



The Ohio Dragon - Flier



* *Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society* *

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SAVE THE DATE : SATURDAY 23-JUNE-2012 (OOS ANNUAL MEETING)

See Page 2 of this newsletter for further details of the OOS annual meeting and field trips for 2012.

IS THIS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE DRAGONFLIER? *From the OOS Officers*

See page 4 - for the list of current members (current as being paid for 2012). If your name is not on this membership list, we are sorry to say this will be your last issue of the Dragonflyer. To remain a member and receive the next issue of the Dragonflyer (Volume 22 Number 1, due out in late Spring 2012) please complete the membership form (on the last page of this newsletter) and send in to OOS Treasurer Bob Restifo - SOON!

** Reminder: OOS memberships run for a calendar year (1-January through 31-December of a given year)

2012 OOS OFFICERS (WITH CONTACT INFORMATION) : *By Steve Chordas III*

NOTE : *Officers serve for 1 calendar year (1-January to 31-December) and are elected at the OOS annual meeting (see meeting notes; page 4).*

President : **Bill Hull** (mangoverde@gmail.com)

Past President 2011 : **Erik Pilgram**

Vice President : **Bob Glotzhober** (bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org)

(Pilgram.Erik@epamail.epa.gov)

Member-at-Large : **Andrew Boose** (boose@metroparks.net)

Newsletter Editor : **Steve Chordas III**

Secretary / Treasurer : **Bob Restifo** (rarestifo@yahoo.com)

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2012 OOS PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: *By Steve Chordas III*

All members serve on the Photographic Records Committee for a period of 3 years. At each annual meeting, 2 new members are elected and replace 2 of the 6 members who served their 3 year position on the committee (*many thanks to those who have served on the committee!*).

At the 2011 annual meeting motion passed (unanimously : see page 4) that all Photographic Committee Members terms on the committee are to be for the duration of calendar years (1-January through 31-December) and that each member elected will serve as an active committee member for a period of 3 years beginning on 1-January following their election. Members elected at the 2011 OOS meeting thus begin their 3 year tenure as a contributing committee member on 1-January-2012.



The 6 member Committee currently consists of the following individuals with their e-mail contact information:

1 year remaining (2012): **Mark Dilley** (madilley@att.net) & **Judy Semroc** (rainefox@neo.rr.com)

2 years remaining (2012, 2013): **Larry Rosche** (larryrosche@yahoo.com) & **Shane Myers** (rebo429@gmail.com)

3 years remaining (2012, 2013, 2014): **Linda Gilbert** (lkg38@roadrunner.com) & **Bob Glotzhober** (bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org)

** If you have a photo record of a Dragonfly or Damselfly, please contact a current committee member to have your photo evaluated for acceptance as an official Ohio record.



Save the date !!! & see you there !!



2012 OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY MEETING
IS SATURDAY JUNE 23RD 2012! *extracted from OOS Officers & Planning Communications*

It is confirmed, the date for the OOS meeting and field trips for 2012 is **Saturday June 23th** in North West Ohio. The meeting will be held at Metro Parks Oak Opening's **Buehner Center** (Lucas County, Ohio) during the morning. The day will include the annual business meeting of the Ohio Odonata Society, Odonata talks, field trips, and mingling with Ohio Odonata folks. We anticipate ending the indoor session by early afternoon and heading into the field for Odonate collecting, photography, general Odonata viewing, nature walking, etc. At this time a lot of details are still being arranged, but are becoming firm each passing day.

- * Link (web address) to info / directions, etc www.metroparkstoledo.com/metro/parksandplaces/index.asp?page_id=510
- * Physical address = 4139 Girdham Road, Swanton, Ohio 43558.

EVENTS, TALKS, OOS MEMBER MEETING, FIELD TRIPS, ETC

If you are interested in presenting a talk, please contact either Bob Glotzhober at (bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org) or the newsletter editor Steve Chordas III (stevehordas@sbcglobal.net) or contact Steve by phone at 614-421-7159.

- A more complete agenda will be published in the next Dragonflier issue.

** For those interested in pre or post meeting outings, Friday and/or Sunday outings are also being discussed and will likely be organized. Updated information will be published in the next Dragonflier issue.

REGISTRATION, HOTELS AND OTHER INFO.

