



# The Ohio Dragon - Flier



*\* Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society \**

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**2009 OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS COMMITTEE :  
TWO NEW MEMBERS NEEDED - YOU?**

*The 2 New Members will be chosen at the annual Meeting = March 28<sup>th</sup>!*

*By Bob Glotzhober & Steve Chordas III*



Can you identify odonates from pictures? Many of us can. Below are 2 photos; can you identify the species? If you are one of those folks who can identify the species from these photos, the Ohio Odonata Society Photographic Records Committee needs you! The committee consists of 6 members. Dr. Tom Schultz at Denison University is the current chair of the Photo Records Committee. The complete guidelines for the committee are available on the OOS website. Additionally Bob Glotzhober published a 2008 article on the value of photo records in the Dragon-flier (Volume 18(3):page 3) which lists the current members of the committee and gives their contact information.

**Please consider** submitting a nominee for this committee or nominate yourself (O.K. that is more like volunteering).

Each Photo Records Committee member serves on the committee for 3 years. Each year 2 of the 6 members are rotated off the committee and replaced by 2 new members.

\*\* Please send nomination / self-nomination to the editor Steve Chordas III via email at [stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) . This is particularly important if the nominee can and is willing to serve on the committee but will not be able to attend the annual meeting on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> (see page 2 for meeting details).

See answer on Page 4 - **Were you correct ??**

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# Mark your Calendars !!! & see you there !!

2009 OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY MEETING IS  
SATURDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> ! by Brian Keas & Steve W. Chordas III



**Keynote Speaker:** Eric Wetzel. Eric is a professor at Wabash College, in Indiana. He specializes in the ecology of aquatic parasites (some of which infect odonates)!!

**Location :** The 2009 OOS meeting will be held in the Science Annex of Ohio Northern University, Ada Ohio. The Science Annex (meeting will be held in Room 105 of the Science Annex) is between **Meyer Hall** and **Biggs Engineering Buildings**. Enter through Meyer Hall (515 West Lincoln Avenue). Park in adjacent lots.

Directions to campus: campus map and additional information is at [http://www-new.onu.edu/about\\_onu/maps\\_and\\_directions](http://www-new.onu.edu/about_onu/maps_and_directions) Included on this web page are:

1. A campus map (Science Annex is #56, McIntosh Center is #16)
2. Area lodging information, including the brand new Inn on campus (indicate you are attending a campus event for a discounted price) ([http://www-new.onu.edu/about\\_onu/maps\\_and\\_directions/area\\_lodging](http://www-new.onu.edu/about_onu/maps_and_directions/area_lodging))
3. Directions to campus ([http://www-new.onu.edu/about\\_onu/maps\\_and\\_directions/directions\\_campus](http://www-new.onu.edu/about_onu/maps_and_directions/directions_campus))

\*\* For help / inquires the day of the meeting (lost in transit?) call 419-222-5535 - talk to a live person at ONU.

**Date : Saturday, 28 March 2009**

**Time :** The meeting will run from 8:00am until 5:00pm. See tentative agenda below

### Morning Session

- 8:00 Coffee, conversation, etc.
- 9:00 Welcome, attendee introductions
- 9:15 **Bob Glotzhofer** - "Is the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly in Ohio; or Should it Be?"
- 9:30 **Bill Hull** - "*Erpetogomphus designatus* (Eastern Ringtail) - First Documented Record for Ohio Since 1954"
- 9:55 **Dwight Moody** - "Biodiversity, Endangered Species and the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly"
- 10:15 **Kim Trinkle** - "Patterns of wetland larval odonates collected in horizontal vs. vertical activity traps"
- 10:30 **Steve Chordas III** - collection trip summary and plans for 2009
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 **Keynote Speaker - Eric Wetzel** - Parasite Ecology

