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Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

2008– UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

2009– McGill University, Ste.  
Anne de Bellevue, QC, Canada

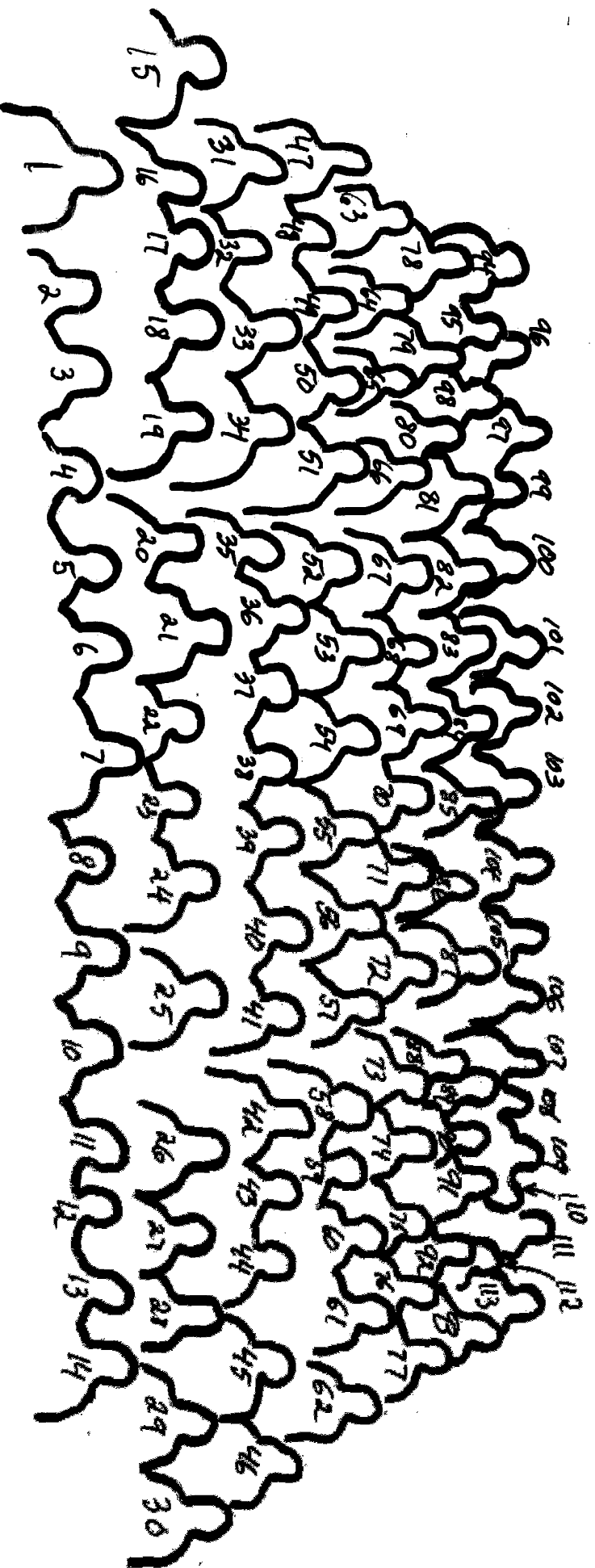
2010– Arkansas Tech, Russell-  
ville, Arkansas

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**More** from the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual AAS Meeting,

**University of Akron , Akron, Ohio 26-30 June, 2005**

Including the group picture from the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting in Number 72 of ***American Arachnology*** would have produced a large file, impeding efficient electronic mailing. Thus, this supplement to ***A.A.*** Number 72 provides more materials related to the 29<sup>th</sup> AAS meeting and some other items of interest.



