



On the Horizon

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Please help the staff keep the campground (and campus) clean and help recycle waste. Put trash in the large roll off bin and items that can be recycled in the marked containers.

Tonight is the night for the Awards and Photo Salon. There are two showings. Blue tickets for the early show at 1630 (4:30) and white tickets at 2030 (8:30). These salons will be held at the Shriner Auditorium located 1 mile northwest of campus on Highway 27. **Don't forget your name tag and ticket.** Parking is limited and we suggest taking an ICS bus from Registration. Buses leave for the 4:30 (blue) showing starting at 3:30, and returning between 7:30 and 8:30. Buses will leave for the second (white) starting at 7:30 and returning after the show is over.

There are also the evening field trips that will depart from the parking lot at 5:00 and return around midnight.

Program Additions and Changes

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

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE UIS BUREAU WITH COUNTRY DELEGATES THIS MORNING AT 800 IN CAC BALLROOM 2.

Speleology for Cavers has moved next door from Cilloux Hall 218 to Cailloux Hall 219. It is still scheduled to run all day Friday.

Schedule change - *Tlaloc 2008 Exploracion - Mexico - Italia, Hueytamalco, Puebla, Mexico* by Dominguez-Navarro, (see p.69, posters for abstract) is **today** at 1210 in Dietert Auditorium.

Schedule change - The paper *Monitoring Dripwater chemistry in ElRefugio Cave (southern Spain) as a contribution to understanding infiltration and speleogenic processes in karst aquifers*, by M.B. Mudarra, B. Andreo, I.J. Fairchild, J.A. Barbera, and I. Vadillo, will not be presented at this morning's poster session but orally in Cave and Karst Hydrology 1 Session, CAC Ballroom 3 from 0950 - 1010.

A change in the order of the papers in the Evolution and Ecology of Salamanders Symposium this afternoon. Details are posted outside room MC163 (Niemiller and Miller will be moved to the first slot; McDermold and Glusenkamp during the break).

Presentation of Candidature for 16th ICS BRNO 2013 will be this morning in Dietert Auditorium as a last minute presentation at 1210-1230.

Digging Section Meeting will meet Friday at 800 (not 730) at Dietert Auditorium in CH213. At 1030 we will have digging reports (dig at Snowy River) and talk about techniques. Come to our informal discussions and tell us about your dig. Contact Kathy Peerman if you wish to present on Friday.

Error in Program - p. 106 - 107 Friday schedule - should read: Evening field trip: Bat flight (1700-2400). 1800 - 2300 is wrong!

Canceled - General Exploration 2: today 0830-0850 Ged Campion. The Teng Long Don System and the caves and Karst features of Lichuan County, Hubei Province, southwest China.

Change - The paper, *Study of the localization of the pits in the Plateau of Jurd Afqa (Mount Lebanon) using a geographical information system (GIS)* by Pierre-Charles Gerard and Badr Jabbour-Gedeon, has been moved from the this morning's Cave and Karst Hydrology 1 session to the this morning's poster session.

The IUCN - WCPA Caves and Karst Taskforce gathering will be Saturday 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 1 on Saturday.

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White Nose Syndrome Meeting - Program detail addition. Presentations today 1400 - 1740 in Dietert Auditorium. Eminent guest panelists: Dr. Thomas M. Kunz, Hazel A. Barton, Ph.D., Peter Youngbaer, David Waldien, Ph.D., Carol Zokaites, Jeremy T.H. Coleman, Ph.D. and Kevin T. Castle, DVM, MS.

Convention Announcements

Transportation to the Banquets! The banquets will be held at the Don Strange Ranch. (we will provide maps). All buses and vans will be running, the first departing campus at 5:15. Private vehicles can drive there (map provided). Carpool as much as possible. Dress cool and get ready to play washers, pitch horseshoes and feed the longhorn cattle! Special needs please come by the Information table and leave your phone number. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

Photo Salon awards will not be presented at the second Salon showing. Winners should see their Salon Chairs to pick up awards.

