

The Carbide Courier

The Dayton Underground Grotto
of the National Speleological Society



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Grotto meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month during the months of January, April, July, and October. Meeting locations may vary, so check the DUG web and Facebook pages for details.

www.dugcaves.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DUG.NSS>

Find Us On the Web:

- www.dugcaves.com
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DUG.NSS>
- www.twitter.com/DUGCaves
- www.DUGCarbideCourier.weebly.com

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Cover Photo: The Phoenix rises from the ashes to symbolize the re-birth of the grotto and newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Annual membership is \$15 per individual, or \$20 per family. Memberships renewable on October 1st. Dues can be mailed to the treasurer:

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Please make check payable to:
Dayton Underground Grotto

You can also pay online using PayPal at:

www.dugcaves.com/joindug.htm

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Calendar of Events

- Feb 7 GSP Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Location to be determined
- Feb 11 KOR Meeting, 7:00pm at Tammy Otten's home
- Apr 14 DUG Meeting, 7:00pm at Lynn and Roger Brucker's home
- May 4-5 GSP Work Weekend in preparation for Open House
- May 18-19 GSP Open House
- Jun 21 Ohio River Festival and Gearfest, Newport on the Levee
- Jun 22 Paddlefest, Ohio River, ending at Newport on the Levee
- Jun 28-30 Indiana Cave Capers, Crawford County Fairgrounds
- Jun 29-30 GSP Work Weekend in preparation for Karst-O-Rama
- Jul 12-14 Karst-O-Rama at The Great Saltpetre Preserve (<http://karstorama.com>)
- Aug 5-9 NSS Convention in Shippensburg, PA (<http://nss2013.com>)
- Sep 7 Caver Appreciation Weekend at GSP
- Oct 3-6 TAG Fall Cave-In, atop Lookout Mountain, GA
- Oct 19 Bridge Day, New River Gorge Bridge, WV

From the Editor:

DUGsters,

As you know, there hasn't been a *Carbide Courier* published in quite awhile. The last one was October, 2010, when I stepped down as the editor. I've agreed to take on the Courier again, but I need your help! I can't put out a newsletter without material to publish. I know we have members who are doing things. Please take a few minutes to write up a trip report, committee or officer report, or anything else you think is noteworthy and send it to me! Send me photos too.

The newsletter will no longer be available as a hard copy. It also won't be e-mailed to you. It will be available on the following webpage, where you can download it:

www.DUGCarbideCourier.weebly.com

This web page will also be linked to the DUG main webpage. The reason for the weebly page is to make it easier for me to upload and manage the newsletters without having to upload it to the main DUG page, or have the webmaster do it.

Starting on page 5 are recommended amendments to the grotto's constitution, bylaws, and grotto act, I submitted to Jim. I believe it's time to reorganize the grotto and streamline some of its procedures.

As the cover photo indicates, this newsletter (and the grotto) is the "Phoenix rising from the ashes." It's time for a rebirth of this grotto and it needs everyone's involvement to make this happen! Hopefully, the start up of the newsletter will be a step in this direction.

Mike Hood
Editor

On My Soap Box

Mike Hood

A couple months ago, I had sent an e-mail to the DUG e-mail list lamenting the decline of the grotto and if it was on the verge of collapse. The outcome I was hoping for from my e-mail was achieved--I got some members talking about it. Some agreed that the grotto was dying, or dead, while others said the grotto, with over 90 members, was fine.

I'm one of the few remaining charter members of the grotto

who remembers the "glory days" of DUG. I was around when we would routinely have over 30 members at monthly meetings, were out in the field often, held Wormfests, and had a lot of fun. Sadly, those days are past now. I submit that even a grotto with over 90 members is simply on life support if less than 10 are attending meetings. We haven't had a Wormfest in years and this is the first newsletter in over two years.

We've gone to quarterly meetings since monthly meetings were pointless.

It's not too late to get this grotto back on track. I know there are still many members who want to see us continue. What can you do to help? Get involved! Let's get this grotto going again! Whether DUG lives or dies is up to us.

Suggested Amendments to DUG Constitution, Bylaws, and Act

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>~~ of the DUG will be responsible for maintaining a file of such directives and be responsible for notifying the membership in writing of their adoption.

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>~~ ~~<January 1st and end December 31st>~~.

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.>

**THE DAYTON UNDERGROUND GROTTTO
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GROTTO ACT 05-03

DUG PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS

This act is in accordance with paragraph III K. of the Dayton Underground Grotto Bylaws.

1. DUG will have the following permanent committees and sections as governed by paragraph V of the Bylaws:
 - a. Conservation Committee
 - b. Equipment Committee
 - c. Landowner Relations Committee
 - d. Library Committee
 - e. Membership Committee
 - f. Rescue Committee
 - g. Safety Committee
 - h. Survey Section
 - i. Vertical Section
 - j. Youth Groups Committee
 - k. [Newsletter Editor](#)

2. Descriptions of the committees are as follows:
 - a. Conservation Committee: This committee is responsible for all conservation activities and policies within the grotto and is responsible for organizing conservation projects, publishing articles concerning conservation in the *Carbide Courier*, and promoting cave conservation at grotto meetings.
 - b. Equipment Committee: This committee is responsible for maintaining the grotto equipment that is loaned to members, and rented to non-members. The committee will keep the cave gear in good repair and will request funds to repair or replace equipment as necessary.
 - c. Landowner Relations Committee: This committee is responsible for educating DUG members on good land owner relation methods and keeping a list of land owners to send cards to on various occasions.
 - d. Library Committee: This committee is responsible for maintaining the grotto library, and is responsible for establishing procedures for members to sign out books and other literature and also for acquiring new books to add to the library.
 - e. Membership Committee: This committee is responsible for keeping all membership records, collecting membership dues to be turned over to the Treasurer, and maintaining the membership database and membership statistics. The committee is also responsible for promoting grotto membership and developing recruiting methods.
 - f. Rescue Committee: This committee is responsible for maintaining the grotto rescue equipment and organizing training activities for the grotto. The committee will request funds for repairing, upgrading, replacing, and acquiring new rescue equipment when necessary.

