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OUR NEXT MEETING: FROM THE EDITOR:

Date: February 8th, 1994 Location Murry's Delicatessen, 3211 W. Wadley Murry's is on the South side of Wadley, in the strip shopping center East of Midkiff Rd. and Texas Burger Time: Food consumption and socializing begin at 6:30 PM and are optional. The meeting starts at 7:00PM. We have a good trip report from Alan Laman and I thank him for sending it in . Remember if you have an article or story or even a trip report send it in, however do it before the 25th or it will appear in the next months newsletter. Notice the changes in "The Hole News" format and layout as I have bought a new computer system which should make things easier, but it will take time to get use to it. Gralin you got me into this HELP!

Happy Caving Bill,

PBSS TEN YEARS AGO

The PBSS ten years ago had its monthly meeting at the home of Tony Grieco and celebrated the new charter recieved from the NSS last month. Pat Murphy volunteered to be the Treasurer and collect dues. (Yea I'll bet. Ed. note) The PBSS imposed dues of \$4.00 and managed to have enough to purchase a subscription of the Texas Caver for the Midland County Library. They also placed a display of pictures and caving gear at the Library for the general public to see what they were all about. In February 1984 the PBSS made a club trip to Corkscrew and Lake caves in Carlsbad Caverns National park and reported some outstanding formations. Other caves visited by members were Amazing Maze, Sidewinder Well, Border, and Rattlesnake caves. PBSS was growing and had 19 paid members in those days.

February 12th, 13th 1994 ... Hicks, Doc Brito, Jurnigan or Mudgetts caves. contact Noel Pando @ 915-523-9294 if you want more information. This is not a club trip, but a lot of members should be there and this was planned since the O-9 Well trip is full.

February 19th, 20th 1994 ... O-9 Well cave contact Walter Feaster @ 915-367-8253 if you want more information. This trip is full and there is a waiting list. Also this trip requires a wet suit and vertical equipment.

March 12th,13th, 1994 \dots 400 Foot cave contact Walter Feaster @ 915- 367-8253 if you want more information. This cave is vertical and is limited to 5 cavers. PAGE 1

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AMAZING MAZE CAVE :
TRIP REPORT
by Alan Laman

It was a typical December Morning. Cold, very cold as we set out for another day of caving. The day was December 18th,1993. After stopping for gas we set out. It was about 6:30 AM on Saturday. I can hardly get out of bed on a work day let alone on Saturday, but I did it. We took our directions and off we went. Gralin said "When you get to McCamey head toward Ft. Stockton" so I did. When I finally reached I-10 I realized I had missed a turn somewhere. Rose slept most of the way so it was a very dull ride.

We were getting close to the cave whem we decided it was really cold. We arrived without a hitch. Gralin said "They were going into the cave about 9:00 AM" and it was getting close. When we got there everybody was still in bed, except Orin who was in his coffin. Noel got up and and lit his coleman stove and we all huddled around it trying to get warm. Gralin told us we wern't going in until a little later because a few others were suppose to show up! Pretty soon Don and his son Jeff did show up. We were all pretty cold but were sure Chuck would show up any minute! NOT!

Finally about 10:20 AM we decided to go in. Gralin got the gate unlocked but couldn't get the lock off the hasp. I told him since he had short arms maybe he should let me try. He did and I got it loose. We then realized we didn't have any thing to tie open the gate with. So we hollered for Noel to bring some rope. We tied the gate open and in we went. It was very warm in the cave. Someone had left plenty of trash bags for us and we filled 3 of them. We crawled around for about 3 hours, making our way back to the air conditioner room, while every one else took a break I went exploring. I discovered a hole going up that was blowing air. I went back to where everyone else was because I didn't want to get lost or stuck or worse and nobody know where I was. Everybody followed me. I checked my lead, NOTHING! I continued to lead the way when things started to look familiar, we were back in the air conditioner room! After another short break we decided to go for lunch. They wouldn't let me lead anymore.

Along the way we picked up some beer bottles we had left because they had some liquid in

Whoever put those bottles there should have been there to smell what they smelled like. Rose gagged most of the way back to the entrance. It was pretty tough getting those bags out of the entrance. We dit it. In all there was 3 bags of garbage. Mostly beer and Zima bottles. Too bad we can't catch some of these idiots doing this crap.

We all went back to camp for lunch and a nap. After a short nap we decided we'd had enough. Gralin and I went back to lock up the gate. We all packed up and headed for the house, except Noel who said he was going to camp out and come in the next day.

Amazing Maze Cave is indeed amazing and a maze. Lets all rember the cavers moto: TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES.

LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS, AND

KILL NOTHING BUT TIME!

Cave Softly, Allen

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Pat Copeland is looking for your old western boots and hats to be used to decorate the howdy party in a western theme and she will also need a little help if your there. She can be contacted @ 915-643-2592 or write her at 103 Lori Ln., Brownwood Tx. 76801

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REMEMBER while driving through Carlsbad Caverns National Park or any National Park it is not a good idea to speed, it could be rather costly. Rangers can and do issue traffic citations as well as other citations for violations of National Park laws. IT IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE! Which means that you would have to travel to El Paso, Texas to appear before a Federal Judge to pay your fine. Ken says don't call him if your in JAIL!

A.S.S. (Andrews Speleological Society) has 3 ropes now.

February 11th-13th, 1994 ... TSA work project at Colorado Bend State Park contact: Ed Young @ 214-262-8188 evenings before 10:PM
February 12th-13th 1994 ... TSA Winter meeting at Brackettville, Texas - Fort Clark Springs

February 19th-21st 1994 ... CRF Presidents day expidition at Carlsbad Caverns National Park contact Fritzi Hardy @ 505-345-1709 or Dick Venters @ 505-344-7053

February 25th-27th 1994 ... Powell's cave work trip contact Pete Strickland @ 512-258-8384 June 20th-30th 1994 ... NSS Convention at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, Texas contact Ron Ralph @ 512-441-0050

The Permian Basin Outing Club has a backpacking trip planned for Big Bend National Park on February 18th-20th 1994 if you need more information go to their meeting on the 15th at Murry's Delicatessen 3211 W. Wadley.

GRIECO HUMOR: PBSS OFFICERS 1994

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