



# Nightwing News



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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Submitted by Michael Lacki

I extend a heartfelt hello to all members of SBDN as we embark on new journeys and challenges in bat conservation in 2011. Much has transpired since the start of the year, beginning with a hugely successful annual meeting held jointly with the Northeastern and Midwest Bat Working Groups. The meeting, sponsored by numerous groups and organizations, was well attended and represented all that is good about our organization. Congratulations to the winners of the student paper and poster awards (Joe Johnson, Laci Coleman and Janelle Bowcock), and also to David Saugey for receiving the 2011 SBDN Lifetime Achievement Award. David's legacy in SBDN continues as he presently serves as our Historian, and does so with grace and dignity. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, particularly Brooke Slack, for putting the program together and hosting the annual meeting, and to the Seelbach Hilton Hotel for providing outstanding accommodations. The Board of Directors is currently working on plans for next year's annual meeting that we hope to arrange in Mississippi at Lake-Tiak-O-Khata, a location popular with outdoor enthusiasts. More details on the meeting will be forthcoming in future correspondence.

With this latest issue of Nightwing News comes a brief update on our transition from a larger Board as the governing body of SBDN to a much smaller Executive Committee. For this to be accomplished, considerable time and energy was required on the part of the Board to restructure the bylaws consistent with the change in governance. As part of the transition, for at least 2011 anyhow, a portion of the old Board structure will continue to remain active until those members complete their terms of office. The full downsizing to the Executive Committee will eventually take place at the 2012 annual meeting. It is important that we recognize the effort given by those who accomplished these changes, and I wish to extend on behalf of the membership our gratitude to Dr. Darren Miller (current Past-President) and all who served on the Board of Directors during his tenure as President of SBDN. Their diligence helped this organization grow into a much stronger voice for bat conservation throughout the southeastern region and beyond; a job well done.

During the previous Board's tenure SBDN entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Bat Conservation International, Inc. (BCI) to facilitate joint cooperation between the organizations on issues of bat conservation. With the continued expansion of White Nose Syndrome across eastern North America and its potential threat now to bats in the deep-

south and our neighbors to the west, it is more important than ever that SBDN remain an active voice on this issue. To this aim I have asked Board member and BCI biologist Dr. Michael Baker to serve as Chair of our WNS Committee. My hope is this alignment will begin the cooperative efforts between the two organizations and allow SBDN and BCI to serve as a common voice in matters relating to this threat to North American bats. One element of this relates to the USFWS release in May 2011 of their national plan to respond to WNS. The committee is charged with examining this plan and offering input to help move it forward. I know that Dr. Baker will put forth the effort needed to ensure that SBDN remains an active voice in these matters. Should he call on you to serve or provide input, please do not hesitate to offer your assistance.

As the summer heat is now upon us and many are in the field, I remind everyone that this year's Bat Blitz, the 10<sup>th</sup> Blitz held to date, is scheduled for 31 July to 4 August in the Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina. This year's Blitz host and coordinator, Mary Kay Clark, has been working hard to ensure a quality experience and I encourage all members to consider participating. If anyone is in need of additional information please contact her at [mkmoonlight@gmail.com](mailto:mkmoonlight@gmail.com).

Lastly, as the incoming President of SBDN I welcome input and suggestions from anyone in the membership. At any point in time, should you feel strongly enough about any issue with SBDN, or wish to become more involved on committees, please do not hesitate to contact me ([mlacki@uky.edu](mailto:mlacki@uky.edu)) or any other member of the Board of Directors and we will do our best to assist you. Now that the Board structure is changing, more than ever effort will be needed on the part of the membership to ensure that SBDN remains a vigorous and viable voice for bat conservation. One of the goals I have set during my tenure as President is to try and increase the size of the membership so that we can meet all the expanded programs and efforts that have been put into place by the previous Board. Please help us and do your part to make SBDN "your" organization and voice for bat conservation.

