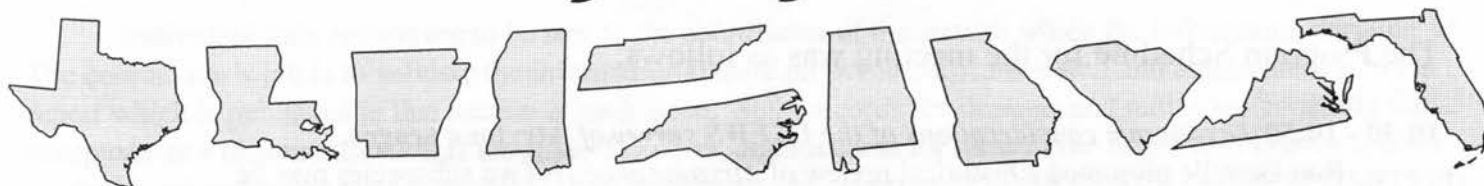


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1995 Annual Meeting Report Held September 15-17 at Mississippi Entomological Museum Mississippi State University, Starkville

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Southern Lepidopterists' Society was held at the Mississippi Entomological Museum at Mississippi State University in Starkville on September 15th-17th, 1995.

Special thanks go to Dr. Richard Brown for making the local arrangements and offering the facilities at the University and his home. Special thanks also go to Ron Gatrell for his organization of the meeting and his chairmanship. Thanks to members who brought refreshments including Leroy Koehn, whose wife Betty added some home made goodies.

Seventeen Lepidopterists attended the meeting: Ron Gatrell, Jeff Slotten, Leroy Koehn, Bryant Mather, Paul Milner, Ann Milner, James Adams, Kathy Adams, Ricky Patterson, James Taylor, Richard Brown, Irving Finkelstein, Don Wright, Steve Hall, Bill Russell, Mack Shotts, and Maria Plonczynski.

Registration was held at the Museum on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

A meeting was held with members of the board, specifically Ron Gatrell, Jeff Slotten, Bryant Mather, Steve Hall, and Mack Shotts. The Treasurer's Report made mention of a healthy account balance of \$3565.11 as of the meeting date. This will allow enough money for the printing and mailing of the quarterly newsletters, arrangements for next year's meeting and for future Bulletins. Also \$400 will be allocated for a computer that will be borrowed from the Society by the Editor for use during Newsletter production. Each successive Editor will borrow this computer. The Board voted on next year's officers. Ron Gatrell will remain Chairman for 1996, Harry Pavulaan will be the 1996 Editor, and Jeff Slotten will remain Secretary-Treasurer until Paul Milner takes the position after the 1996 Southern Lepidopterists' Society Meeting.

It was decided to **keep the annual meeting in Mississippi for the next several years**. Tentative meeting locations for 1996 include Mississippi State Entomological Museum and the coastal areas of Mississippi where Mississippi State University has research stations. Further news of the meeting will follow in future newsletters. Any suggestions for the meeting are welcome from our members. Please write to Jeff Slotten at 5421 NW 69th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32653 or call at 904-338-0721.

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The Program Schedule for the meeting was as follows:

10:30 - 10:50 *Taxonomic considerations of the USFWS survey of *Atrytone arogos*.*

Ron Gatrell presented a historical review of *Atrytone arogos*. Two subspecies may be present in the eastern United States, one of which is undescribed.

10:50 - 12:10 *Panel discussion on *Atrytone arogos* survey.*

Panel members Steve Hall, Ron Gatrell, Jeff Slotten, and Richard Brown discussed their encounters with *Atrytone arogos*, including habitat descriptions, population densities in various locations, affect of burning on populations, etc. This was an open discussion with input from members attending the meeting. Please send information concerning eastern populations of *Atrytone arogos* to Steve Hall at North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, Division of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch.

At Quincy's Restaurant in Starkville from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

1:45 - 2:15 *Traps for Lepidoptera.*

Leroy Koehn discussed the use of traps as a means of collecting lepidoptera. He discussed bait traps, light traps and pheromone traps in detail. He also discussed ways to design traps and the best baits to use.

