

THE FORKED TONGUE

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Calendar of Events

November 5 – Monthly Meeting featuring Will Bird and Phil Peak speaking on Kentucky Field Herpetology

November 28 & 29 – Annual Cincinnati Museum Center Thanksgiving Show. See Peggy Fille for more details and to sign up to volunteer your time and animals for this great event!

December 3 – Monthly Meeting featuring Chris Bauer speaking on African Herping. This will be our Holiday Meeting.

Annual Holiday Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Time: 6:00pm room is available

Location: Golden Corral
4394 Glen Este Withamsville Rd
Cincinnati, OH - (513) 943-3700

Speaker: Chris Bauer, 2008 Africa Trip

Admission to meeting is free, however you must pay for your own meal upon arrival. Tip and tax are not included in the prices listed below. Tip is to be left on a per person basis.

Adults 12 + - \$12.80 (including drink)
Kids 8-12 - \$ 4.99 (including drink)
Kids 4-7 - \$ 3.99 (including drink)
Kids 3-under - FREE

Calling all Herpers:

Have a funny story to tell about herps? Go on an exciting vacation and get some great pictures of reptiles? Feel like researching a new herp? Then we want you! Well, your story that is. Send us your stories in print version and you could be featured in an upcoming newsletter! See Brittany Gibson or third page of this newsletter for submission details.

Upcoming Reptile Shows and Expos

All-Ohio Reptile Show
UAW Hall
3761 Harding Drive.
Columbus, Ohio 43228

2008-09 Show Dates

Sep 20 '08	Oct 25 '08	Nov 15 '08	Dec 13 '08
Jan 17 '09	Feb 21 '09	Mar 14 '09	Apr 4 '09
May 2 '09	June 6 '09	July 18 '09	Aug 15 '09
Sep 5 '09	Oct 3 '09	Nov 14 '09	Dec 12 '09

<http://www.allohioshows.com>

Indy Reptile Expo 2008
<http://www.indyreptileexpo.com>
1202 E 38th St
Indianapolis, IN 4620

2008 Show Dates

Saturday	November 8, 2008	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	November 9, 2008	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



2008 Show Dates

November 1st, December 6th

<http://www.ekreptileshow.com>

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“A White Bag Run to Remember”

By: Brittany Gibson, 2008

Driving home from work, Matt received a call from Grady about a man who had seen a snake in his attic. The man, from here on known as Frank, happened to be mortified of snakes and swore the one in his attic was a copperhead. Once Matt got off the phone he chuckled and assured me it was nothing more than a black rat snake. Matt told Grady he would take care of the call and called Frank to get directions and find out what had happened. Apparently the man had called the police, animal control, and the zoo, pretty much anyone who would listen.

That’s when Matt asked if I would join him on this run as his backup and I was confused. “If it’s just a black rat snake, why do you need backup? You’ve handled much more interesting snakes.” Matt laughed, “I don’t need back up for the snake, it’s the people I want back up for.” Still confused, I agreed to go anyway, not really knowing what all the trip would entail.

The drive to Frank’s house was almost as sketchy as the house itself. We drove past a white shack with a shirtless man holding a machete sitting in the carport area. “I so hope that isn’t where we are supposed to be going.” Just about that time Matt pulls a U-turn and into the man’s yard we end up. Getting out of the car, the man jumps up, grabs the machete and walks toward us. My first thought is to jump back in my Jeep, and peel out of there as fast as I can. Matt starts talking to Frank and follows him into the so-called house which was a one-story structure with sheets covering the holes where the windows and door should have been. Frank points out the hole in the

ceiling that allowed access to the rafters and claimed the snake was “sitting” up there on the beam. Matt looked around the opening and couldn’t find a snake. Expecting a real house we had neglected to grab any flashlight, and when asked, Frank could only offer a chair; that is one with no back on it. Just as Matt was ready to walk out, Frank juts the machete up past Matt’s face, waving it around to indicate where the snake had been. At this point, I’m ready to run; I felt like I was in a bad horror movie.

