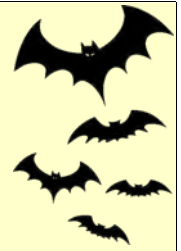




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WHAT IS THE SOUTHEASTERN BAT DIVERSITY NETWORK?

This newsletter constitutes the first collective endeavor of a newly formed organization, The Southeastern Bat Diversity Network (SBDN). Through this newsletter and other communications, the SBDN intends to foster relationships, develop mutual goals, and inform state, federal, and private conservation groups of activities related to the study and conservation of bats of the southeastern United States. The primary goal of the group is to use sound biological findings to advance bat conservation efforts.

This group was established at the 25th North America Bat Research Symposium in Boston in August 1995. It had its genesis in a desire for better communication among those working on rare bats in the southeast. Two meetings were held during the symposium to establish a regional bat network for the southeastern United States. The purpose of the first meeting was to discuss the need and creation of a formal communications and cooperation network between those working on two species at risk: *Plecotus rafinesquii* and *Myotis austroriparius*. However, at that meeting a number of additional items were brought to the table by representatives from various organizations, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Biological Service, and Bat Conservation International. At a follow-up meeting the group decided to adopt a broader scope to address bat conservation issues in the southeast. To that end a mission statement was drafted, tasks to accomplish the mission were

discussed, and other items relating to the development and organization of a regional group were pursued.

Draft Mission Statement:

Conserve bat diversity in the southeast, through mutual efforts, by compiling and disseminating information about the region's bats.

Draft Tasks:

- X Create regional action plans to address survey, research and conservation needs for bat species at risk and to preserve bat diversity.
- X Identify problems and coordinate field work needed to gather data for status and management decisions.
- X Present findings/initiatives to management agencies, conservation groups, researchers and other interested parties.
- X Develop electronic data bases to facilitate information transfer.
- X Integrate bat diversity conservation actions with strategies to protect ecosystems.

ACTION PLANS

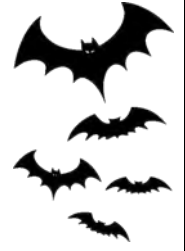
The SBDN will take a proactive approach to bat conservation in the region. To better define and accomplish goals for species at risk, Action Plans will be prepared for targeted species, or for groups of species occupying similar habitat types. These written documents will include the following subjects: distribution (historic and current), survey and monitoring



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President's Address:

In honor of this edition of Nightwing News focusing on the history of SBDN, I'd like to call attention to the fact that bat and mammal enthusiasts from around the southeastern US have gathered for the SBDN meeting annually for a quarter of a century now! We deviated from this tradition for our 26th get-together (in February 2021), meeting virtually for the first time ever. Our ability to find new ways to talk science with one another this winter demonstrates our resilience as an organization. Kudos to the 2021 conference planning team (Steve Samoray, Scott Bergeson, Trina Morris, Katherine Etchison, and Luke Dodd) for executing an innovative virtual alternative that allowed us to continue the tradition of 'gathering' annually, despite the pandemic!

The first Nightwing News was disseminated in December 1995. It proclaims that "The SBDN intends to foster relationships, develop mutual goals, and inform state, federal, and private conservation groups of activities related to the study and conservation of bats of the southeastern US. The primary goal of the group is to use sound biological findings to advance bat conservation efforts".

Bat conservation has come a long way in the past 25 years, yet there is still a lot of work to be done on behalf of bats in the Southeast. The diversity of SBDN members is one of our great strengths for managing modern-day challenges. The broad range of perspectives and expertise encompassed by our vast professional community enables us to respond in meaningful ways to emerging conservation issues. Our heterogeneity is reflected in the executive board you recently elected, comprised of individuals representing state and federal agencies, academia, and the private sector. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president.

Looking back, many of us reflect fondly on the February 2020 SBDN conference as the last large gathering we attended in person before COVID restrictions set in. Looking forward, many of us now anxiously await the next opportunity to meet face-to-face. Tom Risch and the new Executive Committee are committed to trying to host the 2022 SBDN conference in person. You can tentatively mark your calendars for a trip to Jonesboro, Arkansas for 9-11 March 2022. More details will follow...

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Executive Committee Meeting

**Southeastern Bat Diversity Network
Executive Committee
Minutes of the Mid-Year Board Meeting
February 24, 2021**

Attendees

Steve Samoray, President
Trina Morris, Past President
Holly Ober, Incoming President
Jennifer Kindel, Incoming Member at Large

Luke Dodd, Treasurer
Katherine Etchison, Secretary
Scott Bergeson, Member at Large
Sue Cameron, Incoming Secretary

Action Items

AI1: Morris send Bat Blitz host package to Robinson to post to website.

AI2: Bergeson and Morris meet about NABCA representation.

AI3: Ober send SBDN Meeting Plenary Session link to Cameron to send to meeting registrants and members. Share with Robinson to post to website after one month.

Call to order 3:03 PM EST, President Samoray

AI1: Complete, needs to be posted to website. Morris, Burns, and Pattavina revise Bat Blitz host package.

AI2: Not complete and not currently feasible. Morris contact NABCA about potentially creating a Bats of North America poster to go along with the State of North American Bats assessment.

AI3: Complete. Samoray asked Robinson to add 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, John MacGregor, to website.

AI4: Complete. Samoray asked Robinson to talk to website hosts about making outputs from transactions more streamlined ahead of 2022 annual meeting.

AI5: Complete. Dodd calculated the percentage of transactions that use PayPal to decide whether to keep this payment option on the website.

AI6: Complete. Samoray alerted Awards Committee of change in student travel award.

New Business

Bats and Mines Meeting

The Bats and Mines meeting was scheduled for October 6-7, 2020 in Louisville, KY but was postponed because of COVID-19. The meeting is now scheduled for October 4-6, 2021 in Louisville and hosts are offering a series of 1-hr webinars in April, June, and August. Webinars will be offered through NCTC using WebEx with no registration fee. Webinars will be advertised on SBDN email list.

Tentative topics and dates are:

- April 27: Successful Case Studies of Bats and Mines Management
- June 17: Bats and Mines Survey Techniques
- August 26: Integrating Ecological Knowledge into Landscapes for Bats and Mines

NABCA Update

An SBDN representative has served on the North American Bat Conservation Alliance group since its inception. NABCA is currently working on the State of North American Bats. Morris is the current NABCA representative, but a new representative will be needed since she is rotating off the EC. Bergeson is considering serving as the new representative if his workload allows. The EC discussed creation of a new committee of state agency representatives to help fulfil requests for SBDN representatives for outside groups like NABCA and others to limit the burden on the EC.

Southeastern State Agencies Committee

The EC proposes a Southeastern State Agencies Committee with one representative from each state. Representation by states is optional and can be filled by the applicable state agency biologist or their nominee. The EC can ask this group to fill requests SBDN receives to serve on outside groups. This will lessen the burden on the EC and will provide the chosen representative with a group for discussion.

Website Voice Activation Option

The EC discussed paying the website hosts ~\$1,000 to enable voice activation on the website. The EC decided that it is not currently necessary to spend additional funds on the website for this feature.

Signing onto Recovering America's Wildlife Act

The EC voted to support the Recovering America's Wildlife Act by signing on as a co-sponsor.

2022 SBDN Meeting

The 2022 SBDN Meeting will be hosted by Tom Risch at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Red Wolf Convention Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The EC decided to wait until June before moving forward on a contract with the venue.

