

The Carbide Courier



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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., Beaver Creek, OH. For directions, see the map on the back cover, or go to the DUG webpage:

www.dugcaves.com

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Cover Photo: Roger Brucker presents Morgan Dimiduk his certificate for running the “Tower Karst Olympics” course the most times.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

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From the Editor:

Well fellow DUGsters, my term as *Carbide Courier* Editor is almost over and so far, no one has stepped up to run for this office. As you know, the newsletter is the official voice of the grotto and it needs a dedicated member to step up and run with it. It’s not really has hard to do as you might think and only takes a couple of hours each month to put it together. If you’re thinking about it and have any questions, contact me!

As you can see, this month’s edition is
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Calendar of Upcoming Event

September 11th-12th Caver Appreciation Weekend at the Great Saltpetre Preserve

September 18th 4pm - Grotto Auction and General Membership Meeting (Officer Nominations open) At the "Great Rice Preserve" (Dave and Sandy Rice's house)

October 10th 7pm - Grotto General Membership Meeting (Election Results) Roger & Lynn Brucker's House (See back of Courier for Map)

November 11th-14th 19th Annual Wormfest in Las Vegas. See page 7 for information

December 4th 20th Annual Christmas Party at the America's Best Value Inn, 75 Corporate Center Drive, Vandalia, OH (same location as last year).

January 9th 7pm - Grotto General Membership Meeting Roger & Lynn Brucker's House (See back of Courier for Map)

January 28th-30th Winter Adventure Weekend (formerly Crawlathon) at Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive Hill, Kentucky

September Birthdays

Ken Bonenberger - 9th
Phillip Davis - 9th
Bruce Silvers - 12th
Chris Christensen - 16th
Debbie Bowers - 17th
Bill Walden - 24th
Joe Gibson - 24th



From the Chairman:

Greetings...

Elections.... So far I have received two nominations for 2011. One for vice chairman, and the other for a board member. Historically nominations are closed at the September meeting, which is only a couple of weeks away.

Wormfest 2010 is in Las Vegas! There are more things to do in Vegas than I care to list. Make your plans at the Stratosphere over Veteran's Day weekend. Tell them your with DUG for the discount rate.

Elections... It's your grotto. Step up and do your part. Contact Roger Brucker, Don Conover, or me if you are interested in running for an office!

Dana Sutherland
Chairman

(From the Editor, continued from page 2)

a bit small. The only submissions I got this month was from Dana, and some photos of Karst-o-Rama that Traci Hacker sent me (which I will use in next month's issue). I know lots of you were there, so how about someone sending me a story to go along with Traci's photos?

As Dana has already pointed out, there aren't many officer candidates so far. You don't have to wait until a grotto meeting to nominate someone for an office. E-mail your nomination to anyone on the Nominating Committee (Roger Brucker, Don Conover, or Dana Sutherland). The grotto can't function without an Executive Committee. So, step up and make a difference!

That's all for this month. Next month will be my last edition, so send me stuff so I can put out a great final issue!

Mike Hood
Editor

**Congratulations Bob Yuellig on being
named a Fellow of the NSS!**

FIRST ANNUAL TOWER KARST OLYMPICS HELD AT BRUCKER HOMESTEAD

By Mike Hood

Photos by Lynn and Roger Brucker

A new event was held at the July grotto meeting named the "Tower Karst Olympics." It had been discussed at a previous grotto meeting about running some type of obstacle course through the huge playground at Lynn and Roger Brucker's house. This large set includes multiple tunnels, bridges, slides, climbing walls, pits and domes, a ball pit, and a zip line.

Every contestant received a button for completing the course. Certificates were awarded to those who did the course more than once. Morgan Dimiduk ran the course the most times at five and received the honor of naming the course "Morgan's Dungeon."

The course was designed that each participant had to find yellow tags with numbers to guide

This was a great event and I hope it continues as a grotto tradition.



2010 WORMFEST

Tama Cassidy, DUG Vice Chairman

All you DUGsters with non caving significant others...Here is your chance!

It's Time DUG descended on Vegas! Wormfest this year will be out in Las Vegas!!.... really I swear... The dates are Nov 11-14 (over Veterans Day). We will be staying at the Stratosphere. Special Group rates and information to follow soon!!!

There is plenty to do in Las Vegas. We will have some cave trips as well as hiking at Red Rock, mountain bikes for rent, rock climbing, oh and some fabulous night life and just a little gambling.

Worm Feast will be held at the Hofbrauhaus at 6:30 pm on Saturday evening as always.

If we get a big group of cavers, we can add on more cave trips.

For special group rates call 1-800-998-6937 between 7am and 10 pm. Give them our group name Dayton Underground Grotto and/or our group code C-DUG10 and provide your credit card information. We have 10 rooms at the group rate of \$28.00 on Thursday night, \$75.00 on Friday night, and \$75.00 Saturday night. There is a \$7.50 a night room fee, plus tax. They will take a cashier check or money order (ask them if that is how you wish to pay). We have 10 rooms reserved and its first come first serve. so get your room now.

Mary Beth has also found some additional trips available. Please email me if you are planning on going on any of these trips so that we can be sure to have enough space. Caving trips will be with borrowed gear courtesy of the Southern Nevada Grotto. This is a WNS precaution and will save some weight in packing!

Here are a few links to tellyou about the area!

Wormfeast will be at the Hofbrauhaus! The Las Vegas Hofbrauhaus:

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

While you are there take a trip to see Hoover Dam. Hoover Dam Tours: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/service/index.html>

There is a lot of beautiful hikes in the area. A Guide to area hiking:

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

Hope to see you all there!!

