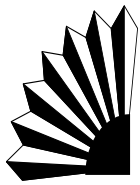


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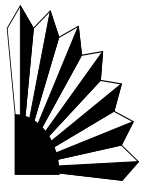


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## FROM THE EDITOR:

With this edition I have added a black and white hand scanner and you will see the effects of using it with both some older cartoons and photographs. I hope everyone is enjoying the newsletter as I have not received any complaints yet. But have also had a lot of thanks and I would like to say that they should be directed to Jan Anderle as she is the one who does the real work in copying and mailing of "The Hole News". So at the next meeting tell Jan thanks for a job well done.

Bill Bentley



The next meeting of the PBSS will be on May 10th, 1994, at 7:00 PM, at Murry's Delicatessen which is located at 3211 West Wadley. It's easy to find because Murry's is located on the South side of the Wadley River, in the strip shopping center, East of Midkiff Rd. and Texas Burger. The meeting starts at 7:00PM sharp and the usual caver gossip and chow down starts at 6:30 PM and is optional. Besides finding out about the next few cave trips you might even learn something, right Steve.

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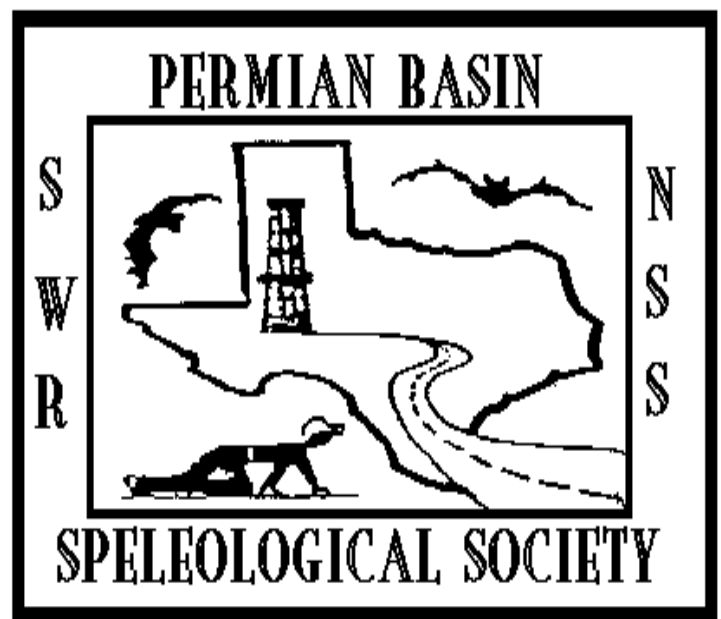
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Membership dues are still only \$ 5.00 and should be sent to the treasurer c/o Don Carlton, 1301 Daventry, Midland, Texas 79705

If you'r interested in caving or even think you might like to try contact Chuck Anderle at (915)-685-3119. or if you not from this area and some how through circumstances beyond your control or ours found a copy of "The Hole News", then you should contact the National Speleological Society at 2813 Cave Avenue, Huntsville Alabama, 35810-4431.

## Happy Caving.

The PBSS Logo as it appeared 10 years ago.



## Future Cave Trips: And other events from PBSS and other Grottos.

April 30th, 1994 CRF Dry cave expedition. Contact Pat Helton in writing @ 3517 77th Dr., Lubbock, TX. 79423.  
 May 14th-15th, 1994 Carlsbat Cavers, Restoration in Carlsbad Caverns. Contact: Larry or Phyllis Weston @ 505-887-6790.  
 May 14th, 1994 Endless cave New Mexico. Contact: allen Laman @ 915-550-0910  
 May 28th, 1994 Spider cave trip. This will be a ranger lead trip. And \$10.00 fee will be charged. Contact Noel Pando # below.  
 May 29th, 1994 Chimney cave trip. Contact Noel Pando @ 915-523-9294.  
 June 4th, 1994 Cottonwood Cave “Wonderland Section”. Contact: Allan Laman @ 915-550-0910.  
 June 4th-5th, 1994 GYPKAP Survey till you drop. Contact: Steve Peerman @ 505-523-2167.  
 June 5th-12th, 1994 CRF Restoration Field Camp. Contact Dave Eklund @ 803-648-7610 Ed note: I used to enjoy going to this!  
 June 20th-24th, 1994 NSS Convention Bracketville at Ft. Clark Springs. Contact Ron Ralph @ 512-441-0050 or Jay Jorden @ 214-398-9272.  
 July 2nd-4th, 1994 CRF Independence Day Expedition at Ft. Stanton. Contact Fritz Hardy @ 505-345-1709.  
 Some time 1994 MARS Caving Expedition: Out of this world trip to collect Sulphur Bacteria Monsters. Contact Chuck Anderle @ 915-685-3119

IF YOU HAVE ANY CAVING TRIPS PLANNED LET ME KNOW AND I WILL PRINT THEM IN THIS SPACE....

