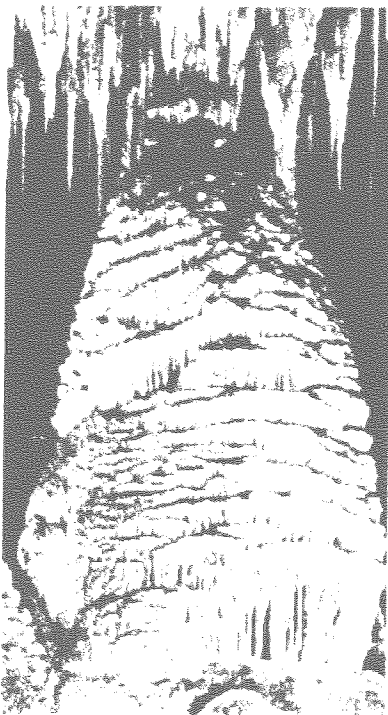


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1997 SERA Summer Cave Carnival

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Racoon Mtn. Caverns and Campgorund,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The 1997 SERA Summer Cave Carnival, hosted by the Central Alabama Grotto, was held at the Racoon Mtn. Caverns and Campgorund, in the Chattanooga, Tennessee area during May 29 - June 1, 1997. Despite the wet weather forecast for the weekend, a good turnout occurred.

The rain came and went all weekend but held off for the all important door prizes. It did prove quite a bit of a challenge for the band, however.

The fireworks, provided by the Central Alabama Grotto after the door prizes were awarded, were quite spectacular and a big surprise to all.

The weekend will be remembered, not only for the rain, but for the rescue of GERAL MONI and others from McBrides Cave, Jackson County, Alabama. Fortunately, all were safely removed from the cave by late Sunday morning, after almost a day underground in extreme conditions.

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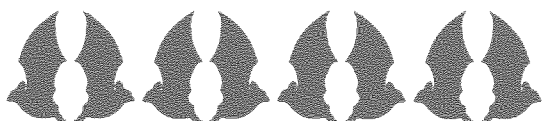
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WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of the SERA Newsletter. I was excited to take over the editorship of the newsletter this past winter at the 1997 SERA Winter Business Meeting and hope to bring you a quality and informative forum for news and organization activities. As I keep harping to my fellow members of the Athens Speleological Society, I need help from all of you out there to provide content for the newsletter. You can depend on me to start a campaign of pestering before publication of each issue, to contact the various organizations for updates on their activities. This information should make up a major part of the newsletter.

Since the 1997 SERA Winter Business Meeting was reported in the newsletter distributed at the Fall Cave-In, this newsletter,

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lacking any significant business, concentrates on the various organizations within SERA. This issue contains a current list of not only the NSS grottos and state cave surveys within the region, including contacts, but also the non-grotto organizations dedicated to caving or related activities within the region. I was particularly amazed, as I looked over the list, at the amount of activity that has been going on and continues to occur within many of these groups. More on this in this issue.

So, once again, welcome, and I hope you find this issue interesting and useful. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Don



GUIDEBOOKS: GUIDES TO CAVES OR GUIDES TO EVENTS

An Editorial by Don Hunter, NSS 12166

A source of continuing controversy within TAG and SERA is the issue of event guidebooks. For years they have been a fixture at events such as the SERA Summer Cave Carnival or the TAG Fall Cave-In. In their simplest form, they were generally a welcome to the event, a thanks to those involved and directions to all the neat caves in the immediate area of the event. In the last several years, however, it has become necessary to include at least two additional items. One is the "NO BOMBS" statement and the other is the current closed cave list. We will leave the bombs for later. Some would argue that it is no mere coincidence that it suddenly became necessary to include the closed cave list in the guidebooks. With the dissemination of directions to the caves found in so many guidebooks, not all of them so-called sacrificial caves, it was inevitable that a number of the caves would be closed due to heavy traffic, extreme buffoonery or senseless disregard for landowners and their families and their rights to privacy.

The argument has also been made that there is such a large number of guidebooks and copies of guidebooks already in circulation that there is no real harm in dumping additional guidebooks, primarily with the same caves, into the mix.

