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2001 Monitoring Workshop March 24 in Toledo

Saturday March 24, 2001 features the Spring Long-Term Butterfly Monitoring Survey meeting and workshop at Owens Community College, Toledo Ohio. In the morning Jim Davidson will present "Butterflies, Host Plants and Nectar Sources" and Dave Horn will follow on "What We Can Do with the Data." The day will include skipper and butterfly identification sessions, discussions on how to set up and maintain monitoring transects, and "The Care and Feeding of Volunteers." We also plan to highlight special discoveries, county records, and exciting, unusual and/or amusing experiences. Butterfly collections, books, supplies and other useful material will be available to examine. This year, books will be available for sale, and twelve more butterfly monitoring kits will be available for loan. The kits will include the newest edition of "Butterflies Through Binoculars" plus a wildflower identification book.

The event will occur in the Fire Science and Law Enforcement Center on the Owens Community College Campus. Owens Community College is on the east side of Toledo, north of I-80 and east of I-75 (Exit 198), near Rossford, Ohio. Further information, a map and a registration form are included with this newsletter (pages 4 & 5). We hope to see you there.

- *LTBM Steering Committee*

Lake Metroparks Butterfly Series Still Open to All

As mentioned in the last monitoring newsletter, Lake County Metroparks is offering a series of sessions on identification of butterflies of northeast Ohio. One session has gone by, and remaining sessions are at 1:30 pm Sunday 4 Feb. at North Chagrin Nature Center, Willoughby, and Sunday, 25 Feb. at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, Kirtland. For more information see the November Newsletter or contact Lake Metroparks, (440) 256-1404 or Jennifer McAnlis at jmcanlis@lakemetroparks.com

Monitoring Data Summaries Available

In December, summary data sheets were sent to all monitoring teams. These included: Species Highlights for 1999, Sites Summary (list of sites, number of years, total species and highest count species), Species Summary for Years (total counts for all species recorded since 1995) and a graphical Site Summary by Week. If you did not receive this information, and would like to, please contact Jerry Wiedmann or Dave Horn.

Steering Committee Visits Cleveland: Welcome Joe and Farewell Katie

A portion of the LTBM Steering Committee enjoyed a productive day at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) in December. We were hosted by the newly-appointed Curator, Dr. Joe Keiper, who is enthusiastic about our relationship with the CMNH and is most willing to see it continue. Our data entry and database will continue to be located at the CMNH and storage facilities are at our disposal, as well as access to voucher specimens. Joe is hiring two part-time collection managers and down the line he might be able to commit some of their effort to the LTBS database. Meanwhile, Barb Coleman continues database entry for the 2000 LTBS effort. We are most grateful for Joe's interest in the monitoring program and for the continued support of the Museum.

At the same time, Katie Lublin has announced that she is leaving the CMNH to pursue other opportunities. Katie's efforts have been vital to maintaining not only the butterfly monitoring program but many of the activities of the invertebrate collection at the CMNH following the untimely passing of Dr. Sonja Teraguchi. We will miss Katie and we wish her well wherever her path takes her.

- *Dave Horn*

Chrysalis Times: Check It Out!

"Chrysalis in Time" is the name of the Northeastern Ohio chapter of NABA (the North American Butterflying Association) and they have just commenced publication of a newsletter, *Chrysalis Times*. The first issue has a very attractive layout with color photos, and informative articles including some of direct interest to monitors: reviews of binoculars, photo hints, information on larval host plants, etc. If you want more information, write or e-mail Judy Semroc (semroc@raex.com).

More about the 2001 Monitoring Workshop

The 2001 Long-term Butterfly Monitoring Workshop will be held Saturday 24 March 2001 at the Fire Science and Law Enforcement Center, Owens Community College Campus. Exit I-75 at Exit 198, go east on Wales Rd., turn right on Oregon Rd., then when you see the campus, left on Biniker Rd., and the Fire Science and Law Enforcement Center is on your right after the soccer field. A map is included with this newsletter. Doors will open at 9:30 am and the morning program will commence around 10 am with The Ohio Lepidopterists' usual precision. The morning speakers are Jim Davidson ("Butterflies, Host Plants and Nectar Sources") and Dave Horn ("What We Can Do with the Data"). Lunch will be an on-site sandwich buffet with a vegetarian entree for those who wish it, or you can lunch on your own. If you do want the on-site buffet lunch you must preregister by the deadline (March 16th) as we must guarantee a head count to the food service folks at Owens C.C.

In the afternoon we expect to have concurrent sessions, one on identification and one on monitoring. The identification session will feature John Cooper on "true" butterflies except for hairstreaks, followed by Dave Parshall on hairstreaks and skippers. In the transect session, John Watts will discuss how to start a transect, Jen McAnlis will focus on "Care and Feeding of Volunteers" and Barb Coleman and Jerry Wiedmann will follow with an open discussion on transects. It will greatly help our planning if you note the afternoon session that interest you on your pre-registration form. We'll close the workshop with a general session and evaluation, and hope to have everyone on the road by 4:30.

There will be time to socialize, to exchange information, and just to have a good day with fellow butterfly enthusiasts. The Steering Committee is excited about the workshop and we hope that by 4:30 on the 24th we'll agree that it was the best one yet.

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Closing Comment:

As usual, I'm open for any item that may interest monitors. It's really easy to get something in this newsletter -- just e-mail or snail mail it to me, or bring it to the workshop.

- *Dave Horn*

2001 Butterfly Monitoring Workshop Pre-registration Form

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00 including sandwich buffet lunch (vegetarian options).

Pre-registration is required for lunch.

\$ 5.00 registration without lunch.

Pre-registrations must be received by 16 March 2001.

Name and Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: Home: _____ **Work:** _____

FAX: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Please make check payable to *The Ohio Lepidopterists*, and mail to Jerry Wiedmann, 12764 Huntoon Road, Painesville, OH 44077 FAX (440) 357-3798. WiedmannB@aol.com

Please also respond to the following in order to help us plan a more successful workshop:

For how long have you monitored a transect:

_____ **Never before** _____ **One year only** _____ **Two or more years**

Of the two afternoon sessions are you interested in:

_____ **Identification** _____ **Monitoring** _____ **Both**

What can we do to make the workshop meaningful for you? _____