2023 SBDN Meeting

The 2023 SBDN Meeting will be hosted by Lydia Moore and Jen Kindel in South Carolina.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 24 Feb 2021, a total of \$84,799.41 was distributed across SBDN accounts (Table 1). Of that, \$2814.56 was allocated to our general account. Membership dues remain our primary source of operating income (*with a special note given the linkage of membership with the offering of the 2021 Virtual Meeting*). The largest expenses to be incurred this past year are related to tax preparation (\$600 for filing of 2019 taxes, as in past years) and website maintenance (\$2,100 in 2018, \$350 in 2019, \$523.12 in 2020).

There have been 86 transactions from 2020 to date (versus 136 reported for the Fall 2019 EC meeting and 123 for the Fall 2018 EC meeting). *The inflow of funds for 2020 to date totaled \$50,791.42, whereas outflows totaled \$50,103.78.* Obviously COVID-19 continues to impact the overall financial activity of our organization; our movement of funds this past year is ca. ½ that of previous years. Even so, we now serve as a bank for 6 different state bat working groups (AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, TN). As is readily apparent from the amount of money moving through our bank account, and the funds held on behalf of various functions and groups, we still perform a valuable service to the bat community.

During the meeting of the SBDN Executive Committee on the afternoon of 24 Feb 2021, it was decided (by vote) that residual funds from the 2021 Virtual Meeting will be allocated to the SBDN General account (given linkage of meeting registration with membership this year). Additionally, given the dramatic decline in funds collected by Paypal in the past year versus Swipe (ca. \$6443 vs. \$28,246), it was also decided in the same meeting that Swipe would become the organization's means of collecting online and credit card payments.

Respectfully submitted: 24 Feb 2021 – By Luke Dodd – SBDN Treasurer.

Table 1. Account Balances - As of 24 Feb 2021.

Banking	\$84,799.41
Bat Blitz Funds	15,062.19
Big Eared Bat Symposium	2,659.25
Colloquium Surplus Funds	40,898.81
SBDN - General Account	2,814.56
SBDN - Student Travel Award	6,175.73
NC Bat Working Group	1,115.00
GA Bat Working Group	2,172.72
KY Bat Working Group	2,913.11
AL Bat Working Group	6,157.34
TN BWG	1,097.11
FL Bat Working Group	481.76
2021 Virtual Meeting	3,251.83
IB Reward Account	0.00
2020 Meeting	0.00
More Accounts	0.00
Separate	\$0.00

SBDN Credit Card

The SBDN bank account is linked to two credit cards and one is in Morris' name because she was the president when Dodd started as Treasurer. Morris is rotating off the EC but continues to be involved with the Georgia Bat Working Group and other working groups in the South. The EC decided to keep the credit card in Morris' name since the GBWG is the most active working group financially.

Recent Donations

The Nashville Zoo contacted Samoray about donating funds to SBDN. TVA recently donated \$1,500 for future bat blitzes.

Committees

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Website Committee (Robinson): The website continues to act as a resource for state working group registrations. The Florida Bat Working Group was added to the website this year. Robinson would be happy to take volunteers for the website committee.

Blitz Committee (Pattavina/Burns): The 2021 Bat Blitz is tentatively planned for August 2-6 at Camp McDowell, Alabama. The hosts recently sent a survey to the SBDN email list to gauge participation.

Membership Committee (Bergeson): SBDN currently has 260 members. The average membership was around 100 over the last few years. Membership increased this year since it was included with meeting registration at no extra cost. A Qualtrics survey was sent to the email list in the Fall to gauge member satisfaction and the results will be shared during the SBDN Business Meeting. A future Qualtrics survey will be sent out to gauge interest in including membership with registration at future meetings.

Awards Committee (Burnett): During the mid-year 2020 meeting, the EC voted to give two \$500 Student Travel Awards to students presenting at the North American Symposium on Bat Research instead of one in the future. Recent silent auction proceeds have made this funding opportunity possible. If the NASBR meeting is virtual in 2021, a student travel award may not be needed unless it is awarded to cover registration. The EC decided to wait to advertise the award until details are known about the 2021 NASBR meeting.

SBDN 2021 Meeting Planning

The EC discussed final planning details about the SBDN Virtual Meeting. The plenary session will be recorded, and the link will be sent to registrants and members. After one month, the recording will be posted to the website.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM EST.

Southeastern Bat Diversity Network
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
February 25, 2021

Call to order: 1:02PM EST, President Samoray

Introductory Remarks: welcome to Virtual SBDN Business Meeting. Recognition of Executive Committee, which served as meeting hosts.

SBDN Executive Committee and Election Results

Holly Ober, President

Steve Samoray, Past President

Scott Bergeson, President-elect

Luke Dodd, Treasurer

Sue Cameron, Secretary

Jen Kindel, Board Member at Large

Trina Morris and Katherine Etchison served as Past President and Secretary, respectively, and are rotating off the EC.

Treasurer's Report, Luke Dodd

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Committee Reports

Membership Committee Scott Bergeson

SBDN membership has been trending downward after the 2015 joint meeting. The annual membership average is 132 members since 2015. SBDN loses over half its members (55%) every year. Membership is up to 260 this year since membership was tied to meeting registration. 83 members are brand new. SBDN has had a total of 611 members since 2003. A survey will be sent to gauge interest in including membership in future meeting registration costs.

A survey was sent to members in Fall 2020 and received 107 responses. The survey captured responses on member locations, professions, why members join SBDN, level of satisfaction, importance of SBDN activities, and additional benefits that should come with membership. Responses on benefits included more professional workshops, reduced meeting registration, dues being used to offset student registration or membership costs, a job board, a literature archive, meeting program access, member contact information, and virtual lecture series.

Bergeson is now President-elect, so a new Membership Committee Chair is needed. If interested, please email bergesos@pfw.edu.

Website Committee Report Jason Robinson

The website provides registration for state working groups. If interested in helping with website committee, send email to jason@biologicalsystemsconsultants.com. Theses and dissertations can also be sent to Jason to add to SBDN page.

North American Bat Conservation Alliance (NABCA) Trina Morris

Morris is SBDN representative for NABCA (batconservationalliance.org). NABCA is creating the State of North American Bats using NatureServe criteria. Reviewers anonymously submitted responses to the assessment and the responses will be collated and discussed within the group.

To handle requests for SBDN representation on outside groups, a Southeastern State Agencies Committee is proposed. One state agency biologist or their nominee can serve per state and participation is optional.

Nightwing News J.D. Wilhide

Send photos and updates to nightwingnewsletter@gmail.com or jwildhide@cecinc.com.

Bat Blitz Committee Report Pete Pattavina and Leanne Burns

The Bat Blitz is currently scheduled for August 2-6, 2021 at Camp McDowell, Alabama. A poll was sent to the SBDN email list to gauge attendance. 76 people have responded: 17 indicated they could attend, 23 were uncertain of attendance because of Covid, and 25 others were uncertain because of reasons separate from Covid. No Bat Blitz leaders are signed up at this point. The blitz may require Covid vaccines, but the timing of vaccination eligibility may not work out. The hosts have until May 1 to decide whether the blitz will occur this year. Funding will be available for one more year, so the blitz could be pushed to 2022. The hosts would like more participation on the survey.

Awards Committee Report Steve Samoray for Stephen Burnett

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Future Meetings Holly Ober

The 2022 conference will be held in Jonesboro, Arkansas at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Jonesboro Red Wolf Convention Center in February. The lead planner is Tom Risch.

The 2023 conference will be held in South Carolina in February. The lead planners are Lydia Moore and Jennifer Kindel.

