



# The Ohio Dragon-Flier

*\* Newsletter of the Ohio Odonata Society \**



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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SUBMITTING DUES TO OUR TREASURER.** by *Steve Chordas III*

A congratulations is in order for our Treasurer Robert “Bob” Restifo who retired from the Ohio Department of Health after 28 wonderful and productive years with the Vector-borne Disease Program (now known as the Zoonotic Disease Control Program). Please join me in wishing Bob a restful, fruitful, fun, peaceful, but most importantly Odonata watching / collecting / viewing filled retirement ☺☺ !!

Bob is now home every day and eagerly awaiting dues from our members ! Wow he is retired !

**New address** for submitting dues :



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**Treasurer : Ohio Odonata Society**  
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**Galena, Ohio 43021**

\* Use form at the end of this Newsletter (on page 5) to send in your renewal.  
(or bring it to the annual meeting !)

**PLEASE SUBMIT - - NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS !!** From the editor, *Steve Chordas III*

We are always looking for your thoughts / findings / Odonata related materials or announcements to include in the Dragon-flier. We welcome submissions from our membership and encourage all individuals to participate in the composition of the Dragon-flier ! Feel free to send your contributions, ideas, suggestions, etc to Steve Chordas (stevechordas@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail at 1063 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Grandview Heights, Ohio 43212.



## Mark your Calendars !! Part 1.



**2007 OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY MEETING IS MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>!**

by Dwight Moody & Steve Chordas III

**Keynote Speaker** : GUY DENNY. Guy will be giving a talk on Bogs and Fens.

**Location** : University of Findlay, Findlay Ohio. Our meeting will be held in the Brewer Science Building (behind the planetarium) in **Martin Lecture Hall**. For a campus map visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu). At the home page, under the "about uf" title (upper left icon) is a link to a campus map. The Brewer Science Building is building #7 (seven) on the map, at the end of College Street.

**Time** : 9:00am start (with breakfast goodies & beverages provided) to approximately 3:00 or 4:00pm.  
\*\* See tentative agenda on bottom of this page.

**Lunch** :

***No such thing as a free lunch ! NOT TRUE !!***

★ Lunch on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> will be **provided for free** for all in attendance. Dwight Moody was able to secure funding for the meeting from the University of Findlay (which also will cover the cost for all the breakfast items : Way to go Dwight ☺). On the lunch menu will be a buffet style Soup, Salad and hot Sandwich bar (with ample veggie options to fill your vegetarian sandwich), a veggie & fruit spread and beverages. Who can pass up a free lunch ??

**Call for afternoon presenters** : If you wish to give an afternoon presentation at the 2007 OOS meeting in Findlay, please contact either Dwight Moody at "[moody@findlay.edu](mailto:moody@findlay.edu)" : or Steve Chordas at "[stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)". Please provide title of your presentation, time needed, media requirements and author(s). See tentative agenda for afternoon time availability.

**Registration** : Best deal of 2007 : **FREE !!** Dwight Moody will be sending out an announcement with Hotel information and other specifics for the meeting. **Please register** so that we know how many to expect for the provided morning and lunch buffets. You can register by either sending back the pre-paid reply in the meeting announcement you will receive **or** you can simply send an e-mail to either Dwight Moody at "[moody@findlay.edu](mailto:moody@findlay.edu)" or Steve Chordas at "[stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)" and you are all set.

### **2007 O.O.S. MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA :**

9:00 am : Coffee, Tea, Water, Fruit and Pastry Buffet (provided).  
9:30 am : Keynote Speaker : **Guy Denny** : Ohio Bogs and Fens.  
10:30 am : **Gwynne Rife, Ph.D.** : Bio-monitoring with Odonates.  
11:00 am : **Bob C. Glotzhofer** : Searching for Hine's Emerald Dragonfly via Data-Mining  
12 noon : End of Morning Session, mingle & migrate to the lunchroom.  
12:15 pm : Lunch : **Provided FREE** : see details above + OOS business meeting.  
1:30 pm : Open - your presentation here !  
2:00 pm : Open - your presentation here !  
2:30 pm : Mingle / discuss odonates /  
3:00 pm : Open - your presentation here !  
4:00pm ? Adjourn ??



