



On the Horizon

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Tuesday - July 21, 2009

Tonight's activities include Open Mike Night at Robbins Lewis Pavilion, CRF, KWI and NCKRI Reception in CAC Ball room, and the bat flight and cave tours. Have fun!

Program Additions and Changes

Addition: prepared (last minute) for the 15th ICS; the first VIRTUAL TOUR of www.petalona-cave (including surroundings and anthropological museum), presented by Nickos Poulianos today in the Cailloux Activity Center, Ballroom 1, 17:00 hours. For further information see also in G. Veni et. al., IUS Proceedings, p.1717, July, 2009

Lava Caves Symposium has been moved from MS143 to CAC Ballroom 1 on Saturday.

The trip WD-103 entitled "Canoeing, Kayaking, and Tubing the Guadeloupe River" has some changes:

First, it is going to be the South Llano River, not the Guadeloupe.

Second, everyone needs to be at the buses at 7:30 am on Wednesday, July 22.

Third, we will be using canoes and kayaks but not tubes.

Schedule Change - Tlaloc 2008 Exploracion - Mexico - Italia, Hueytamalco, Puebla, Mexico by J. Dominguez-Navarro, (see p.69, posters for abstract) **Thursday** at 12:10 in Dietert Auditorium.

General Exploration 1 this afternoon in Dietert Auditorium. The program schedule correctly lists the location but the program text incorrectly places it in Dietert Classroom.

Cave Ballad Listening Session - time change. New time - today 13:00 - 14:00 in CH219. This session will be repeated Friday 13:00 - 14:00 in CH112.

Important time change - Seminole Canyon Rock Art - Wednesday trip - meet at the bus at 05:00 (5:00 am). We must leave as early as possible. For more information see trip description in the Information Room across from Registration.

Convention Announcements

Tonight's bat flight trip leaves promptly at 1700 (5:00) for James River Bat Cave.

Representatives of the proposed HQ site will be present. Please attend. Bill Tozer

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.

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

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

Dining Hall Menu:

Today's lunch includes the deli bar, the salad bar, hot dog bar, hamburgers, french fries, tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, rolls

Dinner features meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, broccoli Parmesan, garlic breadsticks and major pasta bar

Wednesday lunch will be in the Dining Hall but will be a create your own deli style buffet, not a prepared meal line.

Cartographic Salon Judges Meeting today at 1900 (7:00) in Logan Library. All judges expected to attend. All judging forms must be turned in to Jim Kennedy by that time.

Book signings - these are in Weir on the first floor outside the bookstores.

Today: 11:30 - 13:00 - *Bill Steele - Huautla*

11:00 - 13:00 - Steffi Schwabe - *Living In Darkness*

13:00 - 15:00 - Jean Gurney - *The Gurney Guide to American Caves*

14:00 - 16:00 - Dave Bunnell - *Caves of Fire*

16:30 - 18:00 - Bill Steele - *Huautla*

For the First time ever you can **vote** for your favorite map in the Cartographic Salon. Ballots by the green box by the maps in Logan Library.

NSS headquarters open forum (1600 - 1740 - 4:00 - 5:40 after COG). The forum is for the membership. Your voice is important.

SpeleoOlympics! Come participate in the various contests; great prizes!!! Thursday you can participate in the rope climbing, cable ladder climb and the survey contest. Also put together an international team of cavers and compete for the team championships (more prizes).



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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 Beantes Souterraines - 3-D
- 0815 *Extraordinary Lechuguilla Cave* - 3-D
- 0825 *Star of Darkness* - multimedia
- 0829 *Water, Critters, and Caves* - video
- 0836 *Underground West Virginia* - video
- 0846 *Canyoning in Samothraki* - video
- 0930 *Music Videos for Cavers* - video
- 1000 *Lechuguilla Cave: Favorite Places* - 3-D
- 1008 *Mammoth Cave, a Place to Explore* - 3-D
- 1018 *Ice Caves on Visevnik* - multimedia
- 1020 *Tyrolean New World Record 2008* - video
- 1100 *Water's Journey* - video
- 1300 *Caving in TAG* - 3-D
- 1308 *Lava Caves of Hawaii* - 3-D
- 1316 *Ice Caves on Visevnik* - multimedia
- 1325 *Cabo Espichel* - video
- 1400 *A Travers la Pierre* - video
- 1500 *White Cat Cave* - video

Session Chairs should pick up certificates at Registration to give to their presenters. Certificates of Participation will also be available late in the week. See Roy Jameson at Registration.

Are you staying in the dorm or apartment on campus? Do you need to check out before Sunday, July 26? Please schedule a room inspection to avoid any delay in your departure. The inspection is necessary for your room deposit refund.

A notebook with forms to schedule an early checkout room inspection is located on a table at Information. Please take a minute to complete the short form with your hall, room number, bed, name and date/time you will be vacating your room. Thanks

Beyond the Horizon

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

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15th ICS.

Tantalizing Tuesday at the NSS Bookstore! Most *Speleo Digests* 25% off.

Lots of cool, short presentations. Bring your own talk to participate. Lightning Talks, Friday afternoon.

Harry K. Fair - please return to On Rope 1, Inc. regarding your purchase! Very important.

Vermont - 2010 Convention "A Cool Convention" - Come "Cavermont" in 2010. Pay us a visit at our booth just outside Registration in CAC. Lots of Vermont brochures, attractions and maps. **Win** a Vermont Teddy Bear Company caver bear! \$1.00 raffle ticket.

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.

Looking for 8 volunteer ticket checking people, Thursday Salon Awards Shows. Please contact Cady 540-522-8631.

Nittany Grotto Reunion meeting. NOTE: Meeting tonight 17:40 - 19:00 (new time) in front of Cailloux Activity Center. So far more than 21 grotto members here.

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!

The Gypsy Underground Grotto invites cavers to join our traveling internet grotto at \$1.00 for a lifetime membership. All you need is an internet address and willingness to join our one list. Meet the Gypsy Pres. "Hank" today and Thursday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 in and around the Lion's Den area to sign up.

Hear ye, hear ye! Wyandotte Cave is closed! All souvenir items have prices slashed. Will be collector's items. Come visit Weir Hall, entrance level - Gordon and Judy's Memorabilia Shop.

Staying in Town Wednesday? Speleobooks will be open all day in Weir.

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.

Ramen Noodle Wrestling 21:00 (9:00 p.m.) in the creek bed below Robbins-Lewis Pavilion.



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Are you in any? ICS?NSS photos loaded daily at www.Flickr.com/caverscott.

Happy anniversary Harold Pruitt. Your loving Sweetie!

Help with the Cure for WNS - T-shirts in Consignment Sales go to support WNS research.

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.

The Texas Cave Conservancy has several caves available to visit all week. These caves are in the Austin-Cedar Park area. Mike Walsh, TCC president, will be at the TCC table in the sales room today around noon to provide additional information. **There will be no fee to visit any of these Texas Caves.**

The Shadow people will hold an informal organizational meeting tonight for any interested parties. We will be channeling through the Big Box on the west side of the P bridge.

Looking for someone from Thailand. I'm planning a trip next year to Lei for 6 weeks. I'm staying in the PG Dorms, room 617A, my name is Sal Maniace and go by the nickname *Brooklyn*.

Famous cave ballads now on DVD! Hear "Plastic Justrite" and other songs from Barbara MacLeod on a new video for sale by Texas Cave Management Association at Texas Sales/Weir and in Consignment Sales.

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