

The Month's Guano

May 2001

Kansas City Area Grotto

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4/11/01 KCAG APRIL MINUTES
Called to order 7:05 PM Minutes Approved

****Plea for articles in the Guano****

OLD BUSINESS

- Restoration Trips/Fisher Cave – Numbers should be in this month's guano.
- Imax – Terry reports 0 + less than 1 response due to the movie.
- Teacher Talk – Bryon Carmoney gave presentation to biologists, a little intimidated, but thinks they enjoyed his time.

NEW BUSINESS

- MSS-cave tracking/maps
New State Geologist
Cave files were to be for cave research or legitimate study, office has
Not been handled that way, attempting to tighten access.
If interested in learning more, contact Jeff Paige.
- KCAG approves purchase of additional batteries, moves responsibility from equipment manager to volunteer, Jeff Andrews.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Plea for programs! Have a skill you'd like to learn or share? Speak-up!!

UPCOMING TRIPS

- Kathy Sumner and Regan Youngman will lead novice trip June 23rd, 24th. Sign up sheet
Circulated, contact either party if interested.
- MVOR info is available from Terry DeFraties.

TRIP REPORTS

- Ben Tompkins A little caving off the Buffalo River. Shelter cave, huge entrance. Cobb Cave and Eden Falls Cave, small with twin waterfalls. Near lost valley campsite.
- Old Carrol Dig Site
Peggie attended and cooked! Clean up of much of the camping area, still work
To do around old dig site.

MEETING AGENDA

Pass out extra copies of Guano to those who have not received their own copy

Approve/modify minutes of last meeting

Treasurer report

Old business

New business

Picnic Saturday 6-9-01 at the Hines 3PM-?
Details of picnic

Trip reports

Trip announcements

Program

(David Foran)

First aid vignette

(Terry DeFraties)

Uses of prussic, girth hitch, stemple

Demonstration and practice prussic and girth
hitch rigged to a stemple

FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

We will screen the Scout video, "A Scouting Approach to Wild Caving," parts one and two during two meetings. Each part is about forty-five minutes. It is a well done video. Jeff Page and Dave Porter are consulting on when Dave can give a cave diving presentation. Jeff is also working on a geology program. If you know anyone who could do this, please contact Jeff. I intend to have a continuing set of short presentations by various people on first aid topics, knots, map & compass use and the like. If you have ideas for topics that can be handled in 5-10 minutes, please let me know. The short topics are not intended to be the whole program like in May. There is still one other program slot to fill to round out 2001; so help us think it up.

Jeff Page will be unable to attend the May 19 MSS meeting and would like someone from the grotto to volunteer to act as proxy. The meeting begins at 1:00 PM at the DGLS office in Rolla. An informal session begins at 9:00 AM where members talk caves and there is usually a presentation by someone. Fuel expenses are re-reimbursed by the grotto. If you can help out with this, please call Jeff 913-385-5077 or email jeffpage@att.net.

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Kansas City Area Grotto is affiliated with the National Speleological Society, The Missouri Speleological Survey, and a Founding Member of Missouri Caves & Karst Conservancy.

Meetings held every second Wednesday at 7 p.m. (**alternate site in May**), Magg Hall, behind Spencer Laboratories, Volker Blvd. & Cherry, Kansas City, Missouri.
Annual Dues: \$ 15 for Full Members (3 caving trips with KCAG, nomination and vote of membership required.)

NCRC Callout number Emergency use only

Central Region 502-564-7815. This number may be used for cave rescue emergencies in the states of, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, **Missouri**, Ohio and Wisconsin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMEMBER OHG HAS AGGREGED TO LETS US CAVE WITH THEM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A TRIP YOU MUST CONTACT THE TRIP LEADER.

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| May 4-6, 2001 | Spring 2001 MVOR at the Stratfords' Chigger & Tick Ranch (right on 76 Hwy., south of Ava). |
| May 9, 2001 | Grotto Meeting. Meeting in MAGG Hall at 7:00 pm. After meeting to follow. |
| June 9-17, 2001 | NCRC Training. CANCELED.. CANCELED... CANCELED... CANCELED... |
| June 13, 2001 | Grotto Meeting. Meeting in MAGG Hall at 7:00 pm. After meeting to follow.
Picnic instead?????? Lets vote on it!!!!!!!!!! |
| June 15-17 | Novice trip Beaver Lake in NW Arkansas. Open to anyone. Cave dig, boating, novice trip. Camp at Lost Bridge NORTH camping area off US 62. Very nice facilities. For general info contact Mike Hartley 816-524-1979. For novice trip contact Kathy Sumner. |
| June 22-24, 2001 | Grotto Trip. No Further details at this time |
| July 4, 2001 | Party Time. Fifth Annual 4th of July party. Hosted by Bryon and Michelle Carmoney. Bring a dish to pass, your beer and your fireworks. Starts at 5:00 pm until your tired. If you need to stay the night bring your sleeping bag and ground pad. |
| July 28-August 4 | NCRC Training. Lawrence County Fairgrounds, IN. |
| July 11, 2001 | Grotto Meeting. Meeting in MAGG Hall at 7:00 pm. After meeting to follow. |
| August 4-12, 2001 | Eastern Region NCRC Training, Elkins, WV |
| Oct. 5-7, 2001 | TAG, Valley Head, AL |

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National Speleological Society, Inc.
Executive Vice President's Report
April 7, 2001

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INTRODUCTION / SUMMARY

The Table of Contents lines above in **bold** means I have a committee report below.