**29th Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society,  
University of Akron , Akron, Ohio, 26-30 June, 2005**

- 1-?; 2-M. Hodge; 3-G. Binford; 4-N. Ayoub; 5-S. Masta; 6-A. Danielson-Francois; 7-S. Marshall; 8-S. Broda; 9-F. Pasco; 10-J. Zevenbergen; 11-L. Higgins; 12-M. Tian; 13-M. L. Jimenez; 14-Z. Tang-Martinez; 15-M. Townley; 16-M. Tillinghast; 17-E. Tillinghast; 8-M.- Jin Moon; 19-D. Copeland; 20-P. Rovner; 21-J. Rovner; 22-L. Rovner; 23-M. Yazdani; 24-A. Rypstra; 25-C. Hoefler; 26-J. Warfel; 27-P. Miller; 28-G. Nieto; 29-J. Johns; 30-E. Galbraith; 31-M. Draney; 32-P. Cushing; 33-M. Stowe; 34-V. Fet; 35-E. Fet; 36-S. Pollard; 37-P. DeVries; 38-C. Dondale; 39-P. Paquin; 40-R. Gifford; 41-R. Hand; 42-M. Persons; 43-K. Cangialosi; 44-G. Stratton; 45-W. Hickman; 46-V. Wielard; 47-J. Schmidt; 48-M. Bodner; 49-T. Yamashita; 50-J. Miller; 51-M. Hedin; 52-N. Kreiter; 53-G.B. Edwards; 54-S. Wilcox; 55-D. Clark; 56-S. Wilder; 57-J. Reim; 58-M. Fedoryak; 59-B. Berry; 60-J. Berry; 61-G. Uetz; 62-K. Wrinn; 63-B. Jakob; 64-K. Fowler-Finn; 65-R. Keith; 66-G. Ryman; 67-D. Mott; 68-G. Miller; 69-B. Patrick; 70-J. Beatty; 71-G. Mullen; 72-J. Kempf; 73-S. Longhorn; 74-K. Andrews; 75-B. Cutler; 76-J. Milliser; 77-?; 78-E. Knutson; 79-D. Cameron; 80-T. Blackledge; 81-J. Harp; 82-D. Gaffn; 83-G. Klee; 84-D. Morse; 85-G. Blass; 86-J. Reiskind; 87-A. Roberts; 88-S. Brady; 89-R. Bradley; 90-A. Brady; 91-P. Colcuera; 92-M. Rector; 93-J. Shultz; 94-R. Edwards; 95-S. Thomas; 96-J. Lapp; 97-K. Cramer; 98-C. Bier; 99-A. Mayright; 100-J. Suriano; 101-J. Coddington; 102-E. Edwards; 103-R. Vetter; 104-A. Cady; 105-B. Suter; 106-B. Hendrixson; 107-S. Foldi; 108-N. McReynolds; 109-B. Opell; 110-A. Stockman; 111-J. Bond; 112-D. Beamer; 113-K. Prestwich



