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A non-profit organization dedicated to the education of its membership and the conservation of all amphibians and reptiles

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President's Message

Jim Horton

I would like to thank our members who attended the Herpout at Hardin Ridge Recreation Area. The weather was not as good as past years, in fact, it was horrible. But we herped the next day and found a great bunch of herps.

List of herps found

Dead redbellysnake, ground skink

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS!

Renewals:

Thanks for you membership and continued interest in the HHS!

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**Scales and Tails Fest, Indiana State Museum
Saturday June 13th, 11:00-4:00**

The Indiana State Museum will be presenting the Scales and Tails Fest on June 13th. The Hoosier Herpetological Society will have a whole room to exhibit our herps and introduce the public to exotic pets and explain how to care for them. It is our largest exhibit of the year so we need to have a good representation for this event (especially since there will not be "Reptile Days" this year!).

Members who plan to participate may set up as early as 8:30 a.m. Members are reminded to be careful when exhibiting your herps.

(1.) Only have one animal out of its container at a time.

(2.) Be sure to control the animal's head. (Remember that it only takes one incident to cause a perception problem for our society and exotics in general!

(3.) Have your containers clearly labeled and clean.

(4.) Have plenty of hand sanitizer available.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Ed Ferrer at (317)-787-7448 or (317) 727-7553 or by

email at: pythonpals1@msn.com

Got Rodents?

Hoosier Mouse Supply can take your orders for rodents and they will deliver to the monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 20th. (317) 831-1219

For Immediate Release: May 1st, 2009

“Herpers”, the First Feature Length Documentary on the Great Reptile Culture wins big with Independent Film Competitions and Fans alike!

When Dāv Kaufman, a multiple award winning filmmaker whose previous film, *13 Hours in a Warehouse* broke records and won national awards, decided to take a break from the more mainstream forms of filmmaking, and make a documentary on a subject he himself has a deep passion for, the result is a funny, informative, and entertaining film that celebrates our reptile culture and the passion people have for it. Turned off by the “shock effect” used in most media that deals with reptiles, Kaufman was meticulous in doing the opposite, showing Herpers and our culture as a real, diverse and intelligible group of people. In a recent interview, Kaufman said “I wanted to make a film that was not only fun and engaging for herpers—from novices to professionals, from kids to adults—but also to answer the most common question I got asked from all the non-herpers in my life; ‘why do you love reptiles so much?’ What came out of that idea was something that I think is as entertaining for Herpers as it is important for non-herpers.”



The 94-minute movie was shot on HD 1080i and literally covers the entire country. The film’s segments feature *Field Herpers* on Snake Road in southern Illinois, *Famous Herpers* featuring **Slash**, **Chad Brown** and **Henry Lizardlover**, *Herpetological Societies* featuring the Minnesota Herpetological Society with guest speaker **Kathy Love**, and a section on *Breeders* featuring **Brian Sharp**, **Brian Barczyk**, **Marc Bailey** and others. Not only do we get to know the breeders as never before but we venture deep into their breeding facilities where not a lot of people

get to go. The movie concludes with one of the nation's top reptile shows, the N.A.R.B.C. in Tinley Park, Illinois. The segment features the song "I'm a Herper" written by Dāv Kaufman and performed by Shawn Armenta and former members of **No Doubt**. The DVD is presented in 16X9 Anamorphic Widescreen, and is loaded with extra interviews and deleted scenes.

The industry buzz surrounding this project prompted invites to submit the movie to several national film competitions where it was nominated for nine awards in three competitions including the prestigious **Telly Awards**, which are the non-broadcast division of the **Emmy Awards**. Those nominations resulted in the film winning top honors with **Platinum—Best of Show** in the Documentary-Culture category of the **Aurora Film and Video Competition**, and winner of the **Award of Merit** in the **Accolade Film and Video Competition**, and an astounding **4 wins** in the **Telly Awards Competition**!

The DVD is available by direct order through www.herpersmovie.com Specialty shops and pet stores can email herpersmovie@gmail.com for more information on carrying the DVD in your stores. Dāv Kaufman will be touring with the film, and DVDs will be available at select shows and expos across the country over the next year including the NRBE in Daytona, Florida, and of course the N.A.R.B.C. shows. Visit the website to order the DVD and to see a schedule of show appearances.



WWW.HERPERSMOVIE.COM

HHS MEMBER - IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Town or City –

Age you found interest in herpetology –

What (amphibians/reptiles) do you like?

Do you exhibit your animals at HHS shows?

What do you like most about the HHS?

When did you join the HHS?

Other hobbies

Do you field herp? If so, where have you been?

Where do you get your herps?

Have you ever bred any herp species

Classifieds

For Sale: 1- pair 2007 Womas (High contrast) 1000.00 for the pair, 1- female albino brooks kingsnake high yellow 75.00 C.B. 2008, 1- male albino brooks kingsnake het Ghost 100.00 C.B. 2007, 1-female red blood python C.B. 2008 250.00 High Red parents.

Tarantulas: I-Fringed ornamental P. Ornata 7 inches C.B. 2007 female 125.00 I-unsexed Fringed ornamental P. Ornata 4 inches 50.00, C.B.2008 1-unsexed 6 inch Red Slate Ornamental P. Rufilata C.B

2007 75.00. All animals are guaranteed healthy, properly sexed, and come with all records. Mike Wood, 574-269-3441 E-mail twobears@embarqmail.com

For Sale: Hatchling Crested geckos, \$20.00 Jim Horton Stardali84@hotmail.com (317) 865-0464

HERP HAPPENINGS

June 20, 2009 – Reptile Roundup, Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, Evansville.

June 21– Midwest Reptile Show, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Southwest Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis. \$5.00 admission, reptiles, amphibians, books, cages, feeder animals, and other supplies. Sell your herps and dry goods free of charge at our H.H.S. information booth. For info: (317) 861-5550, www.midwestreptile.com

June 27, 2009 – Evansville Reptile Show and Sale, National Guard Armory, 10-4 pm www.theevansvillereptileshow.com

July 18, 2009 – HHS live herp exhibit, Johnson County Library. 10am-2pm (exhibitors needed, please contact Holly Carter 873-6561)

www.hoosierherpsociety.org

The Hoosier Herpetological Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of its membership and the conservation of all reptiles and amphibians. General monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Butler University, Gallahue Hall, Room 105 or 108. Membership is open to all interested individuals. **No venomous animals are allowed at the General Meetings.**

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

___ New Member

___ Renewal

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

___ Corresponding Member \$12.00

___ Individual Member \$15.00

___ Sustaining Member \$25.00 or more

Herpetological Interest(s)

**Hoosier Herpetological Society
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Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240-0544**

Dated Material Enclosed

Address Correction Requested

_____ If this area is checked, your membership will expire this month!

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