The Board of Governors meeting on Friday will begin at 9:00 a.m., room MC138.

The following participants need to visit Registration and pay for the Carlsbad-Kerrville (or other) costs before leaving the Congress: Philippe Audra, Augusto Auler, Jean-Yves Bigot, Laurent Bruxelles, Jose Maria Calaforra-Chordi, Jean-Claude d'Antoni-Nobecourt, David K. De Roest, Jo DeWaele, Amos Frumkin, Jearald J. Johnson, Fred Luiszer, Rita de Cassio Medeiros Surrage, Michael Queen, Hans Stunzi, Arjan van Waardenburg, Nthalie Vanara, Claudia Vilela, Mirjam Widmer, Andres Wildberger, and Leda A. Zogbi.

Questions may be submitted in advance for the White Nose Syndrome Discussion held in Dietert Auditorium this afternoon. Pick up a card to submit your questions at Speleobooks in Weir 120. Return your questions there or to the auditorium during the session. All questions must be in writing. **Please remember** to clean your own table in the Dining Hall.

There will be a laptop demonstration showing the interactive features of the Salts Cave map at 12:30 today in the Cartographic Salon area of the library.

Cartographic salon critique session is open to everyone. 1400 Friday in Logan Library. Salon winners should pick up awards then. Maps will remain up through Saturday.

Underground gps: cave survey revolution, just walk through a cave and track our position every 5 seconds, Interested? Wenga Jennin Friday, 11:10, room MC143.

Lightning topics in Survey techniques, Friday 11:30 - 1:30 No survey workshop this year (sorry too many things to do). Instead we are presenting a session in new survey techniques. Bring your new gear and gadgets. Come to give a talk or just to listen. Pack a lunch and come to MS212/211 for an informative session. Pat Kambesis and Howard Kalnitz.

Airport Schedule for those individuals who made reservations with the Airport Committee before the June 7, 2009 deadline will be posted Thursday early afternoon (1300). Participants names and which shuttle they are to ride will be posted inside the Information Room on the Airport Information board.

Protection and Management Department - Meeting of the protection Commission today, 23, July 1300-1400 Ballroom 3 in CAC

Tonight's bat flight trip to James Rive Cave leaves promptly at 1700 (5:00).

UIS History of Speleology Commission, Commission pour l'histoire de la speleologie, President Karl Mais, Austria (Stephen Kenpe presiding) today - Lunch in MC143.

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



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Dining Hall Menu:

Today's lunch will include the deli bar, salad bar, baked potato bar, hamburgers, french fries, Shepherd's Pie, carrots, new potatoes and rolls.

Dinner: Salad bar, deli bar, Grill Line, desert bar, blackened chicken breast, red beans and rice, okra and tomatoes, sausage gumbo on rice.

Book Signings these are in Weir outside the bookstores.

Today: 12:00-14:00-Art and Peg Palmer *Caves of the U.S.*

SpeleMedia schedule in CAC Theater. All show times are approximate. There are no intermissions except for the lunch break. Please enter and leave the theater discretely between programs.

Today.

- 0800 *Caves of Hungary and Abroad* - 3-D
- 0813 *Cave Art* - 3-D
- 0827 *Ezell's Cave* - video
- 0907 *Time* - video
- 1000 *Caving in Tag* - 3-D
- 1008 *Lava Cave of Hawaii* - 3-D
- 1017 *Caves of Hungary and Abroad* - 3-D
- 1030 *Beneath the Broken Earth* - video
- 1050 *Ice Island* - video
- 1300 *Lechuguilla Cave: Favorite Places* - 3-D
- 1308 *Mammoth Cve: A Place to Explore* - 3-D
- 1318 *Caving in TAG* - 3-D
- 1325 *Le Mystere de la Baleine* - video
- 1420 *Tyrolean New World Record 2008* - Video
- 1500 *Beautes Souterraines* - 3-D
- 1515 *Extraordinary Lechuguilla Cave* - 3-D
- 1525 *Lava Caves of Hawaii* - 3-D
- 1530 *Sima de la Cornisa* - multimedia
- 1545 *Great Cave of Xe Bang Fai* - multimedia
- 1600 *Kawachi* - video

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

Grant Money Available. The National Speleological Foundation offers grants for cave and karst related projects, including for research, education, acquisitions, and exploration. Learn how to apply at the NSF meeting on Thursday at 1400 (2:00) in room CH112. Increase your chances of a successful application by making a 5-minute presentation. Email or call to get on the agenda: caving.ashbrook@comcast.net or 267-968-1389.

