



Food, music and good friends – what more could any caver want besides a hole in the ground? All there at the Howdy Party except the hole, and a good time was had by all.

### Program Corrections and Additions

**Cave Rescue Section Session (today):** The correct time is from Noon to 2:00. The time is listed correctly in the Daily Schedule on page 57, but shown incorrectly on the "Day at a Glance" charts in the front of the Program.

**Auriga demo by its' author** - Let Luc LeBlanc show how to use his Palm OS PDA cave survey freeware: cave survey input, real time line plot, statistics, error fixing, etc. Friday 11:00 am – noon in room 168.

**Presenting 2011 NSS Convention proposals.** Colorado or New Mexico? Come to room 128 before the BOG meeting on Friday morning at 8:15 to see and hear our presentations for the 2011 convention bids. Linda Starr and Dave Lester.

### Convention Announcements

**Convention T-Shirts** will be ordered at the end of Convention. We will mail them to you for an additional \$5.00. Sign up at Registration. The cost of the T-shirts + postage must be paid in advance.

**Registration** will be open from 8 – 5 through Thursday and 8 – 3 on Friday.

**Coffee!** Will be available after breakfast outside the cafeteria for 25 cents a cup – honor system – until it's gone.

**On-site Food Services** will be available to purchase at the school and at the campground. Breakfast at the school runs through Friday from 7:30 to 9:30, lunch will be served from 11:30 – 1:30.

Breakfast at the campground runs through Saturday. Dinner will be available today, Wednesday, and Thursday at the campground.

There is a Farmers' Market at the campground Pavilion from Sunday through Friday at the campground. Fresh fruit and veggies, yum, yum.

**Today's lunch menu** at the school:

Salisbury Steak      Au gratin potatoes      Slaw  
cornbread/roll      peach cobbler. Cost \$6.00 includes drink. Other items available as well.

**"Two for Tuesday"** Joint National Celebration of "Caves: Life Beneath the Forest" – cave documentary and "Cave Conservation and Recreation Book".

Come meet the producers and scientists, view the film, and have your copies signed. 4-6 pm Room 168.

**The Rebelay** course will be located in the gym on the mezzanine. The course will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm today. Vertical Section instructors will be available to assist climbers in negotiating rebelays. Look behind the collapsed bleachers on the east side.

**The National Speleological Foundation** provides grants for cave-related projects. For information, speak to a Trustee or attend the NSF meeting on Thursday. For applications contact Janet Thorne.

**Anyone who wishes to present** a paper for consideration for the Mitchell Award, Best Scientific paper from an author 25 years of age or younger, please leave a note for Mike Backe at Registration. Leave your name, NSS #, age, paper title, section meeting along with date and time.

**The NSS Partnership Building Forum** is compiling two lists.

1. List of counties and communities where caves and karst are experiencing land development pressures.

2. Cavers qualified and willing to speak to planning commissions, county commissioners, etc., regarding development in cave/karst regions. (We'll provide the speaking guidelines.) Please list your info on the bulletin board in Registration area or e-mail Merideth Hildreth: [planning@ziaret.com](mailto:planning@ziaret.com)

**Celebrate the life of Paul Stevens.** Today, from 4:00 to 5:30, come to Room 138 to honor Paul Stevens. For those of you who haven't heard, Paul chose to be taken off of life support and passed Monday July 16th. Paul will be remembered with slides, pictures and anecdotes. Paul was EVP 79-83, NSS President 83-88, and along with his wife, Lee, Salons Committee and Slide Salon Chairman for years and years. Everyone is invited. Light refreshments with cheese and crackers will be served.

**Please do not remove sticker labels** from the chairs and furniture in the school. These have been coded so we can "reassemble" the classrooms at the end of convention.

**Recycle, recycle, recycle** at both the campground and school. The Recycling Center is located next to the dumpster and the firewood near the "Y" along the entrance road. Please follow the guidelines posted on signage at the recycling center. At the school, just place recyclables in the green tubs and we will sort them.

**In-Cave Photography Workshop** sign up sheet is posted on the message board in the school lobby. There is only space for 20 people so sign up early.

**Video Salon Entries** may be viewed in Room 132-A. These will be available on a self-serve basis through Thursday, all day. Come and sit a spell and enjoy the shows.

**If you are a Fellow of the NSS,** be sure you got the invitation to your reception. The Fellows reception is tonight at 5:30 in the Campground Pavilion.

**We may owe you money** (or you may owe us) we have accounting questions. Will the following people please stop by registration today or tomorrow:

J.C. Biggers,	Betty Farfan	Zachary Manship
Doug Mayes	John Roberts	Noel Sloan
Robert Sollman	Susan Wilkinson	

### Last Call

**Personals, want ads and a good gossip column**

**I want my wi-fi...** Hopefully it's working in the campground by the time you read this.

**Nittany Grotto** meeting Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Place to be announced tomorrow (Wednesday).

**Let's keep the Milltown fire dept. happy!** Make donations at the Registration desk to continue dust control on the campground road. Fig

**To the person(s) who helped** themselves to one of Bubble Caves Tiki torches (and our food), please come by when you need torch fluid and we'd be happy to share. But ask first!!! On a serious note, everyone be aware that a vandal pillaged some of our food and a torch, even took items from our coolers, and left them in our camp and on the road). It's a shame to have to say this, but everyone should be aware that there is a vandal in the campground.

**Hot off the Press!** 2003 Speleo Digest is now available at the NSS Bookstore. 598 pages of cave info, photos, graphics and all around great stuff!