Registration is quite a bargain again this year = it is **FREE** !! However, we would like to know the expected attendance (that would be extremely helpful). Please contact Bob Glotzhober at (bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org) to register.

Hotels? A list of Hotels, with links and contact information will be published in the next issue of the Dragonflier (Volume 22 Number 1, due out in late Spring 2012, will have plenty of time for reservations).

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER FIELD TRIP LEADERS! STEP UP AND BE A LEADER.

If you are willing to volunteer to help out as a Group Leader (Contact Bob at bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org). Work is in progress on a pre-trip agenda for Wednesday (20-June) and Thursday (21-June) to Defiance and Williams County. Bob will be generating species lists for 7 counties in the area, with annotations on which sites some of the rare species are known from. If you agree to be a group leader - you are **not** automatically agreeing to participate on these two extra days in any way (though Bob would be eager to have a number of people join in at some interesting sites in the extreme northwest corner of the state). Potential spots being considered are; Williams County -- Mud Lake State Nature Preserve and Fish Creek/ St. Joseph River and the Maumee River in Defiance County. Group leaders are needed for the afternoon of the meeting also (Saturday 23-June).

Here are two photos from the 2011 OOS meeting (special thanks to Bob Glotzhober for providing these).



Dragonfliers on Lt. Miami Rv. at Bass Island, Cinn. 26 Aug 2011 RC Glotzhober OdeChasers0016
_____, Erik Pilgrim, Bill Hull, Bill Zimmerman

Andrew Boose & Mike Busam, Lt.Miami Rv., Cinn. 8/26/11 RC Glotzhober BooseBusam0013

**FROSTED WHITEFACE (*LEUCORRHINIA FRIGIDA*)
DISCOVERED AT IRWIN PRAIRIE STATE
NATURE PRESERVE !**

By Rick Nirschl

A small population of Frosted Whiteface, *Leucorrhinia frigida* (Photo 1), was discovered on 2 June 2010 at Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserve in Lucas County, Ohio. An Ohio State Endangered Species, Frosted Whiteface is only found in one other location in the state, at Triangle Lake Bog State Nature Preserve in Portage County.



Photo 1

I photographed one of four males seen that day and on subsequent visits would see between one and four males each time. No females were observed. The last date they were seen was 3 July 2010 when water levels had dropped considerably from a lack of rain.



Photo 2

Four years ago in June 2006, I saw one male Frosted Whiteface at Irwin Prairie but was unable to get a photograph. None were seen again until June 2010. Irwin Prairie produced some other excellent finds in 2010 as well.

Just minutes before finding the Frosted Whiteface, I found a Four-spotted Skimmer, *Libellula quadrimaculata* (Photo 2). I photographed this skimmer for about 20 minutes before a Swamp Darner, *Epiaeshna heros*, swooped down, captured it and carried it off for a meal. This brief sighting was my first in Lucas County.



Photo 3

On 17 June 2010, a female Variegated Meadowhawk, *Sympetrum corruptum* (Photo 3), was perched on the top of one of the sedges providing me some excellent photographs. It was only seen on that one day.

Two male Golden-winged Skimmers, *Libellula auripennis* (Photo 4), were discovered on 19 June 2010 at the whiteface location. A mega-rarity for the state, Golden-winged Skimmer has only been documented three other times in Ohio prior to this sighting. The third record was a pair I photographed at Oak Openings in June 2008. While I did get a record photograph to document the sighting, they perched well off the boardwalk most of the time. They stayed for about three weeks.



Photo 4

On 28 June 2010, I found 5 Sedge Sprites, *Nehalennia irene* (Photo 5), flying low among the sedges just inches above the water. This was a new record for Lucas County. An Emerald Spreadwing, *Lestes dryas*, was eating one sprite and a few days later a Blue Dasher, *Pachydiplax longipennis*, was eating another.



Photo 5

And finally on 1 July 2010, in nearly the same spot as the Variegated Meadowhawk, a female Banded Pennant, *Celithemis fasciata* (Photo 6), perched on the sedges offering some excellent photo opportunities. A couple of years ago, I found a small population of Banded Pennants about 3 miles from Irwin Prairie so this could be just a wanderer from that location.



