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SUMMER FIELD MEETING ON BIG BLACK MOUNTAIN THE WEEKEND OF JULY 5, 6, & 7

The summer field meeting will be held the weekend of July 5,6,& 7 in the Big Black Mountain area of Harlan County. We visited this area in early July of last year and searched unsuccessfully for Polygonia progne and Polygonia faunus smithii. Polygonia progne has been reported previously, however, there have been no current records. Polygonia faunus smithii has never been recorded from the state. We will also search for Erora laeta and Speyeria diana, we only found the latter last year. In the 1970's, Erora laeta was reported on numerous occasions and in the years of 1977, 1978 and 1979, it was almost common. Speyeria aphrodite is another species that was once abundant in the area and during our meeting last year was only found on the summit of Big Black Mountain, we intend to expand our search for this species as well.

The field meeting will be planned for the dark of the moon as moth collecting can be spectacular in the area as was evident last year during the meeting on Friday night. Several specimens of Sphinx eremitis were collected, a species with very few records for the state. We found over twenty species of Catocala moths and numerous Arctiids and Sphingiids during last years meeting.

We planned to extensively explore the summit of Big Black Mountain last year, but a cloudy wet Saturday proved detrimental to our efforts. We would like to explore the summit again this year and also search the summit on the east side of Route 160.

The meeting will begin late Friday afternoon. We will meet at the summit of Black Mountain at the intersection of Route 160 and Black Mountain Ridge Rd. at 6:30PM. This is at the Kentucky/Virginia state line. We will operate a UV light system for moths along Black Mountain Ridge Rd. on the summit. We will have a hot dog cookout around the sheet. Hot Dogs and baked beans on the grill, potato chips and condiments. You will need to bring a beverage. We will also set out a number of light traps on and around Black Mountain. We will also have a number of bait traps set out for the targeted Polygonia species, and pheromone traps for sesiids. If we can locate a suitable area, we will have a bait trail. If you have a secret bait, bring a batch along. You may help find a new state record.

We will meet again on Saturday morning at 9:00AM at the radar station on top of the mountain. There will be signs with the Society logo to direct you to the radar station. We will explore the top of Black Mountain for Erora laeta. We will also explore the base of the Virginia side of the mountain for Speyeria diana. We plan to seek out new areas to the west of the Town of Cumberland and access to the top of Black Mountain at Morris Gap. We will return to the top of Black Mountain around 4:00PM to search again for Erora laeta.

Light traps will be set out on Saturday night and several UV light systems will operate in the Black Mountain area. The beautiful green sphingid, Darapsa versicolor can be common on Black Mountain. It was found in several bait traps last year near the radar station.

We will make plans for Sunday during the day on Saturday. However, we will meet again at 9:00AM at the picnic area in Kingdom Come State Park.

Please remember to follow the signs with the logo of Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists to the radar station.

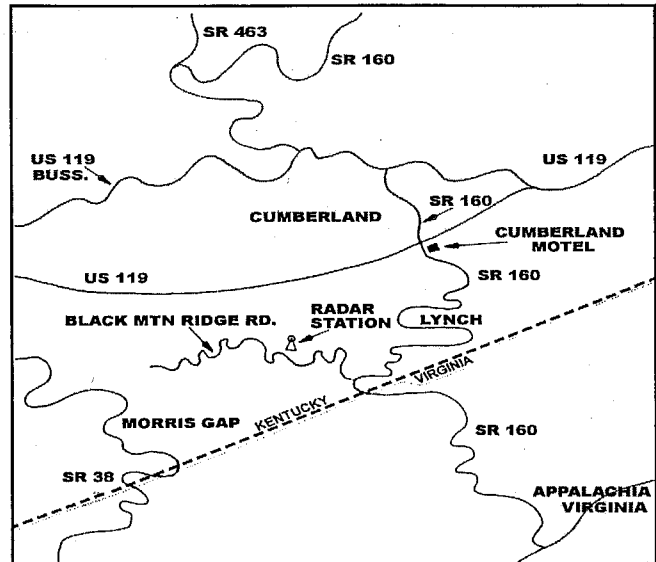
There are several local motels in the Cumberland area. For those planning to attend the meeting, we recommend the Cumberland Motel just south of the US119 By Pass on Route 160. For reservation: Tele: 606-589-2181. Remember, this is the fourth of July holiday weekend. Make your reservation early.