**Kudos** - I'd like to tip my helmet to the Convention staff for their superb foresight in providing glow-in-the-dark beer mugs this year. Not only will these illuminated vessels permit me to quickly locate my brew in the dark, but will also provide a handy third source of light on Convention cave trips... Escabrosa Steve.

**Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinner** with baked beans, coleslaw and bread \$7.00 at **Bernie's pizza**, today 2:00 pm til they are gone.

**This year**, for the first time, some of the prints in the print salon are being offered for sale. If you would like to purchase any of these masterpieces (and who wouldn't) you can place an order today between 10:00 am and noon or between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. Tomorrow (Wednesday) you can place an order between 10:00 am and noon.

**Troll Call!** All cave trolls meet at the pavilion during the campground party at approximately 9:00 pm. Look for Big Bill aka T1

**West Virginia Cave Conservancy** patches are available for \$5 at the Bubble Cave, LLC camp in the campground. Get them while they last.

**Happy one month anniversary** Mr. Liebhaber. Love - your wife

**Taco Salad for SWR members.** Give peg or Kathy your \$4.00 by 8:00 pm tonight. We will eat Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the SWR camp.

**Got Mud? Cave-O-Matic** laundry is just across from the hot tub and sauna area. Wash it there!

**Dan from Bellingham, WA** will be taking pictures and uploading them to: [www.flickr.com/photos/NWWAUSA](http://www.flickr.com/photos/NWWAUSA). You're welcome to view/download the pictures.

**Caver friends and family**, Thanks for all your votes to try to make me one of the top 10 dirtiest jobs of all times! Unfortunately, "Dirty Jobs" called, and I'm not getting a free trip to San Francisco. I appreciate all of your support anyhow. Battily, Crash

**LAST CHANCE FOR GREAT-X donors!** Did you donate at least \$50 to Great-X? You can buy a Great-X T-shirt for just \$10! Did you donate at least \$250? You can buy Great-X polos for just \$20! Limited supplies so don't wait. Visit the NSS Bookstore.

**Patch Collectors:** A new patch produced for the Illinois Speleological Survey has been unveiled at the 2007 Convention. They are available to all NSS members through Consignment Sales. The cost is \$4.50 each with all profits going to support ISS projects.

**MexSpelean History** at the 1965 Indiana Convention the AMCS Newsletter, Volume I was first presented. The Association for Mexican Cave Studies, and International Project of cavers from around the world, now presents the same old Newsletters in a new binding. Visit our table and check it out.

**Quarry Café at the Photo Salon** - Harrison-Crawford Grotto will be operating the Quarry Café, selling Hoosier popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, tea and cookies. Some sandwiches will be available as well. Quarry Café will be delighting you taste buds from 5-7 and during intermission.

**Wanted to archive** - Has your grotto or caving group put out a new cloth patch? If so, please let Gary K. Soule know so he can purchase and archive one. You may have seen his archived patch spread in the NSS News. E-mail him or see him in person at Convention. [garyksoule@hotmail.com](mailto:garyksoule@hotmail.com)

**Get them while they last...**Indiana Karst Conservancy embroidered hats - only \$12 in Consignment Sales. All proceeds to their cave acquisition fund.

**Get your Tie Dyed T-shirts** at Consignment Sales. \$6.00

**RV pump service** is available daily. Sign up at CHUG Station. \$40.00 per service - cash only.

**Dear Dr. Beaner**, On my way to Convention, I looked all over Kentucky for the famous "Kentucky Jelly" that I have heard so much about - but I could not find it. I would like to know how I can find the "Kentucky Jelly" here in Indiana. Thanks Pretzlgirl.

**Washington Cave people** - I paid for a pin and never received it. When and how do I get one? Sal M. Met Grotto NSS 33238. PS - moved so old address is no longer good.

**Looking to check out Marengo** - the closest town to convention. There happens to be some caver friendly shops located along the one way street in downtown Marengo across from the old theater. **Alter Knit Universe and Golden Angel** Regular hours for both shops are Wed - Sat, noon to eight, but if we have business, we'll stay open til whenever.

**Come by Groad Hollow** and sign a card for Rick Banning, who can't be here because he broke his arm.

**Speleosoap - Cave, Rinse, Repeat!**

**For Sale** - Binoculars - 1. Steiner (made in Germany) 8x30, adjustable for each eye, large, carrying case \$240.00.  
2. Bushnell, 8x21m adjustable for each eye, small, carrying case, \$15.00. See Elaine Hackerman.

**Author Signings:** All signings will take place by the bookstores.

**Today** - 4:30 pm **Cave Conservation and Restoration** - authors and editors at the Conservation Session

**Wednesday** 9-11am and 3-5 pm: **The Secret of the Priest's Grotto**, Chris Nicola

10-12 am: **The Lost Cave of the Jaguar Prophets**, Larry Simpson

11-12 am: **The Cave Art of Tom Culverwell**, David Hughes

12-1 pm: **Cave Geology**, Art Palmer

**Volunteers needed!** Please sign up at Registration. No experience necessary, many opportunities are available to utilize your talent.

**Interested in running for** a director seat on the NSS Board? Find Montana Autumn Spencer at "Camp Montana", three sites west of CHUG Station. Visit our website: - [www.caves.org/committee/nominating](http://www.caves.org/committee/nominating)

**Please stop by** the message board across from Registration to sign the get well card for Bob Armstrong, NSS 2579.

**Did I say that?**

People want economy and they will pay any price to get it.

**Lee Iacocca**

You'd be surprised how much it costs to look this cheap.

**Dolly Parton**