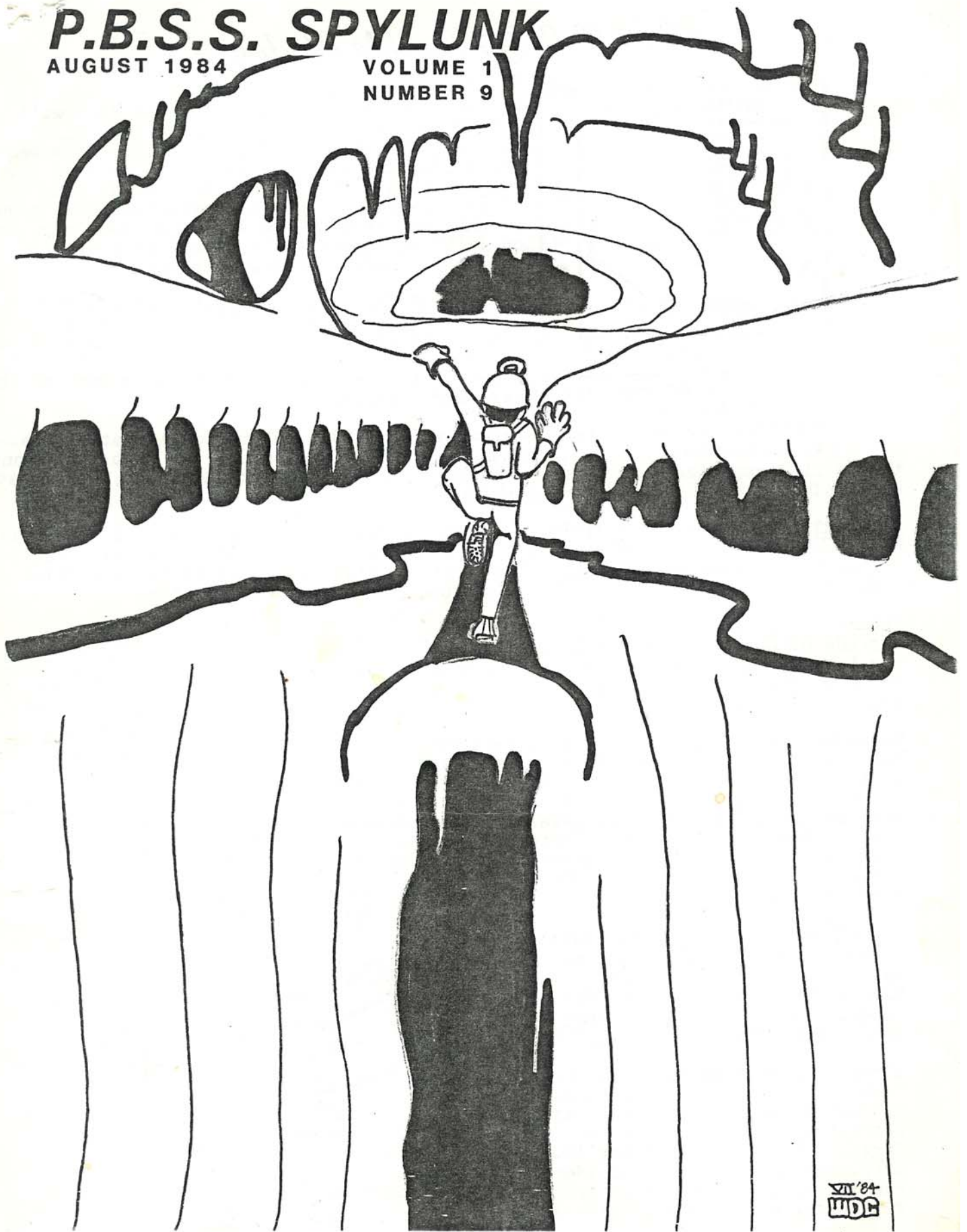


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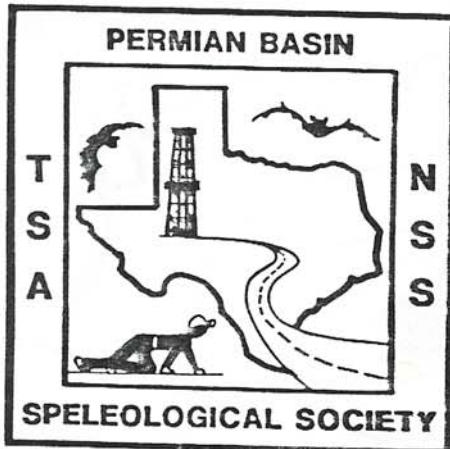
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MEETING: The August meeting of the PBSS will be held at the home of Terry Hill (see map) **SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1984, 7:00 P.M.** A barbequ will follow the meeting, so if you want to eat, bring charcoal, meat, etc., as well as your favorite beverage. This is a meeting for all yo spylunks who never go to any other meetings, so hopefully attendance will be a little higher than at our normal grotto meetings.

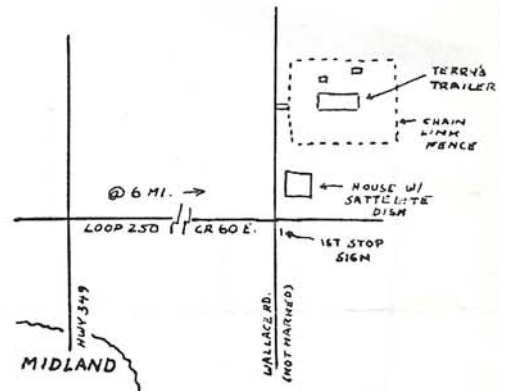
IMPORTANT EVENTS: August 11-12, 1984 - PVG Goat Toss (Roast), 3-Mile Hill. Call Dave Belski (505-885-6168) for info. For those of yo who are not familiar with it, the Goat Roast is one of the premier caver social events of th year, and definitely worth attending!

September 1-3, 1984: SWR regional meeting, Park Ranch Cave. Call Dave Belski for info. Last mont the SPYLUNK reported that this event was to be held at Lake McMillan, but I hav been informed that it has been changed.

