

2009 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE  
NSS RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
ASSOCIATION FOR MEXICAN CAVE STUDIES  
PROJECT

The goals and purposes of the Association for Mexican Cave Studies remain unchanged: to support exploration, study, and conservation of the caves of Mexico.

The main contact is still Bill Mixon, Editor, NSS 5728 OS AL. The advisory board consists of Peter Sprouse, NSS 14445 LB, William Russell, NSS 4357 HM CM, and James Reddell, NSS 4697 SC CM. Terri Sprouse, NSS 37296, serves as Treasurer.

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During 2009, the AMCS published three books, number 32 of its *AMCS Activities Newsletter*, 154 pages, AMCS Bulletin 20, *Exploring Highland Maya Ritual Cave Use: Archaeology and Ethnography in Huehuetenango, Guatemala*, 92 pages, and AMCS Reprint 10, *Cave Papers of Federico Bonet*, 318 pages. Included in Reprint 10 are important works *Cuevas de la Sierra Madre Oriental en la Región de Xilitla* (1953), "Datos Sobre las Cavernas y Otros Fenómenos Erósivos de las Calizas de la Sierra de El Abra" (1953), and *Espeleología de la Región de Cacahuamilpa, Gro.* (1971).

Over the past eleven years, the AMCS has published eleven *Activities Newsletters* totaling 1550 pages, twelve AMCS Bulletins, 1753 pages, and ten AMCS reprints, 2109 pages. Scanning of old AMCS publications for CD reprints has totaled 2261 pages. All in all, over seven thousand pages, surely way more than the publications of all other NSS Projects combined.

AMCS Bulletin 19, *Proceedings of the X, Xi, and XII International Symposia on Vulcanospeleology*, has been put on the Web site of the Commission on Volcanic Caves of the International Union of Speleology, [www.vulcanospeleology.org](http://www.vulcanospeleology.org). (Paper copies are still available for sale.) The AMCS editor has also assisted the commission by preparing for its web site as PDF files almost all proceedings and guidebooks from

previous symposia on vulcanospeleology. Bill Halliday is thanked for the loan of many of the books for scanning.

Mark Minton received the NSS's Lew Bicking Award for cave exploration for 2009 at the NSS banquet during the International Congress of Speleology in Texas. His work in the deep caves of Oaxaca was prominent among his accomplishments. The AMCS had sales tables at the congress, as well as its triptych poster, which incorporates a digital picture-frame presenting a slide show. Bill Mixon constructed the poster and Mike Pugliese did the graphic design, updated for 2009, which is on the Web at <http://amcs-pubs.org/Poster.htm>.

AMCS Bulletin 21, *Karst Hydrology and Speleogenesis of Sistema Zacatón, Tamaulipas, Mexico*, is currently in preparation as a reformatted dissertation by Marcus Gary, who received his PhD from the University of Texas at Austin in December. Material for a bulletin on the archaeological shelter caves in Chihuahua is expected soon.

Denver Hopkins and the Greater Houston Grotto continued to host the AMCS Web site and e-mail addresses, with Katie Arens helping to maintain the Web pages. The Maverick Grotto provides the service for the occasional AMCS bulk e-mailing about new publications or calls for newsletter material.

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