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The September meeting of the Central Oklahoma Grotto will be held at 7:00, Friday, September 9, 2011. at the home of Jon Woltz

Address: 515 N. Arizona Street

Home Phone: 580-774-2561.

Decontamination protocols specific to WNS have been developed and will continue to be revised to incorporate the best available information. All current protocols will be available at the following website: http://www.fws.gov/WhiteNoseSyndrome
Source: DRAFT WNS Plan - v. 10.21.2010 from **A National Plan for Assisting States, Federal Agencies, and Tribes in Managing White-Nose Syndrome in Bats**

Fixing carbide in entrance of Home Cave, SW Oklahoma.
Photo by Duane DelVecchio, April 11, 2005

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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MINUTES

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The May meeting of the COG started at 8:14-3/4 p.m. at the Town House in Altus, OK.

Great variety of foods with brats grilled by Dale with assistance from whomever walked by as he was otherwise occupied showing us his electronic man cave in the back yard.

Members present: Dale Amlee, Anne Ault, John and Sue Bozeman, John Talbot, John Van Dyke

Guests: Dale Town's friend and gourmet bean cooker, Carol

Steve Beleu, being absent, was minimally supplanted by Sue Bozeman, ancient but Honorary Member and alternate scribe.

Old Business:

1. Carlsbad Cleanup is out for 2011. Park personnel are changing and no one is available to 'handle' us.
2. Compasses and clinometers -- two each -- are okayed for purchase by those present and John Bozeman will purchase them from Forrestry Suppliers.

New Business:

Dale Town broached the subject of where to go for a summer fun trip to replace the cancelled Carlsbad cleanup. No decisions were made and everyone was asked to think about suggestions.

Trip Reports:

Dale Amlee gave a synopsis of our April Trip to Broken Horn. The lead team, Dale and Steve, got well and truly mucky and stopped just before nose-up total body immersion was required. Lots of dead frogs were seen; some alive as well. Wondering if the oil field barrels found at the Rib Crib Entrance had leaked some nasty crud into the water to effect this animal demise. No chemical odor was noticed.

Treasurer's Report:

Dividend 2 cents, Dues $36 No expenses
Cash: $246.49 Checking $547.11 Savings $2,182.72
Total: $2,922.32
June meeting: Duane Del Vecchio's in Lawton.
Meeting adjourned: 9:10-1/2 p.m.
Minutes submitted with great respect by Sue Bozeman

TREASURER'S REPORTS

May, 2011

INCOME		EXPENSES	
DIVIDEND	$ .02		
DUES	$ 36.00		
TOTAL	**$ 36.02**	**TOTAL EXPENSES**	**$ 00.00**
CASH ON HAND	$ 246.49		
CHECKING	$ 547.11		
SAVINGS	$ 2,182.72		
TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 5/13/2011	**$ 2,922.32**		

PREPARED BY TREASURER
JOHN TALBOT NSS#30254RE

TRIP REPORTS

No Trips to report at this time

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Bat Terrorizes Passengers on Airplane

By IBTimes Staff Reporter | August 10, 2011 10:57 AM EDT
http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/195635/20110810/bat-airplane-atlanta-flight-atlantic-southeast-airlines.htm

While snakes on a plane might be scary onscreen, a bat loose on an Atlanta-bound flight proved to be horrifying, causing passengers to duck for cover.

The flying mammal appeared about 15 minutes after Delta flight 5121, operated by Atlantic Southeast Airlines, took off from Madison, Wis., on Friday, cruising around the cabin and above passengers' heads, NBC LA reported.

"The captain called the control tower to say the plane was returning to the airport to remove a winged animal," said Brent McHenry, spokesperson for the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison.

Eventually, a passenger near the rear of the plane was able to swat the bat into the bathroom and shut the door, to the cheers and applause of fellow passengers, according to the Wisconsin State Journal. By the time the plane landed and the passengers deplaned, McHenry said, the bat seemed to vanish. As airport maintenance staff searched the plane, however, a bat flew out and into the terminal and finally to freedom.

"Our terminal has high ceilings, and it's not unusual to have a bird flying around inside," McHenry said. "But the bat created a bit of entertainment for our early morning passengers as maintenance crew members with a large net ushered it outside."

Following a few hours delay, passengers were able to re-board and continue to Atlanta.

Jarek Beem, spokesperson for Atlantic Southeast Airlines, said the airline was "confident in the maintenance search and that the animal was no longer on the aircraft at the time of the next departure."

Bats Infest Longmont Senior Housing Complex Elderly Residents Call Infestation 'Scary'

TheDenverChannel.com; POSTED: 7:34 pm MDT August 30, 2011
By Lance Hernandez, 7NEWS Reporter

LONGMONT, Colo. -- An estimated 600 to 800 brown bats have infested the Village Place apartment complex in Longmont.

“It’s scary,” said Marthalee Walker, one of the tenants who resides in the senior housing community. “We’ve had bats in the hallway and in the lobby, and some people have had bats in their apartments.”

Walker told 7NEWS that one of her neighbors fell and broke a tooth trying to get away from the bats.

Another resident, Mary Lynne Myers said there have been bats in the building every summer for four years, but this summer is the worst.

“I’m in a wheelchair,” Myers said. “But when I see them, I go as fast as I can to my apartment and shut the door.”

Myers said that when she and several friends tried to eat in the dining room last week, the bats kept diving for their food.

“They were hungry,” she said.

Michael Reis, executive director of the Longmont Housing Authority said the authority has been working hard to get rid of the bats.

He said they’ve contracted with Critter Control to remove the bats.

An expert at Critter Control said there are a large number of bats in the Longmont area feeding on mosquitoes and other insects.

The company spokesman said the bats like to attach themselves to brick buildings then crawl around until they find a place to enter.

The spokesman said the best way to deal with bats is to extrude them, or expel them.

He said there is no need to poison the bats.

“We don’t want them to die and start decomposing in the building,” the spokesman said.

Reis said the housing authority has spent $6,000 to get rid of the bats.

He said most of that money has been used to seal up small cracks, install screens on air conditioners and vents, and to place one-way exit tubes along the exterior wall so the bats can get out at night during feeding time, but can’t get back in.

When asked if the measures were working, Reis replied, “Well, for the last three nights we’ve been down to zero. Maybe it’s too soon to tell, but we’re happy that it’s gone down to zero.” Reis said management counted 80 bats inside the building last Thursday.

“So that’s progress,” he said.

Residents said they still see some of the nocturnal creatures flying outside the building but pest-control experts believe they’ve solved the problem inside.

Walker told 7NEWS that management used sticky flypaper to catch some of the bats and turned them over to the health department.

She said none of the bats have tested positive for rabies.

Although she’s grateful for that, Walker said she still wants them gone.

“They seem to fly willy-nilly around,” she said. “So everybody’s been ducking, trying to get out of their way.”

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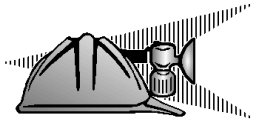

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