When planning an event such as the Cave Carnival or the Cave-In, one of the biggest issues a grotto has to deal with is the guidebook. The guide book is as much a part of the event as the vendors, the t-shirts, the band or the bonfire. With the excellent standard that has been set by many grottos at past events, with flashy covers and lots of cave maps and directions, the general inclination is to out do the best and make the next guidebook bigger and better. I had the opportunity to deal with the issue of what goes into the guidebook when the Athens Speleological Society hosted the 1995 SERA Summer Cave Carnival. Many discussions were held on whether or not to include cave maps and directions in the guidebook. The appropriateness of including directions was already becoming a region-wide issue and although I personally was not in favor of including directions, and being as this great country is the democracy that it is,

the guidebook was published with both maps and directions. I haven't gone back and looked, but I would bet that several of the caves in that guidebook are on the closed cave list today.

Just because there are already many guidebooks out there today is no reason to validate the continued publishing of directions to caves in today's guidebooks. The perfect solution already exist. There is no reason why any guidebook couldn't include all the pretty cave maps that a grotto can afford to include in it. Just don't include the directions to the cave in the guidebook. Of course, this would require a little more work on the part of the hosting organization but it would definitely be worth it if it resulted in one less "problematic cave visitation".

There are several acceptable solutions. One, post all directions to caves included in the guidebook at the registration or other area, perhaps behind a large sheet of plastic to prevent their removal. Anyone that was interested in visiting a cave in the guidebook could find a piece of paper and pencil and write down the directions and be off to the cave. Another solution would be to provide pre-printed directions for selected caves at the registration area, on request. Personally, I think letting someone write down directions would be more "secure" than providing, on request, pre-printed directions. Another thing that would take the pressure off of including directions to caves in the guidebooks would be to provide a large number of guided trips during the duration of the weekend. This is generally difficult to do, particularly for the smaller grottos, but does offer some degree of control over which caves a significant number of cavers visit.

A number of guidebooks in the last several years, particularly the TAG Fall Cave-In guidebooks have been very responsive to this issue and have refrained from publishing any directions to caves. As such, they have become not so much guidebooks, in the traditional sense, but they have become guides to the event itself. The result has been that several quality, very entertaining and informative publications have resulted, with articles and stories about caves, cavers,

cave history and friends of cavers and other cave-related issues and topics. For the large number of cavers who choose not to go caving at the events, this type of guidebook is actually more welcome than just another compilation of maps that they already have. I think that the Dogwood City Grotto should be applauded for this change in direction and hope that this policy remains.

Each grotto, when hosting SERA, should carefully visit this issue and do the responsible thing. Once again, we can't expect to personally guide each new visitor to the region to one of our wonderful caves and, as such, owe them something in the way of direction so that they can find and appreciate caving in the area, but it doesn't have to be at the expense of the caves. The means are well within each grotto's reach to provide this information in a way that's protective of the caves in our area.



NOTE FROM THE CHAIR:

*A comment by Brent Aulenback, NSS 3-4197
1998 SERA Chair*

I've been looking at all the great World Wide Web pages from the different organizations in SERA. There is a lot of excellent information on them. You can find information about your local grotto; check how a survey project is going, including getting a line plot; read a trip report; get introductions about cavers; see cave photography and even download a registration form for the SERA Cave Carnival.

As a caver, it is great to have easy access to all this information. I have been working on creating web pages for SERA which would better provide information about the organization and also be a directory of all SERA organizations, including links their web pages. But after reading a recent article in the NSS News, I have some thoughts about what information is appropriate for web pages.

In the past, access to information about caves and caving has been generally controlled by cavers and caving organizations. While other outdoor activities such as hiking, rock climbing, and mountain biking

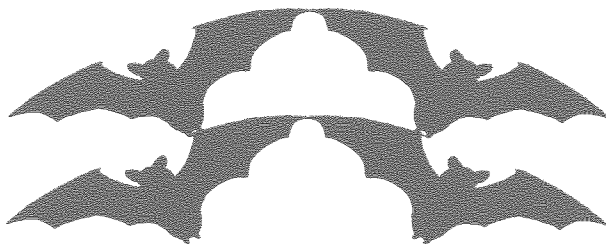
have readily available guides, information on caving is restricted to a few books on caving instruction. Today, via the web, we provide information to anyone in the world who has access to the internet.

First, we must ask, "Who are the people that access our web sites other than experienced cavers?" There will be a small number of people who will stumble across caving web pages using links from other sites. But in general, the people who will locate caving sites will be actively searching the World Wide Web for information on caves. They will have a casual interest and limited experience in caving and will be trying to find the location of new caves to explore.

