

Lancaster Herpetological Society

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The Lancaster Herpetological Society (www.lancasterherp.org) is a small club that meets once a month to discuss herps and herp-related issues. The club meets at the North Museum (www.northmuseum.org, 400 College Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603) on the 3rd Friday of every month. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge (donations accepted), and begin at 7pm. Please feel free to attend by entering through the back door (ring bell if locked). The membership requests that all children under the age of 16 be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Roy Mellott (aggrocroc@yahoo.com). *Hope to see you there!*

Upcoming Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Comments</u>
7/17/2009	Jim White	Amphibians and Reptiles of Delmarva	Author
8/21/2009	Dr. Carl Ernst	Turtles	2nd presentation to LHS!
9/18/2009*	Dr. Tim Maret	TBA	Shippensburg University
10/16/2009	Aura Stauffer	TBA	PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources

***Meeting for Board Members at 6PM prior to club meeting in September.**

Upcoming [Havre de Grace](#) Herp Shows: August 8th, October 3rd

Upcoming [Hamburg](#) Herp Shows: August 1st, October 17th

Upcoming [Timonium](#) Herp Shows: September 19th-20th

Club Happenings

The past three months, as always, have been exciting at LHS. In April, Dr. Jeff Steed of Manheim Pike Veterinary Hospital shared his experience with treating all sorts of herps at his practice. Though we had some technical glitches, Dr. Steed came prepared with color prints and was able to effectively illustrate some common problems in herp keeping.

May brought Michael Shrom, a vending mainstay at all the regional herp shows. He showed off much of his salamander collection, including some individuals that were literally out of this world! He shared that NASA routinely buys some his salamanders for research in outer space.

June was the ever popular Members' Night where many chose to bring in their personal herps for a little show-and-tell. Among those in attendance were a Guyuan boa, a ball python, a marginated tortoise, a pair of Speke's hingebacks, a speckled kingsnake, and the rarely seen in captivity black kingsnake. There are always a few surprises at Members' Night!

Requests

LHS exists solely as a volunteer organization. The club would not survive without the constant and continual input of its members. Arranging speakers, organizing field trips, and producing the newsletter take volunteered time. If you have ideas for and are willing to take the lead in arranging speakers or field trips, please contact Roy Mellott (aggrocroc@yahoo.com).

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Zach Barton (zbarton@ycstech.org). Possible original contributions include: book reviews; species care sheets; notes from a field herping trip; herp news summaries; and opinionated essays. The deadline for the Fall 2009 Newsletter is approaching fast!

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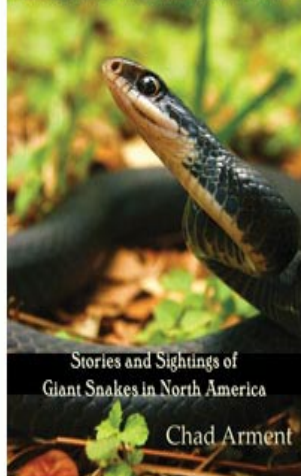
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