NABA News and Notes

7th NABA Biennial Members Meeting
The seventh Biennial Members Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held June 22 through June 26, 2006 in Kernville, in the southern California Sierra. Meet old friends, meet new ones. Seek specialties such as Veined Blue, San Emigdio Blue and Arachne Checkerspot. Save the dates!

Memorial Day/Victoria Day Butterfly Counts
This year’s dates for the annual Memorial Day/Victoria Day Counts are Saturday, May 21 through Monday, May 30. Unlike the 4th of July, 1st of July and 16th of September Counts, these counts are free-form. Simply visit your favorite butterflying location(s), tally what you see, and send in the results to NABA’s Butterflies I’ve Seen website.

NABA Sales Office
The NABA Sales Office continues to increase the variety of its offerings. Find your favorite butterfly-related items — while supporting NABA and the cause of butterfly conservation. As a special benefit of NABA membership, NABA members receive a 10% discount on all items at the Sales Office, including optics. Simply enter in the code “NABA” when prompted as you complete a purchase. You can get to NABA Sales by going to the NABA home page, www.naba.org, or directly by going to www.butterflybuzz.com.

Dues
We would like to remind NABA members that because NABA is classed as a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service, all contributions to NABA, including membership dues, are fully tax-deductible.

NABA Wedding
On Saturday, March 12, 2005, Alana Edwards, a co-founder of the NABA Atala chapter, a co-organizer of the 4th NABA Biennial Meeting, a coordinator of the NABA South Florida Survey and the current president of the Atala chapter, married Rick Nevulis, a hydrologist with the South Florida Water District and an avid fisherman, at Fern Forest Park in Brevard County, Florida. Twenty species of butterflies, including many Ruddy Daggerwings, were spotted at the park the morning of the wedding. En route to their honeymoon destination, the newlyweds visited the Jacksonville, Florida area to search for Frosted Elfin! Everyone at NABA wishes this wonderful couple a terrific butterfly-filled life together and all the happiness in the world.

NABA Art Contest
Artists interested in entering the 6th NABA Art Contest should submit 35mm slide transparencies (maximum of 3) or high quality digital images (submitted on a CDR, CDW or DVD — attempted (continued on inside back cover)

Readers Write

Meeting Madness
I had a GREAT time at the NABA meeting in Mission. It was my first time butterflying in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and it was incredible — tons of new bugs and some not too shabby photos with my new camera.
Lynn Jackson, Philadelphia, PA

We very much enjoyed the meeting and saw some great butterflies but, in the event, I found the locality more interesting than all the rest. I do not recall ever being anywhere so flat or devoid of natural features. I was astonished at the number of butterflies that were attracted to the few oases of wildflowers in that huge expanse of farm and township.
Tony Hoare, Leatherhead, England

A Winning Streak
My compliments to the contributors, staff and all involved in publishing American Butterflies and Butterfly Gardener. The fall 2004 issue of American Butterflies was especially enjoyable.
M. Dye, Vergennes, VT

A Blue Norther
The Fiery Skipper on the cover of the Winter 2004 American Butterflies took my breath away! I looked into our backyard, the snow pile up to the windowsill, and held that skipper. The blue of the flowers melted into the cold blue sky and we just stood there — the Fiery Skipper and I! As if the snow didn’t matter! As if all life were possible! Thank you so much for all your work, dedication and love of butterflies. And for bringing warmth and color to a cold, white Minnesota day.
Pat Thomas, Duluth, MN

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