## Mark your Calendars !! Part 2.



### OHIO DRAGONFLY DAYS by Bob Glotzhober

On ***Saturday and Sunday July 21 and 22, 2007*** will be the first Ohio Dragonfly Days (final name not selected yet), to be held at the Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center (OARDC) in Wooster, Ohio – with field trips at a wide variety of wetland and stream habitats in the region. **Keynote speaker** for the event will be **Dennis Paulson**, Odonata and Ornithology worker of note and recently retired as Director of the Museum at the University of Puget Sound. Dennis is a renowned speaker and if nothing else were happening, this would be the meeting to attend. But, of course, there is more. Other speakers will include David McShaffrey, Bob Glotzhober and Larry Rosche. Saturday afternoon and Sunday will be filled with field trips to eight or ten special places nearby to observe and document dragonflies and damselflies. Tentative field trip sites include Killbuck Marsh, Funk Bottoms, Wooster Memorial Park (a well kept secret), Brown's Lake Bog, Mohican State Park/Forest and Singer Bog. Final details are not yet set – but watch for information. Registration will include two meals, all talks and field trips and will be kept as low as possible to entice a great group – goal of about 200 people. This event will also launch a new publication from the Ohio Division of Wildlife, “Common Dragonflies & Damselflies of Ohio” by Dave McShaffrey and Bob Glotzhober. All participants will receive a copy of this, which is designed similar to the existing “Common Butterflies and Skippers of Ohio” that the DOW distributes. The event is sponsored by the Ohio Division of Wildlife along with the Greater Mohican Audubon Society, the Ohio Odonata Society, and the Ohio Historical Society (with perhaps some others to be added). The plan is to keep field trip groups small - 20 or less. We already have commitments from a number of folks to be trip leaders/co-leaders (2 for every group), but still need a few more. Leaders & co-leaders will have their registration fee and basic meals covered.

**\*\*** If you wish to volunteer, contact Bob Glotzhober ([bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org](mailto:bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org) ; or phone = 614-297-2633). If you wish to be placed on an e-mail list for registrations, contact Cheryl Harner by e-mail at [harner1@bright.net](mailto:harner1@bright.net).

**[Note to potential leaders:** During the event we will limit collecting to catch/show and release. The Friday prior to the event will be a reconnaissance day for those leaders interested, and (pending permits) collecting will be permitted on that day.]

**\*\*** Additional news just prior to mailing,

Fisher Auditorium at OARDC in Wooster, Ohio will be the epicenter of events. The Best Western Plaza, 243 East Liberty Street, Wooster Ohio is holding 36 rooms for Dragonfly people. Folks will need to request a room with the **Dragonfly Conference** to get the special rate of \$69.00 plus tax (which is a huge discount from their normal price of \$109.00). Also available for use by folks attending & staying at the hotel will be a conference / hospitality room, *The Imperial*.

Newsletter now available electronically !! Save that stamp + paper !

by Steve Chordas III

The Ohio Dragon-flier is now available as a PDF file (in color) that we can e-mail to you. If you wish to take advantage of this option and receive the newsletter as a PDF via e-mail, contact Steve Chordas ([stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net)) to request that you no longer receive paper copies via snail mail. Please provide your name and the e-mail address where you wish your newsletter be sent.

For those of you with "high" spam protection settings, the Dragon-flier will be sent as an attachment to an e-mail with a subject line format "Ohio Dragon-flier 17(1) 2007" from [stevechordas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevechordas@sbcglobal.net).

Volume      Number

Each volume of the Ohio Dragon-flier will contain 3 numbers per year (Publishing schedule for each volume is for January (#1), May (#2), and September (#3)). Thus, for those who choose to go the route of getting the newsletter via e-mail, expect to receive the Dragon-flier electronically at these times. Thanks !

