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Next Meeting: PBSS

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be held on *Tuesday*, *June 9*, at 7:00 PM in the back meeting room of Murry's Delicatessen. Murry's is located at 3211 West Wadley, Midland, Texas.

Our Agenda:

If you need more directions or information call our official contact person, Walter Feaster

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Future Cave Trips and Events:

27-28 June- <u>GYPKAP</u>: New Mexico-Contact: Joli or Chris Lee (505)585-8406 or <jelee@wazoo.com>.

3-5 July- <u>SWR/USFS Project</u>: Black & Hidden Caves, Lincoln NF in the Guads. Will include Restoration, Speleothem Repair, Trail Marking, Impact Mapping, and Inventor of Historic Signatures. Bring water bottles, brushes, sponges, etc. Contact Stephen Fleming (505)899-2419 or <sfleming@flash.net>.

August 3-7, <u>NSS Convention:</u> Sewanee, Tennessee. Contact William Shrewsbury, (432)886-3296 or <nss98@caves.org>.

22-23 August- *GYPKAP:* New Mexico-Contact Joli or Chris Lee (505)585-8406 or <icli>jclee@wazoo.com>.

5-7 September- Southwestern Regional: Details Later.

*** 26 September- PBSS Trip to Ft. Stanton, N.M.: Details later.*

16-18 October-21st Annua! Texas Cavers' Reunion: Always held the weekend immediately fellowing Columbus Day. Site to be announced.

July 12-16, 1999-NSS Convention. Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, Idaho. Contact: David W. Kesner, PO Box 1334, Boise, ID 83701; (208)939-0979; e-mail creative-drawe@micron.net>.

*********Denotes a PBSS Grotto Trip*********

Welcome Aboard Dwaine!

PBSS welcomes Dwaine Moore to our ranks. Dwaine is from Midland and I think is another pilot. Dwaind has already gotten off to a good start and has been to ESS Cave. We hope to see you on more of our cave trips.

Cave Long and Prosper Dwaine!

Trip Reports:

Lake, Doc Burito and Wind

Allen Laman, Sean & Shane Muirhead, Mike Huber, Tom Kaler & Tom Florer

It was a typical scene from the old days of trying to get things together in time to go caving.

I left L A Thursday morning thinking to be home by 1 or 2 am, it was 4 when I pulled into my spot and laid down for a nap.I had bought a trailer to put my camper on but you all know how we can put things off till the very last minute. This had been one of those times. I got the boys to help me and things really started to come together. We left Odessa about 5 PM which was real impressive to us as we always say we're gonna get gone by that time only it's usually 7 or 8. We got to Parks Ranch and set things up, the trailer works great.

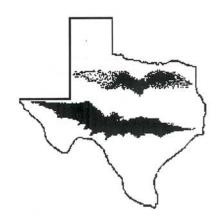
We had to go to the caverns to get the permit for Lake because it didn't get mailed. Mike called from White City to say his trip had cancelled and could he come with us? I told him he was always welcome and to meet us at the parking lot for Slaughter Canyon Cave. Wish had got him to go for the permit but I didn't so I had to go get them.

After that we got to the rendezvous late as usual and found Tom Florer. Tom Kaler and Mike Huber waiting for us. We didn't waste to much time and set out for what turned out to be a long....hike! We really kept after it and before we knew it it was time to start up the mountain for the final leg of the journey. After a lot of moaning and groaning (mostly from me) we arrived at the entrance. Sure is a long trip but well worth it. We sat at the entrance and got situated and had a quick bite before going in. We tried to get Sean and Shane to check out all the tight leads but had trouble convincing them they were the only ones little enough to make it. We poked around for awhile then went to the back to see the lake. We all looked around as best as we could then went to the back and got down behind the lake. After relaxing and enjoying it for a few minute we took several pictures then Tom F. decided to put his foot in the lake, we don't know if he didn't believe us that it was cold or what, we think he just wanted to be different. Tom, Tom and Sean decided to traverse back to the front and they all made it. We didn't stay to much longer because they had me convinced my beer would be enjoyed by the other cavers who had gone to New Cave. Next time it goes inside the truck! I hurried down and found it all there. Boy were they lucky!! We went back to camp and messed around for awhile. We then decided to go to town and eat at the

corral we really had a good time and got to enjoy the evening.

The next day we got up and after it so we wouldn't be late to meet Rebecca, who was supposed to go with us to Doc Burito. We broke camp and headed out. She was supposed to be at the well pad but wasn't when we arrived, we waited awhile then decided to try to find it. I only had a topo map and she was to have a step log. We poked around trying to find it to no avail! We then figured we would just go to Wind since we knew where it was. We had a little trouble finding it but after a few minutes we had the gate open and were on our way down. This is truly a fun cave to play in as it is easy to get turned around and easy to end up where you least expect to. We climbed, crawled and slithered through as much of it as we could before going to the mud room to check it out. I think this was the high point of the twins trip. They got a kick out of the sculptures and even tried their hand at it as well. I went on out and got the rope squared away and was soon joined by the others. I know I had a good time and hope everyone else who was there did also. I look forward to seeing more of you in the future!!

Till then, GOD BLESS and CAVE SAFE, Allen



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Texas Cave Rescue

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1-800-692-0234

This number will work in the U.S.. But the

Mexico Cave Rescue

number has changed Area Codes. again.

001-956-686-0234

From Mexico dial direct or call collect(*Por Cobrar*-in Spanish)! These are the 24-hour numbers for Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen, Tx. Ask for **Cave Rescue** and John Kreidler. Be persistent!

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