

SEPTEMBER, 1984

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11th Annual Kansas Herpetological Society Fall Meeting

The long awaited eleventh annual meeting of the KHS will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 10-11 November in Fredonia, Kansas. Fredonia is located in Wilson County, about 80 miles east of Wichita, on Highway 96. The site of the festivities will be the National Guard Armory in town. For those wishing free lodging (and don't we all?) the Armory will be available to pitch your cot or sleeping bag in.

Bring to this meeting items to donate to the auction, which is the major fund-raiser of the year for KHS. NO live herps, please. You will also be able to pay your 1985 KHS dues directly to our renown Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Miller.

If you have any further questions about the meeting, contact:

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PROGRAM FOR THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL KHS MEETING
10-11 NOVEMBER, 1984
FREDONIA, KANSAS

Saturday, 10 November

- 10:00 Doors open for REGISTRATION and payment of 1985 dues.
- 13:00 Welcome, JOHN FRASER, KHS President
- 13:05 KELLY IRWIN (Topeka), "The Alligator Snapping Turtle in Kansas"
- 14:00 KHS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING and Election of Officers
- 14:30 Coffee break, GROUP PHOTOGRAPH in front of Armory
- 14:45 JOHN FRASER (Fredonia), "A Week of Adventure in the Trans-Pecos"
- 15:30 MEMBERS BEST - bring your best color slides of amphibians and reptiles and tell us about them (limit 30 slides per person)
- 17:30 DINNER BREAK
- 19:00 SOCIAL begins, beer inside the Armory
- 19:30 KHS AUCTION, support the KHS and bring your donations. Come prepared to bid bid bid.

NOTE: The Armory building will be open Saturday night for any members who wish to spend the night. Bring your own cot or sleeping bag.

Sunday, 11 November

- 09:00 JOSEPH COLLINS (Lawrence), "Natural Kansas," a multi-media presentation of the Land of Awwwws.
- 09:40 LARRY MILLER (Caldwell), "Herps of Sumner County, Kansas"

- 10:00 MARTY CAPRON (Oxford), "Precarious Moments in Snake Hunting"
 10:30 Coffee break
 11:00 JOHN SIMMONS (Lawrence), "Getting High on the Equator"
 11:30 RAY LORAINE (Lawrence), "Herpetology at the Savannah River Ecology Lab"
 12:15 Have a good trip home!

Herpetology of Arabia

A new reprint is soon to be made available from the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR) which covers an area of the world with a fascinating herpetofauna, but one few of us know much about. In 1896, John Anderson published the book A Contribution to the Herpetology of Arabia, with a Preliminary List of the Reptiles and Batrachians of Egypt, a pioneering effort to summarize the herpetology of those regions and, to this day, the only herpetology of the Arabian Peninsula. The original book is exceedingly rare, probably published in an edition of no more than 100 copies, and is much less well known than Anderson's major work on amphibians and reptiles in the Zoology of Egypt series. The Arabian book includes a description of the physical features, a review of the amphibians and reptiles of the Arabian Peninsula including Yemen, an exhaustive bibliography of the herpetology of Arabia, and a checklist of species both of Arabia and of Egypt including the Sinai. This reprint includes a new introduction and a biography and portrait of Anderson, a list of his publications and an up-to-date checklist of the herpetofauna of Arabia, with map. The book is 160 pages, 6 x 9 inches (15.5 x 23 cm), and bound in buckram; there is one plate in full color. SSAR members may order before 30 November for US \$18, after that date for US \$24, which is also the price to non-SSAR members. The book is to be published in December 1984, and may be ordered from Dr. Douglas H. Taylor, Department of Zoology, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056. Price includes shipping. Make checks out to "SSAR".

Gray-Banded T-Shirts?

The Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute announces stunning new t-shirts for sale, described as "black with red bands on a pearl gray shirt." Yes, this could only be the infamous Gray-Banded Kingsnake, Lampropeltis mexicana all ready to grace your chest. These shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton, have the Institute logo beneath the snake, and are available in S,M,L, and of course, XL. The cost is \$9 for non-members (\$8 for the in-crowd) plus that tacky \$0.50 for postage and handling from the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, Box 1334, Alpine, Texas, 79831.

The Snake Eyes of Texas are Upon You

Texas Monthly Press announces the publication of The Snakes of Texas by Alan Tennant, with photographs by Michael Bowerman. This work contains 128 full-color photographs of 106 species and subspecies in its