2:30 - 3:00 *Lepidoptera of the Black Belt region of Mississippi.*

Dr. Richard Brown discussed the unique habitats of the Black Belt Region of Mississippi. Many plants that occur in this region are found nowhere else in the south, since they are western United States plants. Dr. Brown is conducting a survey of all lepidoptera species found in two prairie locations. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Brown.

3:15 - 3:45 *Larvae of Moths.*

James Adams of Dalton College, Georgia presented a discussion on the usefulness of larval characteristics in reconstructing phylogeny.

4:00 - 4:30 *Undescribed Butterflies of the Southern Appalachians.*

Ron Gatrell provided slides and discussed different populations of the following taxa: *Speyeria aphrodite*, *Phyciodes batesii*, and *Poanes hobomok*.

The collection at Mississippi State University was open for viewing from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dinner was held at Harvey's Restaurant in Starkville.

Several members visited Dr. Richard Brown's home and collected moths at three blacklight sheets on his property. Some members collected butterflies and moths on September 15th through the 17th at one of the unique prairie locations in Starkville. For a list of moths and butterflies present, contact Dr. Brown at Mississippi State University.

Report submitted by Jeff Slotten.

STATE FIELD REPORTS

Individual state reports are to be sent to the coordinator of the state to which the information pertains. The coordinator's job is to validate the information (insure proper identification etc.) and assimilate it into his report which is published in this section of each issue. Sight records for skippers and moths are generally not accepted since misidentification is too easy. However, sight records for most of the larger well known species of moths and butterflies are acceptable if from an experienced observer. **REPORTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED VIA THE PROPER STATE COORDINATOR. The name and address of each state coordinator is on the cover of each issue.** Reports from states without a coordinator may be sent directly to the Editor.

FLORIDA STATE REPORT: The following report is from **John Calhoun**.

U. dorantes, 30 Oct., Madison, Hamilton Cos; *A. cellus*, 9 April, Jackson Co; *A. lyciades*, 10 April, Wakulla Co.; *P. oileus*, 14 March - 30 Oct., Calhoun, Columbia, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon, Madison, Suwannee Cos.; *H. attalus*, 1 Oct., Citrus Co.; *P. baracoa*, 5 March, Lafayette Co.; *P. zabulon*, 7 March-8 April, Jackson, Volusia Cos.; *P. verna*, 14 May, Levy Co. (locally common at Gulf Hammock); *E. dion*, 14 Oct. (2 fresh males--late), Jefferson Co.; *A. alternata*, 1 Oct., Citrus Co.; *C. ethlius* (larval tents), 10 April, Jefferson Co.; *B. polydamus*, 5 Nov., Hernando Co.; *C. eurytheme* (largely yellow fm. "ariadne", including 1 white female--the abundance of this yellow form may account for most purported Floridian records of *C. philodice*), 8 April, Calhoun Co. (locally common in fields of exotic *Trifolium incarnatum*); *Z. cesonia*, 28 May, Wakulla Co.; *E. dina*, March 1995, Dade Co. (still locally common around brushy remnants of hammocks near Homestead); *M. g. grynea*, (nominate subspecies), 9 April, Jackson Co.; *I. nippon*, (worn female), 9 April, Jackson Co.; *C. "ladon" (neglecta)*, 8-10 April, Calhoun (sighted), Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla Cos.; *H. charitonus*, 28 May-14 Oct., Columbia, Lafayette, Madison, Taylor Cos.; *A. "texana" seminole*, 20 Feb.-24 Sept., Jackson, Lafayette (sighted), Suwannee, Volusia Cos.; *A. frisia*, 20 February-16 October 1994, Volusia Co. (local northern population--see Tropical Lepidoptera 6:40-42, 1995); *V. cardui*, 9 April-14 Oct., Jackson, Lake, Madison Cos.; *A. andria*, 5-14 March, Lafayette, Suwannee Cos.; *A. c. clyton* (nominate subspecies--dark fm. "proserpina"), 14 Oct., Jefferson Co. (visiting *Bidens alba* flowers--rare behavior in *Asterocampa*); *E. portlandia*, 9 April-4 August, Jackson, Jefferson, Hamilton, Taylor, Wakulla Cos.; *S. appalachia*, 10 April-28 May, Jefferson, Wakulla Cos.; *M. cymela/viola*, 14 March-10 April, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Taylor, Wakulla Cos. (panhandle specimens appear intermediate between *cymela* and the putative species *viola*, casting doubt on the specific status of the latter); *D. eresimus*, 16 Oct., Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Orange, Pasco, Polk, Volusia Cos. (feeding on exotic milkweed vines, *Morrenia odorata*, in citrus groves).

