the first Kentucky White Witch in Paducah on 23 August 1974! Thirty-four years earlier! We were all envious! After the excitement at Huck’s we moved west to a sandy, Mississippi River bank in Carlisle County, near the Laketon Boat Ramp. This was a new spot for the group. It was chosen because in addition to good butterfly possibilities, there is also good tiger beetle habitat on the sandy beach area. Unfortunately, tiger beetles were not doing well on the sand. Only one species (Cicindela repanda) was recorded and it was not abundant. The area is being used extensively by four-wheeler enthusiasts. Such activities disturb the sand to the point that tiger beetles have trouble surviving.

Butterflies were out in good numbers on the riverbank and along the dirt road. Several new-for-the-day species were reported. Here is a complete list: Epargyreus clarus, Staphylus hayhurstii, Ancyloxypha numitor, Atalopedes campestris, Poanes zabulon, Euphyes vestris metacometa, Battus philenor, Papilio glaucus, Papilio troilus, Zerene cesonia, Phoebis sennae, Pyrisitia lisa, Strymon melinus, Cupido comynatus, Libytheana carinenta, Euptoieta claudia, Polygonia interrogationis, Polygonia comma, Vanessa cardui, Vanessa atalanta, Junonia coenia, Phyriodes tharos, Chlosyne nycteis, Limenitis arthemis astyanax, Limenitis archippus, Asterocampa celtis, Asterocampa clyton, Lethe anhesdon, Danaus plexippus. In addition to these, Gerald Burnett reported Papilio polyxenes asterius from the town of Berkeley, also in Carlisle County.

From Carlisle County we continued south a short distance in late afternoon into Hickman County. On the west side of Drew Road, just north of the town of Columbus, we set out a couple of blacklight traps along the loess bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River floodplain. After deploying the light traps we were ready for dinner. We decided to dine together again at Luke’s Restaurant in Arlington, KY. This was our second Society dinner at the establishment. Earlier this year, during our August Catocala weekend in the area, we ate at Luke’s. Again, as before, we stuffed ourselves with catfish, shrimp, hushpuppies, and all of the trimmings, and washed it all down with tea and iced water. This time some of us still had room for homemade pie. It was gooood!

On Sunday morning Jeff Marcus, Bill Black, Loran Gibson, Tony Merkle, Charles Wright and wife Mary Hamilton met for breakfast at Day’s Inn. From there we all proceeded to the loess bluffs in Hickman County to retrieve the light traps. That did not take a lot of time. The trap pans were put into zip-lock bags and were then placed on ice in a cooler. The traps were sorted later. Few species of interest were found.

From the loess bluffs we traveled to southern Hickman County to a swampy area along Bayou du Chien and Rt. 239 where there is a substantial growth of Marsh Millet (Zizaniopsis milacea). This plant is the host of the local populations of Poanes viator. We spent enough time in the swampy area to count a dozen or more viator in order to confirm that the population is still in good shape.

We then continued south and west and arrived at the Mississippi River levee west of Hickman, in Fulton County. This is the location where our group has encountered a few Limenitis archippus / arthemis astyanax hybrids over the years. Bill had baited the (continued on page 21)
area thoroughly on Friday (5 September), so there were many nymphalid butterflies in the area. According to Bill, the bait traps had not captured as many Limenitis as usual, and we encountered no hybrids. The bait traps did attract greater numbers of underwing moths (Catocala species) than usual, including: C. maestosa, C. amatrix, C. lacrymosa, C. viitua, and one C. nuptialis. The latter was a first county record.

