

The Carbide Courier

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GROTTO MEETINGS

Grotto meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month, with the exception of September and January. Meeting locations may vary, so check the DUG web and Facebook pages for details.

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MEMBERSHIP INFO

Annual membership is \$15 per individual, \$20 per family, or \$7.50 for full-time students. Memberships renewable on January 1st. Dues can be mailed to the membership committee chairman:

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<http://www.dugcaves.com/membership-and-renewals.html>

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Calendar of Events

- April 12 Regular membership meeting, 7pm, at Roger and Lynn Brucker's house.
- May 10 Regular membership meeting, 7pm, at Roger and Lynn Brucker's house.
- May 16-17 GSP Open House at the Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve
- May 22-25 Speleofest, Lonestar Preserve, Kentucky <http://louisville.caves.org/speleofest.shtml>
- June 14 Regular membership meeting, 7pm, at Roger and Lynn Brucker's house.
- June 25-28 Karst-O-Rama <http://karstorama.com/>
- July 12 Regular membership meeting, 7pm, at Roger and Lynn Brucker's house.
- July 13-17 2015 NSS Convention <http://nss2015.caves.org/>
- August 7-9 Indiana Cave Capers, Lawrence County Recreational Park, Springville, IN
<http://www.cigcaves.com/indiana-cave-capers/all-about-cave-capers/>



Get Your Very Own Grotto Patch!

Designed by our very own Tom Cottrell, you too can own one of these handsome patches. They are \$5 each. Contact our chairman, Pam Carpenter, to purchase one (pcarpenter@woh.rr.com). Or, send a check to:

Pam Carpenter
3715 Woodman Drive
Kettering, OH 45429

We are officially the 184th different NSS affiliated grotto to have produced a patch

The program for our meeting on April 12th is about exploration in the Yukatan by Jim Pizarowicz. Hope to see you there!

FROM SHERRY CLEMENTS:

I am giving a shout out to other grottos and their membership chairs for help with the WiFi at GSP. what I am looking for is \$25.00 donations for WiFi passes. This will give people a pass for one year. In the past Werner Jud collected money for the WIFI. I am now doing this. GSP can only offer this service if the users pay for it. WiFi is not in their yearly budget. Some cavers like to stay connected while visiting GSP. If you can help spread the word or direct people to me that would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Sherry at redheadcaver626@yahoo.com.

DUG Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

Mike Hood, DUG Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Chairman

At the grotto's executive committee meeting, held before the March 8th regular meeting, our constitution and bylaws were discussed. It was the opinion of the board that our constitution and bylaws are out of date and in need of amendments.

Chairman Pam appointed me as the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Chairman to review our constitution and bylaws and draft amendments. This has been done, and you can view the proposed amendments beginning on page 11 of this newsletter.

In accordance with Article VIII of our Constitution, and Article IX of our Bylaws, this serves as the 30-day notice of the vote to amend at our May 10th regular membership meeting. A mail ballot will be a provided to the members before the May meeting for those who wish to vote in absentia.



Ergor's Disgusting Cave Names: What to Do

By Ergor Rubreck

Have you ever thought how many caves have terrible names? Take Mammoth Cave. When they named it around 1800 its former bad name was Flats Cave. Mammoth is hardly better. Around 1907 a nearby cave was named Colossal Cave -- a more fitting name. But consider Stupendous Cave or Gigundo Cave as a much more suitable appellation.

Tom Brucker has suggested some clever descriptive cave names: Peach Cave -- Its de Pits! Albatross Cave -- Around Your Neck of the Woods. Armpit Cave -- Hairy Drops Galore! He proffered a great many more, but I hate to see him get credit for ideas I'd rather claim. His Poynter Sisters Cave -- Stalagmite Sisters Stay Out is about as wretched as they come.

Too easy cave names attach to the city, state, or place where they're located: Carlsbad Caverns, Ohio Caverns, Cumberland Caverns, and Schoharie Caverns are examples. No imagination needed for those! And those miserable caves that use descriptive names like Dry Cave, Long Cave, Short Cave, and Cliff Cave make me puke. Since I have such a distaste for other people's cave names,

what would I call the caves I have been privileged to explore?

Noentrance Cave was one I named after Rane Curl's discovery that the number of no entrance caves outnumber the caves with one entrance by a factor of ten. I cannot tell you where it is because it has no entrance. But it's there! And it's a big 'un. How about Lava Lava Cave -- what sarong with that? (T. Brucker at work.) Since caves are so mysterious, I would like to name one Previously Unknown Cave. That way people would mistake a lot of other caves for my cave. Why not name a cave after myself? Rubreck Cave sounds too much like Rutabaga Cave -- Tuber or not tuber, said Hamlet. A name I kind of like is World's Longest Cave. It will be remembered long after it is surveyed and listed in Bob Gulden's catalog.