### Afternoon Session

- 12:00 noon - Head to lunch
- 12:15 Lunch and business meeting
- 1:30 **Bill Hull** - "Ohio Dragonfly Sightings - A Google Map"
- 1:55 **Eric Chapman** - "The potential of molecular techniques to reveal feeding preferences of odonates."
- 2:15 **Erik Pilgrim** - "Phylogeny of *Sympetrum*--attempting to address the historical biogeography of a nearly worldwide genus"
- 2:55 Break
- 3:10 **Tom Schultz** - "The biology and sexual signals of Giant Helicopter Damselflies"
- 3:55 **Brian Keas** - "Development of an interactive on-line key for Ohio odonates"
- 4:20 - 5:00 See friends, discuss odonates,
- 5:00 - Adjourn

**Lunch :** We are happy to announce that lunch will once again be provided for FREE (thanks to the ONU Department of Biological and Allied Health Sciences) for all those who pre-register. It will be a buffet of deli meats, breads, pasta salad, soup, and dessert. If you want a vegetarian option, please indicate when you register. Lunch will be in the Wishing Well in the McIntosh Center (Building #16 on the ONU map).

**Registration :** Best deal of 2009 : **FREE and SIMPLE !!** Send an e-mail to Steve Chordas at "[stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)" or Brian Keas at "[b-keas@onu.edu](mailto:b-keas@onu.edu)". Indicate name (s) of individuals attending and if you would like a confirmation of your registration.

**By Phone :** Call 614-421-7159.

**By Mail** to : OOS newsletter, 1063 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

**\*\* Volunteers Needed !:** Three (3) volunteers are solicited to help with the meeting. Two to help chair sessions (one to chair the morning session and one to chair the afternoon session : introduce speakers, kick them out when their time is up, you know) and one to help with the computer / projection of the meeting presentations. Please contact Steve Chordas at "[stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)" if you are willing to help out!

*Many Thanks !!*



## ODONATE ODYSSEY : WHAT IS THAT ?

By Steve W. Chordas III

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation (Portland, Oregon) is in the beginning stages of piloting a program with Odonates from across the country. The basic idea at this point is to have Odonate folks submit photographs of species they document in their area. The Photos would be verified by regional experts (much like our photo records for Ohio are currently verified). Fund-raising would occur by members, donors, or other participants who wish to make a pledge for documentation of certain species. This would be similar to the very successful pledge-style fund-raiser with butterflies (<http://www.xerces.org/butterflyathon/>).

Currently the uncertainty lies in the need for both (1) photo submissions and (2) as many regional experts as is willing to confirm the photo-IDs. So, before the project moves too far with anything, there is a need to establish how interested people are in helping out with this. Further, there needs to be some ideas on where people would like to see funding directed once the Odyssey is complete (e.g. local habitat restoration projects, petitioning certain endangered species for ESA listing, etc.).

More information will be available at the 2009 OOS meeting. You can check out the Xerces Society website at [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org).

The Society also has "Wanted" posters for rare native bees. These are well put together and are both useful and entertaining. One of the species (*Bombus affinis*) occurs in the midwest - perhaps you have spotted it and not even known it! Anyone interested in entomology and out in the field could potentially be on the lookout for this species. Additionally, it would be fabulous to have entomology students looking through their collections and watching out for it!

### Check out these items:

link to the "wanted" poster:

[http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/wanted\\_affinis.pdf](http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/wanted_affinis.pdf)

Link to the pocket ID guide:

<http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/09/affinispocketid.pdf>

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## Calendar of Upcoming Meetings / Events:

by editor Steve W. Chordas III

**OSU Museum of Biological Diversity Annual Open House.** Saturday, 7-February-2009 : 10:00am - 4:00pm. The Ohio State University Museum of Biological Diversity. 1315 Kinnear Road. **Open to the Public - free of charge.** See published announcement at : <http://mbd.osu.edu/vandover.pdf>

**Special Biodiversity Lecture :** (Marine Biology & Deep-Sea Hot springs) Tuesday, 17-February-2009 : 7:00pm. Jennings Hall Auditorium (Room #001), Corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & Neil Avenue, on The Ohio State University Campus. **free of charge.** See published announcement at : <http://mbd.osu.edu/vandover.pdf>