By mid-afternoon it was time for Jeff to head for home. We said our good-byes, and those remaining traveled a few miles southwest to another spot west of the levee known as French Point. Charles had collected a tiger beetle there a few years ago that we wanted to check on. The road to the spot was not obvious, so we "bushwacked" through some huge giant ragweed, poison ivy, and other weedy vegetation. Bill Black led the way through the thicket with Charles, Tony, and I following. After considerable effort, the riverbank came into view. Unfortunately, we arrived up-stream from the target locality, so we had to make our way down-stream on the rip-rap stones that had been placed there to control river bank erosion. Walking on rip-rap is challenging! Afterwards a good workout the French Point sands came into view. We saw three people fishing along the river, but the sand looked undisturbed! Right away, we began to see large numbers of the very common tiger beetle, Cicindela repanda. After a few minutes the first individual of the big sand tiger beetle (Cicindela formosa generosa) appeared. This was the species that we had come to see. We collected four specimens and saw approximately a dozen. Tony and Charles took several photos of this handsome beetle. Our success made the difficulty reaching the spot worthwhile. The return trip was much easier. Bill located the old road, which led us directly to our cars.

Butterflies seen in Fulton County on 7 September were: Euphydryas claria, Pholisora catullus, Ancylodynapha numitor, Hylephila phyleus, Atalopedes campestris, Poanes zubulon, Battus philenor, Papilio glaucus, Pontia protodice, Pieris rapae, Colias eurytheme, Phoebe sennae, Pyrisitia lisa, Abaeis nicippe, Cupido comyntas, Libytheana carinata, Agraulis vanillae (this on a thistle flower along Rt. 94, east of Hickman), Polyomma interrogationis, Polyomma comma, Vanessa cardui, Junonia coenia, Phyciodes tharos, Limenitis arthemis astyanax, Limenitis archippus, Asterocampa celtis, and Danaus plexippus.

Total butterfly species recorded during the weekend, 47.


Heliothis turbatus
Collected by Richard Healy
Hart County, KY, 27 July 2008
Revised List of Kentucky Butterflies and Skippers

By

Loran D. Gibson

Recently I acquired a copy of Jonathan Pelham's new Catalogue of the Butterflies of the United States and Canada. After perusing this large, thoroughly researched volume, it became clear that the taxonomy currently in use for our Kentucky butterflies and skippers is a bit out-of-date. Following is a revised list of Kentucky species that hopefully, will reflect all the pertinent taxonomic changes and the arrangement of names found in Pelham, 2008.

Some explanation of the list's construction follows. Preceding each name in the list is a number. These are the catalogue numbers used in Pelham, 2008. They were included to better show the arrangement and relationships of the species. After the catalogue numbers come generic and specific names. A few specific names are followed by subspecific names. After specific or subspecific names are the names of the authors. These are followed by common names which, for the most part, follow Glassberg, 1999. These were included in an effort to better associate scientific and common names.
Kentucky Butterflies and Skippers

