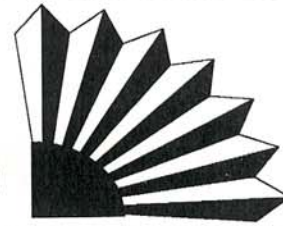
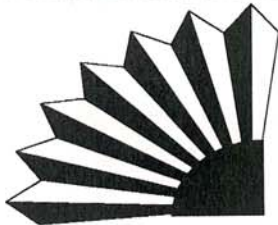


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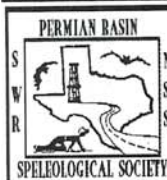
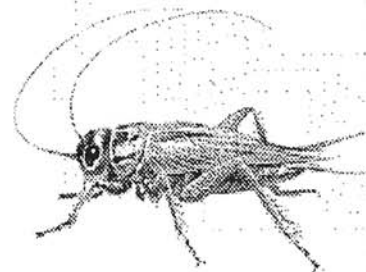


Next Meeting: PBSS

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 at 7:00 PM in the back meeting room at Murry's Delicatessen which is located at 3211 West Wadley in Midland, Texas. If you need directions or more information call our official contact person Walter Feaster @ 915 559-3297. The meeting starts about 7:00 PM or thereabouts, eating and caver style socializing usually begins at 6:30 PM and is optional. Topic of discussion? Who knows.

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Bug of the Month:



\*\*\*\*\*On the Cover:\*\*\*\*\*

Really cool, dude! This is a new area in Amazing Maze Cave recently discovered on the PBSS January 13, 1996 expedition! No. Not really. Actually this is Natural Bridge Caverns, Texas. The photo was taken from Corel Professional Photos on cd rom. I ordered the cd rom from the NSS catalog. The cd contains 100 color photos of caves from around the world. It would have been nice to have published this in color, oh well may be some other millennium.

## Future Cave Trips: Also other events from PBSS and other grottos.

February 17, 1996-McKrittrick Hill. Contact Walter Feaster @ 915-559-3297. During the week call after 8 PM.\*\*\*\*\*

February 17-18, 1996-GYPKAP. Contact Steve Peerman @ 505-523-2167

August 3-9, 1996-NSS Convention, Salida, Colorado. NSS Convention Committee, c/o Skip Withrow, 5404 South Walden, St. Aurora, CO. 80015, (303)693-0997

Most all of this material was stolen from various and sometimes reliable caving newsletters in the Southwestern Region and surrounding area, including the TSA's "Activities Newsletter"

\*\*\*\*\* Denotes a PBSS club Trip...

Madonna Survey Trips, contact: Mike Huber @ 505-887-6065

Carlsbat Cavers, contact Phyllis Weston @ 505-887-6790 for restoration educational programs, off trail trips.

Honey Creek, contact: Mark Minton @ 512-847-3829

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CAVING TRIPS PLANNED, PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW AND HE WILL PUBLISH THEM HERE IN THIS SPACE!.....**

### T.A.S. Meeting Notice

The Texas Archaeological Society of Midland is having their monthly meeting Thursday, February 1. Mike Bilbo of the Roswell B.L.M will be the guest speaker. He will be talking about rock art (Indian paintings or pictograph) of ancient cultures that lived here in the South-West. The membership of the PBSS have an open invitation to attend.

TAS will be meeting Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 PM, in the Sibly Learning Center, 1307 E. Wadley, Midland, Texas.

Mike Bilbo has suggested this might be a good opportunity to meet with the members of the TAS and may be find out about some cave locations. Or future caves they may find.

Any way Mike's talk should be interesting. So try to attend.

### Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

At the last meeting I had miss-placed my treasurer's report in a parallel dimension and could not present it. Hey guano happens. Any way that is another story. We have \$483.09 in the PBSS treasury, as of 01-22-96, I think?

One thing that happened at the last meeting that is note worthy, Noel Pando, our president, asked Gralin Coffin not to resign as Vice-President. This was voted on by members attending and passed. One vote against. Gralin accepted and will remain as Vice-President.

Please note that my phone number has changed. During the week call after 8:00 PM, I should be there by that time. Weekends, call most any time. Walter Feaster, #31624

### Special Event, Big Spring, Texas:

The Big Spring State Park is hosting a "100 years after" history tour of century old rock carvings on "Scenic Mountain". Plus an interesting talk about the history of the Big Spring State Park.

