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# PERMIAN BASIN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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May, 1992

## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, May 12

Location: Murray's Delicatessen, 3211 W. Wadley, Midland. Murray's is in the strip shopping center on Wadley east of Midkiff and Texas Burger.

Time: 7:00 PM. Please come at 6:30 PM if you plan to eat.

If you haven't already picked up your PBSS T-Shirt, you can do so at the meeting. Also, extra shirts will be available for sale.

## MAY TRIPS

Don has reserved Sentinel Cave for Saturday, May 30. Entering the cave requires a short rappel. Getting to the bottom involves a traverse and a 250 foot drop. However, most of the cave can be seen without doing the traverse or the longer drop. Call Don to reserve a place and for more information regarding the Sentinel Cave. Also, the Memorial Day Regional (Southwest Region) will be held at the abandoned ghost town of Hermosa on May 23-25. Quoting from the SWR flyer, "The main purpose of holding the regional here is to explore and map Palomas Creek Cave for the Forest Service. The cave has some paleontological significance and a preliminary exploration shows well over a thousand feet of passage, with numerous leads. The cave is similar to other Black Range caves with some walking passage and some crawling, mud in the back parts, nice formations, some chimneying. There are several other cave prospects in the immediate area making ridgewalking another worthwhile activity. Hermosa is located southwest of Winston, NM, about 22 miles on Forest Road 157. Most of the road from Winston is good, but there are numerous stream crossings. A high clearance vehicle is advised. Winston is located about 38 miles west of I-25, accessible from the Cuchillo Exit. We think you will find the area fascinating. Several old buildings are still standing in the old mining camp of Hermosa. Palomas Creek flows through the area and should have water in it during Memorial Day. There is a very nice waterfall about 1.5 miles downstream! The elevation is about 6000 feet and the area is well forested."

There's a strong possibility there will be a one or two day work trip to W!@#\$\$% ^ cave some weekend in May. Wildman Noel Pando recently enlarged the opening to this cave, and Ace Surveyor Galin Coffin plans to write a trip report once we've done some more work. If you miss the meeting, call Chuck, J. D., or Walter for details on the trip.

## JUNE TRIP

J. D. has reserved Ogle Cave for Saturday, June 13. Ogle requires a strenuous hike and about a 150 foot drop, and is one of the most interesting caves in the Guadalupe. Ogle includes a giant room and giant formations, and an old guano mine in back. Call J. D. for more information and to reserve a place.

## JULY/AUGUST TRIPS

J. D. has reserved Fort Stanton cave near Ruidoso for Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19. Fort Stanton is a very long, horizontal cave with a lot to see. Call J. D. for more information.

Don has reserved the upper section of Cottonwood for Saturday, July 25. The upper section is gated, and includes Wonderland. Cottonwood is a horizontal cave. Also, he has scheduled a work trip for Three Fingers for Saturday, August 15. Depending on how far we go, Three Fingers will require one or more substantial drops. Call Don to reserve a place.

Ken

## NEW MEMBERS

Patrick Qualls of Hobbs has joined PBSS. Patrick has been on several trips with PBSS and the CRF. Because he is smaller and more susceptible to peer pressure than most of us, he has been very effective in condemning tight leads that nobody else would pursue. (Tony and Bill's favorite method of cave exploration involves telling Patrick and Andrew to go check out side leads, while they sit back, talk, eat, and enjoy the good life.)

Debbie Steele has also joined PBSS. Debbie has studied theology and philosophy, and would be uniquely qualified to advise us on the meaning of caving, except that she prefers just to B.S. She is a computer whiz at Parker and Parsley.

Last but not least, Bruce Jones has joined. Bruce joined because Bill refused to sell him a PBSS T-Shirt unless he first became a member. Good work Bill!

## CRISIS COUNSELING

A new member of PBSS, who is an expert in the field of trauma-induced psychoses, has volunteered his services as a counselor for the benefit of PBSS members who have stared down the barrel of a gun one too many times. If you are having recurring problems as a result of the recent "drug bust" on BLM land near Parks Ranch or the incident last year with the Texas landowner in the Loving/Reeves/Culberson County area, you may wish to avail yourself of this free service. Contact the typist for more details.

## NEW ART DIRECTOR

Bill has been enlisted as art director for the newsletter. If you have any material that would be desirable to copy and include in the newsletter, please send it to Bill and not to me, as Bill has volunteered to have copies made. See back cover for his address.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Steve has a lead on a cave near Cloudcroft that he plans to check out sometime in the coming weeks. Contact him for more details.

