

# Permian Basin Speological Society

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JANUARY 1990 MEETING NOTICE

## PRUSIKING PRACTICE

DATE: Saturday, January 20

LOCATION: Home of Jan and Chuck Anderle (see map)

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

PROGRAM: Make gear for use in vertical caving and practice ascending and descending a rope attached to Chuck's 40 ft. radio tower. This is a practice session to get ready for the 180 ft. drop into Ogle Cave in February.

WHAT TO BRING: Your lunch, all your vertical gear, and material needed to make additional gear such as harnesses, foot loops, etc.

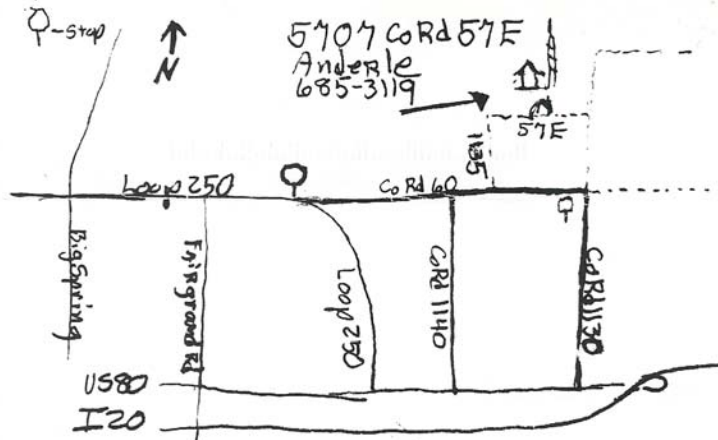
## DECEMBER MEETING REPORT

Many thanks to J.D. and Melissa for hosting our pot luck dinner last month. We had a good turn out and plenty to eat. Walter's cherry pie was delicious! Jim showed some slides from recent trips and discussed photographic technique for caving. Jerry told us about his recent caving trip in Mexico where he spent five days in a cave. David Diffie had a video of a dive trip he took in the Caribbean last fall, and Chuck gave us the details on the SW Region meeting in Carlsbad last November. It was a very full and enjoyable meeting.

## FEBRUARY TRIP

February 3 -- A permit has been secured for Ogle Cave in Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Ogle Cave requires a 250 foot rope and vertical gear. It is one of the largest caves in the park with many unique features. The steep hike to the cave entrance involves a 647 foot elevation gain. Maximum group size is 10 people and each person should have a complete set of gear. A fee of \$3.00 is charged by the park.

Meet at the parking lot at the entrance to Slaughter Canyon, also known as the New Cave parking lot, at 9:30 A.M. Texas time on Saturday, February 3. More information will be available at the January meeting. Call an officer if you can't be at the meeting and need more information.



### Explorer rescued from cave

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County emergency workers rescued a cave explorer pinned 60 feet beneath the surface by a 1,000-pound boulder Friday night, authorities said.

The man, whose legs were trapped by the huge rock, was pinned for more than two hours in freezing temperatures.

The man's name, age and condition were not immediately known.

Lt. George Meek of the Travis County Sheriff's Department said deputies and Austin firefighters pulled the explorer out of the cave in a wilderness area southwest of Austin at about 10-p.m.

Meek said the man was part of a group of spelunkers, or cave explorers, which apparently lacked permission to be on the property.

"From what we understand, the owner of the property is not a happy camper," Meek said.

Sheriff's spokesman Curtis Weeks said the man was the last one trying to leave the cave when the huge boulder fell on his legs, trapping him 60 feet below the surface for about 2 1/4 hours.

## NSS Conservation Policy

The National Speleological Society believes: that caves have unique scientific, recreational, and scenic values; that these values are endangered by both carelessness and intentional vandalism; that these values, once gone, cannot be recovered; and that the responsibility for protecting caves must be assumed by those who study and enjoy them.

Accordingly, the intention of the Society is to work for the preservation of caves with a realistic policy supported by effective programs for: the encouragement of self-discipline among cavers; education and research concerning the causes and prevention of cave damage; and special projects, including cooperation with other groups similarly dedicated to the conservation of natural areas. Specifically:

All contents of a cave -- formations, life, and loose deposits -- are significant for their enjoyment and interpretation. Therefore, caving parties should leave a cave as they find it. They should provide means for the removal of waste; limit marking to a few, small and removeable signs as are needed for surveys; and, especially, exercise extreme care not to accidentally break or soil formations, disturb life forms or unnecessarily increase the number of disfiguring paths through an area.

Scientific collection is professional, selective and minimal. The collecting of mineral or biological material for display purposes, including previously broken or dead specimens, is never justified, as it encourages others to collect and destroys the interest of the cave.

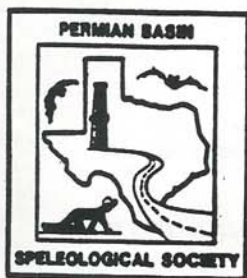
The Society encourages projects such as: establishing cave preserves; placing entrance gates where appropriate; opposing the sale of speleothems; supporting effective protective measures; cleaning and restoring over-used caves; cooperating with private cave owners by providing them knowledge about their cave and assisting them in protecting their cave and property from damage during cave visits, and encouraging commercial cave owners to make use of their opportunity to aid the public in understanding caves and the importance of their conservation.

Where there is reason to believe that publication of cave locations will lead to vandalism before adequate protection can be established, the Society will oppose such publication.

It is the duty of every Society member to: take personal responsibility for spreading a consciousness of the cave conservation problem to each potential user of caves. Without this, the beauty and value of our caves will not long remain with us.

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