Photo 6

Editor's Note : Irwin Prairie is very close to the location of the 2012 OOS meeting (which will be held in Oak Openings).

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings / Events: (also see page 8)

by editor *Steve W. Chordas III*

OOS Annual Meeting **

Saturday the 23rd of June 2012 : about 9:00am - 4:00pm+.

Oak Openings Metropark (Lucas County, Ohio) See page 2.
4139 Girdham Road, Swanton, Ohio 43558.

Open to members (& public) - free of charge. Registration requested. More information for this event is on page 2 of this issue

+ on-line at <http://www.marietta.edu/~odonata/index.html>

DSA - see page 8.

BRIEF OOS MINUTES FROM THE 2011 MEETING

From the editor *Steve W. Chordas III*

Welcome by President Erik Pilgrim, intro + opened the meeting.

- Election of officers: (see results on page 1)

* **Motion:** Change term of Photo Records Committee

Members to be 3 years, and that each "year" constitutes serving 1-January to 31-December (a calendar year). Put forth by Bob Glotzhober, second by Andrew Boose. Discussion; vote resulted in unanimous approval for the motion.

* **Motion:** Change the 1 year term of OOS officers to mirror the term served by the Photo Records Committee Members. Such that 2011 meeting elections result in officers starting their term on 1-January-2012 and serve in the office until 31-December-2012. Put forth by Bob Glotzhober, second by Steve Moeckel. Discussion; vote resulted in unanimous approval for the motion.

* **Motion:** Move that 2011 be a "free membership year".

Due to several factors, all OOS supporters receive a free 2011 membership. Put for by Bob Restifo via email, second by several simultaneously at the meeting, discussion, vote resulted in unanimous approval for the motion.

* **Motion:** As an organization in good financial standing (treasurer report below) and in-line with the general mission of our organization, we should support members and Odonata projects they may conduct by awarding mini-grants. Thus, propose establishing a small grant program (treasury dependant) and begin accepting applications from the membership to fund projects to a maximum of \$500.00. Put forth by Bob Glotzhober, second Bill Hull. Extensive discussion, vote resulted in unanimous approval for the motion. Proposals to be submitted directly to current Officers, who will be evaluation committee.

- Election of 2 new Photo Records Committee Members:

Linda Gilbert nominated via email prior to meeting, Bill Hull self-nominated. Motion to close nominations/second, unanimous approval of the 2 new members; start on committee in Jan, 2012. (see full committee and contact information on page 1).

- Photo records committee needs a new chair. After discussion, it was concluded the committee should decide on who their chair is, should not be that the membership appoint one.

- Discussion of including a membership list in next newsletter, support for the idea, editor to include this in next issue.

- Treasurer report discussion, the good news OOS is in good financial standing, no large expenses expected for remainder of 2011 or into 2012. The bad news, member numbers are dropping (~19). Treasurer reminds us that as of 31-December-2011 membership expires, also notes some individuals holding "positions" in OOS are not current members - just sayin!

-Discussion of 2012 annual meeting. Early planning generally equates more success. Planning done early, page 2!

OOS MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR 2012

By Bob Restifo + OOS officers

If your name is not in this list below, your OOS membership expired on 31-December-2011 and this will be your last Dragonflier newsletter ☹. Names in the below list are active members through 2012.

Andrew Boose

Robert Burgett

Pam Burt

Greg Cornett

Isaly Cowie

Eric Chapman

Steve Chordas

Nick Donnelly

Jim Erickson

Mike Fitts

William K. Gibson

Dennis Gessmann

Robert Glotzhober

William Hull

Joe Kane

Tom Linkous

Jim McCormac

Devin Miles

Marian Moeckel

Steve Moeckel

Barbara Natterer

John Nararro

Beth Ann Phillips

Erik Pilgrim

Robert A. Restifo

Dan Riggs

Larry Rosche

Rich Shank

Tommy Springer

Judy Semroc

Carol Wood

Van Wood

So Please re-new your dues today ☺

** If you are an OOS officer / committee member and not listed above, well ***you know what to do !***

**If you sent in your dues recently, you may not be on the list yet. Or we may have inadvertently missed your name on this list (I am sure it will happen - sorry in advance), please let Bob Restifo (rarestifo@yahoo.com) know.