After a few tense seconds Matt got Frank talking about anything to distract him so we could make an exit. Frank had other ideas and started to brag about his bachelor pad of a bedroom and shows it off to Matt. Just as we thought we were in for a get-a-way Frank offers to cut a hole in the ceiling so Matt can climb into the rafters to look for the snake. Without missing a beat Matt assured Frank that he scared off the snake for good and that wouldn’t be necessary. Finally we walk back to my car. Frank positioned himself between me and the car door and tells Matt that he is leaving with us. We both cracked an uneasy smile and I manage an uneasy laugh as I finagled my way into the passenger seat to slam the door shut. Frank leans in and asks Matt if I have any sisters or cousins that he could have. I laughed and nudged Matt to leave. I have never been so happy to go home. After that experience, I can honestly say that I won’t go on another white bag run for at least a month; I need some time to recoup.

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Classified Advertising Policy

GCHS Members may run a free classified ad of 7 lines or less at no charge for an unlimited time; however, the ad will be canceled after one month unless the editor is informed to continue it. Please include scientific names for the animals with your ad as well as your phone number and area code. Ads of up to 7 lines for non-member are \$5 per issue; ad charges for items more than 7 lines long are as follows:

- Business card size \$5 per issue
 - 1/4 page \$10 per issue
 - 1/2 page \$15 per issue
 - Full page inserts* \$15 per issue
- *120 sheets per issue provided by advertiser

The GCHS is not liable for the quality of the merchandise advertised. The Society also reserves the right to refuse any ad considered inappropriate.

Requirements for Submitting Articles to the Forked Tongue

Articles can be submitted via CD or hard copy to Editor, GCHS, 4015 Brandy Chase Way, # 387, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Articles may be e-mailed to Brittany Gibson at mbFille@yahoo.com.



Black and white photographs can be included with articles. Photo submissions should include your name, phone number, and description of photo on the back. Photos can be returned. All time dependent submissions must be in the editor's possession no later than the meeting previous to the publication.

Classifieds

Discount: A 10% discount is offered to all card-carrying members of the GCHS at *All Creatures Animal Hospital*. Dr. Dan Meakin, All Creatures, 1894 Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102, 513-797-7387.

Discount: A 10% discount is offered to all card carrying members of the GCHS by Dr. Dahlhausen at the Avian and Exotic Medical Center, 9951 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 513-576-1990

(Number to left of decimal indicates males; number to right of decimal indicates females; number to right of second decimal indicates number of unknown sex. For example, 3.2.1=3 males, 2 females, and 1 unsexed specimen)

	Steven E. Hubbard, D.V.M. John Weininger D.V.M. Nicole Waidelich D.V.M. John Gatens D.V.M. Justin Calhoun, D.V.M.	
Bright Veterinary Clinic 24505 Stateline Road Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 For Appointment Call: (812) 637-1345	Dearborn Co. Animal Clinic 44 Doughty Road Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 For Appointment Call: (812) 537-3545	

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Currently Held Positions

President	Matthew Fille	(513) 515-9669	Vice President	Chris Bauer	(859) 609-1846
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Secretary	Kyle Becker	(513) 831-4898	Peggy Fille		(513) 528-4452
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About the GCHS

The Greater Cincinnati Herpetological Society holds monthly meetings which typically consist of a short business section, a refreshment intermission, and a program related to herpetology. Both members and nonmembers are invited to attend. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in reptiles and amphibians. New members may sign up by mail or at the monthly meetings. Members receive monthly issues of *The Forked Tongue* and free classified advertising. Annual dues should be directed to the secretary at the society's mailing address, according to the rates below:

Student	\$10.00	Corresponding	\$10.00
Individual	\$15.00	Sustaining	\$25.00
Family	\$20.00	Institutional	\$30.00
Contributing	\$50.00		

Why Be a Member?

- Receive monthly issues of *The Forked Tongue*
- Meet individuals knowledgeable about herpetoculture
- Have access to captive-bred herps and feeder animals
- Participate in society-sponsored field trips, and outings.
- Receive a 10% discount on herp-related items and services when you show a valid membership card at the following establishments:

Delhi Pet Center	(513) 451-4015
Kentucky Reptile Zoo	(606) 663-9160
Harrison Pet Center	(513) 367-1115
All Creatures Animal Hospital	(513) 797-7387
Dr. Dahlhausen's	(513) 576-1990

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