Most all of this information was stolen from the NTSS ”Cavers Echo” and the TSA “Newsletter”.

**Caving got you in a crack !  
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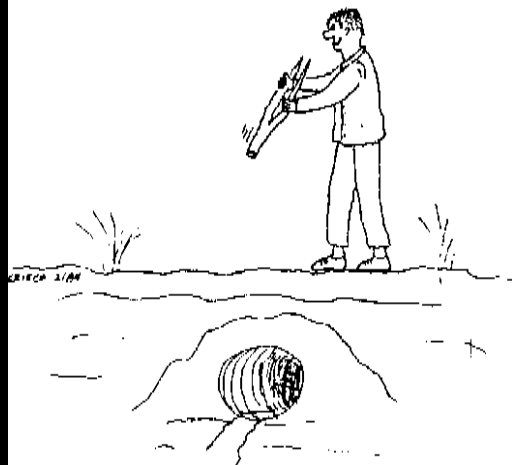


## *Other Club Trips:*

The Permian Basin Outing Club has a trip planned to the Lincoln National Forest for camping, hiking, and bike riding on May 27th through the 30th, 1994. So if you are interested then contact Rick Gray at 915-332-1373 or be at their club meeting on May 24th, 1994 7:00 PM at Manuel’s Resturante located at 1404 E. 2nd or (Hwy80) in Odessa, Tx. Good Trip!

### GRIECO CAVING HUMOR:

Little known (and less appreciated) speleo-inventions:



#3: The speleo diving rod, made from a forked stalagmite!

## 1994 Convention News:

Walter Reports that the 1994 NSS convention is looking good and taking shape and that most everything is on schedule. After traveling late Friday evening and arriving about 11:00 PM he camped at the Zoo Farm campground along with 50 fellow cavers. Among them being Pat Copeland, Martha McArthur, Sheree Mahan, and Paul Rodriugez. Walter said he ran a chain saw most of the day cutting firewood and went to Alamo Movie Village to help prepare for the Howdy Party. He reported that a couple of buildings have been repaired and there is still work to be done. Walter is looking for a couple of swamp coolers that are in the \$100.00 range for the convention, he can be contacted at 915-699-7049. This information taken by phone on 4/27/94.

# Trip Reports: And other lies and stories...



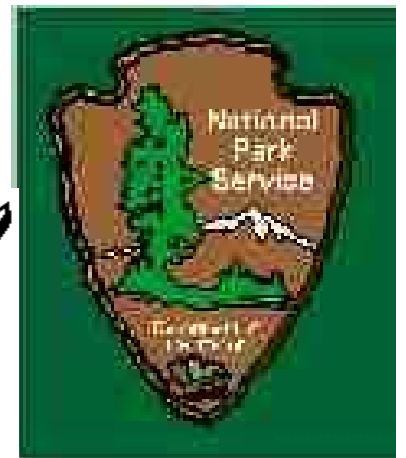
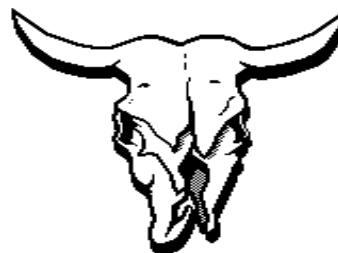
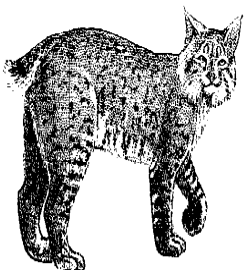
## CRF REPORTS: by Bill Bentley

The April Trip to The Guadalupe Mountains National Park by the Cave Research Foundation was attended by Bill Bentley, Expedition Leader Tony (Guad Slut) Grieco and National Park Volunteer Joe Sewell. We had enough trips for all of the 8 volunteers who neglected to show up and have probably signed the death certificate for the CRF in the GUMO area. We picked the strongest lead and went for it. It was located along the trail in the high country near the Blue Ridge Trail and really sounded most promising. After securing a rope from the NPS and getting directions we linked up with Joe and all started out about 9:00 AM Saturday morning. The weather looked good and gave no hint of what was to come. The hike up the trails was grueling and tortuous and was a true testament to the fact that Tony and myself was out of shape.