TIGER BEETLES & WHEELS ?

via Bob Glotzhofer & Bill Hull

What? O.K. so not Odonata, but still very interesting insect behavior and one of our members (current OOS President Bill Hull) made a contribution to the work. The focus of this work is on the tiger beetle larvae and how the larvae can form a "wheel" to roll away! No Kidding! They even have a great video of the behavior; very cool. Check it all out at the following link.

<http://savannahnow.com/news/2011-03-29/ga-beetle-reinvents-wheel>.

If you click on the "Photos" tab, you will see that the authors used one of Bill's photos (3rd in the series) for the article.

Nice work Bill!

HINE'S EMERALD IN THE NEWS

From Bob Glotzhofer

An interesting story about the Federally Endangered Hine's Emerald dragonfly and a habitat restoration project in Illinois (Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve). Check out how much \$\$ is being targeted to this project.

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110825/news/708259810/>

New for 2012

SMALL GRANTS FROM OOS?

By the OOS Officers

A call for proposals that will be open to current OOS members in good standing (i.e. paid for the year proposal is submitted & potentially funded) will be officially solicited from the membership in the next newsletter. The recipient, or recipients, of the small grant (if any) will be expected to present their findings, or project overview and results, to that point at the annual OOS meeting the following year. (i.e. projects receiving a small grant in 2012 must present at the 2013 annual meeting). Small grant proposals up to a maximum of \$500.00 will be evaluated and considered. The OOS officers serving at the time of the proposal submission will form the committee to evaluate, accept and potentially fund the proposal (or proposals). Duration of the small grants program will be limited by the amount in treasury that exceeds anticipated operating funds and will be suspended upon depletion of the OOS funds available. More specific application process details, deadlines and evaluation procedures will be published in the next issue of the Dragonflier (Volume 22 Number 1, due out in late Spring 2012). Also see the motion for the small grants in the meeting minutes on page 4 of this newsletter.

Formulate & begin to compose your idea for a proposal now. Proposal submissions will be officially solicited in the next newsletter. Announcement of the winning proposal (if any or proposals if more than one) will occur at the next annual meeting (23-June-2012). Best of luck!

ODONATA IN EVERYDAY LIFE ?

Contributions from Mary Jo White & Bob Restifo

More Contributions from Bob Restifo for next issue (thanks Bob)

Dragonfly earrings and necklace from OOS Member Mary Jo White. This Odonata Necklace and Earring set was recently made and given to Mary as a gift from Margaret Klein. Gift was inspired by Mary's expressed interest in dragonflies. How nice!



The following dozen (yes 12) items of various Dragonfly items are from Bob Restifo. **Thanks Bob** © (many more Odonata items to come from Bob in future issues).



Beach Towel



Bird Feeder



Cool
Cake !

Wish I
had this
at my
wedding



Bird Bath



Diary



Door Bell Cover

This section is intended to be a member driven / contribution section. Where in your everyday life are odonates a part of ? Take a photo, send in a comment, make a comment, tell us where to get good Odonata "things". Send your examples, comments, contributions, photos, etc to editor Steve Chordas III at (stevehordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

FANTASTIC DRAGONFLY PHOTOGRAPHIC TUTORIAL

*Contribution to Odonata -I from Bob Reimer :
Forwarded by Bob Glotzhober*

Here is an interesting tutorial on dragonfly photography. It is done by a professional photographer who recently took up photographing dragonflies. I'm sure the equipment he has is a bit beyond most of our budgets, but nonetheless there is almost certainly some very useful information and ideas in here for even the novice photographer. And if nothing more take a look at the spectacular Odonata photographs - wow!

The page is titled 'Hidden in plain sight' by Paul L. Richman Ph.D (if you are able to access the site via the link, search for it, well worth it). Here is the direct link to the page. Enjoy!

http://www.luminous-landscape.com/tutorials/hidden_in_plain_site.shtml

DRAGONFLY EATING FRUIT-FLY IN HIGH SPEED!

*Contribution to Odonata -I from Dennis Paulson :
Forwarded by Bob Glotzhober*

Here is a fantastic video showing dragonflies capturing fruit flies in the air. It is slowed down enough that you can really see what they are doing and how they are doing it.

