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Next Meeting of the PBSS

The next meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be held **May 9th** at Murray's Deli located at 3211 W. Wadley in Midland at **7:00 PM**.

On Going Projects:

PBSS Rock Haul at Carlsbad Caverns: PBSS on going restoration in the Big Room of Carlsbad Caverns. For more information contact Walter Feaster <wdfester@cox.net> or 432-559-3297.

Our Agenda

Gas and Caving Trips

Deep & Punkin (June) List/Leaders
FT Stanton Trip (Cancelled)

Lincoln National Forrest Caving-Closed til further notice

ESS Cave—Repair Gate-Replacing Rope
Montgomery Video

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Regular membership dues are only \$15.00 and includes one voting right, associate membership is \$7.50 and does not include a newsletter. Dues should be made out to and sent to: **Barry Hayes**. If you are interested in caving or even if you think you might like to try it, then contact Barry Hayes at 432-333-8856 or <cavelizard@yahoo.com>. If you are not from this area and some how through circumstances beyond you're control or ours found a copy of “The Hole News” then you should contact the National Speleological Society at 2813 Cave Avenue, Huntsville, AL. 35810-4431, or go to <www.caves.org>.

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Future Cave Trips, Events, and Projects

May

2006 TSA Spring Convention: May 19th-21st **Location:** John Knox Ranch –Fischer, TX Talks on TX caving, map & photo salons, Saturday banquet, auction. On-site camping included w/registration.

June **Deep and Punkin Cave: June 17th-18th:** Visit Both Caves, Help where needed for use of facilities. For more info contact **Kerry Lowery** <klowery3@cox.net>

24th– Summer BBQ-Meeting Rule's place or Big Spring State Park , Catered or Pot Luck, More details to follow....

***July *** (CANCELLED)

High Grads Restoration/Ft. Stanton Trip

***August ***

Lincoln National Forrest Caves

September

Caverns of Sonora/TCMA Caves

October

TCR

November

4th-Carlsbad Caverns Rock Haul

December

16th-Annual Christmas Party (BYOB) Steve and Cindy DiTullio

Denotes a PBSS Grotto Trip

Due to permit restrictions or other limitations Grotto members have priority

Remailers & Bulletin Boards

PBSS: http://caver.net/mailman/listinfo/pbss_caver.net

CaveTex: www.cavetex.net

2006 Elected Officers

President: Bill Bentley
Vice-President: Jacqui Bills
Secretary/Treasurer: Barry Hayes

Newsletter:
Steve & Cindy DiTullio



Texas Speleological Association

2006 Spring Convention

May 19, 20 & 21, 2006

John Knox Ranch

near Wimberley, Texas

Join the Texas Speleological Association and cavers from all over Texas for the 2006 TSA Spring Convention. The TSA, founded in 1956, has been bringing cavers from around Texas for 50 years.

The TSA Spring Convention will be held at the John Knox Ranch. Located in the heart of the Hill country, near Wimberley, John Knox Ranch is one of the most unique and beautiful camp and retreat centers in Texas. Covering 300 acres, John Knox Ranch lies on the banks of the Blanco River. The Ranch has its own 30— foot deep artesian, spring fed Blue Hole surrounded by limestone cliffs. The Blue Hole

More information about the convention and the Texas Speleological Association can be found at: www.cavetexas.org

Details about John Knox Ranch can be found on the Ranch website at: www.johnknoxranch.org

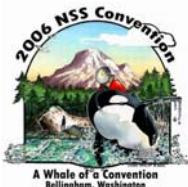
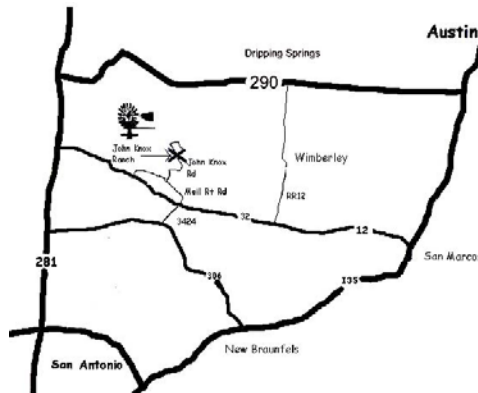
Attend the Spring Convention:

All Registration will be conducted at the convention. Registration will open at 4 pm on Friday, May 19, 2006.

- o Individual Registration; \$25.00
- o Family registration: \$45.00 (plus \$8 for each 5—18 year olds for the meal.)

The registration fee covers:

- o Camping sites. The Ranch has full facilities.
- o And a full weekend of caving talks about various exploration projects and other cave related topics.
- o Saturday evenings banquet and auction of cave Related items by the TCMA. The proceeds of the auction will benefit the Deep Cave Preserve.
- o Map Salon and Photo Salon. Enter your best map and that great photo!
- o Speleo—vendors selling the latest in caving gear.
- o The TSA Spring Business Meeting.
- o The spring business meetings of the Texas Cave Management Association and the Texas Speleological Survey.
- o Speleo—vendors offering various caving gear, publications and other assorted cave related widgets, gadgets and gizmos.
- o \$1.00 of your Registration fee goes into the TSA Land Fund Trust.



August 7-11, 2006 The 2006 NSS Convention will be hosted at beautiful Western Washington University. The university is located between the Puget Sound and the Cascade Mountains, just outside of downtown Bellingham. Situated between Seattle, Washington and Vancouver, British Columbia, the spectacular surroundings of this region will make a stunning backdrop for the convention. For more information, visit the website at www.nss2006.org.