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# Board of Directors Meeting

Southeastern Bat Diversity Network  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Seelbach Hilton, Louisville, KY  
23 February 2011

**Attendees:**

Darren Miller, President  
Tim Carter, Treasurer/BOD  
Michael Baker, BOD  
Brian Carver, BOD  
Nikki Castleberry, BOD  
James Kiser, BOD

Mike Lacki, President-elect  
Joy O'Keefe, Secretary/BOD  
Dennis Krusac, BOD  
Bree McMurray, BOD  
Katrina Morris, BOD  
Tom Risch, BOD

J.D. Wilhide, Newsletter editor  
Evan Pankuk, WNS Committee Chair

**Action Items:**

- **Dennis is to get Nikki a mission statement he has already drafted.**
- **Tim will email final copies of the treasurer's report to the BOD.**
- **Need to check to see if we gave Tim the authority to use gen account funds to pay tax accountant fees.**
- **Newsletter items for J.D. before June: summary of the SBDN meeting – perhaps from Tim and Brooke? Also, write up for award winners (students and other awards). Link to new Bylaws, minutes from the BOD meeting, and list of new officers.**
- **Tim plans to look for duplicate names on SBDN mailing list (e.g., Bree is on there twice).**
- **We should post the 2010 Blitz awards names in the next SBDN newsletter (Tim and Darren).**
- **Joy agreed to discuss 2011 decon concerns with the Blitz host and the Blitz committee (done).**
- **Joy needs to ask Darren (already done) and David to follow up on potential 2012 blitz leads.**
- **Exec BOD needs to find a new WNS committee chair and consider the potential conflicts with membership on this committee and other WNS-commitments.**
- **Tim suggested that SBDN create an MOU with the Midwest Bat Working Group.**
- **Explore potential to host a bat blitz in the Midwest.**

Darren called the meeting to order at ~5:30 pm EST (Joy O'Keefe was late and did not start taking minutes until 6:00 pm).

Darren announced the results of the SBDN elections. Terms begin at the conclusion of the business meeting on 24 Feb. 2011. At that time, the Executive BOD is as follows with terms as listed:

Mike Lacki, President 2 yr,  
Joy O'Keefe, President-Elect 2 yr,  
Tim Carter, Treasurer 6 yr,  
Darren Miller, Past-President 2 yr  
Bree McMurray, Secretary 2 yr  
Katrina Morris, Board Member at Large (2 yr)

Out-going BOD members this year: Joy, Bree, Brian Carver, James Kiser  
Serving one more year (2011-2012): Mike Baker, Tom Risch, Nikki Castleberry, Dennis Krusac

### Incomplete Action Items/Old Business:

Darren reviewed the action items from the Feb and Aug 2010 BOD meetings. Most have been completed.

MOU with government agencies to allow government employees to serve on the BOD – Dennis stated that approval would need to go through Washington. Decided to drop this issue.

CORA/MYAU Plan – Mike Lacki has agreed to complete plan based on request from BCI. Has template, gray and published literature, and will complete by the end of November. Mike worried about a conflict of interest but no one else was concerned about this. Dennis pointed out that a candidate conservation agreement could preclude listing for these species.

Mission statement – **Dennis is to get Nikki a statement.** We need a consistent statement for the web, bylaws, etc. Need to bring final statement to the BOD for a vote and then make changes to the bylaws, etc. after that vote.

Bat Conservation Director Position description– has been sent to BOD, but has not been approved by BOD.

SBDN-BCI MOU signed. We need to utilize this MOU in some way, maybe by regular communication with BCI about issues of concern to both organizations.

USFS Funding for CORA/MYAU action plan – Dennis requested \$20K in 2011 money, but it was used for other purposes. Can ask again in 2012, especially if agency is considering listing

Responses from old SBDN members about why they failed to renew – Tim said 3 people re-joined after getting the message. Some people said it was an issue of too many memberships and not one of too much money for SBDN membership. Basically, no good responses.

We skipped the rest of the action items from the August 2010 BOD meeting.