DIRECTIONS TO BLACK MOUNTAIN

From Lexington/Louisville: Follow I-75 south to Exit 38. Turn left and follow the signs to the Daniel Boone Parkway. Travel across the Daniel Boone Parkway to Hazard. Turn right on Route 15. Follow Route 15 approximately 10 miles to Route 7. Turn right on Route 7 and travel approximately 10 miles to Route 699. Turn right on Route 699 and travel approximately 8 miles to Route 463. Turn Left and Follow Route 463 into Cumberland. From Cumberland, follow Route 160 to the top of Black Mountain. Look for the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists Logo signs.

If you have bait traps and light traps, please bring them with you. If you need bait for your bait traps, or additional information on the meeting, contact Leroy C. Koehn at: 502-570-9123. We will have fruit and flesh baits for the target Polygonia species. Also, if you have Sesiid moth pheromone traps, we encourage you to bring them. We could possibly take several state records.

MAP OF THE BIG BLACK MOUNTAIN AREA



This should be another great field meeting. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend now and join us on the highest point in Kentucky. Should you have any question or need additional information, contact Leroy C. Koehn: 502-570-9123 or E-mail: Leptraps@aol.com

LATE SUMMER FIELD MEETING TO WESTERN KENTUCKY

A late summer field meeting is planned for the weekend of September 6,7,& 8. The fall feild meeting to western Kentucky has become an annual tradition. Hosted by Bill Black and his absolutely wonderful wife, Nancy, you know already, this will be a wonderful meeting. We will visit some of our favorite spots and search for Atlides halesus, Poanes yehl, Euphyes dion, Euphyes dukesii, and the cane feeding Papapiema moths. We will also visit area of Bill's latest find, a new colony of Euphyes dukesii. Bill has been attempting to preserve and/or protect this location from development. If there is interest, a trip to Kentucky Bend, the little dot of land at the western end of Kentucky may be organized on Friday or Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us in Paducah in early September.

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

18TH ANNUAL JULY 4TH BUTTERFLY COUNT

Join us for a day at Horner Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary in Oldham Co., KY on Sat. June 29 for the 18th annual July 4th Butterfly Count. This program was begun by the Xerces Society and later came under the auspices of NABA (North American Butterfly Association). As in the past the field trip will be led by Dr. Charlie Covell. If interested call him at: 502-852-5942, or email: covell@louisville.edu. No experience is necessary, just an interest in butterflies. It is a good opportunity to learn to identify many common species. For those who want to use them, nets will be provided. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the "General Store" at Brownsboro, KY. That is now a restaurant, and the only public business there. To reach the meeting site, get off I-71 at Exit 14 and drive north less than a mile to the parking lot on your right. If it is rainy on Saturday, we will have the count on Sunday, June 30, weather permitting.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY JULY BUTTERFLY COUNT SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2002

Join us for the Lexington, Kentucky butterfly count on Saturday, July 14 as part of the 28th annual July 4th Butterfly Count. This butterfly count has been held since 1997. The county leader will be Mike Flynn. We will meet at the University of Kentucky Arboretum Parking Lot by KIOSK at 9:00AM. No experience is necessary, just an interest in butterflies. It is a good opportunity to learn to identify many common species. Kindly note; our policy is to field identify butterflies, we net sparingly to identify, releasing unharmed.

A fee of \$3.00 will be collected from each count participant to defray the cost of printing forms and programs. Those under 12 and garden watchers do not pay the fee. Garden watchers may telephone their reports to Mike Flynn at: 502-277-2707

SPRING FIELD MEETING REPORT: WET WEEKEND IN MCCREARY COUNTY

The 2002 spring field meeting to McCreary County was one of the better field meetings, and it rained Friday night, was overcast the majority of Saturday, and rained from early Saturday evening and all day Sunday.

The meeting began late Friday afternoon when Leroy Koehn and Bill Black meet at the Cumberland Inn at Williamsburg and immediately traveled to the Daniel Boone National Forest in McCreary County and set out six light traps. They returned to the Inn to find Charles Covell, Charles Wright, John and Ruth Ann Peacock, Suzanne Slocumb, Roger Zebold, John Hyatt, and Craig and Ian Segebarth and their father Kevin who were all just emerging from the evening buffet in the Athenaeum Restaurant of the Inn and the photographed (Fig.#1).

