

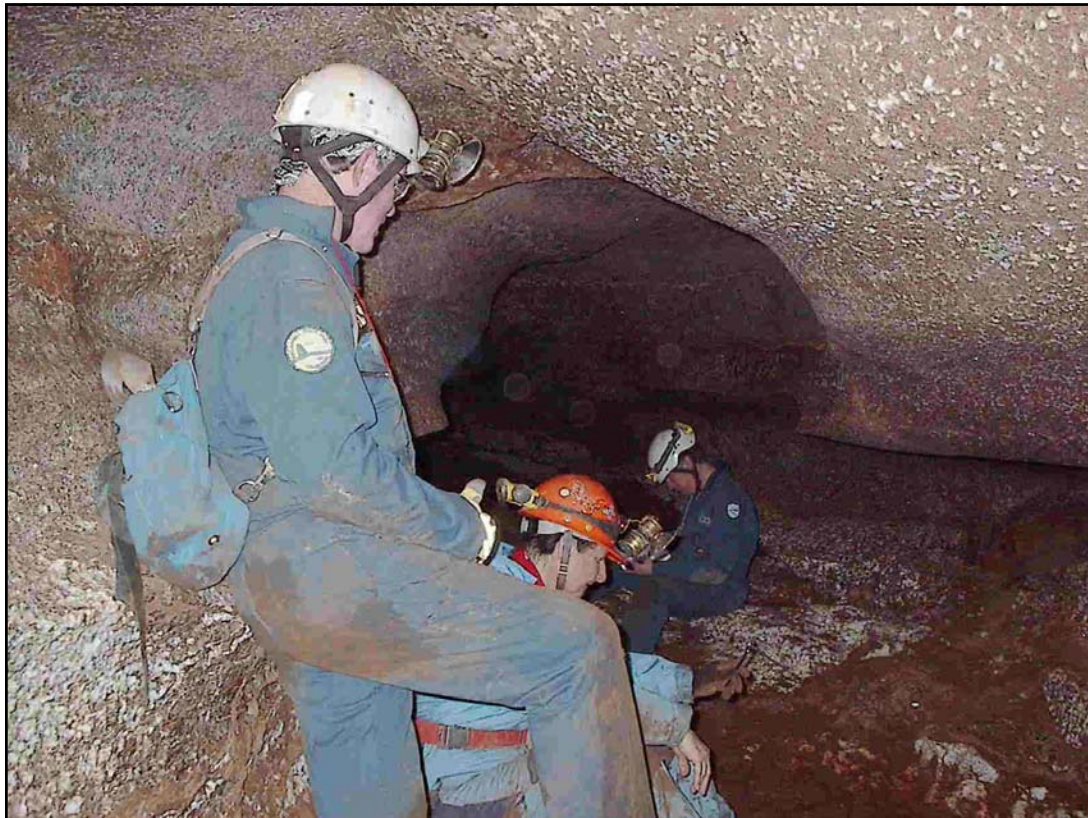


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The October meeting of the Central Oklahoma Grotto will be held at 7:30, Friday, October 10, at the home of Art Wallace.



John, Sue and Dale surveying BrokenHorn Cave.  
Picture taken by Duane DelVecchio

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## MINUTES

### CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GROTTO

Minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2008

Host: the home of Dale Amlee

Attendees: Lil and Dale Town, Jon Woltz. S. Beleu.

Guests: Barbara and Mike Henning.

The Most Honorable Jon Woltz began the meeting at 8:04.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Guest Mike Henning introduced himself and told us about his interest in caving and his prior caving trips. He has done some wild caves in eastern Oklahoma and southwestern Missouri.

Steve passed around a foolish text that he is guilty as charged for about how we cavers can contribute to the fossil record. Don't ask; you don't want to know.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

John Talbot was absent, so we had no report

We concluded the meeting at 8:58.

## TREASURER'S REPORTS

### INCOME

DIVIDEND \$ .18

**TOTALS \$ 0.18**

CASH ON HAND \$ 184.70

CHECKING \$ 428.19

SAVINGS \$ 2,679.42

**TOTAL FUNDS AS OF 9/14/2008 \$ 3,292.31**

### EXPENSES

PREPARED BY TREASURER  
JOHN TALBOT

## TRIP REPORT

Cave: Broken Horn

C.O.G. ers: Dale Amlee, Steve Beleu, John and Sue Bozeman, and Lil Town

Date: July 19, 2008


Written by Lil Town ; Addendum by Sue Bozeman

This was the last trip taken in awhile, rain and other things in life keep getting in the way! The most exciting event of the trip was it was my first trips in a very long time. It had been so long since I had been in a cave, I'd forgotten how they smell..... YUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We had enough people to have a person to do book, point, fore-tape, back-tape, fore-sight and back-sight with the instruments. Okay, the fore-tape person was me, but I needed something to do! The main thing I remember about the trip was it seemed like miles to the

last survey point, and the others were quite a lot quicker getting there than I was, and Sue who stayed with me. Safe caving practice! I had I did feel a lot like an anchor, but we did get some surveying finished. We are back far enough in the cave, it's time to find a back door and a short cut to get out!

