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Texas Cavers Lose a Good Friend

On September 11, 2007, we lost a good friend and a caver. Donna Mosesmann lost her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, at approximately 5:50 p.m.

It has been less than a year since Donna was diagnosed, and through it all, she maintained a positive attitude, a ready smile, and her love of caving.

Mike Walsh of the Texas Cave Conservancy writes of Donna, “Yesterday, Texas lost a very special caver, Donna Mosesmann to cancer. A caver prayer that I use occasionally was one that I passed on to Donna three weeks ago. “May God watch over and protect you in all the dark places that you walk”. Today, a young, healthy Donna is in a wonderful place surrounded by caver friends that preceded her. They are even probably planning a great caving trip together. Floyd Collins may even join in on the trip.

Many of you know that Donna was a Director of the Texas Cave Conservancy. You may not know that she was a founder of both the TCC CAVE DAY and the TCC Winter Conference. Both events have proven to be successful thanks due to a large part through her hard work and commitment. Next week, we will post a special TCC-NEWS dedicated to Donna Mosesmann. If you want to post your thoughts, please send it to Mikewaustin@austin.rr.com

If you have received the newsletter in the past you will be sent this edition. If you would like to receive this special edition, email the address above and post either “Donna” or “Subscribe”. Donna will be remembered through her caving contributions and through who she was. I will remember Donna, always, as my friend.”

I will never forget a wonderful day Jacqui and I spent with Donna in Seattle during the 2006 NSS Convention. The three of us toured Underground Seattle, ate lunch in a wonderful deli, and made lifelong memories at the Public Market on Pike Street.

Donna, we love you and will miss you.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 22-23: Bradford Cave survey.

Oct. 19-21: TCR

Nov. 17-18: Barry's Birthday Bash on McKittrick Hill.

Dec.: SWR Winter Technical, Las Cruces, NM.

Dec. 15: PBSS Christmas Party at the Caverns of Sonora.

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Welcome New Mem- bers

Kelly and Sharon Long

PBSS September Meeting Minutes

The PBSS meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM sharp with the banging of the sacred plastic ketchup bottle by President Bill Bentley.

Barry Hayes gave a Treasurer's report stating we have a total of \$688.98.

The meeting notes were read from the 8-14-07 meeting and were approved as read with no corrections.

The PBSS would also like to welcome back a returning member and long time caver Tony Abernathy, as well as new members Sharon and Kelly Long who all joined the PBSS this evening.

We discussed the upcoming PBSS Christmas party which will be on Saturday December the 15th, 2007, to be held at *Caverns of Sonora* and the details are being worked out by Kel Thomas, more to come soon. At this time it looks as though the PBSS will buy the main meal (meat and or main course) and everyone should bring a side dish and or a desert.

Discussed renaming the CR Dig to "*Gumbo Cave*" if it is okay with the land owner again, more can be reported after the trip there on the 22nd.

Discussed and pretty much have decided to have 2 pre-convention trips to *Bradford Cave* on Saturday and Sunday before the 2009 NSS ICS Conventions.

Discussed the upcoming TCR in October on the 19th, 20th and 21st, 2007.

Discussed the November, 17 & 18, 2007 trip to McKittrick Hill that Barry is planning for *Endless, Sand, and McKittrick Caves*.

Discussed and got a report on the SWR Fall Regional which was held at the Black Range in New Mexico over Labor Day. Jacqui Thomas said it was a Hawaiian theme an visits were made to *Coffee, Robinson's* and *I can't remember the name because I didn't go Caves*. Jacqui reported that the SWR as a region was going to bid for the 2013 NSS Convention to be held someplace in New Mexico.

It was also discussed for the PBSS to attempt holding a SWR Winter Technical "Paper" Regional some time soon. Midland offers quite a few places that would be ideal for a Winter Regional. The next SWR Winter Technical Regional will be in Las Cruces, but that the dates had not been confirmed at this time.

Kel Thomas reported that old fixtures were being sold off from the remodeling of the Carlsbad Caverns Visitors Center.

Discussed the upcoming 9-22-07 trip to *Bradford Cave* to do more surveying.

Discussed the upcoming PBOC Cave Trip in October. Bill Bentley and Tony Greico will be leading that trip.

Bill Bentley announced that local AM broadcast station KCRS 550 had announced our meeting in their community calendar section of the "Morning Drive" program.

It was also discussed exchanging newsletters with a grotto in Montana, but it was decided that since all of the old newsletters were archived on the web in PDF format, then anyone who wanted them could view download and thus negated any need for a newsletter exchange.

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 7:52 PM with the banging of the sacred plastic ketchup bottle...

Respectfully submitted,

By Bill Bentley, PBSS 2006 2007 President...



Remembering Donna



A Big Day for Donna in 2006

