

MINUTES OF THE KANSAS CITY AREA GROTTO JULY 2018 BUSINESS MEETING

**HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH, 2018 – 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
ARTHUR MAG CONFERENCE CENTER – 4920 CHERRY ST, KCMO**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. The following persons were present: Jeff Bowman, Richard Cindric, Jaclyn Danger, Bill Gee, Kristen Godfrey, Rick Hines, Kristen Hughes, Mark Jones, Kelly McKinley, Amber Murfin, and Pic Walenta.

Presentation: Mark Jones shared on his latest travels to Borneo in Gunog Mulu National Park in Malaysia. Super awesome! Mark is a retired school teacher, fellow caver and cave-gator, and one of eight members in the Iowa City Grotto.

Officer Reports

President: President Pic Walenta and Jim Cooley had the opportunity to visit Charlie Watts, KCAG's first president. They had a wonderful time, and received many pictures, books/documents, and boxes of slides that Bill Gee will archive.

Vice President: Jack Peters was not present.

Secretary: Laura Jaynes had sent out May's minutes via email, there was no June meeting due to the annual picnic. Laura was not present at the July meeting, big thanks to Jaclyn for taking notes.

Treasurer: Bill Gee reported the June beginning treasury balance as \$3681.67 (Commerce Bank). There had been a deposit from Square of \$57.75, payment to Fond Memories Engraving (coffee mugs) for \$260.22, \$197.05 sent to PayPal, and a \$5.00 bank fee. The June ending treasury balance was \$3277.15. Our June Paypal activity included a beginning balance of \$77.95, received \$197.05 from Commerce Bank, payment to Kristen Godfrey of \$275 for 501c3 filing fees, and an end balance of \$0.00. There was no July activity to report as of the July 11th meeting.

Quartermaster: Remains the same.

Fundraising: New t-shirts and coffee mugs are available for purchase. Contact Pic at picwalenta@aol.com for more information.

Presentations: Anyone interested in giving a meeting presentation, let Pic know! Please see Upcoming Events for scheduled presentations at our future meetings.

Carroll Cave Conservancy (CCC): Rick Hines is working with Tom Loraine, Chris Danuser's attorney, to arrange a 501c3 donation to secure the back-door entrance to Carroll Cave for the CCC. Loraine has said Danuser will donate three acres of land, an access easement, and cave

rights under 500+ acres of land over the cave. The CCC may purchase an additional three acres to own six acres in total around the back-door shaft.

Missouri Speleological Survey (MSS) & Missouri Caves and Karst Conservancy (MCKC): The next MSS meeting will be September 8-9th at Current River State Park. MSS newsletters (i.e., “The Liaison”) are now available to everyone in the world on-line at <https://www.mospeleo.org/newsletter>. Contact Jim Cooley at coolstoi@kc.rr.com for more information.

Novice and Scout trips: Jack Peters had a scout trip scheduled for August 18th at Cleveland Cave.

Hickory County: Gary Johnson was not present.

Cloud 9: Lee Krout was absent. Jim Cooley is in the process of working up maps, after which will be a big QC trip.

White Nose Syndrome: See <https://caves.org/WNS/> for the most current map of WNS’s reach.

Trip Reports and Other News

New Meeting time and place: The July meeting was our LAST meeting at Arthur Mag. From now on, meetings will be held on the **3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm**, at the **Anita B Gorman Conservation Discovery Center (4750 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64110)** in the Lewis & Clark room.

501c3: The KCAG has officially achieved 501c3 status! A huge thank you goes out to Kristen Godfrey for making this happen!

MVOR Sponsorship: KCAG will be sponsoring MVOR in Fall of 2020, in conjunction with Missouri Bat Census. Location will be Noel, MO with numerous privately-owned caves and the commercial Bluff Dweller’s Cave.

MSS, Camden County: Kristin Godfrey, Jim Cooley and Julie Cottrell visited Drummond Cave (CAM-189) in Camden County on June 30th, and did QC check of the map of the entire cave, making several corrections and emendations. The map has now been submitted to the MSS; it is attached to these minutes. This cave was discovered for and reported to the MSS by Gary Johnson, project leader of the Hickory County project. Survey of the cave began in January, 2012. The team then went on to do bioinventories in MDC caves in Camden County.