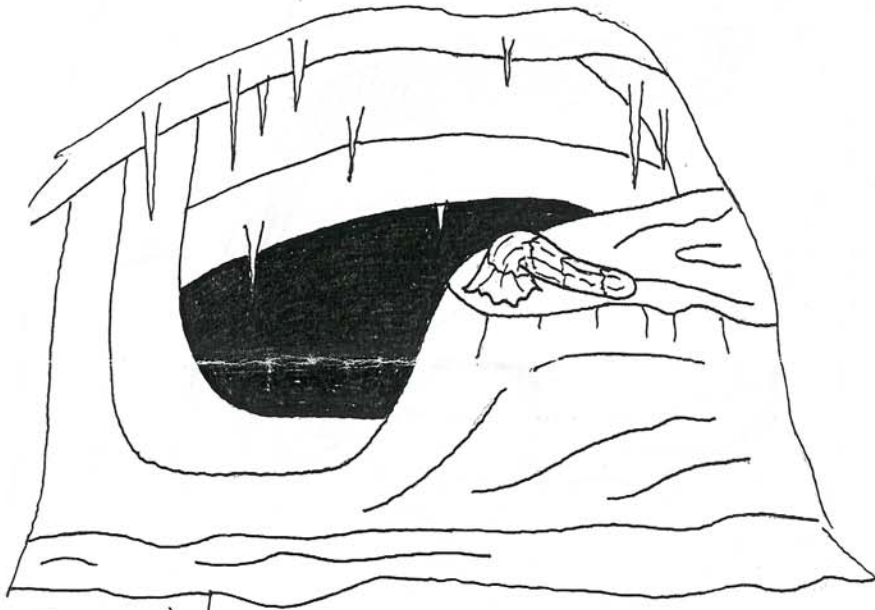
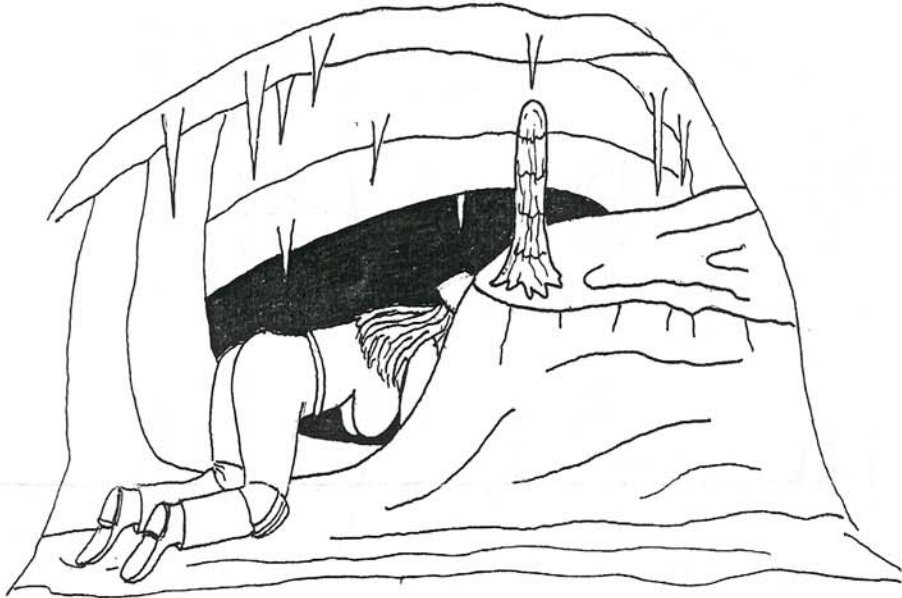
How about those PBSS T-Shirts and scarfs? I saw one for the first time last weekend and was very impressed by the design and color.

Walter, Bill, and Patrick attended the CRF April GuMo expedition, lead by Tony. On Saturday, the group visited a small, dusty cave on the west side of Guadalupe Peak, where Tony took photographs of minerals. Later, they walked ridges looking for caves. On Sunday, a crusty, likeable old fart named Tom Rohrer showed up, and the group helped Rohrer tie several rock shelters into a survey point for the Park Service's benefit.