### Reports:

*Treasurer's Report* – Membership is 94 people in 2010. The budget for the 2011 meeting was about \$35K. We have about \$5.6K in SBDN general account. We brought in \$300 net this year. Tim discussed meeting costs – apparently we owe the hotel an extra \$1K in attrition costs for unfilled rooms (but this could have been much higher). **Tim will email final copies of the treasurer's report to the BOD.** There are extra funds in the Colloquium account, but Tim says we won't need them for the 2011 meeting. Membership is 85 people for 2011 and we have 504 legit emails on listserv. Tim said we should not necessarily believe the numbers in the blitz accounts as listed on Treasurer's report because these funds are in flux. **Need to check to see if we gave Tim the authority to use gen account funds to pay tax accountant fees.**

*Newsletter* – J.D. Willhide said we had a good response for Nov/Dec 2010 newsletter and would need the same for June 2011. **We need a summary of the SBDN meeting for the newsletter – perhaps from Tim and Brooke? Also, need a write up for award winners (students and other awards). Decided we should include a link to new Bylaws. Also, needed are the minutes from the BOD meeting and a list of new officers. Tim plans to look for duplicate names on SBDN mailing list (e.g., Bree is on there twice).** Also, we reminded ourselves that there will be no more state reports at Business meetings because that information is now in the newsletter.

*Blitz Committee Report* – **We should post the 2010 Blitz awards names in the next SBDN newsletter (Tim and Darren).** We discussed having the 2011 Blitz in NC, as NC is now a WNS-confirmed state. There is some concern about bringing equipment from non-WNS states and also vehicles. **Joy agreed to discuss with the Blitz host and the Blitz committee.** Possible alternatives for the 2012 blitz include service projects, a multi-site simultaneous blitz where no one leaves their own area, or revisiting previous blitz locations. Darren says Stephanie Steele from the DeSoto NF has discussed hosting a blitz, and David has been working with Steve Shively in LA. **Need to ask Darren and Dave to follow up on those leads.**

*Bylaws Committee* – Not an ad hoc committee. Needs to be a standing committee, even if there is no action.

*Big-eared Bat Symposium* – The papers are in Asheville and going to publication (according to Susan Loeb).

*WNS Committee* – Neither Tom Risch nor Evan Pankuk are able to continue with committee chair responsibilities. Tom noted that the committee makeup is tricky because several people on the committee are also involved with the national advisory committee or state and federal agencies. He asked that the new **SBDN BOD find a new committee chair and consider the potential conflicts with**

**membership on this committee and other WNS-commitments.** The original purpose of this committee was to keep the BOD and membership informed about WNS and to advocate for SBDN.

**New Business:**

Brian Carver suggested as a membership benefit that we create a membership directory, including areas of expertise and types of bats you work on. Some discussion of where we could post this information and how we could password protect it. Joy stated that we might be able to post this information on the ISU Bat Center website and perhaps on behalf of multiple regional bat working groups.

**Tim suggested that SBDN create an MOU with the Midwest Bat Working Group. He also noted that there is the potential to host a bat blitz in the Midwest.**

Bree asked if there was the possibility of finishing an earlier SBDN project, the summary of bat information in state wildlife action plans. There was some suggestion of pursuing any old data related to this project, but we were pretty sure the data do not exist anymore. Katrina and Nikki pointed out that states are in the midst of revising their wildlife action plans, so perhaps we should revisit this issue after the new versions are out.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Darren seconded. All voted in favor (this was the only vote of the meeting). I did not note the time, but it was about 7:15 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted by outgoing Secretary Joy O'Keefe, 18 March 2011.  
Edited for clarity and accuracy; resubmitted 5 April 2011.

# BAT BLITZ



**10<sup>th</sup> SBDN BAT BLITZ: 31 July – 4 August 2011**

**Pisgah National Forest and vicinity, western North Carolina**

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General registration for the blitz will begin in Spring 2011.

Registration notification will be via the SBDN listserv.

*Updates posted on the SBDN listserv.  
More details at [www.sbdn.org](http://www.sbdn.org) and on the  
FaceBook page "10th SBDN Bat Blitz"*



B. H. Corpening Training Center, Crossnore, NC, is our base station. Located on the Linville River, the facility has a large kitchen, dining room, ample lodging and two well-equipped classrooms.

Three federally endangered species are known from locales in the vicinity of the Pisgah National Forest: Indiana bat, gray bat and Virginia big-eared bat. Additionally, there are four species of concern likely to occur in the area; small-footed bat, little brown bat; Northern long-eared bat and Rafinesque's big-eared bat. Other species that may be captured include silver-haired bat, tri-colored bat, big brown bat, red bat and hoary bat.