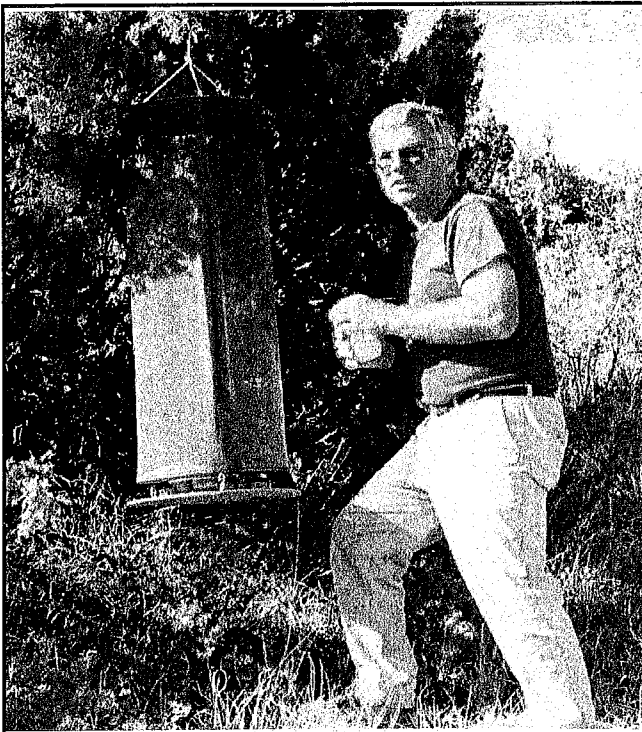


Fig.#1: Group photograph of spring field meeting attendees

Saturday morning arrived wet and dreary. An executive board meeting was held at breakfast. The secretaries report is included in this newsletter. (Cont. on Pg.# 17)

PRESEDENTIAL PROFILE: JOHN PEACOCK

How does an Ohio farm boy get to be president of the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists? It's a long road, beginning in 1948 when I was a third grade student at Greenwood School in Marion, Ohio. One fall or winter day, as I was walking the three or four blocks to my grade school, I noticed an unfamiliar looking object in a small bush at the base of an old silver maple growing along a city street. I took this object, which turned out to be a cocoon of a cecropia moth, to school and showed it to my teacher, Miss Carol Leeka. Turns out she knew exactly what it was, fortunately for me, and placed it a covered, cardboard box. In the spring, a large, female cecropia emerged. That could have been the end of the story, but Miss Leeka proceeded to spread and pin the specimen, and I can see it to this day, perfectly spread and displayed in a cigar box covered with cellophane (I only wish I still had that specimen). Little did I know at the time, but a seed had been planted that would result in my life-long interest in biological science in general, and Lepidoptera in particular.



John Peacock: 2002 President of the
Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists.

At the conclusion of the third grade year, my parents, my younger brothers and I moved to rural Marion County. Now a whole new world of natural science and natural history opened before me. Soon I was traversing the fields, crossing the streams, and investigating pond life. And there were many butterflies to capture and study, including large numbers of swallowtails, sulphurs and fritillaries. One prized catch was the regal fritillary, commonly seen nectaring on milkweed in the wheat fields and pastures. Little did I know then that it would totally disappear from the landscape in the years to come!

In my early days as a lepidopterist, I was at best a "closet" collector. I didn't mention to my classmates in junior high and high school that I spent my spare time chasing butterflies, and I discreetly roamed the fields when I had a net in hand. Collecting butterflies didn't seem to go hand-in-hand with my athletic interests as a baseball and basketball player!

In 1954, I had the good fortune to meet Ray Romine, a letter carrier in Marion, who was also a lepidopterist. Although Ray died within a year after I met him, his wife, Trella, recognizing my genuine interest in leps, offered information on collecting sites where Ray and she had collected. One such site was Boy Scout Camp Owens, located not far from our home. She recalled the abundance of Underwing Moths (*Catocala*) that she and Ray had observed and collected for many years around Labor Day under the eaves of the cabins and other building used by the scouts. Sure enough, when my best friend, Ruth Ann (later to be my wife) and I visited the scout camp around Labor Day during our high school years, we found many species of *Catocala* in abundance. Those experiences with *Catocala* in the late 50's and early 60's were the beginnings of a life-long fascination with that group of moths.