NORTH CAROLINA STATE REORT: Supplied by **Harry LeGrand**. All records represent observations made through binoculars. These are my significant records from June through August 1995.

Pontia protodice: GUILFORD -- two females seen in extensive fields, mostly alfalfa, on July 8; also seen by Dennis Burnette, who had a few individuals at other sites in this county in July 1994. This seems to be a very scarce species anywhere in NC.

Atlides halesus: WAKE -- Though previously reported from this county, Piedmont sightings are quite rare in NC. One was seen at Durant Nature Park on July 22.

Satyrium edwardsii: MOORE -- One fresh, with a medium gray ground color on the underparts, seen and photographed on *Ceanothus* on June 1. The sighting was made in the Sandhills, where very rare, at Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve; the habitat was a typical longleaf pine/turkey oak forest.

- Satyrium kingi*: MOORE -- Between June 1 and 15, 15-18 seen and photographed at several sites in Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Nectar plants were scarce, with a few individuals nectaring on *Oxydendrum*, but most perched on leaves near (but not on) *Symplocos*, the host plant.
- Satyrium liparops*: ASHE -- One seen at the top of Mount Jefferson State Park on July 15. MOORE -- One seen at Weymouth Woods on June 1.
- Mitoura gryneus*: NEW HANOVER -- Several seen at a garden on Figure Eight Island in July and August by Derb Carter; LeGrand saw several of them on August 20. They were nectaring mainly on *Lantana*; *Juniperus* sp. is present nearby. Reports from coastal areas of NC are rather scarce, though red cedars are locally common in tidal areas.
- Mitoura hesseli*: DARE -- Five, in medium wear, seen nectaring on *Clethra* at white cedars stands at Dare Bombing Range, on July 30.
- Phyciodes phaon*: DARE -- Two seen at Cape Hatteras point on August 6; the species is near its northern edge of the range there.
- Euphydryas phaeton*: AVERY -- one, in moderate wear, seen in a high-elevation meadow on July 14.
- Polygonia faunus*: MACON -- One in fresh condition seen and photographed at a dirt road near Wayah Bald, on July 3. The habitat was a northern hardwoods forest, at 5200 feet elevation; no conifers were present.
- Asterocampa clyton*: GUILFORD -- One at seen at Hagen-Stone Park on July 8. ASHE -- One seen at the top of Mount Jefferson State Park on July 15; apparently a first record for the NC mountains. Both seen by numerous persons, as part of Fourth of July counts.
- Erynnis baptisiae*: CLAY -- four seen on July 3, mainly in vicinity of *Coronilla*.
- Atrytone logan*: ASHE -- Two in meadows at New River State Park, on July 15. CLAY -- One fresh, in telephone line clearing, on July 3. Despite field guides and books indicating a statewide range for the species, these may well be the first reports for the NC mountains, though not unexpected.
- Problema byssus*: PENDER -- One, very fresh, seen and photographed at Holly Shelter Game Land, on June 9; it nectared on *Asclepias rubra*. The species seems exceedingly rare in NC during the first brood; this is my first NC sighting prior to August. COLUMBUS -- One fresh individual seen at a freshwater marsh along the shore of Lake Waccamaw on August 19. All of my other NC sightings have been in savannas.)
- Problema bulenta*: NEW HANOVER -- One somewhat worn female seen nectaring on *Pontederia* in a freshwater marsh northwest of Wilmington, on June 25, presumably near the end of the first brood. One fairly fresh female seen at the same site on August 20; this date is probably near the middle to end of the second brood. It also was nectaring on *Pontederia*. No *Atrytone logan* were seen in the marsh, but males and females of this species were seen within a mile of the marsh, for comparison.
- Poanes yehl*: WASHINGTON -- At least eight seen, at many sites, near Lake Phelps on June 10; most were nectaring on *Cephalanthus* along ditches. Smaller numbers seen at a few other Coastal Plain counties in June and early July.
- Euphyes dion*: HARNETT -- One, rather worn, nectaring on *Clethra* at edge of moist woods.
- Euphyes dukesi*: BRUNSWICK -- At least three fresh individuals seen near the Cape Fear River, at a previously known site, on August 20. They were nectaring mainly on *Verbena brasiliensis*.
- Amblyscirtes aesculapius*: COLUMBUS -- One seen near Lake Waccamaw on August 19. HARNETT -- One seen nectaring on *Clethra alnifolia* at edge of moist woods on July 9. WASHINGTON: One seen nectaring on *Pontederia* along the shore of Lake Phelps on June 10.
- Amblyscirtes carolina*: BEAUFORT -- Three, in fresh condition, on August 12, seen nectaring on *Trifolium pratense* (!) along roadsides at edges of bottomlands/swamps. HARNETT -- One, rather worn, seen nectaring on *Clethra* on July 9, at edge of moist woods.
- Amblyscirtes reversa*: BEAUFORT -- One fresh (apparently of the third brood) seen on August 12, in a clearcut with cane along a ditch. PENDER: At Holly Shelter Game Land, two on June 28 and two on July 20, apparently from the second brood; another (fresh) there on August 24, certainly of the third brood. My

