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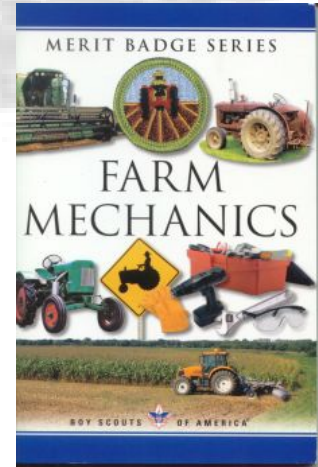
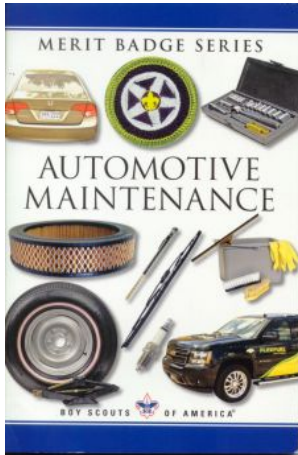
the *CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE*

May 2014

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 8 May 2014 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

“MECHANICS”



Opening: Troop 324

Program Feature: T.317 Jeff Neitzke

Big George's "Monthly Moment"!

Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by Bill Van Der Tulip & T.82

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Boys Under the Hood - How some time spent tinkering gives Scouts the drive they need to succeed!

<http://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/1003/d-mbc.html>

Boy's Life article on Automotive Maintenance

<http://boyslife.org/about-scouts/merit-badge-requirements/3267/auto-mechanics/>

How Much Do You Know about Car Maintenance Quiz

http://www.lifescrpt.com/quizzes/fun/how_much_do_you_know_about_car_maintenance.aspx

Car Talk website <http://www.cartalk.com/>

Auto Mechanics Practice Tests <http://www.tests.com/practice/auto-mechanic-test>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:



Wild Bird Unlimited Shop, <http://panamacity.wbu.com/> Located at 2455 MLK Blvd, PC FL

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Shiitake Mushroom**, *Lentinus edodes*

<http://sfrf.ifas.ufl.edu/cstaf/Pages%20from%20cstaf%20shiitake.pdf>

http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/AgNatRes/Pubs/Factsheet-shittake_mushrooms.pdf

<http://bay.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/09ShiitakeMushrooms.pdf>

<http://www.oystercreekmushroom.com/shiitakekit.html>



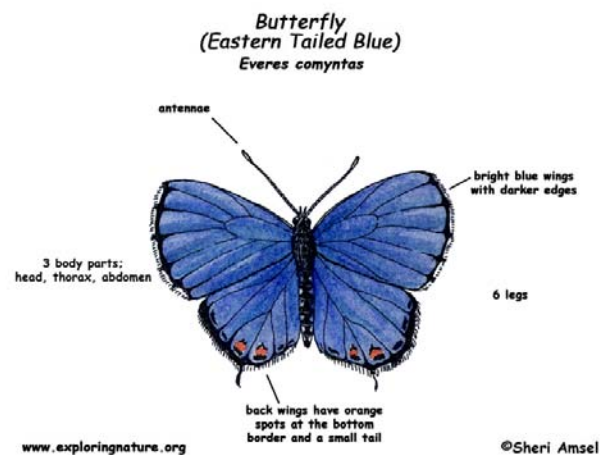
Shiitake Mushroom

Bugga da Month: **Eastern Tailed-Blue**, *Cupido comyntas*

<http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Cupido-comyntas>



Eastern Tailed Blue Butterfly



Critter of the Month: **Nutria**, *Myocastor coypus*

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/nutria/>

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/nutria.html>



Nutria

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Common Loon**, *Gavia immer*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/common_loon/id

<http://www.birdzilla.com/birds/Common-Loon/distribution.html>

Loons are reported to be among the oldest groups of birds still living today, some think with a history dating back more than 50 million years. Loons have 4 distinct calls which they use to communicate with their families and other loons: the tremolo, wail, yodel, and hoot. Once in the air, the loon's relatively small wingspan (130-140 cm) carries it at average speed of 70 mph!



Common Loon and baby

The Sky Tells a Story: MAY SKIES: The Eta Aquarid meteor shower, debris from Halley's Comet, peaks on the morning of May 6th, with the crescent moon already set; this shower typically produces a meteor every two-three minutes from the south east. The first quarter moon is high overhead at sunset on May 7th. The Full Moon, the Rose or Strawberry Moon, occurs on 14 May.

Mercury comes into the evening sky later in May. Venus still dominates the dawn sky, far brighter than any other planet. Mars was at opposition in early April, and is still very bright, but fades as the faster earth is leaving it behind. Jupiter is still well placed of early evening sky in Gemini, but will be getting lost in Sun's glare by June. This is the month for Saturn, which comes to opposition on May 10th, rising in the east in Libra at sunset.

The winter constellations will soon be swallowed up in the Sun's glare, but Orion is still visible, with its famed Orion Nebula, M-42, seen below the three stars marking his famed belt. Dominating the southwest is the Dog Star, Sirius, brightest star of the night sky. When Sirius vanishes into the Sun's glare in two months, this sets the period as "Dog Days".

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100X more luminous. Just south of it are the stellar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of spring. Just east of Arcturus is Corona Borealis, the "northern crown", a shapely Coronet that Miss America would gladly don, and one of the few constellations that looks like their name. The bright star in the crown's center is Gemma, the Gem Star.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. As noted earlier, Mars shines bright red just west of Spica this month. In adjacent Libra we find the ringed wonder Saturn for the next several months.

To the northeast Hercules rises, with his body looking like a butterfly.

Plus the Usual: Handouts Gone Wild!! / RT Spirit Stick / Ticket Drawing / Closing

Upcoming Events:

- 1) **Aviation MB Sat 31 May 8AM-5PM** at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Facility located within Choctawhatchee High School, 110 Racetrack Road NW, Fort Walton Beach. Cost \$10 per Scout, parents free.
- 2) **STSR Summer Camp 3 weeks offered: 16-21 June, 22-28 June, 29 June -5 July.**
- 3) **"Econfina Creek Trash Bash"** Service Project TBD Sept
- 4) **Council-wide Fall Encampment, 24-26 Oct.**

Future Monthly RT Feature Themes: If you'd like to Step Up and Become Famous as a LSD RT Theme Presenter, your support would be much appreciated!! Call KG at 234-4077 or email me at kerry.gunn@navy.mil. And reminder that all past "Crawlin Kingsnake" RT newsletters and other useful links can be found at http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/Boy_Scouts.php .

10 July – Hiking

14 Aug – Shooting/Sports

11 Sept – Engineering (T.310 Dale Cronwell)

9 Oct – High Adventure

13 Nov – Tracking

11 Dec – LSD Scouter Banquet

The following are tentative: **8 Jan 2015 – Hobbies or Public Service**

12 Feb – Cultural Diversity

12 Mar – WL Management

9 Apr – Camping

14 May – Emergency Prep

See ya **Thursday Night 8 May !!!!** YIS, KG, your **LSD BS RTC** RT #100

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

Date: _____

Name: _____

Troop: _____

Position: _____

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