

The 60 Year History of Indiana Cave Capers

Anniversary	Date	Location	Grotto Sponsor Chairman
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01 st 1954	27-29Aug	Wyandotte Cave Hotel	Roy Davis_Scotto Grotto
	Personal Slides & Photos		
02 nd 1955	15-17Jul	IU South Hall	Porter E Ward_CIG
	Slide Show"Cave Exploration"		
03 rd 1956	3-5Aug	IU Forest Hall	Thurman Ridlen_CIG
	Roy Davis"Caving"		
04 th 1957	2-4Aug	Wyandotte Cave	Ruben J Vig_CIG
	Brother Nicholas & Lee Baker"Carlsbad Caverns"		
05 th 1958	1-3Aug	Cave River Valley	Authur Davis_CIG
	Roger Brucker"Caving for Cash"		
06 th 1959	31Jul-1-2Aug	IU Bloomington	Gary Brandenburg_CIG
	Burnell F Ehman"Cave Safety"		
07 th 1960	5-7Aug	Wyandotte Cave	Larry Fisher_CIG
	Jack Stellmack"An almost caving trip to Cuba"		
08 th 1961	4-6Aug	Spring Mill Park	Tom Rea_CIG
	Roy Davis"Caving"		
09 th 1962	3-5Aug	Wildwood Lakes	Tom Rea_CIG
	Brother G Nicholas"Early Man in American Caves"		
10 th 1963	2-4Aug	Harrison County State Forest	Pat Humphery_CIG
	Russ Gurnee"Rio Camuy"		
11 th 1964	7-9Aug	Bedford 4H Fairgrounds	Tom Rea_CIG
	Tom Barr"Cave Life in Mammoth"		
12 th 1965	6-8-Aug	Wildwood Lakes	Bob Hosley_CIG
	Roy Davis"Caving"		
13 th 1966	12-14-Aug	Rotary Springs	Bill Tozer_CIG
	Jack Stellmack"International Congress of Speleology Yugoslavia"		
14 th 1967	4-6Aug	Doe Run Inn, Kentucky	Tom Rea_CIG
	John Cooper"Cave Life"		
15 th 1968	14-16Jun	Bedford 4H Fairgrounds	Keith Akers_CIG
	Dick Powell"Lost River"		
16 th 1969	1-3Aug	Blue River Inn	Sam Frushour_CIG
	Ralph Ewers"Cave at Cincinnati Natural History Museum"		
17 th 1970	19-21Jun	Tucker Lake	Larry Reece_CIG
	Harold Meloy"Tales of Mammoth"		
18 th 1971	6-8Aug	Bedford 4H Fairgrounds	John Horton_CIG
	Dave Brison"Caves in Science Fiction"		
19 th 1972	9-11Jun	Campbellsburg Conservation Club	Sam Frushour_CIG
	Rane Curl & Jaques Chabuert"French Caves"		
20 th 1973	17-19Aug	Lost River Campground Orange County	Jim Craig_CIG
	"Caving"		
21 st 1974	21-23Jun	Blue River Stage Stop	John Hartman_CIG
	Roy Davis"Caving"		
22 nd 1975	15-17Aug	Cave River Valley	Ray Beam_CIG
	Vic Green"Cave River Valley History"		
23 rd 1976	6-8Aug	Cave River Valley	Bill Waymire_CIG
	Russ Gurnee"Rio Camuy"		
24 th 1977	17-19Jun	Lickford Valley	Bill Tozer_CIG
	Richard Schreiber"San Augustin Mexico"		
25 th 1978	4-6Aug	Sullivan Cave	Mike Gumm_CIG
	Bill Deane"Formation caves and pits of the west"		
26 th 1979	8-10June	Murphy's Campground	Lynn Miller_CIG
	Roger Brucker"Real story of Floyd Collins"		

