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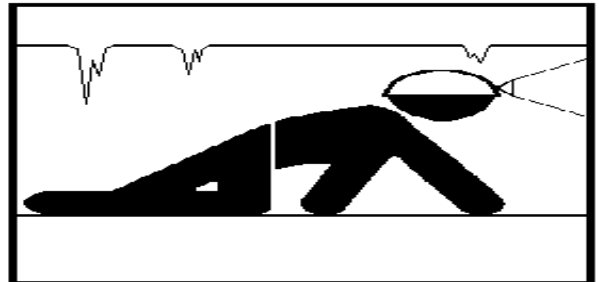
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The January 2016 meeting of the Central Oklahoma Grotto will be held at John Talbot's, Friday, Jan.8, 2016.

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 meeting in December, just the annual Christmas Party. Here is the reprint of the November, 2015 meeting to refresh your memory

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTA

Minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2015

Host: the home of Matt Brasher

Attendees: Dale Amlee, Anne Ault, John and Sue Bozeman, Jason and John Talbot, John Van Dyke, Jon and Kelley Woltz, prospective member Ali Brasher (Matt's sister), and The Skillful Ogre

The Honorable Jon Woltz began the meeting at 7:55

OLD BUSINESS

Sue successfully forwarded her request about caves in Mayes County to Bill Puckett.

NEW BUSINESS

Tulsa Community College – Northeast bought an issue of the *Oklahoma Underground* from us. We will raise the price of our postage to mail COG products in the future.

We had our annual "elections" with these predictable results –

Dale Amlee – Chair

Jon Woltz – Vice Chair

John Talbot – Treasurer

Steve Beleu – Secretary and Sergeant at Underarms

Members requested that I tell Lil Town via this monthly report that every COG meeting in 2016 will begin at 8:00 central time. *HEY LIL...*

Ali Brasher joined COG. Most important event of the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Talbot gave his report.

We concluded the meeting at 8:32



TREASURER'S REPORTS

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Publication sales	\$ 07.00	Postage	\$ 2.52
Dividends	\$ 00.02		
TOTAL	\$ 07.02	TOTAL	\$ 2.52
CASH ON HAND	\$ 110.57		
CHECKING	\$ 606.74		
SAVINGS	\$ 2,137.47		
TOTAL	\$ 2,854.78		

TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 12/9/2015
 PREPARED BY TREASURER JOHN TALBOT NSS #30254RE

TRIP REPORT

Trip Report: Cherylbad Cavern
Date: December 19, 2015
Personnel: Dale Amlee, Jon Woltz, Steve Beleu the Skillful Ogre
Report by Steve Beleu

After not being able to cave since February due to a shoulder injury, I had planned to make my triumphant return to caving on this trip, which would have been cave trip #172 for me. But since it had snowed deeply enough in the area of the caves earlier in the week, snow still being on the ground in shaded areas, the dirt roads that led to the pasture roads were a challenge but the pasture roads were completely unnavigable for any motor vehicles save those with 4-wheel drive, and a 4-wheel drive vehicle we had not that day.

We also considered parking by the side of the road and hiking in, but Kelley's *Element* would certainly have got stuck had we parked on the shoulders of the roads. The closest we could come to Cherylbad Cavern or any of the other caves on the famed Selman ranch was to look across the fields towards them from the roads, unable to approach them any closer.

Therefore during 2015, due to the dictates of doom, I caved only twice; I will begin my 25th glorious year of caving in 2016 and know that I will have better luck. But should we not be able to cave during January I will become a qlfuss! (old Norse term for "drunkard"). Yea, a qlfuss sunk in a midden, tholing the fleering of fell bale ("yea, a drunkard sunk in a dung heap, enduring the mocking of cruel evil").

POTPOURRI

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SPELEOLOGICAL AND CAVING TERMS BEGINNING WITH 'E'

- EASTING
- ECCENTRIC
- EDAPHOBITE
- EFFLUX
- ENDOGEAN
- ENDOKARSTIC
- ENTRANCE
- EROSION
- ESCARPMENT
- EVAPOTRANSPIRATION
- EXSURGENCE



Gypsum Caving Bagatelle 23

Steve Beleu

Moderato
Quarter note = 90

Piano

5

Pno. *mf*

9

Pno. *ff* *mf* *fz* *mf*

13

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf*

18

Pno. *mp* *mf*

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Ced. *

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New Life for Robber's Cave

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<http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/New-Life-for-Robbers-Cave>

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By: [Taylor Barth](#) -

LINCOLN, Neb. -- Historians believe Robber's Cave in Lincoln was built 140 years ago to store and chill beer. Thursday, that's come full circle as a local brewery broke ground to build there.