*American Arachnological Society 2005*

# American Arachnological Society

## Minutes of the 29th Annual Meeting

### University of Akron, Akron, Ohio

#### 29 June 2005

#### Reports

- President-Elect **Beth Jakob** called the meeting to order at 17:05 edst for President **Gary Miller**, who could not be present.
- Reading of the minutes from the 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, held at the University of Oklahoma 26 June, 2004, was waived and the minutes were approved unanimously with no discussion.
- Membership Secretary **Jeff Shultz** presented his report by first distributing handouts. He reported there are 554 Individual members (525 in 2004). This continues an upward trend. The Society has a fairly stable total membership overall but with a large turnover. For example, 66 members from 2004 had not renewed, but 81 new members joined. The institutional membership continues to slowly decline. The report was approved by the membership, and Shultz was recognized with applause.
- Treasurer **Karen Cangialosi** reported the Society's funds are slowly increasing. We are in good shape to support the printing of the Identification Manual (SNAIM), and we have started to receive income from BioOne. The report was approved by a unanimous vote, and Cangialosi received a round of applause for her efforts.
- Editor-in-Chief **Dan Mott** reported that the increase in the number of pages per issue (225) will help relieve the JOA backlog. Part of the reason for the backlog is that papers are becoming longer. The AAS will publish extra issues in years of ISA Congress Proceedings, also in an effort to remove the backlog. The Editorial Board will be increased to assist in decreasing review time. Mott thanked all the Editors, especially **Paula Cushing** (Managing Editor) and **Ken Prestwich** for his role as Webmaster in providing access to publications via the website. The assembled members approved the report and acknowledged Mott's work with applause.
- President-Elect Jakob reported on future meeting sites. The 2006 annual meeting will be hosted by **Nancy Kreiter** at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland, **Matt Persons** will host in 2007 at Susquehanna University, and **Rosie Gillespie** at Berkeley University will host in 2008. Jakob appealed to folks to consider hosting the 2009 or 2010 (or later) meetings.
- Secretary **Alan Cady** reported on the 2005 AAS officer election. **Paula Cushing** was elected as the next President-Elect, and **Chris Buddle** was chosen as the newest Director. Karen Cangialosi remains as Treasurer. President-Elect Jakob recognized Cady's efforts as Secretary, and the members showed their approval with applause.
- Since Webmaster Ken Prestwich could not attend, Secretary Cady gave the website report. The AAS website now uses Google as it's search engine, and all past issues of the Journal of Arachnology are available online (except 6 issues).
- Paula Cushing reported on the "Spiders of North America: An Identification Guide" (SNAIM). She reports that over 700 copies have been pre-sold, and that it is going to the printer at the end of July 2005 for distribution in September. The Membership recognized the work of Cushing and her Team with hearty applause.

#### Old Business and Announcements

- President-Elect Jakob announced that a student representative for the Executive Committee will be appointed by the President. This person will act as a liaison and representative for student interests, have a 2-year term, and serve as a non-voting member. She asked that anyone interested in being a student representative should contact her.
- **Brent Opell** announced he is forming a committee to develop a logo for the Society. He invites those with ideas to contact him.
- Secretary Cady reported on the outcome of the balloting concerning the proposed Constitution & By-Laws amendments. Amendment 1 (composition of the Executive Committee) **passed**, amendment 2 (removal of honorary membership) **failed**, amendment 3 (electronic mail) **passed**, amendment 4 (membership list publication) **failed**, and amendment 5 (Nominating Committee) **passed**. (Note: These changes may be seen in the revised Constitution & By-Laws posted on the AAS website.)

#### New Business

- To facilitate open discussion, the rules for discussion were temporarily suspended. The members present then addressed the question of whether to hold a 2007 AAS annual meeting considering there is an ISA congress in São Paulo, Brasil, that year.
- At issue was discussed by many members debating both sides of the issue. No resolution was made. Jakob asked for members to send their comments to her or any member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee would then decide.
- A resolution was brought forward from the floor by **Bob Suter** to President-Elect Jakob to recognize the efforts and labor of the meeting's co-hosts **Todd Blackledge**, **Maggie Hodge**, and **Sam Marshall**, and to thank the University of Akron for allowing the Society to meet there. This was met with loud applause.
- **Jon Reiskind** asked if **Lenny Vincent** is still the archivist. **Rick Vetter** stated Lenny continues to act as archivist (which was verified by a member of the Executive Committee), and that Vincent welcomes archival materials.
- A motion to adjourn was forwarded by President-Elect Jakob. It was expeditiously seconded by Secretary Cady.
- The Business Meeting was adjourned at 17:45 edst

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alan Cady  
Secretary – AAS

## 2007 A.A.S. Annual Meeting

Susquehanna University  
Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

Friday, 13 July – Tuesday, 17 July

Hosted by Dr. Matt Persons

This year's AAS annual meeting drifts northward but remains in the Mid-Atlantic Region—this time Amish Country. The site of this year's meeting is Susquehanna University in Central Pennsylvania near the shores of the Susquehanna River. SU is a private liberal arts college founded in 1858 with an enrollment of approximately 1900 students. Selinsgrove is in the heart of Pennsylvania: 50 miles north of Harrisburg; 90 minutes from the Poconos; about a three-hour drive from Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and New York City; and about a four-hour drive from Pittsburgh. Visit the Susquehanna University website ([www.susqu.edu](http://www.susqu.edu)) for maps and additional information.