27 th 1980	15-17Aug	Sullivan Cave John Mylorie”Caving from the Dark Side”	Lynn Miller_CIG
28 th 1981	14-16Aug	Lickford Valley Bill Tozer”Mexico Caving”	Lynn Miller_CIG
29 th 1982	6-8Aug	White River Bow Hunters Club Charles Bishop”James-Coach Cave System”	Dean Myer_CIG
30 th 1983	5-7Aug	Cider Ridge Campground Lake Monroe Paul Mills”Missouri Caves”	Dean Myer_CIG
31 st 1984	3-5Aug	Stage Stop Campground Dave Black”Recent Discoveries Harrison Crawford State Forest”	Jane Miller_CIG
32 nd 1985	9-11Aug	Bedford 4H Fairgrounds Noel Sloan”Diving in Huautla Mexico”	Lynn Miller_CIG
33 rd 1986	8-10Aug	Buzzards Roost Norm Pace”Stones Left Unturned”	Dave E Haun_CIG
34 th 1987	10-12July	Springs Valley Bill Tozer”Mexican Caving”	Dave E Haun_CIG
35 th 1988	12-14Aug	Delaney Park Phil O’Dell”Hidden River and Horse Cave KY”	Scott Fee_CIG
36 th 1989	14-16July	Hickory Hills Campground Jeff St Clair”Hoosier National Forest”	Bob Vandeventer_CIG
37 th 1990	10-12Aug	Stage Stop Campground Dave Black”1970 & 1980’s Cave Exploration in Harrison County”	Kevin Bruno_CIG
38 th 1991	9-11Aug	Bedford 4H Fairgrounds Sam Frushour”The Great Caves of Lawrence County”	Scott Fee_CIG
39 th 1992	19-21Jun	Bedford 4H Fairgrounds Bob Ward”Mammoth Cave History and Restoration”	Scott Fee_CIG
40 th 1993	18-20Jun	Delaney Park Horton Hobbs III”Cave Biology” & Anniversary”Multimedia Presentation”	Dave E Haun_CIG
41 st 1994	12-14Aug	Camp Rivervale Rick Olson “Mammoth Cave”	Dave E Haun_CIG
42 nd 1995	18-20Aug	Camp Rivervale Dick Powel”Wyandotte Cave”	Bill Greenwald_CIG
43 rd 1996	21-23Jun	Stage Stop Campground Gary Roberson”Merango Cave”	Bill Greenwald_CIG
44 th 1997	1-3Aug	Pic-A-Chic Farm Mike Futrell”Caving”	Joe Olyphant_CIG
45 th 1998	12-14Jun	Corydon Fairgrounds Art & Peggy Palmer”Indiana Caving”	Joe Olyphant_CIG
46 th 1999	18-20Jun	Hickory Hills Campground Bill Halliday”Best Caves of Hawaii”	Dave E Haun_CIG
47 th 2000	11-13Aug	Delaney Park Peter Quick”Fisher Ridge Cave KY”	Dave E Haun_CIG
48 th 2001	10-12Aug	Camp Rivervale Patty Kambesis”Island De Mona P.R.”	Eric Higbie_CIG
49 th 2002	9-11Aug	Corydon Fairgrounds Yvonne Droms”Caving the Deep in Mexico”	Eric Higbie_CIG
50 th 2003	20-22Jun	Delaney Park Capers 50 th Anniversary”Presentation”	Ron Adams_CIG
51 st 2004	11-13Aug	Crawford County Fair Grounds ”Marion Smith discovery and exploration of Rumbling Falls Cave TN”	Ron Adams_CIG
52 nd 2005	5-8Aug	Crawford County Fair Grounds Mike Minton”In Search of the World’s Deepest Caves”	Eric Higbie_CIG
53 rd 2006	23-25Jun	Camp Rivervale Mike and Andrea Futrell ”Multi-year Caving in China”	Eric Higbie_CIG
54 th 2007	4-6May	Fig Newton’s Farm Marengo With the 20 th Annual Hogfest ”Open Program”	Ron Adams_CIG Carla Striegel_HCG

55 th 2008	20-22Jun	Doezema Estate Milltown	Ron Adams_CIG
		"Jerry Lewis Cave Biology and help with the TV Show Dirty Jobs"	
56 th 2009	14-16Aug	Camp Rivervale	Ron Adams_CIG
		"Dr. Hazel Barton Amazing Caves, Amazing Microbes"	
57 th 2010	25-27Jun	Delaney Creek Park	Ron Adams_CIG
		"Gary Roberson 50yrs of work on the Binkley Cave System"	
58 th 2011	12-14Aug	Camp Rivervale	Dean Wiseman_CIG
		"Dale Chase Vertical Caving in the 60's and Caving Vancouver Island "	
59 th 2012	10-12Aug	Camp Rivervale	Dean Wiseman_CIG
		"Dave Everton Blowing into Binkleys Brings Bigger Boasting"	
60 th 2013	28-30Jun	Crawford County Fair Grounds	Dean Wiseman_CIG
		"Bill Steele 50 years of caving_ began caving in IN at IU"	

Capers Awards History

(Caver of the Year Awards) Since 1998 for the Lewis Denbo Laman

1998-Dave Black, 1999-Danny Dible, 2000-Bob Armstrong, 2001-Keith Dunlap, 2002-Jerry Litaker
 2003-Bob Vandeventer, 2004-Bill Tozer, 2005-Ted Wilson, 2006-Don Paquette, 2007-Dave Everton
 2008-Mark Deeble, 2009-Tom Rea, 2010-Sam Froushour, 2011-Gary Roberson, 2012-Anmar Mirza

(Land Owner Appreciation Awards)

1998-Ed and Nellie Baure (Big Windy Cave), 1999-The Lawsons (Green Eye Pit),
 2000-Dan Starr (Scenic Hills Camp), 2001-Mike and James Beasley (Salts Cave)
 2002-Gordon Smith (Marengo Cave), 2003-Kenneth Kern (Kern Pit)
 2004-Mapha Beavers (Carcass Crypt Pit), 2005-Bob Rosenbarger Family (Harrison Springs)
 2006-Norman Bodenbender Family (Fredricksburg Cave),
 2007-Richard "Fig" Newton (Home of HCG's HOG Fest), 2008-Bruce Doezema (2008 Cave Capers)
 2009-Jim Houghton (Houghton Hole), 2010-Junior Cotner (Corydon old timer)
 2011-Lyndsey & Candy Weiland (Blowing Hole Parking Area), 2012-Buckners Conservancy-Dick Blenz

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