



On the Horizon

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You must have your name tag for the Banquet tonight. It is required. Our Banquet will be out at the Don Strange Ranch (same as last night). We encourage you to use the Vans and buses provided. Transportation runs continually from 5:00 to 6:45. (1700) For those wishing to drive to the ranch, maps and directions are available in CAC at Registration, the Information room and at the front table. Plan to arrive no later than 6:45. Dress cool, arrive early and join the fun!

On the Horizon comes to a close

This is the last edition of *On the Horizon*, therefore (if you squint really hard) it is pink. We've had a lot of fun, this week, a lot of work, a lot of exploration, a chance to meet old friends and a chance make new ones - with more to come tomorrow. Hopefully, we've learned something along the way. Our biggest thanks to all who worked on this convention especially George and Hazel. If you have never worked a convention, you might not realize the man hours and challenges involved to pull something like this together, still remain friends, and maintain your sanity. So hug a staff member, thank them for their devotion and volunteer to help in upcoming conventions. We hope our international friends will return to join us for future NSS Conventions. Thanks for coming, have an enjoyable Sunday and a safe trip home. We'll see you next year in Vermont. **Watch for Champ!!** Love NormaDee

Program Additions and Changes

The IUCN - WCPA Caves and Karst Taskforce gathering this morning at 0800 in MS163 (listed as International Union of Conservation of Nature Biospheres Business Meeting)

Lava Caves Symposium has been moved from MS143 to CAC Ballroom today.

Convention Announcements

NAME TAGS must be worn at all times!!! You will be escorted off campus, otherwise.

VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED today, all day Sunday and Monday morning. We need to disassemble the campground, Art Salon, Auditorium and more, and return the campus to its previous state. See Bob Cowell at the campground - dismantle showers, sinks and fence.

See Bob West - room checkout all day today (pick a time slot) and Sunday afternoon to inspect rooms, return room keys, return deposits.

Check with Lisa Goggin - flags in Auditorium. Sunday afternoon.

We also have the following items for sale: 60 sheets of 3/8 OSB plywood, around 800 feet of orange construction site safety fence, lots of 2X4's (never been outside), a 4 stall shower, and bunches of 1/4 inch poly rope.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help move vendors and tables out of Weir Hall starting Sunday 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. move out On Rope 1. 1:00 - whenever help move out other vendors and tables. The more the merrier (and easier). Meet in Weir Hall **The elevator is working!**

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help tear down salons and transport convention material to storage. Please meet in front of Logan Library at 8:30 on Sunday morning. A truck with a trailer hitch is needed to transport the CO stuff to storage. Please contact Dave Lester 303 771 8408 or Barbara Smith at 303 912 0278.

Salon Awards - We forgot to thank Karen Veni for the BEAUTIFUL custom made Salon Awards this year. She worked very hard to make something worthy of the ICS. If you see her, please thank her.

Print Salon - Thank you to Ann Bosted for years of faithfully bringing together the NSS and ICS Print Salon. We wish Ann and Peter the best of luck in their new career.

UIS Physical Chemistry and Hydrology Commission meets today in CAC Ballroom 3 starting at 1230.

Post Congress Cross Country Excursion will meet after the ICS Closing Ceremony on Sunday, July 26 in the Dietert classroom.

###The following participants need to visit Registration and pay for the Carlsbad-Kerrville (or other) costs before leaving the Congress: Philippe Audra, Fred Luiszer.

Teaching Resources in Speleology and Karst, a multimedia project for educational use in speleology will be presented today in Ballroom 2 in CAC at 12:10 (right after the "International Destinations in Earth Science" session).

Dining Hall Menu:

Today's lunch will include the deli bar, salad bar, baked potato bar, hamburgers, french fries, broccoli / rice casserole, carrots and rolls

At the NSS Banquet (Dining Hall closed): tossed green salad, pasta salad with vegetables, buttered baby carrots, garlic mashed potatoes, Vegan/vegetarian selection, carved turkey breast, carved roast beef, Kosher (prepackaged meals), dessert bar with apple pie, New York Cheesecake, pecan pie, iced tea, water and wine.

SpeleMedia schedule today at CAC Theater

During the unscheduled time on today, the CAC Theater will be available for screening other "walk in" programs, or repeats of video or multimedia programs previously shown. Facilities for 3-D shows may not be available. Please contact Alex Sproul or Peter Bosted at the theater to be put on the schedule.