Place names in caves compete for fanciness. In Mammoth Cave is Methodist Church. Why not Baptist Church? Heartbreak Rotunda measures 575 feet in diameter but is only 2 feet high. Bottomless Pit in Mammoth Cave is 110 feet deep, but Topless Pit could have a dome of any altitude. Hall of the Seven Virgins could be a rare name because

there are seldom that many on one cave trip.

Foreign Caves often have exotic names and suitably unusual names for places in them. Mine Cave in Germany was Hitler's redoubt, according to Tom Brucker. La Cucaracha Cueva in Mexico is a crawling nightmare. Well of Death in Yucatan is a cenote, so water filled caves may not count. Nosebleed Cave atop Mount Everest is the highest cave known or unknown. It has been trashed with empty oxygen bottles, tents, backpacks, candy wrappers, and ancient climbers awaiting transport for burial. Near the Panama Canal is Locks & Bagels Cave; a pack of barking beagles found it. The sewers of Paris have Guffre LaPue. China boasts Howsweet Howlong Howdieder cave that is so big they have to measure it in meters and kilometers. Our trip around the world would not be complete without visiting that very famous South African cave -- Diamond Caverns.

I propose a new naming standards convention and a Commission to approve all proposed cave and cavern names before making them official. Since statesmen are required to arbitrate disputes

and pass on factual issues without compromise, I propose that one Republican, one Democrat, one Whig, one Tory, and one Episcopalian be named by the UN Director General to the United Nations Directorate of Underground Names Group (UNDUNG). It should require that cave names NOT refer to nearby places, nearby races, famous men or women, animals, plants, or minerals. Controversial names (such as license plates with sexual connotations) must be avoided. Cute familiar sayings with two or more

connotations must not be used; e.g. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED CAVE. Cave names with more than thirteen letters must be divided into groups of four letters each: SUCK INGM UDDY SLOU GH CAVE. Violators of these rules will be forced to lead three-per-day 150-person tours in Mammoth Cave for nine months.

I do hope my suggestions will be adopted to bring order out of chaos in contemporary cave naming. Caves deserve better.

Ergor Rubreck's Find at Oak Island

By Ergor Rubreck

Oak Island, site of the Money Pit in Nova Scotia, supposedly holds a buried treasure trove of fabulous and mysterious valuables. Gold doubloons? Marie Antoinette's crown jewels? King Arthur's magic sword? The Ark of the Covenant? Holy grail? Groucho Marx's mustache? Accounts said a prophetic note reads "Seven must die!" to find the treasure; however, six are already dead, which cuts down the odds. Me, I could not care less for treasure, exploring interesting caves is everything! On the other hand, non-cavers always ask me, "Find anything valuable in them caves?"

I contacted a Canadian caver, Hoser MacSuds, who had explored caves in the slipperiest parts of West Virginia, Castleguard, and Kings Pub in Montreal. We

made a pact to explore Oak Island caves together, sealed by a pint of Bunker C. "We'll do it right, mate, since the provincial government bulloxed the split-treasure law aborning," he proclaimed.

We met in the seaport city of Halifax, NS and rented a lorry for our excursion to Oak Island. Oak Island is privately owned. Much of it is strewn with rusting machinery, hoists, pitards, windlasses, jack screws, cable, chains, and whips. These abandoned artifacts spoil most views on the island. Expeditions mounted by mountebanks, freebooters, contractors, businessmen and neredowells have exhausted their patron's patience and fortunes digging, drilling, pumping and otherwise seeking the treasure buried there. Why would any

self-respecting pirate bury treasure there, when there are at least eight other islands larger and more readily accessible in Mahone Bay? Only a wealth of *stories* has been generated, plus a beat-up ancient coin, some cocoanut fibers, rotten wood, and a lost stone tablet containing an undecyphered coded inscription (which I decyphered, by the way; translation later.)

Hoser wanted to crowdfund our go at the money pit, but I told him we needed a reconnaissance first before we go after the heavy coin. We left the big city. We stopped at a general store in the small town of Mahon Bay. The proprietor looked over 40, so I told him we were cave explorers looking for the Oak Island treasure.. "How many

treasure hunters have you seen?" I asked.

"You're the 20th and 21st," he said. Then he added, "this week." He offered to sell us an Oak Island treasure map for two loonies. I objected to being called crazy, but Hoser wisely restrained my arm as I drew back to smite him.

Hoser told him, "No thanks, lad. We downloaded the exclusive Oak Island treasure map from Google. Fresh off the Internet." The shopkeeper allowed as how we were spelunkers, we might want a map of nearby Acorn Island. He said it was an island karst complete with flank margin caves, sinkholes, rillenstein, and karren. (I failed to ask for Karren's phone number.) We paid 20 bob for "the only copy" of the *Acorn Island Treasure Map; An Annotated Guide to Money Pits and Gold Hoards*. © 2012 by Clothes Press. We departed after loading up with bangers and mash for lunch.