**On campus housing** will be available in modern air-conditioned facilities. Several local bed & breakfast and hotel options will also be available. S.U. will offer meal plan options in our newly renovated dining hall. Additional information on local housing and dining options will be forthcoming at the AAS meeting website.

**Field Trips:** A collecting trip is planned for July 17<sup>th</sup> to the Snyder-Middleswarth Tall Timbers Natural Areas National Natural Landmark. This is a 250 acre old-growth Hemlock forest and is surrounded by the 5,900 acre Bald Eagle State Park and Forest. This area is geologically unique in that it is where the Allegheny plateau meets the ridge and valleys of the south (and near one of the original collecting sites for the first fossil tetrapod). Additional side trips are possible for the less collecting-minded including Knoebel's Family Amusement Park (16 miles away) and Centralia, PA, (34 miles away), home of a mine fire that has been burning continuously for 40 years.

**Air Travel:** Harrisburg International Airport is 44 miles away and receives direct flights from most major airports. Williamsport regional airport is closer (29 miles) but has limited service through US Airways.

Anyone interested in organizing particular symposia for the meeting are encouraged to contact the host.

### Preliminary Schedule:

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: Registration and informal social with some sort of incapacitating heavy German food.

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Talks; Poster Session; Casual Arachnid Evening (now with moderating)

Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Talks; Informal evening

Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>: Talks; Business Meeting; Banquet- Student Awards, Auction

Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip

### Local Host Contact Information:

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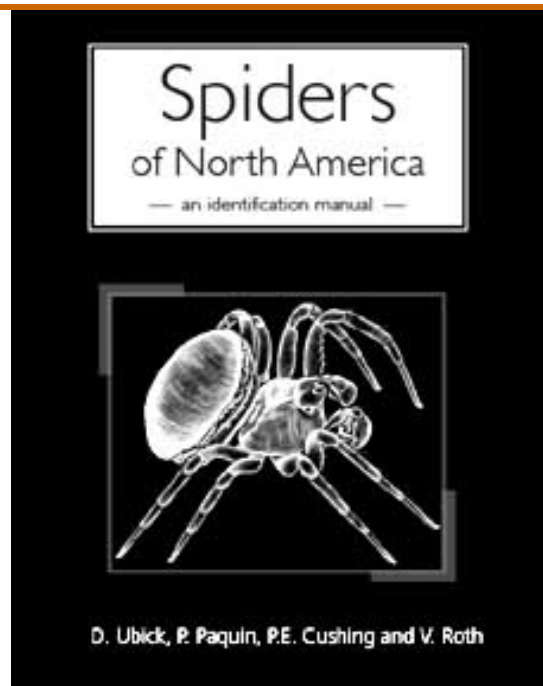
Susquehanna University (570) 372-4526

[persons@susqu.edu](mailto:persons@susqu.edu)

## Call for specimens of *Scyletria* ssp. Bishop & Crosby 1938 (Araneae, Linyphiidae)

L. Brian Patrick (Kent State University) and Dr. Charles D. Dondale (Canadian National Collection of Insect, Arachnids, and Nematodes) are in the process of revising the nearctic spider genus *Scyletria* Bishop & Crosby 1938 (Araneae, Linyphiidae) and we are searching for anyone with specimens of either of the two species in this genus, *S. jona* and *S. inflata*. This small genus is poorly represented in museum collections with specimens often misidentified (especially females), and capture data are sparse in the published literature. Therefore, we would like to request that anyone with specimens (or even capture data) please contact us (contact information below). Your help would be greatly appreciated and would help us to better define the range of these minute spiders.

