

VIRGINIA HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ALL ROADS LEAD TO RICHMOND, VA. STATEWIDE MEETING - OCTOBER 18th :

Any transportation --via Route 10, south of Richmond, Va. to Camp Shawondasee, near Chesterfield Court House, edge of Pocahontas State Park. Entrance to camp property is well marked. WHAT TO BRING: --- ? Cages with interesting Va. or out-of-state specimens well labelled! Films, slides --your projector -- Alternating current available there. FOOD for you and family &/or guests (at least for Sat. lunch, supper) any other meals during your period of stay. Rainy-day facilities -- cooking may be done indoors with cleanup by individuals using area. Cool at night. Extra blanket, clothing indicated. Except in dire emergency no camping facilities other than water, space and sanitary facilities will be provided by the camp or the Society. A bachelor quarters housing 8 to 10 men dormitory style available if each provides his own bedding -- cots & mattresses already in bunk house. Equipment, preserved specimens for display during afternoon sessions. Bring your lists of uncommon varieties (Va.) for which you have preserved specimens on record and data on locale of capture. (Member Wm. L. Witt, USAF, will bring giant-sized state distribution maps which represent several year/s of work. Your find may extend the range of a particular species.) Bring specimens providing identification trouble. We promise to have several experts on tap and they will be interested. Bring portable camp chair or cushion for amphitheatre. Thumbnail sketch of your work, experience, so that three to five min. introductions will be facilitated. This will be helpful to others who may have information or specimens you seek. Get your specialty known!

PROGRAM -- OCTOBER 18th 1958 -- Camp SHAWONDASEE, VHS STATEWIDE MTG.

Sat. A.M. Business, introductions, nominations, elections - general assembly at stone council fire amphitheatre. TIME: 9:00 to 11:00 AM Go over roster (Bulletin No. 5) for nominees -election by noon meal. Sat. P.M. Discussion, exhibits, 1:00 to 4:30 P.M. short papers for reading to general or specialty groups are welcome. No long, formal presentations have been scheduled. Members working actively on a special project within our mutual field (Amphibia, Reptilia) should be prepared to speak briefly on their topic. Films, slides, after the evening meal and proper degree of darkness is obtainable.

OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO USE THE FACILITIES AT CAMP SHAWONDASEE, has been received by the Society's acting secretary. The letter states in part: "Since our conversation on Friday, September 5th, I have talked to Mr. Dave LaPrade, our Council's Camping Chairman and all is clear as I had anticipated, for the Virginia Herpetological Society to use our camp. ... I sincerely hope that the small part that the Robert E. Lee Council is doing will be an aid to making your meeting a real success." /signed/ Carlton A. Crooks, Jr. (District Executive)BSA

REPTILE STUDY and ZOOLOGY Merit Badge Counselors from the R.E.Lee, or other Councils (BSA or GSA) will be among our guests. Also, we welcome explorer scouts holding, or working for, these badges; Zoö majors, etc.

VHS BULLETINS will be published through October, 1958. In 1959 the society will emerge from hibernation with the March issue. We hope to discuss this at Richmond. The idea of appearing every other month with a fatter edition, and the Philadelphia Herpetological Society's proposal, will be considered. PHS Bulletins will be on view Oct.18th.

READING LIST --- BIBLIOGRAPHIES --- Members have written-in asking for the names and authors, dates of publication, of good texts, or popular, informative works on Reptiles and Amphibians. While it is difficult to arrive at a standard list via popular referendum we will accept ideas on this from writers. If all will write in suggesting timely texts at all levels from "The First Book of" upward, we will publish a list at the end of the 1958 season, or early in 1959.

NORTHERN COUNTIES MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS! Color slides helped to introduce members and public to the amphibia & reptilia and the common snakes of Virginia. "Voices of the Night" loaned by W.L.Witt (USAF) provided background music (?) and the between-the-acts entertainment. All items proved audience-attracting at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va. on Tuesday night September 23d. Members and friends from Fairfax, Arlington and Loudoun counties held a society section meeting before the doors of the "Little Theatre" were opened to the general public. Many fine specimens were displayed (live) on tables in the auditorium. Educational exhibits predominated. The excellent films (cobras hatching from eggs and a melanistic Gila Monster in action) were provided by J. Lear Grimmer, Associate Director of the National Zoological Park and a member of the Virginia Society. The success of the meeting is expected to be reflected in the membership report to be made at the statewide meeting next month (October 18th).

NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE ROSTER AND BULLETIN NO. 6 were published:

*CLARKE, Dr. Robert F. (F) Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kan.

*LEWIS, Donald L. (F) Washington-Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST:

CURTIN, Thomas (Stu) Bethesda-Chevy Chase High Sch. Bethesda, Md.

FRIEND, George A. (Route #2) Fincastle, Virginia (E.A.Taylor, Fla.)

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HOFFMAN, Richard L. (change of address) Box 749, Blacksburg, Va.

LAMORE, Donald H. 2-C Gardenway, Greenbelt, Maryland (F) B-CC HS

MARTIN, James R., Director, Ocean View Reptile Exhibits, Norfolk, Va.

SMART, Dean Robert F. (F) Univ. of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

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STRICKLAND, Dr. (F) Biology Dep't Head, Univ. of Richmond, Rich.Va.

TAYLOR, George (F) Biology Dep't Wakefield High School, Arlington, Va.

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Membership in the VIRGINIA HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY is welcomed by:

- (name)
- (address)
- (title, or
- occupation)

Type of membership: Faculty, Staff, Student; press-radio; dues:\$1.00
All other gainfully-employed persons (other than above) annual dues:
\$2.00 ea. If you send check (prefer) make it payable to F.J.Tobey, Jr.
Note on check "for dues" VHS -'58-'59
Your membership card (and cancelled check) will be your receipt.
VHS, Route # 2, Box # 241, McLean, Virginia.. SEE YOU OCTOBER 18th!

DON'T FORGET THE BIG STATEWIDE MEETING AT SHAWONDASEE, OCTOBER 18th!!