

A great beginning for the 2011 Caver's Slice of Heaven Convention. If you had fun last night, you'll enjoy tonight's feature – dancin' to the 70's for the NSS 70th anniversary at the big tent in the campground. See ya there.

Program Additions and Changes

NEW NSS OFFICE PRESENTATION Come join us at 3:30 – 5:00 pm, today in the band room 1222. It's an exciting time! Learn about our future home. Get your questions answered.

The final count for the Friday night banquet goes in today at noon. If you are planning on availing yourself of the vegetarian or gluten-free vegetarian menu, and have not done so, check that your badge says "Veg" The servers have a list of vegetarian and gluten-free vegetarian requestors. No "veg" no special meal.

New Members reception will be held in the campground tonight in conjunction with the Fellows reception under the party tent at **5:00 pm. (not 7:00).**

The Vertical Meeting and Session has been moved to **Wednesday** following the Vertical Section Business Meeting in room 1222 from 2:00 – 3:00.

Convention Announcements

Guidebook Note: All of the Bosted 3D photos (stereo pairs) were done by Peter AND Ann Bosted. The guidebook editor sincerely regrets the omission, and looks forward to many fantastic photos from Ann and Peter

The Bus Circle west of the school is not to be used for parking. Vehicles in the bus circle are subject to towing without warning.

Attention pet owners – please clean up after your animal. No one likes stepping in pet waste. Allowing pets at conventions is a courtesy, be a responsible owner

Attention 3D Extravaganza Audiences! This afternoon beginning at 2:00 pm in the auditorium, aka Jeannie Miller Theater, we will project twelve 3D (stereo) programs. Most are short (less than 10 minutes) and the concluding professional movie is 22 minutes long. It promises to be a 3D afternoon to remember. The main difference between this show and previous conventions 3D presentations is that it will not be repeated. A non-caver, John Hart, is traveling from the other side of Colorado with his top-of-the line projectors and screens – each of which costs more than most cars! As he is making a special trip to bring us his superior equipment and skills, we would like to pass the hat for donations toward his "gas money". We suggest that everyone contribute \$2.00 or more. John is doing us a big favor, so let's show our appreciation and generosity. Although the theater seats 500, the 3D effect can only be seen from about 400 seats without eye-strain. Coincidentally we have 400 3D glasses. When the seats are filled and the glasses are gone, the theater will be "full". To ensure you get a good seat, we suggest you arrive early. The glasses are brand new, so please don't touch the "glass". These are not the glasses that came in your registration package. The program includes shows from all over the world. John Hart will show his piece on canyoneering in Colorado and Mexico. Lists of the shows and names of the seven participating photographers (or teams) are posted around the Registration area.

Peter and Ann Bosted

Ice is now available for sale for campers in the noisy campground at the campground office by the showers. 6 lb. bags \$3.00, 20 lb bags - \$8.00

Beer Servers (e-tip trained) needed for tonight, Wednesday and Thursday. Show up 30 minutes prior to evening activity at the large campground tent. Report to Amy Bern.

Join us in the Medical Section for a discussion of CO2 levels in caves, suspension trauma, histoplasmosis, rabies, and other exciting topics. Wednesday, 10:00 am, room 2502.

Mayacon 2012 world premier movie "13 Bak' Tun" will be shown today, 5:00 pm, in the auditorium. Plan on 1 hour.

Space is still available in the Vertical Workshop on Thursday. Participants need to have their **own helmet, seat harness, a locking carabiner, gloves, and clean shoes.** Please do not wear tank tops. Students should also bring a lunch and bottled water. See Lynn Fielding, Vertical Workshop Coordinator, in the gym at 11:00 am. Remember to bring all your equipment.

Do you have items for the auction Wednesday night or for the NSS Museum? Drop them off at the NSS Bookstore.

The 70th anniversary of the NSS will be celebrated tonight at 8:00 with a 70's Dance Party, DJ'd by Colorado caver (now living in Alaska) Paul Burger. Bring your 60's or 70's garb and get ready to DANCE!

Speleology for Cavers - we have a few open slots. The course is Friday (full day). Lunch and handout are provided. The cost is \$40.00. Pay at Registration.

Attention Vertical Workshop Participants! All participants in this workshop must have their own helmet, seat harness, a locking carabiner, gloves and clean shoes. Please do not wear tank tops. Bring a lunch and bottled water. Vertical Workshop Coordinator, Lynn Fielding, will open workshop registration Thursday at 11:00 am in the gym.

@Lost something? Find it at the Registration desk. We have keys – phones – jewelry – etc.

The NSS WNS Rapid Response Fund needs your donations now! We do not have sufficient funding to meet all current research applications. An additional \$15,000 is needed to make a difference. Make a donation at the NSS Bookstore – cash, check or credit card. Designate on the memo line: NSS WNS RRF. Thank you!

Swoop into your salons throughout the week And enjoy the skills and creativity of your fellow cavers.

