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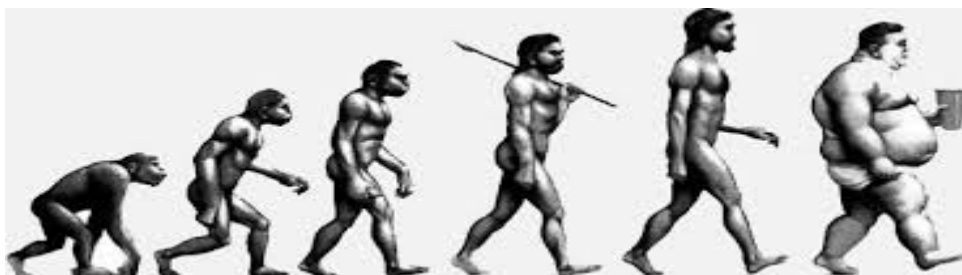
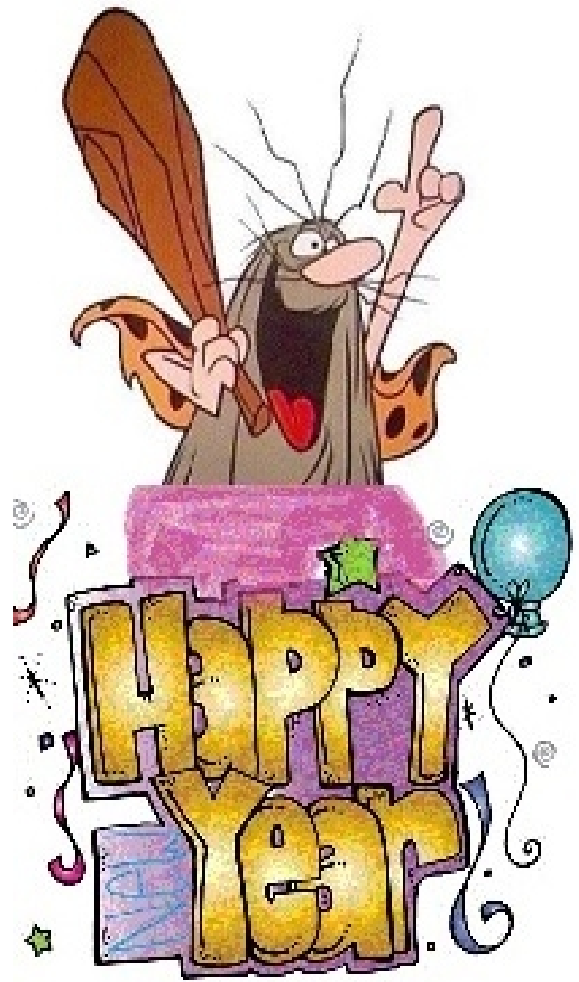
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Northwest trips are scheduled the third Saturday of every month. Contact Sue or John Bozeman for details.

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National White-Nose Syndrome Decontamination Protocol - Version 06.25.2012

The fungus *Geomyces destructans* (*G.d.*) is the cause of white-nose syndrome (WNS), a disease that has devastated populations of hibernating bats in eastern North America. Since its discovery in New York in 2007, WNS has spread rapidly through northeastern, mid-Atlantic, and Midwest states and eastern Canada. It continues to threaten bat populations across the continent. For the protection of bats and their habitats, comply with all current cave and mine closures, advisories, and regulations on the federal, state, tribal, and private lands you plan to visit. In the absence of cave and mine closure policy, or when planned activities involve close/direct contact with bats, their environments, and/or associated materials, the following decontamination procedures should be implemented to **reduce the risk of transmission** of the fungus to other bats and/or habitats. For the purposes of clarification, the use of the word "decontamination," or any similar root, in this document entails both the 1) cleaning and 2) treatment to disinfect exposed materials.

Under no circumstances should clothing, footwear, or equipment that was used in a confirmed or suspect WNS-affected state or region be used in a WNS-unaffected state or region. Some state/federal regulatory or land management agencies have supplemental documents¹ that provide additional requirements or exemptions on lands under their jurisdiction.

I. TREATMENTS TO REDUCE RISK OF TRANSFERRING *GEOMYCES DESTRUCTANS*²:

Applications/Products:

The most universally available option for treatment of submersible gear is:

Submersion in Hot Water: Effective at sustained temperatures 50°C (122°F) for 20 minutes

Secondary or non-submersible treatment options (for a minimum of 10 min.) include:

PRODUCTS: **Clorox® (6% HOCl) Bleach**
 Lysol® IC Quaternary Disinfectant Cleaner
 Professional Lysol® Antibacterial All-purpose Clean

Minutes

No December minutes because the meeting was the Christmas Party. Reprint of the November Minutes.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTTO

Minutes of the November 14, 2014

Host: the home of Dale Amlee

Attendees: Dale Amlee, Anne Ault, John and Sue Bozeman, Jon Woltz, S. Belev.

Potentate Dale Amlee began the meeting at 8:04

OLD BUSINESS

- At our last cave trip we couldn't find Cherysbad Cavern! We talked about this problem and have a plan for finding it. It can't hide from us for long. Said Jon Woltz: "We can't find a hole in the ground". I suggested using a dowsing rod. Others suggested asking Jay to take us to it since he knows every cave and snake den (same thing) on the ranch.

