
PERMIAN BASIN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

October, 1991

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 1991
Location: Bill Bentley's house -- SEE DIRECTIONS ON BACK OF THIS PAGE.
Eat before you come.
Time: 7:00 PM

OCTOBER TRIPS

As noted in the last newsletter, Hidden, Black, and the lower level of Cottonwood have been reserved for October 5 and 6. There were still places left as of Saturday for Cottonwood's lower level, which requires crawling through 14" passages, but they're filling up. Call J. D. to reserve a place or for information on how to get to the campsite.

Damn, Pink Panther, Pink Palette, and Pink Dragon have been reserved for October 19 and 20 for a joint trip with the Permian Basin Outing Club. Call Chuck for details.

TRIP REPORTS

**Jernigan II and Doc Burrito (or Doc Taco or Doc something), by Steve Franks
September 8, 1991**

The day began at 4:00 AM for Ernie Showalter and myself as we left Midland in route to Parks Ranch campground. We were cruising somewhere around Mach .653 with the fear that everyone would have left camp before we could get there.

We arrived at 7:00 AM with no problem finding the camp thanks to Chuck's directions. Luckily, everyone went to sleep early like J.D. did, and were refreshed and most seriously motivated to go caving.

We stopped and had breakfast in Whites City with the almost-governor Clayton Williams, and then we set out for Jernigan II. We paraded our 6 vehicles up the rough, rocky road. Special mention goes out to Tom, who drug his camp trailer up there with him.

We geared up and hiked to the cave entrance, where Walter stepped on the resident rattlesnake. I met him coming back up the hill, where Chuck held out another snake and dropped it in Walter's hand. I didn't see Walter anymore after that.

The rest of us - Chuck, J. D., Tony, Tom, Rick, Ernie (sometimes known as **Wildman Ern** or **Stuntman Ern** or **Mr. Adventure**, but most often as just **Big Ern**) and myself - dropped in about 10 feet and made a meandering crawl for about 67 meters.

We loaded up and drove back to the pad and hiked the canyon looking for Doc Burrito. I'm not sure who finally found it, maybe J. D. or Tony?

J. D. went down first and came out. Next, Tony and Rick went down, and then myself. It was 20 ft. down a tight crevice.

Everybody else had had enough and decided not to follow. We stayed down about 45 minutes, and then came out. We went, or rather drudged back to the vehicles and went home.

Chimney Cave
September 7, 1991

Chuck, J. D., Tom, Walter, and Volunteer Ranger Tony Jones were present for the Chimney Cave expedition. Tony's presence was appreciated, as he lead the group out on the correct ridge, instead of the location of the cave as shown on the map.

The group found the upper entrance first, then took the trail to the lower entrance. Entering the cave involved a drop of about 75 feet over an easy lip. The Big Room at the bottom of the drop has a ceiling height of 75 ft., and is 65' wide and 135' long. The room has some nice bell canopies in one side, and includes the collapsed remains of an old World War II antenna for an experimental underground transmitter. A small passage off one side of the Big Room involves some tight squeezes, and leads to some nice soda straws and the small Pearl Room -- just big enough for 2 people. The group exited the cave and returned to Parks Ranch. That night around the campfire the group was joined by Rick and Ken, and was entertained by Tony's description of judging the depths of Mexican pits.

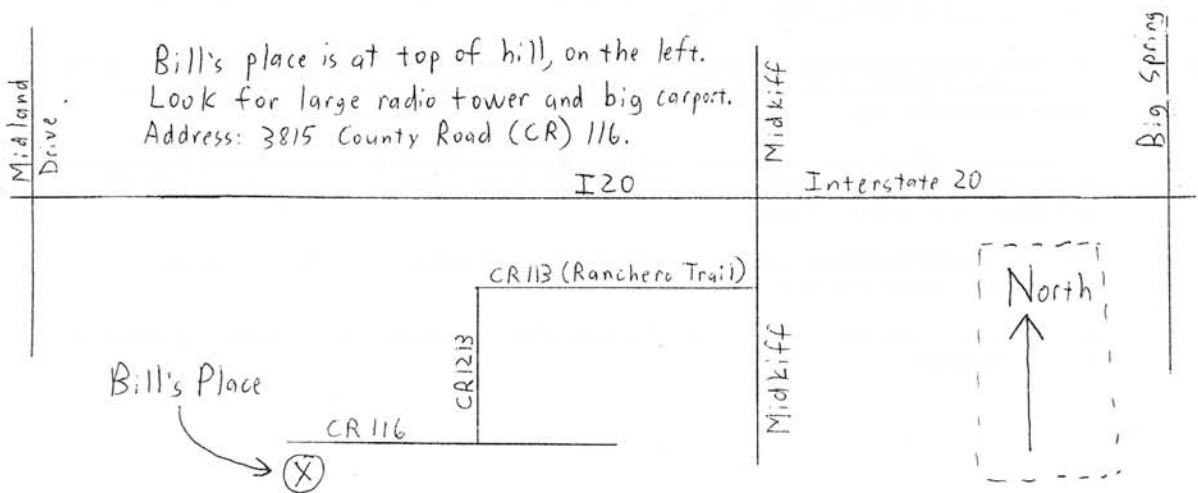
MISCELLANEOUS

Whoever borrowed Chuck's copy of On Rope -- please return it.
Walter has devised an exotic new climbing system that involves a double Simmons' Roller.
A club project to re-write directions to certain caves on public lands in southeastern New Mexico has been proposed.