CAVE TRIPS: August 18-19, 1984: Pink Ridge Caves, Guadalupe Mountains. Permits have been obtained for these caves. Call Tony Grieco (697-0323) or Bill Greenle if you are interested in going. These caves are vertical, so if you are still a vertical virgin call one of us to arrange for a training session.

August 11-12, 1984: Possible trip to Hicks Cave, outside of Carlsbad. Call Bill Greenlee if you are interested. This trip is the same weekend as the Goat Roast, so if you go along you can get your fill of caving and partying!

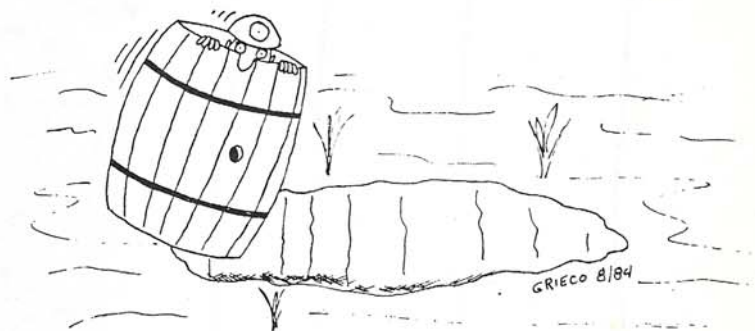
September 15-16, 1984: Deep Cave, Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Bill Greenlee is working on getting permits for this cave. If this cave should prove to be unavailable, our September grotto trip may be a weekend of ridgewalking down around the Sheffield - Iraan area. There are many leads down in that part of the country that we need to check on. As usual, the SPYLUNK will check you posted!