Some of the most beautiful scenery in the Southeast is found here. The Pisgah National Forest is known for its waterfalls and points along the Grandfather Mountain trail system provide stunning vistas.

**JOIN US IN WESTERN NC FOR THE 10<sup>th</sup> SBDN BAT BLITZ, 31 JULY – 4 AUGUST 2011**

# WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME

Article found on the Missouri Department of Conservation website: Discover Nature

In mid-April, 2010, the Missouri Department of Conservation confirmed Missouri's first signs of a new disease in bats that scientists have named "White-Nose Syndrome." The name describes a white fungus, *Geomyces destructans*, typically found on the faces and wings of infected bats.

The WNS fungus appears to spread mainly through bat-to-bat contact and has not been found to infect humans or other animals. It thrives in the cool, damp conditions found in many caves, which are also ideal hibernation and roosting sites for many bat species. The disease causes infected bats to awaken more often during their winter hibernation and fly outside in search of insects to eat. This activity uses up stored fat reserves needed to get them through the winter, and they usually freeze or starve to death.

White-nose syndrome was first discovered in a cave in New York in 2006. MDC scientists have been tracking the westward progression of the disease since its discovery. Laboratory tests recently confirmed the presence of the WNS fungus on a bat found in a cave in Pike County.

According to Bat Conservation International, a leading authority on bat conservation, education and research, WNS has killed more than a million bats in 11 states and Canada.

The MDC has a WNS action plan in place that focuses on MDC lands. The Department is working with other state and federal agencies, conservation groups and private cave owners, including owners of Missouri show caves, to develop a Missouri-wide WNS action plan to address the threat of WNS to the state's valuable bat populations.

There are more than 6,300 caves in Missouri with 74 percent of them privately owned. More than 500 are known to house bat colonies, but that number may be as high as 5,000.

Missouri is home to at least 12 species of bats. They are our front-line defense against many insect pests including some moths, certain



beetles and mosquitoes. Insect pests can cause extensive forest and agricultural damage. Missouri's 775,000 gray bats alone eat more than 223 billion bugs a year, or about 540 tons.

Bat Conservation International information states that the more than one million bats killed by WNS would have consumed just under 700,000 tons of insects each year. That equals the weight of about 175,000 elephants.

This is the photo of the actual bat that was suspect in the Pike County, MO cave.

(Complete article can be found at:

<http://mdc.mo.gov/nathis/caves/>

or

<http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/habitats/caves-and-karst/white-nose-syndrome-missouri>)

# STATE WORKING GROUP REPORTS

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as high as seven dollars contributed for every dollar spent. If you are interested in hosting an SBDN Bat Blitz, contact Katrina Morris at [katrina.morris@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:katrina.morris@dnr.state.ga.us).

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The SBDN Bat Blitz Committee has changed leadership. Katrina Morris (GA DNR) is the new committee chair. Katrina was the co-host of the 2010 SBDN Bat Blitz in northeast GA. Over 75 participants traveled from 19 states to participate in the 2010 Blitz. During 3-nights of netting, 292 bats representing 9 species were captured including 2 gray bats, representing a new county record from Georgia. Occurrence data will be used to make informed management decisions and provide baseline data in the face of White-nose Syndrome. Major sponsors of the 2010 Blitz included the US Forest Service, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Southeastern Bat Diversity Network, Bat Conservation International, GA Museum of Natural History, GA Power, TERN, US Army Corps of Engineers and Weyerhaeuser.



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To date, nine blitzes have been completed and the 10<sup>th</sup> Bat Blitz will be held on the Pisgah National Forest in western NC 31 July–4 August 2011 (contact Mary Kay Clark at [mkcmoonlight@gmail.com](mailto:mkcmoonlight@gmail.com) for more details). The SBDN Bat Blitz committee provides oversight and guidance to host organizations for all aspects of planning and completing a blitz, which takes about 18 months of effort per event. SBDN also serves as the bank for blitzes, expediting the process of making deposits on facilities, paying vendors, and reimbursing volunteers for certain expenses. Cost benefit ratios have been

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**Bree McMurray**  
(MO Dept of Transportation-  
MODOT)



From Ryan Allen, Bat Call Identification, INC. (Missouri)  
Free software version online for identification of bat calls.  
Released 4/28/11  
<http://www.batcallid.com/>

Megan York-Harris, Wildlife Biologist  
Mark Twain National Forest  
Poplar Bluff Ranger District (southeastern MO)

USFS trapped in the Brown's Hollow area May 19-22, 2011.  
No Indiana bats were captured. This is a known summer roost  
area in southeastern Missouri, about one county west of where  
the 2009 SBDN bat blitz was held. They did battle bad  
weather and had to close nets early twice due to storms. There  
has been major flooding in southeastern Missouri, even on the  
nearby St. Francis River in the Brown's Hollow area.

