

# The Month's Guano

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Kansas City Area Grotto

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Dear members of KCAG,

I wanted to again say THANK YOU for your help in my thesis research. I have truly enjoyed talking with many of you and learning more about your personal experiences. I was also glad to see so many of you in Columbia for the Chouteau Grotto Re-union! I hope you had fun caving and eating chicken in mid-Missouri. I hope this is the start of many more ventures between the two grottos.

I haven't been able to touch base with everyone who volunteered for an interview from your grotto, but that doesn't mean I don't want to talk to you. A few of the email addresses and phone numbers that I got at the July meeting didn't work (which is probably because I'm not reading them correctly). Please feel free to drop me a line at amy@amyshields.com or at 573-449-8429 if I haven't connected with you yet. I would love to talk with more of you over the phone or via email.

I plan to mail a copy of my thesis to each of the Missouri grottos for which I have contact information. I'm certain that you will be interested in the final project! I should be defending sometime late next semester, so look for a final copy in early summer 2001.

Thanks again and please keep in touch!

Amy Shields

*A word from the President:*

*It is great to see this type of action once again within KCAG. From my understanding KCAG was once a very active and well known Grotto in Missouri. With all the 'new' blood in the grotto it is hard to make contacts and keep the lines open but I feel the NCRC event and interest in the NCRC will make us once again a grotto to be chased. We currently have several members working on new contacts through out the state and I really like to see this. I speak only for myself and not on behalf of the Grotto. Let me say this with out friends we are worthless and the same applies for a Grotto, without friends and contact we serve no purpose in the community. I am glad to see We, as a group, are once again getting involved and trying to make a difference.*

*Bryon Carmony  
KCAG President  
NSS 43042*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 11, 2000 KCAG Meeting. Magg Hall 7:00 pm  
Agenda  
Business Meeting 7:00 pm  
Last month's minutes  
7:15 Old Business  
7:30 New Business  
7:45 Trip Reports and Upcoming Events  
8:00 Monthly Program  
9:00 Meeting Adjourned
- Oct 13-15 2000 MVOR. See Guano For details
- OCT 20-22 2000 Super Trip to southeastern New Mexico! (OHG TRIP contact Carl Thayer at thrfrm@ipa.net)

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# In The news

From: "Geary Schindel" <gschindel@mindspring.com>  
To: "Caver Digest" <cavers@mars.ditell.com>,  
Subject: Death of Joe Ivy  
Date: Sun, 1 Oct 2000 22:11:38 -0500

It is with great regret that I inform you of the death of Joe Ivy on Saturday, September 30. Joe was killed in a caving accident in O-9 Well in Crockett County, Texas. Joe was aid climbing a dome pit when he fell forty feet and was killed. He was a companion of Becky Jones and lived near Austin, Texas.

Joe was cofounder, along with Linda Palit, of Gonzo Guano Gear. He was a member of the Univ. of Texas Grotto and the Bexar Grotto. He was a very experienced caver and NCRC instructor. In addition, he had caved throughout the southern United States and Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Geary M. Schindel,  
San Antonio, Texas.

I apologize if this is a duplicate post but thought Joe's friends would like to know.

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From: "Haley, Roger D (Rog)" <rdhaley@intergraph.com>  
To: cavers@ditell.com  
Subject: Joe Ivy  
Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2000 10:29:58 -0500

I have known Joe Ivy for several years. Caved with him and shared so many NCRC moments with him. There was no more a likeable character and friend. Joe owned and operated GONZO Guano Gear and has been a vendor at TAG and convention on many occasions. Joe designed and made innovative caving gear. I have several pieces of his gear that were made with his hands and I will cherish them forever. From now on whenever I use that gear I will think of him.

Joe left a legacy  
Joe was a caver's caver!

We will miss him!

Roger Haley  
Huntsville Alabama

From: "R.D. Milhollin" <rdmilh@tenet.edu>  
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Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2000 18:14:45 -0700  
Subject: Joe Ivy  
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Greetings Friends,

This message is to let some of you who may not be subscribed to the Texas Caving new networks of the recent death of Texas caver Joe Ivy. He suffered a fatal fall while setting bolts in the terminal downstream chamber of O-9 Well, a wet cave in far west Texas, in the near-desert environment south of San Angelo. Becky, his partner in life and in Gonzo Guano Gear, arrived at the site as extraction was being done up the several pits that lead down to the dome room where the tragedy occurred. Joe had friends in the caving community all over the world, if you know of one or more of them that have not been advised of his tragic accident please let them know. Joe's survivors will appreciate your thoughts as we contemplate his life and death.

RD Milhollin  
Ft. Worth Texas



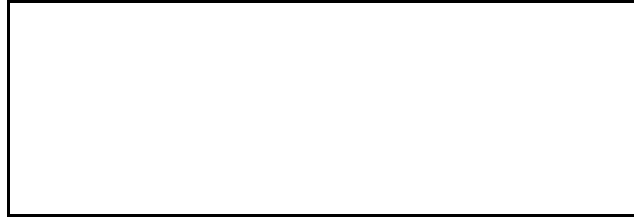
# NCRC Training



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Check out the NCRC Link!!!!!!!!!

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