

Kansas City Area Grotto Meeting Agenda: 6/16/2026

Attendance: 14

Bill Gee, Dillon Bond, Corey Ellis, Rick Hines, Julie Cooley, Jim Cooley, Andrew Karum, Nathan Taylor, Kristen Vogel, Tracy Ward, Brady Watts, Allyssia Seymour, Will Sims. Dani Leonard

Presentation: Dillon Bond presented on 3 cave trips from June. He led a trip to Perkins cave in high water conditions which was attended by some folks from TROG (Tulsa, OK Grotto), Perkins Cave kCG and TROG folks, in high water conditions. He visited Hamilton Cave which was also attended by the Ozark Outsiders <https://www.ozarkoutsider.com/>, and a very nicely decorated Huhmann Cave.

President's update:

- Zoom account being cancelled in August, transitioning to Microsoft Teams
- Presentation at Wellsville library on 6/3/26 was mostly attended by small children with short attention spans, another library presentation upcoming.
- Next month 7/21/26 Jack Rufener presenting on NCRC training

Treasurer's update:

Total KCAG balance: \$4220

MSS/MCKC: KCG's MCKC grotto affiliation requires a \$25/yr renewal fee which will be paid out.

Novice Scout Trips: Upcoming scout trip being facilitated by Nathan

- Roubidoux Cave trip being tentatively planned for 7/18
- Kiese wetter Cave trip on 7/25 is tentatively full but email Dillon Bond if you want to join to see if there is extra room dbond91@gmail.com
- Jim Cooley did a presentation in Blue Springs, MO for a scout group after a cave trip was cancelled

- Mormon girls going to their annual Cleveland cave trip in early July
- Jim is seeking a Cleveland cave guide for a scout trip in September – Dillon to volunteer

Quartermaster:

Some grotto headlamps were replaced recently

Trip Reports:

Jim Cooley has been working on various projects at the Hellmuth property, facilitated a CRF trip at Winona with lots of rain which disrupted some of the work, documented some new-to-the-MSS privately owned caves, and continued mapping work at Robbers cave.

Upcoming trips:

7/6-10 – NSS Convention in Indiana

7/18 – Carroll Cave data logger service and bio count – 2 trips Bill and Kristen which are currently full. Upper Thunder bio survey.

8/8 – KCAG summer picnic at Rick Hines' house

9/17-20 – Fall MVOR at Riverview Ranch <https://www.riverviewranch.org/>