



## Welcome to the 2007 Convention!

Back underground in Indiana! Well we certainly are. Welcome to the 2007 National Speleological Society Convention. Lots to see, lots to do and lots to learn, we hope you enjoy our Hoosier hospitality, facilities and attractions. Take some time to read your program. All scheduled sessions, events, attractions and services are listed here. Join us at the opening ceremonies in front of the school this morning at 8:00. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## Crawford Harrison Underground Gazette (CHUG)

The CHUG location for daily newsletter submissions is located to your left as you enter the high school. Remember, your item will run for one or two days only. Please state which day(s) you would like it to run. As the deadline for submission is 2:00 pm each day, anything submitted after that time will run two days later. (After 2 pm today will run on Wednesday). See the Arrival issue for complete details.

## Program Corrections and Additions

All program changes must be cleared with Keith Dunlap. No changes will be printed without his approval.

**Cave Rescue Section Session (Tuesday):** 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.

**The Digging Section** is not dead. Come and help us re-organize. New officers will be elected and digging experiences will be shared. Bring any presentations to Room 138 on Thursday from 9:30 – 11:00. Information is available from Kathy Peerman.

## Convention Announcements

**Celebrate the life of Paul Stevens.** On Tuesday 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.

Tuesday's **Experiment in Speleoart** has been expanded to 15 participants. Room 153, from 9-11:30. No experience necessary. All instructions, materials and the use of some new art pouches will be provided Free. Sign up in the lobby across from Registration.

**Indoor vendors** are located at the school just off of the main lobby. They will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (most vendors will close early on Friday)

There will be several vendors located in the campground area as well. The outdoor vending will be located in the middle of the campground adjacent to the food vendors and will set their own hours.

**On-site Food Services** will be available to purchase at the school and at the campground. See the Arrival issue for menu items. Breakfast at the school runs Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:30, lunch will be served from 11:30 – 1:30. Dinner will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the campground.

There will be a Farmers' Market from Sunday through Friday at the campground.

**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.

**Ice**, that most important commodity, can be purchased from the JSS at the food pavilion in the campground. Support the JSS!

**Firewood** is also available at the campground. Purchase it on the honor system and support The Indiana Karst Conservancy.

**Recycling** is available 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.

**Consignment Sales** items may be dropped off Monday from 9-11 am. Items should be priced, and your NSS number (or other identifier) should be listed on each item. See page 38 in the Program for more details.

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

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

**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, Kay Bittle,  
Jess Deli, Betty Farfan  
Sarah Fratesi. Zachary Manship  
Doug Mayes John Roberts

**If you are a Fellow of the NSS, or if you joined the NSS here at Convention**, be sure you got the invitation to your reception. New members' reception is Monday night and the Fellows reception is Tuesday night. Both are at 5:30 in the Campground Pavilion.

**Special Deal on Cave Tours and Cave Country Canoes** NSS member-owned businesses have graciously extended discounts to all NSS 2007 convention attendees during convention week. These include tours of Marengo and Wyandotte, as well as canoeing on the Blue River at Cave Country Canoes in Milltown. Please note that tickets are available on a limited basis as this is the busy season, so please be patient if tours are full. Cave Country Canoes also has used canoes for purchase at great prices (sorry discount does not apply to these.) See the arrival issue for more details.

### **Last Call**

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

**Dangerous Curve** Watch out for the curve at the railroad tracks between the campground and Marengo. First there is a small sign recommending 20 mph, then a 40 mph speed limit, then a sharp corner with RR tracks in the middle. 20 is much more comfortable than 40.

**Dust Bowl?** Please keep your speed to a minimum on the gravel section in the campground. This will allow for easier breathing!

**IDOT just changed the speed limit** in front of the school to **25 mph**. They also added a crosswalk. There are posted limit signs set up, so pay attention cavers, don't get a ticket.

**Loose something** Check at Registration to see if it has been turned in.

**Author Signings:** All signings will take place by the bookstores. **Today 1 – 3 pm Cave Geology** – Art Palmer

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

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

**Paper Collectors – Bill's and Paul's Lamps** in the campground vending area has "Bumper Banners" from Manitou Cave in Ft. Payne, Alabama. The former show cave closed in 1979. The price is \$3 each or 2 for \$5, with all proceeds going to selected Cave Conservancies.

**Attention sauna/hot tub users.** We hope you enjoy the use of the facilities in the campground. Only a fraction of the cost of providing these is paid for by the Convention; the majority is paid out-of-pocket by the tub owners. Please consider making a donation in the red toolbox down

at the Sauna. Thank you in advance and enjoy yourselves. Sauna Staff

**For Sale.** Judy and Gordon Smith have set up a display of vintage cave souvenir china and spoons for sale at Marengo Cave. This includes plates, vases, cup and saucers, salt & pepper, etc.. They invite you to come and visit and also enjoy cave tours at 50% off.

**Canoe the Blue River today!** Today will be perfect weather and water levels to canoe or kayak the Blue River at 50% off. Recent rain has caused perfect water conditions, but these will quickly recede as the week goes on. Come now to Cave Country Canoes in Milltown and have fun!

**Only 25 sets left** – hard copy maps of those in your Guide Book CD are \$10 at Registration.

**Hey Convention** – Kelsea says "Hi!"

**BIG** thanks to Don Pacquette for teaching the women at pre-registration how to strip!

**The Association for Mexican Cave Studies**, a Project of the NSS, has two new books and one new CD this year, plus 62 other publications for sale. Visit our indoor sales tables.

**11:00 am – 5:00 pm daily** chair and table massage. Sign up at room 104.

**Are you looking for a Volunteer assignment?** Look no further than the hot tub/sauna area. You enjoy the use of the facilities while performing a valuable service. Various jobs are available. Leave your name at the sauna area or see Brad Smith or Liz Robinson if interested.

**T-Mart (page 12) will be open** 24 hrs. a day through Friday and until 11:00 pm Saturday. They are a general store that has a food service including ice cream.

**Van's Country Table** - closest sit-down restaurant to convention – located near the entrance to Marengo Cave. Breakfast, sandwiches, country style dinners, homemade pies and deserts.

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

**Cave Girl:** Thanks for a wonderful 10 Conventions! Love ya, Mossy Guy

**Speleosoap is back and expanded!** We also have Jewel Weed Soap – nature's poison ivy remedy. Look for us in the vendor area at the school.

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

**Did I say that?**

Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what is right. **Isaac Asimov**

I have never let my schooling get in the way of my education.

**Mark Twain**

The big difference in sex for money and sex for free is the sex for money is usually cheaper. **Brendan Behan**