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OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE - The Permian Basin Speleological Society (PBSS) will hold its next meeting at Shakey's Pizza Parlor on Thursday, October 15th, at 7:30 pm. Shakey's is located at 3305 Andrews Highway in Midland which is just west of the intersection of Midkiff. Besides good food and great company, items to be discussed include the planning of upcoming trips and the election, or reelection, of the PBSS President and Editor.

SPYLUNK PUBLICATION - The October issue of the SPYLUNK is in its final stages and will be mailed out later this month. Due to some recent changes, the SPYLUNK will be published quarterly instead of bi-monthly. Although there will be two less issues each year, each of the four issues will include more information and trip reports, so members should not notice any major changes. Members are encouraged to submit their trip reports, articles, etc., for without them, there would be no SPYLUNK. Your trip reports gives the rest of us a little taste of what we missed out on. Publication dates are in October, January, April, and July. The deadline date is the 1st for each of the 4 months. Items received after the 1st will be included in the next issue.

FROM THE EDITOR - A special "Thank You" to everyone who submitted articles for the October issue of the SPYLUNK. With your help, I didn't have to rattle on trying to take up space. This should be the best issue yet. What you do, and where you went, is of interest to everyone, so kept those articles coming in. Our best, and most enjoyable, meeting ever was held at Shakey's last month so don't miss out on this one. Hope to see you there!





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The Permian Basin Speleological Society was formed by Tony Grieco and Bill Bentley in September of 1983 and soon had, and has kept, about 30 some odd members. In January 1984, the P.B.S.S. started printing the "Spylunk." Then in March of 1984 the P.B.S.S. was chartered as the 300th grotto of the N.S.S. and has run, or tried to run, a monthly caving trip. This intreped band of "spylunks," as they call themselves, meet on the third Thursday of every month which is currently held at the Department of Public Safety in Midland. The P.B.S.S. mostly cave in the Guad's, but have been seen in all sorts of caves across the southwest. In February 1985, the P.B.S.S. was accepted as a member of the Southwestern Region and later in June of 1985, hosted a combined Bat Cave blow out and summer regional. Throughout all of the past and short history of the P.B.S.S., and even though all but a few of the founding members have moved away, this caving club manages to somehow survive.

Submitted March 25, 1987 Bill Bentley - P.B.S.S. member and former President and Editor