



## **February 14, 2018 Newsletter** **South Texas Amphibian & Reptile Society**

### **Mission Statement**

Welcome to the South Texas Amphibian & Reptile Society. STARS members are a diverse group of people who share a common interest in the natural history, conservation, and husbandry of reptiles and amphibians. STARS offer a variety of activities and educational opportunities for our members and the public. Monthly meetings are open to all. STARS provide Educational programs, Volunteer services to local communities, including lectures on reptiles and amphibians for school groups, scouting groups, and industry groups. Community outreach includes educational displays of Texas reptiles at local public events for the purpose of providing Texans with an appreciation of the Education of our state

Reptiles. Public service that STARS conducted in cooperation with local government whereby volunteers remove unwanted reptiles from residential areas and rescue or adopt any animals in need of a new home.

**Monthly Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month**

**All are welcomed to attend!**

### **Meetings and Events**

*2018 meeting dates are the following:*

Jan. 10	July 11
Feb. 14	Aug. 8
March 14	Sept. 12
April 11	Oct. 10
May 9	Nov. 14
June 13	Dec. 14

### **Our Board**

President: Peter Mimikos  
Vice President: Cam Posey  
Secretary: Izzy Martinez  
Treasurer: U'N



**STARS is sponsored by Valero corporate and are meetings are held at the regional corporate site**

**Located at: 1 Valero Way, San Antonio TX 78249**



Photo by: David Prötzel (ZSM/LMU)

A recent article published January 17, 2018 by LIVESCIENCE, by Senior Writer, Mindy Weisberger discusses chameleons glow comes from their bones. Scientists have discovered the chameleon's bones fluoresce through their skin. When you have the chameleon under a UV light the glow is visible. The study's authors observed 160 specimens 31 species in the Calumna genus. This group of chameleons are native to Madagascar. They photographed the animals in their habitats using UV light and showed the glowing patterns. Next, they used 3D X-ray imaging. The raised bumps in the chameleon bones are known as tubercles. The tubercles provide the source of the glow.



**We are also sponsored by Bonnie of Texas Reptile Expo**

STARS Runs the concession stand, provide a live animal display, and the auction.

**Feel free to contact Bonnie at 501-454-9353 if you want to be a vendor.**

*If you would like to volunteer to help with the STARS table or concession stand, please contact Cam Posey by Facebook or call. Another contact is Isabel Martinez at [isabelcmartinez17@gmail.com](mailto:isabelcmartinez17@gmail.com)*

**We are always looking for volunteers to help STARS at the events.**

**Texas Reptile Expo is located at McQueeney Lions Club**

3211 FM 78, McQueeney, TX 78155

**2018 Expo Dates**

March 3-4  
June 2-3  
Sept. 15-16  
Dec. 1-2

**2019 Expo Dates**

March 2-3  
June 1-2  
Sept. 7-8  
Dec. 7-8


**2020 Expo Dates**

March 7-8  
June 6-7  
Sept. 12-13  
Dec. 5-6

**SOUTH TEXAS AMPHIBIANS & REPTILE SOCIETY**



Website: [www.southtexasamphibianandreptilesociety.com](http://www.southtexasamphibianandreptilesociety.com)

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