Perhaps one of my biggest disappointments in life is the fact that I took a hiatus from active collecting during the 60's and 70's (my time being devoted to children, graduate school, fishing and golf). However, it was during that time that I was fortunate to secure a position in entomological research with the U.S. Forest Service at a laboratory at Delaware, Ohio, within 15 miles of my home. Getting paid for working with insects was more than I had ever imagined. (Cont. on Pg.#15)

(Cot. from Pg.#14) During the 60's and 70's, I maintained my interest in lepidopterology, mostly through my work. However, in 1979 there was a significant turn of events. In that year, our son John, at the urging of his mother, got involved in entomology projects. Helping him with his projects rekindled a fire in me that had been smoldering for a number of years, and I once again began pursuing Lepidoptera with a vengeance. I again began to collect butterflies, and to rear Lepidoptera, mostly saturniids. In that same year, I was fortunate to make contact with The Ohio Lepidopterists, and the likes of Dave Iftner, John Shuey and Eric Metzler, all of whom for the first time in my life gave me the mentoring and advice that I so much needed to pursue my interested in Lepidoptera.

Although I am presently interested in collecting and studying all North American butterflies, and certain macro-moths, I'm currently impassioned with the *Catocala*. After my retirement from the Forest Service in 1994, I have made it a goal to collect all of the 105 or so *Catocala* species. Most of my efforts since 1994 have been in the western states, and in 2000 I collected the last of the U.S. species. What do I do now? I'm certain I'll continue to travel about the U.S. and Canada to collect the many forms and subspecies in this group, study their habitats and host plants, and learn more about their biology through rearing and other studies.

I've often thought about the significant events in my life, and those responsible for my development and experiences over the years. Of course, my parents are at the top of the list in terms of my early development. But certainly the most significant event and the most instrumental person go hand-in-hand: Finding that cocoon as I walked to school in 1948, and having a teacher who knew how to kill, spread and preserve that *Cecropia* Moth for me. I owe my present passion for Lepidoptera in part to our son, John, because it was his interest in a 4-H entomology project that renewed my interest in leps. Finally, there is my wife, Ruth Ann, who has been with me almost as long as I've been interested in Lepidoptera. I owe much to her for her understanding, support and companionship over the years as we've traipsed about the country and the countryside in search of *Catocala* and other Lepidoptera.

SECRET DE-BAIT

by
MARTIN J. ANDREE

There are probably very few of us interested in the study of Lepidoptera who have not read W. J. Holland's finely crafted essay, "Sugaring for Moths." The field of American entomology has few volumes of fine literary accounts on which to base its legacy. Holland's "Digressions and Quotations," in "The Moth Book," which includes the sugaring essay, is one of our classics.

His glowing tale of traipsing off into the hot summer night, racing against an approaching storm and collecting hordes of scale perfect specimens, never fails to inspire me with its infectious enthusiasm. He masterfully recounts the events of the evening. How he "baptized" trees along the old fence rows and forest edges. Of how his forty trees and ten stumps attracted hordes of state and county records for moths. He accomplished this task without the slightest degree of apparent difficulty. His quarries always dropped willingly into his jars. Never did he misplace a lid, fumble with his lantern, or land on his rump. Lately, it's beginning to sound a bit dubious.

As a young boy, I read that story many times. With my tender, unspoiled view of the unfolding joys of Lepidoptera, I took this tale as the galvanized, unvarnished truth. That was quite a few instars ago, and since that time I've grown a little wiser. I realized that I've been hoodwinked, bamboozled even. Old Holland intentionally prevaricated on the side of fiction, at least by my experience. His recipe has proven to be a bum steer. I have followed it exactly, but have never come close to his "troops about the pathway," or "Here they are holding a general assembly. Look! See them fairly swarming about the spot." My bait, mixed according to Holland, has never even produced a quorum, let alone a "general assembly." I intend to find him out.

It all started with a few rotten bananas. The inane compunction of turning legions of three foot long, garden grown zucchinis into bread also holds true for the similar conversion of any quantity of overripe bananas into banana bread.

Sooner or later, the average person will reach asymptote on brown bananas, giant zucchini and eventually, breads of all stripes, unless, of course, you are addicted to moths. Not that we don't tire of green bread; we do, it's the moldering bananas that we can never really get enough of. Pure brown gold they are. We have even been known to buy them that way on purpose. Don't tell anyone.

Now, the formula for mixing up a palatable (at least to moths) batch of bait is a matter of highly personal taste. Like the disclosure of a good fishing hole. Bait concoctions involve a good deal of lying. There seems to be a universally accepted practice of including some sort of secret ingredient. Individual recipes are often closely guarded secrets, and like the revered bakers of the perfect pie crust, they take their lard dripping secrets to their graves.

