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*March, 1992*

## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Location: Gralin/Kari's house (phone: 682-1904) at 910 Kansas, Midland. The Coffin's live in a two story white house near the corner of C and Kansas, two or three blocks west of A street (major north-south street just west of downtown) and 2 blocks north of Michigan (major east-west street that runs through downtown).

Time: 6:30 PM

## MARCH TRIP

Chuck has permits coming for Lake Cave for Saturday, March 28, and for Chimney Cave on Sunday March 29. Chimney is a vertical cave. The permit for Lake is for 6 people and is filling up fast. Getting to Lake Cave will require high clearance four wheel drive vehicles and about a 2 mile hike. Please call Chuck if you'd like to go to Lake, both to make sure there's still a place left and for additional information. Camping on Friday and Saturday nights for both Chimney and Lake will be at Parks Ranch.

J. D. is considering getting a permit for an additional cave, possibly Deep, depending on what the rest of us would like. You may wish to be at the meeting or call him for additional details.

## JUNE TRIP

As a result of popular demand from Steve and affiliated bums, J. D. is obtaining a permit for Ogle Cave for June 13.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Chuck contributed the following calendar of events of the Lubbock Area Grotto.

March 13-22 Minas-Viejas, Mexico -- "The 1600' Vertical Experience"

March 14-21 Cave Hunting, Big Bend Area, on newly acquired land by the Texas Nature Conservancy, located on the east side of Big Bend National Park, on limestone reef up to 300 meters deep. Has potential for deep caves. Contact George Veni.

Colorado Bend State Park - ongoing project looking for caves - March 13-15, April 25, April 10-12, May 8-10, June 12-14. Contact Butch Fralia.

Topographic maps can be purchased from the Lubbock Area Grotto for \$2.00. Subscription to their newsletter is \$10.00/year, and the grotto is currently conducting a contest to identify the cave-entrance photos that are appearing in their newsletter. First prize is \$50.00. For more information contact

Lubbock Area Grotto  
P. O. Box 1094  
Lubbock, TX 79408

The LAR's latest newsletter notes that Kevin Glover is going to Sweden and Tony Jones is getting a real job with the Carlsbad Caverns Interpretive Division.

The following was contributed by Bill Bentley.

**The Right Things To Know™**

**The Question:** A bat is a:

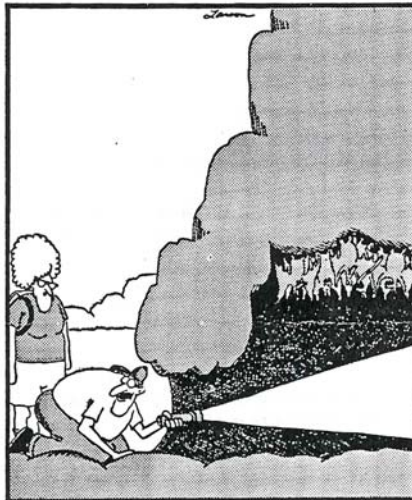
- (a) Mammal
- (b) Bird
- (c) Reptile

See other side for the answer.

**πx²=9**

**SCIENCE & MATH**

The following was contributed by Walter Feaster.



"C'mon, Arlene. Just a few feet in,  
and then we can stand."

## FEBRUARY TRIP REPORT - Amazing Maze Cave - by Ken Kamon

I left the Railroad Commission in Austin at 5:00 PM TST on Friday evening, bound for Amazing Maze cave near Fort Stockton. First, however, I met up with some friends at a place on sixth street. At about 10:00, we went to an establishment called Lace and Mace; I got as far as the entrance, but decided to leave when a heavily-perfumed woman with a lot of make-up opened a slot in the door to look us over. Onwards to Fort Stockton. A little after midnight I pulled over and checked into a cheap motel in Junction. Junction consists primarily of a two lane highway, motels, and bars. I saw a lot of people in their late 20's to mid 40's who were stumbling around with beer cans in their hands. Well, I didn't make it all the way to the PBSS campsite at Amazing Maze, but I felt right at home.

I woke up bright and early the next morning at 9:00 AM, just in time to see Babe Winkelman's Good Fishing on WGN. I had cable! I set out again for Amazing Maze. A couple of hours later at Ozona I had to pull over at a Chevron station. Darn it! Only 20 hours into a caving expedition and already I had the runs. Anyway, if you're ever in a similar situation near Ozona I can highly recommend the cleanliness and layout of the facilities at the Chevron station on I-10.

Around 2:00 I finally arrived at Amazing Maze. Darn it again! The PBSS crew had already finished hauling trash out of the cave, and there was nothing left to do. Bill, Tony, Andrew (Tony's son), and Patrick (from Hobbs) decided to do some recreational caving about 3:00 PM, while Tom decided to go check out a mesa. Rick, Noel, little Noel, Kim (Rick's fiance), Steve, Rich (Noel's brother-in-law), Darren (a bum) and I soon followed Bill et al into the cave. Rick and Noel pulled out a "map" of the cave, reproduced below:



Yeah, Rick, Noel, what kind of fools did you take us for anyway?

Several in the group agreed Amazing Maze puts the mazes in Endless Cave to shame. We didn't happen upon any large rooms, but we weren't crawling on our bellies much either. The cave has a couple of levels, and although it's poorly decorated, the fossils are impressive. The cave is very extensive, with over 5 miles of surveyed passage. Henry, Mike Walsh, J. D., Richard, Terry, Rick, Kim, Noel, little Noel, Rich, Tony, Andrew, Patrick and Larry left Saturday afternoon, while the rest of us stayed the evening. Bill and I left fairly early (by PBSS standards) the next morning, while Steve, Darren, Walter, Gralin, Kari and Tom stayed on to do some more caving.

### TCMA

Amazing Maize is under the management of the Texas Cave Management Association, who also control access to 09 Well Cave on University Lands in West Texas. The TCMA is working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife, developing management plans for their caves. The TCMA actively promotes cave conservation, and is an organization, run by cavers, that government, industry and private cave owners can turn to for aid in cave management. Particularly in a state like Texas, where many caves are on private property, and where there are very few cave specialists like those working for the Department of the Interior in New Mexico, the TCMA would appear to have a valuable role to play. A number of PBSS members made off from Amazing Maze with brochures describing the TCMA in more detail. Associate membership costs \$10.00 and voting membership costs \$100, which may be paid in \$25 increments over 4 years. To join, write to Texas Cave Management Association, P. O. Box 310732, New Braunfels, TX 78131, and include your NSS No. along with name, address, and check.

**PBSS Newsletter**

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

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