**Dr. Ollie Flint 1931 – 2019.**

Dr. Oliver S. Flint, Jr. the long-time Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) curator of Aquatic Insects and Neuropterida passed away on 18 May 2019. Ollie, as he was fondly known to us dedicated his life to the systematic study of aquatic insects, especially the Trichoptera, but also extensively collected and identified Odonata, Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, as well as Neuropterida, and Mecoptera. Through his efforts, the NMNH has one if not the best representations of these insect groups worldwide, representing more than 12,000 species and almost 400,000 specimens. Ollie received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts before earning his Ph.D. in Entomology from Cornell University in 1960. He joined the NMNH Department of Entomology in 1961 as Curator of Neuropteroids, serving in this role for 35 years before becoming an Emeritus Curator in 1996.

Ollie authored more than 230 papers and books on aquatic insects. This remarkable scientific output spanned almost 70 years; his first paper was in 1951 and there are publications still in press. The majority of his research output focused on the

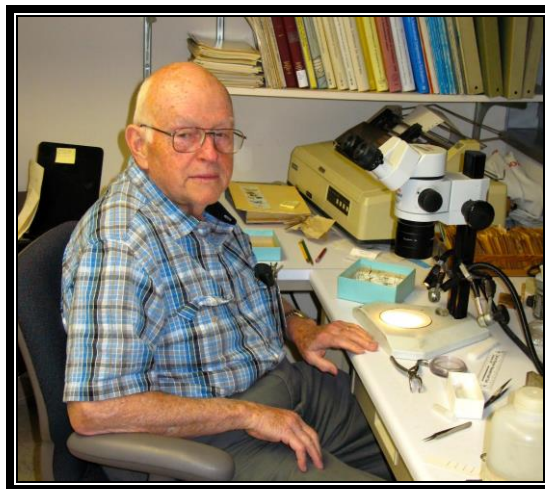
systematics of Neotropical caddisflies, a group for which he was a world-recognized authority. Ollie described more than 1,200 species, 21 genera, and one family of caddisflies during his career. Many of us have fond memories of joining Ollie on collecting trips, enjoying his wit and his amazing expertise.

Throughout his career, Ollie held key positions and received significant honors from organizations including the Entomological Society of America, the Society of Freshwater Science and the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation. Ollie made special efforts to attend regional and international meetings including those that centered on the Plecoptera. Ollie participated in the Tenth North American Plecoptera Symposium hosted by Jane Earle and the late Larry Jackson at Lock Haven University's Sieg Center Field Station in Pennsylvania. He always freely made material available for loan that he collected or acquired to experts and students for scientific study.

A remarkable measure of the great impact that Ollie has had on his beloved insect groups, is that three genera and 91 species in 11 orders of insects have been named after him and his wife Carol who joined him for most of his many collecting forays and expeditions worldwide, by 87 authors, including the following stoneflies:

Acroneuria flinti Stark & Gaufin, 1976
Alfonsoperla flinti McLellan & Zwick, 2007
Anacroneuria flinti Stark & Sivec, 1998
Enderleina flinti Stark, 1989
Gripopteryx flinti Froehlich, 1993
Macrogynoplax flinti Stark, 1996
Megaleuctra flinti Baumann, 1973
Neoperla flinti Sivec, 1984
Tupiperla flinti Froehlich, 2002

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