

ARA Winter Technical 2023: Second Notice

Southern Arizona Grotto (SAG) is pleased to announce the ARA Winter Technical event will be held on January 28, 2023, at Kartchner Caverns State Park.

Talks will be from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by the ARA business meeting for one hour.

Here are the **updated** details:

- Parking will be free to attendees (tell the gate person you are there for this event)
- The Tenen/Tufts Theater is reserved for all ARA members in good standing.
- No food or drink in the theater (except water in a closed container)
- Ray Keeler will soon be sending out a tentative **schedule of presentations**. Please keep in mind that the schedule is subject to change.
- **What about lunch?** Bring your own or buy at the Bat Cave Café. Please be advised that this event will increase the number of patrons that the café usually has. They may not be able to accommodate everybody.
- After the presentations, a business meeting/election will be held (4:00 p.m. approx.)
- Out of respect for the staff at Kartchner let's keep the meeting short and to the point.
- Be thinking of accepting a nomination for office. The ARA depends on having officers!
- We have not found any place where a large group of cavers can gather for **dinner after the event**. However, Ray Keeler has found a venue that can possibly accommodate up to 20 people. It is R&R Pizza, 161 S. Huachuca Street in Benson. Contrary to most people's expectations from a pizza place, it does not serve beer. See Ray for details.
- For those who may wish to stay in the area after the event or come back on Sunday, there will be a **complimentary Sunday Tour in Kartchner Caverns at 9:20 a.m.** We will have a **limited number of spaces** for this. If demand exceeds supply, we will work out who gets to go in as fair a way as we can.

If you have a topic on which you'd like to present, please submit your abstract to Ray Keeler; it is not too late, but it soon will be. Ray's email is: rckeeler@cox.net The email from the previous notice was erroneous. (Please contact Ray directly for details or questions regarding your presentation.)

Please look for a poll in your email asking if you plan on attending this event. We simply want to know how many people to provide refreshments for, etc. Part of this poll will ask if you have interest in the tour on Sunday, so we know if the demand will exceed the supply. Then we can plan accordingly.