1030 *Tepuy* - video The film documentary *Tepuy* is a thrilling story that takes place deep in the middle of the Orinduik rainforest in Venezuela. Thanks to its almost absolute inaccessibility, prehistoric forms of life have been preserved here that have survived for millions of years. In the gigantic labyrinth of the world's oldest rocks, colonies of bizarre organisms have built the largest quartzite cave in the world. A team of Slovak and Czech cavers and enthusiasts set out on a risky expedition to this time depository that has never before been encountered by humans...Inside massive underground spaces, they discover a lost world. However, they find more questions than answers... Produced by K2 Studio, s.r.o., Bratislava, Slovakia.

1200 *Forty Years of Caving, Part 1* - 3-D UIS President, Andy Eavis has compiled this history of his UK group's caving exploits in the modern era, and it has drawn rave reviews when presented at caving events in the UK and elsewhere.

1240 Lunch break

1320 *Forty Years of Caving, Part 1* The rest of Andy Eavis' caving history presentation.

ISEI 2008 Results of the International UIS expedition in Iran by Fadi Nader, today, at 1210 in Ballroom 2 in CAC

Don't forget to check the airport shuttle schedule in the Information room to confirm your reservations for today or Monday.

Remember the fire restrictions Sister Winkie must not burn!

The mail center in CAC upstairs will be open today from 0900-1400 for domestic shipping and to buy stamps.

Teaching resources in Speleology and Karst - have you seen the DVD in your registration bag? It's a wonderful 4 language source of educational material organized by the Italian Speleological Society.

###UTMB Caving Health Questionnaire The researchers express thanks to those who returned completed health questionnaires that were included in your registration packet.

For those of you who have not yet returned a form, drop boxes are located in the hall on the second floor of Weir. Extra blank copies are located next to the box.

On Campus Housing Deposit Refund Process - A team of inspectors will be available Sunday, July 26 and Monday morning, July 27. Find the inspector at your hall and get your room inspected. If you pass inspection, your university inspector will hand you a signed deposit refund form. As you



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leave Schriner University, stop at Registration, turn in your key and the signed form and receive your \$50 deposit.

If you fail inspection (the room is damaged or excessively dirty, linens are missing or key is missing), the room inspector will keep the deposit refund form and collect your key. There will be no \$50 refund at Registration for you.

Early checkout is available by appointment. Schedule this by filling out the form in the Information room. Every effort will be made to inspect your room at that time.

Beyond the Horizon

To George and all his colleagues - Many, many thanks for the best ICS of the 9 I have attended! Andy Eavis

D.C. caver looking for ride back. If you have room for one guy and is largish bag, call Alex @ 202 957-0492. Can help with driving and gas.

Happy Birthday to Tudor Tamas - many caves and discoveries!

Lost and Found: Photographic equipment found in Kickapoo Caverns. Come by Registration desk to describe and claim.

Found - Bag of purchases in Speleo Projects, Weir 110. Identify contents to claim at Speleo Projects.

Lost - one sturdy banana shaped grey spectacles case with zipper opening and internal soft bag with drawstring. If found, please return to Lost and Found in the Information room.

Syphon Heads: Please voice your support to Vermont Convention organizers for sponsoring the Terminal Syphons' Wednesday evening performance in 2010. These are professional musicians who have given to us year after year, often outdoing the hired bands of parties or other nights. Support official sponsorship (by NSS) for performance of Terminal Syphons in 2010!

Friends of Cyndee Walck - Please join us in welcoming Cyndee's upcoming relocation to Lubbock, Texas!

Alan and Susi - you are fun travel companions!

Help, please, I lost my cell phone! It's an LG eNV2 with caving photos on the outside, front and back. If you found it, please call Scott Fee at 205-914-7487.

Virginia Region Cavers don't forget to pre-register for Fall VAR! See a BAT.

Hey Bork!

Speleosoap purchasers: If we are holding your purchases, please remember to pick them up by Sunday morning. Thanks!!