Keeping in mind the people who are visiting our web sites, there are some things that should always be included on our pages. We have the opportunity to reach out to people with limited caving experience to help them become safe and conservation minded. Every caving web site should contain good cave conservation and a safety messages. There are already web sites that have this information which can be copied with permission or can be linked to. You should also provide a contact on your web pages, via email or telephone, to someone who is willing to give helpful information to new cavers.

There are some things we should not do on our sites. We should not try to glorify caving. The purpose of the web site is not to get more people interested in going caving. This is especially important with today's interest in "extreme sports". We should not include cave locations, since the honest man and the vandal have equal chance in visiting your site.

We have no control over other people's web sites, but we should try to be responsible for our own sites. With a bit of effort, through education and restraint, we can help protect caves for generations to come.



1997 SERA SUMMER CAVE CARNIVAL

The 1997 SERA Summer Cave Carnival was hosted by the Central Alabama Grotto at the Raccoon Mtn. Caverns and Campground, Chattanooga, Tennessee during the weekend of May 29th through June 1st, 1997. Michael Gilbert, President of the Central Alabama Grotto, provided the following highlights of the event.

Attendance: The Cave Carnival was attended by a total of 726 people from 21 states and four countries (including the USA). The breakdown is as follows:

TN - 186	WV - 8
GA - 181	MO - 6
AL - 177	Mexico - 4
FL - 36	VA - 4
IN - 28	CO - 3
NC - 21	VT - 3
OH - 15	NY - 3
Canada - 14	LA - 2
AR - 10	MS - 2
IL - 10	MT - 2
SC - 9	NV - 1
	France - 1

Vertical Contest: A total of 17 climbers participated in the vertical contest between the rain showers on Saturday. The contest was sponsored by Highline Ropes and Accessories. The following were the winners in the different categories.

Men's 30 Meter Mechanical:

1st	Jon Brown, 0:27.28
2nd	Ray Nelson, 0:45.45
3rd	Jonathan McDole, 0:46.00

Women's 30 Meter Mechanical:

1st	Maureen Bibbey, 1:12.00
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Men's 30 Meter Sit-Stand:

1st	Brad Tipton, 1:41.30
2nd	Jim McAnelly, 1:47.90
3rd	Mark Kersting, 1:54.50

Women's 30 Meter Sit-Stand:

1st	Sonia Forrester, 4:32.50
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Men's Under 18 30 Meter Mechanical:

1st	Greg Geske, 1:22.40
2nd	Derrick Johnson, 1:32.40
3rd	Chad Hellums, 2:30.00

Vendors: A total of 19 vendors attended the event. Their large tents provided a nice place for the crowd to congregate during the many showers and downpours. CAG folks are proud that not once during the event did any of the vendors lose power. This has been a problem at many past events and was established as one of our goals for the event.

The "Sign": The word "SERA" was spelled out in large white letters, each measuring about 14 feet by 14 feet, and complete with white lights, on a hillside above the campground. As expected, the pranksters came out early and during the course of the weekend, the letters were arranged and rearranged, from time to time, to display a number of different words including: SERA, SEX, SPAM, MARS, DAMP, HEMP, PEMP and SHEMP.

The Fireworks: Following the door prizes on Saturday night, the crowd was surprised with a very nice professionally produced fireworks display. The fireworks were supplied to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Central Alabama Grotto, as well as our hosting of the Cave Carnival. This proved to be such a crowd favorite that the fireworks made another appearance in October at the 20th TAG Fall Cave-In.

The Rain: Rain came in almost unprecedented amounts late in the week leading up to SERA as well as during the entire weekend and presented more than a few problems for CAG and event participants. Flash flood warnings were commonplace and grassy fields quickly turned into muddy fields.

The most significant rain related problem, however, was the McBrides Cave rescue. The trip was not a guided event trip nor was it featured in the guidebook, however, an unfortunate group of cavers attempted to do the pull-down trip under somewhat sporting conditions and met with disaster. During the late hours of Saturday afternoon and early evening, word had

made it's way around the campground that the cavers were in trouble but things were pretty much under control. Early Sunday morning, however, brought the news that things had deteriorated overnight and a new call for help went out among the cavers remaining at the campground. Many cavers responded and by late Sunday morning, everyone had made it out of the cave. Thanks go out to the rescue squads, the other cavers who pitched in to help in whatever ways were required, and to the owners of the campground, who extended the property lease by 24 hours to allow those participating in the rescue to have a place to crash for the evening, at no extra cost.