Today, July 19 join Carolina Shrewsbury and Kristie Lindberg for the annual Collaborative Workshop. \$10.00 for the whole day. 9:00 am until 11:30 sketching connection and group orientation: MOZART COULDN'T PAINT! 1:00 pm meeting to visit Glenwood Caverns art workshop – on site sketching

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE The National Speleological Foundation offers grants for cave and karst research, conservation, education, and exploration. Learn more at the N.S.F. meeting Thursday, 2:00 pm., room 2702, or E-mail Bert Ashbrook;; caving.ashbrook@comcast.net, or visit www.speleofoundation.org. A **2013 Convention** meeting will beheld after the Convention debriefing on Thursday, in room 2025

Attention Cave Photography Workshop participants: If you have registered for the Wednesday Cave Photography Workshop, please read this. Participants should come to the Decon station (outside the main entrance to the school) between 5:00 and 6:00 pm tonight to decontaminate their camera gear and tripods. Decon will take only 10 minutes to complete. Participants should be at the base of the Tramway up to Glenwood Caverns (GC) by 8:30 am on Wednesday, the day of the workshop. We will try to arrange car-pooling on Tuesday evening at the decon station as parking space is extremely limited. Meet at the restaurant at GC at 9:00 am for the tour of the cave and the beginning of the workshop. Class

lasts until 4:00 pm when you take the tram back down to the bottom. Bring lunch or dine at the restaurant. Class size has exceeded the limit of 12 participants, but we will accommodate all those who have signed up for the majority of the class. Off trail photo trips are limited to those who signed up for the first 12 slots. For more info, see Peter Jones in room 1501 on Vendor's Row. pjcaver@gwi.net or 207-542-5228

Come and see what's going on at the JSS in room 1702. Today, and Friday there are planned cave trips. Wednesday there is vertical time in the gym and Thursday there is vertical work on a real live cliff. (You must take the class on Wednesday to go on the Thursday trip). Sign up for all the great activities being offered in room 1702.

If you are going on an outing during Convention, you can get a To-Go lunch. All To-Go orders must be placed by 8:30 the day of delivery. Forms will be available in the cafeteria as well as in classrooms. Participants need to pay for the To-Go meals at the time of placing the order. Any box lunches needed for sessions or Section lunches should be coordinated with Michelle at the cafeteria as soon as possible.

@The Mitchell Award may be made for the best scientific paper presented at any of the sessions by a member (or members) of the NSS age 25 or younger. Eligible presenters should submit their name, NSS number, paper title with the scheduled session day and time to Mike Backe. Please E-mail the information to caver.backe@gmail.com or leave a note at registration.

Glenwood Gossip

Pre-register for the 2012 MAYACON Convention this week and get a FREE limited edition poster!

Jean DeVries is looking for someone to take the NSS Voting Machine to Houston for the fall BOG Meeting. Help save the NSS \$50 in shipping costs! See Jean DeVries at the Friday BOG meeting or leave a note on the message board.

The Amazing Light – brand new, just received “seal of approval” from the 20 million member North American Hunting and Fishing Clubs. No fuel, no batteries, lightweight, can be used underwater, and lasts forever. See us in room 1505

Taco Salad Dinner for S.W.R. members on Wednesday evening at Sandia Grotto camp. Be there by 5:00 pm (1700). Bring your own drinks and chair. Give your \$5.00 to Kathy Peerman, Peg Sorenson or Linda Starr

Nittany Grotto Meeting for all former and current members, 7:00 pm Wednesday. Please meet outside the main high school entrance for photograph.

Are you a Cave Chat caver? Let's try to gather to the right of the entrance to the party on Wednesday night!

Cave legs are at Consignment Sales in room 1602 next to the NSS Bookstore. Check them out!

Happy 27th Anniversary, Dave and Mary Sue Socky! And some caver's thought it wouldn't last.

Looking for a ride to Denver airport 7/24, Sunday. 317-260-8919. Will help with gas.

If you haven't filled your giant purple bag with goodies yet, come to Consignment Sales, open daily in room 1602.

Attention Patch Collectors. Gary Soule wants to know if any new cave or grotto patches have come out. E-mail contact garyksoule@hotmail.com.

Not Greco Roman wrestling, but GRECO RAMEN wrestling in the main campground by the rusty dumpster on the right before the showers – 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm TONIGHT!

I protest the waste of gasoline and resources for the small shuttle taking lazy people between the quiet and noisy campground. It's really not that far to walk day or night. It is unnecessary noise pollution and cavers should be about conserving natural resources as well as caves. Linda Starr

Harold, I would marry you again in a heartbeat. You are the source of so much that is good in my life. Happy 10th anniversary. Gretchen

Please note that your convention badge is missing the following information: 1.) Name of the meeting (2011 annual convention), 2.) Name of the organization (National Speleological Society; and 3.) Name of place (Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Courtesy of Ernst H. Kastning, editorial consultant

Happy Birthday to Zoo Steve!

Check out Nancy's cave formation and bat bags/purses in Consignment Sales.

Petzl Raffle at On Rope 1. Purchase \$50 or more and enter a raffle to win a Tikka XP headlamp. Drawing at 11:00 am, Friday. No need to be present.

Where were you April Fools Day, 1991? If you were carrying my buns out of Lech, then join the 20th anniversary of Emily's spring break gathering on Tuesday at 5:00 pm outside of Speleobooks

Association for Mexican Cave Studies, a project of the NSS, has over 70 publications on Mexican caves and caving in its sales room, 1406. Come see our poster display in the lunchroom.

Bill Papke, MLG, is going to miss the convention this year because of having a devil of a time with his body. He'll be here with all of his friends in thought though. Ernie Coffman

Free coffee in the campground! The NSS Membership Committee wants you have a great start to your day. Bring your own coffee mug for a free cup of java 7-9 am, or purchase a cup for only \$1.00. Other beverages and snacks are also available for purchase.

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