observations of *A. carolina* and *A. reversa* over the past few years reveal a clear habitat separation. The former is found mostly along edges and openings of hardwood swamps and bottomlands, in moderate shade. On the other hand, *reversa* is typically seen under pines, mainly in savannas, flatwoods, and pocosin borders. These habitats are sunnier than typical of habitats for *carolina*.

Amblyscirtes alternata: PENDER -- One, very worn, found dead at Holly Shelter Game Land on June 9; one in fresh condition seen nectaring on *Carphephorus tomentosus* at that site on August 24. Both sites are longleaf pine flatwoods.

Oligoria maculata: PENDER -- One fresh individual seen at Holly Shelter Game Land on August 22, nectaring on *Liatris* in a savanna. WASHINGTON -- Singles found at two sites near Lake Phelps on June 10.

The following are Harry's noteworthy observations from September - November (includeing several observations by other biologists).

Parrhasius m-album: MOORE -- One seen on the very late date of Oct. 18 at Weymouth Woods Preserve. This is over a month later than my previous records.

Danaus gilippus: NEW HANOVER -- I saw singles at Fort Fisher on Sept. 12 and Oct. 13, and others were seen there on Sept. 10 by Jeff Pippen and on Sept. 17 by Derb Carter. We observed females ovipositing on *Cynanchum angustifolium* in the marshes and thicket margins. This is a rare butterfly in North Carolina, seen mainly along the southern coast in fall.

Hesperia meskei: MOORE -- One fresh male seen basking at the Paint Hill section of Weymouth Woods Preserve on Sept. 26, my earliest fall record. SCOTLAND -- At least eight (males and females), at several sites in Sandhills Game Land, on Oct. 15. Despite considerable field work at these places in spring and summer, I still have yet to see the first brood, if there is one, in NC.

Problema byssus: PENDER -- One seen nectaring on *Mikania scandens* along the margin of a hardwood swamp, with a marshy edge, at Holly Shelter Game Land, on Sept. 12.

Euphyes palatka: NEW HANOVER -- Three seen nectaring on *Helenium amarum* on a lawn (!) at Fort Fisher on Sept. 12. Marshes, presumably with sawgrass, are nearby. This is the first record known to the NC Natural Heritage Program for this county.

Calpodus ethlius: WAKE -- One fresh individual seen in Raleigh on Sept. 2, in an arboretum. Other individuals of this species were seen in NC by other observers, as follows: NEW HANOVER -- single individuals observed on Sept. 10 at Fort Fisher by Jeff Pippen, and in late Sept. at Figure Eight Island by Derb Carter; WAKE -- one seen at the same arboretum on Oct. 13 by Derb Carter; CUMBERLAND -- One seen in October by Dennis Burnette in Fayetteville. This species is normally a rarity in NC. At all sites except Fort Fisher, *Canna* stands were present, though individuals were seen nectaring on other plants.

SOUTH CAROLINA REPORT: Submitted by **Ron Gatrell**

Francis Marion National Forest, Berkeley/Charleston County, on state road 98, October 2: four species of *Schinia*, *Polites vibex*, *Nastara lherminier*, *Lerodea eufala*, *Panoquina panoquin*, *P. ocola*, *Eurema lisa*, *E. nicippe*, *Phoebis sennae eubule*, *Pterourus palamedes*, all common.

