

The Carbide Courier



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of the National Speleological Society



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New 20+ mile long cave discovered in Indiana, Colin Gatland buys Ohio cave property, New NSS WNS policy, and more!

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GROTTO MEETINGS

Grotto meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month (except for September, December, and the month of Wormfest) at 7:00pm at Roger and Lynn Brucker's house, 1635 Grange Hall Rd., Beavercreek, OH. For directions, see the map on the back cover, or go to the DUG webpage:

www.dugcaves.com

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From the Editor:

As you can see, this is a small issue. I can only publish what is sent to me. Last year, I almost entirely wrote all the stories in the April edition. I did not have the time to do that this year.

This is your newsletter. Send me things to publish or your newsletter will be small and boring!

I hope to see more submissions for the May issue.

That's all for now.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- April 11th** **7pm - Grotto General Membership Meeting**
Roger & Lynn Brucker's House (See back of Courier for Map)
- April 16th-18th** **NSS Spring Board of Governors Meeting hosted by the Greater Cincinnati**
Grotto at the Union Terminal, Cincinnati Museum Center
www.gcgcavers.com/index.php/2010-bog-meeting
- May 9th** **7pm - Grotto General Membership Meeting**
Roger & Lynn Brucker's House (See back of Courier for Map)
- May 15th-16th** **Great Saltpetre Preserve Open House**
- May 28th-31st** **Speleofest at the Louisville Grotto's Lone Star Preserve**
<http://louisville.caves.org>
- June 13th** **7pm - Grotto General Membership Meeting**
Roger & Lynn Brucker's House (See back of Courier for Map)
- July 15th-18th** **Karst-O-Rama at the Great Saltpetre Preserve**

April Birthdays

Sandy Rice - 2nd
Darren Davey - 6th
Mike Wuerth - 6th
Colin Gatland - 18th
Kevin Toepke - 18th
Christopher Conarroe - 22nd
James Landram - 22nd
Patricia Forman - 25th
Daniel Bower - 29th



NSS Announces New WNS Policy

NSS officials are pleased to announce a new interdiction policy that will both protect bats and allow cavers to return to caving. Officials admitted, a bit red faced, that the answer was staring them in the face the whole time. All caves in North America east of the Mississippi River will now be reclassified as "Show Caves". A science and research committee, headed by noted cave biologist and part time psychic Philbert Carton found that even in the show caves that had WNS infestations it still had not been deemed necessary to close them.

Apparently the biological environment is different from a normal cave due in part to the high levels of human traffic. Therefore by the reclassification we can protect the bats and cave again. There will be a few minor differences. All caves will be renamed by the latest government bureaucracy to take over our lives and even the most minutest details of it. Aptly named "the government commission on appropriate naming of show caves, and any other bit of nonsense we want to control." Cavers will also need to cave with a variety of different colored lights, and randomly accompanied by muzak. At least 10 stupid questions must be asked on each trip, including a reference to spelunkers. The NSS is also looking for volunteers to erect signs naming even the most insipid looking cave feature. The names will be provided by yet another TARP funded bureaucracy the commission on naming even the most insipid cave features and stopping sarcastic remarks from obnoxious people who don't know what is good for them and will soon be having their tax returns audited just to teach them a lesson commission." All show caves have gates, which the NSS is starting to put up and of course entrance fees. The entrance fees will be established at this year's convention so please attend so you can give your input.

Figure out these somewhat CAVE related words:

1. Pop drinking tube
2. Jump + 4th planet – p
3. (horse home slot) + (2/3 of ace) + (not loose)
4. (German camp -17) + (synonym for strength)
5. (a color) + (HOH) + (soap on a ___)
6. AU + straight mark + (has 5 digits) + straight mark
7. It has LOVE in it.
8. (not heaven) + (Heinz dog)
9. (a name for pub) – t + c
10. Union _____ Chemical Company
11. Synonym for all right
12. A car headlamp
13. .epor detonk no tip a porD Clue: Knob Bonk
14. !tub yadot stab oN
15. !! LOOF LIRPA !!

No VoWeLS → N VWLS

ALL OF THE VOWELS WERE DELETED IN AN ATTEMPT AT FILE COMPRESSION OF THIS VALUABLE DOCUMENT. SIMPLY PUT THEM BACK IN TO MAKE IT READABLE UNLESS YOU CAN READ IT AS IS. USE A, E, I, O, U, AND SOMETIMES Y.

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	HV	FN,	TM	CTTRLL							
DTN	NDRGRND		GRTT							3	
CRBD		CRR	DTR	MK	HD					5	
TH	PRL	FLS	DTN							4	
MT	T	L	TR	FR	DNNR					6	
G	T	RGR	BRCKR'S	BSMT	(FMS	CVR	ND	THR)		9	
D	NT	LT	TH	DGS	T					6	
TH	MTNG		STRTS	T	SVN	THRT				6	
-	S	W	HV	-	VSTR	R	-	NW	MMBR	10	
-	WNT	T	G	SPLNKNG	MN					6	
MN	-	DN'T	KNW	HW	T	T	-	KNT		9	
-	HR	THR	R	VRGNS	N	YR	CVS			8	
-	HV	BN	T	H	CVRNS	MN	TMS			7	
ND	PN	HLL	CV	WTH	B	SCTS	N	TM		9	
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ERGOR RUBRECK APPLIES FOR LOAN FOR 400-MILE ZIP LINE TOUR THROUGH MAMMOTH CAVE

Cave City, KY , January 6. Ergor Rubreck, famous cave explorer and daring do-er, has applied to the KY Tourism Cabinet for a loan of \$3,250,000 to set up a zip line concession to whiz tourists through 400 miles of Mammoth Cave. "We expect to open in 2011 as soon as we string 812 cables through the various passages of the 400-mile cave," said Rubreck. Zip lining has become a popular tourist attraction in natural areas. In Yellowstone National Park the zip line takes tourists on a fast rride through erupting geysers. "The ride is extremely safe," said Rubreck, "But the hot water has scalded a few riders, who are suing the federal government who owns the geysers."

