2016 NABA Meeting in Texas—Part Dos:
Persistence, Perspicacity, and Perspiration, Y’all

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This is the “perspiration” part…
NABA honchos discussing the organization’s finances…
...can you find them in this line?
Even the most intrepid butterfliers had to avoid certain trails.
The Border Patrol was everywhere…
...maybe looking for suspicious characters like Betty and Henry!
Butterfliers in action along Rio Rico Road

To the Clytie Ministreak’s dismay!
Rangeland between the road and the Rio Grande
The boundary between the U.S. and Mexico

Rio Bravo

Rio Grande
The original habitat of much of the Lower Rio Grande Valley

Tamaulipan thornscrub
Wavy-lined Emerald cat.
Tobacco Budworm cats.
Tropical Leafwing
Wavy-lined Emerald cat.
Clavipes Sphinx Moth

Obscure Sphinx Moth
Black Witch Moth—female

Indomitable Melipotis
FP
Smeared Dagger Moth?

Southern Flannel Moth

FP

White Flannel Moths
Tersa Sphinx Moth cat.
Roseate Skimmer

F

M
Thornbush Dasher
Russet-tipped Clubtail
Harris’s Hawk

Screech Owl

Plain Chachalaca

MN

KR
Anhinga

Least Grebe

JS
Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Tricolored Heron

KR
Black-necked Stilt
White Pelican
MN
Great-tailed Grackle
MN
Curve-billed Thrasher

Long-billed Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird on Mexican Olive
Theona Checkerspot
Indigo Snake
Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake
Rose-bellied Lizard
Green Anole
FP
Diamond Back Anole
Spotted Whiptail

Four-lined Skink
Rio Grande Leopard Frog

Texas Toad
Spiny Orb-weaver Spider

orb-weaver spider
Striped Bark Scorpion
Scorpion by blacklight!
Ground Mantis

Carolina Mantis egg case
Giant Walking Stick—male

head

genitalia
Giant Walking Stick—female

head
bush katydid
(Scudderia sp.)

Feeding on a Queen caught in a spider web
katydid (*Eremopedes* sp.)
Small Milkweed Bug

Large Milkweed Bug

Glassy-winged Sharpshooter (leafhopper)
assassin bug
(*Hypselonotus punctiventris*)

nymphs
White-cloaked Tiger Beetle

Schaupp's Tiger Beetle
Coastal Tiger Beetle

Gulfshore Tiger Beetle
Lissonotus flavocinctus

weevil sp.

Harlequin Flower Beetle
metallic wood borer (*Buprestis* sp.)
leaf beetle (*Omophoita cyanipennis*)
long-horned flower beetles
Mesquite Borer Beetle
bee fly (*Poecilanthrax* sp.)

robber fly w/Sickle-winged Skipper
robber flies
paper wasps
(*Polistes* spp.)
harvester ants
ants on milkweed flower
Betty overdoing it at Happy Hour
Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy: they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom
-Marcel Proust