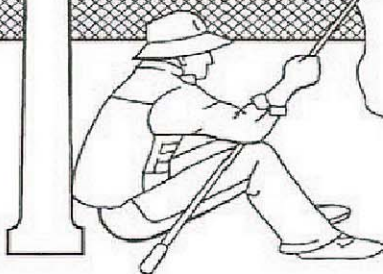


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Masthead by Rick Rogers

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November 20 Lorquin Meeting Featured Speaker to be James Hogue

Meeting will be held at Bio Quip, starts 8pm

James N. Hogue, long time Lorquin Society member and supporter will be our speaker November 20, 2009. His topic will be Crane Flies- the oft referred to "Mosquito Hawk" – those insects in the family Tipulidae (Diptera.)

Jim grew up in Los Angeles and received a B.S. in Biology at U.C.L.A. After that he earned a M. S. and Ph.D. in Aquatic Ecology at Utah State University. He is currently the Manager of Biological Collections and a part-time lecturer in the Biology Department at California State University in Northridge. He teaches classes in General Biology, Evolution, and Plants and Animals of Southern California.

A lifelong insect collector, Jim

"Even though California is rich in these flies, lots of people shy away from collecting them because they typically do not make very good looking specimens."

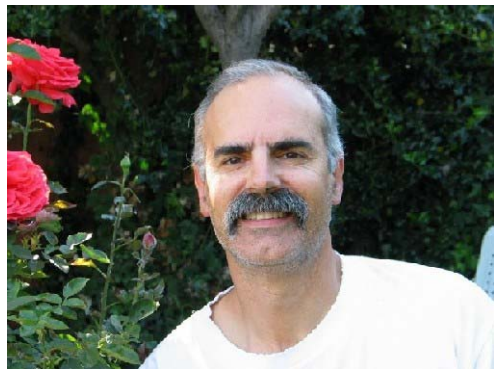


Hexatoma spp. (Crane Fly)

says he is interested in anything that has to do with living things, especially insects. "My particular entomological interests (things on which I have written and given talks) are beetles, the roles of insects in human culture and history, insect photography, and the ecology of running water ecosystems.

"I am also very interested in the

systematics and natural history of flies, especially crane flies, the topic of this Friday's talk."



Jim Hogue

and again..... Thanks again from the
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and to Jerri Larsson for all his help . . . again!*

BioQuip's annual Open House

will be **Saturday, December 5**, from **11 am to 5 pm**. This year's special event will be The Ultimate Show featuring your glass-top drawer or display case filled with your favorite, most beautiful, local, unusual, colorful, or bizarre insects and/or spiders. Only one drawer or display case per person can be brought. BioQuip will have tables to display them with an easel behind your exhibit. Please bring an 8-1/2 x 11" sheet of paper with your name and some information about your display to be put on the easel. Maximum size limit is 20" x 24". There will be a contest with three winners receiving merchandise certificates, including one for a display case or drawer submitted by someone 18 years or younger.

In order to plan for the number of tables needed to showcase your drawer or display case, BioQuip needs to know in advance if you will be bringing a drawer or display case to the Open House. Please visit the web site after October 29 when there will be an Open House icon posted on the home page with a link for you to let BioQuip know you'll be bringing a drawer or case. This promises to be a great event, but it needs your entry to be a truly fabulous exhibit.

2009 LES MEETINGS CALENDAR:

Dec 18 -Dr. Lisa Scheinin will give a narrative slide presentation of her extensive world travels chasing bugs and rollercoasters.

2010 schedule TBA as we don't know exactly where or when we'll meet beyond January's (Annual Potluck Dinner) meeting..... which would be Jan 22, 2010 if tradition holds

Minutes of the Lorquin Entomological Society: October 30, 2009

General

The meeting was called-to-order by President Dave Wikle at 8:15 PM.

The meeting venue was the BioQuip Products office in Rancho Dominguez. Approximately 35 members and guests attended.

Kat Halsey reported that the LES Treasury has about \$2100.

Announcements

Dues for 2010 are payable now and until year's end.

Old Business— none

New Business

Concerning the need for a new meeting venue, Dave Wikle will ask Weiping Xie at the Museum if a Saturday date is possible. Eaton Canyon Nature Center is still a possibility. Blaine Hebert believes that Pasadena City College would be willing to host at least one meeting. Dave Wikle suggested that we become “transients,” recognizing that our meeting place may not always be the same. For now, we still have the generous offer from Louise Fall to continue meeting at the BioQuip office.

Collecting Reports

Dave Wikle reported on his trip to Baja where he discovered that males of *Eupackardia calleta* (Saturniidae) are nocturnal, flying between 2 and 3 AM. The males are day-flyers in Arizona and were thought to be strictly diurnal in Baja as well. *E. calleta* is known to be nocturnal in Eastern Mexico.

Jim Hogue spoke about several new

books now available. Those titles include “Super-organism,” about ants; “Encyclopedia of Insects,” for all topics; “Moths of Western North America,” excellent for identification of all families and lastly a text by Brian Brown of LAMNH on Central American Diptera. All are in stock at BioQuip

Alex Nguyen reported finding *Arachnis picta* (Noctuidae, Arctiinae) flying at Cal Poly during the Insect Fair on October 17. Program Our speaker was Marc Epstein, A Senior Insect Biosystematist with the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). His specialty is Lepidoptera. Marc covered a number of pest species and most notably *Monoleuca occidentalis* (Family Limacodidae), a slug caterpillar, originally described from the adult. The larva was unknown. Our own Dave Wikle found a gravid female and the first ova known of this species, which he gave to Marc for his research. The life history of this animal is bizarre: the native host plant(s) are not known, the 1st instar larvae do not eat; larva are very small and difficult to rear; larvae can reach 10 instars or more; larvae do not have prolegs and use sucker discs instead to move around.

Other pest species covered were Light Brown Apple Moth, False Coddling Moth and the European Grapevine Moth.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Next meeting

LES will meet next on Friday,

November 20. The meeting venue will be announced prior to the meeting date.

The above, ‘Minutes,’ were submitted by Bill Gendron, LES Secretary, on November 16, 2009.

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Dues now January to January

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