LITTLE KNOWN (AND LESS APPRECIATED) SPELEO-INVENTIONS:

RECENT ACTIVITY: July 22, 1984: Chimney Cave, Carlsbad Caverns Nat'l Park. Participants: Dave Belski, Bill Bentley, Terry Bolger, Tom Dillon, Bill Greenlee, Ronal Kirbo (report by Bill Bentley)

After a quick hike to Guadalupe Peak on Saturday, and surviving a flash thunderstorm later that afternoon, I made camp at the Carlsbad KOA and rested for the trip. Sunday morning I accidentally ran into Bill and Terry at the restaurant and we had breakfast -



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it seemed that they had stayed the night in Dave's backyard. Tom Dillon met us at the Carlsbad Caverns parking lot. At the Caverns we all had coffee and finally took off toward Chimney Cave around 10 AM, after an argument on the proper technique of rigging Deep Cave (Never put two old timers like Ron and Dave within arguing distance without being prepared to hear some good old time cave talk).

After being given the tour of all the lechiguillas on the wrong ridge, we finally reached the lower and lesser known entrance to Chimney Cave. Bill was the first to enter and he checked for snakes. I entered second and found that, once inside, you had to scale down an 8 foot slope and then jump 2 feet to the floor, but it was simpler to climb to one side using numerous footholds (Cavers never do anything easy). Once I was inside, everyone else followed and Dave managed to shower us with pebbles. Ron was the last to enter, probably because he was the trip leader!

Once down the talus pile in the entry room we rigged the rope around a natural bridge and began the long 35 foot rappel. It took about an hour for everyone to descend. Photography slowed the trip somewhat, but some good pictures were taken. The floor of the main room was flat and covered with soft sand, and looking around I realized that once again the Guads had revealed another pristine cave untouched by vandals. The ceiling was very high and in size the room resembled a huge auditorium.

We took a quick look at all the pretties as well as the remains of an old WW II copper antenna array that had fallen down with the passage of time (they discovered that they couldn't transmit through solid rock). We exited the cave without incident. A good time was had by all.

July 21, 1984: Carol Belski, Terry Bolger and Bill Greenlee invaded Mudgetts Cave for a quick tour. Bill commented that it was prettier than he'd been led to believe, and that we should keep it in mind for future novice trips. Everyone had a good time.

MISCELLANEOUS: Cover - This months cover is by Bill Greenlee and depicts caver Terry Bolger probing a high lead in "Haynes Junction", Montgomery Cave, Texas. Our thanks to Bill for this excellent piece of artwork.



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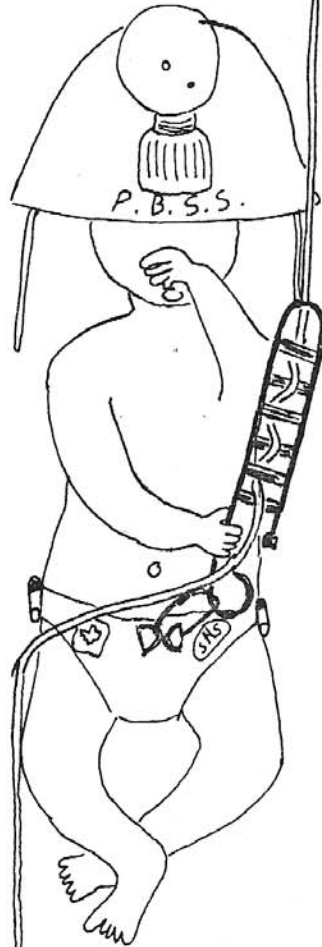
Kudos again to Lety Hernandez for typing the SPYLUNK again - maybe she'll show up at the BBQ, so we can thank her personally. Thanks also to Bill Bentley and Bill Greenlee for their contributions to this issue - it would have been awfully dull reading without them.

Your contributions, as always, are needed - and always welcome. If we are to continue to maintain the SPYLUNK'S quality, we need to get contributions from everyone. Don't be shy, send your cover quality drawings, trip reports, articles, letters, etc. to Tony Grieco, 4723 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79703 - the worst thing that can happen is that people will laugh at you!!

CAVE

NEWEST SPYLUNK!

ANDREW
LEWIS
GRIECO



JULY 25, 1984

11:20 AM

6 LB. 7 1/2 OZ., 19 3/4 IN. LONG

RED HAIR!

'TIL YOU WAH!

GRIECO
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