## NOT-SO-OBSCENE LIMERICKS , by Bill Bentley

*If its questions you ask of me  
An expert I claim not to be  
I'll B.S. with the best  
And make fools of the rest  
For I am a Caver you see.*

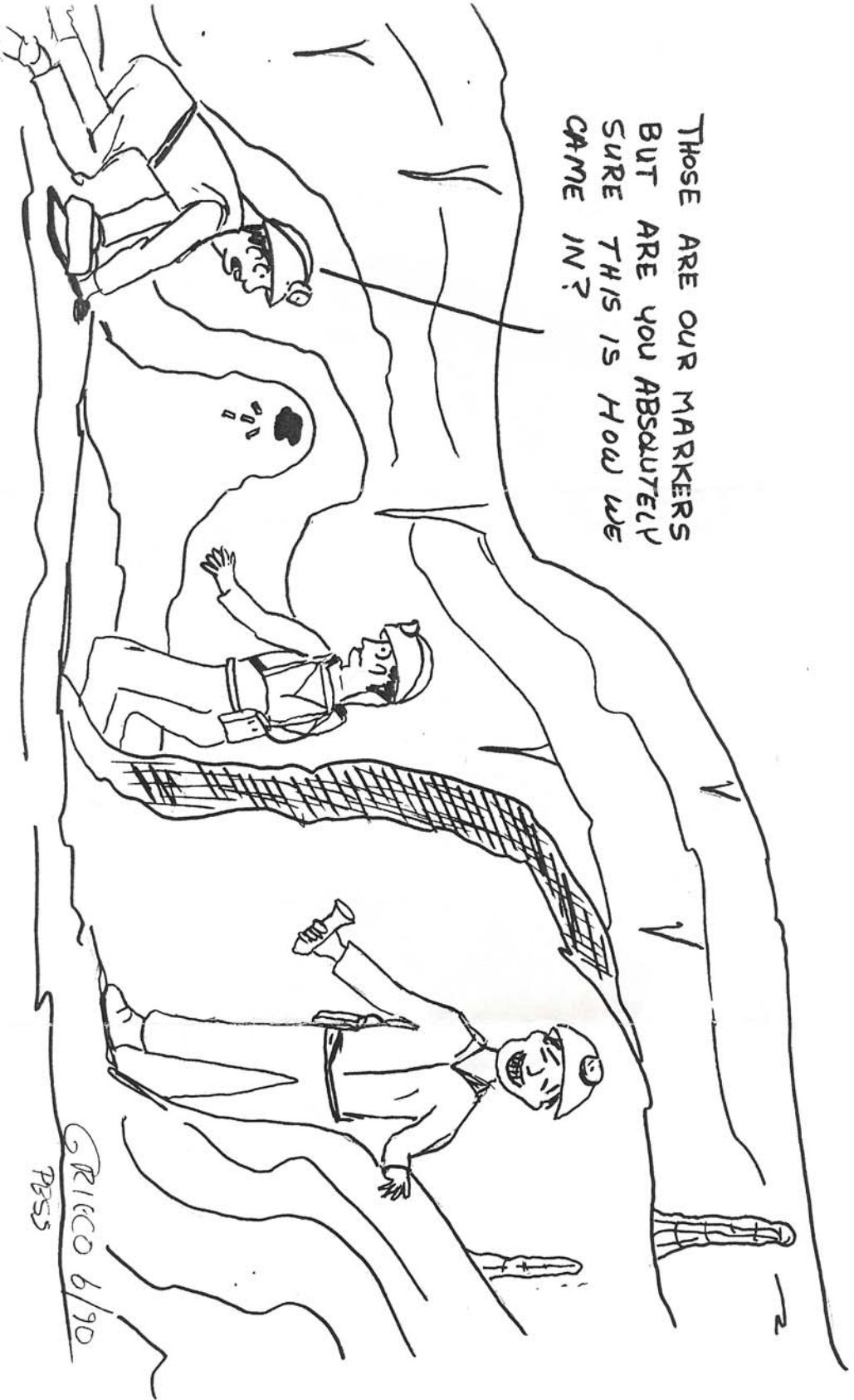
*Once there was a caver named Chuck  
Who found caves with uncanny good luck  
Then while caving he started to shake  
Because the cave had a big rattlesnake  
No problem he said, I'll sell him for a buck*



Guess who!  
4/92



THOSE ARE OUR MARKERS  
BUT ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY  
SURE THIS IS HOW WE  
CAME IN?



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## MAY TRIP

We have two caves reserved for Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 -- Mudgett's and Doc Brito. (O.K., Carol Belski. Are you satisfied? Did I spell it right?) Both are on BLM land. Doc Brito requires vertical gear, while Mudgett's is horizontal. Call J. D. @ 694-4381 for more details. Camping will be at Parks Ranch.

## PBSS Newsletter

Please mail material for copying to Bill Bentley, 3815 W. County Rd. 116, Midland, TX 79703.

Please mail address changes and material for typing to Ken Kamon, 400 W. Texas #1100K, Midland, TX 79701.

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