Blue Blood Brewing Company has been open in Lincoln since 2011 at its 500 W. South Street location. This year, the co-founder decided it was time to move on to a new adventure, and now he's exploring the tales and legends of Robber's Cave in hopes of sharing the rich history and cold beer with others.

According to Ed Zimmer, the city historic preservation planner, Robber's Cave got its start in the 1870s, when a worker for "Pioneer Brewery" dug a cave to create a cooling cellar. Over the years, the cave went from producing beer to myths and stories.

"It was a place that kind of generated legends, and that became part of what the attraction was when it became a recreational place," Zimmer said.

Zimmer believes the cave became a cool place to have a picnic in the summer, but some say it was Jesse James' hideout or a place where Native Americans conducted rituals.

"There's so many stories, and I think the fun part is we say maybe they're not true, but at the same time we can't say they're not true and so it's almost that folklore and mystery that really draw it back in," President and Co-Founder of Blue Blood Brewing Company Brian Podwinski said.

The old tales have led to the start of a new chapter for the Blue Blood Brewing Company. In February, the company announced it invested \$1.5 million to purchase the cave and land near Highway 2 and Van Dorn Street.

With the dig of some shovels, it became official Thursday. City council members, local senators and others met at the cave site to break ground with cold brews and peak at the past.

"The city's interest in participating in this project has really been all focused on the cave and wanting to help make that available again to the public in a safe, productive way," Zimmer said.

The more than century-old cave will soon transform into a 9,000 square foot brewery, tap house and restaurant.

"You've married it with a historic spot and made it a destination, so folks will come not just to try the beer, but also to participate in a piece of history," Lincoln Chamber of Commerce President Wendy Birdsall said.

Blue Blood Brewing Company hopes to open up its new location by January 2016. The cave will be used as a special event room and will house the bar-

rel-aging program for the brewery's new "Outlaw" beer series. 🍺

Bear attacks Boy Scout leader in New Jersey

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/21/us/bear-attacks-boy-scout-leader-new-jersey/>

(CNN)A New Jersey Boy Scout troop leader was mauled by a black bear Sunday as he lowered himself into a rock crevice where the animal was likely hibernating, the Rockaway Township Police Department said.

The bear bit Christopher Petronino on his shoulders, legs and scalp, according to New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Director Dave Chanda. The wounds were not life threatening and Petronino has already been released from the hospital, Chanda said.

No Boy Scouts were injured in the incident, which occurred at Splitrock Reservoir, about 25 miles west of New York City, but officials said that three Scouts ranging from 12 to 14 years old were hiking with Petronino at the time. None of them, however, followed him down into the cave.

Authorities said the attack began as the scout leader lowered himself the 5 or 6 feet down into the crevice. "The attack happened very fast," said Sean Cianciulli, a conservation officer with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. "The bear probably saw him as a threat and instigated the attack."

Petronino, 50, has been exploring the cave regularly since the 1980s according to [CNN affiliate WCBS](#), but he had never encountered a bear. Nevertheless, he apparently knew just what he needed to in order to cause the black bear to lose interest in him: After striking the animal with a rock hammer, Petronino pulled his shirt over his head, curled up into the fetal position and played dead.

"Black bears are not aggressive," said Chanda. "Once (Petronino) stopped fighting, the animal stopped feeling threatened (and) ultimately left the den."

Petronino then shouted to the boys to call for help. The Scouts "were probably scared to death," said Chanda, but they kept their composure enough to call 911.

Rescue crews used the GPS coordinates of one of the Scout's cell phones and located them several hours later, officials said in a news release.



Central Oklahoma Grotto is a non-profit organization and a chapter of the NSS (National Speleological Society), Cave Avenue, Huntsville, AL., 35810. Dedicated to cave conservation and safety, C.O.G. published general information in a monthly newsletter (\$6.00/year) and detailed cave surveys and related Speleological items in a yearly publication, *The Oklahoma Underground* (\$3-\$8/issue) Membership is by sponsor and is \$12 per year for adults, \$6 for spouses and students, and \$3 if under 18. Central Oklahoma Grotto meets once a month on the second Friday of each month. For information, write Lil Town, 25692 Mosier Circle, Conifer, CO 80433: All submissions to the newsletter should be sent to the editor: Lil Town, 25692 Mosier Circle, Conifer, CO 80433: Telephone: (580)471-1238: E-mail: cavemoose@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions for any particular month's issue is the 20th day of the previous month. If you wish material returned. Please include a SASE with submission. All materials in this newsletter is available for reproduction, provided proper credit is given with the article when you print it. Trade publications are welcomed. *Cave softly and safely!* Website: <http://www.okcavers.com>

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