There is no causeway nor bridge to Acorn Island. But we found a fisherperson who owned a LST from WW II and would ferry our lorry to Acorn Island for \$50 C. Through the mist we could see waves breaking on Oak Island a few miles away. Our FWD climbed on an unpaved road around the island to a flank margin cave,

near a beach containing several shipwrecks, and several crosses. A cryptic sign said AVAST THERE and on the reverse side said AARGH. I guessed these were pirate signs, so if there *was* pirate treasure, we were on the right track. Hoser and I donned our boiler suits, helmets, headlamps, and ditty bags of emergency rations and plunged into the cave. In 234m we came to an abrupt wall -- the end of the cave. Propped against the wall was an exact copy of the undecypherable inscription coded rock that supposedly referred to the Oak Island Money Pit.

Suddenly Hoser cried out, "Water! Run for your life. Tide's coming in!" The sea was now lapping my ankles and Hoser was heading pall mall toward the exit. I lingered a few minutes and unholstered my camera. Confirming everything we had heard and read, the inscription was jibberish. But as the water rose, it soon reached the half-way point on the rock, covering the lower half of the symbols. The upper half of the coded inscription was reflected in the intruding water. I fired a burst of 20 shots, then hightailed out of the cave chin-deep in water.

Back at our room in the Ritz Hotel in Mahone Bay, I printed

out my photos of the undecypherable coded inscription rock. One frame struck me like thunder bolt: A CORN IS LAND M i T OK IS LAND. I puzzled at the half-inscription, half-reflection in my photo. What could it mean? Suddenly, I had it! I screamed for Hoser to build a fire at once on the beach...our signal for summoning the fisherperson's WW II LST.

Several hours later we headed northeast up the coast. Just before the small town of Western Shore we turned right onto the narrow causeway to Oak Island. The owner's agent hailed us to stop and pay \$100 C (Aha! The Oak Island treasure -- a toll for access!). Hoser and I pooled our cash and paid, not waiting for a receipt. Dusk was at hand, light fading fast. We drove the lorry to where the junk was scattered abundantly. "Hoser, what do you see?"

"Just junk," said Hoser, surveying the abandoned machinery.

"Over there, next to the ancient boiler...see, it's a rusted Ford Model T! That's the clue everybody has missed since 1923." It was finally dark and Hoser gave up looking. We agreed to rise at first light and examine the old car hulk. We pitched our tent, brewed coffee, ate the last of the

bangers and mash, and turned in.

First light this far east was at 5:32 AM. Hoser was already up. We sprinted to the rusting Model T Ford. Under a rotting floorboard we found a rusting metal tool box. We prized it open. It contained a hoard of coins, 20 in all. They were goonies, a rare Canadian coin, only 40 of which were struck in 1920. They bore an image of an upside down bi-wing airplane. obviously a mis-strike. Hoser was a numismatist -- a coin collector and money expert. He said these were worth a fortune, perhaps \$200 C!

"How did you know where to look?" asked Hoser.

I told him the undecypherable coded inscription -- when reflected in the advancing tide -- told the story. I had held that photo up to my mirror, which I always carry in my caving emergency kit, and saw...nonsense! However, the letters in reverse spelled A CORN IS LAND Mi T OK IS LAND. If you put all the letters together, and divide them differently, it spells *ACORN ISLAND MY T OaK ISLAND*. I remembered seeing an abandoned Ford Model T among the junk scattered around on Oak Island.

On our way back along the causeway we were stopped by a crown official. "The Provincial Parliament has just enacted a law that one-half of any treasure find is claimed by the Province," he explained. We showed him the hoard of 20 goonies, and he counted out ten, giving us an official receipt. Our causeway fee of \$100 C and our \$100 goony-confiscation meant we had broken even, despite our find on Oak Island.



Karst Field Studies at Mammoth Cave

Hello fellow cavers!

We now officially have the KFS line up for Summer 2015! Western Kentucky University Department of Geography and Geology and in cooperation with the Mammoth Cave International Center for Science and Learning will be presenting the following courses:

- Cave Archaeology, June 1-6, Dr. George Crothers
- Karst Hydrogeology of the Ozarks, May 31-June 7, Dr. Robert Lerch and Ben Miller, MsC
- Research Methods for Cave and Karst Science June 17-21, Dr. Jason Polk

Courses may be taken for graduate, undergraduate, or continuing education credit. Courses may also be taken just for fun as non-credit workshops. Registration officially ends May 8, but be sure sign up early for discounted registration! See you there!