HESPERIDAE
6  Epargyrus clarus (Cramer), Silver-spotted Skipper
22  Urbanus protesus (L.), Long-tailed Skipper
37  Austechna cellus (Bdv. & Le Conte), Gold-banded Skipper
40  Achalura lyciades (Geey), Hoary Edge
46  Thorybes balthi (J. E. Smith), Southern Cloudywing
47  Thorybes pylades (Scudder), Northern Cloudywing
48  Thorybes confluentus E. Bell, Confused Cloudywing
70  Stephanus hayhurstii (W. H. Edwards), Hayhurst's Scallopwing
71  Pholisora catullos (F.), Common Sootywing
86  Erynnis icicetus (Scudder & Burgess), Dreamy Duskywing
87  Erynnis britio (Bdv. & Le Conte), Sleepy Duskywing
88  Erynnis juvenalis (F.), Juvenile's Duskywing
93  Erynnis horatius (Scudder & Burgess), Horace's Duskywing
95  Erynnis marcialis (Scudder), Mottled Duskywing
97  Erynnis zarceo (Lucus), Zarceo Duskywing
98  Erynnis funeraria (Scudder & Burgess), Funeral Duskywing
99  Erynnis baptisaius (W. Forbes), Wild Indigo Duskywing
100  Erynnis lucitus (Scudder & Burgess), Columbine Duskywing
113  Pyrgus centaurea wyndot (W. H. Edwards), Grizzled Skipper
117  Pyrgus communis (Grote), Common Checkered Skipper
144  Megathymus yuccae (Bdv. & Le Conte), Yucca Giant-Skipper
151  Anclyoxyla numitor (F.), Least Skipper
159  Thymelicus lineola (Ochsenheimer), European Skipper
164  Panaquina ocola (W. H. Edwards), Ocola Skipper
178  Amblyscirtes hebog (Scudder), Pepper and Salt Skipper
182  Amblyscirtes ascelpiaius (F.), Lance-winged Roadside Skipper
186  Amblyscirtes vialis (W. H. Edwards), Common Roadside-Skipper
189  Amblyscirtes belli H. Freeman, Bell's Roadside-Skipper
195  Nastra thermiiner (Latreille), Swarthy Skipper
200  Lerodea eufala (W. H. Edwards), Eufala Skipper
202  Lerema accius (J. E. Smith), Clouded Skipper
209  Hylepitha phyleus (Drury), Fiery Skipper
218  Hesperia leonardus T. Harris, Leonard's Skipper
221  Hesperia metaa Scudder, Cobweb Skipper
227  Hesperia sasasscus T. Harris, Indian Skipper
232  Polites peckiana (W. Kirby), Peck's Skipper
236  Polites themistocles (Latreille), Tawny-edged Skipper
238  Polites origines (F.), Crossline Skipper
242  Wallengrenia oh (J. E. Smith), Southern Broken-Dash
243  Wallengrenia eggeret (Scudder), Northern Broken-Dash
244  Pompeius verna (W. H. Edwards), Little Glasswing
245  Atalopedes campestris (Boisduval), Sachem
249  Poanes homokom (T. Harris), Hobomok Skipper
250  Poanes zabulon (Bdv. & Le Conte), Zabulon Skipper
253  Poanes viator (W. H. Edwards), Broad-winged Skipper
255  Poanes yehil (Skinner), Yehil Skipper
262  Anthropy logan (W. H. Edwards), Delaware Skipper
269  Euphyes dion (W. H. Edwards), Dion Skipper
271  Euphyes dukei (Lindsey), Duke's Skipper
274  Euphyes vestris metacomet (T. Harris), Dun Skipper
276  Atrisytenops hauma (Scudder), Dusty Skipper

PAPILIONIDAE
294  Battus philenor (L.), Pipevine Swallowtail
295  Battus polydamus (L.), Polydamus Swallowtail
296  Eurytides marcellus (Cramer), Zebra Swallowtail
300  Papilio joaanae I. Heitzman, Ozark Swallowtail
301  Papilio polyxenes asterus (Stoll), Black Swallowtail
306  Papilio cresphontes Cramer, Giant Swallowtail
315  Papilio appalachianus (Pavulana & D. Wright), Appalachian Swallowtail
316  Papilio glaucus L., Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
324  Papilio troilus L., Spicebush Swallowtail
325  Papilio palamedes Drury, Palamedes Swallowtail

PIERIDAE
327  Kerigonia lycidae (Godart), Lyside Sulphur
328  Nathalis io (Boisduval), Dainty Sulphur
331  Eurema mexicana (Boisduval), Mexican Yellow
336  Pyrisia lisa (Bdv. & Le Conte), Little Sulphur
339  Abaris niepse (Cramer), Sleepy Orange
340  Colias philodice Godart, Clouded Sulphur
341  Colias eurytheme Boisduval, Orange Sulphur
358  Zereone cesonia (Stoll), Southern Dogface
362  Phoebis senecia (L.), Cloudless Sulphur
364  Phoebis agaritae (Boisduval), Large Orange Sulphur
365  Phoebis philea (L.), Orange-banded Sulphur
371  Anthocaris midea (Hübner), Falante Orange-tip
375  Euchloe olympia (W. H. Edwards), Olympia Marble
391  Pieris virginiensis W. H. Edwards, West Virginia White
392  Pieris rapae (L.), Cabbage White
394  Pontia protodice (Bdv. & Le Conte), Checkered White

