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The December meeting of the Central Oklahoma Grotto will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2011. at the home of John and Sue Bozeman at Friday, December 9, 2011.

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**
Duane has put the decontamination protocols in the COG website at http://www.okcavers.com/wns

Remember that the December meeting is at the Bozeman's and it's the annual grotto Christmas Party. Be sure to bring a goodie to share!

Another Horn found in Broken Horn Cave.
Picture taken by Jon Wolz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The 7:00 p.m. December meeting will be, Friday, December 9, at home of Sue and John Bozeman, Address: 2624 Chaucer Drive, The Village, OK; Phone: 405-755-3587

Anne is now at her house with home health care coming in to assist her. She is a strong and special lady determined to get through this. But has a long way to go. Her son, John Schlichting, is staying with her and would appreciate a call before anyone visits. If you want to send her anything, Anne's address is : 2516 Lancaster Lane, OkC OK 73116

MINUTES

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTO

Minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2011

Host: the hut and lean-to of Steve Beleu, where we ate baloney rollups and Little Debbie snack cakes, and drank grape and orange soda.

Attendees: Dale Amlee, John and Sue Bozeman, John Talbot, John and Jeremiah Van Dyke, Jon and Kelley Woltz, and Dale Town and Carol Buescher.

The Honorable Jon Woltz began the meeting at 8:00.

OLD BUSINESS

Dale Amlee didn't have a chance to try to trick some youngsters into caving and joining our grotto.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dale Amlee talked about our next cave trip to Broken Horn and the surveying work that needs to be done there. He claimed that there were only four count them four areas left to survey.
2. Jon read from a printed-out e-mail where the writer said that he/she/it had discovered caves in Colcord, Oklahoma on "New Life Ranch" in far north western Oklahoma. The human asked for our help in "expanding the entrances of the caves". Our answer had to be no since COG doesn't believe in destroying caves to get into them. Since he is also out of our area of caving interest we will dump him, ahem, refer him to Bill Puckett and also to TROG, both of whom dwell in eastern Oklahoma.
3. **Officers for 2102 –**

   Grand Imperial Chairman – Dale Amlee
   Grand Only-Slightly-Less-Than-Imperial Vice-Chairman – Jon Woltz
   Much Beloved Treasurer – John Talbot
   Rat's Ass Secretary and Sergeant-at-Underarms – S. Beleu

4. **Meeting places for 2012 –**

   January – John Talbot
   February – John Van Dyke
   March – Anne Ault if possible
   April – Dale Town and Carol Buescher
   May – Dale Amlee
   June – Duane Del Vecchio
   September – Jon and Kelley Woltz
   October – Art Wallace
   November – Steve Beleu dammit
   December – John and Sue Bozeman

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Talbot delivered his report.

We concluded the meeting at 8:43 and watched Howdy-Doody episodes which made this nation great.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

November, 2011

INCOME		EXPENSES
Dividend	$ 0.01	none
TOTALS	**$ 0.02**	
CASH ON HAND	$ 77.11	
CHECKING	$ 255.99	
SAVINGS	$ 2,131.39	
TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 11/7/2011	**$ 2,464.49**	

PREPARED BY TREASURER JOHN TALBOT
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TRIP REPORTS

No reports submitted at the time of the publication. Read it next month, there was a trip!

POTPOURRI

Massive sinkhole appears overnight
Joleen Chaney Reporting KFOR-TV
November 29, 2011
http://www.kfor.com/news/local/kfor-massive-sinkhole-appears-overnight-20111129,0,2753754.story

SAYRE, Okla. -- Residents in Beckham County near Sayre say a massive sinkhole suddenly appeared overnight. They say it's so big a small house can fit inside it. Jack Damron cares for the property and says the hole formed just two days after Oklahoma's last earthquake about two weeks ago.

Experts say it most likely isn't related.

Either way, the hole is still growing day by day.

"Kind of spooky. You don't want to mess with it today," Damron said. Because whatever lies beneath the flat Oklahoma soil, isn't quite finished.

"We've got to let it finish settling, because we don't know how deep it's going to get. It's still growing," he said "When it first formed you could actually sit here for 30 minutes and see stuff just move."

Damron has been farming the land where the sinkhole formed for nearly 20 years, but overnight he says the hole suddenly appeared.

It's a pretty scary scenario considering he's been driving tractors over this exact spot, never dreaming the ground beneath him could give way and collapse.

"You can see the tractor went right over it. It would have swallowed the tractor," he said. "We had a lot of onlookers."

The sinkhole is about 40 feet deep and 40 feet wide.

"Glad my house wasn't over it," neighbor Tony Bills said.

Sinkholes are not uncommon in western Oklahoma, but how this one got here is still unknown.

"Man, I don't know," Damron said.

Geologists at the Oklahoma Geological Survey say several things could have caused the sinkhole including salt or rock formations dissolving or a drought.

They also say old coal mines are often full of water and when that water drains, there is no support causing the soil above it to collapse.

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 3208 Gettysburg Dr., Altus, Oklahoma, 73521. All submissions to the newsletter should be sent to the editor: Lil Town, 25692 Mosier Circle, Conifer, Colorado 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!* *Web Site: http://www.okcavers.com*

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It will be a Christmas party so be sure to come and see everyone.

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