Pic Walenta verified there was no further unfinished business. The meeting adjourned, whereupon members repaired to Minsky’s Pizza, 5105 Main Street, KCMO, for great food and even better company.

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UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

August 17th-19th: Kids Caving Expedition (Have 53 kids signed up!)

Mammoth Cave State Park

Cave City, Kentucky

Sponsored by CRF Eastern Division

If interested contact Aaron Bird, wvcaveman@gmail.com

August 21st: KCAG Meeting— New Location, New Time

First Family Meeting, Bat House Builds

Presenter John McQuire, bring family and friends

6:30 PM, Lewis and Clark Room, Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center

4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64110

August 25th-26th: Cave exploration and survey on new Texas County multi-thousand acre private property, 14 known caves plus some deep (alleged 100-foot) sinkholes to check out.

Call, text or e-mail MSS Director Jim Cooley, (816) 753-8111, coolstoi@kc.rr.com

August 24th-26th: Bradford's Big Ass Survey Weekend

Berome Moore Cave Survey, Perry County

Currently the second longest cave in MO. Surveyed length, 21.35 miles

If interested contact Micheal Bradford, (573)201-1039, mcbg3@ms.edu or Chad McCain, chads93gt@hotmail.com

August 31st-September 3rd: Alexander Cave Action Pack Weekend

Room for (2) more- Saturday Caving- Alexander Cave

Saturday night- Mountain Home Blue Grass

Sunday- Hiking, Sam's Throne

Monday- Climbing, Horseshoe Canyon Ranch

If interested contact Richard Cindric, (Text) (913)669-3771

August 31st-September 3rd: Labor Day Expedition

Mammoth Cave State Park

Cave City, Kentucky

Sponsored by CRF Eastern Division

If interested contact Bob Osburn (waiting for his contact info)

September 7th-9th: MSS Fall Cave-In (with MSS/MCKC Meetings on the 9th)

Current River State Park -- Volunteers needed! Public interaction at Echo Bluff State Park, restoration projects, monitoring, and survey. Something for everyone!

Call, text or e-mail MSS Director Jim Cooley, (816) 753-8111, coolstoi@kc.rr.com or Pic Walenta, (816)665-5588, picwalenta@aol.com, if interested.

September 14th-16th: CRF Buffalo River Work Trip

Cave monitoring and survey, Steel Creek Facility, meals provided.

If interested contact Kayla Sapokta, (479)970-0197, kayla.sapokta@gmail.com.

September 15th: Cathedral Cave Off-Trail Trip

Onondaga State Park, Fee attached- \$50

If interested contact Kristen Vogel-Godfrey, (913)244-5512, Vogel_kris@yahoo.com

September 16th-17th: Courtois Section II Back Pack

This will be a take-off from Cathedral Off-Trail trip, trip will include some wonderful Cob Oven Pizza at local friends.

Bass Resort to Harmon Springs- Novice (11 miles)

If interested contact Pic Walenta, (816)665-5588, picwalenta@aol.com

September 18th: KCAG Monthly Meeting

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Anita B Gorman Conservation Discovery Center

4750 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO, 64110

Lewis and Clark Room

Presentation- Cave Spring Park Project

Presenter- Cave Spring Park Board Members

September 28th-30th: MVOR

Sponsored by BATL Grotto. Come and learn how to sponsor a MVOR!

NRO Canoe Rental 171 NRO Rd. Lebanon, MO

If interested contact Pic Walenta, (816)665-5588, picwalenta@aol.com or Bill Gee, bgee@campercaver.net, or visit the MVOR web site <http://mvor.caves.org/>.

September 28th-30th: Berome Moore Cave Survey Trip, Perry County

Currently the 2nd longest cave in MO. Surveyed length 21.35 miles

If interested contact Chad McCain, chads93gt@hotmail.com

September 28th-October 5th: CRF Cave Gating Project, to build a cupola-style cave gate on a mine shaft into Radium Cave, in Barry County, Missouri. Volunteers needed for all or part of project. This is for the Mark Twain National Forest (MTNF). Call, text or e-mail Jim Cooley, (816)753-8111 for details, coolstoi@kc.rr.com if interested.