LYCAENIDAE
400  Feniseca tarquinius (F.), Harverster
401  Lycaena phlaeas hypophaeas (Boisduval), American Copper
411  Lycaena hylus (Cramer), Bronze Copper
422  Atlides healesus (Cramer), Great Purple Hairstreak
429  Satyrium acadica (W. H. Edwards), Acadia Hairstreak
432  Satyrium titus titus (F.), Coral Hairstreak
433  Satyrium edwardsii (Grote & Rob.), Edwards' Hairstreak
434  Satyrium calanus falacer (Hübner), Banded Hairstreak
435  Satyrium caryaevorus (McDunnough), Hickory Hairstreak
437  Satyrium liparops strigosus (T. Harris), Striped Hairstreak
441  Satyrium favorius ontario (W. H. Edwards), Northern Hairstreak
456  Calliphryx gynaeus (Hübner), Olive Hairstreak
464  Calliphryx augustus (Westwood), Brown Elfin
468  Calliphryx lurus (Godart), Frosted Elfin
469  Calliphryx hexnei (Grote & Rob.), Henry's Elfin
471  Calliphryx niphon (Hübner), Pine Elfin
478  Calycopis cecrops (F.), Red-banded Hairstreak
480  Strymon melinus (Hübner), Gray Hairstreak
500  Parrhasius m-album (Bdv. & Le Conte), White M Hairstreak
502  Erora laeeta (W. H. Edwards), Early Hairstreak
506  Leptotes minuta (Reaktor), Marine Blue
510  Cipidia cimintas (Godart), Eastern Tailed-blue
514  Calistastrina ladon (Cramer), Spring Azure
517  Calistastrina neglecta (W. H. Edwards), Summer Azure
519  Calistastrina neglecta major Opler & Krizek, Appalachian Azure
520  Calistastrina nigra (W. Forbes), Dusky Azure
540  Glaucoptyche lygdamus (E. Doubleday), Silvery Blue
KENTUCKY BUTTERFLIES AND SKIPPERS

RODIINIDAE
558 Calephelus borealis (Grote & Rob.), Northern Metalmark
559 Calephelus muticus (McAlpine), Swamp Metalmark

NYMPHALIDAE
586 Libytheana carinata (Cramer), Snout

588 Danaus plexippus (L.), Monarch
589 Danaus gilippus berenice (Cramer), Queen
593 Limenitis arthemis arthemis (Drury), White Admiral
59c Limenitis arthemis astyanax (F.), Red-spotted Purple
596 Limenitis archippus (Cramer), Viceroy
602 Agraulis vanillae (L.), Gulf Fritillary
*** Heliconius ismenius Latreille, Tiger Longwing
608 Euploea claudia (Cramer), Verigated Fritillary
612 Boloria selene myrina (Cramer), Silver-bordered Fritillary
613 Boloria bellona (F.), Meadow Fritillary
624 Speyeria diana (Cramer), Diana Fritillary
625 Speyeria cybele (F.), Great Spangled Fritillary
626 Speyeria aphrodite (F.), Aphrodite Fritillary
627 Speyeria idalia (Drury), Regal Fritillary
640 Asterocharis celitis (Bdv. & Le Conte), Hackberry Emperor
642 Asterocharis clyton (Bdv. & Le Conte), Tawny Emperor
672 Vanessa virginiensis (Drury), American Lady
673 Vanessa cardui (L.), Painted Lady
675 Vanessa atalanta (L.), Red Admiral
677 Aglais milberti (Godart), Milbert's Tortoiseshell