There are thirteen committees, and publications, etc. in the Department of the Executive Vice President (EVP). A fourteenth item has been added here to cover permissions to reprint from NSS publications.

The *Journal* had a misprint between the amount to be published for December 2000 and August 2000. This and postal increases have caused a budget overrun. See the *Journal's* committee report for details. A Letter of Intent has been signed with the Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe Mountains Association (CCGMA) to sell the *Journal* at the park. There are 1500 on site with 800 more waiting at Belski's when they run out.

On Caves and Cameras has a different layout and design person to help on book creation.

Al Romero, the Research and Advisory Committee (RAC) Chair will be on sabbatical beginning in early May. Advertisements have been sent to the *Journal* and the *NSS News* for their next available issues.

The International Exploration Fund is small and a funding mechanism is necessary to continue funding grants.

The Joe Ivy Endowment Fund has been established and a check received for \$4,072.84 from Rebecca Jones. \$500 has been allocated in the budget for the first grant.

WHO ORG. TYPE ORGANIZA- TION	REPRINT PERMISSION STATUS	REQUEST/REASON FOR REQUEST
Dave Joaquim NSS Vertical Section	Granted 10/24/00	Authorization from the NSS to provide the NSS Vertical Section an electronic list of names, NSS numbers and email addresses
Ted Kayes MBNA mailing	Granted 11/2/00	NSS Members list of names and addresses for promotional mailing.
Vladimir Rubtsov, Ph. Di- rector, RIAP	Granted 11/2/00	Reprint the March 1965 NSS News "Moonshaft Mystery" article by Dr. Antonin T. Horak, a former captain in the Slovak Uprising of World War II for the Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena (RIAP) Bulletin
Tracey Zech- mann President EZ Design	? 11/2-8/00	For profit company requesting sale of NSS pins and patches. OVP would call
Mary Jo Papp OCRWM TIC	Granted 11/12/00	Make photocopies of : >> Minimum Diameter Stalactites >> Author: Rane L. Curl >> Bulletin of the National Speleological Society >> 1972, Volume 34, Number 4, Pages 129-136 For the Yucca Mountain Project's Technical Information Center (TIC), one of DOE's technical libraries
Dr. Jackie Bel- wood Cincinnati Na- ture Center	Not Granted NSS does not own copyright 11/29/00	Use of "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time" on a bat poster the center is designing.
Chad Ison Publisher/ Extremz Maga- zine	Not Granted Reason: The web site is on extreme sports activities 1/7/01	Request to publish our website's address along with other websites we feel appropriate for their readers should check out on caving.
Jo Schaper, NSS CTF Coordina- tor	Granted 1/25/01	Reprint older NSS brochures "The Fragile Underground" and "The Future of the Underground." , reproduce 150 copies of each for the general public, for a Caves and Karst Art Opening along with the Powder Valley Nature Center, Missouri Dept. of Conservation

Paul Steward Author	Granted 1/30/01	Reprinting the Suicide Cave story that appeared in the 1992 NSS Convention Guidebook. He is putting together a book of true stories of murder, crime, and ghosts associated with caves. Good bedtime reading!
Gary Gibula, Sub-Urban Chi- cago Grotto, chair	Granted 3/1/01	Poster of NSS information to be posted at the IMAX opening in Chicago.
John Ganter Western Ken- tucky Spe- leological Sur- vey Report, 1985-1996	Granted 3/4/01	Reprinting Dyas, 1985, The Western Kentucky Speleological Survey--A Progress Review, NSS Bulletin 47:1-11 In the publication "Western Kentucky Speleological Survey Report, 1985-1996"
Beth Lindstrom ODYSSEY magazine	Granted For Profit Received \$75 roy- alty 3/8/01	Reprinting the "The Virtual Cave Image Map" from Dave Bunnell's web site for a children's magazine.
Bob Hoke Old Timers Re- union	Granted 4/3/01	<u>NSS Eastern I/O Contact names and addresses for 2001 Old Timers Reunion</u>
Nancy Rodgers Chairperson 24th Annual TAG Fall Cave- In Dogwood City Grotto	Granted 4/3/01	NSS members names and numbers I/O Contact names and addresses for TAG Fall Cave In
William Schewsbury Chairman 2001 Summer Cave Carnival	Granted 4/3/01	copy of the NSS Database Membership of current and dropped members, listed by NSS#, Name, DOB, City, and State. He needs this info for a demographic article
Brian William- son Editor Georgia Spe- leological Sur- vey's GSS Bule- tin	Granted 4/4/01	Reprinting "New Faunal and Fungal Records from Caves in Georgia, USA", published in Volume 62 Number 3 of the Journal of Cave and Karst Studies in the GSS Bulletin
Bill McCleave Nova Chemicals	In Progress For Profit 4/4/01	Request for use of On Rope Figures for EMS and rescue. I am requesting \$2 royalty per figure used.
Eckart Uhlmann caving group of Karlsruhe, Ger- many	Granted 4/4/01	publish a copy of your accident statistics for the purpose of warning and learning at a German website, dealing with cave diving, cave rescue and safety.

April fools???????



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