Welcome to Lancaster Herpetological Society!

- **RESTROOMS**: Up the ramp next to the front doors.
- **TRADING POST**: Check out the Trading Post where members can sell or trade herp stuff.
- **SIGN-IN**: Sign in to make sure you’re on our e-mailing list.
- **T-SHIRTS**: $15 each while supplies last.
- **MEMBERSHIPS**: Memberships available through treasurer, Roy, or online. Membership fees support our website, snacks, speaker fees, and annual gift to the library. **$15/year or $20/family**.
- **HOSTESS**: Please see Kelsey if you need anything.
Lancaster Herpetological Society 2016 Board Members

Dave McNaughton, Mascot
Jesse Rothacker, Vice President
Roy Mellott, Treasurer
Pam Hartmoyer, Secretary
Kelsey Frey, Media Director
Kent Hartmoyer
Monica Bortz
Chris Bortz
TONIGHT

1. “Business” Meeting / Show and Share
2. Speaker - “Sand Boa Care and Breeding”
3. Intro to Reptile Week & Nature Center Tour
4. Meet club members for drinks & food @ Primanti Brothers
Last Month: Bob Ferguson’s Pine Barrens Snake Search!
Has anyone been herping lately??

Kenny Young found a toad inside the building at work 2/8!

Rescued to be on display at Nixon Park, since the ground is still covered in snow!
Has anyone been herping lately??

Chris, Cassie and Ella have been spring herping!

Green Frog!
Chris, Cassie and Ella have been spring herping!

NORTHERN RED SALAMANDER
Chris, Cassie and Ella have been spring herping!

TWO-LINED SALAMANDER
Chris, Cassie and Ella have been spring hunting!

SPRING SALAMANDER
Has anyone gotten new pet herps? / Pet updates?

Okay, so this was not actually a “pet” or a “herp”... but the Rothackers did have a cute visitor this week!
Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary Updates!

Super Green Turtle Machine - Coming to Reptile Week!
Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary Updates!

Adopted out this past month: beardie, slider, ball python.

Adoptable: ball pythons and red tail boas, maybe corn snakes, Sudan plated lizard
Herps in the News!
Conservationists Release Critically Endangered Crocodiles in Colombia

Growing up to 17 feet in length, the Orinoco crocodile is one of the largest crocodilian species in the world. It lives exclusively in the lowlands of the Orinoco basin that straddles both Colombia and Venezuela, and reproduces once a year. Conservationists say that the crocodile’s conservation will ensure the protection of other species, promote the health of rivers and estuaries, and provide a greater opportunity to attract ecotourism.

(February 12, 2016)—The Critically Endangered Orinoco crocodile recently received a helping hand from conservationists working in Colombia, according to the Wildlife Conservation Society. Twenty Orinoco crocodiles (Crocodylus intermedius) were reintroduced into their natural environment on Tuesday, February 2nd in El Tuparro Natural National Park, a site where an additional 21 crocodiles were released back in May 2015.
Herps in the News!

(CNN) It's all fun and games until someone tosses an alligator through the drive-thru window.

Let's just say the folks at Wendy's and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission were not amused.

A South Florida man was taken into custody after he was accused of placing an order at the fast-food restaurant in Royal Palm Beach, taking his drink and then pitching in a three-and-a-half foot gator when the server turned around.

Submitted by ZACH!
Herps in the news!

Discovery Channel premiered a new herping show on Wednesday 2/17, featuring people catching venomous snakes.

Submitted by JESSE
Hatchlings were analyzed from 23 nests, and the rate of multiple paternity was 100%. The mean number of fathers per nest was six (± 0.9), and no significant difference between number of fathers in a nest and nesting period. Similarly there was no significant relationship between number of fathers in a nest and female size or hatchling success rate. Number of fathers was, however, positively correlated with clutch size (Spearman correlation rho = 0.47; P > 0.05). To our knowledge, this is the first study to test the relationship between multiple paternity and ecological aspects of the reproductive ecology of turtles in the genus Podocnemis.
2 Herp Related Jobs:

Snake Ecology and Conservation M.S. Graduate Positions (1-2)

Outstanding candidates are sought to fill a maximum of two graduate student positions at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) to assist with research on translocation techniques for Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes. The student will be responsible for assisting with capture and processing snakes, and subsequently relocating using telemetry. .... Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, but applications received by February 20 will receive fullest consideration.

