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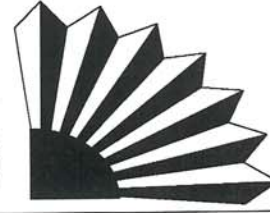
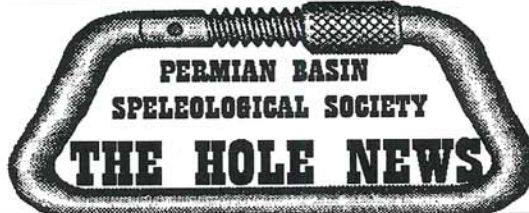
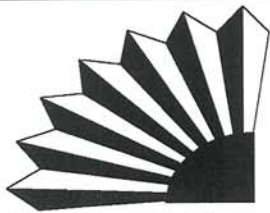
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Next Meeting: PBSS

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be held on Tuesday, June, 11 1996 at 7:00 PM in the back meeting room of Murry's Delicatessen. Murry's is located at 3211 west Wadley, Midland, Texas. If you need more directions or information call our official contact person, Walter Feaster @ 915-559-3297.

Topic of discussion will be future vertical and restoration trips.

Cave Safely

Bug of the Month:

- BUG
HOPPED
AWAY



About the Cover:

Mr. Bill Bentley (Mr. Bill) has been a busy little caver here lately. Mr. Bill has set up a web page on the world wide web. In other words any one in the world with a computer and web access can find out all they want to know about the PBSS. The web page will have information about our grotto, pictures, hypertext to other web sites, and possibly our news letter, The Hole News.

Of course Mr. Bill has his own web page. The address is the same except replace pbss with main. Good work Mr. Bill, this web page should prove to be very interesting.

Editors note: I was informed about this web site Saturday morning, June 1. That night I woke-up in a cold sweat and my heart pounding. The idea that more than 6 people might read what I write in The Hole News, or maybe millions of people, is a very scary thought!

Cave the web safely. Walter Feaster NSS#31624



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

June6-16 Skve, Scotland. Hiking and camping in Skye, Scotland. The Hades Cave Club members are going to spend a week + in Scotland. This involves camping out and caving, I assume. Leaving from and returning to Bristol. Contact Jon Frost 30 Greylands Road, Uplands, Bristol, UK BS13 8BE.

June14-16 Cobb Caverns Restoration and Survey. The first clean-up was a great success so the owner wants us to survey the cave and do some more cleaning up. Space is limited. Contact Pat Copeland @ (915)643-2952 (H) or (915)646-9583(W)

June 17-22 CRF/NSS Carlsbad Caverns Restoration Field Camp. It cost \$50 for the week. Contact Mike Mansur @ 505-299-8283, or send your money to 8028 Bellamah NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

June 22-23 GYPKAP (SWR). Surveying Merritt/Roadrunner caves. 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.

August 11 GYPKAP (SWR post-convention). Carcass area?? Contact Steve Peerman @ (505)523-2167.

August 31-September 2 SWR Labor Day Regional. Gallinas Cave (NW of Espanola, NM). Contact John Lyles @ (505)455-2565.

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...

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

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

From the Secretary/Treasurer

The PBSS now has a Fax-line. Actually it is my phone line and fax devise, but it can be used for grotto business too. Hopefully by the time this news-letter is mailed out the fax will be working. This line is my computer line also. There may be times it might be busy, as I might be surfing the net.

The number is (915)694-1824. So someone fax me. Like a trip report or something.

Lincoln National Forest Closed

Due to the extreme dry conditions and high risk for fires, the National Forest Service has closed Lincoln National Forest to the public.

This includes the Guadalupe Ranger district, the Mayhill-Cloudcroft area, the White Mountain Wilderness area, and the Capitan Mountain Wilderness area.

Ken Kamon and Kerry Lowery both had cave permits for this area and the permits are now cancelled.

All these areas are closed indefinitely, or until it rains a lot.

Wen and Chimney Caves:

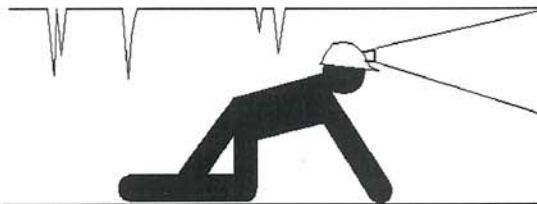
June 8-9, Rebecca Lee has permits to Wen and Chimney. These caves are vertical and require vertical equipment. The caves are located in the Carlsbad Caverns National Park. If you want to go call Rebecca @ (915)695-0793. A permit is required and space is limited.

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

**CTG/TCC Caving at Camp Wood**

Caves: Webb Shahan Cave Preserve, Kinney County, Texas.

Cavers: The Texas Cave Conservancy and the Central Texas Grotto.

Oh the lengths cavers will travel to go caving. This Memorial Day weekend I traveled a total of 587 miles. Yes I am crazy. I joined members of the Central Texas Grotto at Park Chalk Bluff for a weekend of what was supposed to be a good exercise in vertical caving. Chalk Bluff is a 300 foot cliff just calling to be rappelled. Unfortunately, the group I joined, which included Pat Copeland, never did any vertical caves. Instead we checked out three caves for a landowner who wanted to know what he had. James Lofton felt air flow in the first cave but it would have to be dug later as it is no deeper than six feet. The second and third caves each consist of a large, upper room and a small lower room. James did some intense digging in the lower room of the second cave only to find an area too small to enter. From there, we went to Jenny's Cave. It is full of red, wet clay which we wore proudly but washed off promptly.

Sunday, the CTG joined with the TCC to clear an area beneath a tree for a picnic table and mark a trail for the Webb Shahan Cave Preserve dedication. Then we caved. Webb cave has several vertical entrances of 60 feet but most everyone entered by the ladder at a ten foot deep entrance. We found the bat room which was full of bats so we exited quietly and swiftly. Later, there was some disturbance of the bats and the bat room had to be flagged off to anyone else.

Submitted by Rebecca Lee NSS# 42075

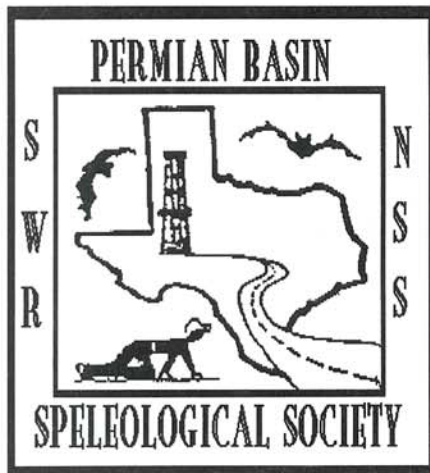
There is room for more trip reports.

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