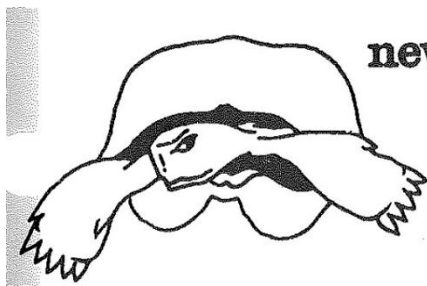




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Bette Bechtel, Editor

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting on 22 May 1982 was held at Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, FL. Dr. Bruce Means, Director, was our host and Co-chairperson Ren Lohofener conducted the business session. A decision to reproduce tortoise prints from a Steve Carr original was approved. These prints will be given in appreciation to individuals who have been helpful to the GTC in meeting the goals and objectives of the Council. The first printing of the brochures has been distributed and a second printing was authorized by the executive committee members. The cost if including a prepaid envelope with dues information to insert into the brochure is being investigated. Catherine Puckett is compiling a resource depository of news articles about the gopher tortoise and requests people send the clippings to her. Her address is the Florida State Museum. The Annual Meeting is planned for mid November 1982 at Tall Timbers. The tentative schedule is a business meeting and BBQ on Friday evening with paper sessions on Saturday. More detailed information will be sent when the date and program are finalized. A nominating committee was

appointed and Wally Wahlquist is Chairman. If you are interested in serving as Co-chairperson or Secretary, please contact him at ### ##### Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088.

GOPHER TORTOISE COUNCIL ANNUAL STUDENT AWARD

The GTC will offer a cash award to a student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree who is planning or actively conducting research involving the gopher tortoise, Gopherus polyphemus. The award is \$400.00. The only obligations of the recipient, other than conducting the proposed research, are to submit to the GTC a copy of their final report within 6 months of the project completion date, acknowledgement of the GTC in appropriate scientific papers, and copies of any papers that originate from the research. Proposals should be short, no more than 3 double-spaced typed pages, and should include a brief biographical section, a description and justification of the research, and a budget indicating how the money will be spent. Proposals should be sent to Dr. Dale R. Jackson, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, ### ## ##### Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The deadline for submitting proposals is 1 September 1982. The Name of the recipient receiving the award will be announced at the 1982 Annual Meeting.

ALABAMA NON-GAME WILDLIFE CHECKOFF

Efforts on the part of a number of individuals in Alabama for several years have finally resulted in the enactment of a "non-game species checkoff bill," which has the potential for enhancing the welfare of the state's vertebrate fauna. The bill provides that individuals may designate, on their state income tax forms, that any portion of their tax refund may be donated to a non-game species wildlife program to be administered by the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The possibility of obtaining federal matching funds exists. Although numerous individuals were involved in obtaining passage of the legislation, several deserve special commendation. They include Jim Keeler, Formerly of A.D.C.N.R.; Charles Kelley, Fish and Game Chief; John McMillan, Commissioner, A.D.C.N.R.; Fob James, Governor of Alabama, and Robert Mount, Auburn University.

FLORIDA'S LAW WORKS

The Jasper News dated 29 October 1981 reports TWO MEN ARRESTED, 30 TURTLES FREED. Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Officer Scott Lamalie was alerted by Jasper police officers Frank Osborn and Carl Murray when they saw a pickup truck full of turtles. Arrested were Merlon Lamar Solano, 48, of St. Augustine and Julius George Leth, 50, of Elkton, FL. They were charged with possession of over the daily limit of gopher turtles. Lamalie stated

the limit is 5 per day per person. Solano and Leth posted cash bonds of \$115 each and were released. The turtles were dispersed through the northwest part of the county.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

July 28-31, 1982. Sixth Reptile Symposium on Captive Propagation & Husbandry, at the National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C. Contact Richard A. Hahn, Zoological Consortium, Inc. #####, ##### Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

August 1-6, 1982. Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles with the Herpetologists' League, Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. Contact Ray E. Ashton, Jr., North Carolina Museum of Natural History, P.O. Box #####, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

DESERT TORTOISE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Proceedings of the symposium of the 1980 Desert Tortoise Council are now available. It is a compilation of State and Federal reports and papers dealing with effects of off-road vehicular noise to behavior of captive tortoises. Cost is \$8.00 per copy and check or money order should be made payable to the Desert Tortoise Council and sent to #####, Long Beach, California 90805.

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