I learned the hard way that Holland was no exception to this unwritten rule. Nor did I find that he is alone in his wily ways of subterfuge. This phenomenon among Lepidopterists seems to be related to a certain amount of pride that goes along with a highly successful evening of baiting. It is usually accompanied by a lot of shoulder shrugging and clearly spurious looks of dumbfounded astonishment at their good luck. I have determined that it takes a great deal of practice to be this convincing. I have also learned to stay away from betting card games with these types. They can't be trusted.

After rereading his essay and talking casually to a select cadre of my trusted Lepidopterist cronies. I began my journey into the secret society of the moth bait brewers. I assembled my bananas, dark jugs of molasses, assorted bottles of beer. Various spirituous distillates, brown sugar, assorted melons. Holland's book and an Osterizer brand blender I had received as a wedding gift. I was alone in the kitchen. It was January. My head was exploding with images of thousands of rarely encountered *Catocala* moths flocking to my mysterious, enticing elixir. They would all be immaculate, and I would be in total control of my moth destiny.

I started the blender and I peeled the bananas. For reasons that will never survive replication or peer review, I determined, without math, that only Black Strap Molasses would do.

This may eventually prove to be a false positive, but I was willing to take the risk. It had something to do with the all knowing way Brier Rabbit cast a skeptical eye on me from the label.

I have never been quite sure about the nomenclature associated with all of the buttons on my blender, but pitch seemed to have more to do with it than anything. Feeling very savior faire, I set my venerable Osterizer on frappe. As soon as the bananas hit the fury of spinning blades, I could tell that frappe was for neophytes. I punched liquefy and poured in the rum. I should have reached for the cover, instead I uncorked the bottle with the smirking rabbit and poured the molasses into the swirling maelstrom. Next came the melons, grapes, pears and an old apple. I drank most of the beer and threw in a few perfectly ripened kiwis. They seemed to give the whole affair a rather exotic appeal. Carmen Miranda would have been proud. This was going to be perfect," I perled.

Even though it was only six degrees outside, I could feel the sweat pouring down my neck as I imagined the heat of August, with me plucking choice Noctuid morsels from my movable feast. By the way the kitchen looked, I think that I could have collected a few hundred nice specimens just by opening the window. The bait seemed to be just about everywhere, except in the blender.

Now, like any good vintage wine, I only had to let it properly age. My bait was full bodied, had a tender fruity bouquet of compost lightly layered over tropical breezes. The color was dark and rich, hinting of driveway mud in April. This was going to be a good year. I could hardly wait.

By February, a muffled roar, followed by a fragrance, which can only be described as "a tender fruity bouquet of compost, lightly layered over tropical breezes," began to waif up from the basement. Much to my horror, my prize batch of fermenting moth opium, had exploded all over the cellar. There was little to do but clean up and ponder the possibility of collecting great quantities of seldom encountered, aberrant dusky winged beauties, without ever leaving the comfort of my own home. It now seemed the only choice to make was where to collect, the kitchen or the basement?

After serious deliberation, I decided that I really should be collecting outside. Another batch was definitely in order. This time, I decided to consult a few close friends, old bait brewers from way back who were steeped in a rich tradition of blending rotten fruit and beer mixtures for decades. Since I have collected with these characters for years, I convinced myself that broaching the subject of secret ingredients would not be a serious breach of brew master etiquette.

The first of my friends I consulted was Mo Nielsen. His bait always works. Even in March, with the temperature hovering just above freezing, his bait traps are so loaded with *Lithophanes*, that from a distance, they looked like two hogs wrestling in a burlap sack. My bait traps were usually full of snow and some very cold flies. My bait, as always, a dismal failure. He didn't hesitate, not for a second. He announced the secret to myself and the rest of the frozen north woods. "It's rendered left over Halloween candy," he said, with a sanguine fatherly tone, one eye brow arching in an expression of collusion.

What help was this? What kind of Halloween candy? I mean, it could have been anything from Milk Duds to Sweettarts, Atomic Fireballs to Baby Ruth's. Then there is the whole unpleasantness of rendering to think about. To top it off, as a still near kid myself the very concept of left over Halloween candy was oxymoronic. He must be trying to throw me off the trail. A pattern was beginning to emerge.

Separately, while searching out *Hemileuca* larvae in the great sphagnum bogs of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, I secretly took Owen Perkins aside and coyly inquired of his secret ingredient. "Oh, that's no secret," he winced, while turning away, "I use lots of stale beer." Now I haven't been out of college that long, but I know that can't be true either. Stale beer would have to be beer that was opened, but never drunk. Impossible. He must be withholding evidence too. "Conspiracy?" I muttered behind my net, as I dejectedly sank into the bog mat, tannin stained water pouring over the tops of my rubber boots.