After arriving at the cave sight around 2:00 PM it only took about 2 minutes to find out that it wasn't a cave by the NPS standards. We drew a sketch map and took a GPS reading for the Park and then started back as it looked like a shower was possible later on. The Cave dropped about 12 feet from the bottom of a small sink about 5 feet deep, 3 to 4 feet wide and 6 feet long. the climb down was easy and at first it was thought it was going to be blind pit. The main room was small and only about 4 feet wide. Then Tony noticed a crawl way at the bottom that was 2 feet high and it only went in about 8 feet and stopped. This was a big disappointment for us so we started back and calculated that there was only a hour of extra daylight to spare if we kept up the same pace as the trip in. About 5 minutes of our journey back it started to sprinkle and within the next hour we had several small rains mixed with small hail that stung when it hit your ears. I know the dangers of being ill prepared and fully know the dangers of hypothermia. I plead the stupidity clause as I have no other excuse. My rain parka was back in my truck and did me no good. We all got soaked to the bone. Tony had a extra parka that he gave to Joe and I took the space blanket that ripped to shreds when we opened it.

The only thing we could do was keep moving, because if we stopped it could have been fatal. Joe had the keys to a cabin that had coffee and food and supplies and best of all a dry place, but it was a good 2 miles of trail in front of us. Our immediate plan was to keep moving and try to stay dry. The trees at first offered some protection but soon they were soaked and were just as wet as being out in the open. The temperature was in the high 40's or low 50's. The great "GOD" of the Guadalupe saw fit to keep the wind from blowing and if it had, I wouldn't be here writing this. Along the trail between Tejas and Pinetop campgrounds it came a downpour and there was no place to escape the rain. Now not only was the cold and wet a problem, but lightening was hitting closer and closer. The closest strike hit a tree about 100 yards ahead of us and the roar and clap of the thunder caused us all to jump. We still continued on and when we got to the turn off to the cabin it was only sprinkling so we decide to go on down and try to make it on to the vehicles before dark. I know that I was suffering from the early stages of hypothermia and I somehow at the time thought it was hilarious to be in this predicament. I took a class on hypothermia during a search and rescue school back in 1987 and the instructor said that you should always carry a large trash bag in your back pocket to use for an emergency parka. I wish I had done so. At 8:00 PM we made it back to the vehicles and headed back to the Ship on the Desert

cabins where Tony made hot lemonade and I consumed great quantities of food. The hot shower I took really felt great. We slept like a rock through the night. Outside the Guadalupe winds were blowing and blowing.....



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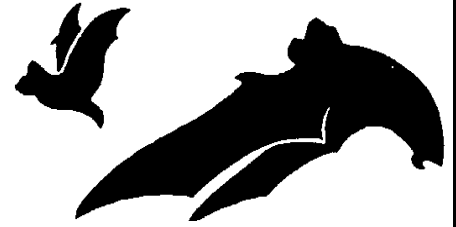
...and to prove it, THE TEXAS CAVER will give you a free T-Shirt for your Art, Cartoon, Technical Articles and Trip Reports. There's no coupons to clip and you don't have to be a genius writer. Computers spell check and editors edit. Not only can you be proud of your contribution, you can share your expertise and your fun with the rest of the Texas Cavers

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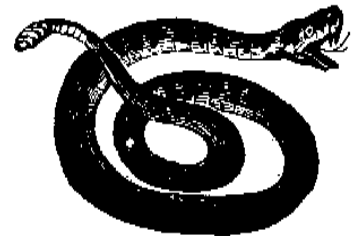
The TEXAS CAVER would like for some of you to consider writing a quarterly column on your favorite area of caving. Consider a subject of interest to all of us such as safety, technical rope work, or surveying. Check out the T-Shirt you can earn and wear with pride in this issue. LAG caver Jimmy Thurlo, who is a very reluctant model, displays the new heavy duty 50/50T.

Send your submissions to Kieth Heuss or Noble Stidham.



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## **BELIEVE IT OR NOT !**    **OR THE HOWLING AT THE MOON COLUMN**

Look out Rick!, it was overheard at the last meeting that members Steve Franks and Ken Kamon are working up a special article about you for the Andrews Newspaper and it should prove to be interesting reading. That should teach Rick to miss two meeting in a row. Chuck says he is working on securing special permission to enter a cave on a ranch near Brady, Texas that is rumored to have 45 foot drop. At the last PBSS meeting an extensive discussion started over the recent trip to Lecheguilla Cave by the NASA Cavers and not to be out done the PBSS Cavers are planning their own trip to Mars to explore caves on the NASA Cavers turf. Walter reports that he accidentally ran into former PBSS member Doug Hunt and that Doug said he had been into the Cave of the Madonna and had found ninety to one hundred feet of new passage. Ataboy Doug!



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