If you have specimens and are willing to either share your capture data or, preferably, very briefly loan us your specimens for verification, measuring, and location databasing, we would like to have you contact us before or at the 2007 AAS meeting. However, we would also greatly appreciate it if contributors would please FIRST contact L. Brian Patrick to let us know that you have specimens and that you are willing to help us! For those worried about shipping costs, please contact us and we will try to make arrangements to help alleviate the burden of shipping costs.



## Spiders of North America An Identification Manual

Edited by Darrell Ubick, Pierre Paquin, Paula E. Cushing, & Vince Roth.

Original drawings by Nadine Dupérré

### ORDER AT:

[http://www.americanarachnology.org/AAS\\_SGNA/SGNA\\_OnlinePayment.html](http://www.americanarachnology.org/AAS_SGNA/SGNA_OnlinePayment.html)

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## AMERICAN ARACHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://www.americanarachnology.org)

**Ken Prestwich** has developed our website where one may find membership information, **Annual Meeting Info & registration**, announcements & Bulletin Board, officers, meeting minutes, instructions to JOA authors, an electronic JOA index, graduate study opportunities, a photo gallery, links to other arachnological sites, and **JOA OnLine** (electronic versions of the Journal of Arachnology; available to A.A.S. Members). Many, many thanks and kudos to Ken for applying his time and skill to the Website!! Thanks too to Holy Cross for sponsoring the site.

## ARACHNOLOGY IN CYBERSPACE

Here are some website addresses for arachnological information:

**International Society of Arachnology**—[HTTP://WWW.ARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://www.arachnology.org)

## JOURNAL OF ARACHNOLOGY ELECTRONIC INDEX

The electronic index for the Journal of Arachnology is available at: <http://vassun.vassar.edu/~celt/suter/spiderform.html>

Note that the main search keywords are: SCORPION, SPIDER, HARVESTMAN, MITE. Any word or taxon that is in a title may be found with a search of the Index. Thanks to Bob Suter: [SUTER@VASSAR.EDU](mailto:SUTER@VASSAR.EDU) [HTTP://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML](http://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML)

### THE VALUE OF AN A.A.S. MEMBERSHIP

Arachnologists ask, "What do I receive from being a dues-paying member of the Society?". This inquiry addresses an immediate and popular concern among arachnophiles. What does one "get" from being a member of the A.A.S.? ...

- Online access to the latest issue of the JOA.
- No page charges when publishing in the JOA.
- Access to the A.A.S. and Roth Research grants.
- Lower registration fees for the annual A.A.S. meeting.

Not to mention all the other benefits available to anyone: the Newsletter, all the features on the Website, etc.

Furthermore, dues for the A.A.S. are just about the lowest anywhere! **What a bargain!**

### AMERICAN ARACHNOLOGY

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<http://WWW.AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG>. Members of the Society also receive the JOURNAL OF ARACHNOLOGY (published triannually) and have access to electronic resources (JOA OnLine).

### Paula Cushing writes:

The Department of Zoology at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science is offering paid internships for students and others interested in working on projects involving the department's collections. The Lloyd David and Carlye Cannon Wattis Foundation Internship Program for Zoology is intended to support projects involving use of DMNS Zoology Department collections. Zoology collections include Arachnology Ornithology, Mammalogy, Entomology, and Conchology. More information about department holdings can be found at <http://www.dmns.org/main/en/General/Science/Researchers/Zoology/>

Awards are for 18 months and range between \$500 - \$1,000. A final report summarizing the results of the project will be due upon completion of the funded activities. If you are interested in receiving application materials, email Paula Cushing at [Paula.Cushing@dmns.org](mailto:Paula.Cushing@dmns.org). Deadline for applications is March 15, 2007.