Thanks again guys for your patience with me, and it was as fun as I had remembered it! And the pizza was good too!

Addendum by Sue Bozeman: We enjoyed some fairly nice walking more recent rains! We got to a ceiling was mud and whose sides were steeply sloping mud. Beyond the mud dome ..... Our choices for future surveys will determine how happily upright we will be and how close to an exit (future entrances!) 

## POTPOURRI

### Safety Alert for Certain Headlamps

From the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Copied from the internet

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a safety alert for the following consumer products. Consumers should immediately stop using rechargeable batteries with any of the products listed below.

**Name of Product:** "MYO" and "MYO Belt" Headamps  
**Units:** About 322,000

**Distributor:** Petzl America, of Clearfield, Utah  
**Manufacturer:** Petzl S.A., of Crolles, France

**Hazard:** If the headlamp is used with rechargeable batteries, the cable connecting the battery pack to the lamp can spark, melt, or catch fire. This poses a burn hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Petzl has received 13 reports of sparking and/or melting, with 2 reports of flames. One consumer received a minor burn to the hand, and another experienced singed hair.

**Description:** This safety alert involves the "MYO" and "MYO Belt" headlamps with name and model numbers listed below. The "MYO" headlamps have a battery pack attached to the headband. The "MYO Belt" headlamps have a remote battery pack attached to the headlamp via a long electric cable.


**Name Model Number :** MYO E26P, MYO-black E26PN, MYO 3 E27P, MYO 3-black E27PN, MYO 5 E28P, MYO 5-black E28PN, MYO Belt 3 E29, PMYO Belt 5 E30 P, MYOLITE E31 P, MYOLITE 3 E32 P, MYOBELT SB5 E33 P, MYO XP, blue E83 P, MYO XP, gray E83 P2, MYOBELT XP, blue E84 P, MYO XP BELT, gray E84 P2

The name of the product can be found on the side of the headlamp and on the packaging. The model number can be found on the packaging.

Sold at: Specialty retailers nationwide from February 2003 through August 2008 for between \$40 and \$80.

#### Manufactured in: France

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using rechargeable batteries with the headlamps and contact Petzl to obtain a new warning label. Consumers can continue to use the headlamps with non-rechargeable batteries.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Petzl America toll-free at (877) 740-3826 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <http://www.petzl.com> 

### Archaeologists discover Neolithic-era skeletons

By K. KASTURI DEWI

Reprinted from the The Sun Daily; Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

GEORGE TOWN: Archaeologists have stumbled upon eight human skeletal remains, believed to be from the Neolithic period between 2,000 and 3,000 years ago, at an ancient burial site at Gua Kain Hitam near the Niah Caves, Sarawak.

The research team, comprising members from Universiti Sains Malaysia's Centre for Archaeological Research Malaysia headed by Prof Madya Dr Stephen Chia,

and the Sarawak Museum Department headed by its deputy director Ipoi Datan, uncovered the remains.

They were buried together with artefacts such as pottery, beaded ornaments and food remains such as shells and animal bones.

The centre's director Prof Madya Mokhtar Saidin told a press conference on Thursday that the discovery in the Niah-Subis limestone hill was considered to be of great significance as the excavated remains were almost complete.

"Of the eight, only six -- which were the remains of five men and a woman -- were brought back in June to the centre for analysis.

"The female is believed to be aged between 35 and 45 while the men were probably aged between 25 and 45. They measure between 156cm and 160cm," he said.

Mokhtar said the discovery was a result of a two-year research work which began last year funded by the Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry and the USM Research University grant. The research was also in collaboration with paleoanthropologist Prof Hirofumi Matsumura from the Sapporo Medical University in Hokkaido, Japan.

Dr Chia, who was present at the press conference, said the find was considered to be one of the major archaeological discoveries at the Niah Caves in Sarawak in the past 50 years since the then Sarawak Museum curator Tom Harrison and his team unearthed a modern human (homo sapiens) skull at the West Mouth of the Niah Great Cave, which was estimated to be 40,000 years old.

"The study on the remains of the eight would provide us the information on the type of their lifestyle, their period of settlement and their origins. Some of the remains were found with stains of red ochre which could symbolise some ritual during burial," he said, adding that excavation works at the burial site were on going. He also said the new finding would not only enrich knowledge of the early history of Malaysia and Southeast Asia but also attract more local and foreign tourists to the site.

Ipoi said the skeletal remains shared the same characteristics with the Austro Melanosoid people who used to roam around Sumatera and Papua.

The centre was also carrying out analysis on three skeletal remains which were found submerged in water at a mangrove swamp at Pulau Kalumpang, near Taiping, Perak, last month.

Mokhtar said the remains were excavated by the research team from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia which had sought assistance from USM for the analysis to be carried out at the centre's laboratory.

He said the remains, believed to be males between the ages 25 and 35, were about 1,000 and 3,000 years old.

"Since the remains were submerged in salt water, the centre is currently carrying out the desalination process to remove salt from the remains for proper analysis," he said.



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