

Draft Meeting Minutes

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American International Rattlesnake Museum

Josh Emms presided over our October meeting starting around 7pm attended by 16 adult, one toddler and one infant avid herpers.

Newly-and-overwhelmingly-elected NMHS Vice-President Pat Maher and Josh readied a PowerPoint program for the 7:40 presentation by Pat of his recent road trips to Arizona in July and August.

#### PRESENTATION

Pat explored Sabino Canyon, Huachuca Mountains, Cave Creek, Chiricahua Mountains, Madera Canyon and stayed at the Portal Lodge and the Museum Lodge. He along with other herpers ventured into Geronimo's country of sky islands and madrean woodlands made lush and blooming by summer rains. Pat commented about Colorado River Toads, Tiger Rattlesnake, caterpillars, Thick-billed Parrots, splendidas, mojaves, Mexican Blue Oak, caves, red mushrooms, blacktails, Yarrow's Spiny Lizard, Chingaos and Dennis getting stung by a bee. And Pat took us along by means of eye-catching color slides. Pat also told us about spending five days in mid-March in the San Pedro Martir Mountains on the Baja, four hours south of the U.S./Mexico border at Tijuana. He recalled such herp fauna as Night Snake, Speckled Rattlesnake, and Red Diamondback Rattlesnake (two were on the beach).

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ted Brown announced that Vince Scheidt will be our speaker at our NMHS Banquet on December 13, a Saturday, at the Church Street Cafe' in Old Town Albuquerque. We need to have a minimum 45 people show up or we won't get the room and we need feedback ASAP. The no-beef meal will be served buffet style. The charge of \$25 per person includes tax and tip.

Scott will represent NMHS at the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act event in downtown Albuquerque on October 18 from 2 to 10pm.

Someone has a Ball Python for sale for \$200.

Immediately following the preceding announcements our audience quickly and quietly dispersed as if by signal leaving no opportunity to continue into the business portion of our NMHS meeting.

These meager Minutes of our October 2 NMHS meeting are hereby submitted by your still stunned but feeling-no-slight NMHS Secretary Cosmos.

Thank you very much for hosting us in your Museum, Bob and Lorraine.

