The P.B.S.S. Monthly Spylunk

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MEETING: The next meeting of the P.B.S.S. will be held THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1984, 7:30 PM at the home of Bill Greenlee, 919 Avenue "F", Andrews, Texas. For directions call Bill at 523-9550. We will try to arrange for the Midland crowd to drive over in one or two cars call Bill Bentley (563-4178) or Tony Grieco (697-0323) for details. Anyone with a cave or climbing-related slide show feel free to bring it along (or, failing that, dancing girls or trained seal acts would be ok.)

CAVE TRIPS: JANUARY 21, 1984: Ogle Cave, Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Sign-up for this trip is full (see, you should have gone to the last meeting). Need to remind those who have signed up that you MUST have your own vertical gear - Ron Kerbo has informed us that gear cannot be passed.

FEBRUARY 18, 1984: Possible trip to Christmas Tree Cave or some other National Park caves. No permits have been obtained yet. Come to the meeting for more info and sign-up. Note that our official monthly grotto trips will be held whenever possible during the 3rd weekend of every month. Also note that first preference on sign-ups are given to people who attend the meeting the month prior to the cave trips! We will also make every effort to alternate vertical and horizontal caves, so that everyone can get a chance to go.

COMANCHE SPRINGS CAVE: It is still possible to arrange for trips to this cave. Call Dennis or Patti Haynes (336-8947) if you want to go. And be ready to get as filthy as you have ever been in your life!

RECENT ACTIVITY: Our first novice trip, December 3, 1983 was a complete success, and everyone calims to have thoroughly enjoyed it. We welcome all these new spylunks and hope to see them again in the future.

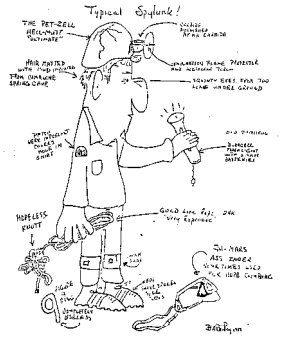
Bill Bentley and Tony Grieco had the opportunity to help teach Explorer Scouts to rappel. No casualties, although one gal did get an unexpected hair-cut from the rappel rack. The Spylunkian hordes descended on several caves these past two months, including Comanche Springs Cave (at least twice), S Cave, Endless and McKittrick Caves, Montgomery Cave, Squeeze Hole Cave (formerly Childress Sinkhole), and our new lead in Sheffield (which is leaning heavily toward the small, muddy, ugly hole side). If you go on a cave trip, tell one of us about it so we can keep track of whose doing what!

VERTICAL TRAINING: We want to have a vertical training session sometime before the Ogle Cave trip. This will depend on who we can get who is interested, and will probably take place on Montgomery Cave, approx. 150 miles south of Midland. Call Bill Bentley if you want to go and we'll work out a time. All vertical virgins welcome, as well as those who just want some extra practice.

MISCELLANEOUS: Once again, our thanks to Lety Hernandez for typing the newsletter. The newsletter still needs material! Letters, cartoons, trip reports, jokes - anything within the bounds of decency. Send material to Tony Grieco, 4723 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79703.

Our mailing list is expanding, and as such, my mailing costs are getting higher. The next issue of the newsletter will be 'on the house', to give you'll a chance to decide whether it's worth anything, but after that I'm going to have to start collecting postage in advance from those to whom I must mail the newsletter. (Other grottos, NSS and Texas Caver excepted)

EDITORIAL COMMENT: And now an editorial comment from the Exalted Grand Poobah of the P.B.S.S., Bill Bentley:

"Many thanks to all of those who have managed to make the first few meetings, in spite of the wet, cold, damp and dreary weather. Another special thanks to MR. CARBIDE himself for a fine job editing this excellent newsletter."

"We need more pictures, slide shows and the like for future meetings. The club can't rely on one or two spylunks to put on a show for the rest of us. With the onset of 1984, myself and Tony Grieco will begin surveying and mapping the McKenzie Cave project before it falls in the back files of other forgotten projects. All help will be appreciated."