



The Ohio Dragon - Flier



** Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society **

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OHIO WILDLIFE STAMP PHOTO CONTEST : FEATURING AN ODONATE !
OOS MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS! *From Bob Glotzhober & Kendra Wecker*



The 2nd Annual Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp Photo Contest will determine the image of the 2011 Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp. The photo theme for the 2011 stamp is Dragonflies or Damselflies! Perfect for this group !!

YOU can be the individual to have your photo on the new stamp! ☺

Additionally, a prize of **\$500.00** will be awarded to the winning photographer. Your winning photo will also be featured in Wild Ohio Magazine and put on display on the division's web page.

** Photo's must be of an Ohio Odonata species. The contest is open to Ohio residents 18 years of age or older.

PHOTO SUBMISSION DATES: ***The contest submission period begins August 1 and ends August 22, 2010.***
 Only entries postmarked during these dates will be accepted! Thus, you have most of the 2010 Odonata season to get out and take photos for submission. For photo contest rules and other specific details of how to submit your Odonata photos go to the ODNR Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp site at this [link](#). A printable version of the rules and contest details are available at this [link](#). **Note :** This contest is not for a postage stamp, but a wildlife stamp.

2010 NOMINATIONS FOR OOS PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS COMMITTEE: *By Steve Chordas III*
2 New Members will be chosen at the annual Meeting = July 9th !

Call for nominations for 2 new members to serve on the Photographic Records Committee. All members serve on the committee for a period of 3 years. At each annual meeting, 2 new members are elected to replace 2 of the 6 members who served their 3 year position on the committee. Newly elected members this year will serve during 2010, 2011, 2012.

** Please send nomination / self-nomination to the editor Steve Chordas III via email at 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/GLOM thus July.



The 6 member Committee currently consists of the following individuals with their e-mail contact information:
 To be replaced this year : **Bob Glotzhober & Shane Meyers** (*Many thanks to both Bob and Shane for serving the past 3 years*)
 1 year (2010): **Tom Shultz**, Committee Chair (schultz@cc.denison.edu) & **John Pogacnik** (jpogacnik@adelphia.net)
 2 years (2010, 2011): **Mark Dilley** (madilley@att.net) & **Judy Semroc** (rainefox@neo.rr.com)



Mark your Calendars !!! & see you there !!
2010 GREAT LAKES ODONATA MEETING
& COMBINED OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY MEETING
IS JULY 9TH -11TH 2010! *extracted from Bob Glotzhober's communications*



The dates for this year's Great Lakes Odonata Meeting (GLOM) are Friday, July 9th through Sunday July 11th and it will take place in central Ohio. The meeting will include the annual business meeting of the Ohio Odonata Society on Friday evening at the Cedar Ridge Lodge at Battelle-Darby Metro Park. The brief and informal OOS business meeting will be sandwiched between a cook-out meal of Corn on the cob, Grilled Chicken Kabobs with fixins, & likely french fries for all registered attendees and a series of presentations by any participant (OOS member or not) attending the GLOM. If you are interested in presenting a talk, contact Erik Pilgrim at Pilgrim.Erik@epamail.epa.gov or by phone at 513-569-7797. For more details on the field trips and registration, see info in the DSA's "Argia" publication, and on the OOS website maintained by Dave McShaffrey at <http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>. Additionally you may contact the event organizer Bob Glotzhober at bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org or 614-298-2054.

HIGHLIGHTS, ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

The highlight and major attraction of this meeting will be collecting and photography along Big and Little Darby Creeks. The Nature Conservancy listed these streams as one of the "Last Great Places" in the United States. The Darby Creeks are state and federal Scenic Rivers and the Ohio EPA says that "*the watershed is known to provide habitat for several state and federally listed endangered species. The streams in the watershed are home to unique and diverse biological communities of fish, freshwater mussels and the associated benthic invertebrate fauna.*" *Ophiogomphus rupinsulensis* (Rusty Snaketails) and a variety of other interesting clubtails cruise the river habitat, as well as up to four species of River Cruisers (*Macromia* spp) and the fascinating *Nasiaeschna pentacantha* (Cyrano Darner). Nearby ponds are home for *Anax longipes* (Comet Darner) and other interesting pond species. Much of the two rivers are enclosed within several of the Columbus Metro Parks, and the Park District is a co-sponsor of the event. Many of the field trips will take place on Metro Park properties. Other field trip possibilities being explored are the nearby Olentangy River (also a State Scenic River), and further afield to Clear Creek at the edge of the Hocking Hills and a photo-only trip to Cedar Bog Nature Preserve. A Saturday evening outing to search for *Neurocordulia* species (Shadow Dragons) is also in the works. Details will be updated as they become available on the OOS web page (<http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>). Join us for one or all three days!