- a. Safety Committee: This committee is responsible for promoting safe caving within the grotto and organizing training activities.
 - b. Survey Section: This section is responsible for maintaining the grotto survey equipment that can be loaned out to members and organizing training activities. The section will request funds for repairing and replacing survey equipment when necessary.
 - c. Vertical Section: This section is responsible for maintaining the grotto vertical gear that can be loaned out to members and organizing training activities. The section will request funds to repair, upgrade, replace, and acquire new equipment when necessary.
 - d. Youth Groups Committee: This committee is responsible for maintaining contacts with the various youth groups in the area and to arrange speakers to give caving presentations upon request. It is not the committee's purpose to take groups on cave trips, but the committee can request volunteers to lead trips.
 - e. Newsletter Editor: Responsible for publishing the Carbide Courier at least quarterly.
3. The DUG Chairman has the authority to appoint ad hoc committees to perform necessary, but temporary, projects on behalf of the grotto. All ad hoc committees are temporary and will be dissolved as soon as the project for which it was created is completed.

This Act was ratified by the DUG Executive Committee on October 24, 2005
[250 x 272 - caves.org](http://250x272-caves.org)



Karst-O-Rama 2013

July 12, 13 & 14

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Mt. Vernon, KY

www.karstorama.com

Pre-registration Form (ends June 24, 2013)

You must be an NSS member, a member of any Grotto in good standing or have a sponsor already registered to be eligible for registration.

Those not meeting these qualifications will not be permitted entrance to KOR 2013.

Ineligible / returned registrations will be charged a processing fee of \$10.00!

Principle Registrant's Name _____ NSS# _____

Grotto of which you are a member or Sponsor's Name: _____

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	\$25.00	X _____	\$ _____
Spouse (No Guide Book, No Car Pass)	\$20.00	X 1	\$ _____
Children 13 – 17	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
Children under 12	FREE	X _____	\$ F R E E
Dogs or Cats	\$20.00	X _____	\$ _____
Additional Camping (Per Night/Per Person)			
Wed. _____ Thur. _____ Sun. _____ other nights _____	\$5.00	X _____	\$ _____
Electric Site: Wed. _____ Thur. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____	\$5.00	X _____	\$ _____
Sat Night Dinner Ticket	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
Children under 12 Dinner Ticket	\$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 21st, To:

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Karst-O-Rama 2013 Information Sheet

July 12, 13 & 14

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Mt. Vernon, KY

www.karstorama.com

The first 50 adults to pre-register will be entered into a drawing;

KOR 2013 would like to welcome cavers and their friends. To register, you must be an NSS member, a member of a grotto in good standing, or sponsored by someone who is. *Any ineligible registrations will be returned minus a processing fee of \$10.* Please be sure that your sponsor has registered prior to your registration! *Please be aware, if you are ineligible, you will not be permitted access to the property and KOR 2013.* If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at KOR2013@karstorama.com.

Your registration includes *caving caving and more caving, many cave trips* of all shapes and sizes, a photo contest, map contest, vertical contest, Speleolympics course (Grotto Grunge Wars), 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.*

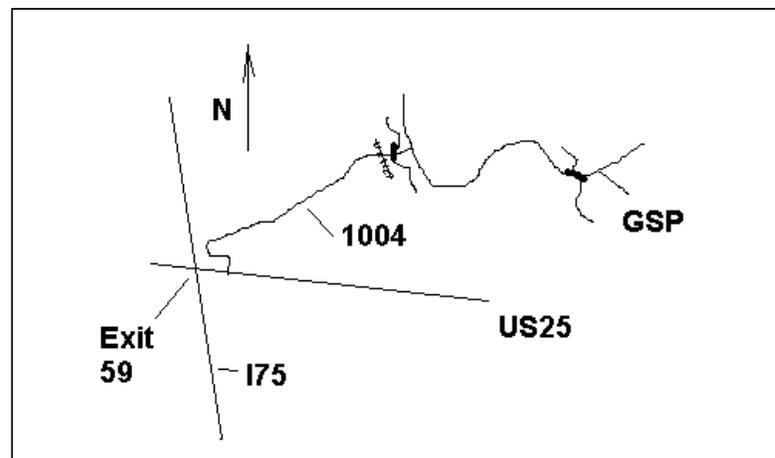
Electric sites are an additional \$5 per night per electric site with limited availability; if you want one, plan to preregister. You will be notified if we no longer have electric sites available. No air conditioners allowed, electric sites cannot handle large loads (in excess of 10 amps per site).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



Photos From DUG's 21st Christmas Bash

Photos by Jim Pisarowicz