**Ohio Natural History Conference :** Saturday, 28-February-2009 : 8am-5pm. The Ohio Historical Society, Columbus Ohio. Registration is required (must register prior to 10-February-2009). Registration = \$20.00, student registration = \$10.00, (lunch is optional for an additional \$10.00 per person). One may either call to register at 614-457-8787 or inquire via email at [Ohiobiosurvey@rohio.com](mailto:Ohiobiosurvey@rohio.com)

**Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference :** Wednesday, 11-March-2009 : 8am-5pm. The Aladdin Shrine Complex, Columbus Ohio. Registration required.

**Ohio Odonata Society 2009 Annual Meeting :** Saturday, 28-March-2009 : 8:00am - 5:00pm. Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Registration and Lunch is **free of charge** (registration required for free lunch). **\*\* Also see meeting announcement on page 2.**

*For those in Northeast Ohio who are unable to attend the Ohio Odonata Society meeting, consider joining a few of our members who are leading this event.*

**Amphibian Amble :** Saturday, 28-March-2009 : 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Lead by Stanley Stine, Judy Semroc and Larry Rosche. Field trip to the Museum's Hadlock Preserve. For details and registration, visit the Cleveland Museum of Natural History web page at : <http://www.cmnh.org/site/CalendarOfEvents.aspx?date=3/28/2009>

Early Planning for summer 2009 !!! :

- 1). **Old Woman Creek Bioblitz : 2009 :** Thursday & Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 2). **Ohio Odonata Society 2009 Summer field trip**  
Details / decisions / particulars of this event will be covered at the Ohio Odonata Society meeting March 28<sup>th</sup> and published in the May 2009 issue of the Dragonflier.

**PLEASE SUBMIT :**  
**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS !!**

From the editor, *Steve W. Chordas III*

Special Thanks to **Bob Glotzhofer & Brian Keas** for submitting excellent contributions to this newsletter!! We are always looking for your thoughts / findings / Odonata related materials, announcements or general information to include in the Dragon-flier. We welcome submissions from our membership. Feel free to send your contributions, ideas, suggestions to Steve Chordas at ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) or snail mail at 1063 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

**WHAT IS COMING IN THE MAY 2009  
ISSUE OF THE DRAGON-FLIER ?**

From the editor *Steve W. Chordas III*

Member contributions ?? 2009 OOS Annual meeting re-cap / summary of important member items and announcements from the meeting. Details on the 2009 OOS field trip. Results from a 2008 Odonate collecting trip to Brown County, Ohio by Dr George & Pheobe Harp (Arkansas State University). Report of Odonata flight season & sightings in the North Kingsville Sand Barrens (by member Milton Rutter) Photographic records committee announcement, the 2009 membership dues form. National & Regional meeting information and much much more.

★ If you have announcements or event notification information to include in the “calendar of events section”, please send them to the editor at [stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the May 2009 newsletter. *Thanks !!*

See you at the  
2009 meeting!



**ANSWERS FOR PHOTOS ON PAGE 1 :**

Dragonfly on bottom left side of Page 1 = If you answered ***Aeschna mutata*** (Spatterdock Darner - **You are correct !**)

Damselfly on bottom right side of Page 1 = If you answered ***Lestes eurinus*** (Amber Winged Spreadwing - **You are correct !**)

**OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2009 DUES STATEMENT**



Regular Membership = \$ 5.00  
Supporting Membership = \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) *I would be interested in receiving the **Ohio Dragon-Flier** via e-mail as a PDF file, instead of via U.S. surface mail.*  
*(Your e-mail address is required for this option).*

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E-mail Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Return this form with payment (cash encouraged - receipts will be sent) to :  
(Make checks payable to : Ohio Odonata Society)

★ Or bring this form with you to the 2009 Annual meeting and hand it to Bob at that time ! (We will also have blank forms available at the meeting).

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