UIS Awards at the Congress - The UIS gives 3 awards during each ICS that will be presented at the ICS banquet on Saturday evening.

- Best book about caves in the last 4 years
- Most significant discovery in the last 4 years
- Best poster in the poster sessions

See Julia James of Australia before Friday evening.

The James G. Mitchell Award may be made for the best scientific paper presented at any of the sessions of the annual convention by a member (or members) of the National Speleological Society age 25 or younger. Eligible presenters should submit their name, NSS number, paper title with the scheduled session time to Mike Backe. Please Email information to caver.backe@gmail.com or leave a note for the Mitchell Award at Registration.

All participants in the Vertical Workshop need to bring a **helmet, seat harness, a locking carabiner, and gloves.** Students should also bring a lunch and bottled water. Other equipment will be provided for student use. This intense workshop will give the novice climber exposure to different systems, but is not intended as a complete training course. Students will have the opportunity to use different systems in a controlled environment, under instructor supervision. All participants in this workshop need to be at the workshop site in the gym at 11:00 am. to check in with registration coordinator Lynn. Fielding.

Notice, notice, notice Vertical Contest Awards and prizes will be given out in the gym today at 4:30 after the Vertical Workshop. Please be there on time. If you can't be there, have someone pick up your certificate or prize.

Reminder: All ICS participants receive **free** entry to the self guided tours at Carlsbad Caverns National Park this week and next. (through August 3, 2009). Just show your ICS badge at the fee station to receive your free pass.

Post - ICS camp #53 High Guadalupe, New Mexico. Participants, please check your Email for information or meet with Pat Seiser (aka Cave Wench) regarding cave trips and rides from ICS or El Paso to Carlsbad, NM.

Wine tour trip has added a van. Sign up for the trip at Registration.

Beyond the Horizon

Volunteers are needed to help move vendors and tables out of Weir Hall starting Sunday at noon. We will need to clear the building **The elevator is working!** See Emily in Weir 120.

Volunteers needed for 2011 NSS Convention in Colorado. A variety of positions are available. Please contact Barbara Smith at Smithbr@comcast.net if interested.

Please join us for the Photo Salon Critique and workshop on Friday at the CAC theater at 1:00 (1300)

Cavers: We appreciate your concerns, thoughts and generosity for Donald Davis. Donald we wish you a speedy recovery. From all your caving friends.

Canadian/Canadien, eh? Group photo - Friday, before the NSS Banquet. Meet in the lobby of CAC at 5:00. Photo de group - vendredi avant NSS Banquet. Rencontre dans le hall du Cailloux Centre a 5 p.m.

Come learn about caving in Belize. Cavers and non-caving spouses welcome. The 2010 Xmet Expedition will be February 17 - March 16, 2010. Join us for a week or more. Sketches/mappers needed. Drop in Friday 1230 - 1400 to MC143 (behind the pool and tennis courts) Leaders are David and Eleanor Larson. delarson@aol.com.

Free donuts and coffee while they last., this morning on the 3rd floor Weir building. @ Howie's Harnesses.

Help fund WNS research. Buy a \$1.00 raffle ticket to win a pottery bat bowl. Raffle tickets on sale at NSS Bookstore.

TCC Bat T-shirts available at Merci Raines shop n Weir. Children's sizes available today. \$5 each.

Packing supplies for shipping those heavy books home are available at Registration.

