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The April, 2011 meeting will be Friday, 8:00 April 8, at Dale Amlee's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The April meeting will be at Dale Amlee's House, Friday, April 8, 2011.

MINUTES

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTO

Minutes of the February 11, 2011 meeting

Host: the home of COG members John and Jeremiah Van Dyke

Attendees: Dale Amlee, Anne Ault, John Bozeman, Duane Del Vecchio, John Talbot, Lil Town, Dale Town, Jon and Kelley Woltz, both Van Dykes, and S. Beleu
Guests: Carol Buescher, Mart Dennis, and Tom Roche

The Honorable Jon Woltz began the meeting at 7:15. We held this meeting one hour early due to the inclement weather of that week.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

We talked about the 2011 bat count. The only caves we're counting are the southwest caves on Saturday, February 19 and the Washita Bat Caves on February 20. Dr. Caire and his crew have already counted the caves of northwest Oklahoma. They also counted bats in Selman Bat Cave while wearing protective clothing and respirators.

Jon read aloud Dr. Caire's recommendations for disinfecting cave clothes and gear to prevent the possible spread of WNS in Oklahoma's caves.

The next trip to Broken Horn Cave will be on Saturday, March 19.

Dale and Carol can't host the meeting in April. So they and Dale Amlee agreed to switch meetings, Dale Amlee hosting in April, and Dale and Carol hosting in May

We're invited to attend the spring 2011 MVOR in Waynesville, Missouri., April 29 through May 1 If you're interested see: http://web.mst.edu/~spelunk/MVOR/main.html Looking at the caves for this event it appears that we would be spelunking in horizontal caves. Waynesville is just off of Interstate 44, not quite halfway between Springfield and St. Louis.

Technocaver Dale Town showed off the 37-LED light that he told us about at our last meeting. Its brand: "Bayco".

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Talbot gave his treasurer's report, and reminded those who have yet to pay their dues that it's time to fork the money over. We concluded the meeting at 7:55

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2011

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dividend	$ 2.50	Printing	$7.00
Dues	$ 39.00		
Totals	**$ 41.50**		**$7.00**
CASH	**$ 204.49**		
CHECKING	**$ 496.03**		
SAVINGS	**$2,115.41**		
UNDEPOSIT FUNDS	**$39.00**		
TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 2/7/2011	**$2,854.93**		

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February 2011

INCOME		EXPENSES
Dividend	$ 0.02	Printing
Dues	$ 18.00	
Totals	**$ 18.02**	
CASH	**$ 222.49**	
CHECKING	**$ 535.05**	
SAVINGS	**$2,115.41**	
TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 2/7/2011	**$2,872.95**	

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TRIP REPORTS

Cave: Broken Horn
Date: March 19, 2011
Personnel: Dale Amlee, Steve Beleu, Sue Bozeman and Jon Woltz

We went, we spent time talking to Mrs. S. and then we came home again, safe but disappointed.

Rains kept training across the northwestern part of the state, so we listened to rumbles of thunder and watched lightening streak across the west and northern skies from the safety of the ranch house.

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Incoming torrents, even if intermittent, were not what we wanted to see underground. Nightmares are made of such.

We were treated to St. Patrick's Day Blarney Stone pastries, doughnuts and oranges by our dear landowner, who sends greetings to all who weren't there. We'll try again and hope that the amount of catchment rainfall wasn't prohibitive as the connection to the Trident Room is a near duckunder at low water! I wish us luck.
Report by Sue Bozeman

EDITOR: With the lack of trip reports I decided to print on from a few years ago,,,,

Broken Horn Cave Survey
March 17, 2007
Personnel: Sue &John Bozeman, Dale Amlee, Steve Beleu, Anne Ault

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Dale, Steve and Anne took the high (dry) way and we gave the low (wet) way to Sue and John to survey.

For several hours the high team could hear giggles and whispers coming from the low team, so we could only politely assume that they were having quite a good time as they surveyed or did whatever they were doing.

We of the high team soldiered on and may even have gotten five or six compass shots completed. Steve's Compass Meister was refusing to cooperate, but this was advantageous because Dale needed time to sketch the very complicated cave passage we were in and Steve needed the time to perfect the "prayers" he was directing towards his compass and clinometer.

With less than an hour left before we had agreed to meet and start the long slog out, the high team let themselves be lured into one of several side passages that seemed particularly inviting, for just a wee bit of exploring. This passage could be compared to finding the leprechaun's pot of gold because it was almost entirely dry walking passage and has an enormous and just spectacular cache of selenite crystals.

As we left the cave, we reveled in the prospect of surveying this side passage, even though we knew it eventually led to a long, low crawl.

Mrs. S. entertained us with conversation and special Blarney Stone cakes which took the edge off the hunger pains until we reached Pizza Hut.

Just like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, the dreams of surveying lovely dry passage disappeared when, about a week later, the drought in the State was almost ended by torrential rain of biblical proportions.

POTPOURRI

Editor: On the lighter side: something I came across on the internet…. What some people will believe:

Bat Guano (Fertilizer) In Mascara?

http://www.gardenmandy.com/bat-guano-in-mascara/
Posted by mandy on 6/10/07 Categorized as Organic Gardening

That's right ladies (and some dudes). The next time you "bat your eyes," it might be literal.

Have you ever noticed the pearlescent quality in fertilizer? Bird poo? Eye shadow?

While I was researching bat guano recently for my garden adventures and I came across something strange.

There seems to be a buzz on the internet about bat guano as an ingredient in mascara.

I'm not kidding. Google it. People are even talking about it on yahoo answers.

UPDATE: I did some more digging and here's what I found: Yes. It's true. *WHAT?* Ok. It's not completely true. Bat Guano does not exist in mascara. How many obvious mascara. How many obvious sanitary reasons would you need?

However, a derivative of guano does exist in mascara. It's called guanine. It helps provide a certain pearly shine to nail polish, shampoo, eye shadow, and mascara.

So while they don't actually use guano, they do derive guanine from it. They also, produce it synthetically.* *It should also be noted that guanine can be found in seabird guano as well as bat guano.*

Long story short, there is some truth to the urban legend that mascara, eye shadow, shampoo and other everyday items contain guano. PLEASE TRY OUR NEW SHADES OF EYE SHADOW:

Fertilizer Purple
Guano Green
Flying Rat Poo Red

Ok. I'll stop. This is getting ridiculous. It really does make a great garden fertilizer: Guano know more?)

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