The Bats and Mines Workshop will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY on Oct. 4-6, 2021. The goal of this meeting is to facilitate technical interactive forums for the discussion of issues facing bats at mines. The intended audience is consultants, state and federal agencies, mine operators, land managers, and researchers. The format will include invited keynote speakers and themed breakout sessions. The primary contact is Dave Waldien (dwaldien@gmail.com). A three-part webinar series will begin this spring and will be held virtually through NCTC. There will be no registration fee and the webinars will be 1 hour. Tentative webinar dates are April 27, June 17, and August 26. Details will be sent through the SBDN email list.

New Business

A question arose about the next scheduled joint meeting. A joint meeting is not currently scheduled. Missouri will host the Midwest Bat Working Group Meeting in 2022. The idea to start discussing the next joint meeting with the MWBWG was brought up.

A question arose about how SBDN can promote diversity and equity. President Samoray indicated the EC will be working on this in the future. The North Carolina Bat Working Group formed a committee to sponsor an undergraduate from an underrepresented population to attend the next SBDN meeting.

SBDN will be cosigning for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52PM EST.

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THE FIRST 25 YEARS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN BAT DIVERSITY NETWORK

FOUNDING NOTES AND BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN BAT DIVERSITY NETWORK IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mary Kay Clark, Raleigh, NC

The Southeastern Bat Diversity Network (SBDN) celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2020. As a founding member, and the chair of the SBDN until we incorporated as a nonprofit entity, I was asked to prepare a short history of the group. The group's newsletter, Nightwing News, has chronicled the group's growth and activities throughout these last two and a half decades. The first newsletters summarize the birth of the group (Nightwing News, Volume 1, Number 1; December 1995) and the 1996 volume contains information about the first meeting (NN: 2(1) August 1996).

What follows herein are my personal recollections on the early days, and some notes on how certain things came to be-like our funky name. My memories were supplemented to an extent by my file notes, articles from past Nightwing News editions, and some other correspondence and communications with folks involved in the early development of this group. A quarter of a century is a long time. Any inaccuracies herein are solely my responsibility. I encourage corrections and additions, and ask forgiveness for any inaccuracies that are purely a result of my fast-fading memory.

Up to the mid- 90s, bat study was relatively rare in the U. S. for a variety of reasons, however, growing concerns about the status of bats combined with new technology allowed bat study to expand considerably and the number of people working with bats grew substantially. Conservation, management, and life history information was lacking for most species. As information needs grew and knowledge advanced, so did the need to share information. Informal chats over beers about establishing a means of better cooperation and communication had been ongoing in many areas for a several years. The North American Society for Bat Research (NASBR) was the only meeting that brought together bat biologists annually, and the travel and costs to attend that meeting were prohibitive for many. Bat Conservation International was producing a newsletter and bringing together biologists, natural resource professionals and land managers in other ways. While these were important resources for bat biologists, regional differences and priorities called for more local networking.

Prior to the 25th NASBR meeting in Boston, MA (NASBR host, Dr. Tom Kunz, Boston University) a small group of biologists had been communicating with each other by the primary means of the times-faxes, phone calls, and the U.S. Postal Service. These folks were working on two species at risk and had come to the conclusion that it would be beneficial to form a group to share information and help focus study and conservation efforts of their target species: *Corynorhinus rafinesquii* and *Myotis austroriparius*. They agreed to meet at the 25th NASBR with the goal of organizing such a group. This group included individuals from state and federal agencies (US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Biological Service), academia, and Bat Conservation International as well as others. During this meeting the discussion naturally turned to the broader need and members came to the conclusion that establishing a group that would cover all bats occurring in the southeast was warranted. A very productive follow-up meeting occurred and we were off and running with a draft mission statement, goals and tasks, a name, a newsletter, and the first meeting of the SBDN was in development.

The group adopted the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies geographic definition of the southeast. This includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The draft mission statement was as follows: “Conserve bat diversity in the southeast, through mutual efforts, by compiling and disseminating information about the region’s bats.”

Regarding the name, “Southeastern” was a given since it represents the region. “Southeastern Bat Working Group” was proposed, but two members pointed out that the term “working group” was used for a committee or group appointed to study and report on a particular question and make recommendations based on its findings. Since the group was founded on the broad concept of conserving and maintaining bat diversity in the region that didn’t seem appropriate. Additionally, it was noted that “Southeastern Bat” was a common name for *M. austroriparius* and there was some potential for mistaking the group as targeting that species instead of the region. “Bat Diversity” was chosen because it represents the objective of conserving the region’s bat diversity, and “Network” represented the goal of creating avenues for information sharing and collaboration.

Four months after the meeting in Boston, in December 1995, the first issue of Nightwing News was distributed. I had previously suggested the name “Nightwing News” for the SBDN newsletter; the first newsletter asks for other suggestions, but it appears that there were none since we’re still producing “Nightwing News.” Bob Currie (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Asheville, NC), one of the original founding and steering committee members, assisted me in the preparation of the first three years of the newsletter and handled the mailing list and all distribution during that time. The first mailing list was created using the 25th NASBR attendee addresses from the southeast, as well as those of other individuals and institutions the founding members wanted to encourage to participate in the SBDN.

The logo for the SBDN is a pen and ink image of *Corynorhinus rafinesquii*. Although rumor has it that this species was picked by me since I was involved in *C. rafinesquii* fieldwork, it was, in fact, not my idea to feature this species. Other founding members promoted this choice because the distribution of this species is confined to the southeastern states and that made it a good representative for the region. I designed the logo and subsequently made improvements to the image of the bat, and incorporated the group name into the logo. The logo featuring this bat appeared on the Newsletter and other SBDN documents. It was illustrated by the late Renaldo Kuhler (Scientific Illustrator, N. C. Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC) whose work was published in numerous peer-reviewed scientific journals.

The SBDN owes much of its success to the support and involvement of the founders of the Colloquium for the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeast. The late Dr. Mick Harvey (Tennessee Tech University) studied bats for most of his life, and colleagues and friends Dr. Mike Kennedy (The University of Memphis) and Dr. Troy Best (Auburn University) are prominent mammalogists in the southeast. These three had established an annual meeting for those working with mammals in the South Central states. Bat presentations were already a big part of the Colloquium and Dr. Harvey was especially interested in developing a separate group to focus on bat priorities and information sharing. The first Colloquium meetings were limited to Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee and it was known as the Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the South-Central United States. Later the geographic focus expanded and the meeting name changed to The Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals in the Southeast.

The organizers of the Colloquium provided us with the opportunity to attach our group to theirs and have a joint meeting. This made it more feasible for biologists to attend a meeting of the SBDN and it also gave us a head-start on meeting venues and membership. The first meeting of the SBDN was held in February 1996 in conjunction with the 6th Colloquium, hosted by Dr. Mike Lacki (University of Kentucky) in Somerset KY. There were 36 attendees from 10 states (AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, OH, NC, SC, TN, TX).

SBDN grew quickly and steadily. Initial discussions about organizational structure had included talk of becoming a nonprofit, but those attending the first meeting in 1996 voted for an informal structure. As time passed the lack of structure seemed to be holding us back, so I again proposed that we pursue 501(c) 3 status and this was approved at the annual meeting in 2000. The SBDN had been led by a steering committee of volunteers up to that point. Alex Menzel, a University of Georgia graduate student, also pursuing legal education, contacted me and asked to put the formal documents together relating to the organization of a nonprofit. Dr. Menzel described the process in the Fall/Winter 2001 issue of Nightwing News. I filed the completed papers and paid the fee, incorporating the SBDN as a nonprofit in NC.