678 Nymphalis l-album (Esper), Compton's Tortoiseshell
680 Nymphalis antiopa (L.), Mourning Cloak
681 Polygoenia interrogationis (F.), Question Mark
682 Polygoenia comma (T. Harris), Eastern Commom
684 Polygoenia progne (Cramer), Gray Commom
687 Polygoenia faunus (W. H Edwards), Green Commom
688 Anartia jatrophae (L.), White Peacock
693 Junonia coenia Hübner, Buckeye
699 Euphydryas phaeton (Drury), Baltimore Checkerspot
715 Chlosyne nycteis (E. Doubleday), Silvery Checkerspot
716 Chlosyne gorgone (Hübner), Gorgone Checkerspot
741 Phyciodes tharsis (Drury), Pearl Crescent
742 Phyciodes cocytus incognitus Gatreille, No common name
743 Phyciodes batesii (Reakirt), Tawny Crescent
747 Anaea andria Scudder, Goatweed Leafwing

SATYRINAE
752 Lethe portlandia missarkae (J. Heitzman & dos Passos), Southern Pearly-eye
753 Lethe anthedon A. Clark, Northern Pearly-eye
754 Lethe creola (Skinner), Creole Pearly-eye
756 Lethe appalachia R. Chenock, Appalachian Brown
761 Cyllene gemma (Hübner), Gemmed Satyr
763 Hermeuptychia sosybius (F.), Carolina Satyr
768 Megisto cymela (Cramer), Little Wood-Satyr
770 Cercyonis pega alope (F.), Common Wood-Nymph

Annotations: *** indicates Heliconius ismenius has no catalogue number and is not considered to be part of the fauna of the United States and Canada.

Abbreviations: Bdv. = Boisduval, F = Fabricius, L. = Linneaus, Rob. = Robinson

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MY INTRODUCTION TO KENTUCKY

By
Charles Covell

It was July 1959, and I was a newlywed living in Norfolk, VA, teaching in a boys' day school. I was also a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, and was obliged to spend two weeks at summer camp for training at Ft. Knox, KY. I had never been to Kentucky before, and I was lucky enough to receive “Tpa” which stood for an allowance to drive my car to camp. By this time my interest in collecting butterflies was again strong, after several years of hiatus. I had a part-time job that summer at the Norfolk Museum, and was surveying Virginia counties to see what I could find to add to Austin & Leila Clark's book, Butterflies of Virginia (1952). In that book I read that the Northern Metalmark, Callipholidis borealis, was known from a locality just west of Blacksburg called “Poverty Hollow.” That was a butterfly I had never seen in nature, so I planned my trip so as to overnight in Blacksburg. Having spent a night at the old Colonial Hotel there, I went to the VPI (Virginia Tech) campus and found the Biology Department. I was directed to invertebrate zoology professor, Dr. Perry Holt. After hearing of my query, he sent me to Dr. James M. Grayson, head of the brand new Entomology Department. I received a warm welcome, the desired directions, and an invitation to become an entomologist by attending VPI and working toward a Master's degree. The missing science courses (I had majored in English at UNC-Chapel Hill) could be made up as I went along. Dr. Grayson wanted me to curate the department's insect collection, since I had been building a Lepidoptera collection for almost ten years at that point. Thus was planted the seed that led me to VPI for both the MS and PhD, doing my research mainly under the tutelage of Dr. Ed Todd at the U.S. National Museum in Washington, DC, where I had been visiting since 1950.

After leaving Dr. Grayson's office, I drove westward and spent a couple of hours in the area of Poverty Hollow, collecting some nice butterflies but not seeing any Northern Metalmarks. They would be found later, though, when I went to VPI the next year to pursue my graduate studies.

