

And the dragonfly in light  
Burnished armor shining bright,  
Came tilting down the river  
In a wild bewildered flight.

James Whitcomb Riley

A. Report on the Fall Meeting, October 6, 1982

We were a good crowd, with 24 members attending, plus Dr. Hugh Danks as guest.

Here are the highlights of the meeting:

1. Al Ewen reported on efforts to have more Entomology taught or at least made available to students of agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. An ad hoc committee was formed to pursue the matter further.
2. Finances: D. Peschken reported a surplus of \$507.97.
3. In the absence of the editor (Bob Burrage) of the 1981 Proceedings there was no report nor 1981 Proceedings. But there was a strong demand voiced by the meeting to continue producing the Proceedings.
4. The Student and Amateur Encouragement Committee plan a display booth at the Northgate Mall in Regina and 3-4 field trips.
5. Saskatchewan Insect Survey: Phil Curry has the bumble bees of Saskatchewan ready to publish. Thereby Phil will initiate the series on the Saskatchewan insects, a cooperative venture with the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.
6. A.R. Brooks Memorial Prize in Entomology: This year's recipient is Graham Couche of the Department of Biology, University of Saskatchewan.
7. New Committees: The following members were appointed for 1982/83 at the meeting:
  - COMMON NAMES: Bruce Neill, P.F.R.A., Indian Head
  - PROCEEDINGS AND ARCHIVES: Warren Steck, NRC Regional Laboratory, Saskatoon
  - SCHOLARSHIPS: Cedric Gillott, Dept. of Biology, U. of S., Saskatoon
  - STUDENT & AMATEUR ENCOURAGEMENT COMMITTEE: L. Harris, Sask. Dept. of Agriculture, Regina; M. Maw, Regina Research Station, Regina; P. Mason, Dept. of Biology, U. of S., Saskatoon
  - A.R. BROOKS PRIZE: Warren Steck; Bruce Neill; R. Zacharuk, Dept. of Biology, U. of R., Regina
  - MEMBERSHIPS: D. Peschken, Research Station, Regina
  - NOMINATIONS: Murray Maw, Research Station, Regina; Hartley Fredeen, Research Station, Saskatoon
  - TEACHING OF ENTOMOLOGY (Ad Hoc Committee): Al Ewen and A. Arthur, Research Station, Saskatoon
  - SASKATCHEWAN INSECT SURVEY: Phil Curry, Ducks Unlimited, Melfort
8. Joint Annual Meeting: The following committees have been appointed in addition to Program (M. Maw) and Finance (D. Peschken) which already existed for some time:
  - PUBLICITY: R. Zacharuk
  - LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS: Frank Bellamy
  - REGISTRATION: L. Harris

9. NEW EXECUTIVE: The nominations report presented by C. Gillott was accepted:  
 President: Cedric Gillott  
 Vice-President: Owen Olfert  
 Regional Director: Paul Riegert  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Diether Peschken
10. Norman Criddle Award: W. Steck was asked to forward to the Parent Society the recommendation that the Norman Criddle Award be presented to Ron Hooper at the 1983 Joint Meeting.

After the meeting, we met at the home of Hartley Fredeen for tea and then proceeded for a congenial supper at the Golden Anchor. There, Mrs. Barbara Brooks and Warren Steck presented the A.R. Brooks Memorial Prize in Entomology to Mr. Graham Couche in the form of a \$ 100 cheque and a suitable memento.  
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ERROR CORRECTION

Cedric Gillott pointed out the following error in the last Newsletter: Three Heads of Departments within the College of Agriculture suggested that entomology should be a component of the options offered by them at the B.S.A. program. These Heads did not indicate (as yours truly made you believe) that the entomology should be taught at the College of Agriculture. There are no entomologists in the College of Agriculture. They are in the Department of Biology within the College Faculty of Arts and Science.  
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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

- Dorothy Murrell who joined John Gruszka in the Prince Albert Office of Saskatchewan Agriculture to assist beekeepers
  - Keith Roney, who is with the Museum of Natural History, Regina
  - John Kozial, also an amateur collector, who farms near Bjorkdale.
  - Carl Lynn, who is with the Saskatoon Research Station, Agriculture Canada.
  - Don Reynard, from the P.F.R.A. Tree Nursery, Indian Head.
  - Rudolf Valerio, an active amateur entomologist from Moose Jaw.
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MARRIED

Eric Brunner and Calya Kindrachuk married this past spring. They reside in Prince Albert and have collected insects this summer which they are now busy identifying. Kalya was our first lady member and they are now the first couple to be members.