The nonprofit status required organizational changes, by law we needed a Board of Directors and officers. The Fall/Winter 2001 issue of Nightwing News describes the leadership changes and process. As an interim solution until elections could be held, the volunteer steering committee composed of me, Troy Best, Bob Currie, Jeff Gore, Mick Harvey, Dennis Krusac, Mike Lacki, David Saugey, J.D. Wilhide, and T. Bentley Wigley became the first members of the Board of Directors. Officer positions and elections occurred for the first time in 2003. Growth and change continued and warranted further organizational changes. The charter was revised and leadership was restructured to reduce the number of Directors and make the group governance and activities more committee-driven. The most recent effort was spearheaded by Dr. Darren Miller and is described in the June 2010 issue of Nightwing News.

There has never been a time when the SBDN has faltered or lapsed, even the coronavirus pandemic didn't stop the group from having a successful (and safe) annual meeting in 2021. The group has contributed significantly to the growing body of bat study through symposia (e.g., 2014: the published results of symposium on conservation of *Corynorhinus rafinesquii* and *Myotis austroriparius*), participation in national efforts (NA Bat Monitoring project), disseminating information through regular annual meetings (including hosting the NASBR in 2006) and co-sponsoring joint regional meetings, and by other means (e.g., newsletter and web presence). In addition the group has also met the original goals of the founders by collaborating to secure basic life history data through efforts such as the popular SBDN-sponsored Bat Blitzes. I'm proud to have had such a long association with the group and its members and look forward to what the future holds for bats and the SBDN. Thank you to J.D. Wilhide for inviting this presentation and for your long-term efforts with this newsletter.

Long live the SBDN!

Cheers and best wishes for the next 25!

SBDN MEETINGS THE EARLY YEARS

1996 - 1999

Somerset, KY; Black Mountain, NC;

Hot Springs, AR; Wytheville, VA

James Kizer remembers that 1st meeting:

I may be showing my age here, but I was present at that first SBDN meeting in Jabez, KY (Somerset, KY). This location is only about 45 minutes from where I live now. It was a very memorable meeting for me because it represented my first oral presentation at a professional bat meeting. However, based on today's meeting standards it would be considered a nightmare. The conference location was actually at a KDFWR summer camp site and all the non-bunk house lodging (motels) was in Somerset, which was approximately 30 - 45 minutes away, in a different time zone, and both in a dry (non-alcoholic sales) county. I've attended all but two (Nacogdoches TX and Helen GA) of the SBDN meetings, and the first location was by far the smallest venue and most remote site for a meeting. It's amazing we still had participation after that first meeting.

With all that said, the real purpose of this email is to obtain a photograph of Dr. Josh Laerm from around this time frame. I wanted to share with the membership what he had to say about the meeting location of our first SBDN meeting. At the beginning of the meeting Dr. Laerm stood up and said, "I don't know who the hell would schedule a meeting in a dry county, but this can't happen again," of course it was Dr. Mike Lackii. The ones of us who knew the host just snickered. We were still upset over our nearly 45 minute drive from Somerset without breakfast and coffee because we didn't realize how the same county could have two different time zones and we were running late, so unable to get breakfast. Now in all fairness to Dr. Lackii, the previous Mammal Colloquium meetings had been in small venues with much smaller groups of biologists.

Those of you who got to study under Dr. Laerm were very lucky. I really appreciated his shrew talks and associated stories, and his good ole boy attitude at the meetings. As John MacGregor just reminded me, Josh would also say that "Many Yoo-hoos was drunk in the pursuit of shrews in north Georgia." One of the things that we all need to remember is that it doesn't matter where and what type of venue the meetings are held at, it really is the people who attend the meetings that make the memories. Us old timers (as JD called us in the original email) need to continue to share the stories with younger members and students because each of us have wonderful stories to tell. As I reflect back over the years, we have lost many of the pioneering biologists and all of them played important roles on our careers.

SBDN Meetings The Early Years

1996 - 1999



Dr. Josh Laerm

One of the people that stand out for me in those early years of the Mammal Colloquium and also SBDN is Dr. Josh Laerm. Although not a bat researcher and even though he was only at a couple of meetings, watching Dr. Laerm's presentations on shrews was entertaining to say the least and really struck a chord with me. It is fitting that one of his quotes was "showmanship over substance". He may have made that statement, and he did put on quite the show while presenting, there

was certainly no lack of substance in his research. Someone would make a really good presentation with a sample size of around 200 – 300 (which is reasonable), and then the amazing Dr. Laerm would stroll to the podium and proceed to blow them out of the water with sample sizes anywhere from 10 to 15 times greater (3000 – 5000). He would also state that his data was "significantly insignificant" when his P values were greater than 0.9. I personally remember him stating that in one of his talks and trying to understand how that worked after being told that P values had to be less than 0.05 to be significant. I also have been told that he would often insert random unrelated words into his talks in a way that no one would notice. That is my kind of sense of humor.

I can't take credit for many of these "Laermism's", I would like to thank Tim Carter, Nikki Castleberry, Steven Castleberry, and Mark Ford for the unique and timeless information and photo of the one and only Dr. Josh Laerm.

For more about the life of Dr. Laerm please visit:

<https://gmnh.franklin.uga.edu/dr-joshua-laerm-remembrance>

J.D. Wilhide—2021



2000 5th SBDN MEETING

Guntersville, Alabama

REMEMBERING HIS FIRST SBDN MEETING:

Dr. William E. Stone, CWB

Associate Professor, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
Alabama A&M University

The first meeting of the SBDN and SE Mammal Colloquium that I participated in was at Guntersville State Park, Alabama in 2000, or Y2K, as it was referred to back then. I eagerly drove to the meeting every day from Huntsville, AL despite the torturous detour caused by the repair of the bridge just west of the park entrance. Besides that indelible memory, I recall a special workshop on acoustic monitoring using ANABAT by Eric Britzke when he was still a graduate student. This was my first introduction to the topic, and I still have the copious notes that I took during this workshop. Eric demonstrated the technology from the scenic overlook above the Tennessee River during the evening, and I was convinced bat monitoring was headed in a new direction from the netting I had been doing. There were many fascinating presentations at the meeting, especially by Alan Trousdale, Michael Menzel, Jennifer Menzel and other graduate students at the time. Dr. Troy Best from Auburn University and his colleagues organized the meeting and I was delighted to meet this accomplished mammalogist and hear some of his stories related to surveying bats in Mexico and other foreign lands. I recall at the business meeting that year that someone made the comment that the group could use more ethnic diversity. This caught my attention being employed at a historically black college or university, Alabama A&M University. A couple years later, my first graduate student and I would present his research on Indiana bat roosting ecology in northern Alabama at the SBDN meeting. Dr. Best served on Ben Battle's graduate committee and instructed him on bats and mammals as a visiting student at Auburn for a semester while Bean commuted from Tuskegee, his nearby home town. Thus, SBDN meeting in Y2K helped us to make important professional connections that would benefit students for decades. Recently, my son Matthew and I presented his undergraduate research at the 2018 ALBWG meeting at Wheeler NWR in Decatur Alabama. Once again, we received valuable feedback at the meeting and continued to build a valuable network of colleagues as a result.

2001 6th SBDN MEETING

Memphis, Tennessee



Board of Directors:

Left to Right;

David Saugey, Michael J. Harvey,
J.D. Wilhide, Dennis Krusac, Mary
Kay Clark, Bentley Wigley, Robert
Currie.