Southeast corner Horry County near coast on relic dunes, October 2 and 10: *Vanessa cardui* (1), *Phyciodes tharos*, *Basilarchia arthemis astyanax*, *E. nicippe*, *E. lisa*, *P. s. eubule*, *Poanes viator* (2), *L. eufala*, *N. lherminier*, *P. vibex*, *Hesperia meskei*, *H. attalus*. Species were most attracted to the flowers of Yellow Aster *Chrysopsis mariana* and Camphorweed *Heterotheca subaxillaris*. The *H. attalus* were noticeably atypical differing from all other known eastern US populations and are isolated by many miles of forest swamp from the nearest populations. Both *H. meskei* and *H. attalus* were fresh and abundant at this location. The freshness of the *H. attalus* was surprising because the inland populations had peaked about two to three weeks earlier.

GEORGIA STATE REPORT: Submitted by James Adams.

Correction to Winter 1994 report: Change "*Lithophane innominata*" to "*Lithophane bethunei*."

Corrections to Summer 1995 report: Change "*Homohadena badistriga*" to "*Homohadena infixa*"; change "*Sutyna* sp., prob. *privata*" to "*Sutyna* sp." (definitely not *privata*); "*Pyreferra citromba*" to "*Pyreferra pettiti*"; delete "*Lithophane innominata*" and "*L. hemina*." In Reed Watkins list, delete "*Grammia virgo*."

Bold represents new species for James Adams. Records are from Dalton/Rocky Face area (Whitfield Co.) unless otherwise specified. "Coh." Refers to the Cohutta Lodge on Fort Mountain, 4km. West of Murray/Gilmer Co. line on Hwy. 52 (in Murray); "Mur." Refers to the Murray/Whitfield Co. line on Hwy 76/52 (near the Conasauga River); "Car." Refers to Carbondale (at exit 134 on I-75), Whitfield Co. All records 1995 unless otherwise noted.

Lycaenidae: *Feniseca tarquinius*, Cooper's Creek recreation area, Union/Fannin Cos., May 28. Lasiocampidae: *Tolyte velleda*, several, mid-late October records, including one female October 26. Sphingidae: *Eumorpha fasciata*, October 1 (Mur.); *Enyo lugubris*, unusually common late September into October. Arctiidae: *Crambidia lithosioides*, July 19 (Car.); *C. cephalica* (2) August 6 (Coh.); *Utetheisa bella* (2), 5 km SE of Fairmount, Bartow Co. Lymantriidae: *Dasychira atrivenosa*, July 15. Noctuidae: *Catocala carrissima* October 14 (Car.); *Ascalapha odorata* July 19; ***Redectis vitrea*** October 9; *Zanclognatha atrilineella*, August 13, 1992; ***Hyperstrotia pervertens***, July 19 (Car.), common but previously uncollected; *Eumiceremma minima*, September 19 (Mur.); ***Lacinipolia meditata***, several, early October; ***L. anguina***, May 11, 1994 and April 17, 1995; *Condica confederata*, September 28 and November 1 (Mur.); ***Homorthodes (furturata) lindesyi*** May 15, 1993 (Coh.) and April 17, 1995 (Mur.); ***Properigea tapeta***, July 15; *Papipema marginidens* (3), October 17 and 26; *Tricholita signata*, several including August 6 (Coh.); *Cucullia convexipennis*, August 24; ***Lithophane disposita***, March 21; ***L. patefacta***, several records, from November to March; *Xylotype capax*, several records, October/November; ***Epiglaea decliva*** (?), very red with obscured pattern, November 1; ***Chaetagleaea servicea***, ***Abagrotis alternata*** and ***Xestia bicarnea***, common but previously uncollected, October/November; *Schinia bina*, July 18 and 24 (2) (Mur.). Notodontidae: *Hyparpax aurora*, August 4; ***Heterocampa guttivitta***, common, including August 6 (Coh.). Geometridae: *Heterophleps triguttata*, July 15; *Probole nepiasaria*, August 6 (Coh.); *Biston betularia*, August 6 (Coh.). Limacodidae: *Phobetron pithecium* (females) July 22 and 28 (Car.). Pyralidae: ***Omphalocera munroei***, August 6 (Coh.). Thyrididae: ***Dysodia oculatana*** (at lights), July 22.