<http://www.karstfieldstudies.com/>

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming National Speleological Society Headquarters Volunteer Weekends

March 14 - 15, 2015

March 28 - 29, 2015

April 11 - 12, 2015

April 25 - 26, 2015

May 2 - 3, 2015

May 30 - 31, 2015

June 13 - 14, 2015

All skill levels
are welcome!

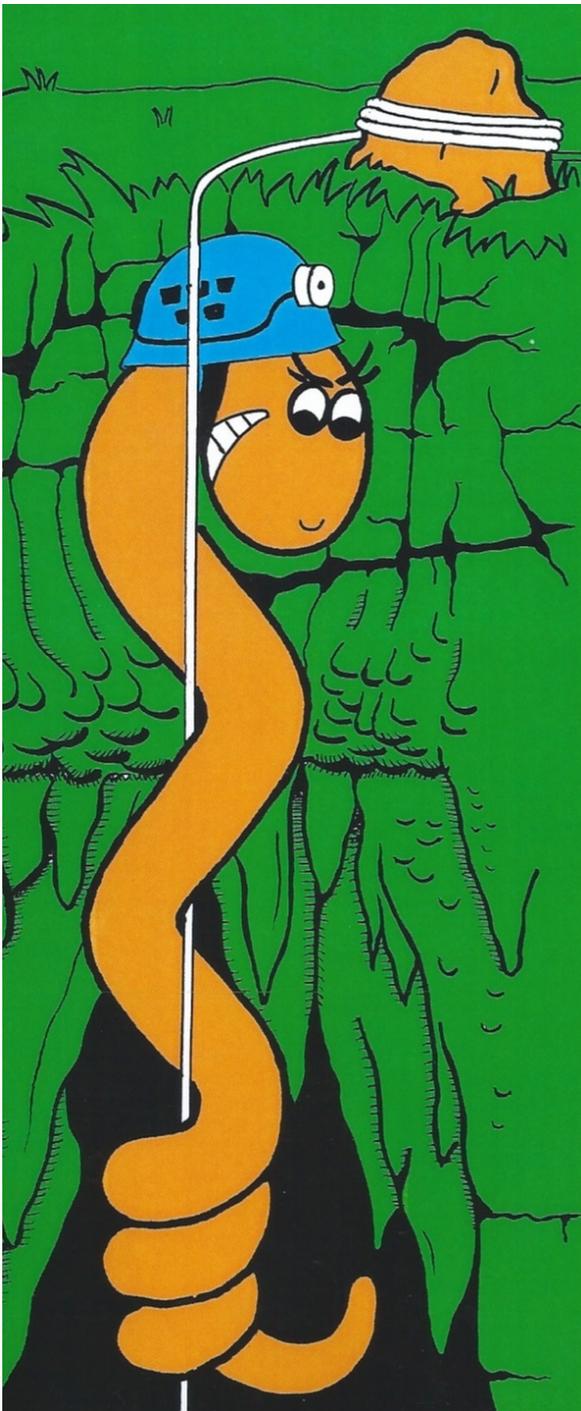
Free indoor¹⁵ and
outdoor camping.

Full kitchen available.

Encourage your grotto to
claim a weekend²² and a project!

For more information
and to RSVP, please email
hqvolunteer@caves.org
or hqcomm@caves.org.





2015 WORMFEST

Planning for the 2015 Wormfest is underway. The dates, and location, are tentative and will be announced once they are confirmed. The Wormfest Committee is in need of volunteers to head up specific jobs. The committee (and vacancies) are:

Chairman - Mike Hood
 Registration - Open
 Cave Trip Coordinator - Open
 Wormfeast - Pam Carpenter
 Activities and Contests - Open
 Raffle - Open
 Guidebook - Open
 T-Shirts - Open
 Web Page - Mike Hood

It's been several years since we've held Wormfest and it's time to get this tradition started back up. This year's will be basic, just so we can get it back on its feet. Plus, we don't have as many members as in past years to take on the many jobs necessary to make it successful. T-shirts and a guidebook will depend on interest and if anyone would like to volunteer to take on these tasks.

Contact Mike Hood if you would like to help out with one of the open jobs. Let's all pull together to get the Wormfest going again!

There are several DUG members who have missing information on the grotto membership database (address, NSS number, e-mail, phone number(s), etc.). Please take a moment to look at the membership roster found on the Members-Only section of the grotto web page. Please contact me if you have any missing, or outdated, information. I can be reached at mkhood@woh.rr.com, or at 937-252-2978. Thanks!

Mike Hood
Membership Chairman

DUG CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTO

CONSTITUTION

- I. The name of this organization shall be the Dayton Underground Grotto of the National Speleological Society (NSS).
- II. The purposes of this organization shall be the same as those of the NSS, with the additional purpose of organizing NSS members in the Dayton Ohio area to better promote the objectives of the NSS.
- III. (1) The Dayton Underground Grotto shall be governed by an Executive Committee made up of the following officers (all NSS members) elected annually by the members:

(a) Chairman	(b) Vice-Chairman	(c) Secretary- Administration
(d) Treasurer	(e) Secretary-Communications	(e) Two Board Members

COMMENT: I recommend making the Carbide Courier editor (which is the Secretary-Communications) an appointed position and not elected. It might make it easier to get a volunteer.

