
WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT, NSS

Spring Meeting

*Cave of the Winds,
April 27, 1996
9:30 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.*

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Narrows Cave Update: Dan Sullivan + Jon Barker

Dig projects in 1995/96 have concentrated on two levels: continuing south along the lower level Zephyr Avenue and excavation to the north and south in the middle level from Millie's Office and Mars. Excavation and modest discoveries now extend Narrows Cave to 1200 feet + in total known length -- longer than historic Pedro's Cave!

Discussion: Removal of the dumping chute and canyon restoration, surveying, future dig projects and reinstallation of the chute in the fall.

Manitou Cave Update: Jon Barker

Digging within Manitou Cave this season has centered on the opening of a loop for wild tours in southern Deepwater and efforts to push west from the system. No major discoveries have been made, though hope remains high.

Discussion: Continued exploration efforts in 1996/97.

Breezeway Cave Update: Randy Reck

During the 1995-96 season, excavation has centered on three main dig sites within Breezeway Cave.

Little Mountain Room: Randy Reck has coordinated a growing dig project along the eastern wall of the Little Mountain Room in central Breezeway. This dig is following the wall around a large debris cone that has blocked a sizable chamber. Strong airflow has been noted from this dig at times, leading to speculation that this project may eventually gain entrance to a sizable new section of the cave.

Cowboy Heaven: Digging at the south end of Cowboy Heaven continued throughout the year, with hopes of finding an extension of the large trunk passage beyond the Paul's Dome collapse zone. Some airflow has been noted from the dig, which has two main faces. The upper level Paul's Dome face has been abandoned.

Lower Cave: Donald Davis and Paul Burger have led trips in 1995/96 to two digs in the Lower Cave beyond Rattlesnake Canyon. Both sites have some potential for additional passage.

Restoration/Conservation: In the last season, conservation efforts began in Breezeway. These efforts include restoration of abandoned dig sites, reflagging of passageways, cleaning of flowstone and dripstone formations and photo monitoring.

Cave of the Winds Resurvey Project: Paul Burger + Steve Reames

Resurvey efforts within the Cave of the Winds system during the past year have completed most of the known system. Major survey lines were completed by March 1996, with survey clean-up following.

Discussion: Current status of the drafting and distribution of a new map, next project.

NSS Convention/Post Convention Camp Update: Rick Rhinehart, Paul Burger + Mike Frasier

Guidebook: Is this project continuing or should efforts be merged with official convention guidebook edited by Rob Kolstad?

Post Convention Trips: Trip leaders are needed. Suggest two trips to Silent Splendor each day, one Breezeway trip each day, two trips to Huccacove/Mammoth Extension each day, and one trip to Manitou each day.

Walking Geology Field Trip Mark Maslyn will coordinate. Include inexpensive field guide?

Laser Canyon Show: Should camp participants attend? Barbecue at cave?

Area Lodging: Campgrounds? Colorado Springs area homes?

Future Committee Meetings: Suggest future meetings of WCP camp committee, interested parties on monthly basis through July.

Other Topics For Discussion

Other Proposed Dig Projects: Hackleman's

ScienceUpdate

End of Season Set

October Meeting Date