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The P.B.S.S. Monthly Spylunk



TOMY GRIECO, PRESIDENT 4723 W. ILLINOIS MIBLAND TEXAS 79703 915-697-0323 MEETING: The February meeting will be at Bill Bentley's apartment number 621, Tremont. The apartment complex is on the northwest curve of Midland's loop, directly East of the Fairmont Lanes bowling alley. If you need further directions, call Bill at 694-1290.

Cover Art: This month's cover was drawn by Tony Grieco. As our regular cartoonist, this event marks his initiation into reality.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: The February spylunking trip will be to two magnificent Guadalupe grots; Madonna and Three Fingers. Tony has permits for Madonna on Saturday the sixteenth. The Three Fingers drop will be on Sunday.

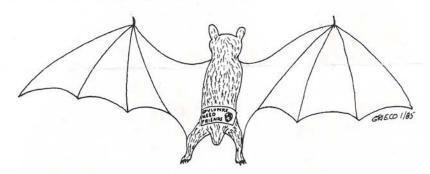
FEB 16 & 17 Three Fingers , Madonna (Very Vertical)

MAR 16 & 17 Lake , Spider (Horizontal)

APR 20 & 21 The Pinks (Horizontal)

MAY Powell (aka Silver Mine Creek)

JUN 15 & 16 Hell Below, Black (Horizontal and vertical)



Grotto Patches: Tony is ordering embroidered club patches. They will feature our logo in five colors. Cost is \$3 each. Quantities are limited, so act now! Save COD charges- operators are standing by! Send your order requests to Tony Grieco, Bill Bentley, or Bill Greenlee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The PBSS display is being permanently mounted on poster board since its success at the Midland County Library. The exhibit will be moved to the UTPB soon.



TRIP REPORT:

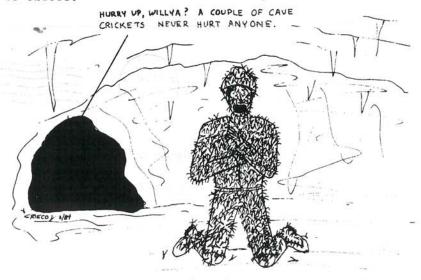
December 1, 1984- Sheffield Blowhole, Amazing Maze Cave, Comanche Springs Cave, Pecos County, Texas.

Participants- Bill Bentley, Coy Coston. Report by Bill.

We left Midland after a flat tire around six AM and arrived in Rankin around seven. After having the flat repaired, we got back on the road and arrived at Sheffield Blowhole about 8:45.

Coy considered the possibilities of blasting the entrance open. We noticed a slight airflow out of the cave.

We left at 9:30 AM and did some rappelling off a 100° road cut near I-10 and the Highway 349 overpass. This delayed our arrival at Amazing Maze Cave to 11:00 AM. I was the first to enter. After squeezing in, I avoided a Brown Recluse spider and backed into the cave. At this point, I was attacked by millions of cave crickets—they were upset by my headlamp and were crawling all over me! I was yelling, and Coy didn't know what to think, this being his first cave trip. After a two-hour "Lost in Cave" tour, we exited.



Next, we drove to Ft. Stockton, where we were almost arrested by security guards (we talked our way out if it by convincing them we are real live spylunks). We entered Comanche Springs Cave via the barrel entrance and quickly made our way to the 'Wishing Well'. We were stopped there by high stagnant water blocking the way. Then we went to 'Stephan's Well' and 'Christina's Well'. Coy was amazed by the different colors of clay and mud.

Around 5:30 PM we left the cave , washed our hands with cantine water, and changed to clean clothes. We ate supper at Pizza But and visited some friends of Coy's. By 9:30 PM we were back in Midland. Coy was convinced he had the "caving bug" and sore muscles.

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