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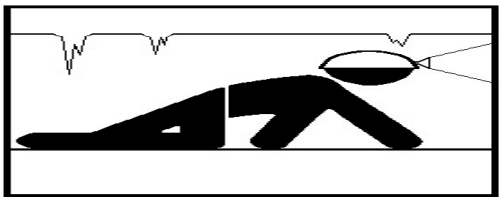


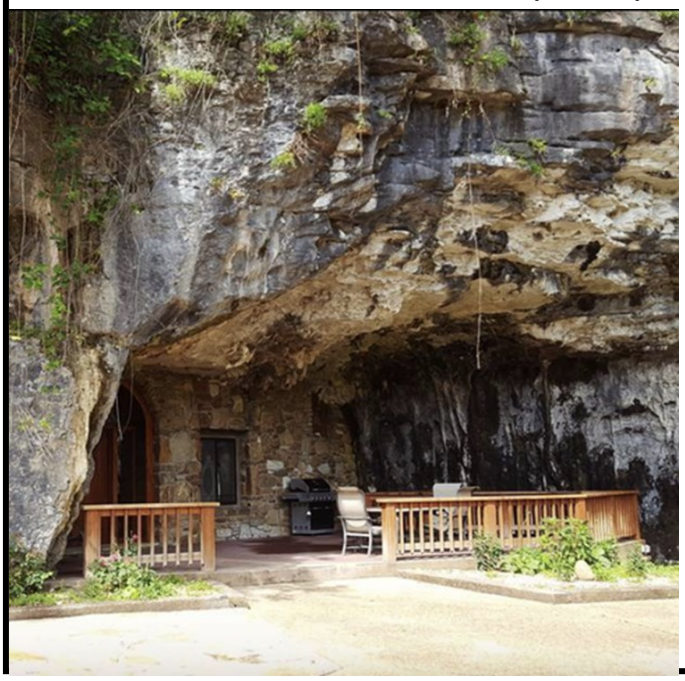
Someone is Renting Out a Luxurious Home That's Located Inside of a Cave

It was originally built as a bomb shelter.

BY ELIZABETH GULINO MAY 24, 2019

https://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/a27585256/beckham-cave-home/

I can assure you that Beckham Creek Cave is is not your average rental—because it's *literally* located inside of a huge cave. Located in the remote area of the Arkansas Ozarks, this cavernous home was actually originally built as a bomb shelter before it was renovated into the luxury accommodation that it is today. Up to eight guests can call this cave home at a time, and the stony estate can also hold parties, events, and even weddings (if that's what your heart desires). There are four unique bedrooms, four bathrooms, and multiple living areas, with lofts and balconies scattered throughout. Each bathroom has an overhead rain shower, to truly make you feel like you're living in the wilderness.



and horseback riding—there's even a private helipad. Buffalo National River is just 12 miles away from the home, which offers incredible hiking views and kayaking opportunities. If you want to try out some good 'ol trout fishing, White River is just 45 minutes away.

Beckham Creek Cave, Arkansas

For those of you that would like to stay indoors during your stay, there are tons of comfy couches, a 75-inch LED television, and thermal heating to keep you cozy during the cold nights. You can rent out this entire cave home for $1,600 a night, and although that may seem pretty steep, living in a cave like this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The Next meeting will be Friday, June 14, 2019 at Steve Beleu's abode.

MEETING PLACES FOR 2019
Jun – Steve Beleu – self-noted 'The Skillful Ogre'
Sep – Jon Woltz
Oct – Art and Paula Wallace
Nov – John Van Dyke
Dec – Bozeman – Christmas Party

COG will meet on June 14 at the shack and lean-to of Steve Beleu, 1609 East Boyd, Norman. Although the meeting will begin at 8:00 per usual, you are invited to arrive as early as 7:00 for a free supper of BBQ procured from Van's Pig Stand BBQ in Norman. There will be a lot of food and real sugar Dr. Peppers, so arrive with your stomachs empty. After the meeting we will enjoy watching a brief segment of "Trollhunter," a 2011 movie from Norway in which our heroes go into a mine and encounter a group of Mountain King Trolls, much to their disadvantage. The film makers used a real mine for this scene that appears to have intersected an actual cave. No papier-mache cave here!

WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL, September 2018

This is the latest formal revision of the national decontamination protocol to prevent spread of the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome. This document is the product of a collaborative effort with multiple federal and state agencies and several non-governmental organizations. Go to this website to view the detailed suggestions listed to help stop the spreading of WNS.

https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/static-page/decontamination-information

MINUTES

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTO
Minutes of May 10, 2019 Meeting

Host: John Van Dyke
Members in attendance: John, John Talbot, Sue and John Bozeman, Dale Amlee, S. Beleu
Began: 8:04. Deputy Supreme Potentate Dale Amlee sat in for vacationing Jon Woltz.

Old Business:

1. CaveSim asked us for more money last month. We tabled the motion after I had moved that we give them $100. This month we took the motion from the table, I again moved that we give them $100, and it passed. Secretary Talbot will pay these monies in June so that our COG funding will be in effect annual funding.
2. Dale and Sue reported on their presentation, along with Jon Woltz, to the Boy Scout Troop in Norman about caving n general and Alabaster State Caverns in particular. They had 35 attendees. They were very well received.

New Business:

1. Sue and Dale talked about the historic graffitti they documented in Grotto Cave as reported in last month's newsletter. They believe the date of 1908 to be accurate.
2. Sue and Dale discussed their and Jon Woltz' last trip to that cave in which they surveyed 456+ feet.
3. We recounted some of our past misadventures in waterlogged caves.
4. We talked about why we think WNS has yet to be detected in our dry gypsum caves, and our hope that that dryness may save most of them from infection.
5. Has your e-mail address changed recently? Will it soon change? Remember to report these changes to Sue Bozeman so COG can maintain an accurate roster of our membership.

End: 8:48

TRIP REPORTS

TOO MUCH RAIN, NO TRIPS AND NO TRIP REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2019 TREASURERS'S REPORT

INCOME			EXPENSES
DIVIDEND	$	0.01	
TOTALS	**$**	**0.01**	
CASH ON HAND	$	52.05	
CHECKING	$	130.96	*PREPARED BY*
SAVINGS	$	2,165.31	*TREASURER JOHN TALBOT NSS#3054RE*
			5/15/2019
TOTAL	**$**	**2,348.32**	

POTPOURRI

THE BAUCKIE BIRD

As a gentleman across the moor
Walked back to home and wife
A bauckie bird outside a cave
Spoke to him in the night:

"Your wife's a beauty and proud
And for her you're not enough
So she rolls back and forth
In the arms of a stranger's love."

The gentleman looks in his window
In his right hand a sharp blade
And sees his wife kissing her lover.
Neither of them can heaven save.

He's cut them apart from each other
And cast arms, legs, and torsos away
Into the night's howling winds
Then hears the bauckie bird say:

"Leave the heads on their necks
So that all the town will see
This is your wife, that her lover,
And you will hang from this tree".

Such a killer as he would never
Beg for mercy nor accept the fate
That his neck would be stretched
Until skin and muscle disintegrate,

Meat for hungry dog and crow.
He's left the lovers beside a road
Sunk into the deep mud of a spring.
But the stench the next day that arose

Of scattered bones and bits led to them
Their families who hunt the murderer
With rope, axe, and hammer, fire
And lead spikes, tools of the torturer.

From his home not long ago happy
That became 4 walls of slaughter
The killer flees to the mountains
And crawls into a cave to thereafter

Never be found, for he's struggled down
Into its most narrow, writhing passages
Until he can move neither on nor back.
After he's lost his murderer's courage

He will lose his mind. Slowly the cave
Will cover his bones with calcite
Until one day when a caver will trip
On the stone he became to write

And sketch it in her survey notes.
Many a creature's entered this cave
To fall or be caught and remain
Part of a wall or floor or nave.

"Your pride is angry and selfish
And for you she was never enough
So when she rolled back and forth
In the arms of a stranger's love

It was what you'd long watched for.
The door open, you leapt through
Rejoicing in the house of murder
And glorying in the evil you'd do."

Thus the bauckie bird said before
Returning to its nightly feast
Of snatching up flying insects
By the thousands to eat.

NOTE: "Bauckie Bird" is an old Scotch term for bat.
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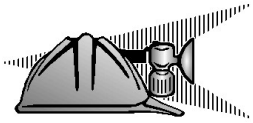

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