October 6th-9th: Cave Gating: Volunteers needed for all or part of project. We'll gate Flutestone Cave in McDonald County, for our newest KCAG member, Nicole Ridlen, who is the manager of Bluff Dweller's Cave. Located in Noel, Missouri, this will be the site of our fall MVOR in 2020. Check it out, loads to do there. Beautiful area!

Call, text or e-mail Jim Cooley, (816)753-8111 for details, coolstoi@kc.rr.com if interested.

October 12th-14th: CRF Buffalo River Work Trip

Cave monitoring and survey, Steel Creek Facility, meals provided.

If interested contact Kayla Sapokta, (479)970-0917, kayla.sapokta@gmail.com.

October 16th: KCAG Monthly Meeting

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Lewis and Clark Room

Anita B Gorman Conservation Discovery Center

4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64119
Knots for Caving vs. Rock Climbing. Presenter: Richard Cindric.

October 20th: Chouteau Grotto Annual Picnic
Camping, Cave Restoration, fellowship, and GOOD food
Hosted by Rita Worden at her home, this also includes Pony Express Grotto
Meat is furnished, bring a side dish.
RSVP Required! Rita Worden, wordenrl2323@yahoo.com

October 27th: Carroll Cave Annual Bat Census Trip, Camden County.
Medium to difficult trip, wet suit recommended
If interested contact Bill Gee, bgee@campercaver.com

October 27th: Berome Moore Cave Survey, Perry County.
Currently the second longest cave in MO, surveyed at 21.35 miles
If interested contact Chad McCain, chads93gt@hotmail.com

November 3rd-4th - November 9th: CRF Cave Gating Project. Volunteers needed for all or part of the project; CRF project to build a fence style cave gate around the sinkhole entrance to Butler Hollow Cave, in Barry County, Missouri. Call, text or e-mail Jim Cooley, (816)753-8111 for details, coolstoi@kc.rr.com if interested.

November 20th: KCAG Monthly Meeting
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Lewis and Clark Room, Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center
4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64110
Studies of Ozark Cave Fish (*Amblyopsis rosae*), Presenter- Matt Niemiller PH.D, Cave Biologist, assistant professor at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

December 1st: Berome Moore Cave Survey, Perry County
Currently the second longest cave in MO, surveyed length, 21.35 miles
If interested contact, Chad McCain, chads93gt@hotmail.com

December 7th-10th: OT Back Pack Courtois Section III
No Caves, just Cavers and a few very fun other people
Harmon Springs to Hazel Creek Trail Head- Advanced (24 miles)
If interested contact Pic Walenta, (816)665-5588, picwalenta@aol.com

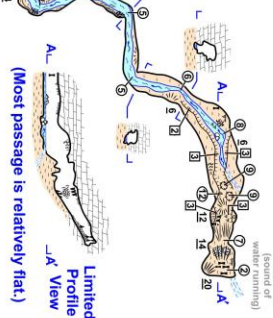
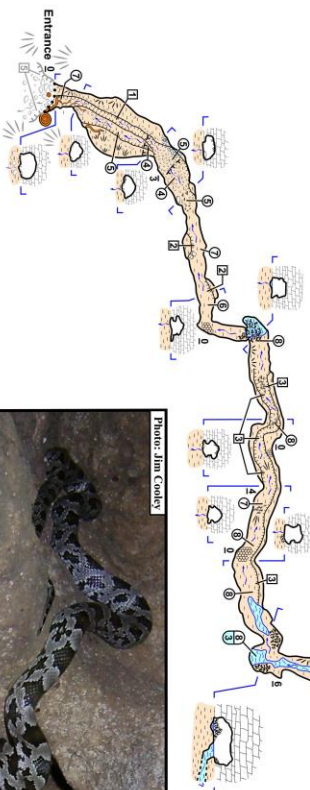
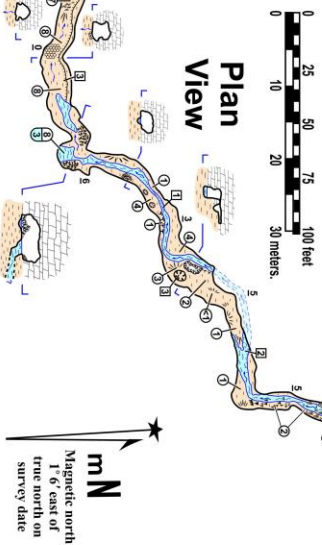
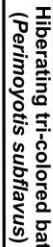
December 29th: Berome Moore Cave Survey, Perry County
Currently the second longest cave in MO, surveyed length, 21.35 miles
If interested contact, Chad McCain, chads93gt@hotmail.com

General, Scout Trips: Help is always welcome on novice and scout trips.
Contact Jack Peters, Vice President, Novice trip leader, (913)669-7179, jack@peters2000.com.