Here is the direct link to the article and video - check it out.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/punctuated-equilibrium/2011/oct/04/1>

- Next time you swing & miss, don't feel bad..think about the frog !
Watch the video, you'll see !!



Ceramic Wall Hanging



Clock



Candle Lantern



Decorative Platter



Decorative Piece



Decorative Tile

OOS OUTING 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Contributions from Steven Moeckel & Bob Glotzhober

WHAT IS THAT IN MY SHOE ?

By Linda Gilbert

A few members headed out in the field prior to and directly following the 2011 OOS meeting (Hamilton County, Cincinnati Ohio). Nice weather, good walks, great company and a few very nice finds. Below are a few photos of some of the group members, dragonflies captured and a few ???

I was camping out on our property this summer and left my shoes outside my tent in the vestibule (Photo 1). When I went to put them on in the morning, I noticed something inside my shoe. Upon closer inspection, it was a freshly emerged Widow Skimmer (*Libellula luctuosa*). It must have crawled out of the lake and up the hill and accidentally found my shoe in which to emerge (Photo 2). The photo shows it still clinging to its exoskeleton!



Stylurus plagiatus

Russet-tipped Clubtail. Armleder Pk, Lt.Miami Rv, Cinn. 8/26/2011. RCG ClubtailRussettipp9993



Photo 1

Photo 2



See anything?
Nope You? Nawww

- We can stand here and pretend like we are looking for something ! Great idea.
Steve Chordas & Janna Thompson



Janna Thompson



Halloween Pennant. Kibby Rd Park area, Cinn. 9/26/2011. RCG PennantHalloween0066

Here is my tent showing the distance from the lake that it traversed until finding my shoe! (Photo 3)



Photo 3



Stylurus plagiatus

Russet-tipped Clubtail. Armleder Pk/ Lt.Miami Rv. 8/26/11 RC Glotzhober ClubRussettipp0005

Thanks Linda! Heard of inspecting your shoes for scorpions out West or perhaps spiders, but Dragonflies! Cool.

Have a great Spring 2012!



PLEASE SUBMIT : **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS !!**

From the editor, *Steve W. Chordas III*

Special Thanks to **Bob Glotzhofer, Bob Restifo, Linda Gilbert, Mary Jo White, Steven F. Moeckel, Bill Hull** for submitting contributions to this newsletter!!

The editor already has submissions from **Bob Glotzhofer, Bob Restifo, Steve Chordas, Milt Rutter and Janna Thompson** for the next issue of the Dragonflier. Many thanks to you all.

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 (stevehordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2nd Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.

★ If you have announcements or event notification information to include in the “calendar of events section”, please send them to the editor at stevehordas@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in the 2012(#1) newsletter. *Thanks !!*



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER ! *From the OOS officers.*

**2011 = a free membership year

✓ **OOS membership runs on a calendar year.**

Thus, all 2011 memberships have now officially expired! It was voted at the Annual Meeting in August of 2011 that 2011 was a “**free membership year**”. Due to many issues, permutations, etc, it was unanimously approved to have 2011 a free membership year. Thus, if you paid a membership for 2011, it will carry over to 2012 and you are paid through 31-December-2012. However, few did that. (See list of current members for 2012 on page 4 of this newsletter).

* In the past, many members have typically pay their dues at the annual meeting (which had been held in March). OOS officers understand this tendency and have accounted for it. However, to standardize things, memberships will now run on a calendar year. You can still pay dues at the annual meeting - but, that would carry your membership to the end of that year only! We will have dues forms for the upcoming year at the annual meeting also (so you can join for the next year!).

** Send in the form below for your 2012 membership!



2012 DRAGONFLY SOCIETY OF THE AMERICA'S
The 2012 meeting will be in Florence, South Carolina. Meeting is planned for May 4-6, with field trips on May 4th and 6th and business meeting on the 5th. For more information contact meeting organizer Christopher Hill (chill@coastal.edu) : phone = 843-349-2567. Or check out the meeting link http://web.me.com/ecurlew/DSA_2012/Welcome_DSA_2012.html

OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2012 DUES STATEMENT



Regular Membership (1 year) = \$ 5.00
Membership runs from 1-January to 31-December 2012
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)

★ We will also have 2013 membership forms available at the Annual meeting in June.

Bob Restifo
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