Closing Thought: We know we didn't do everything right, but we hope everyone knows we tried our best!! To even be given this great opportunity was an honor, then to have hosted and hoted successfully makes us proud beyond belief! It was without a doubt our biggest achievement as a grotto, given that we have only been around for 5 years (now 6). A very big thank you to all that attended. An even bigger thank you to those who stayed with us despite the foul weather. We will never be able to say thanks to all of those that helped in some form or fashion. It was a total team effort for our grotto. Last but not least, thanks to the SERA organizations for the confidence placed in us, especially all the great comments we have received since hosting. For all that was our SERA, we say thanks. **The CAG**

Spotlight On:

There are several groups, associations or organizations within the geographic bounds of SERA, which, although not NSS Internal Organizations, are comprised either wholly or primarily of NSS members who belong to SERA grottos within the area. These groups generally represent caving at its best, with respect to brotherhood and fellowship, as well as the desire to explore, map and study the caves that bring them together. This issue of the SERA Newsletter spotlights two of these groups, HR³ and the Cumberland Spelean Association (CSA). Both organizations have established fine records of achievement.

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Newsletter: None

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Significant achievements

As of this writing, HR³ has surveyed 49 caves, 38 of which were new caves unknown to the TCS. The total surveyed length of these caves exceeds 15.4 miles, of which over 5.7 miles was virgin cave. Past significant achievements was the survey of Moore County's longest and deepest cave (Will Stone Cave - 1995), Cannon County's second longest cave (Espey Cave - 1996), and Bedford County's second longest cave (Warren Springs Cave - 1997). Information on HR³ achievements and the latest survey information can be found at the group's Internet URL.

Goals/Areas of Concentration

HR³ is a group of Tennessee Central Basin Grotto and Tennessee Cave Survey members who are devoted to the survey of Tennessee's Highland Rim caves (although there might be an occasional survey trip to Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau and other areas). The group routinely locates and surveys new caves and, as a rule, completes every survey that it begins. All cave data is reported to the Tennessee Cave Survey. HR³'s area of concentration is (of course) the Highland Rim; in particular the group is currently focused on Bedford, Moore and Cannon counties.

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spotlight One

CUMBERLAND SPELEAN ASSOCIATION

The Cumberland Spelean Association (CSA) is a chartered, Tennessee non-profit organization. It is also an IRS tax exempt 501(C)3 organization.

Membership requirements:

- 1) Age 18 or older,
- 2) Tennessee resident.
- 3) Responsible caver for at least 3 years, and
- 4) With evidence of contributions to grotto, NSS, caving community, etc., i.e. officer, trip leader, biological surveys, mapping, published, conservation efforts (gating, clean-ups, restoration, etc.), other, etc. (NOT all of these are required: *ONLY* five (5).

Goals of the CSA:

- 1) To engage in speleological research.
- 2) To publish results of research, etc.
- 3) To educate public re cave preservation
- 4) To promote fellowship among CSA members.

On-going projects:

Eblen Cave -- Historical
Warsaw Cave -- Cartography and continuing research
Blue Spring Cave -- Biological survey and wind (meteorological) studies
Springhill Saltpeter Cave -- Biological, etc.
TN mineral springs/related karst--Identification, & documentation
Endangered species caves -- Cartography and biological studies

Spotlight on CSA (Continued)

Glyph caves -- Documentation and proposed gatings
Proposed Middle TN Project -- Historical, etc.
Educational -- Cooperative non-profit efforts, etc.

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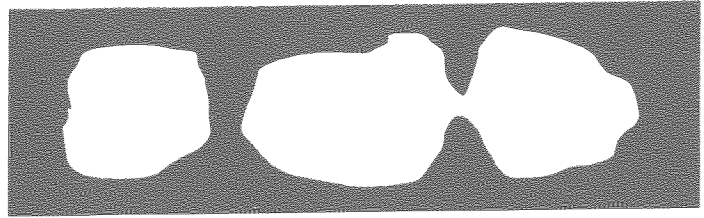
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Summer Cave Carnival and Winter
Business Meeting:

Cave Carnival: Clayton County Cavers,
Cullman Grotto, Cumberland Valley Grotto

Winter Business Meeting: Lost Mountain
Cavers, Middle Georgia Grotto, Mountain
Empire



GROTTO HIGHLIGHT



(Editors Note: As Jack Thomison pointed out at the 1996 SERA Winter Business Meeting, one of the missions of SERA is to encourage interaction between the grottos and get them to work together. In 1997, the Southport Chronic Cavers sponsored a clean-up at Hubbards Cave in Tennessee and were effective in pulling together a large number of cavers from various grottos and organizations, even from beyond the region, to help in the effort.)

