

NABA News and Notes

National Butterfly Center (NBC)

You can see the continuing progress of construction of the Visitors Pavilion at the National Butterfly Center by going to the NABA website, www.naba.org, and clicking on "Progress on National Butterfly Center." The building is scheduled for completion on October 28, 2010. Come for the opening and stay for the NABA Members Meeting!

As we ramp up operations over the next two years, your donation to the National Butterfly Center is especially important. You can make a donation online at the NABA website, or by sending your tax-deductible donation check to NABA, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.

Biennial Members Meeting

The ninth NABA Biennial Members Meeting will be held Oct. 28-Oct. 31, 2010 in Mission, Texas. With a great location, special speakers and the opening of the Visitors Pavilion at the National Butterfly Center, this meeting will prove to be especially memorable!

If the past is guide to the future, we should see more than 130 species of butterflies during the meeting. Exactly which species will be the most exciting is not yet knowable, because many of the butterflies to be seen will be strays from Mexico. Although we can't predict the future, the plentiful spring and summer rains in the Lower Rio Grande Valley bode well for a bumper crop of fall butterflies.

On Saturday night, the dinner speaker will be Dick Vane-Wright, Keeper of the Entomology Dept. at the British Museum, co-author of "Milkweed Butterflies" and co-editor of "The Biology of Butterflies." He will talk about butterfly biology, behavior, evolution and human attitudes toward nature.

Participants on a post-meeting overnight trip to Aransas National Wildlife Refuge will have the opportunity to see the refuge's butterfly specialty — False Duskywings — along with many other species, such as Palamedes

Swallowtail and Obscure Skipper. The group will also get a chance to see Whooping Cranes!

If you haven't yet registered for the meeting, you can download the brochure from the NABA website, www.naba.org or call the NABA office at 973-285-0907 and request that a registration brochure be sent to you.

NABA Seasonal Butterfly Counts

Not long ago, we initiated Seasonal Butterfly Counts as spring and fall companion counts to the 4th of July Butterfly Counts. In the United States, the fall counts may be held on any day from August 1 through December 31 (although conditions toward the end of the count season may be less than optimal). This year, please consider conducting a Fall Seasonal Count. The data you generate help us to learn about butterflies and to monitor changes in their population sizes and ranges.

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 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 Melissa Arctic imitating the lichen-covered rocks on which it rests, taken July 11, 1995 on Mt. Washington, NH by Jeffrey Glassberg. The account of this butterfly by Alexander Klots took Harry Zirlin into the netherworld of Arctic dreams, wherein he reminisces about woolly mammoths. See the article about arctics on page 30.