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Next Meeting of the PBSS:

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be held on **Tuesday, November 14**, around **7:00 PM**, in the back meeting room of Murray's Delicatessen. Murray's is located at 3211 West Wadley, Midland, Texas.

Our Agenda:

Meeting

Turn in your ballots for grotto officers if you haven't mailed them in

Future PBSS events

If you need more directions or information call our official contact person, Walter Feaster @ (915)694-1824 or (915)559-3297, or E-Mail: <wfeaster@home.com> or <wfeaster@caver.net>.

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"PBSS Home Page"

<http://www.caver.net/pbss/pbss.htm>

Web space donated courtesy of Bill Bentley & Caprok.net ISP.

Future Cave Trips, Events, and Projects:

*****November 18- PBSS "Kid Trip" to Ess Cave:** Do you have or know of a youngster who wants to go caving? Bring them along! Contact Ruel Metcalf for details. <ruellyn@webtv.net?> or 915 263 4890.

November 17-26 -Traditional Thanksgiving trips to Mexico: Haven't been caving in "Old" Mexico?...Thanksgiving is probably your best opportunity. Go see why Texas cavers spend ALL their holidays down south. Contact who?

*****December 2-PBSS Rock Haul @ CACA:** Contact Walter Feaster**

*****Denotes a PBSS Grotto Trip*****

Due to permit restrictions or other limitations Grotto members have priority.

On Going Projects:

CRF- -Carlsbad Caverns: Expeditions usually occur on holiday week-ends. Contact Barbe Barker (972)594-1183 or <cavers@gte.net>. Or possibly CRF website -www.cave-research.org.

High Guads Restoration Project (HGRP): Upcoming events will take place the last weekend of each month. For more info contact Susan Herpin <sherpin@caverns.com> or Allen Laman <ilove2cave@apex2000.net>.

PBSS Rock Hauling At Carlsbad Caverns: PBSS on going restoration in the Big Room of Carlsbad Caverns. Lots of fun. Tentative dates are: December 2. Reserve a spot now, they are going fast. Contact Ruel Metcalf at (915)263-4890 or <ruelgto@webtv.net> or Walter Feaster <wfeaster@home.com>.



Grotto News and Events

Enclosed is the 2001 **election ballot** for PBSS grotto officers. You may either mail it to the address on the ballot or bring it to the next grotto meeting in November. Any way, please vote.

At the last Texas Cavers Reunion **PBSS donated \$50** to the Joe Ivy memorial fund. The donation was greatly accepted. Also PBSS sent a flora arrangement to Joe Ivy's funeral service, October 4. For those of you who do not have CaveTex, the accident report for 0-9 Well is at <http://psprouse.home.texas.net/09/>.

Also at TCR, the PBSS bought one of **Barry's cowboy** caving hats and donated it to TSA for a drawing Saturday night. There seemed to be a lot of interest in Barry's unique caving hat. Check with Barry if you want one. See web site: www.texascavers.com/other/hayshats.htm.

I have been in contact with the Carlsbad Caverns National Park about our **December 2, rock hauling**. As of this printing they have not said yes but everyone is optimistic. We should have an answer by our next meeting. I think it will happen, so plan on it.

On the PBSS ballot there is room to write down any ideas on the **grotto Christmas party**. Would any one like to host it? Let us know.

It is that time of year again, **PBSS membership dues are due**. If you pay by check, please make it out to Walter Feaster, we still don't have a grotto bank account.

Cave Safely

Trip Report for Montgomery Gypsum Cave:

October 21, 2000

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