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Surveyed length: 841 feet
Vertical range: 27.4 feet



Roosting gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*).
(Plus one slightly agitated fellow, upper left.)

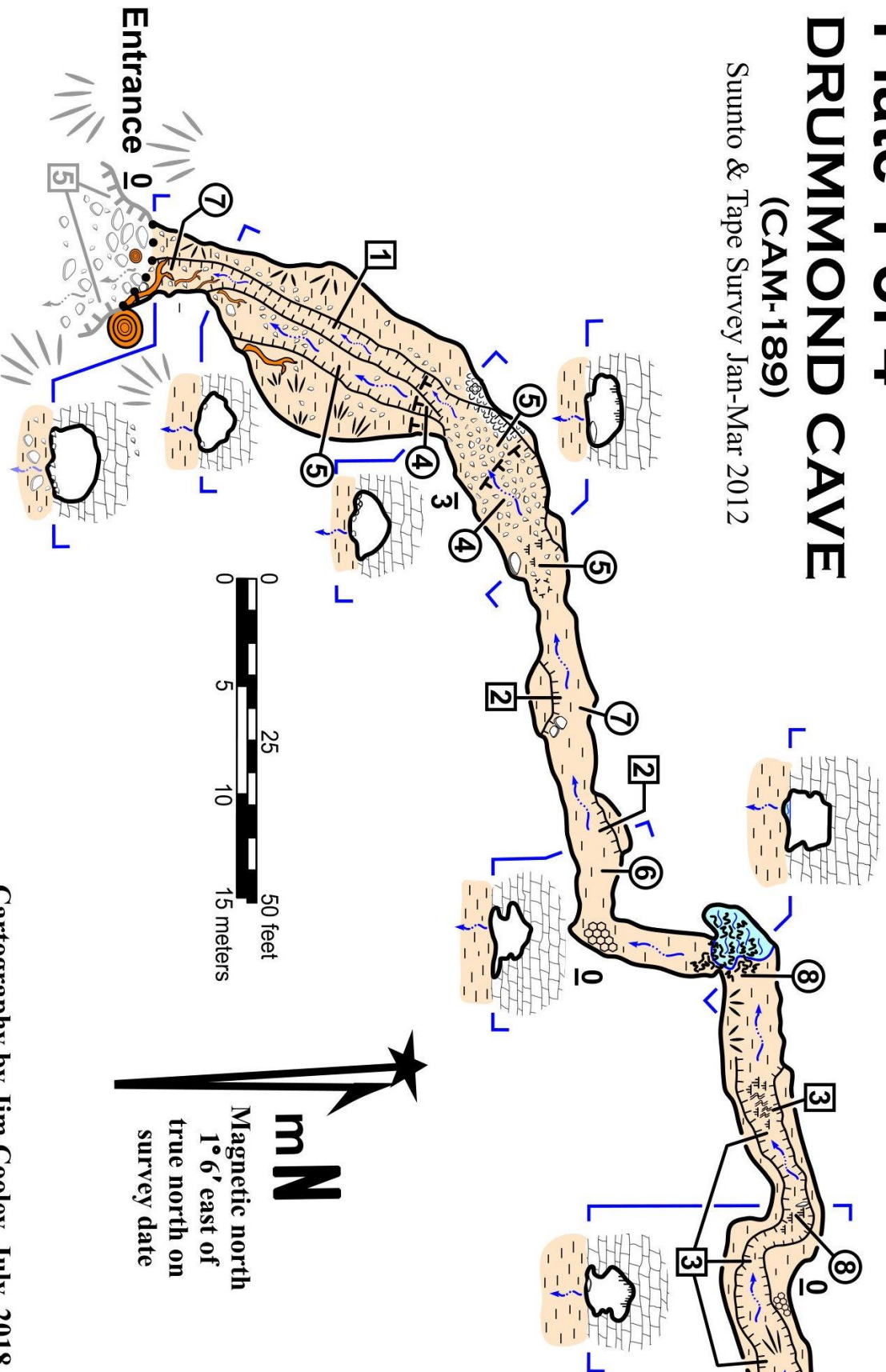
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	floor ledge/ceiling drop
	ceiling ledge
	broken stalactite/stalagmite
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	sphaerulite/columella
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	roots