 - (2) The Executive Committee shall have complete power to manage the business, to raise funds in any manner not inconsistent with the policies of the NSS; and to perform all other necessary functions.
 - (3) Decisions or actions of the Executive Committee may be overruled by a two-thirds majority vote of the members.
- IV. (1) Executive Committee and general meetings shall be held at such times and places as are determined by the Committee.
 - (2) A petition signed by two-thirds of the membership shall be mandatory upon the Executive Committee to call a special meeting for the purpose stated in the petition.
- V. Full membership is limited to members of the NSS.
- VI. The Constitution and Bylaws of the National Speleological Society shall be binding on the Dayton Underground Grotto. Any action inconsistent therewith shall be null and void.
- VII. Any NSS or Dayton Underground Grotto property shall revert to the NSS in the event of dissolution.

- VIII. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed either by the Executive Committee or by a petition of ten percent of the membership in good standing. Adoption of the amendment(s) shall require a two-thirds vote of the members voting, either in person or by absentee ballot, provided that notice of the meeting and the content of the amendments shall have been announced to the membership by mail or at a meeting at least thirty days prior to the time when the vote is taken, and provided also that the total number of votes cast is at least twenty percent of the membership and includes at least two members who are not serving on the Executive Committee. The vote may be taken either at a meeting or by mail ballot.

NOTE: Items to be amended/removed are <struck-through>, while changes/additions are in <blue>.

DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTO

BYLAWS

I. MEMBERSHIP

A. Applications.

1. Applications for membership shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by dues.

2. There shall be the following classes of membership:

a. Regular. Individuals which are National Speleological Society (NSS) members, and have paid current Dayton Underground Grotto (DUG) dues. These members are full members with normal privileges.

b. Family. Individuals related to and residing with at least one regular member. These members are equivalent to regular members, except they don't receive copies of publications.

c. Honorary. These members are full regular members and are exempt from dues. This honor shall be given out not more than once in a calendar year.

d. Distinguished. These members are full regular members exempt from dues for a three year period.

B. Dues.

1. The amount of annual member dues, their due dates, and the collection procedures shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

C. Termination of Membership.

1. Membership shall be terminated for nonpayment of DUG dues. A member dropped for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated automatically upon payment of current DUG dues.

2. Members may be admonished, suspended from certain privileges, or expelled from DUG membership for any of the following reasons:

- a. Willful misuse of DUG property or facilities.
- b. Willful disregard of the safety of themselves and/or others while participating in a DUG activity.
- c. Conduct detrimental to the DUG and/or the NSS.

3. Disciplinary action under this provision shall be taken only upon a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee by a secret ballot. Disciplinary action shall be initiated only upon presentation to the Executive Committee of a written petition for disciplinary action, submitted by at least two members of the DUG not in the same household.

4. Upon receiving such a petition, the Executive Committee shall take such actions as are deemed necessary to notify the accused member or members, in writing, of the petition, and of the place, date, and time at which the petition will be considered by the Executive Committee. The accused members or members shall have the right to speak on their own behalf. Such consideration shall take place no sooner than twenty-one days or no later than seventy days after the petition is received by the Executive Committee.

II. ASSESSMENTS AND GIFTS

A. No special assessments may be made against members of the DUG. Voluntary contributions may be solicited by the Executive Committee for specific purposes. A charge may be made for the DUG's special publications and extra copies of regular publication, and fees may be collected for use of the DUG's property when approved by the Executive Committee.

B. Gifts and bequests may be made to the DUG in any form or amount and for any use compatible with the purpose of the DUG.

C. A charge may be made to non-members for: attendance at DUG sponsored activities, use of the DUG's equipment and library, copies of publications, maps, and other data, and inclusion of non-members on the DUG's mailing list.

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III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Electees shall take office effective ~~at the end of the October general meeting~~ <January 1st>. A tie shall be broken at the next Executive Committee meeting after the election by a ballot of current members of the Executive Committee and those elected candidates not tied in the election. COMMENT: Putting the office year on the calendar year will eliminate confusion.

B. The Executive Committee shall have the power to remove any Executive Committee member who, without just cause, fails to attend two regular Executive Committee meetings in one fiscal year without sending a proxy or who, without cause fails to attend regular Executive Committee meetings in person for three consecutive meetings.

