

Tonight, fun for everyone. In the lower campground at the big tent, dance to the music of the Terminal Syphons from 7:00 - ????? Enjoy your favorite beverages and just plain have a good time.

In room 1203, the Speleoauktion starts at 7:00 and goes until 10:00 pm. Money raised goes to great caving causes. Bring cash, check or plastic and bid, bid, bid. Take home something special from the goodies being offered. Items can be viewed before the auction at the NSS Bookstore until noon.

Program Additions and Changes

The Vertical Session will follow the Vertical Meeting today in 1222 Band Room from 2:00 – 3:00pm.

The awards time for the Vertical Climbing Contest on Friday has been changed. It is now 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

Addition: *The Gating of Eagle Creek Bat Cave, Arizona* will be presented at 9:00 today in room 1144

Speleolympics has been moved to Thursday in the lower campground from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Convention Announcements

Do you know what a geobomb is? Come join us from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm today in room 1203 (auditorium) for the 1st annual NSS Distinguished Lecture presentation by Dr. Petar Milanovic on *Hydrology of the Dinaric Karst- 40 Years of Research in the Classic Karst of the World*. Dr. Milanovic is from Serbia and has worked all over the world on environmental problems related to sinkhole flooding, sinkhole collapse, tracer testing, and leaking and failed dams. He is the author of five books on karst and over 70 papers. Dr. Milanovic will talk on the characteristics of the Dinaric karst; problems and remedial works with dams, reservoirs, and tunnels; the role of speleology in the construction of large structures; and some investigation methods applied in karst including the use of geobombs for finding conduits in the former Yugoslavia. Dr. Milanovic is an outstanding scholar and lecturer as well as a great photographer and will include photos of one of the largest sinkholes (polje) in the world at 60 km long, 3-4 km wide, and 1 km deep. Arrive early for the best seats.

At a closed session of the Directorate, the following personnel were elected:

Administrative Vice President – Geary Schindle
Executive Vice President – John Lamar Cole
Operations Vice-President – Dave Lukins
President Pro Tem – Gary Moss

Today's Speleoart workshop at 9:00 am in room 2601 with Carolina Shrewsbury covers Topography/Cartography in Art. Collaborative exhibit in FAS 2012!

Executive Search Committee: there will be a lunch meeting of the ES committee on Thursday from 12:30 to 2:00 in room 2027, all ES members are requested to attend.

Lightening Talks is on Thursday afternoon this year! BYO five-minute talk or presentation.

Cartographic Salon Judges please meet in the hallway (cart salon) for awards discussion at 5:30 today before the campground party. Thanks, Crash

Today's Lunch Special:

lasagna with green beans entrée alone \$6.00
cold sub sandwich \$6.00 for entrée Vegetarian choice: bean enchiladas or polenta grilled tofu entrée alone \$6.00

Cave Ballad Listening Session will be Friday, 11:00 am. – noon only! Do not show up before 11:00, no one will be there.

JSS science in the morning with Dave Steinman – “*Cave Insects*”, Friday, *Colorado Caves* Tonya LeMoine

The Internet Café hours are the same as FAS and cannot be open unless a volunteer is in the Salon. Today 9-5, Th., 9-5 Fri. 9-5.

We need 2 people per Photo Salon Session to collect Salon tickets for that session. If you are willing to help, please contact Dave Lester or Cady Soukup prior to the start of the session.

The NSS membership committee wants your opinions! Please complete a survey available on the table by registration or at the coffee stand in the lower campground.

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.

A 2013 Convention meeting will be held after the Convention debriefing on Thursday, in room 2025

An avatar based interactive simulation of the Snowy River passage of Fort Stanton Cave will be presented at both the Lightening Talks and the Digging Sessions on Thursday afternoon. Check you program for times.

Do you do your doggie doo? Thanks pet owners for cleaning up after you pet.

Ice is available for sale at the charging station from 7:30 am til 10:00 am or sold out. 6 lb. bags \$3.00, 20 lb bags - \$8.00

Beer Servers (e-tip trained) needed for tonight, 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 today, 10:00 am, room 2502.

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.

Items for the auction tonight can be dropped off at the NSS Bookstore until noon today.

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.

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!

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.

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

Dave Belski is 74 today. Happy Birthday, Dave. Note: there will be no party on rope this year.

Items “lost” at the Howdy Party Monday night, contact Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park at 970-945-4228 or 800-530-1635.