Plate 1 of 4

DRUMMOND CAVE

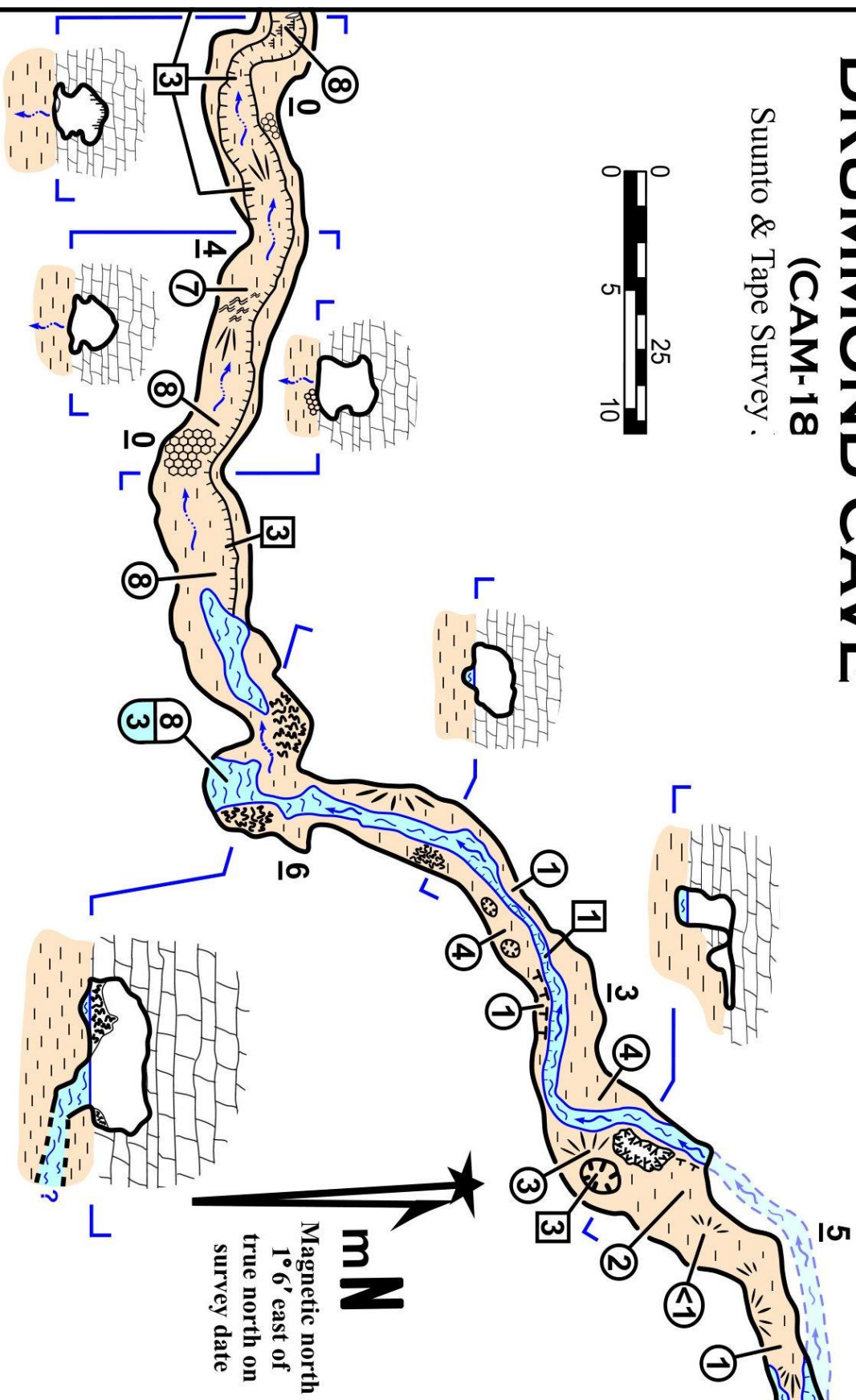
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Suunto & Tape Survey Jan-Mar 2012



Cartography by Jim Cooley, July, 2018.