C. Vacancies on the Executive Committee that occur shall be filled for the balance of the ~~fiscal~~ <calendar> year by chairman's appointment, subject to majority approval of the rest of the Executive Committee. If at the end of that year additional months remain on the original term, the post for the balance of the term shall be filled in the regular election process by the candidate receiving the highest number of votes after those elected for full terms. A tie for such position shall be broken at the next Executive Committee meeting by the Executive Committee and those successful candidates no ties in the election.

~~D. Candidates for the Executive Committee shall be selected from among DUG members by an Elections Committee of at least three members, a majority of whom are not Executive Committee members. This committee shall be appointed annually by the chairman and approved by the Executive Committee. The chairman of this committee shall not be a candidate for the Executive Committee in the election for which the committee is formed. Additional nominations of members may be made from the floor at a regular general meeting provided that such nominations are seconded and subject to acceptance by the member so nominated. The ballot shall have provisions for write-in votes.~~ <Candidates for the Executive Committee will be nominated from the floor at the meeting prior to January. Members may also submit his or her name, and office running for, to the Chairman via e-mail, telephone, or mail, anytime before the meeting prior to January.

~~E. The deadline for receiving ballots shall be the beginning of the October meeting. Ballots shall be mailed to the members and postmarked at least fourteen days before the deadline for receiving ballots.~~ <The election will be held at the regular grotto meeting prior to January. Members must be present to vote. Three regular members, not running for office, will be appointed by the chairman to count the ballots at the meeting and announce the results before the end of the meeting. The elected officers will take office effective January 1st.>

COMMENT: This will save the grotto the cost of printing and mailing ballots. We never had a good return of ballots and this will simplify the election. Want to vote? Then attend meetings.

~~F. The Elections Committee shall submit to the Executive Committee a written report on the results of the selection process and the results of any nominations from the floor. The Elections Committee shall prepare, distribute, and receive the ballots, and shall act as tellers for the election, and shall submit a written report of the results of the election to the Executive Committee. The Elections Committee shall also notify each nominee of his or her position in the election and of the place, date, and time of the organizing meeting of the new Executive Committee.~~ Non NSS members or members under the age of 18 do not have voting privileges and cannot hold an elected office.

G. Proxies. Any member of the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the DUG as a proxy to act for him/her at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Proxy may act at one meeting for only one Executive Committee member. The presiding officer must be notified of such proxy appointment directly or in writing by the absent Executive Committee member before the proxy may be allowed to serve. Authorization should state whether or not discretionary voting power has been granted to the proxy.

H. Other attendees. Committee chairs may attend meetings of the Executive Committee and have the privilege of speaking on matters relevant to the committee's function, but shall have no power to vote by virtue of their chairmanship. Any other member of the DUG may attend Executive Committee meetings and may be granted the privilege of the floor at the discretion of the presiding officer, but shall have no power to vote.

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I. Executive Committee Meetings. The date, time, and place of these meetings shall be provided to the membership before the date of such meeting. The Executive Committee shall determine the date, time, and place for any special meetings. A quorum at an Executive Committee meeting will be a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

J. Parliamentary Authority. Robert's *Rules of Order*, as revised, shall govern all procedural questions arising at meetings of the Executive Committee when they are applicable and when they are not inconsistent with the DUG's constitution and bylaws.

K. Directives/Acts. Each action approved by the Executive Committee which serves to establish new policies or administrative procedures will be designated as a "directive" or "act." The Secretary Administration

IV. GENERAL MEETINGS

A. There will be at least one General Meeting of the membership in each of at least six months of the fiscal year. The date, time, and place of these meetings shall be provided to the membership before the date of such meeting. The Executive Committee shall determine the date, time, and place for these and any special meetings.

B. A quorum at a General Meeting shall be ten members or ten percent of the membership, whichever is the greater number.

V. COMMITTEES

A. Committees shall be established by the Executive Committee to execute the work of the DUG. Chairmen of the committees shall be appointed by the chairman of the DUG, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Each committee chairman shall select the personnel and promote the activities of his committee. [This does not apply to the Elections Committee, described elsewhere.]

VI. FINANCES

A. The DUG may acquire real and personal property, including equipment, literature, and other materials for use by and on behalf of the membership. This fiscal year shall begin October 1st, and end September 30th

VII. PUBLICATIONS

A. ~~The DUG will issue and distribute to the members in good standing, other than Family Members, regular issues of the Carbide Courier, and is empowered to issue and distribute special publications, subject to regulations governing the subject matter, publication dates, sales, and distributions as prescribed by the Executive Committee.~~ <The grotto will publish an on-line newsletter at least quarterly. Special publication, subject to regulations governing subject matter, publication dates, sales, and distribution may be authorized by the Executive Committee.>

VIII. STORE

A. The DUG may maintain a grotto store for the convenience of members, friends, and associates, which will be limited to speleologically related goods appropriate to the policies of the DUG.

