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## Let a Speleologist Explore Your Nooks & Crannies

**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 2004

**SPEAKER:** Steve L. Deveny  
(Chairman-Southern NV Grotto)

**LOCATION:** Room 102 Lilly Fong Geoscience Bldg.

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. Presentation

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**Hello Everyone!** Our first ever August GSN meeting was a great success! We had a wonderful turnout and it was great to see both old and new faces at our meeting. Dr. Patrick Drohan from the UNLV Geoscience Department presented a very informative and persuasive talk regarding rare soils, how they are categorized, located, and mitigated. To learn more about Patrick's research and activities, visit his website at [http://geoscience.unlv.edu/Faculty\\_Staff/drohan.html](http://geoscience.unlv.edu/Faculty_Staff/drohan.html) and don't forget to visit <http://www.soils.org/smithsonian/> for information on the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit started by Patrick. In other news, we are currently planning our first fall field trip in quite a few years. A tentative date for this day trip is Saturday, October 9, 2004. We will have all the details finalized by September's meeting. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend the field trip.

Remember that the new GSN year starts on October 1<sup>st</sup> and that means it's time to renew your membership. We will have membership forms at the meeting as well as on the website. Please read this newsletter further for more information on membership, including student membership waivers

Sincerely, Robyn

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

It's time to renew your membership. The membership year for GSN is from October 1 to September 30. Please be sure and renew your membership on time. If you are not currently a member and would like to become one, regular membership is \$30 and student membership is only \$15. For \$5 more you can become a member of the Southern Nevada Chapter. Note that if you are a full time student at UNLV, your \$15 membership fee can be waived. However, you must still submit a membership form (stating that you are a UNLV student) and \$5 for the southern Nevada Chapter. Please speak to Robyn or Amy if you have any questions. Our chapter relies on the \$5 chapter money to pay for food and refreshments at our monthly meetings. An application can be downloaded via a link on our website, or one can be picked-up at a meeting.

We would like everyone to know how much we appreciate all of our members and the support they provide for these meetings. The meetings offer some very interesting talks as well as socializing and networking with area scientists and student scientists.

## **PARKING:**

For information on parking at UNLV and obtaining a permit please visit the UNLV parking services website at <http://www.unlv.edu/studentlife/parking/>. This also includes maps of the campus and directions.

## **ADS & SPONSORS:**

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exposure for an area business. Please see our current advertisements at the end of this newsletter and support our sponsors.

## **FIELD TRIP INFORMATION:**

Information on the fall field trip tentatively scheduled for October 9 will be given at the meeting and an email will be sent to all on the email list before the trip.

We are still looking for an enthusiastic someone to fill the position of *Field Trip Chairperson*. This person would be in charge of finding field trip possibilities and arranging the field trip (with our help of course). If anyone is interested in this position please email, phone, or talk to us at the meeting.

## **VOLUNTEERS:**

We are still looking for volunteers for the GSN booth at MINExpo International. The expo is at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Monday Sept. 27 through Thursday Sept. 30. The booth will be open from 9-5 during those dates but if you can volunteer even a few hours that would help us out. Currently we have 3 volunteers but could use more! We have 3 complimentary badges left for anyone who wants to volunteer and attend the expo for free. Contact Amy for more information.

## **SOCIAL HOUR**

We are changing the beginning of social hour from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm starting with next months meeting. We have done this at the request of many members. This time change allows more time for professionals to travel to the meeting and reduces the wait before the talk.

## **ON THE WEB:**

Check out our chapter website at <http://geoscience.unlv.edu/GSN/gsnsc.htm> for news, updates, information, membership, and previous newsletters.

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## THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

### Let a Speleologist Explore Your Nooks and Crannies STEVE L. DEVENY

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The Chairman of the Southern Nevada Grotto will be talking about what the National Speleological Society has to offer every aspect of scientific fantasy that the mind can imagine in the underground world.

#### Speaker's Background & Education

Steve L. Deveny has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1978 and is employed as a Land Surveyor with Stantec Consulting. He is married and the father of twin boys. Currently he is the Chairman of the Southern Nevada Grotto and the Chairman of the Nevada Association of Land Surveyor's LSI and Associate Members Forum. He holds a Land Surveyor Intern Certificate and has been awarded a Fellowship with the National Speleological Society. Volunteer projects that he is involved in are the Great Basin National Park Lehman Cave Survey, the NALS Mountain Top Static Session Survey Project, and Bureau of Land Management Bat Gating Project. Also works with the Boys Scouts of America and the Junior Speleological Society to educate and train youth in the underground world. But his major accomplishment is doing all of this while being an insulin dependent Diabetic for 27 years.



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