

November-December '83



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MEETING: The third-and-a-half meeting of the PBSS will be THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, at the home of Dennis Doherty, 3401 Princeton, Midland. Call Dennis for directions at 694-1290. This will be a "bring your own refreshments" affair. Topics to be discussed include future cave trips, vertical training, possible long-term grotto projects, and, of course, the prevention of cave fires.

CAVE TRIPS: NOVEMBER 12 & 13: Plan on helping to dig out a potential SPECTACULAR NEW DISCOVERY (its also a potential small, muddy, ugly hole, but no use in being a pessimist about it). The lead is located on a ranch outside of Sheffield, Texas. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what we've got. Call Bill Bentley for further information.

DECEMBER 3: Novice trip, McKittrick hill, outside of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Two very neat caves, Endless & McKittrick, strictly horizontal and involving absolutely no heroic efforts. Plenty of pretty formations and muddy crawls. Call Tony Grieco for further information. We have some extra equipment for those in need.

COMANCHE SPRINGS CAVE: I'm told that recent floods have opened up some virgin passages in this cave. Call Dennis or Patti Haynes to arrange for trips to this cave.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: Attached is a list of all current members. This includes people who have come to the previous meetings, as well as a few innocent bystanders who were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. New members are always welcome, and we'll update this list from time to time.

RECENT ACTIVITY: The PBSS ran its first official grotto trip to McKenzie cave, bat cave, and two new leads October 22 & 23. In attendance were: Bill Bentley, Bruce & Tammi Erratt, Bill Greenley, Tony Grieco, Dennis Doherty, Pat and Terry Hill. An excellent time was had by all. Let's hope all our grotto trips turn out just as well.

MISCELLANEOUS: The grotto owes its thanks to BARB RIDER, a dedicated non-caver, who drafted up our logo for us, and LETY HERNANDEZ, another dedicated non-caver, who typed this newsletter. Throw a flower at these folks if you see them on the street.

The newsletter needs material! Brief trip reports, cartoons, letters, comments, notices of impending doom or cave trips - anything to make it more useful, interesting, or amusing. Send material to: TONY GRIECO.