Theresa Davidson  
Forest Wildlife Biologist  
Mark Twain National Forest (NF lands, MO)

The Mark Twain National Forest worked with MDC to do  
Indiana bat population monitoring this winter (2010-2011).  
We will continue to do Anabat routes this spring & summer.  
We are also doing some mist netting this summer to determine  
bat absence/presence in project areas.

(southeastern MO)

Our friends at the Wappapello Lake Army Corps Project  
Office, some of you will remember from the 2009 SBDN Bat  
Blitz, have been temporarily relocated in other buildings near  
the Lake Wappapello Dam. Several days of torrential rains in  
late April and early May 2011 put Lake Wappapello at its  
highest flood stage ever, cresting at 400.0 feet, approximately  
41 feet above normal pool. The flood waters over-topped the  
emergency spillway, which is south of the dam, and washed  
out Route T, which many of us used to travel to and from net  
sites and the Sunday night media event in 2009. The project  
office was not damaged, but it is situated close to the  
destroyed section of road and has been affected by the loss of  
utility infrastructure that was also washed out with Route T.  
All of our friends at the Wappapello Lake Project Office were  
safe, but have certainly been affected from the flooding, both  
professionally and personally.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**10th SBDN Bat Blitz - Pisgah  
National Forest ([cs.unca.edu/nfsnc](http://cs.unca.edu/nfsnc))  
and vicinity (northwestern NC)**



31 July - 4 August  
2011; headquarters, Crossnore, NC  
([www.dfr.state.nc.us/education/corpening\\_facility](http://www.dfr.state.nc.us/education/corpening_facility))

- Inventory focus area: Pisgah National Forest and other public and private parcels in the vicinity.
- Well-known features in this area include Grandfather Mountain ([www.grandfather.com](http://www.grandfather.com)) and Linville Falls ([www.ncwaterfalls.com](http://www.ncwaterfalls.com))
- A **facebook page** for the 2011 blitz (named "**10th SBDN Bat Blitz**") has been established.
- More information will be posted on **facebook** and on the **SBDN website**, [www.sbdn.org](http://www.sbdn.org) in 2011 as we proceed with planning.

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Joy O'Keefe (Indiana State University) and Susan Loeb (USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station) are continuing a Joint Fire Sciences-funded study on the effects of prescribed fire on Indiana bat roost habitat in the southern Appalachian mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. The 2011 field crew includes an ISU graduate student, Kristina Hammond, who will be studying effects of temperature and reproductive condition on roosting behavior and landscape-level roost site selection. Thus far the 2011 crew has tracked 6 females and 1 male Indiana bat. Unfortunately, bats of several cave-roosting species have shown signs of wing damage. However, capture rates are high and maternity colony emergence counts are consistent with previous years.

Kristina Hammond  
and Katherine  
Caldwell collecting  
samples on bats  
captured in the  
Great Smoky  
Mountains  
National Park in  
May 2011.





Joy O'Keefe (Indiana State University) is conducting an acoustic study on bats of the Nantahala National Forest in Graham County, NC. The objective of the study is to determine how bat activity and species presence varies across vertical space in a mature hardwood forest. The field crew is being led by Jen Heemeyer, who recently completed her master's thesis on crawfish frogs; Jen is now honing her skills as an archer and bat biologist. Also on the crew are Tara Thomson (a recent UGA grad who will be studying roosting habits of eastern small-footed bats for her M.S. at Indiana State) and Danny Schaefer (an ISU undergrad who was awarded a creative inquiry stipend for the acoustic project). In July 2011, the crew will begin tracking eastern small-footed bats in the same area with funding from the Tallassee Foundation.



