If you have an announcement you’d like us to consider for the newsletter, kindly submit it via our online submission portal: www.caves.org/convention/dailyrag/submissions/

Program Changes

**Discover Photogrammetry Mastery: Marcin Stempniewicz's Mapping Workflow Unveiled**
I've made an error of omission! Marcin Stempniewicz will be talking about his photogrammetry mapping workflow at 4:20 PM on Friday at the Survey and Cartography session. If you've seen Benjy Von Cramon's presentation, see how Marcin has taken the same type of work to a higher level and produced photorealistic maps of their project. Also, take a look at his printed maps in the cartography salon, which are now available for sale! A preview of his project and process can be viewed at: https://www.themariaconcordiaproject.com, and his maps can be found at: https://cave-prints.com/

General Announcements

**Convenient Shuttle Services: Regular and Evening Buses for Easy Transportation**
Regular Hourly Service Monday - Friday: Shuttle buses run every half hour between the campground and D&E between 8 AM and 6:30 PM. The last hourly bus leaves D&E for the Campground at 6:30. Return buses will pick up at Gainer Center at 8:30 PM.

Additional Evening Shuttle Services:
- Friday: Buses will pick up at the Campground for service to Gainer Center at 5:00 PM and 5:15 PM for the Banquet. Note: This overlaps with the daily hourly service. Confirm with the driver at the Campground where they are going.

**Carpool to Banquet – Parking Limited**
Hi y'all, please carpool to the banquet as best you can. Parking is limited!

**You're invited to the post-Banquet Campground Party!**
Bring your dancing feet, for the grand finale, music by Muchos Garcias on stage at the pavillion.
Key Return Reminder for Dormers: Saturday, July 1st at Suite 330 in the Presidential Center
Please return your room keys to Suite 330 in the Presidential Center on Saturday, July 1st. The designated return hours are from 6AM to 11:59AM. We kindly request that you vacate the building by noon. If you need to return your key earlier, please contact Beth or Jane at 301-704-8131 or visit Suite 330.

Caver Coop Notice: Item Pickup and Payment Information
Cavers who contributed items for sale at the Caver Coop can retrieve their unsold items on Friday at noon. If your items were sold, checks will be available for pick up at the Coop desk after 2pm.

Register for 2024 Convention for only $235!
Join us for the 2024 NSS Convention in Sewanee, TN for the best possible price! Register before Friday and NSS Members pay only $235 for the entire week. Come back to the heart of TAG in 2024 and experience one of the premier caving areas in the country. Register at: caves.org/2024/registration.

Decon Station Now Open! Come Visit or Volunteer
The decon station is up and running. Thank you to everyone who helped set up. The hours are 8-11am, 2-6pm. Even if you aren't caving come check us out, or even help out!

Squeeze Factor: CaveSim
CaveSim is located between the McDonnell Center and Myles Center for the Arts on the Southeast side. It will be open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Important Notice: Fill Out Your Caver Alert Information Sheet (CAIS) for Cave Trips!
Convention Program recipients, please complete a Caver Alert Information Sheet (CAIS) and leave it with your Emergency Contact before embarking on a cave trip. Look for the CAIS insert in your Program, and additional copies are available at the Registration area, Cave Booth building in the Campground, and on bulletin boards. If the supply is low, kindly inform any Staff member for a refill.

BREAKING NEWS: 25th National Cave & Karst Management Symposium Dates Announced
The 25th National Cave & Karst Management Symposium is happening this Fall from November 6-10 in the outdoor mecca of Chattanooga, TN, hosted by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. The area is a karst wonderland full of hiking, caving and waterfalls and is a gateway to the scenic Cumberland Plateau. The abstract submission deadline this year is September 15, 2023. To register and find out about scholarships and sponsorship, visit www.NCKMS2023.org starting this Thursday!

Event Announcements
Uncover the Wonders: Big Pit Exploration Video Showing at Campground Storytelling Contest!
Don't miss the full video of the amazing exploration of the Big Pit in Oaxaca, Mexico, after the Storytelling Contest at the Campground Pavilion. Rob Spangler's innovative video technology brings this adventure to life. You might have caught a glimpse of the trailer on social media. It's a must-see!
Section Announcements

Horizontal Section Meeting: Meet at the VPI Campsite at 5:45 PM
The Horizontal Section will have their annual meeting at the WVACS/VPI Campsite at 5:45 pm on Friday June 30th, 2023. Agenda items includes discussion of the formation of the HTC (Horizontal Training Committee), progress of the assigned chapters of On Crawl, a crawling presentation from Paul Walko, and then the Horizontal Section Crawlathon. Winner of the Crawlathon will be announced at 6:15 pm as the conclusion of the meeting.

Vendor Announcements

Meet Hazel Barton for a Book Signing of 'Lechuguilla' at the Vendor Area on Thursday!
Meet Hazel Barton at noon in the vendor area on Thursday where she will be autographing her book, Lechuguilla, until 12:45. Copies of this beautiful book available at many vendors.

Literary Adventure: John Mylroie, NSS Lumiere, Signs His Heart-Pounding Novels
John Mylroie will autograph his four thrillers at noon Thursday in the vendor area.

Final Sale: Karst Waters Institute Publication
KKWI will not be selling copies of their publications after this convention. Their books are available at Speleobooks in the Vendor area for $5 each while they last.