My last chance for enlightenment was Bob Kriegel. So, one dark steamy night, while taking Tortricodea at the mercury vapor light, I broached the elusive secret ingredient. "Cloud berry jam," he meekly offered up. "I get it from the monks up in Copper Harbor.

You know, at that little bakery by the waterfall." Buoyed by Kriegel's bold admission, I attempted to locate the friars, and thus obtain a sample of their sacred preserves. Deep inside my moth-eaten brain I reasoned that God was now on my side. Victory would now surely be mine, the moths simply would no longer have a choice in the matter. After learning that the abbey had no phone, and after writing several letters, I was politely informed that there must be some mistake. "We make our preserves from local berries that we harvest ourselves. Cloud berries can be found only in Scandinavia where they are revered by the local peoples, the Lapps. Perhaps you might be interested in trying ajar of our fine thimble berry preserves? Thanks for writing." Copper Harbor Michigan, Scandinavia, friars and Lapps were all a bit too far apart for any stretch of my limited imagination. Clearly, Kriegel could not be trusted either.

As far as W. J. Holland goes, here is his recipe from the essay, four pounds of cheap sugar, one bottle of stale beer, a little rum, mix together in a bucket and apply with a clean whitewash brush. Where are the bananas? Does he really expect me to believe he didn't use bananas? We all know that bait without bananas isn't bait at all. Holland has been holding out on me now for almost a hundred years. *Heterocera* heresy!

Just between you and me, I have come up with my own secret ingredient. I can't be sure, but I think it's a winner. You take a full bag of circus peanuts, then fold in a pureed box of Mackinaw fudge. "Which one?" you ask, "there are dozens." That's easy, just look for the sign that says either, "The Original Mackinaw Fudge," or "the last fudge before you cross the bridge." Nuts are, of course, optional. The *Catocala* are not looking forward to next August, but I am. Good luck. (*This article was originally published in the Newsletter of the Michigan Entomological Society: Vol.46 No.4 and is reprinted here with the authors gracious permission.*)

(Cont. from Pg.# 13)As the rain ended and the cloudy sky appeared to brighten, and there were six light traps to recover, everyone decided to "get among them" and see what moths were to be found. These six light traps would provide a fantastic sampling of the spring moths found in this area, and became the focus of the meeting.

Leroy and Bill had set several of the light traps in various habitats and two in particular were set among Hemlock trees for moths in the Genus *Frelia*. No one would be disappointed. As the group was preparing to leave the Inn for the field, Leroy Koehn spotted a moth on the wall of the Inn's entrance way about 30 foot overhead. An extension net was quickly assembled and moments later the moth was in the jar as numerous non-Lepidopterists onlookers stared in bewilderment at the effort (See Fig.#2).

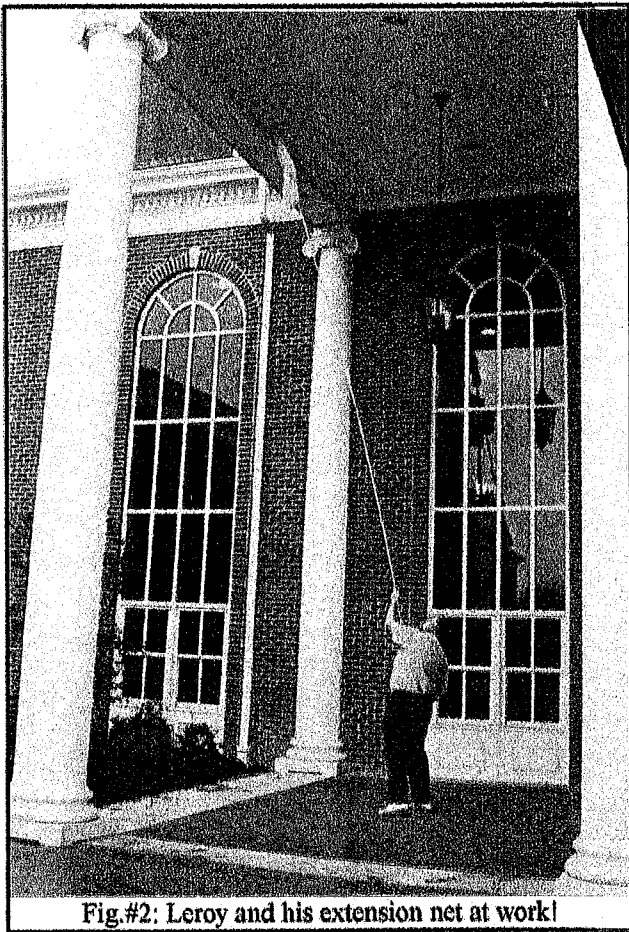


Fig.#2: Leroy and his extension net at work!