Need a ride to Carlsbad on Sunday afternoon. Giovanni Badino. badino@to.infn.it

Wanted - To complete collections, NSS Convention patches, 1970, 76,78, and 80. Pins - 1990 and 92. Contact Richard Raver NSS #6695. rkraber@effingham.net

Congratulations to Jeita Grotto - Lebanon, elected among the finalists list of the New 7 Wonders of Nature of the World. To vote for Jeita Grotto, please visit the site: www.new7wonders.com

Archeologists, biologists, explorers. Check out new caving frontier in Arabia. Hundreds of kms of 3 million year old virgin caves. CAC Ballroom 1 at 1700 (5:00) today. John Pint

Charles Larson, please come to the bookstore.

Judy and Gordon's Cave Memorabilia Shop - buy one piece of china and get the second piece 50% off. Wier Hall, ground level.

The NSS Bookstore says "Sell it All Saturday" - everything must go! Store closes at 12:00 p.m.. - volunteers needed to help pack up. See you next year in Vermont!

Boris Watt - I have 2 short (15 min total) films made by the international expedition to Meghalaya, 2007 and 2008, on DVD. They are of a humorous nature. Would like them for projection tomorrow. Peter Glanville 00449768975079 or room 209 Trull.

The Caves and Karst of Texas, 1994 NSS Convention Guidebook, still the best compilation of information on Texas caves is on sale at the Texas Speleological Survey Bookstore on the second floor of Wier Hall. Now reduced to \$5.00!!!

Willing to trade Grand Canyon back packing of Vegas trip for tourist/caving trip to your country. ED gecoleman@raytheon.com

Shirley the Bat is still collecting for the NSS WNS rapid response fund. She's collected over \$100 so far. Thank you.

Award Winning 2009 ICS patch available at Registration, \$5.00.

Black side pack found in Diertert Theater. Claim at Lost and Found in Registration.

Want to go rafting and climbing in the Southwest? Contact Ed. gecoleman@raytheon.com or Nigil: nigilblackstrom@comcast.net

Attention: Looking for Oklahoma caver who took N.Y. caver caving while staying in Norman, Oklahoma at Pootal training center in 1994. You also took me to a bat flight on private property. We met at a Wal Mart parking lot. You were driving a small rd pickup truck. I'm in the university dorm, PG 017 (617 can't read) cell phone 917-579-5809.

Special weekend deals in "Speleobooks After Hours" Check us out in the campground.

Thank you, P. Hertl, for everything. You're the best! L. Bencebi

Please remember to clean your own table in the Dining Hall.

Vermont - 2010 Convention "A cool Convention" - Preregistration now available at the NSS Bookstore - Register here at the ICS and we will mail you a free "Cavermont" bumper sticker: 2 1/2 x 12" white on green. See samples at our booth just outside Registration in CAC.

Happy birthday Aaron from all your Sandia Groto friends. We'll see you to celebrate at the Banquet.

International cavers: remember to keep your passport with you when traveling. There are check points inside Texas, plus it is a federal law and customs gets grumpy.

To the NSS/CIS Convention Staff, your hard work is almost over. You have done, and are doing, a great job of taking care of the needs of many eccentric individuals. Those of us who have worked a convention understand your sacrifice and those who have not yet been a "conventioneer" will someday. Many thanks!

Donate \$20 and get a special Fern Cave mug as the SCCI booth.

Famous cave ballads now on DVD! Hear "Plastic Justrite" and other songs from Barbara MacLeod on a new video for sale by the Texas Cave Management Association @ Texas Sales in Wier and Consignment Sales in Moody Science bldg.

Attention SpeleoArtists!! The 2012 NSS Convention is having a logo contest. Submissions due by December 21, 2009! Info at Fine Arts Salon and in Loud Camping at the Zoo!!

Wine! 2009 ICS special label wine from Becker Vineyards will be on sale in CAC today. What a great way to remember ICS 2009!

Cavelegs kneepads at Consignment Sales. Check them out!

Volunteers needed for 2011 NSS Convention in Colorado. A variety of positions are available. Please contact Barbara Smith at Smithbr@comcast.net if interested. **Dear Cavers, Thank you** for your continued support of the NSSBookstore. We appreciate your business. See you all next year! with love, Kelli and Stephanie

Sunday's News and Notes

Sundays Menu: Lunch will include the deli bar, salad bar, baked potato bar, hamburgers, french fries, chicken Alfredo, broccoli and rolls.

Dinner: Salad bar, deli bar, grill line open, desert bar, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy vegetable medley and rolls.



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Sunday's field trip to Caverns of Sonora leaves promptly at 5:00