

# Lancaster Herpetological Society

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The Lancaster Herpetological Society ([www.lancasterherp.org](http://www.lancasterherp.org)) is a small club that meets once a month to discuss herps and herp-related issues. The club meets at the North Museum ([www.northmuseum.org](http://www.northmuseum.org), 400 College Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge (donations accepted), and begin at 7pm. Please feel free to attend by entering through the back door (ring bell if locked). The membership requests that all children under the age of 16 be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Roy Mellott ([aggrocroc@yahoo.com](mailto:aggrocroc@yahoo.com)). *Hope to see you there!*

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Comments</u>
7/16/10	Zach Barton	Crash Course in Cornsnake Genetics	Many Modeling Morphs
8/20/10	TBA	TBA	
9/17/10	George Gress	Bog Turtles	Nature Conservancy
7/16/10	Aura Stauffer	Timber Rattlesnakes	Update on Research

*\*LHS will be operating a table at the Lancaster Show July 31<sup>st</sup>. LHS plans to have raffle prizes and tshirts for sale, plus various club members will present some informative seminars.*

Upcoming [Lancaster](#) Herp Show: July 31<sup>st</sup>

Upcoming [Havre de Grace](#) Herp Shows: Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Upcoming [Hamburg](#) Herp Show: Aug 7<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming [Philadelphia](#) Herp Show: Aug 28<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming [Timonium](#) Herp Show: Sept 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

## Club Happenings

Author Jim White presented on herps of the Delmarva area in April. Jim was originally scheduled last year, but unforeseen circumstances forced him to reschedule. The wait was well worth it, as he brought the latest edition of his "Amphibians and Reptiles of Delmarva" and personally signed copies for those attending. His slideshow presentation was filled with many useful field herping tips for a region that is readily accessible from Lancaster County.

May was yet another Members' Night where various attendees brought in a variety of herps. The club helped to measure a visiting northern pine snake that topped out 7'1"!! A black pine, a Mexican nightsnake, a green ratsnake, and several pancake tortoises were also in attendance.

From time to time, LHS will host a video presentation instead of an actual speaker. In June, the club watched a video produced by Tom Diez on native snakes of Pennsylvania. The video was highly informative in documenting the habits of local snakes.

## Requests

LHS exists solely as a volunteer organization. The club would not survive without the constant and continual input of its members. Arranging speakers, organizing field trips, and producing the newsletter take volunteered time. If you have ideas for and are willing to take the lead in arranging speakers or field trips, please contact Roy Mellott ([aggrocroc@yahoo.com](mailto:aggrocroc@yahoo.com)).

If you wish to contribute to the website, please contact Chad Arment ([lancwildlife@verizon.net](mailto:lancwildlife@verizon.net)).

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Zach Barton ([zbarton@ycstech.org](mailto:zbarton@ycstech.org)). Possible original contributions include: book reviews; species care sheets; notes from a field herping trip; herp news summaries; and opinionated essays. The deadline for the Fall 2010 Newsletter is approaching fast!

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