This will be a guided walking tour by the park manger Ron Alton and Tom Adams of the Texas Archeological Society. The tour should last about two hours.

Framed prints of the carving rubbings will be offered for sale to help support the park. My information says they are suppose to have rubbings of Floyd Collins carvings. I don't think Floyd ever made it to Big Spring, Texas so I assume the rubbings come from Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

This happens Thursday, March 14, 1996 at the Big Spring State Park, # 1 Scenic Drive, Big Spring, Texas. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. In case of inclement weather, they will meet at the Dora Roberts Community Center (located in the Comanche Trail Park). Start time is 4:30 PM and ends about 6:30 PM. Everyone can watch the sunset. No reservations required. For more information call 915-263-4931. Oh yes there is a charge, the standard park admission fee (\$3.00 per car).

Information submitted by Rebecca Lee.

### Texas and Mexico Cave Rescue Call Collect 210-686-0234

This is Kriedler Funeral Home's 24 Hour number  
Ask for "Cave Rescue" and "John Kriedler"

**In New Mexico Dial 911**

## TRIP REPORTS: and other lies and stories



### Amazing Maze Trip Jan. 13 1996

**Cave:** Amazing Maze Cave, Pecos County, Texas  
**Cavers:** Bill Bentley, Gralin Coffin, Ruel Metcalf, Rebecca Lee, Walter Feaster.

After arriving Friday night our cave trip started out on a sour note. I walked over to the cave entrance and found that the cave gate was open. Yes the cave has been broken into again. It looks like the cave vandals have run a chain through the gate bars and used two hydraulic jacks to pop open the lock hasp. I am starting to get P— off about all this. Any way, as this publication is being prepared, we are taking some serious steps to combat this problem.

The next day, Saturday, we waited around for several hours for the person or persons of the Hondo grotto, of Roswell, N.M. to arrive. Well they never did show. You must understand they (Hondo grotto) had requested this date to visit the cave. We (the site managers) agreed to this. They (Hondo grotto) never called to cancel or anything else. This is another increasing problem we have had to put up with. We will be addressing this problem also.

About 10:30 AM all five of us entered the cave. First I tried to get a group photo, but the cave humidity got to my camera. No award winning shots this trip. We moved on to the Spoke Room. The Spoke Room is a large room, (large by Amazing Maze standards), with at least 5 or 6 passages radiating out in all directions. At this point I installed one of our scientific instruments, a combination thermometer and hygrometer, obtained from the accessories department of the local auto parts store. If any one is interested the temperature of A. M. Cave is 80 F. with a relative humidity of 85%. A good bit, considering on the surface the night before it was in the 30's.

Mr. Bill lead our expedition on ward and of course we were thoroughly confused. As everyone knows cavers never get lost, just thoroughly confused. Hey, I knew were I was, but no one would listen to me. I could only imagine what Rebecca and Ruel where thinking. Do these fat old men know what they are doing? After about 3 hours I headed on out, while Bill, Gralin, Rebecca, and Ruel headed over to the Western Maze

area. I hauled out what little trash we found. Apparently this group of cave vandals didn't party to hard this time.

After about an hour and forty five minutes, and a couple of cold ones, the rest of my companions surfaced. We decided the only thing we could do about the broken cave gate was to pile rocks on top of it. This may not stop them but it might slow them down.

Later that night sitting around the non-existent campfire, Ken Kamon comes walking up. He didn't know the combination to the gate. We visited and lied and talked for many hours. Gralin and Ken headed home that night and the rest of us left the next day. Excluding the break-in, this was a good trip. It was nice to get back into the Maze.

Submitted by Walter Feaster NSS# 31624

**This area reserved for trip reports!**

**Send Me Something, PBSS.**

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PBSS welcomes Rich Abner, Rebecca Lee, and Ruel Metcalf who have joined science Nov. 95. We look forward to caving with all of you in the future. Please send all exchanges, correction, and updates to Walter Feaster, 4307 Harvard, Midland, Texas 79703-4847-71. Use of this list is for members and cave related functions only and should not be used for commercial purposes. Save this membership list, there won't be another till mid-year.

The Vice President and Editor will buy any member a pint of their choice if they can identify the cave pictured below.



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