Summer Internships in Field Herpetology at IPFW

Technician will assist with intensive surveys for box turtles, process captured animals and provide daily husbandry to turtles held in captivity.

Technician will assist with Massasauga presence and habitat surveys throughout northern Indiana.
Upcoming LHS events

● Saturday, February 27, 2016, 10am - Philadelphia Zoo Field Trip, limited spaces. - FULL

● Friday, March 18, 2016, 7pm- Roy Mellott, Lancaster County Amphibians

● Friday, April 8, 2016, 7pm- Pinchot Park Herping Field Trip!

● Friday, April 15, 2016, 7pm- American Toad Migration Adventure

● Sat, April 30 - Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival - LHS and PARS educational tables - Looking for volunteers!

● Friday, May 20, 2016, 7pm- Art Through Chemistry - Diaphonization with Lucent Morphics Labs

● Friday, June 17, 2016, 7pm- Critter Encounter

● Sunday, July 17 - Kid’s Day at TFP - Seeking LHS volunteers to run info booth

● Friday, September 23-25- LHS and MHS Fall Camping Trip at Blue Rocks
Toad Alert page up on LancasterHerp.org!

JOIN TOAD ALERT

Every Spring, typically in April, toads migrate from their woodland homes in search of wetlands, where they begin calling to find a mate, and lay thousands of eggs in the water.

Amphibian migrations give us a rare glimpse into their mysterious world, where dozens or hundreds of toads may be observed on the Overlook campus in one night, and few will be seen the rest of the year. The best nights for migration are rainy in the 60s. Plan to bring a raincoat, flashlight, and reflective clothing if possible.

Click the link below to join our toad alert email list. If we think the conditions are right, we’ll send you an email heads up.

Thanks for helping us increase awareness and community stewardship of our natural resources!

Click here to join toad alert!
Gifford Pinchot State Park Trip!

Club members have booked sites 121-116 so far. ($23/site)

http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/welcome.do
Other Upcoming Nature Events?

Thurs, Feb 25 - Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club, 7pm, “Flourescent Rocks & Minerals” - Info on FB

Sat, Feb 27 - Hamburg Reptile Show, Nixon Park Maple Sugar Festival

Sat, March 12 - PSU GardenWise Seminar : http://www.cvent.com/events/gardenwise/event-summary-b6c26b1a77b84ba0b2bcff13946d782c.aspx

Sun, March 13 - York County Reptile Show @ Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2000 Loucks Rd, York, PA 17408, 10am-3pm ($35/table to vend)

Mon, March 14 - Lancaster Garden Club, 7pm, “Building the Home Rock Garden”

Sat, March 19 - PARS Member Meeting, Elk County

Fri, March 25 - Vernal Pool Walk, Governor Dick Nature Center (Lebanon County), 6:30pm, contact Dave

Sat, March 26 - Vernal Pool Walk, Swatara State Park, Lickdale Trailhead (Leb County), 7:30pm, Contact Dave for more info

Sun., April 17 - PARS Intro Program @ Hawk Mountain, Berks Co., 10 am
Welcome Patrick Walker!

- Senior Biology Major at York College of Pennsylvania
- Reptile enthusiast and hobbyist.
- Just completed a kin recognition study on leopard geckos.
- Currently working with new leopard gecko mutations.
- Breeds sand boas, ball pythons, and leopard geckos.
- Nixon Park Reptile Week Volunteer!
- Patrick hopes to work for Pennsylvania as a population biologist after graduation.
Photos from Patrick’s Talk on Sand Boa Care:
Patrick brought 9 sand boas for us to see and hold! They were all very friendly! We learned sand boas can make great pets and come in many color varieties!
Photos from Patrick’s Talk on Sand Boa Care:
Thank you Patrick!!! I hope we can book you for Leopard Geckos next year!

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