

# THE LANCASTER BUTTERFLY AND ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB

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Spring /Summer 2011

Club meetings are held from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Kinsey Room, second floor of the North Museum of Natural History & Science, on the corner of College Avenue and Buchanan Avenue, Lancaster, PA. Please ring the bell at the rear entrance, next to the dock doors.

## **CLUB MEETING DATES**

**Mon. March 7, 2011** Members Night, Help elect officers for your club and then we will share insect pictures or specimens with the appreciative crowd.

**Mon. April 4, 2011** Come hear retired Professor Ken Miller share with us about his recent quest to find the vanishing lime kilns of Lancaster County. A passion gone wild, Ken has been photographing these agricultural relics that numbered over 400 in their heyday, by chasing leads from old maps and tips received from locals. Do you have any familiarity with lime kilns in your bailiwick that Ken should visit?

**Mon. May 2, 2011** Dr. David Newcomer will share with us some thoughts about butterfly evolution.

**Mon. June 6, 2011** John Gruber is a biology teacher at Friends' Central School in Wynnewood PA. His illustrated program will cover a recent trip he made with his students and will feature some entomological highlights. It would not be complete without coverage of the Emeralds, Nemoria. We are pleased to have John come and speak to us once again this year.

**Mon. July 11, 2011** Member's Night, once again! Bring pictures, Power Points or stories to share with our members tonight. This is a great opportunity to have mystery insects identified by the collective group.

**Mon. August 1, 2011** TBA

**Mon. September 12, 2011** TBA

**Mon. October 3, 2011** TBA

## **ADVENTURES AFIELD**

**Sat. June 25, 2011** The 19th Annual Furnace Hills Fourth of July Butterfly Count. We will mount an intensive effort to find as many butterfly species as possible in the Brickerville Hills, Middlecreek State Game lands and Northern Lancaster County floodplains. This is part of the North American Butterfly Association's Fourth of July Butterfly Count program and a \$5.00 participation fee is asked for. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Riparian Park along PA-772 and Clay Road, about 1.4 mile East of the Lititz square. Compiler is Fred Habegger (Weather/ cancelation info. 717-859-2521).

**Sat. July 9, 2011** The 16th Annual Holtwood Fourth of July Butterfly Count. Another opportunity to tally butterflies for the NABA survey, this time in the Southern parts of the county. Explore along the Susquehanna River and at Muddy Run Park. A \$5.00 participation fee will be assessed. Meet at 9:00AM at the PPL Holtwood Environmental Center, Old Village Road. . Compiler is Fred Habegger (Weather/ cancelation info. 717-859-2521).

**Sat. August 6, 2011** Joint visit to the Muhlenberg Meadow at Lancaster County Central Park. We will leisurely stroll the trails around the native meadow that members of the Muhlenberg Botanical Society initiated more than 10 years ago. On this joint trip we will focus on butterflies and their associated larval host plants. We will start at 10:00 AM from the grassy parking lot along the south side of Golf Road, 3/4mile East of Rte.222.

**Also July 29, 30, 2011, The Annual Nature and Arts Festival**, sponsored by the Ned Smith Center will be held at MYO Park in Millersburg. For more information, you may go to HYPERLINK "<http://www.Nedsmithcenter.org>" [www.Nedsmithcenter.org](http://www.Nedsmithcenter.org). Our own John D. Laskowski, the Mothman, will present **Moths, the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**. Over 60 separate nature related presentations will be ongoing throughout the day on Saturday. Contact John at 717-362-7979 if you would like to lead a walk or present a program at the festival.

**Sat. August 13, 2011** Summer Rerun of the Furnace Hills Butterfly Count followed by the Club Picnic. For the all-day enthusiasts, we will start at 9:00 AM from Sunfish Pond at Middlecreek Wildlife Management Area. No fee, but bring plenty of fluids for making a hot day of pursuing Lepidoptera in the field manageable. We will be regrouping at 3:00 PM, at the Middlecreek visitor's center, allowing those who want a shorter day of butterflying to join us. Then relax and cool off at the BYO picnic at 5:00 PM at the shady Sunfish Pond Picnic Area.

## MILLERSVILLE U SPRING 2011 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

The Millersville University Biology Department Lecture series has upcoming lectures that may be of interest to club members: Meetings are Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in Caputo 210.

**Mar 16** – “Stress in a Maggot Mass: Impact on Fly & Wasp Development” Dr. David Rivers, Loyola Univ of MD

**Apr 6** - “Integrated Pest Management in Fruit Orchards and the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug: Can they coexist?” Dr. Greg Krawczyk, PSU

**Apr. 13** – “Ecological Complexity & Disease Vectors: An Urban Case Study of Mosquito Communities & Disease Risk” Dr. Shannon LaDeau, Cary Institute for Ecosystems Studies, Millbrook NY

## BY THE WAY...

The purpose of the club is to study butterflies and insects and to share that information at our meetings. Catch the enthusiasm and attend our lively club meetings. Join the club! Membership dues are \$10 per family. For more information contact President Al Spoo at HYPERLINK "<mailto:alspoo@juno.com>" [alspoo@juno.com](mailto:alspoo@juno.com) or 717-626-2684.

The club has a website that is easily found by Googling “Lancaster Butterfly Club” or at HYPERLINK "<http://home.dejazzd.com/Kgard/Lancaster/index.html>" <http://home.dejazzd.com/Kgard/Lancaster/index.html>. Member Karl Gardner maintains this site for us. Our members are urged to pass along Lancaster County sightings of butterfly species as they appear through the season.