

Newport Forest

July 7 2002

1:05 - 7:15 pm

**Weather:** prec. 0 mm; sun/haze; SW/W < 5 kmh; LM 33 C; FCF 27 C

**Purpose:** maintenance

**Participants:** Pat, Kee and Dylan (Dewdney)

Today was the annual butterfly count and we were visited by Stan and Anita Caveney and two other persons to assist. Pat took the group down to the river while Dylan and I went down to the bridge. Junior followed us down the hill, across the bridge and into the FC trail which, I decided, needed some grooming. Trying to keep him out of the way (rather, trying to keep out of his way), we succeeded in hacking and scraping about 200 metres of trail. Junior had a meal and retired to his hole in the Black Maple. Pat ried to rest after the buttefly people had left.

Dylan and I took advantage of Junior's siesta to drive up to the tree station and fabricate/install a sunscreen for the west end. The trees now have pretty good protection from the sun, none seem to be suffering from anything worse than poor soil, so that's it for construction - almost: we have to brace the big water tank next, but that's a quick job. Only the painting remains, otherwise.

Dylan measured the intake pipe for the water tank at 2 1/4 ". Then he asked whether a "random dance" would distinguish him enough to earn an entry into the field notes. I said it might, so Dylan did a silly jig.

We had to wait until Junior came out of his hole before leaving. It took about an hour.

**New species:** Click Beetle                      *Rhigio* sp.                      ET SC

**note:** butterfly data not yet available