REGISTRATION, HOTELS AND OTHER INFO.

A registration form is included in this newsletter (Page 3) + it is posted on the OOS web page [link here](#).
 Hotel? Red Roof in at Hilliard: 5001 Renner Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228: web link = [Red Roof Inn](#). We have procured rooms with 2 queens (Regularly at \$75.00) for \$59.95 with a block of 15 rooms. This is almost too good to be true - seriously. Once again check the OOS web page often for the registration form & more details on these rooms (<http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>) - get things in early !!

***** CALL FOR VOLUNTEER GROUP LEADERS! STEP UP AND BE A LEADER *****

If you can be a group leader, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bob Glotzhober to volunteer to be a trip / group leader (Contact Bob Glotzhober at bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org or by phone at 614-298-2054). For this job, it is not critical that you be an "expert" in Odonata, nor that you know intimately the sites you will take a group of folks to visit. Maps, directions, and lists of anticipated species and copies of permits will be provided to each trip / group leader. The group as a whole can be the "experts". We need some OOS members to help coordinate each group. We are doing this so we don't have everyone at the same place at the same time and overwhelm the site.



Great Lakes Odonata Meeting

Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park

Galloway, OH

July 9 - 11, 2010



METRO PARKS

— One person per form —

Name:	Affiliation:	
Mailing Address:	Attending with (Name/s):	
City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:	Phone:	

Make Checks Payable to: **'O.O.S.' (Ohio Odonata Society)**

Mail to: OOS c/o Bob Restifo
274 E. Torrence Road
Columbus, Ohio 43214

Special Package Price **\$30.00**

- **Friday:** Cookout, programs — **Saturday:** Field trips and Shadowdragon trip — **Sunday:** Field trip
Registration Deadline for Cookout: July 1, 2010
- **Bonus:** Includes one-year \$5.⁰⁰ membership to the Ohio Odonata Society

PLEASE Check your trip selections below:

OR Individual Options:

OOS MEMBERSHIP **\$ 5.00**

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday.... Field Trips only **5.00**

Friday Meet & Greet Cookout and Evening Program @ Battelle-Darby **25.00**

- ◆ **6:00 pm** — Cookout of Kabobs (Chicken or Veggie) with all the sides (must register by 7/1/10)
- ◆ **7:00 pm** — Programs to be announced

FRIDAY Field Trips

- ◆ Friday 9:30 a.m. — Meet at the Cedar Ridge Picnic Area
- ◆ Friday 1:00 p.m. — Meet at the Cedar Ridge Picnic Area

SATURDAY Field Trips

- ◆ Saturday 9:30 a.m. — Meet at the Cedar Ridge Picnic Area

SATURDAY Evening: 6:30 p.m. Shadowdragon Time! (Dinner on your own)

- ◆ Evening trip meets at Red Roof Inn parking lot

SUNDAY Field Trips – several potential trips –

- ◆ Clear Creek Metro Park.....Hocking Hills of SE Ohio – Ravines with Tiger Spiketails
- ◆ Three Creeks Metro Parkperhaps 1 more species of Macromia
- ◆ Cedar Bog Nature Preserve.....Seepage Dancers, Elfin Skimmers, Brown Spiketails (no collecting)

Space is Limited - Reserve Today!

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Call for \$59.95 Room Reservation at Red Roof Inn, 5001 Renner Rd., Columbus, OH 43228

PH: **614-878-9245**

Request: **'The Great Lakes Odonata Meeting Block' – Block # B009HISTOR**

THREE NEW BROWN COUNTY ODONATA RECORDS FROM 2009 !

By Steve Chordas III & Sylvia Chordas



The first author (Steve) is working on the Black Bugs (Hemiptera; Thyreocoridae) of Ohio. Wanting to go look for southern Ohio specimens, he picked a weekend to go to Brown County Ohio.