Not Pictured: Troy Best, Jeff
Gore, Mike Lacki

Best Student Paper



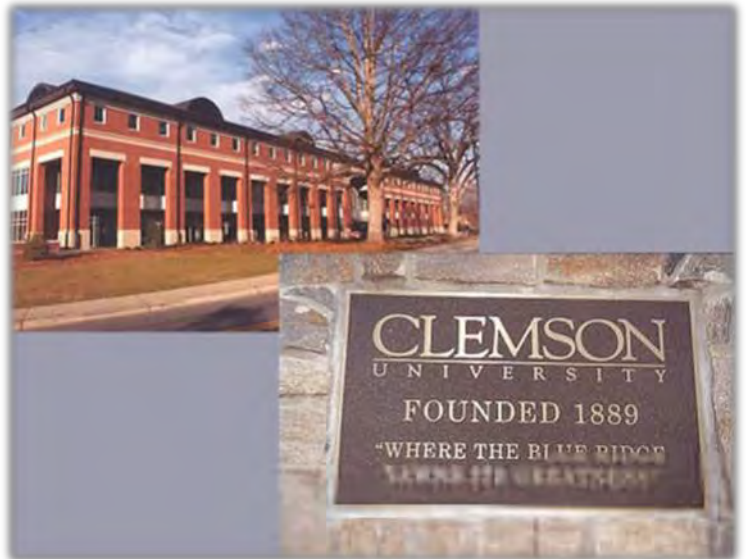
2002 7th SBDN MEETING

Clemson, South Carolina



Board of Directors:

Left to Right: Michael J. Harvey, Bentley Wigley, Mary Kay Clark, Michael Lacki, Dennis Krusac, J.D. Wilhide, Troy Best, David Saugey, Robert Currie



Best Student Paper

Jennifer Menzel

The foraging range and summer habitat use of Indiana bats in Illinois (*Myotis sodalis*)

2003 8th SBDN MEETING

Mississippi State, Mississippi



Board of Directors:

Left to Right: Troy Best, Jeff Gore, Mary Kay Clark, Bently Wigley, Robert Currie, Dennis Krusac, Michael Harvey, David Saugey

2003 SBDN Lifetime Achievement Award
Recipient:

Dr. Michael J. Harvey



Best Student Paper:

Karen E. Francl — The University of Georgia

2004 9th SBDN MEETING

Helen, Georgia



Board of Directors:

Back Row (L to R): Steven Castleberry, Susan Murdock, Jeff Gore, Bentley Wigley, Troy Best, Robert Currie, David Saugey.

Front Row (L to R): Michael J. Harvey, Susan Loab, Dennis Krusac, Mary Kay Clark, Eric Britzke, Tim Carter.

Best Student Presentation:

Jason Jennings— University of Memphis
Predation on Artificial Nests of Northern Bobwhites by Mammalian Mesopredators at Varying Distances from Habitat Edge.



2005 10th SBDN MEETING

Paris Landing, Tennessee



Board of Directors:

Back Row (L to R):

Tim Carter, Mary Kay Clark,
Susan Murdock, Troy Best, Bob
Currie, Jeff Gore, Matina Kal-
counis-Ruppell.

Front Row (L to R):

Eric Britzke, Steven Castleberry,
David Saugey, Dennis Krusac,
Susan Loab.

2005 10th SBDN MEETING

Paris Landing, Tennessee



Best Student Presentation:

Austin W. Trousdale—University of Southern Mississippi

*Long-term fidelity of Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*) to bridge-roosts in southern Mississippi.*



SBDN Outstanding Student Presentation:

Shane Prescott—Arkansas State University

Fall Roosting Ecology For Male Indiana Bats In Rosson Hollow, Ozark National Forest.

2006 11th SBDN MEETING

Chattanooga, Tennessee



Board of Directors:

Back Row (L to R):

Jeff Gore, Darren Miller, Bob Currie, Tim Carter, Troy Best, Susan Murdock, David Saugey, Eric Britzke.

Front Row (L to R):

Bently Wigley, Dennis Krusac, Mary Kay Clark, Matina Kalcounis-Ruppell, Susan Loab.

Best Student Paper: Erin Gillam.



Best Mammal Paper: Jackie Methenyr

2006 11th SBDN MEETING

Chattanooga, Tennessee

SBDN Service Award

Darren Miller



Although I worked as a technician on a Virginia big-eared bat project in Kentucky between my undergraduate degree and beginning my M.S. work, I did not really enter the “bat world” until about 3 years after I finished my Ph.D. work (on wild turkeys), joining SBDN in 2000. As I began meeting biologists who had dedicated their entire careers to bats, I quickly recognized the passion so many had for these under-studied, and under-appreciated, nocturnal predators. I also realized something else – the established bat biologists, and SBDN members and leaders, embraced anyone that cared about bats. As I first became engaged with SBDN, I was certainly an outsider, but was always made to feel welcomed, and I quickly established professional connections and friendships that have lasted over 20 years. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee and eventually serve as SBDN President during 2009-2010, a time I will always cherish as a highlight of my professional career.

I have always been inspired and amazed by the deep dedication and passion that wildlife biologists have for wild things and wild places. I am especially grateful, and awed, by so many bat biologists that labored for their passion when little attention was given to bats. Today, with white-nose syndrome and other conservation challenges affecting bats, we all owe these pioneering biologists our deepest gratitude for helping to understand bat ecology and establishing the science base for conserving these critically important species. SBDN has been at the forefront of bringing researchers, practitioners, and bat enthusiasts together for decades and has served as the model for other regional bat working groups. SBDN continues to be instrumental in bringing in the next generation of bat biologists and facilitating conservation of bats. To all of you that had the vision to develop SBDN all those years ago, thank you – and the bats thank you.

Darren Miller - Spring 2021

2007 12th SBDN MEETING

Destin, Florida



Board of Directors

Back Row (L to R):

Jeffrey H. Schwierjohann, Joy O'Keefe, Bree McMurray, Blake Sasse, Tim Carter, Bob Currie

Front Row (L to R):

Darren Miller, James Kiser, Dennis Krusac, Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell, Steven Castleberry

SBDN Service Award

Tim Carter



2007 12th SBDN MEETING

Destin, Florida



Best Mammal Presentation
Chris Hein

Best Bat Presentation
Lindsey Shiflet



Best Student Poster
Tyler Harris

2008 13th SBDN MEETING

Blacksburg, Virginia



Board of Directors:

Back Row L to R:

Bob Currie, Susan Murdock,
Dennis Krusac, Chester Mar-
tin, Bree McMurray, Tim
Carter.

Front Row L to R:

Darren Miller, Matrina Kal-
counis-Rueppell, James Kizer,
Steve Castleberry, Joy
O'Keefe, Tom Risch.

2008 13th SBDN MEETING

Blacksburg, Virginia



Colloquium Outstanding Student Presentation

Matthew Clement

Distribution and Habitat Relationships of Rafinesque's Big-Eared bat in the Coastal Plain of Georgia.

SBDN Best Presentation

Chris Rice



Outstanding Student Poster

Marianne Moore

Rabies Exposure and Infection, Relative Immune Function and Life-History Traits in the Big Brown Bat, *Eptesicus fuscus*.

2009 14th SBDN MEETING

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Board of Directors

Back Row (L to R):

Darren Miller, Bob Currie,
Tim Carter, Tom Risch, Den-
nis Kursac, James Kiser.

Front Row (L to R):

Matina Kalcounis-Ruppell,
Bree McMurray, Joy O'Keefe,
Chester Martin.



SBDN Service Award

Matina Kalcounis-Ruppell



Best Student Poster—Mike Bender

Best Bat Presentation—Chris Rice

Best Mammal Presentation—Erin Fender

2010 15th SBDN MEETING

Asheville, North Carolina



Board of Directors:

Front Row (L to R): Dennis Krusac, Joy O'Keefe, Bree McMurray, Nikki Castleberry, Katrina Morris.

Back Row (L to R): Tom Risch, Darren Miller, Michael Baker, Tim Carter, Brian Carver, Robert Currie.