- We continue to try to get back into Carlsbad Caverns. The park will soon have a new employee whose duties should include working with caving groups such as ours. We will ask Duane to try to contact this person in January or February. You have 8 fingers that you need to cross.
- Cave trip in November postponed to November 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS

- John B. told us about his communications with Kevin Blackwood of the Arbuckle Mountain Grotto concerning the name change of what had been *Fat Man's Misery Cave* to *Pearl Cave*, a cave in the Arbuckles. This change was made for various reasons; it was approved by the landowner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Talbot wasn't available to give his report.

We concluded the meeting at 8:51

Treasurer's reports

DECEMBER 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Dividends \$ 00.02

Dues \$ 63.00

TOTAL \$ 63.02

CASH ON HAND \$ 149.04

CHECKING \$ 537.47

SAVINGS \$ 2,136.35

TOTAL \$ 2,822.86

EXPENSES

Postage \$ 42.00

Printing \$ 81.36

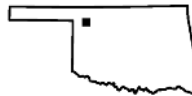
TOTAL \$123.36

TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 12/31/2013

PREPARED BY TREASURER JOHN TALBOT

Trip report

Date: December 14, 2014
 Cave: Cherylsbad Cavern
 Surveyors: Dale Amlee, Steve Beleu, Sue Bozeman, and Jon Woltz
 Partial Trip report by Steve Beleu



SHEMPBAT SPOTTED IN CHERYLSBAD CAVERN

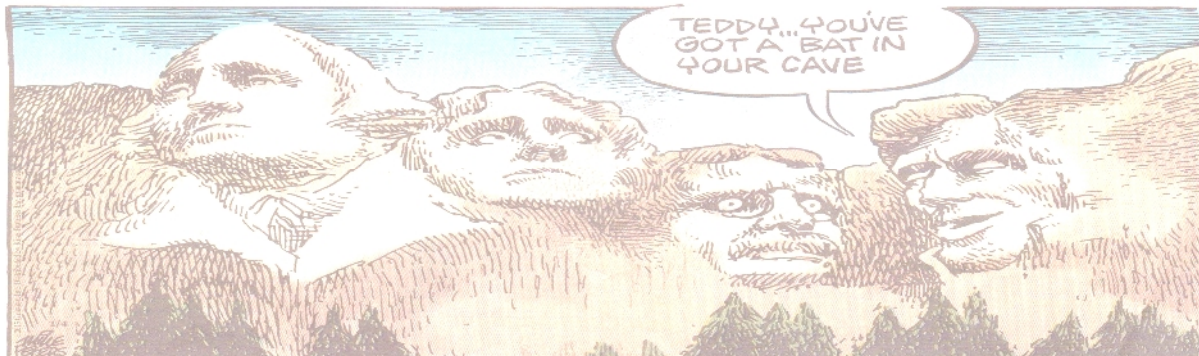
By Steve Beleu

When we began the survey of Cherylsbad Cavern the last thing we expected to see is the rarest of all bats, a Shempbat. But as we were lining up shots between survey points we heard the characteristic “eap, eap, eap” of an approaching Shempbat, and sure enough a Shempbat

flew up to where we were and hovered over us. After giving us several more “eaps” it flew back the way it came and we saw it no more. The Shempbat, found mainly in caves in the Baltics, has been documented to repulse vampires. It flies up to the vampire and begins to “eap, eap, eap” until the vampire becomes sick of hearing it and leaves the cave in disgust. Vampires will not dwell in a cave that is home to a Shempbat simply for that reason that it finds the Shempbat too annoying. But we cavers thank the Shempbat for saving us from vampires when we cave. 🦇

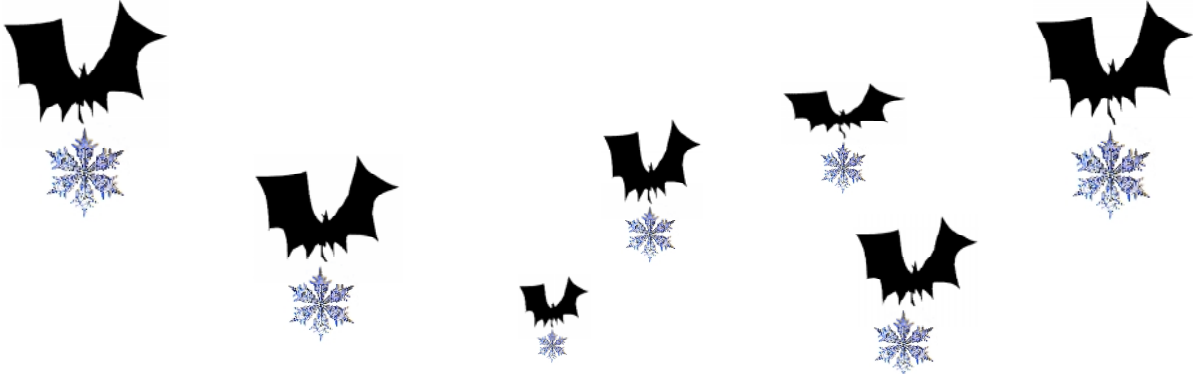
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS



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