



On the Horizon

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Are you field tripping today? Don't forget the Auction tonight at Dietert Auditorium. Something for everyone, and the money raised goes for great caving causes!

And, go to the Robbins-Lewis Pavilion and enjoy the music of The Terminal Syphons.

Program Additions and Changes

Change - The Lava Cave Symposium previously scheduled for Saturday morning in MC143 has been moved to CAC Ballroom 1.

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: Thursday 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 Thursday morning Cave and Karst Hydrology 1 session to the Thursday morning poster session.

Change - The Paper, Monitoring dripwater chemistry in El Refugio 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 the Cave and Karst Hydrology 1 Session CAC Ballroom 3 from 0950 - 1010.

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

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.

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.

White Nose Syndrome Meeting - Program detail addition. Presentations Thursday 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.

There was a mix-up about the Thursday evening bat flight trips. Tuesday was Frio Bat Cave. Thursday is James River Bat Cave. We apologize for the confusion.

Convention Announcements

The following participants need to visit Registration and pay for the Crisbad-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.

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

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

Airport Schedule for those individuals who made reservations with the Airport Committee prior to 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.

We've talked to Sodexo about the congestion in the Snack Bar. We suggest eating meals in the Dining Hall as a first choice. It is designed for bigger crowds. The Snack Bar is best used for snacks and when the dining Hall is closed or crowded. Thank you for your patience.

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

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

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.

UIS 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 lunch is not being served because of field trips.

Dinner features quesadilla bar, beef and chicken fajitas, beans, rice, and condiments Wednesday lunch will be in the Dining Hall but will be a create your own deli style buffet, not a prepared meal line.



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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.

Bonus 3-D shows today.

0900 *Lechuguilla Cave: Favorite Places*

0910 *Caving in TAG*

0920 *Ice Caves*

0940 *Mammoth Cave*

0955 *Lava Caves of Hawaii*

1005 *Extraordinary Lechuguilla Cave*

1020 *Cave Art*

1030 *Caves of Hungary*

1045 *Asparagus Cave, France*

1055 *Beautes Souterraines Caves*

1115 *Thermal Karst of Budapest*

1130 *Lechuguilla Cave (for the general public)*

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.

*** **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).

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

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.

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 the Vertical Workshop need to be at the workshop site at 11:00 am. to check in with registration coordinator Lynn Fielding. The workshop will be held in the gym.

Notice, notice, notice Vertical Contest Awards and prizes will be given out in the gym Thursday 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.

Hotel shuttles do not run continuously. 0630 - 09-30 , 1145 - 1345 (1:45) and 1600 - 2200 (4:00 - 10:00)

Reminder: All ICS participants receive **free** entry to the self guided tours at Carlsbad Caverns National Park this week and next. (through Aug. 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.

There will be a lap-top demonstration showing the interactive features of the Salts Cave ma at 12:30 on Thursday in the Cartographic Salon area of the library.

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

Beyond the Horizon

Speleo Projects sponsors 1 daily drawing for a FREE 2010 CAVING CALENDAR + a surprise gift from Europe! Come to Weir 110 to enter. Winners must collect their prizes in person.

Consignment Sales needs a volunteer for Thursday morning. If no one volunteers, it will be closed that morning.

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

Please remember to clean your own tables in the dining hall.

You will never guess who's going to be 60 at next years convention. She sure doesn't look it. Come to Vermont to find out who our mystery birthday gal is.

Enchanted Rock and Fredericksburg - NOW \$15.00 - limit of 13. Sign up now in Registration.



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Many thanks to the person(s) who placed the matching set of big white rocks in my tent so it wouldn't blow over AGAIN! They are useful and ornamental.

Thank you P. Hertel, for everything, you're the best! L. Bencesi

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 purchased it, please contact Mike Frazier..

Bill Halliday (now age 83) is breaking up his collection of cave stamps, cave covers, historic 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

Wine! 2009 ICS special label wine from Becker Vineyards will be on sale in the Cailloux Hall Thursday thru Saturday. What a great way to remember ICS 2009!

Virginia Region - fall meeting is September 25 - 27, 2009. See someone from BATS for more information.

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

Fall VAR! Preregister now see Susi or Meredith from BATS.

Win a pottery bat bowl and help fund WNS research. Raffle tickets \$1.00 each at the NSS Bookstore. Raffle will be at the Friday night banquet.

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

After you cave trip don't forget to rock out with Syphons tonight. Special edition ICS Syphons T-shirts will be available near the stage, \$10 while they last.

Happy Birthday Roger Brown! Another one celebrated with the whole caving community - U.S. and world wide. Love CB

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.

All NSS Grottoes who brought their publications for exchange with the Swiss Speleological Society should bring them to the Speleo Projects room, Weir110. Anyone else who wishes to make an exchange should come to see if the SSS needs your publication.

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!!

Cave photostamps - Walgreen Drugs will print your ICS or favorite cave photo as a U.S. postage stamp (face value \$0.44) in sheets of 20 @ \$18.00. Bill Halliday has a few of the "Butterfly" at the Caverns of Sonora for \$1.95 each if you don't want to wait 2 weeks.

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

*****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.

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Anyone interested in "Myst" online, URU Live contact Brad Smith - SpongeBob hat guy.

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

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.

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" Thursday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 in and around the Lion's Den area to sign up.

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.

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

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.



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I'm gathering skill level interest to know how to organize for beginners to experts.