



COG SQUEAKS

GROTTO INFORMATION

The Central Ohio Grotto of the National Speleological Society meets the second Friday of each month at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. The Church is on the north west corner of the square in Worthington, Ohio (intersection of High Street and SR 161). The meetings are in the Woodrow Room at 8:00 PM. Please contact a grotto officer or committee person for information and caving trips.

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The COG Squeaks is the official newsletter of the Central Ohio Grotto. Subscription is \$10.00 per year per address. The Central Ohio Grotto publishes the COG Squeaks ten times per year. The club welcomes articles on cave exploration and study, cave trip reports, cave fiction, cave poetry, cave related cartoons, or cave related art. Please send to Bill Walden. Free disks and mailers are available from Bill at the meetings. Contact Bill for information on modem or fax transmission.

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KARST CALENDAR

- August 11 Gating project. Stillhouse Cave in Lee County Kentucky is going to be gated. The NFS needs cavers to help with this project. Call Bill Walden for information.
- August 13 Informal grotto meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Worthington, Ohio 8:00.
- August 13 NCRC Central Region Basic Cave Rescue Orientation Course at Bent Arrow Caving Supplies, 7888 W. Eller Road, Bloomington, IN. See form in the August 93 Squeaks.
- August 21 NCRC Basic Cave Rescue Orientation Seminar in Pulaski County Kentucky. Please see the information in the August Squeaks.
- September 3 Old Timers Convention Elkins, West Virginia.
- September 10 Grotto meeting 8:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Worthington. Pizza following meeting.
- September 17 Karst Encounters hosted by Eastern Indiana Grotto at Muscatuck County Park, North

Vernon, Indiana. Contact Brian Leavell, 317-552-7619.

- October 8 Grotto meeting 8:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Worthington. Pizza following meeting.
- October 8 TAG Fall Cave-In, Sequoyah Caverns, Valley Head, Alabama. Contact Carl Anderson 404-315-1872.
- November 12 Grotto meeting 8:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Worthington. Pizza following meeting.
- December 11 Grotto Christmas party. Yes, time to start planning now! How devious can you be? There will be a gift exchange. The idea is humor.
- June 20, 1994 NSS Convention June 20 through June 24, 1994 at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas. Do plan to attend!

COG MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the COG is at the Presbyterian Church in Worthington, Ohio 8:00 pm on August 13th. This is an informal and (hopefully) short meeting and will be followed by pizza at Franco's on High Street. If you are not helping with the gating project or caving or otherwise having fun, it will be considered bad luck -- Friday the 13th! It's a good opportunity to arrange cave trips.

The September meeting is a formal meeting. (Meaning longer and perhaps with a program.) As are most meetings, it will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Worthington, Ohio at 8:00 pm, September 10th, 1993. As has become tradition many of us meet for pizza at Franco's after the meeting for fellowship and fun. Franco's has good pizza and an excellent waitress.

STILLHOUSE CAVE GATING PROJECT AUGUST 11 - 14, 1993

The gating of Stillhouse Cave in Lee County, Kentucky is planned for Wednesday August 11th through Friday August 13th. Work is planned for Saturday only if the project is not completed on Friday.

Stillhouse Cave is being gated to protect the population of Virginia Long-eared bats which hibernate in the cave. Even though the cave is remote, vandalism is a major problem.

This is the Ohio Valley Region's biggest conservation project of the year. All grottoes in the region should be involved. Lots of caver help is needed. Roy Powers, the gating expert, will lead the effort. Bob Currie of the USFS will assist.

At the time of publishing detailed information is not available. We'll probably plan to drive down early Wednesday morning August 11th.

If you are able to help, please contact Bill Walden at 614-965-2942.

Trip Report

Author Unknown

June 15-17, 1992

May 14-16, 1993

I have been on two caving trips now. The first with Pat Kelly, Rob (an Eagle Scout), and Matt (Pat's Friend). The second was with 25 other people, sixteen Boy Scouts and nine other adults (excluding me but including Pat Kelly). These two caving experiences were totally different.

With the scouts we went in and out of the North Goldson entrance of the Cave Creek System. We divided into two groups of 17 and 9 individuals and explored different sections. I was with the group of seventeen, although soon to be fifteen as two people, a scout leader and a kid, got behind, met up with the other group, and proceeded with the other group while we back tracked and checked various passages for them. We later met up with the other group and our misplaced two in the Goldson Room.

Being in a group of seventeen or fifteen slows the pace considerably and I found we were constantly stopping to wait 1) for someone to maneuver through, around, over, etc. or 2) for others to catch up. Silence was almost nonexistent. Most scouts and the leaders/other adults appeared to enjoy themselves, as did I.

The second day Pat and I were briefly in the Sinks of the Roundstone, but with just the two of us, even though I had Bill Walden's great light (Thanks Bill), it was not light enough to see well.

My first trip I immensely enjoyed but did not realize just how much until after the second trip.

On the first trip we went to Sloans -- Minton Hollow entrance the first day and the Railroad Tunnel entrance the second day. Now, I really appreciated the attainable peace in a cave, especially with the lights out and silence. The outside world becomes non-existent.

Both trips were a lot of fun and I am anxious to learn more and go caving again soon.

A Note From Your Editor.

by Bill Walden

Please accept my apology for the lack of timeliness with the Squeaks. I'm afraid that I have been preoccupied with my daughter Katie's college selection, and then how to finance four years of private college. Katie has chosen Case Western Reserve University and to major in engineering. She doesn't yet know which discipline but she has two years to decide. We have worked out the financing for the first four years and we will be broke this year. Expect me to cut back on cave trips. (I do plan to go caving Thanksgiving weekend.) However, I hope to spend more time on the Squeaks.

Katie's address at Case Western Reserve University is:

Katie Walden, 1615 Mistletoe Drive #403, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Telephone: 216-754-1479

She starts August 15th. Please write to Katie.

As for the Squeaks, have you gone caving this summer or attended a cave related activity even if only vaguely cave related? Please write up your reports. I have purchased a hand held scanner for scanning in pictures and text. It does a fair job. If you have a picture to publish, let's give it a try. From my limited experience with the scanner, pictures with good contrast seem to work best. Drawings are easy to copy although large drawings may be difficult to handle with the hand held scanner. A laser printer looks like its out of the picture for this year. College financing -- remember? But, when ever possible I'll try to use Andy Franklin's HP 4 laser printer.

To publish a good newsletter I do need material. I accept almost anything cave related -- trip reports, cave fiction, poetry, cartoons, art work, editorials, whatever! I accept material on disk or on paper. Disk is preferred as I'm a rotten typist.

For publishing the Squeaks I have a 486/33MHz PC and I use WordPerfect 5.1. The Squeaks is duplicated on the Xerox machine at my office. However, if I'm travelling, it may get reproduced by a local printing house. One of the office supply houses is actually cheaper than the Xerox at my office! However, the reproduction quality is lacking.

I would like to publish a special issue in October. Please think about things you can write and submit.

Thanks to everyone who has submitted material over the past year.

Happy caving (but write about it),

Bill Walden