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The May meeting will be Friday, May 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the home of Dale & Carole Town.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The May meeting will be Friday, May 8, 2015 at The home of Dale and Carol.

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

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTTO

Minutes of the March 15, 2015 meeting

Attendees: Dale Amlee, Anne Ault, Sue and John Bozeman, Duane Del Vecchio, John and Jason Talbot, Dale and Carol Town, Jon Van Dyke, Jon and Kelley Woltz, and S. Beleu

Location: Dale Amlee's

President Woltz began the meeting at 8:00

OLD BUSINESS – we compared the various injuries we have and are recovering from. Few current COG members are not injured with bodily afflictions.

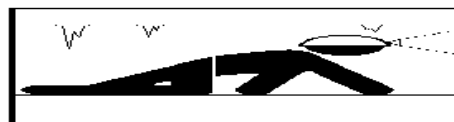
NEW BUSINESS

- We talked about the bat count at Cheryl'sbad Cavern in February
- We talked about the bat count of southwest OK
- We talked about the bat count of northwest OK

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Talbot gave his report.

President Woltz concluded the meeting at 8:54



"Clarification of Joe Looney Posthumous Offer to the Grotto:

Joe has written a two-page autobiography that he wishes published by the Central Oklahoma Grotto in our *COGnizance* after he passes -- as a fulfillment of our obligation in recognition of his property donation. Since our newsletter is provided to the National Speleological Society, this autobiography will get to the national office via us in good order. We all thank Joe for his consideration."

TREASURER'S REPORTS

MARCH, 2015 TREASURERS'S REPORT

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues	\$ 30.00	EQUIPMENT	\$ 114.95
Dividends	00.02		
TOTAL	\$ 42.00	TOTAL	\$ 114.95
CASH ON HAND	\$ 98.09	TOTAL FUNDS AS OF	
CHECKING	\$ 563.51		3/1/2015
SAVINGS	\$ 2,136.67		
TOTAL	\$ 2,798.27		

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TREASURER JOHN TALBOT
NSS # 30254RE

APRIL, 2015 TREASURERS'S REPORT

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dividends			00.28
TOTAL	\$.28		
CASH ON HAND	\$ 98.09		
CHECKING	\$ 587.55		
SAVINGS	\$ 2,136.93		
TOTAL	\$ 2,822.57		

TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 4/4/2015
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TRIP REPORT

No trip reports submitted this month.

POTPOURRI

Houston's Axiom Quartet to Play Cave Without a Name

May 4, 2015

<http://cavingnews.com/20150504-houstons-axiom-quartet-to-play-cave-without-a-name>

The dynamic and exciting music of Houston based [Axiom Quartet](#) will be coming to Cave Without A Name near Boerne, Texas on Saturday, May 23rd.

The group will play a mix of classical, modern, and pop music in a program specifically designed for the event, held some 80 feet (24 meters) below the surface in the Queen's Throne room.

Previous performances by Axiom at the cave have attracted wide audiences and gathering enthusiastic reviews from both the concert goers and the local press.

Advance Tickets for the popular concert are available now for \$25, and, should any remain, they will also be available at the door for \$30.

Cave Without A Name hosts 8-12 concerts each year due to the three large solution domes on the ceiling of the Throne Room which provide excellent natural acoustics.

For more information and to buy tickets to this exciting show or future concerts, visit the [Cave Without A Name website](#).

Adorable Orphaned Bats get a Second Chance at This Australian Clinic

by Abby Heugel

<http://twentytwowords.com/adorable-orphaned-bats-get-a-second-chance-at-this-australian-clinic/>
April 7, 2015

They're even more adorable when you learn that these are orphaned baby bats that are being cared for at the [Australian Bat Clinic & Wildlife Trauma Centre](#) in eastern Australia's Gold Coast Hinterland.



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