Not Pictured: Michael Lacki, James Kiser.



SBDN Service Award

Mary Kay Clark

2010 SBDN Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient:
Dr. Troy Best



2011 16th SBDN MEETING

Louisville, Kentucky



Board of Directors

Back Row (L to R):

Michael Baker, Tom Risch,
Brian Carver, Darren Miller,
Tim Carter, Michael Lacki,
Nikki Castleberry.

Front Row (L to R):

Dennis Krusac, Katrina Morris,
Joy O'Keefe, Bree
McMurray, James Kiser.

2011 SBDN Lifetime Achievement
Award Recipient:

Mr. David Saugey



2011 16th SBDN MEETING

Louisville, Kentucky

Best student oral presentation: Joseph Johnson

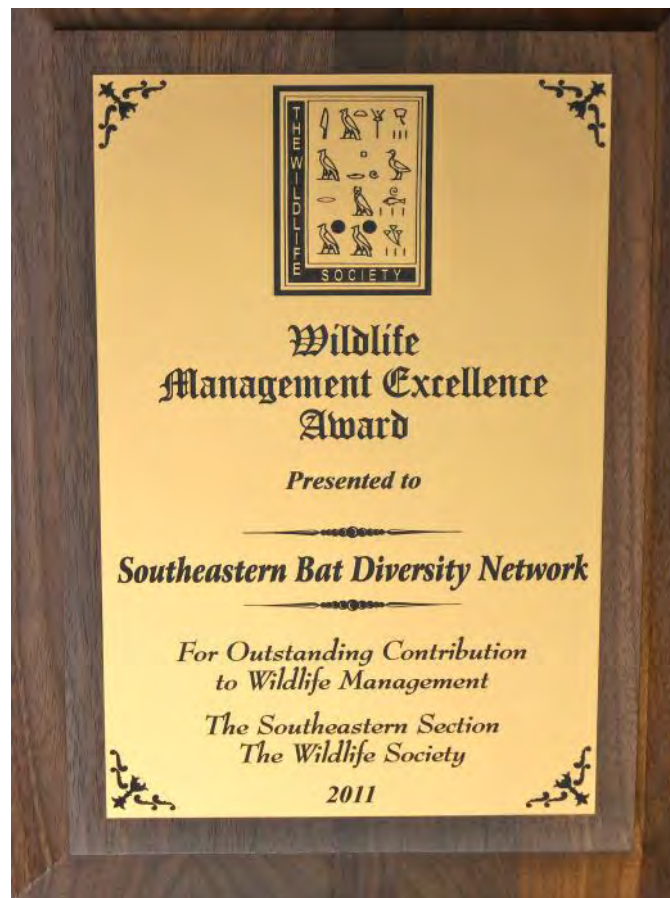
Social Networks of Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*) in Kentucky.

Best student oral bat presentation: Laci Coleman

Summer Roosting Habitat Selection of the Northern Yellow Bat (*Lasiurus intermedius*) on Sapelo Island, Georgia.

Best student poster: Janelle Bowcock

Acoustic Monitoring of Winter Bat Activity at Cave Entrances: A Preliminary Report.



SBDN was presented with the Wildlife Management Excellence Award from Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society. This award, the highest honor given by SE-TWS, was presented during the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annual meeting in Nashville, TN in October 2011. The award recognized SBDN's commitment to bat conservation and management in the southeastern U.S.

2012 17th SBDN MEETING

Louisville, Mississippi



Executive Committee/ Board
of Directors

Back Row (L to R):

Darren Miller, Michael Lacki,
Tim Carter, Nikki Castleber-
ry, Tom Risch

Front Row (L to R):

Joy O'Keefe, Dennis Krusac,
Bree McMurray, Katrina
Morris

2012 17th SBDN MEETING

Louisville, Mississippi



Student Poster:

Daniel Schaefer, Indiana State Univ.

Acoustic surveys for vertical distribution of habitat use by bats in the Nantahala National Forest

Best Bat Presentation:

Scott M. Bergeson, Ball State Univ.

Do little brown bats make effective surrogates for the endangered Indiana bat?



Best overall oral presentation:

Joseph Johnson, Univ. of Kentucky

Winter torpor and movements of *Corynorhinus rafinesquii* in Mammoth Cave National Park

2012 17th SBDN MEETING

Louisville, Mississippi



SBDN was recognized by The Wildlife Society with TWS's Outstanding Group Achievement Award. This award is conferred to recognize "an organization's outstanding wildlife achievement that is consistent with and/or assists in advancing the objectives of The Wildlife Society. SBDN was specifically acknowledged for Bat Blitzes, response to WNS, facilitation of bat conservation across the southeastern U.S., and mentorship opportunities for students.

2013 18th SBDN MEETING

Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee



Executive Committee

Left to Right:

Brian Carver

Steve Samoray

Piper Roby

Michael Lacki

Joy O'Keefe

Tim Carter

2013 18th SBDN MEETING

Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee



Best Poster Presentation:

Hanna Blair

HOW DOES *GEOMYCES DESTRUCTANS* INFECT BATS?, H. Blair*, E. Pannkuk, A. Fischer, K. Arter, C. Gerdes, B. Savary, and T. Risch

Best Mammal Presentation:

Angie Larsen

EFFECTS OF AN ONGOING OAK SAVANNA RESTORATION ON SMALL MAMMALS IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN, A. Larsen*, J. Jacquot, and P. Keenlance.



Best Bat Presentation:

Kristina Hammond

PRESENCE ONLY MODELING OF INDIANA BAT (*MYOTIS SODALIS*) SUMMER ROOSTING HABITAT IN THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS, K. R. Hammond*, J.M. O'Keefe, S.P. Aldrich, and S. Loeb.



2013 18th SBDN MEETING

Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee



2013 SBDN Special Service Award
Dr. Dac Duc Vuong

2014 19th SBDN MEETING

Nacogdoches, Texas



Executive Committee

From Left to Right:

Mike Lacki – Past President
Brian Carver – incoming President Elect
Steve Samoray – Member at Large
Tim Carter – Treasurer (for Life)
Piper Roby – Secretary
Joy O’Keefe - President

2014 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner
Dr. Susan Loeb



2014 19th SBDN MEETING

Nacogdoches, Texas



Chad R. Williamson (Left) (Best Overall Student Paper), Ball State University
Survival and cause-specific mortality of white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) fawns in urban and rural areas.
with Timothy C. Carter and Chad M. Stewart.

Vanessa Rojas (Center) (Best Student Poster), Indiana State University
Taking attendance for bats: Who's out there?
with Joy M. O'Keefe

Scott M. Bergeson (Right) (Best Student Bat Paper), Indiana State University
Male Indiana bat roost selection in a managed forest.
with Joy M. O'Keefe

2015 20th SBDN MEETING

St. Louis, Missouri



Best Student Presentation:
Chad Williamson



Best Bat Presentation:
Daniel Istvanko

2016 21st SBDN MEETING

Guntersville, Alabama



Executive Committee (left to right):

Brian Carver (President), Tim Carter (Treasurer), Joy O'Keefe (Past President), Luke Dodd (Board Member at Large).

Not pictured: Trina Morris (President Elect), Piper Roby (Secretary).



2016 21st SBDN MEETING

Guntersville, Alabama



Best Student Poster:

Pallavi Sirajuddin

Understanding the vulnerability of tri-colored bats to white-nose syndrome in the South: torpor patterns and hibernacula conditions with H.E. Blackwell, S.C. Loeb, E.R. Britzke, and D. Jachowski.

Best Overall Student Presentation:

Angie Larsen

Effects of habitat modification on rodent population dynamics and community structure with J.A. Homyack, T.B. Wigley, D.A. Miller, and M. C. Kalcounis-Rueppell.