After getting hot and tired in Poverty Hollow, I followed U.S. Route 460 Westward through the mountains of Virginia, then West Virginia. The drive seemed endless. I was due at Ft. Knox the next day, so I plowed on until at last I emerged in Kentucky for the first time—in Pikeville. It was well after dark by then, and near the highway there was a county fair going on, and a hamburger stand with bright fluorescent lights around the small building. I collected my first Kentucky moths there, and also a misguided Red-banded Hairstreak, Catocala cecropis, that was perched on the white walls of the building. I then found a very cheap hotel in the downtown, and climbed creaking steps to a room that had a tilted floor. It cost $2.50. I was sweltering hot, tired and anxious about reaching Ft. Knox on schedule. I tried to sleep, but sleep would not come. So after about an hour I got up and left, driving on, winding deeper into Kentucky. Exhausted by about 5 AM, I pulled off the road next to a wooden fence, opened the window, and fell asleep. I awoke to the presence of a cow's head close to mine, I was so close to the fence. I drove on and managed to find a back road into the military reservation. However, it was not the correct entrance, and I found myself with my 1953 Chevy parked amidst tanks, trucks and scurrying soldiers, engaged in a field exercise. I got directions and drove to the main post, and participated in the two weeks' training. My car was allowed on the trip (the bulk of our unit went by train from Norfolk) because they wanted us to have access to Louisville and its one time stopping at a small pond near Ft. Knox in Meade County where I recorded a Red Admiral, Vanessa atalanta. We enjoyed downtown attractions – now mostly gone. Little did I know that 5 years later Betty and I would move to Louisville for what turned out to be a wonderful 40 years of life and Lepidoptera in Louisville and the 120 counties of Kentucky!
2008 Annual Meeting at the University of Kentucky

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists, hosted once again by Dr. Michael Sharkey, will take place October 31-November 1, on the campus of the University of Kentucky in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS). The oral presentations of our meeting on Saturday afternoon will be in the same venue as the KAS meeting and participants from either meeting will be able to attend the presentations of the other. Following is a brief outline of the weekend’s agenda along with additional pertinent information:

**Friday 31 October**
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
**Identification Day**
*Entomology Dept., Agriculture Science Center North Bldg.*
The collection will be open for viewing and identification. Please bring specimens of special interest, UFOs to be identified, and any records to be added to the database.

7:00 PM
**Reception**
*E.S. Good Barn*
This will be an informal gathering hosted by Dr. Sharkey. A slide projector will be available and time set aside for the sharing of photos and/or stories from the field. Please consider bringing snacks or desserts to share.

**Saturday 1 November**
*Entomology Department, Agriculture Science Center North Building*
9:00 AM to Noon
**Collection open for viewing**
Coffee, donuts, and fellowship

(White Hall Classroom Building — KAS Meeting Site)

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
**Business Meeting**

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
**Featured Speaker:** Dr. Tony Frankino, from the University of Houston will be giving a presentation entitled “The evolution and development of wing morphologies in butterflies”

**Contributed Talks and Papers**
Please advise Dr. Jeffrey Marcus 270-745-2043 (Office) or 270-303-2639 (Cell), jeffrey.marcus@wku.edu if you have something that you would like to present.

As has been our tradition, we will end the meeting with a door prize drawing. Please consider bringing Lepidoptera-related items to contribute to the drawing.

**EVENING**
**Dinner at a local restaurant.**
LODGING: Ten rooms are being held at the University Inn (across the street from the Ag. Science Center North Building). Reservations must be made by October 24. Group rates before tax are: $105 for a double room. For reservations call 866-881-9676 and specify that you are with the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists.

PARKING: Those staying at the University Inn may park there and walk across the street to the meeting. There is a parking lot directly behind the Ag. Science Center North Building and a parking garage at the corner of Cooper Dr. and University Dr. Parking permits will be required for Friday only and may be obtained from Dr. Sharkey upon arrival. You may park in front of the building for 15 minutes while securing your permit. If there are any problems, contact Dr. Sharkey @ 859-257-9364. On Saturday afternoon, free parking is available at the visitor’s parking lot across the street from the Student Center, near the White Hall Classroom Building. Just say to the parking attendant that you are with “KAS” and they will let you park without charge.

DIRECTIONS: A map page showing the University Inn and meeting locations is included below:
**Speyeria diana**

Diana

Photographed 11 July, 2008
by Rita Adkins

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**Satyrium calanus falacer**

Banded Hairstreak

Photographed 24 June, 2008
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**Speyeria aphrodite**

Aphrodite Fritillary

Photographed 13 June, 2008
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