



NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION (NABA)

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ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

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Meetings: Held on the fourth Thursday during the Months of January, April, July, and October at the Irvine Ranch Water District Main Office located on the east side of Sand Canyon Ave. at the intersection of Water Works and Sand Canyon, in the City of Irvine. The meetings are held in one of the conference rooms located on the lower level west wing. This years meeting schedule is as follows:

January 28, 2010, April 22, 2010, July 22, 2010, October 28, 2010

Business: An informal meeting was held on January 15, 2010 at Knowlwood's Hamburgers in Irvine to discuss and plan this years field trips and outings.

Next: January 28, 2010 7:00 p.m., At IRWD Headquarters, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine, CA 92619

Speakers: None, Show and Tell, Bring any digital photos you want to show. We will discuss this year's agenda and field trip outings

Field Trip Schedule:

February 20, 2010 Anza Borrego Desert State Park, San Diego Co., CA. Meet at Wendy's Restaurant at the NW corner of I-5 and Alicia Parkway Intersection, Laguna Hills, CA at 7:00 a.m. sharp. All day and dinner in Julian or other place on way back.

March 20, 2010 Caspers Regional Wilderness Park, Orange Co. CA. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Caspers Park in the parking area just inside entrance Kiosk. Day fee required. We will walk 2-3 miles along a trail overlooking San Juan Creek from 9:00 am. to 12:30 a.m. then lunch at Nature Center and to observe butterflies within the Butterfly Gardens around the Nature Center.

April 18 2010 **Donna O'Neil Land Conservancy**, Rancho Mission Viejo, Orange County, CA

We will walk a moderately strenuous ridgeline within a private 1,200 acre nature preserve in southern Orange County where many uncommon Orange County butterflies can be seen. The reserve is located off private Cristiantos Rd. several miles east of San Juan Capistrano, CA. Meet at Campo Amantes entrance gate ay Hwy 74 (Ortega Hwy). \$5 dollar fee person to cover docent and other expenses. Coastal Sage Scrub and Southern Oak Woodland plant communities are featured here.

May 22, 2010 NABA will join the SAMNHA Group on an all day Car/Truck Tour lead by Lee Shoemaker and Larry Shaw. This all day excursion will take us to explore the Santa Ana Mountains on rugged dirt forest roads to observe the local wildlife fauna.. This is an all day affair. Bring water and lunch. No restrooms. Those wishing to drive should bring a reliable sturdy vehicle and be willing to carpool to reduce total amount of vehicles which makes for a better trip. Reservations required and taken after April 1, 2010. Limited to 15 vehicles. Route to be determined.

June 5, 2010 Blue Jay Campground, off of North Main Divide Rd. in the Cleveland National Forest, Santa Ana Mtns., Orange Co. CA. We will look for butterflies within the meadows and forest roads near Blue Jay Campground. We will meet at Bravo Burgers Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.. which is in a shopping center off the south side of Ortega Highway (Hwy. 74) about 1/8 mile east of I-5 Freeway, in the City of San Juan Capistrano, Orange Co. CA .

June 27, 2010 Annual Naba butterfly counts within Riley and O'Neil Regional Wilderness Parks located in Coto De Caza and Trabuco Canyon, Orange County, respectfully. We will conduct two three hour counts on easy trails at these two Orange County Parks. Meeting time to be announced.

August 21, 2010- Mugu State Park- All day excursion to explore Point Mugu State Park.. We will walk up the main canyon bottom and then return to the beach parking lot for a late lunch, barbecue, or early dinner. Leave Long Beach area at 7: 00 A.M.

September/October- Open

Membership: Free to attend meetings and field trips. To join **NABA**, visit our national web site at www.naba.org. for a subscription/membership form. By joining NABA, you will receive a subscription to American Butterflies and The Butterfly Gardener as well as contribute to the creation of the premier butterfly garden in the USA, NABA Butterfly Park located in Mission, Texas. A copy of this newsletter is posted under our chapter section link.

** The photographs in the heading are from left to right: Nevada moth(sp..) Western Tiger Swallowtail, Giant Swallowtail; Photos by Lee S. and depict local species found within Orange County, CA