Best Student Bat Presentation:

Devin Jones

Trophic transfer of microcystin from a freshwater lake to little brown bats with M.M. Woller-Skar and A.L. Russell.

2017 22nd SBDN MEETING

Asheville, North Carolina



Executive Committee

Left to right:

Pete Pattavina, Member At-Large;
Steve Samoray, President-Elect;
Katherine Caldwell, Secretary;
Brian Carver, Past President;
Trina Morris, President;
Luke Dodd, Treasurer

2017 SBDN Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient:
Mr. Dennis Krusac



2017 22nd SBDN MEETING

Asheville, North Carolina



Best Student Poster

Summer Higdon

Proactive Anti-Predator Behavior of
White-Tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virgini-
anus*) During Fawning Season

Best Overall Student Presentation

Corrinne Diggins

Activity Patterns of Squirrels Using Camera
Traps



Best Student Bat Presentation

S. Piper Kimpel

Roost Network of Southeastern *Myotis* in an Old
-Growth Bottomland and Hardwood Forest

2018 23rd SBDN MEETING

Roanoke, Virginia



Executive Committee

Left to Right:

Pete Pattavina, Member At-Large;

Steve Samoray, President-Elect;

Katherine Caldwell, Secretary;

Brian Carver, Past President;

Trina Morris, President;

Luke Dodd, Treasurer

Chester O. Martin was awarded the prestigious Jay N. “Ding” Darling Award for Wildlife Stewardship through Art by The Wildlife Society.



2018 23rd SBDN MEETING

Roanoke, Virginia

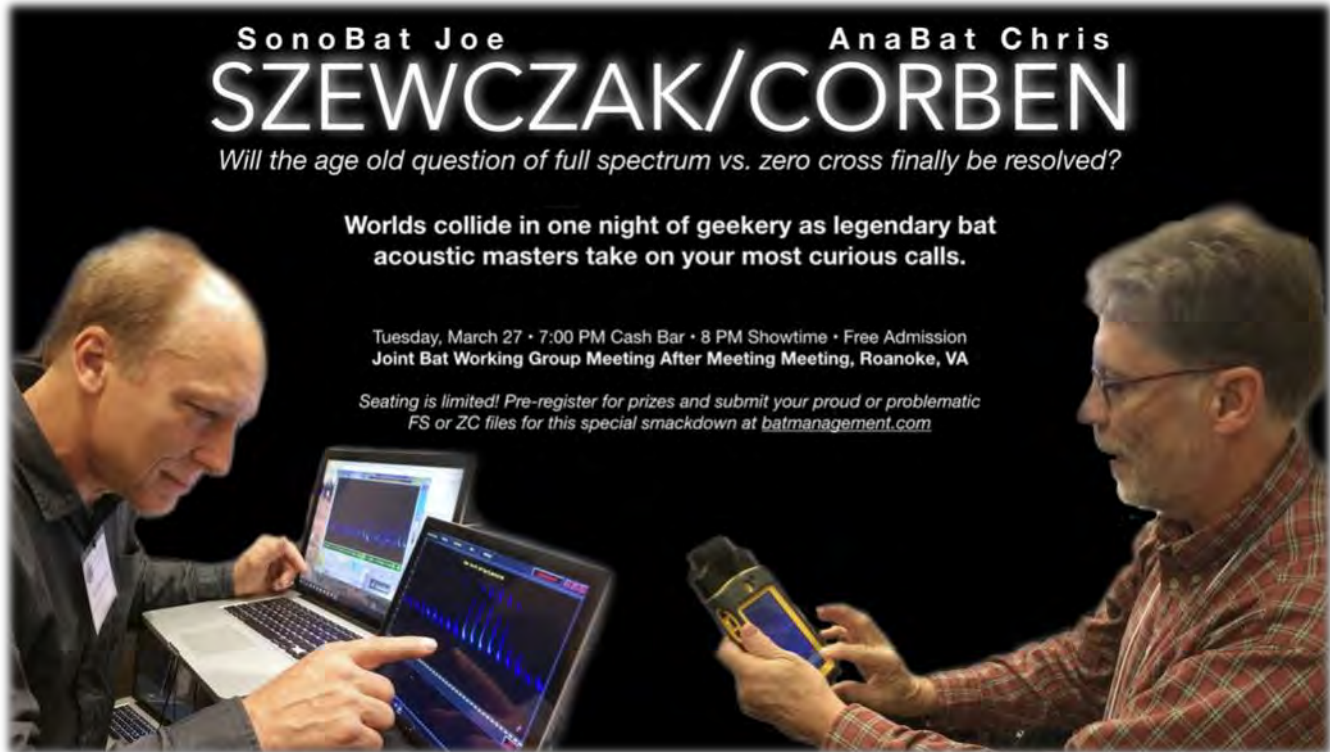
2018 Stump the Geeks Eastern Edition

SonoBat Joe AnaBat Chris
SZEWCZAK/CORBEN
Will the age old question of full spectrum vs. zero cross finally be resolved?

Worlds collide in one night of geekery as legendary bat acoustic masters take on your most curious calls.

Tuesday, March 27 • 7:00 PM Cash Bar • 8 PM Showtime • Free Admission
Joint Bat Working Group Meeting After Meeting Meeting, Roanoke, VA

Seating is limited! Pre-register for prizes and submit your proud or problematic FS or ZC files for this special smackdown at batmanagement.com



2018 23rd SBDN MEETING

Roanoke, Virginia



Best Bat Poster

Morgan Kinniry

(Accepted by Nikki Castleberry)

The effect of altitude on frequency, duration, and bandwidth of echolocation calls of *Tadarida brasiliensis* recorded with an unmanned aerial vehicle

Best Bat Presentation

Elysia Webb

Habitat preference and movement patterns of Florida bonneted bats (*Eumops floridanus*)



2018 23rd SBDN MEETING

Roanoke, Virginia



Best Non-Bat Poster

Emily D. Thorne

(Accepted by Mark Ford)

A multivariate analysis of complex relationships between den selection by eastern spotted skunks (*Spilogale putorius*) and environmental variation

Best Non-Bat Presentation

Heather N. Abernathy-Connors

How do large mammals weather the storm:
Movement and habitat selection of white -
tailed deer during Hurricane Irma



2019 24th SBDN MEETING

Jacksonville, Florida



Executive Committee

Left to right:

Katherine Caldwell, Etchison, Secretary;
Trina Morris, Past President;
Luke Dodd, Treasurer;
Steve Samoray, President;
Kathy Shelton, Member At-Large;
Holly Ober, President- Elect



2019 SBDN Life-time Achievement Award Recipient - Mr. Chester Martin

2019 24th SBDN MEETING

Jacksonville, Florida



Best Non-Bat Poster—Michelle Baldwin

Effects of Prescribed Fire Interval on the Quality of Snag Habitat in the Southern Appalachians.



Best Non-Bat Presentation—J.T. Pynne

Movements of Translocated Southeastern Pocket Gophers (*Geomys pinetis*) in Georgia.



Best Bat Presentation - Jessie West

Range-wide Population Genetic Structure of Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii*) and Southeastern Myotis (*Myotis austroriparius*)

2020 25th SBDN MEETING

Athens, Georgia



Executive Committee

Left to Right:

Trina Morris (Past President),
Holly Ober (President Elect),
Scott Bergeson (Board Member at Large),
Steve Samoray (President),
Katherine Caldwell Etchison (Secretary),
Luke Dodd (Treasurer)

2020 SBDN Life-time Achievement Award Recipient -
Mr. John Roy MacGregor II.



2020 25th SBDN MEETING

Athens, Georgia



Mammal Trivia Challenge!
First Place “The Cultural Heroes,”
Michael St. Germaine and Marcelo Jorge.