Another reason for choosing Brown county is that it is one

of the counties with relatively few Odonate species recorded (something about 2 birds with one stone?). Sylvia wanted to “help”. All of us with kids understand that when their child wants to “help” it is hard to say no. O.K. fine, we loaded some nets and took off on a sunny day for Brown County. We were indeed successful in finding one Thyreocoridae species in 2 southern Ohio counties and also spent some time observing, collecting odonates. We encountered a dozen species in Brown County, for 8 of the species we captured voucher specimens. Three of these 8 were found to be new county records (see list below). In the past year, 11 new Brown county odonata records have been reported as 8 species collected in the early summer of 2008 were recently reported as new to the Brown County list (Harp *et al.*, 2009).

Species list from 16-August-2009.

Indian Creek Wildlife Area, ½ mi E of Fayetteville on U.S. Hwy 50, corner of Murray Corner Road and Campbell Road, Indian Creek Marsh - near archery range.

Zygoptera = *Enallagma aspersum* * (Hagen, 1861), (Azure bluet) 1 male (Figure 1); *Ischnura verticalis* (Say, 1839) (Eastern forktail); *Ischnura posita* (Hagen, 1861) (Fragile forktail); *Lestes disjunctus australis* * Walker, 1952 (Southern spreadwing) 2 males & 1 female (Figure 2).

Anisoptera = *Celithemis eponina* (Drury, 1773), (Halloween pennant); *Erythemis simplicollis* Say, 1839 (Eastern pondhawk); *Sympetrum ambiguum* * (Rambur, 1842), (Blue-faced meadowhawk) 2 males (Figure 3); *Perithemis tenera* (Fabricius, 1798) (amber wing)

* = **New Brown County Record.**

Species observed, but not collected.

Anax junius (Green darner)
Pachydiplax longipennis (Blue dasher)
Libellula pulchella (Twelve-spotted skimmer)
Libellula (Plathemis) lydia (Common whitetail);

Of note, we collected a male *Ischnura verticalis* that had the typical divided thoracic stripe markings of *I. posita*. This was the first time we had ever observed this. Have any others observed this in *I. verticalis*? Dr. George Harp (Arkansas State University) indicated that he had seen this before.

- ✓ All collections were made by Steve & Sylvia Chordas.
- ✓ All voucher specimens of the above listed species were deposited into the Arkansas State University Museum of Zoology Collection, Jonesboro Arkansas.



Figure 1. *Enallagma aspersum*



Figure 2. *Lestes disjunctus australis*



Figure 3. *Sympetrum ambiguum*

Literature Cited:

Harp, G.L., P. Harp and S.W. Chordas III. 2009. 2008 Brown county adventure: +8 new county records. Ohio Dragon-flier. 19(2)May:2-3.

Member Dragon-flier section.
ODONATA IN EVERYDAY LIFE ?
Contributions By Andrew Boose & Milt Rutter



Light switch plate from a dollar store



Dragonfly sundial purchased from internet. Stand purchased from Roush Hardware Westerville Ohio



Milt Rutter contributed this beautiful photo of an arrangement of a number of jewelry items that a female friend has accumulated.

Milt calls these "winter odes". Appropriately termed - don't you think?

Nice job Milt!



Comet Darner yard flag purchased at the Steam Thresher's Show



Metal dragonfly yard ornament. Found in old garage, origin unknown

This section of the newsletter is intended to be a member driven / member contribution section. Where in your everyday life (i.e. your home, car, work, hobbies, etc) do odonates occur or are part of ?

For example:

- ✓ Do you have a favorite fire cured serving bowl that has Odonate decorations?
- ✓ Do you have placed pictures?
- ✓ Do you have Odonate kitchen fixtures?
- ✓ Do you have Odonate bathroom fixtures?
- ✓ Do you have Odonate wall decorations?
- ✓ Do you know where other members may obtain Odonate fixtures or the like?
- ✓ Do you have an Odonate room in your house - or would you like one?

Take a photo, send in a comment, make a comment, tell us where to get good Odonata "things".

Lets contribute!! Send in your examples, comments, contributions, photos of favorite items, room photos, etc to the editor Steve Chordas III at (stevehordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

** There is a single contribution so far for the September newsletter! Thank You !!

Standing request : Anyone know where to get Odonata hooks for hanging towels or coats or the like?

** Thanks for the 2 responses to this request thus far.*



Hand-made glazed clay tile made by Otis Pottery East Jordan, Michigan

Calender of Upcoming Meetings / Events:
 by editor Steve W. Chordas III

Combined Ohio Odonata Society 2010 Meeting and Great Lakes Odonata Meetings : Friday 9, July - Sunday 11, July 2010. Central Ohio. **See page2 of this newsletter for more details.