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Oviposition, photo links, field accounts. *from the Odonata list-serv*

An exchange of postings about male damselflies standing erect and motionless while in tandem sparked several responses and links to nice photos on the subject. Initial question posted was : *Would be interesting to note if others report (or have observed) Argia males standing erect with their wings still versus Enallagma males standing erect (when they do so) with their wings moving, while ovipositing in tandem.* Certainly many folks in our OOS membership have observed this behavior while watching Damselflies in the field ?

If you go to this website (<http://content.denison.edu/cdm4/browse.php>) and search for *signatum* in the box at the upper right, you'll see male Orange Bluets in sentinel position, with wings flapping, and descending into the water while in tandem with a submerged female. From our own *Tom D. Schultz, Ph.D., Denison University*.

A photo of an *Enallagma civile* pair in tandem . The male is upright and there appears to be no wing motion. <http://www.mangoverde.com/dragonflies/images/00000000458.jpg>. Posted by *Bill Hull, Cincinnati Ohio*.

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2007 Field Trips ? Collecting / Photographic potentials ? by Steve Chordas III

If you plan on organizing a collecting / photographic / observation field trip or know you are venturing out to specific localities during 2007, consider announcing it in the Dragon-flier. Submit details to the editor (see bottom of page 1) for inclusion in the next newsletter (Volume 17 : Number 2, May 2007).

***Kokosing River Odonata ?*** The Kokosing River is beautiful river, wadeable in many areas, clear running water and has nice bank habitats. However, our odonate knowledge of the river is considerably lacking. Located in Coshocton, Morrow and Knox Counties, the Kokosing River is a potentially excellent Odonata hunting ground. Steve Chordas set black light traps at several locations along the Kokosing and its tributaries while at Ohio State in the late 1990's. These collections produced many interesting finds of caddisflies (Trichoptera), mayflies (Ephemeroptera) and Crane flies (Tipulidae). Bob Restifo has intended (and attempted) to observe, survey and collect Odonata from the river over the past few years but has not had the cooperation of mother nature during any attempt. Efforts for a 2007 excursion would be highly anticipated. If any plans arise to visit the Kokosing, please let others know as interest by several members is currently high for such an event.

## Ohio Natural History Conference, 2007

Several OOS members attend this event every year.

The 4th annual Ohio Natural History Conference will be held on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. The Conference will start at 9:30A.M., with opening remarks at 10:00 A.M., and the Keynote Presentation at 10:15A.M. All presentations will take place in the auditorium, and a box lunch will be provided as part of the regular registration fee of \$20.00 (\$10.00 for students). On-site registration fees are the same, but we will not be able to provide lunch for late or on-site registrations. The Conference is expected to conclude at 3:30 P.M.

\***Ian Adams**, noted photographer from Akron, Ohio, will be the Keynote Speaker, making a presentation titled: *Ohio's Natural Beauty Through The Seasons*: During the past 30 years, environmental photographer Ian Adams has traveled the length and breadth of the Buckeye State in all seasons, visiting virtually every major natural area in the state, and returning to many of them year after year to capture images for his book projects and Ohio calendars. In this program, Ian will showcase many of his favorite Ohio natural areas, plants and animals in a seasonal photo tour.

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What is coming in the May, 2007 issue of the Dragon-flier?

A re-cap of, notes, reports and announcements from the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, OOS officers for 2007-2008, member contributions ??, update on Dragonfly Days, notes & comments on the Photographic records committee and an update on new Ohio county records for Odonata. Plus, new Odonata publications and much much more !!!



### OHIO ODONATA SOCIETY : 2007 DUES STATEMENT



Regular Membership = \$ 5.00  
Supporting Membership = \$10.00

       *(Yes) I would be interested in receiving the Ohio Dragon-Flier via e-mail as a PDF file, instead of via U.S. surface mail. (Your e-mail address is required for this option).*

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(Make checks payable to : Ohio Odonata Society)

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***Or - bring this form with you to the Annual Meeting !!***