Speleoart for Sale at the Fine Arts Salon and in Consignment Sales. All week

Caves of the Wind – Then and Now, available at the NSS Book store.

Want to write a caving book (science, exploration, history, photography, etc.)? Cave Books associate editor, Bill Steele will be at Convention Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning if you would like to meet briefly and talk about it. E-mail speleosteele@aol.com or text or call 214-770-4712 and he will get back to you.

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

Got any good photos of the Terminal Syphons? I am compiling a visual history of the band. If you get any good shots tonight, or have any from a Wednesday night 20 years ago, E-mail taylororm@hsu.edu. Crowd shots welcome, too. Mike Taylor

Dunbar, 2nd edition has arrived!! Get your copy at the NSS Bookstore.

Have you visited Peppino’s Pizza right across the street from the main entrance to school. They have great specials every day. Check out the flyer in Registration.

V wishes she were here with her many friends.

Lost: pair of glasses in a hard black case. If found, see Mike Goar.

Thanks Dan Sullivan for scenting the port-a-potties with Colorado wildflowers.

Charge those phones and tools at the charging station in the campground.

Attention Mex Cavers: At next year’s 2012 Convention, the Association for Mexican Cave Studies will celebrate 50 years of Mexican cave exploration. On Friday at noon, we will meet somewhere near the Mayacon table to share ideas on how to celebrate the occasion. Please bring your thoughts on slide shows, a party night, antique climbing gear displays, etc.

Speleosoap will ship your order home for \$4.95 anywhere in the continental U.S. (USPS only).

Love your Howdy Party mug? Want a complete set? \$2/mug at Registration while they last!

In response to “protest” – Some of us older disabled cavers can’t walk from the noisy campground to school in the hot weather and high elevation. It’s not because we’re lazy. Laura Guyer

I am thankful for the occasional ride up from the noisy campground on the small shuttle. I sprained my foot 2 weeks ago. Barbara Hille

Congratulations to Tommy Devine, who, at the Howdy Party, did the Adventure Park Speleobox in a time of 1 min, 54 sec.

To all of you also stuck in a gondola for an hour en route to the Howdy Party – It was fun hanging out with you!

Calling all CAVE TROLLS. Please remember to wear your “trolls in holes” T-shirts to tonight’s party in the campground. We will be taking a group picture of all TROLLS in attendance.

Thank you to the caver who found (and returned) my wallet at the Cedar Lodge Motel! You rock!

Collecting license plates on my i-pod app; found 25 here! I need 10 more. Anyone bring their cars from any NW states? Thanks! Barbara.

Will the owner of Consignment receipt #93476, please bring your copy back. We have what you forgot.

Emily Davis and Mike Warner need a place to sleep in Denver on Monday the 25th. Please see us at Speleobooks or call 518-253-7681.

Searching for a ride to Denver on Saturday the 23rd. I would contribute to gas expenses. agoupil@mac.com.

Come visit the inflated cave in the gym. 9:00 – 4:30 every day.

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

Attention sore, tired cavers. If you would like a luxurious opportunity to relax your muscles and bones, experience the Yampah Spa and Vapor Cave. The stuff is wonderful – Ann the manager, Nancy at reception and Dusty Pizzelli, one of their talented massage therapists are all great. They have a mint tea wrap special that is worth every penny. Enjoy the Vapor Cave first, then put your tired, sore, and cave abused body into their magical hands.

Get out of the Rain/sun and enjoy a comfortable bed in an air-conditioned place. Residence Inn Glenwood Springs - \$109/night. Free breakfast, free manager’s reception, and dog friendly hotel. Courtyard - \$99/night – Starbucks in the lobby

and outdoor patio for dining and drinks. These are caver rates.

Does anyone know anything about Big Basin and St Jacobs Well in Kansas? I visited there on my drive out here. Contact Thom Engel (necaver@earthlink.net) or at Speleobooks.

Hey, how about that *Heavenly Glenwood Gazette?* Thanks, Norma Dee! Rob

Serena - Did you make it to Convention this year? I always watch for you. Love, Tom

Please submit to *Cave Chronicles*, the newest column in the NSS News. In 150 - 500 words, please tell us "what is the most lost you've ever been underground?" E-mail submissions to Philip Rykwaldler at livetocave@hotmail.com.

Truths for Mature humans: Bad decisions make good stories.