Best Student Poster:
Karmren Jefferson
Rest Site Selection of Plains Spotted
Skunks (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*)
in Southeastern Texas,



2020 25th SBDN MEETING

Athens, Georgia



Best-Bat Presentation:

Reed Crawford

Indiana Bats Select Artificial Roosts Based
on Solar Exposure and Weather.

Best Overall:

Blaise Newman

Winter Roosting Ecology of Non-Cave Hiber-
nating Tri-Colored Bats in the Upper Coastal
Plain of South Carolina.



Additional Memories & Thoughts from SBDN meetings!



When Dave Saugey, Dennis Krusac and I got together at SBDN meetings, we would always have a photo taken of us together. However, as time went by and we began to miss meetings (due mostly to old age and retirement), we would nevertheless take a photo and leave a space of honor for the one of us not in attendance. of course, we weren't able to do that during the 2021 virtual meeting.

Chester Martin



Awards and Recognition

SBDN SERVICE AWARD

Purpose: To recognize outstanding service and contributions to the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network.

Nomination Procedure: The SBDN awards committee will call for nominations in September or October of each year through the SBDN mailing list. Nominations will be submitted to the committee by December 1. Nominations can be submitted by any SBDN member, including members of the Executive Committee and the Awards Committee. Nominations will consist of a letter that describes the nominee's service to SBDN. The committee will review the nominations and evaluate them based on significance of the contributions to SBDN. One name will be forwarded to the SBDN Executive Committee for final approval by January 1. If no worthy nominees have been submitted for consideration, no name will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Award Process: The awardee will be announced at the SBDN annual meeting, usually held in February. A plaque will be presented to the awardee by the previous recipient or the SBDN president. The Awards committee will be responsible for obtaining the plaque and funds will be provided by SBDN. A copy of the nomination letter and pictures of the award presentation will be deposited in the SBDN archive.

SBDN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation of southeastern bats through research, education, or management efforts. The intent of this award is to recognize more senior individuals who have amassed a variety of accomplishments throughout their careers. The award is SBDN's highest honor. The award may not be given every year.

Nomination Procedure: The SBDN awards committee will call for nominations in September or October of each year through the SBDN mailing list. Nominations can be submitted by any SBDN member, including members of the Executive Committee and the Awards Committee. Nominations will be submitted to the committee by December 1. Nominations will consist of: 1) a letter that describes the nominee's accomplishments and how they have impacted bat conservation in the southeast, and 2) the nominee's Curriculum Vitae. The committee will review the nominations and evaluate them based on the totality of the accomplishments and their impact on bat conservation and/or our understanding of bat ecology. The committee will forward one name to the SBDN Executive Committee for final approval by January 1. If no worthy nominees have been submitted for consideration, no name will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Award Process: The awardee will be announced at the SBDN annual meeting, usually held in February. A plaque will be presented to the awardee by the previous recipient or the SBDN president. The Awards committee will be responsible for obtaining the plaque and funds will be provided by SBDN. A copy of the nomination letter, the awardees' CV, and pictures of the award presentation will be deposited in the SBDN archive.

STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

The Southeastern Bat Diversity Network (SBDN) established an annual Student Travel Award in 2006 to financially assist one student attending the North American Symposium on Bat Research (NASBR). If you are a student enrolled in a university in the Southeastern US and are planning to give an oral or poster presentation at NASBR in 2018 (www.nasbr.org), you are qualified to apply for a student travel award from SBDN. Information on the award and the application process are available at: http://www.sbdn.org/files/SBDN_Student_Award.pdf. **DEAD-LINE for 2020 applications will be June 15, 2020.** Send applications to Stephen Burnett via email (sburnett@clayton.edu) or snail mail (Stephen Burnett, Department of Natural Sciences, Clayton State University, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow GA 30260). E-mail submissions are preferred. Contact Stephen Burnett (sburnett@clayton.edu) if you have questions.

History of the Mammal Colloquium and SBDN Meetings

COLLOQUIUM	SBDN	YEAR	LOCATION	HOST
31 st	26 th	2021	Zoom and Gathertown	Virtual Meeting
30 th	25 th	2020	Athens, GA	Georgia Department of Natural Resources
29 th	24 th	2019	Jacksonville, FL	Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
28 th	23 rd	2018	Roanoke, VA	Joint Bat Working Group Meeting
27 th	22 nd	2017	Asheville, NC	Tim Carter, Mary Kay Clark, Katherine Caldwell
26 th	21 st	2016	Guntersville, AL	Tennessee Valley Authority
25 th	20 th	2015	St. Louis, MO	Joint Bat Working Group Meeting
24 th	19 th	2014	Nacogdoches, TX	Chris Comer
23 rd	18 th	2013	Fall Creek Falls, TN	Brian Carver
22 nd	17 th	2012	Louisville, MS	Darren Miller
21 st	16 th	2011	Louisville, KY	Tim Carter & Brooke Hines
20 th	15 th	2010	Asheville, NC	Mary Kay Clark
19 th	14 th	2009	Jonesboro, AR	Tom Risch & Blake Sasse
18 th	13 th	2008	Blacksburg, VA	Michael St. Germain
17 th	12 th	2007	Destin, FL	Jeff Gore
16 th	11 th	2006	Chattanooga, TN	Tim Carter & Troy Best
15 th	10 th	2005	Paris Landing, TN	John Nelson
14 th	9 th	2004	Helen, GA	Steven Castleberry
13 th	8 th	2003	Mississippi State, MS	Darren Miller
12 th	7 th	2002	Clemson, SC	Susan Loeb
11 th	6 th	2001	Memphis, TN	Michael Kennedy
10 th	5 th	2000	Guntersville, AL	Troy Best
9 th	4 th	1999	Wytheville, VA	Rick Reynolds
8 th	3 rd	1998	Hot Springs, AR	David Saugey
7 th	2 nd	1997	Black Mountain, NC	Mary Kay Clark
6 th	1 st	1996	Somerset, KY	Mike Lacki
5 th		1995	Cookeville, TN	Michael Harvey
4 th		1994	Athens, GA	Joshua Laerm
3 rd		1993	Mountain View, AR	Gary Heidt & Rick McDaniel
2 nd		1992	Guntersville, AL	Troy Best
1 st		1991	Memphis, TN	Mike Kennedy

Upcoming Events

31st Annual Colloquium on the Conservation of Mammals
in the Southeastern U.S.

And

26th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network

Embassy Suites Red Wolf Convention Center

Arkansas State University

Jonesboro, Arkansas

March 9 - 11, 2022



100TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS.

June 14th – 18th, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Upcoming Events



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 1 - 5, 2021

Check website for additional details.

NASBR

North American Society for Bat Research

50th Annual Meeting of the North American Symposium on Bat Research

October 20-23, 2021 Tempe, AZ

Local Hosts:

Angie McIntire - Arizona Game & Fish Department
and

Marianne Moore - Arizona State University

Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ

Upcoming Events



Bat Week is an annual, international celebration
of the role of bats in nature

Editors Closing Comments

If you are like me this little trip down memory lane brought back many pleasant memories and unfortunately some sad ones as well from our past meetings.

But let's not dwell too long on the past, but rather look to the next 25 years and the wonderful changes and additions yet to come.

None of this would be possible without all your help, there were several of you who went above and beyond for this particular newsletter and I hope you know how thankful I am for your help.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



Remember: Be safe, take good notes, and pictures!

As Always: Try to have a little fun along the way!