John Calhoun found *Pyrgus oileus* 1 mile E. of the Chattahoochee River, south side of S.R. 91, Seminole Co. on October 15, 1995; and *Urbanus dorantes*, E. side of State Route 135, 1.4 miles N. of the Florida State Line on October 30, 1994 (one of each sex). These are both probable **state records**.

VIRGINIA STATE REPORT: Submitted by Harry Pavulaan.

Altalopedes campestris had a major population explosion in August and September of 1995 in Fairfax County. Swarming behavior in all open habitats.

Urbanus proteus: Herndon and Fairfax counties, September 2, **new county record**. They were nectaring on dwarf *Zinnia*.

Phoebis sennae: September 2, King George and Westmoreland counties, **new county records**.

TEXAS STATE REPORT: Submitted by Ed Knudson (October, 1995).

I report on two west Texas collecting trips below. Aug 19 - 26, **Charles Bordelon Jr.** and myself visited Big Bend National Park (BIBE), Davis Mountains (DM), Guadalupe Mountains National Park (GUMO), and

Sanderson, TX. On September 20 - 24, I met **Jeff Slotten** in El Paso, (EP). (Permits are on file for BIBE and GUMO).

Many of the species listed are **previously unrecorded** from Texas.

Gelechiidae: *Gnorimoschema dudiella*, *G. semicyclionella*, *Stereomuta andropogonis* (DM). Coleophoridae: *Coleophora maritella* (DM). Cosmopterigidae: *Siskiwitia alticolans* (DM). Glyphipterigidae: *Glyphipterix ruidosensis* (DM). Tortricidae: *Eucosma giganteana* (DM), *E. hyponomeutana* (EP). Limacodidae: *Cryptophobetreron oropeso* (BIBE-abd.). Pyralidae: *Parapoynx diminutalis* (BIBE, GUMO - range expanding?); *Microcrambus copelandi*, *Ufa roseitinctella* (DM). Geometridae: *Nepterotaea marjorae*, *Drepanulatrix hultii*, *Semaepus gracilata* (BIBE). Sphingidae: *Sphinx separata*, *Aellopos titan* (GUMO). Arctiidae: *Dysschema howardi* (BIBE, DM, GUMO), *Syntomeida melanthus* (BIBE, DM, Sand.). Noctuidae: *Gonodonta pyrgo* (BIBE - sight), *Catocala euphema*, *C. aholibah* (GUMO), *Alypiodes bimaculata* (GUMO - sight), *Plagiomimicus curiosum* (GUMO), *P. triplagiata*, *P. aureolum*, *P. dimidita*, *P. olvello* (EP), *Eulithosia papago* (DM), *E. composita* (BIBE), *Paramiana exculta* (DM), *Oncocnemis melalutea* (EP), *O. toddi* (Sand.), *Trichorthosia diplogramma*, *Euxoa cincta*, *E. guadalupensis*, *E. doddi* (GUMO). *Schinia* sp. At EP: *argentifascia*, *bicuspidata*, *roseitincta*, *minima*, *balba*, *sexplagiata*, *coercits*, *regia*, *sara*, *oleagina*, *alencis*, *ciliata*, *hultii*, *tertia*, *citronella*, *luxa*; *Grotella olivacea*, *G. grisescens* (EP).

ARKANSAS: NO REPORT

LOUISIANA: NO REPORT

MISSISSIPPI: NO REPORT

TENNESSEE: NO REPORT

Leroy Koehn Becomes New Editor

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It's never too early to plan: so **plan** ahead and **plan** to attend.

Chairman & Editor, Ron Gattelle Moves On

For the past three years, Ron Gattelle has done an outstanding job of overseeing the functioning of our group, as well as the publishing of the quarterly newsletter. His term as editor ends with this issue. Due to increased workload and family matters, he has decided to step down as chairman also, to devote more time to these areas.

Ron will continue as South Carolina coordinator and member of our SEARCH Committee.

Jeff Slotten is considering returning to the position of chairman.

Scott D. Massey, Good News Computers
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