NEW SPECIES OF SASKATCHEWAN INSECTS

LEPIDOPTERA

NOCTUIDAE

Syngrapha surena (Grote) - One specimen was taken by Keith Roney near Midwest Lake, Saskatchewan (West of Wollaston Lake), August 15, 1982.  
 It was a dayflier among Jackpine. This species is reported as being rare wherever it has been found. It has been taken in Nova Scotia (1 locality), Newfoundland (1 locality), Labrador (1 locality), Quebec (2 localities), Ontario (1 locality), and in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta. This Saskatchewan record helps to fill in the gap in its distribution.

PAPILIONIDAE

Parnassius phoebus smintheus (Doubleday) (The Clouded Parnassian) - Wayne Harris in the Battle Creek area of the Saskatchewan Cypress Hills in July 1982. The

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(Please excuse the mess on page 1, it was an awful day. DPP)

specimen was in good condition. This confirms the earlier report of this species for Saskatchewan by Ansgar Aschim. He reported it as fairly common in the Val Marie and Cypress Hills areas in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Considerable recent collecting has only produced this one specimen indicating that its numbers have been greatly reduced. Another unlikely possibility is that A. Aschim could have mistaken the Sage Brush Sheep Moth (*Hemileuca hera* (Harris)) for it. *Parnassius phoebus smintheus* occurs in the Bearpaw Mountains of Montana, just south of the Cypress Hills.

Papilio multicaudata (Kirby) (Two-Tailed Swallowtail) - One male specimen was found by Keith Roney in the private collection of Lora Wright of Bracken, Saskatchewan which she took northeast of Bracken in July, 1980. This species is reported as being common in the badlands of Western North Dakota. It may enter Saskatchewan as a stray.

Euchloe creusa (Doubleday) (*Creusa marble*) - Reported for the Prince Albert area of Saskatchewan by William Howe in "The Butterflies of North America." This report has now been confirmed to our satisfaction by one specimen taken by Wayne Harris at Briarlea (west of Prince Albert) on May 20, 1976, and by one specimen each being taken by Keith Roney and Ronald Hooper north of Prince Albert, in Jackpine woods, June 8, 1982. One was taken along an exposed sand bank along a roadside. The *Creusa Marble* occurs in the mountains of British Columbia and Alberta, but it extends eastward to northeastern Alberta, and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Reported by Ron Hooper

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DUES

According to our constitution, dues are due at the time of the annual meeting. So they became due on October 6. They are still \$5.00 for regular members and \$2.00 for students (ever since 1977/78!) and payable to your treasurer, c/o Research Station, Agriculture Canada, P.O. Box 440, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3A2.

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INSECT COLLECTING AND MOUNTING KITS

Your society has purchased four collecting kits to be lent out to beginning collectors. Each kit consists of: A collecting net, 12 cm hoop, 45 cm handle; 1 insect box with pinning bottom; 2 killing jars; 1 vial killing fluid; 1 pair spade tip forceps; 1 basswood adjustable pinning board; 1 3-step pinning block; 1 pkg. of 100 pins; 50 Glassine envelopes; 60 labels; 2 label pens; 1 16-page instruction booklet.

If you should like to use one, write to Murray Maw, Research Station, Agriculture Canada, Box 440, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3A2 OR Peter Mason, Department of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0 of the Student and Amateur Encouragement Committee.

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INSECT PINS

Insect pins are available from: Department of Entomology  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T6G 2E3

Price: \$1.00 per 100.

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR,

I am yours sincerely,

*Diether Peschken*

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Secretary-Treasurer