Danny Schaefer and Jen Heemeyer establishing acoustic sampling points on the Nantahala National Forest in May 2011.

**Tennessee Bat Working Group Meeting Info, George Wyckoff**



The eighth annual meeting of the Tennessee Bat Working Group (TNBWG) will be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Creek Falls State Park Conference Center. This is an opportunity to learn more about the status of bat conservation efforts, participate in discussions regarding the current and future needs of bat species, and present any work you're doing. Anyone with an interest in bat conservation is encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in presenting should contact Cory Holliday ([cholliday@tnc.org](mailto:cholliday@tnc.org))

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# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

I am pleased to announce the winners of this year's student presentation awards from the 21<sup>st</sup> Colloquium on Conservation of Mammals in the Eastern United States held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Colloquium's highest award, best student oral presentation, goes to **Joseph Johnson** from the University of Kentucky for his presentation on Social Networks of Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*) in Kentucky.

The best student oral bat presentation award goes to **Laci Coleman** of the University of Georgia for her presentation on Summer Roosting Habitat Selection of the Northern Yellow Bat (*Lasiurus intermedius*) on Sapelo Island, Georgia.

The best student poster award goes to **Janelle Bowcock** of Missouri State University for her poster on Acoustic Monitoring of Winter Bat Activity at Cave Entrances: A Preliminary Report.

Each of these students will receive a personalized certificate and a check for \$150.00

Please join the Awards Committee in congratulating these students for all their hard work resulting in such fine presentations. And, I want to thank all who helped with the evaluations of these and the other student presentations.

Lisa J Gatens  
Curator of Mammals  
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# Items of Interest

Dr. Darren Miller, SE-TWS past president and Southeastern Section Representative to TWS Council has been nominated for TWS President Elect. As most of you know Darren has been very active with TWS and the Southeastern Section and was very instrumental in ensuring that TWS's commitment to hunting, fishing and utilitarian use of wildlife as a management tool will remain one of its core values.

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## **Announcing a White-nose Syndrome for Cavers Workshop, Cory Holliday**

The TN Bat Working Group Meeting is scheduled for Friday November 18th at the Inn at Fall Creek Falls State Park. This meeting will have plenty of interest to cavers and is always a very good meeting with great presenters. This year, I'm planning to organize a WNS for Cavers workshop for Saturday November 19th. This workshop will go over some WNS science, basic bat identification, WNS surveillance methodology, how to report potential WNS sightings, etc.

This workshop is certainly not limited to TN based cavers as the information will be relevant to anyone the southeast, mid-south, midwest, etc. Fall Creek Falls State Park does have several lodging options including the Inn and conference center and a campground with improved and primitive camping available. There is a restaurant at the Inn and some very nice hiking/scenic opportunities. I hope folks will come out for one or both of these meetings and plan to have a good time.

Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions as we are in the very early stages of planning for this workshop.

Cory Holliday

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

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**American Society of Mammalogists**  
Portland State University, Portland, Oregon  
24-29 June 2011.

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**MISSISSIPPI BAT WORKING GROUP**  
2011 Mist Net Event

The Mississippi Bat Working Group's 2011 Mist Net Event will be held July 11 - 13 at Grenada Lake in Grenada, Mississippi. The event will include two nights of netting bats with potential sites including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers properties, state WMA's and National Wildlife Refuges.

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[10th SBDN Bat Blitz](#) –  
July 31 - August 4, 2011  
Pisgah National Forest, Crossnore, NC.

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41th North American Symposium of Bat Research  
Annual meeting  
October 26-29, 2011  
Toronto, ON

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**18th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society**  
**Waikoloa, Hawaii (The Big Island)**  
**November 5 -10, 2011**

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**FROM THE EDITOR:**

Does Nightwing News seem a little sparse?

Wondering why your state or your work was not prominently mentioned or maybe not at all?

We are all busy people and we usually have too much going on, I know I do.

Maybe there is truly not that much to talk about until after our field seasons.

So let's all agree that we are all too busy but we will somehow find the few moments to send so bit of news.

Think of it as old school social networking.

Thanks again to those individuals that found the time to contribute to the June issue.

Send all your interesting bits to J.D. Wilhide (jd\_wilhide@cml.net)

**“Thank You!!”**