As the caravan of Lepidopterists departed the parking lot of the Cumberland Inn, they traveled west through the mountains from Williamsburg toward McCreary County, they found large areas of cane in the bottom lands that were very noticeable. Especially along Jelico Creek where an exceptionally large cane brake was visible from the highway. The cane brakes became the topic of discussion while sorting the first light trap. These cane brakes may have populations of *Enodia creola* and *E. portlandia*, as well as the cane feeding *Papiapema* moths. Field meetings to this area may be held to search for these species in 2003.

As each trap was recovered, there was great anticipation and once opened the continually sound of "what is that" or "Charlie, check this out!", or "Look at this *Frelia*", or "Look at this *Acronicta*!", each trap contained some extremely nice moths. At about mid-morning, the sky began to break up and out came the sun, immediately followed by butterflies, followed by Lepidopterists. At total of 26 species of butterflies were recorded for Saturday. Most were found during the brief periods of sun.

veral attendees had to return home as the day light hours waned. Late Saturday afternoon, Leroy and Bill along with the Segebarth's, set out the six light traps along the Hickory Knob Road. One was set at the edge of a shear drop-off. After the light traps were in place, an evening meal and hours of pleasant conversation at the Athenaeum Restaurant were shared with the remaining attendees.

Sunday morning found the remaining Lepidopterists journeying back through the mountains to recover the light traps. In a steady soaking rain, light traps were recovered and then sorted under the raised tail gates of several vans. There were fewer Lepidopterists to share in the wealth of moths. The process to recover and sort the traps required about 6 hours of time. The consistent rain dwindle the attendees. By the time the last trap was sorted, there was only Leroy Koehn, Bill Black and the Segebarth's. After the sorting was completed, each began the journey home. There was one exception, the Segebarths. They were spending a few more days in the field before traveling back to Paducah.

All in all it was a great field meeting. Even with the rain, it was enjoyable to spend time in the field with those who share the passion for Lepidoptera.

LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

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| <i>Epargyreus clarus</i> | <i>Colias philodice</i> |
| <i>Erynnis icelus</i> | <i>Feniseca tarquinius</i> |
| <i>Erynnis brizo</i> | <i>Incisalia augustus</i> |
| <i>Erynnis juvenalis</i> | <i>Strymon melinus</i> |
| <i>Battus philenor</i> | <i>Everes comyntas</i> |
| <i>Pterourus glaucus</i> | <i>Celastrina ladon</i> |
| <i>Pterourus troilus</i> | <i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus</i> |
| <i>Eurytides marcellus</i> | <i>Phyciodes tharos</i> |
| <i>Pieris virginensis</i> | <i>Polygonia comma</i> |
| <i>Pieris rapae</i> | <i>Vanessa virgineensis</i> |
| <i>Anthorcharis midea</i> | <i>Nymphalis antiopa</i> |
| <i>Colias eurytheme</i> | <i>Cyllopsis gemma</i> |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

**APRIL 13 FIELD TRIP EXECUTIVE MEETING
MINUTES -Cumberland Inn, Williamsburg, KY**

Present: John Peacock, President
 Bill Black, Field Trip Coordinator
 Leroy C. Koehn, Newsletter Editor
 Suzette Slocomb, Secretary
 Dr. Charles V. Covell, Jr. Member at Large

Members present:
 Roger Ziebold
 John Hyatt
 Kevin Segebarth
 Craig Segebarth
 Ian Segebarth
 Charles Wright
 Ruth Ann Peacock

President John Peacock called the scheduled breakfast Executive Meeting to order so that some Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists business could be discussed before departing to the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Items of business discussed were:

1.Outreach through a Website.- Leroy will take charge of this and will send a sample front page around for us to make comments on. Digital pictures from Dr. Covell's book, including the list of Kentucky Lepidoptera, as well as photography hints, a sample newsletter, and the set of objectives for the society's future. Charlie offered that our mission statement be: "to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the Lepidoptera of Kentucky."