IX. AMENDMENT

A. All proposed amendments in these bylaws must be presented to the entire membership and notice given to the members at to the place, date, and time of the General Meeting at which the amendment(s) will be considered for adoption, if not, provisions shall be made for absentee voting. This notice shall be given not less than twenty days prior to the designated meeting. Adoption of the amendment(s) shall require a two-thirds vote of the members voting, either in person or by absentee ballot, and the total votes cast must constitute at least twenty of the membership.

<X. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution the assets of the organization shall be distributed to the National Speleological Society. A two-thirds vote of the membership is required to dissolve the grotto.>



Convention Registration Form Can Be Found on Page 20 of this Newsletter.

<http://nss2015.caves.org/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

THE GROTTO HAS MANY POSITIONS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS! THE VICE CHAIRMAN POSITION IS OPEN, AS ARE MANY OF OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN POSITIONS!

GO TO PAGE 1 OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND LOOK AT WHAT IS OPEN. STEP UP AND HELP OUT YOUR GROTTO! VOLUNTEER!

CONTACT CHAIRMAN PAM TO VOLUNTEER



The Dayton Underground Grotto
of the National Speleological Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
www.dugcaves.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME:		NSS NUMBER: <i>(if member)</i>	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
HOME PHONE NUMBER:	CELL PHONE NUMBER:	WORK PHONE NUMBER:	
I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR OLDER: _____ YES _____ NO			

MEMBERSHIP TYPE AND ANNUAL DUES (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL (\$15)(\$7.50 if after June 1 st)
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL STUDENT (full time students only) (\$7.50)(\$3.75 if after June 1 st)
<input type="checkbox"/>	FAMILY (family members must reside in same household) (\$20) (\$10 if after June 1 st) List family members:

WILL THE DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTTO BE YOUR PRIMARY NSS AFFILIATION? _____ YES _____ NO

DO YOU WISH TO BE SUBSCRIBED TO THE GROTTTO YAHOOGROUPS E-MAIL LIST? (dugcaves@yahoogroups.com)

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under age 18

Date

Make checks payable to the Dayton Underground Grotto
Mail completed form and payment to Mike Hood, 4668 Airway Rd., Dayton, OH 45431

www.karstorama.com

Karst-0-Rama 2015

June 26, 27 & 28

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Mt. Vernon, KY
 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
 Pre-registration Form (ends June 01, 2015)

***THIS YEAR WE ARE HAVING A PIG ROAST FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER.
 THE THEME FOR THE PARTY (that's right) HAWAIIAN LUAU SO PACK YOUR
 GRASS SKIRTS AND HAWAIIAN CAVE SHIRTS***

Principle Registrant's Name _____ NSS# _____

Grotto of which you are a member of if any: _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Emergency Contact/Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Additional Family Members Only (*Names are required for badges; family members do not receive guidebooks*).

Spouse _____ Child _____

Child _____ Child _____

Total Family Members _____

The following prices are good for PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!

Principle Registrant (\$35.00 at gate)	\$25.00	X _____	\$ _____
Spouse (<i>No Guide Book, No Car Pass</i>)(\$30.00 at gate)	\$20.00	X _____	\$ _____
Children 13 – 17 (\$15.00 at gate)	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
Children under 12	FREE	X _____	\$ F R E E
Dogs or Cats	\$20.00	X _____	\$ _____
Additional Camping (<i>Per Night/Per Person</i>)			
<i>Wed. _____ Thur. _____ Sun. _____ other nights _____</i>	\$5.00	X _____	\$ _____
Electric Site: <i>Wed. _____ Thur. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____</i>	\$5.00	X _____	\$ _____
Sat Night Dinner Ticket Chicken instead _____	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
Children under 12 Dinner Ticket (smaller portion)	\$5.00	X _____	\$ _____
T-Shirt S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: Greater Cincinnati Grotto

Mail By June 1st, To:

James Clements 9211 McKinney Rd. Loveland, OH 45140

For more information or questions contact:

James Clements j766clements@gmail.com 513-237-0514
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Karst-O-Rama 2015 Information Sheet

June 25,26,27 & 28

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Mt. Vernon, KY

www.karstorama.com

*The first 50 adults to pre-register will be entered into a drawing for a BAT UMBRELLA
For pictures of the BAT UMBRELLA check out our website
and to keep up to date with KOR check us out on facebook!*

KOR 2015 would like to welcome cavers and their friends..

