

NABA News and Notes

National Butterfly Center (NBC)

Groundbreaking for the new Welcome Center at the National Butterfly Center will be/was (depending upon when you receive this issue) on January 23. You will learn more about this fantastic event in the next issue of *American Butterflies*.

Monarch Joint Venture

In 2008, Carol Lively of the National Forest Service organized a meeting, in Austin, Texas, to consider forming a Joint Venture for Monarch conservation. Based loosely on the joint ventures formed for bird conservation, the Monarch Joint Venture has now become a reality. Priya Shahani, Ph.D., the new program coordinator will tell you about the Monarch Joint Venture in an article that is currently scheduled to appear in the next issue of *American Butterflies*.

NABA Butterfly Count Program

As you can see from the Count Column in this issue of *American Butterflies*, the NABA Butterfly Count Program, including the 1st of July, 4th of July, 16th of September and Seasonal Counts, is increasingly producing important information not only about butterflies, but about the health of the planet.

In 2009, approximately 455 Counts were conducted, with the number of Seasonal Counts increasing.

For 2010, we are actively encouraging even greater participation in the NABA Butterfly Count Program. If there is an existing Count near your home, please participate! If there was previously a Count near your home, please revive it! And, if there is no Count near where you live, please start one! All the information needed to participate in, or to start, a NABA Butterfly Count may be found at the NABA website, www.naba.org.

Members Photo Gallery

If you would like one of your photos to be considered for this feature, please submit no more than two, high resolution, interesting and unusual photos of either adult or immature butterflies taken of wild, unmanipulated butterflies or immatures in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. Photos should be in digital form, and should be uncropped and unaltered/ minimally altered. Send your entries on a CD to: NABA Members Gallery, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.

Butterfly Gardens and Habitats

NABA's Butterfly Gardening and Habitat program is undergoing a major face-lift and expansion. New web pages, now beginning to appear, will emphasize native plants for butterfly gardens including photographs, cultural information about garden plants and also a butterfly garden certification program.

Experienced butterfly gardeners are invited to participate by providing information on butterfly gardening in their region and/or photographs of butterfly garden plants from their region. We are looking for regional garden specialists, garden photographers who wish to share their work, and gardeners who are passionate about native plants.

Interested gardeners should send an email to hurwitz@naba.org requesting more information about the ways that NABA members can participate in spreading the word about butterfly gardening.

Butterfly Buzz

To receive your NABA member's 10% discount at www.butterflybuzz.com, please enter the code (with the letters in NABA all capitals): NABA309

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Cover photograph of a wavy-lined sunstreak, *Arcas cypria*, taken on Aug. 3, 2009 in Catemaco, Veracruz, Mexico by Jeffrey Glassberg. See article about butterfly photography on page 16.

Readers Write

Thanks

Those of us from the Miami Blue Chapter, who were able to be part of the Second Biennial Florida Regional Meeting, want you to know how much we enjoyed the meeting and appreciate all the hours of work expended by Alana Edwards, Kathy Malone, Lisa Lewis and Jeffrey Glassberg to make it happen. We hope there will be a future chance to spend time at River Ranch — perfect location for access to good butterfly sites that are off the beaten path. And we found the place itself to be a real treat — places to walk, canoeing if one had time, birds, nice pool to cool off in, and a Wildlife Management Area right there on the entrance road! Once the restaurant figured us out, the food was great. Many thanks for once again producing a terrific event.
Elane Nuehring, Coral Gables, FL

Still Smelling Sweet

Is there a difference between “NABA International Butterfly Park” and “National Butterfly Center?” I see them both referenced on NABA's website.

Harry Zirlin, Scarsdale, NY

Almost a year ago, NABA changed the name of our facility in Mission, Texas from NABA International Butterfly Park to the National Butterfly Center, to better reflect the goals of this 100 acre conservation and education paradise for butterflies and butterflyers. Actually, the completely official name for the facility is “The National Butterfly Center at NABA Butterfly Park” but for almost all intents and purposes NABA plans to use “National Butterfly Center.” NABA has been gradually shifting from the old to the new name. [Ed.]

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NABA Photo Contest

The 8th NABA Photography Contest will be held in 2010. The winners of each of two categories, adults and immatures, will receive \$150 and the 1st runners-up will receive \$50. Winning entries will be published in the Fall 2010 issue of *American Butterflies*. Photographs of adults must be of free-flying, unrestrained butterflies taken in the field, in Canada, the United States, or Mexico.

Photographs of immatures must be of eggs, caterpillars or chrysalids taken in the field, or at a location (e.g., one's house or laboratory) within 20 miles of where the eggs or caterpillars were obtained. Submissions, which must be received by May 1, 2010, should be in the form of digital images, sent as high resolution jpeg files on a CD formatted for a PC. Please include the photographer's name in the file name. Files sent via email will not be considered. Please limit your submissions to three images (only the first three images received, per entrant, will be considered).

Entries must be accompanied by a signed statement giving NABA the one-time right to copy and publish the photographs in *American Butterflies*, both in print and digital form, and vouching that the photographs, if taken of adults, were taken in the field, of free-flying, unmanipulated butterflies. If of immatures, the photographer's statement must vouch that the immatures were either photographed in the wild; or within 20 miles of where found and if removed from the wild that they were reared through to adults (or attempted to rear through to adults) and released where they were found.

Please include detailed information about when and where the photographs were taken, as well as camera, lens, flash, film, and setting information — to the extent known. Please include a telephone number and/or email address where you can be reached.

Send your entries to: NABA Photo Contest, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.