2. Field Trips - It was questioned whether or not these should be divided into two separate areas - Collecting and Photography. This subject remains open.

Summer field meeting will be on July 5,6,&7 at Big Black Mountain, Harlan County.

Fall Field meeting will be on Sept. 6,7,&8 in Paducah.

3. Dues Increase - It was stated that dues were increased to \$12.00 and this is an annual meeting topic if there is no reason to increase them again. This is \$1,975.32 in the Treasury at this time.

4. Annual Meeting - Charles Covell indicated that he will host the Annual Meeting again the first or

second weekend in November. The suggested featured speaker is J. Mark Scriber, Dept. of Entomology, Michigan State University. John will contact Mark Scriber and Charlie will locate Friday's speaker.

Also for the Annual Meeting agenda, it was suggested that a Collection Workday be included on the Friday preceding the meeting. This would be a group effort to help Charlie with spreading/mounting specimens, and recording data and putting material into the collection.

Nominations for the Cornet Award, usually at the Annual Meeting, were discussed. President, John Peacock will be in charge of this.

5. Labeling Paper sales - The subject of the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists selling these was discussed and vetoed due to the fact that the Ohio Lepidopterists Society has a sales program.

6. ID Day - It was suggested that the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists sponsor an ID Day which would be held in early March. This would be a discussion item for the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5, 6, & 7 July 2002 - Summer Field Meeting to Big Black Mountain.
- 29 June 2002 - Louisville Butterfly Count
- 6, 7, & 8 Sept. 2002 - Fall Field meeting to Western Kentucky.
- 13 July 2002 - Lexington Butterfly Count
- 1 & 2 Nov. 2002 - Annual Meeting, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Details for each of these scheduled event is included within the pages of this newsletter.

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NEWSLETTER UP DATE

The Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists Spring Field meeting was a very enjoyable event. You missed a great opportunity to be in the field and enjoy the fellowship with fellow Lepidopterists. Even with the poor weather conditions, it was one of was pleasure to be in the field.

The field meetings to Big Black Mountain in July and western Kentucky in September will be enjoyable adventures. Field meeting provide members with the opportunity to learn field techniques, find species that member may have not previously encountered before, and to travel to areas of the state that they may not have had the opportunity to visit before. Plan to attend one or both of the meetings.

As the popularity of the Annual Butterfly Counts continues to rise, there are two counts that are planned for the Louisville/Lexington areas. Although the counts are not part of the Society's official activities, we do encourage our members to take part.

A collection work day is being planned on the Friday 1 November 2002 prior to the Annual Meeting. Dr. Covell will determine the needs and what we as members can to help him curate the collection at the University of Louisville. Mounting the backlog of specimens, sorting and putting specimens into the collection, and entering data will be some fo the tasks. Please consider joining us and contributing your time.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be 31 July. I will need any article, notes, field reports and other items of interest for inclusion on or before the deadline date.

FIELD REPORTS

Craig and Ian Segebarth reported collecting Eureythra phasma in a home made box light trap on their back porch in Paducah, McCracken County, 21 April 2002. This is the second record of this species from western Kentucky. Bill Black collected several specimens in 2000 in Fulton County.

After the spring field meeting in McCreary County, the Segebarth's visited the Dog Slaughter Creek area of the Daniel Boone national Forest in Whitley County and collect Isoparce Cupressi.

Dave Roemer reporting finding Heraclides crespontes in Warren County on 4 May 2002.

Leroy Koehn continues to travel about central Kentucky and has produced some interesting finds. On 24 May 2002 he visited several areas of Whitley County and found Grammia figurata, G. oithona, and Amyna octo. On 11 April 2002 in Rockcastle County along the Rockcastle River prior to the spring field meeting, he found Incisalia henrici, Mitoura grynea, Glaucopsyche lygdamus, and Cyllopsis gemma.

FINAL DUES NOTICE

2002 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW. The address label on the Newsletter indicates the last year that you have paid your dues. If 2002 does not appear on your label, your 2002 dues are payable now. Dues are \$12.00 per year. If you have not paid you 2002 dues, a pink slip is enclosed as a reminder, this will be your final newsletter and your name will be remove from the membership list. Please take time and renew your membership.

We encourage you to continue to support the Society. Many exciting activities are planned for the remainder of this year.

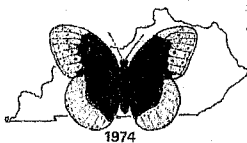
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