SOUTHPORT CHRONIC CAVERS HUBBARDS CAVE CLEAN-UP

The clean-up at Hubbards Cave was a GREAT SUCCESS. If it weren't for the following people being involved, this could not have been brought off so successfully.

First, thanks to Nathaniel Mann (Nashville Grotto) for his email posting on the condition of the cave and artifacts and later on his acting as a liaison between the cavers and the Tennessee Chapter of the Nature Conservancy for this clean-up. Second, thanks also go out to Tim Curtis (Spencer Mountain Grotto) for his early reconnaissance of the area and removal of several trees across the trail to the cave, along with the designing and building of a ladder to be placed next to the first ladder in the crevice passageway.

Thanks also go out to Beth Guidera of the Tennessee Nature Conservancy for her part in the task, and David Withers, Tennessee State Zoologist, who was also present and led the clean-up trip to Little Bat Cave. It might be noted that Dave identified some Long-Eared bats in Little Bat Cave. Additionally, Joe Douglas represented the Cumberland Spelean Association and Kenneth Huffines represented the Southeastern Cave Conservancy.

The Southport Chronic Cavers would like to acknowledge the contribution of material and labor donated by Eric McMaster and Kristen Nyman for the signs they brought to be posted at Hubbards Cave.

Thanks go out to the following Grottos and their members for participating in this truly unique clean-up:

The Sub Urban Chicago Grotto (Chicago, IL) - Bill McDaniels (Naperville, IL), Anthony Pontecorvo (West Chicago, IL), Robert Hall (Joliet, IL), Jamie Thomas (Joliet, IL), and Alan Johnson (West Chicago, IL).

Spencer Mountain Grotto - Tim Curtis, Steve and Rosemarie MacDonell, Dean Usrey, Charles C. Cole, Bill and Chris Walter, and Kris Beckwith.

Upper Cumberland Grotto - Anthony and April Olberding, Anthony and Mary Christ, and Rosie Hawkins

Nashville Grotto - Nathaniel Mann, George Plumlee, Wendy Corley, John Hennard, Eric McMaster, Kristen Nyman, Anne Wesley, Joe Douglas, Morris Sullivan, Ted Burch and Eric Sullivan.

Southport Chronic Cavers - Brian and Lynn Roebuck (also of the Tennessee Central Basin Grotto), Doug Plemmons (also of the Nashville Grotto), Buddy Baldwin, Mark Dunnavant and Rob Robbins.

And three people who failed to give Grotto names - John Law (Marietta, GA), David Nunnally (Decatur, GA) and Bill Crudup (Madison, TN).

Again a BIG THANKS to all who participated and the concern you have for this magnificent cave. A lot was accomplished including photo documentation and to detail it all here would certainly take up a lot of space and I know there are more pressing issues at this moment, soooo to get a blow by blow detailed report and learn what you missed out on including the NEW spook cave at Cumberland Caverns and how you could have participated as a spook on its first-ever trial run with the Civil Air Patrol out of Knoxville you will just have to send \$2.00 to the Southport Chronic Cavers and wait until it is completed.

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Richard Schreiber Award Nomination Form

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Criteria

The criteria for the SERA Richard Schreiber Award is as follows:

1. The Richard Schreiber Award will be given to a caver with less than 10 years caving experience.
2. The nominee will be a caver who is or has taken on, participated in, or supported a project or study on at least one cave or cave system in the Southeastern Region.
3. The nominee will be one who has openly made their work available to the general caving population via published material. Examples of that material include grotto, regional, or section publications, and other publications.
4. The nominee will be an NSS member in good standing.
5. The nominee will be a SERA caver.