Extra Guide books are available at Registration for \$35.00
Michael Kehs woodworks "The Fine Art of Caving" wooden cave related art. Visit us in room 007, ground floor in Weir.

Pre and Post-congress field trip guidebooks are available at Registration. Buy the book for the trip you didn't go on or buy the whole set. (If you are on a post-congress trip, you do not need to buy a book. You will receive one on the trip. Peri Franz

Vermont - 2010 Convention "A cool Convention" - Preregistration no 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.

Hey Babe - 5 years now and still going strong! Love you! Brandi Rodriguez



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Are you related to the penninsul of Yucatan? Everyone interested in this area can join us Friday at 12:30 inCAC Ballroom 1.

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

Daily winners of Speleo Projects drawings: Monday - Donna Keeling, Tuesday - Nevin Davis Wednesday - Footleg.

When sandblasters are outlawed, only owlaws will have sandblasters. Bead boy

1530 feet new highline rope (formerly PMI Canada) \$0.55/ft. Deal if you buy all of it. Contact Maureen Handler 423-605-5569.

WNS Decon is easy! 1. Completely wash your gear. 2. Soak CLEAN gear in disinfectant for 10 minutes. 3. Rinse disinfectant and dry gear.

Cavelegs kneepads at Consignment Sales in Moody Science Bldg. Come check them out.

If someone picked up my small red Swiss army knife, don't use the toothpick (I did), the tweezers have blood on them and the blade is tricky to close. OR...you could return it to me. (at First Aid) Stephen Mosberg

See the world's largest collection of vertical hardware in the Sarle-Phillips room, Logan Library, throughout the Congress.

Adopt a Fricks Cave bat for just \$10 at the SCCI booth.

Have you seen my Woody? Woody the wooden caver (chainsaw carving) was sold at auction in Florida. If you know who bought it, please contact Mike Frazier.

Bill Halliday (now age 83) is breaking up his collection of cave stamps, cave covers, histric cave photos, etc. See him during the sessions.

Please, return my bat bracelet and a ring found Monday in CAC restroom about 2:30. Put in Lost and Found in the Information Room, Thanks, Elaine

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 the Cailloux Hall today thru Saturday. What a great way to remember ICS 2009!

Look for Shirley (the BAT). She's collecting for the NSS White Nose Syndrome Rapid Response Fund.

Fall VAR! Pre-register now see Susi or Meredith from BATS.

SWBLF seeks MLNBLM preferably grafitti artists for long rolls across campus. Contact Helene Wielz for nfo.

Chris Howe call James Jasek 245-744-9057 cell. Want you to autograph your book, Thank you.

Do you have a good 5-minute talk or presentation? Bring it to Lightning Talks Friday afternoon

Hear Barbara McLeods cave ballads, then buy he concert video. This famous artist's DVD is on sale as a fund-raiser for Texas Cave Management Association. Find it at TCMA/Texas Sales in Weir or at Consignment Sales in Moody Science Bldg.

Missing book - *Swildon's Hole* taken from under table at Registration, please return or pay for at Speleo Projects in Weir 110.

UIS delegates - submit a press release to your home media. Contact Jay Jordan for draft press release on the 15th ICS.

We need a ride to the San Antonio Rail Station on Monday, 27, July for 2 people. Liz Robinson and Brad Smith, Flato 604. Look for SpongeBob hats.

ICS/NSS postal cancellations! July 20, 2009, United States Postal Service (USPS) cancellations on special Congress envelopes. Available at Emily's Speleobooks, NS Bookstore, Inner Realm and Gordon and Judy's Memorabilia Shop. Special price \$2.00 a real collectable!

West Virginia Cave Conservancy ephemera. Go to Consignment Sales. Glow-in-the-dark "Save the Caves" wrist bands \$3.00. Colorful patches, \$5.00. Cave preserve signs, \$5.00.

Mountain Biking in Colorado If you are coming to the CO Convention, you will be near Fruita, CO - a true mountain biking mecca. Please contact Barbara amEnde if you are interested. I'm gathering skill level interest to know how to organize for beginners to experts.