Typist's Note--

Since I can't make the October/November/December meetings, and want to get my two cents in, I'm taking this space to throw out two ideas:

1. With regard to election of PBSS officers, there are three very-competent individuals - Chuck, J.D., and Walter - who are willing to give of their time to make this organization work, and they are running for just two offices. What would you think of adding a second Vice President's slot? The V. P.'s could share similar responsibilities. Or, alternately, PBSS could have, say, one Vice President in charge of trips, and another in charge of meetings and relations with other caving organizations. The two persons who are not elected president could decide between themselves who does what.
2. What would your reaction be to continue varying trips, like we've been doing lately, so they don't always fall on the third weekend of each month? I know of a member who has national guard duty the third weekend of every month, except December, and hasn't been able to make trips as a result.



Ballot
PBSS Officers Election

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for President, so we can avoid having a separate runoff election.

President	_____	Chuck Anderle
	_____	Walter Feaster
	_____	J. D. Fincher
	_____	_____
		(Write-In)
Vice President	_____	Walter Feaster
	_____	_____
		(Write-In)
Sec.-Treasurer	_____	Don Carlton
	_____	_____
		(Write-In)
Newsletter Typist	_____	Ken Kamon
	_____	_____
		(Write-In)
Newsletter Writer	_____	Ernie Showalter
	_____	_____
		(Write-In)

Please submit this ballot by mail, or in person at the October meeting, to Bill Bentley. Bill's address is 3815 W. County Rd. 116, Midland, TX 79703. Do not submit a Xerox copy of this ballot. Only ballots received by Bill by 7:00 PM on the meeting date will be counted.

ANNOUNCING THE FALL SOUTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING!

DATE: October 25, 26, 27

PLACE: Quartz Mountain State Park in Southwestern Oklahoma

FEATURE CAVE: The D.C. Jester Cave System

DETAILS: As our Campsites are reserved you MUST pre-register by August 15th! Confirmations will be sent by return mail which will give location, etc.

There will be tours of the D.C. Jester Cave System on Saturday only. Jester Cave is the longest gypsum cave in the Western Hemisphere, with over 6 miles of passages. Tours will include hard core, main passage, and trash detail.

As this is a Family type gathering, no alcoholic beverages will be served. Keep them at your individual camp site.

We will have good food prepared by Chef "Caver". A BBQ mystery meat Hamburger and Baked Bean Dinner. Please provide your own refreshments. (This keeps costs low).

There is a limited number of the 56-page publication "The D.C. Jester Cave System". If you wish to reserve one in advance, please indicate on the registration form.

We need volunteers, trip leaders, etc. Please step forward.

SEE YOU THERE!

FALL 1991 SPR REGISTRATION FORM

RESERVED CAMPSITE (FRI & SAT) \$4.00 per nite \$ _____

BBQ HAMBURGER & BAKED BEAN DINNER: ADULTS \$3.50 X _____ . . . _____
(Sat Evening)

CHILD \$2.50 X _____ . . . _____

SPR DUES/CONTRIBUTIONS @ \$4.00 PER FAMILY \$ 4.00
(Helps cover overhead expenses)

RESERVE PUBLICATION "THE D.C. JESTER CAVE SYSTEM @ \$8.00 . . _____

NAME _____ TOTAL \$ _____

MAILING ADDRESS

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VOLUNTEER? _____

PBSS Newsletter

Please mail material for newsletter to Ken Kamon, 400 W. Texas #1100K, Midland, TX 79701

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Brinson	Debbie	699-4081	687-4443	31906
Brinson	Will	699-4081	687-4443	31905
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Coffin	Gralin	684-5548	682-1904	33471
Coffin	Kari C.		682-1904	33472
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Dickens	Henry	563-0421	367-5275	-----
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Fincher	Richard		694-4381	-----
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Glossa	Jeff	682-9731		-----
Grieco**	Tony		(505)393-5604	
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Hill	Tom	560-5065	687-2122	27888
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Seabury	Joan		837-7175	32683
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**Grieco is not a member of PBSS; his only speleological membership affiliation is with the caving fraternity Gamma Delta Iota.

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