Ergor Rubreck said the Mammoth Cave zip line will be a safe ride because the cables will be strung around the numerous staqlactites, not through them. "Regular tourists will be able to duck as the zippers come through since each harness will include a deer whistle to warn that a swooper is hurtling through," explained Rubreck. Ergor Rubreck is confident he will get the loan as he contributed heavily to Governor Beshear's election campaign. "My plan has received the endorsement of the East KY Coal Association, Take Back Kentucky, and the ASS (American Speleological Society).

Dr. Nick Crawdad, Ph.D. a noted cave expert, said the ride would do no harm to the cave, and probably would help to change the air from time to time.

**MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 13, 2010 DUG
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Editor's Note: The Las Vegas Wormfest IS NOT and April Fool's joke!

DUG meeting was brought together by Chairman Dana Sutherland introduced the officers in attendance, there were approximately 15 people at the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

CGC is hosting a Mammoth Cave restoration March 27-28 and A Rotunda climb Saturday April 3 at the Museum in Cincinnati.

GSP work weekend May 1st and 2nd for the Open House on May 16 and 17.

July 15 -18 is Karst-O-Rama at GSP and that usually has between 500-600 people.

Convention starts August 2nd and runs through the 6th in Vermont this year.

Our yearly cave event Wormfest will be held in Nov this year over Veteran's day weekend in Las Vegas! Start making your plans now.

I will be looking for assistance with this event. We will need some one to be in charge of the

following:

- T-shirts,
- A trip coordinator,
- A guidebook editor

Debbie Bowers has graciously offered to once again take on Registration Yea Deb.

Treasurers Report: Debbie Bowers
Checking \$807.25
Savings \$2087.07

We will give GCG the remaining \$500 for the compostable toilet as pledged last year.

We will be making some Misty Cave donations
Bob Yuellig has donated \$50.
There is a remaining \$4000 owed in order to finish the acquisition.

We will not be budgeting for vertical or rental gear this year.

WNS reported in TN now, and there was a rumors of it being reported in in KY now, but that has not been confirmed.

Don Conover reported a KSS work session was held today on mapping.

GSP reps are at a meeting today as a work weekend was held this weekend.

Dana will check to see who DUGs KSS rep is at this time.

Vertical Section Report:
Practice is held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. All are welcome to join in.
Vertical section will be going to Huntsville April 10 weekend contact Tama if you are interested.

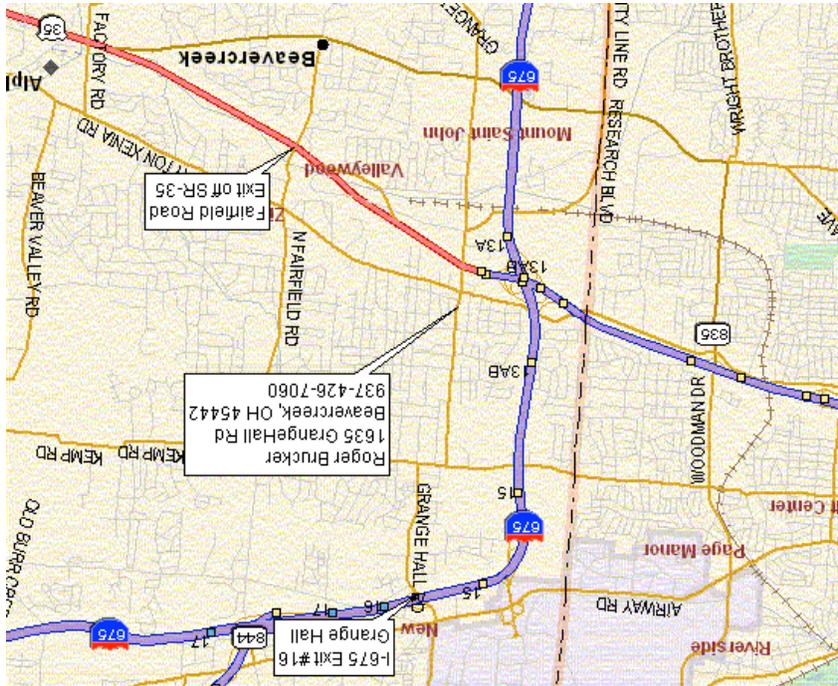
New at the meeting were:
James from Dayton and Anna from Spain. Welcome Anna and James.

Roger and Lynn announced there will be a Speleological Class at Mammoth this Summer. Roger will be teaching as will Pat Kambesis and Howard (they will be teaching mapping).

Week long classes start in June:
June 20 -26 for cartography
June 6-12 for cave ecology
Cave Exploration and Karst Hydrology will be held June 13-19

If interested please check with Roger and Lynn for further information.

Tammy Otten did a great presentation on her Mexico Trip this past Dec/Jan 2010



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