Award

The Richard Schreiber Award may be awarded on a merit basis at the annual SERA Winter Business meeting. The Richard Schreiber Award will consist of:

1. A \$50.00 cash award to the recipient. Funds for this award will come from SERA general funds or an account specifically set up for this award.
2. A framed certificate which constitutes the Award itself.
3. A Plaque bearing the recipient's name shall be displayed in the NSS office.
4. The recipient's name will be announced in the NSS News, and made available to regional, grotto and any other appropriate publications.

Name of nominee: _____

NSS number of nominee: _____

Caving since: _____

Address (if not known, leave blank): _____

(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____

Grotto membership: _____

Offices held: _____

Publications written for: _____

Caves explored or frequented: _____

Maps drafted or published: _____

Projects led or assisted with: _____

Other caving accomplishments: _____

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Past Richard Schreiber Award Recipients: Rick O'Hara, Alan Cressler, John Stembel, Hal Love, Mike Rogers, Brent Aulenbach, Paul Aughey.

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Francis McKinney Award Nomination Form

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Criteria:

The criteria for the SERA Francis McKinney Award is as follows:

1. The Francis McKinney Award will be given to a caver with more than 10 years caving experience.
2. The nominee will be a sport caver; that is, caving is not a part of his or her professional life.
3. The nominee will be one who has contributed to organized caving by holding grotto or regional offices, giving talks, leading trips for scouts, etc.
4. The recipient will have been active in several types of caving including but not limited to: Mapping, horizontal, vertical, history, conservation, photography, etc.
5. The nominee will be one who has openly made his or her work available to the general caving population via published material. Examples of that material include grotto, regional, section or national publications, as well as other publications.
6. The nominee will be an NSS member in good standing.
7. The nominee will be a SERA caver.

Award

The Francis McKinney Award may be awarded on a merit basis at the annual SERA Winter Business meeting. It will consist of:

1. A \$50.00 Cash award to the recipient. Funds for this award will come from SERA general funds or an account specifically set up for this award.

2. A framed certificate which constitutes the Award itself.
3. A plaque bearing the recipient's name shall be displayed in the NSS office.
4. The recipient's name will be announced in the NSS News and made available to regional, grotto and any other appropriate publications.

Name of nominee: _____

Nominee's NSS number: _____

Caving since: _____

Address (if not known, leave blank): _____

(city) (state) (zip code)

Grotto membership: _____

Offices held: _____

Publications written for: _____

Maps of caves: _____

Caves explored or frequented: _____

Maps drafted or published: _____

Projects led or assisted with: _____

Other caving accomplishments: _____

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Past Francis McKinney Award Recipients: Gerald Moni, Lin Guy, Dr. Cato Holler, Steve Hudson, Marion O. Smith, Joel Sneed, Buddy Lane, Bill Varnadoe, David Parr, Jim Whidby, Allen Padgett, Frank Hutchison, Bill Torode, Richard Schreiber, Larry Matthews, Larry Blair, Edward Strausser, Mike Doughy, Jack Thomison, Laurie Adams, Bill Walter.

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Caving since: _____

Address (if not known, leave blank): _____

(city)

(state)

(zip code)

Grotto membership: _____

Offices held: _____

Publications written for: _____

Caves explored or frequented: _____

Maps drafted or published: _____

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Other caving accomplishments: _____

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Criteria:

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1. The Larry S. Adams Landowner Appreciation Award will be given to an individual or group who owns land or manages land in the southeastern United States or whose efforts are in the interests of SERA.
2. The recipient has been friendly to cavers.
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Address of nominee(s) [if not known, leave blank]: _____

(city) (state) (zip code)

Cave, caves, or caving geographic area of concentration: _____

Why are you nominating this person or group for the Award (please be sure to list caves involved)? _____

How has the nominee or group particularly helped SERA cavers (if not already discussed)? _____

Anything further that would demonstrate why this person or group is deserving of recognition? If so, please tell it here: _____

Your name and organization? _____

Your address and phone number (please include area code): _____

(city) (state) (zip code) (phone #)

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Past Larry S. Adams Landowner Appreciation Award Recipients: Lonnie Carr, Dr. Ralph M. Sheppard, Martha Eblen Brashears, Charlie Smith.

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SERA Conservation Recognition Award Nomination Form

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Name of individual or group being nominated: _____

Nominee's address (if not known, leave blank): _____

(city) (state) (zip code)

Cave, caves, or caving geographic area of concentration: _____

Your name and organization: _____

Your address and phone number (please include area code): _____

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