

POST MORTEM: FIRST N. AMERICAN PLECOPTERA SYMPOSIUM

Our first symposium can be declared a success. Although only scheduled for 18–20 June, early arrivals and late departures extended it to a stimulating and fun-packed week. Attendance hit 37 with California folks predominating. However, other regions that were represented included southern and eastern US and eastern and central Canada. Especially pleasing to see was a healthy mix of students and professionals.

Papers that were given included a variety of topics: systematics, life histories, museum collections, etc. Each provoked lively discussions. The second day activities centered around UC-Berkeley's Sagehen Research Station. Nancy Erman provided a guided tour of the station and then set us free to collect in Sagehen Creek and surrounding springs and fens. Just before heading home, a second collecting stop was made at the Truckee River. The third day involved discussions of present research projects, new goals and plans for the next symposium. The next one will be three years hence, tentatively in the southeast US. The consensus was to have it near but not at the NABS meeting.

Memorable quotes from this meeting included: "Where were you when the lights went out?", "Who you gonna call? Synonymy Busters!", "Be a *Perlesta* molester" and "Harper Falls!".

Many of the participants are avid collectors and the few days between NAPS-1 and NABS were not wasted. I've received collecting reports, either written or verbal, from Ollie Flint, Cheryl Barr, Harley Brown, Dick Baumann et al. and Brian Armitage. I'm sure there is a swath between Sacramento and Corvallis that resembles Sherman's march to the sea.

My special thanks are extended to Dick Baumann who was pressed into service as moderator, to Cheryl Barr who manned the registration desk and sold T-shirts and to Trent Wragg who did virtually all those last-minute things that made the meeting a success.

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