Newport Forest   September 29 2001   2:10 - 5:30 pm

Weather: prec. 18 mm, LM 30C, FCF 18C, lt wnd from E, sunny w clouds
Purpose: maitenance visit - trail mapping, trail clearing, tree station
Participants: Kee, Nic

On the way to the site, we stopped at Glencoe to pick up brand new brush hook and Swede saw.

Then we returned Edgar's brush hook and also gave him the brand new hoe with the snapped weld. He said he'd fix it next time he was welding. I said anytime bfore late spring. Nina gave us a new species, a live underwing moth fluttering around in a used plastic food container and looking somewhat distressed. I thanked her profusely.

At the trailer, I took all the readings, took a few pictures of the "moth-in-a-box," then released it. Nic thought she didn't look too much the worse for wear. So she flew right into the van and settled on the steering wheel. "If we hear the van leave, it'll be her," said Nic. We walked the Blind Creek Trail up over the Hogsback (noticing a Green Frog hopping across our path, as well as some Wolf's Milk Slime on a log) and down the other side where some trees had fallen over the trail. We took out the Swede saw to good effect, sawing within a few minutes through two Ironwoods and a young Maple. We then moved on down the trail to deal with a larger tree, long dead, that had fallen right across the trail to hang in a nearby Hickory. That one took nearly half an hour to cut through.

We walked on out the RST, clearing some overhang with the new brush hook as we went. At the RL we picked up the old chairs and tiny picnic table to bring them back to the trailer. After some coke & water, we walked the entire FCT so I could map it more or less accuratel for the next edition of the Newport Forest map. By the time we finished, it was 5 pm, so we packed up and drove to the UM, where we measured and staked out the first of several modules for the tree station. Each module will be a ten-foot square. And out.

New Species

Underwing Moth	*Catocala* sp.
Wolf's Milk Slime	*Lycogala epidendrum*