7th annual Bugstravaganza! : Chestnut Ridge Metro Park. Saturday, August 14th from 1-4 p.m. Odonata folks wanted. Contact Jamie Kidwell (Kidwell@MetroParks.net)

* Above 5 items = contribution from Andrew Boose! *Nice job!*

VERY EARLY SIGHTING OF *BASIAESCHNA JANATA* - THE SPRINGTIME DARNER IN OHIO.

Contributions By Andrew Boose & Bob Glotzhober

Andrew Boose observed *Basiaeschna janata* (Springtime Darner) flying, ovipositing, and mating at Lake Katherine State Nature Preserve (Jackson County) on April 14th. Seems early? Well, it is! Made Andrew wonder if this is going to be a year of early odonata sighting due to this early warm weather.

Bob Glotzhober researched the Ohio database and found the following for the species. Although not a record for Ohio, 14 April is indeed rather early for *Basiaeschna janata* in Ohio. Our database shows three early dates for the species. R.C. Osburn took a single female in Columbus on 29 April 1899. The next recorded date is a male taken on 18 May 1950 by Paul Harwood in Ashland County. Then on 23 May 2003 Bob Glotzhober took a male at a pond in the Wayne National Forest in Monroe County. Other than those three, all the records are from June and beyond. This has certainly been a very early, warm spring once our snows finally melted. Bob has noticed that in the blooming of wildflowers as well. The question will be whether this pattern continues, or if a cold spell slows it down and stretches the spring out, as often happens with such early springs. This also shows the value of maintaining the database of such records. Too bad a photo was not taken or specimen was not collected.

Photo of
Basiaeschna
janata from
the OOS
website
image bank.



Basiaeschna janata
Springtime Darner

DRAGONFLIES IN THE CLASSROOM AT OHIO STATE!

By Steve W. Chordas III

The 2010 summer program (OSTEP) at Ohio State for incoming freshmen in the STEM disciplines will include a class entitled "integrated science". The OSTEP program is a rather intense 6 weeks of courses lasting all day - everyday. This aims to introduce the new students to the college level expectations of various courses they should expect to encounter during their first year of college. One of the goals of the integrated science class is to have students actively involved in a research project. They will be expected to take on a research problem, fully investigate that, collect all necessary data, incorporate their findings into a report + presentation that they will be expected to give (seminar style) to the rest of the class. The main theme of the projects for this summer ... Odonata!

We have 4-6 possible Odonata projects pre-planned that students may choose to tackle. We will encourage groups who have complete projects to publish their projects + results and findings in future editions of the Dragon-flier.

Have a great Odonata Summer 2010!

Take those Photos! Win the Stamp Contest!



PLEASE SUBMIT :

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS !!

From the editor, Steve W. Chordas III

Special Thanks to **Andrew Boose, Milton Rutter** (both provided nice photos) and **Bob Glotzhober** for submitting 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) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

WHAT IS COMING IN THE SEPTEMBER 2010 ISSUE OF THE DRAGON-FLIER ?

From the editor *Steve W. Chordas III*

Member contributions ?? 2010 GLOM/OOS meeting overview, election, officer, etc results, summer 2010 collection / photographic results from members? Dragonflies in the classroom project results from the Ohio State summer class of 2010 + Much more .

★ If you have announcements or event notification information to include in the “calender of events section”, please send them to the editor at stevechordas@sbcgloba.net for inclusion in the September 2010 newsletter. *Thanks !!*

THE DRAGON-FLIER TWICE A YEAR?

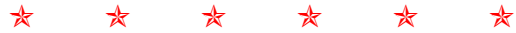
The newsletter “The Dragon-flier” has been published 3 times per year; January, May and September. Discussion among some members and offices has resulted with the suggestion that a schedule of twice per year would be in order for future volumes of The Dragon-flier. Basically a later pre-season issue including meetings, trips, plans, etc and a post season, winter?, issue with overviews, results, etc. Your thoughts? We will discuss this at the OOS meeting in July!



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER !

From the OOS officers.

✓ OOS membership runs on a calendar year. Thus, all 2009 memberships have now officially expired! Dues for 2010 are now being requested. Many members typically pay their dues at the annual meeting (which has been held in March for the past several years). OOS officers understand this tendency and have accounted for it. However the meeting for 2010 will not occur until July! Please don't wait until then! Send in the form below!



OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2010 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).*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

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 2010 Annual meeting and hand it to Bob at that time ! (We will also have blank forms available at the meeting).

Bob Restifo
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