Your registration includes *caving, caving, and more caving, many cave trips* of all shapes and sizes, a photo contest, map contest, vertical contest, Caver kid's activities, door prizes, informational speaker, Howdy party and Saturday night party. Your registration also includes camping fees for Friday and Saturday night, you are welcome to come earlier in the week and enjoy our caving area with self led trips. Additional camping fees are *\$5 for each person for each night*. Saturday night dinner tickets and T-shirts are available for an extra cost and only guaranteed for pre-registered guests. *Please be aware, Rockcastle County is a dry county.*

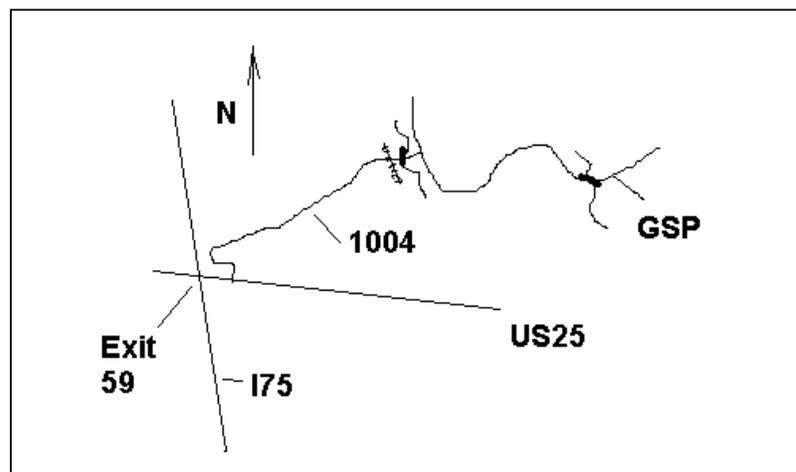
Electric sites are an additional \$5 per night per electric site with limited availability; if you want one, plan to preregister. You will be notified if we no longer have electric sites available. No air conditioners allowed, electric sites cannot handle large loads (in excess of 10 amps per site). You must be in an approved designated electric site along the pole to use electric; long extension cords will not be permitted.

Directions to Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve:

I75 to Exit 59 (Mount Vernon, KY). EAST on Route 25, turn LEFT onto Route 1004. Continue on Route 1004 to a "T" (just over the Railroad tracks and concrete bridge), turn RIGHT to continue on 1004. Look for the second concrete bridge at a sharp bend to the left. Continue for ¼ mile up the hill and look for the Great Saltpetre Preserve sign on the right. It is a total of 9 miles on Route 1004.

CAUTION: road is VERY steep and makes sudden, sharp turns

For those using a GPS coordinates are: N 37 deg 21.993 min, W 84 deg 12.391 min



2015 NSS CONVENTION July 13-17, 2015

Waynesville, Missouri www.nss2015.caves.org

Office Use Only
Reg #

Pre-Registration must be postmarked by June 13, 2015
One Registrant per Form.
Questions? Please E-Mail: registration2015@nssconvention.com

Please Print Clearly

Registration Information	
Last Name	First Name
Age: (circle): 0-6 7-17 18-20 21+	
Name on Name Tag	
Grotto/Affiliation	
NSS#	Sex: Circle One M F
Contact Information	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	
Phone #	Alt. Phone #
Emergency Contact	
Contact Name: _____	
Contact Phone # _____	
Is contact at convention Y N	
Special Needs	
Vegetarian Meal ____	
Other Needs:	
Payment	
Check or Money Order ____ Payable to 2015 NSS Convention	
Credit Card ____	
MC__ VISA__ DISCOVER__	
Card Number	
Exp. Date	CVV#
Name on Card	
Signature of Cardholder	
Additional Registrants associated with this payment	
Billing Address if different from mailing address	

ITEMS	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Adult Registration 18+ Pre Register	\$160.00		
On Site	\$200.00		
Accompanier Pre Register	\$130.00		
On Site	\$170.00		
Child Registration 7-17 Pre Register	\$150.00		
On Site	\$190.00		
Child 0-6	Free		
Will child participate in JSS	Yes	No	Incl.
Non NSS Member	Add \$45		
Adjustments			
No Guidebook	-\$30.00		
No Banquet	-\$30.00		
New Member Discount	-\$40.00		
Special Events			
Geology Field Trip SUN	\$60.00		
Hydrology Field Trip SUN	\$60.00		
Bat Workshop	\$25.00		
Cave Biology	\$30.00		
Vertical Workshop	\$25.00		
Speleo Art Workshop all 3 days	\$20.00		
Speleo Art Workshop 1 day only	\$10.00		
Speleo Art Workshop Non A&L 1 day only	\$15.00		
MCKC Pasta Dinner Wed.	\$15.00		
Convention Symbolic			
T-shirt Short Sleeve S M L XL	\$15.00		
T-shirt Short Sleeve XXL	\$17.00		
T-Shirt Long Sleeve S M L XL	\$20.00		
T-Shirt Long Sleeve XXL	\$22.00		
Convention Patch	\$5.00		
Convention Pin	\$5.00		
Extra Guidebook	\$30.00		
Grand Total			

Please send completed Registration form to:

NSS 2015 Convention
PO Box 411836
Chicago, IL 60641