Legacy of Adventure: Mountaineering Books and Memorabilia from Horton "Beep" Hobbs III
All leftover items from the Hobbs collection will be free Friday am. Come before noon!

Award Announcements

CORRECTION: Attention NSS Awardees: There will not be reserved awardee tables.
Oops! My apologies on yesterday’s announcement about reserved tables for award winners. We are not going to spoil the surprise of who won what.

Attention 50 and 60 year NSS members: Pin Pickup:
Your recognition pin is at the NSS store in the vendor area. Swing by and pick it up. - Bill Steele (NSS 8072), NSS Awards Committee chair

RUN ROPE: Award Pickup
If you ran rope, you may have received an award! Please come to the Vertical Section Meeting and Awards Ceremony Thursday at 11:30. If you can not make it, please send a proxy. The Vertical Section cannot mail awards.
Up for Grabs: The James G. Mitchell Award
The James G. Mitchell Award is conferred for the best scientific paper presented by a student NSS member at the convention. The awardee receives a certificate and a cash award and is introduced at the Friday Banquet Awards Ceremony. Contact Roy Jameson, Awards Committee, Mitchell Award subchair, if you qualify at rjcb19@comcast.net

Other Announcements

THANK YOU RESCUE TEAM!
Rescue – Tony DeWitt, the rescuee, wants to thank everybody for the fantastic rescue job. He is doing well; no serious injuries. He hopes to be released either Thursday or Friday to go home. Because of the excellent job done by the rescuers, he hopes to take the next OCR (Orientation Cave Rescue) class, when he recovers. We need a volunteer driver to the Baltimore area, so we can drive his vehicle back to his house. See Buddy Hihn 410-218-7112 (call or text). Text preferred.

Cave Rescue Callouts
After Monday's callout for the cave rescue in Pocahontas County, many cavers asked how they can be notified when help is needed. Find and contact your regional coordinator: https://ncrc.info/Staff

Leftover Gear from Monday's Rescue
If you didn't get your gear after Monday's rescue, please stop by Registration in McDonnell by noon on Friday. We have a box of leftover items. Ask for assistance.

Last Chase to Win a Scurion Headlamp
Find someone with a big “Buy Raffle Tickets From Me!” Button to ensure your opportunity to win our raffle at the banquet tonight. (No need to be present.) All proceeds go to the NSS Endowment Fund. 1st and 2nd place are Scurion headlamps, batteries, and charger. Third place is a Zebra light. Fourth place are two cave compasses (protractors).

Lost, Please Find: Blue & Black Rain Coat
Blue and black raincoat, 2X size. please turn in to lost and found.

Delivery for Cheryl Suitor
A UPS delivery for Cheryl Suitor was left in room 400 a couple days ago. The carton is now at registration awaiting pickup.

Does your grotto need a large canopy?
The blue-topped canopy behind the three silver-topped canopies at the Howdy and Campground Parties is available for your best offer. Contact Meredith via email at merecaver@yahoo.com now. This canopy has sides and possibly a top that might still be in my garage.
Sci-Fi Novella: Introducing Cordi, the Bad-Ass Exoplanetary Cave Explorer
Meet Cordi Akelarre, a tough exoplanetary cave explorer who may or may not be inspired by my wife. This novella was born after my experience at the NSS conference in Ely, and it even won an award! Join Cordi on her thrilling journey as she faces adversity and uncovers a groundbreaking discovery in a distant cave. I invite you to read this gripping novella for free! Simply click the link below (https://dl.bookfunnel.com/ml3bs8f5or) and share your thoughts with me. I hope you enjoy the adventure!

Black Tank Pump-Outs Now Available for RV Campers at Convention Campground - $50 Fee
The kind folks at The Outhouse LLC have officially offered the option of black tank pump outs for our RV campers at the convention campground. The price for this benefit is $50. Please get in touch with the Security Chair at your own convenience.

Donations: Convention Logo Wine Bottles Available!
Get an empty wine bottle from the Fellows and New Members Dessert Reception with the convention logo. Donations are gladly accepted. See Meredith, the co-chair, who has them in her car from the cleanup. It's a great way to remember the fun convention!

Cordial Invitation: Old Timer's Reunion
Experience the largest gathering of cavers in the US at Old Timer's Reunion (OTR) in August! Enjoy live music, free beer, hot tubs, bonfires, camping, vendors, presentations, and cave exploration in West Virginia. OTR caters to all cavers, young and seasoned. Spot OTR t-shirt wearers for more info. Visit www.otr.org for event details!

Be Part of the Future of Vertical Training: Donate to Build Vertical Bill's Training Tower
Donate to the construction of Vertical Bill's Training Tower to be built at the NSS HQ in Huntsville. The NSS has a large matching fund campaign. Be a part of future vertical training. See Maureen Handler for more information.

Support The HQ: Buy a Brick!
Order forms are available at the NSS Bookstore. See the drone aerial photo of the existing Celebration Patio! The next engraved brick order will be placed in September with brick installation happening in December!

Having so much fun at the NSS Convention that you want to VOLUNTEER FOR THE NSS? We have hundreds of projects, committees and work that can use your help. Fill out an interest form at https://caves.org/volunteer/ and we will contact you with opportunities!
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