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# PERMIAN BASIN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*DECEMBER, 1991*

## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, December 10

Location: J. D. & Melissa's house, 4306 Ferncliff, Midland. SEE MAP ON PAGE 3. Noel will have photos of Montgomery Cave (see "January Trips" and "Trip Report", below).

Time: 7:00 PM

## DECEMBER TRIP

Wen, Helens and Corkscrew Caves have been reserved for December 14 and 15. Wen and Helens require rope and ascending gear, and are excellent vertical caves for a beginner. Camp at Parks Ranch. If you come on Saturday morning, be at the New Cave parking lot by 9:00 AM TST. Call J. D. for directions or more information.

## JANUARY TRIPS

Montgomery Cave is planned for January 11 and 12. A clean-up trip to Amazing Maize cave will be discussed at the December meeting, and is likely to occur in January or February. Both Montgomery Cave and Amazing Maize are in Southwest Texas.

## NEW MEMBERS

Noel Pando, a friend of Rick's and coach at Andrews, has joined PBSS. Noel's first caving experience was at Sentinel Trail Cave, where he watched Chuck get bashed in the side of the head with a rock. Since then, he's been to Hidden, Black, Montgomery, and the Pinks. Welcome Noel!

## BENTLEY APPEARS IN PRESTIGIOUS SPELEOLOGICAL PUBLICATION

Don reports that Pat Kambesis, beloved former member of PBSS, has published an article in Rocky Mountain Caver about Three Fingers Cave that mentions Bill and several other old PBSS cavers. Contact Don if you'd like to read the article.

## TRIP REPORT - Montgomery Cave, November, 1991, given verbally by J. D. Fincher

The Montgomery Cave expedition got off to an auspicious start. Rick and Noel overshot the cave, and were passing through Ozona on the way to Mexico when J. D. retrieved them and got them back on track. Montgomery has about a 30 foot entrance drop, followed by two more drops, each about 80-100 feet. The group was entertained by the variety of the ropework -- a free rappel, a drop against a wall, and a corkscrew drop through a chimney. The group also enjoyed a couple of interesting free climbs. They checked out a tunnel the Hill brothers have been digging, and started to examine a couple of leads, never explored, that require a traverse across a pit. Everyone in the group enjoyed the cave, so much so that they're ready to go back in January.

## Geological Supplement, Montgomery Cave, given verbally by Rick R. Day, B.S.

Montgomery Cave has the finest Ramhorn Gypsum that Rick has ever seen. The cave appears to be like Lechugilla, in that it's limestone, but the lower part is encrusted with secondary gypsum. The cave includes several nice skeletons, including what may be those of a bobcat and a ringtail cat.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Chuck and Walter are understood to be dieting furiously, preparing for another attempt at the entrance drop to Watkins Cave, near Big Lake. Both got stuck trying to enter the cave.

Larry Gray succeeded in ringing the bell at the top of Chuck's tower. Congratulations, Larry.

Bill recently contributed \$15.00 to PBSS. Thanks, Bill. Don and I are looking forward to going to lunch next week.

Work in Lechuguilla Cave is understood to have slowed considerably, reportedly as a result of cave politics. The Lechuguilla Cave Project and the Precision Survey apparently have gone out of business, at least for the time being.

#### SOUTHWESTERN REGION WINTER TECHNICAL *Dec. 7-8*

At last report, Jan, Chuck, Walter and Bill were planning to attend the Regional Meeting in Albuquerque, thus destroying the PBSS's perfect record of nonattendance at SWR functions during 1991. Contact one of them if you'd like more information, or call Linda Starr at (505)873-2703 or 873-1155. The meeting will involve a number of presentations on exploration and research.

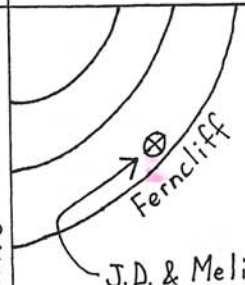
DIRECTIONS TO J. D. & MELISSA'S HOUSE  
(DECEMBER MEETING PLACE)



Albertsons

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Midland Drive



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**PBSS Newsletter**

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

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