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Cartography by Jim Cooley, July, 2018.

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DRUMMOND CAVE

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Suunto & Tape Survey Jan-Mar 2012

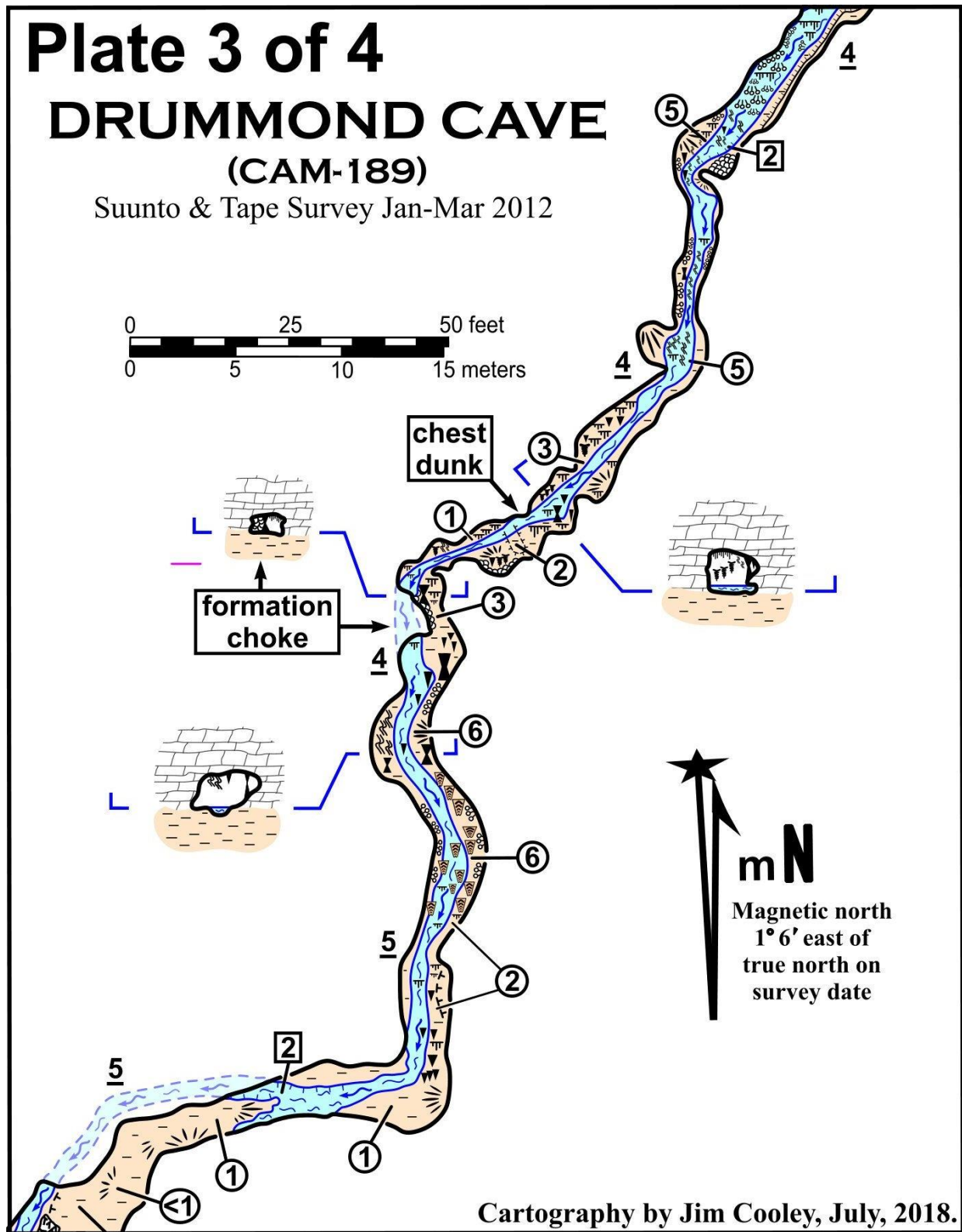


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Suunto & Tape Survey Jan-Mar 2012

