

COG SQUEAKS SEPTEMBER 1986

Announcements

SEPTEMBER MEETING

COG MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
DAEHNKE'S FARM
COOKOUT -- GAMES -- FUN
3:00 MEETING AT 7:00

The September meeting of the Central Ohio Grotto will be hosted by Charles Daehnke at his parents farm. This meeting will be on SATURDAY, September 13, 1986. Please come early for fun. There will be grills available for charcoaling steaks, hamburgers, hotdogs or what ever. Bring your own meat, a dish to share, and beverage of your choice. We will plan to eat between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. The meeting will start at 7:00. Please note, that is one hour earlier than our normal meeting time.

As of this time, while I'm writing the Squeaks, Chuck does not know that he is hosting the meeting. However, it has been cleared with his parents. If you have any questions, please call Bill Walden regarding this meeting.

Bill Walden
224 Fallis Rd.
Columbus, Oh 43214
614-268-5865

Refer to map for directions to the Daehnke's farm.

Things to discuss this month:

The Ohio Valley Region
Karst Encounters II
National Forest Projects
Paul and Chuck's week at the cabin.
Future meeting site's
Want to host a COG meeting -- Please do.
Have a special site in mind -- let us know.

GROTTO INFORMATION

Address: Central Ohio Grotto
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614-268-5865

Chairman: Jim Blankenship 614-497-0402
People to contact:
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Nancy Mahoney 614-866-6767

Meetings: Normally the second Friday of the month at various members

homes. Contact any of the above for information.

Caving: Mostly in Kentucky with some trips to West Virginia, Tennessee, and Indiana.

KARST ENCOUNTERS II

October 17, 18, and 19

at

Cave Country Canoes

Milltown, Indiana

Karst Encounters II will be an OVR event this year rather than a COG event. Karst Encounters II be be much the same as last years only better. A tour of Marengo Caverns will be repeated as will the banquet. People from the Louisville Grotto will provide an expanded list of caves for people to tour.

October is a great month for camping! Please plan to attend. Cost will be \$12. Please send your registration and check to Bill Walden. Checks may be made payable to The Central Ohio Grotto.

MINUTES AUGUST MEETING

The August 8, 1986, meeting of the COG was held at the home of Jim and Donna Weisenberger.

Chairman Jim Blankenship called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read. There was no July meeting.

There was no treasures's report.

There were no committee reports

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul (Unger) went over the Trout Cave issue again. A debate at the convention presented both sides of the issue and both sides had a logical and sound argument for their view of the situation. The Board of Governors voted to gate the cave during hibernation.

Paul also said the convention was great and had good facilities.

He reminded those present of the upcoming Ohio Valley Region meeting and that one of the topics to be covered would be the conservation effort. Representatives of the Forest Service will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul (Unger) and others will be at the cabin over the Labor Day weekend.

There is a possibility of having Karst Encounters again. If it is scheduled, grotto members will be notified as soon as possible.

Paul also suggested scheduling a trip to Ash Cave (Lee County).

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Nancy Mahoney, Secretary

Ohio Valley Region

A report by Paul Unger

On Saturday, August 16, 1986, representatives from the major grottos in the fertile crescent of caving attended a reorganizational meeting of the Ohio Valley Region. The overwhelming consensus was that OVR could fill a much needed void in inter-grotto communication and activities. Details of this meeting and resulting efforts will be covered by others, but it suffices to say that OVR will become an active positive force in caving circles.

The purpose of this article is to review one of the commitments made at that meeting. Grotto representatives unanimously endorsed the acceptance of the Boone Karst Research Institute (Formerly the Boone Karst Foundation) as a Conservation Task Force of the OVR. This will address several specific goals of the OVR: Conservation of karst features, education of non-caving individuals, inter-grotto projects and events on a formal regional basis, study and exploration of spelean features, and governmental agency interaction.

Immediately, we will petition the NSS for Conservation Task Force status. Secondly, each participating grotto is to select a grotto coordinator to serve as its representative and contact with a Forest Service resource officer (Person who manages non-tree holdings within the Forest). The grotto coordinator will coordinate, organize, and report all grotto activities performed as an official volunteer function within the Forest.

Initially, we must look at endangered species sites and offer our recommendations for management of those resources. Secondly, sites of proposed surface activity for the next three years will be reviewed to ensure karst features are adequately considered in management plans. Lastly, training of Forest Service personnel from a caver's viewpoint in karst geology, cave rescue, and management plan development for karst. This is a simplistic list which only hints at the enormous task we are undertaking.

Karst Encounters (of the first kind), formally a Boone Karst Foundation sponsored event, has become the "official" fall event of OVR. On Saturday of the event (October 18, 1986), the BKRI Board of Directors will meet at 9:00AM. Topics include updates of past items and conversion plan to a participating organization represented board. Funding, coordinator, and membership fee will also be set. This meeting will also be important as it will establish operating principles for the next year.

Questions pertaining to Karst Encounters should be directed to the event chairman, Bill Walden.

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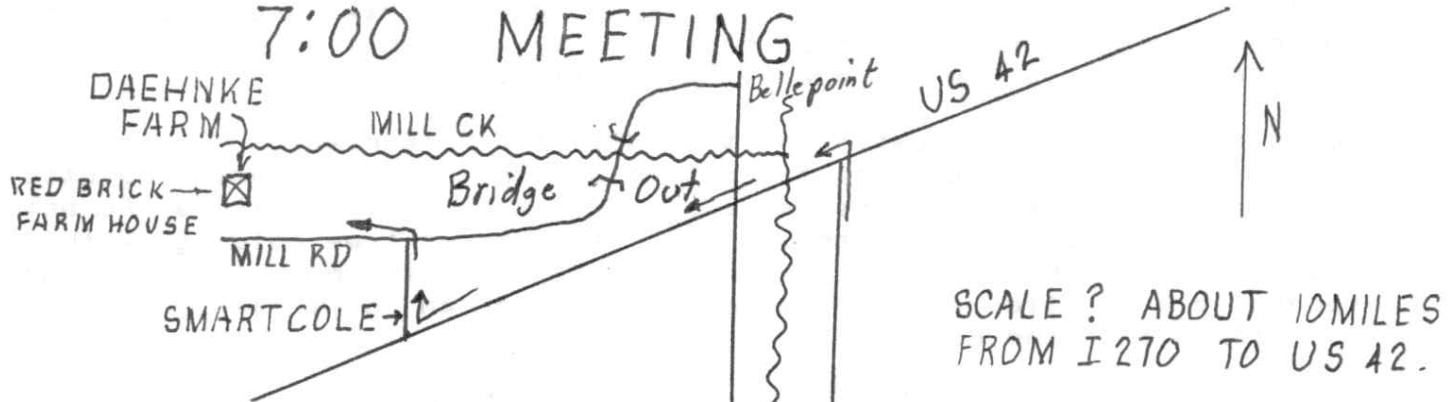
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

3:00 to 6:00 PLAYTIME

5:30 to 6:30 DINNER

7:00 MEETING

Delaware



Mill Rd. bridge over Mill Creek is out. Use alternate route shown. Alternate should be 1st North bound road off US 42 after crossing SR 745. Alternate begins as Smart Cole Rd but becomes Hix Rd once you cross the Union County line.

161 bridge over Scioto River is under construction. I 270 does not connect with SR's 257 or 745.

