
PERMIAN BASIN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September, 1992

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, September 8

Location: Murray's Delicatessen, 3211 W. Wadley, Midland. Murray's is located just east of Midkiff and Texas Burger, in a strip shopping center on the south side of Wadley. Please bring your ascending gear, as Rick is bringing an electric engraver to mark everyone's equipment. Also, if you have any visual aids that would be helpful for a presentation on Carlsbad Caverns, please bring them.

Time: 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER TRIP

Hell Below has been reserved for Saturday, September 12. The cave requires a short drop, about 100 feet, but has a reputation of being technically difficult and somewhat treacherous. Walter believes the cave is spooked and refuses to enter it. Call Ken if you desire to go, as there is still one place left on the permit.

Gralin reserved McKittrick, Sand and Endless Caves for Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. There are plenty of spaces on the permits, but you should call Gralin before you leave, as he's not going if he expects he may be the only one there. These are great horizontal caves, highly recommended if you haven't seen them before.

OCTOBER TRIP

Walter has reserved Torgac cave for Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11, and Crockett's Cave for Saturday, October 10. Both are located in New Mexico, about a 6 hour drive from Midland. Torgac, which has some very impressive gypsum formations, is limited to 5 people on Saturday and 5 on Sunday, and will require a guide. Walter will have maps at the meeting. As the next newsletter will probably not come out until after this trip, you should call Walter for directions and a place on the permit if you don't make the meeting.

NOVEMBER TRIP

Madonna has been reserved for Saturday, November 7. We're planning on going to the bottom, so it's going to be a fairly long, physically demanding trip. The permit is already filled, but undoubtedly someone will weasel out of going, so call Ken if you'd like to get on the overflow list. Steve has graciously volunteered to promote another trip to Madonna, Forest Service permitting, if it looks like more people are actually desirous of seeing the cave than can be accommodated on November 7. If you'd like to go and don't plan to make the September meeting, please let Steve or Ken know prior to the meeting.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS WORK TRIP

Walter has tentatively scheduled a work trip for Carlsbad Caverns for Saturday, November 21. Additional details will appear in a future letter, or you can call him now for more information.

PRESS RELEASE

Long time cavers and residents of Midland, TX, Bill and Debbie Bentley, are the proud parents of a healthy 6 lb. 11 oz. baby (Novice Caver) girl, Carolyn Renee Bentley, born August 18, 1992, at 7:18 PM. Word has it that she already has a wheat lamp and is ready to go caving. Bill is ready to go caving and should be making some trips around October or so. Meanwhile, he is getting a caving fix by crawling around under various buildings and has even rumored to have been seen in some sewers and septic systems. "WHAT A CAVER!"

(Typist's note - I thought Bill just had a perenially bad case of stomach gas - didn't know he was crawling around in sewers.)

TRIP REPORT

Three Fingers Cave, Eddy County, New Mexico, by Steve Franks

Ken and I started the trip by bumming a ride off of Rick. Also, thanks go to Ken for letting me bum a ride to Andrews. Lately there has been an absence of bums on cave trips, and I have been having to handle the responsibility alone. I would like to add than Rick and Ken have been doing a great job as substitute bums and the last few trips have attained a level that took James, Belushi and myself years to reach.

We met Ransom on Saturday morning and were disappointed to find out he couldn't go in the cave with us because of a break-in in Cottonwood. He gave us brushes and talked a while, and then Tony Grieco, Walter, Chuck, Ken, Ricky Ray Day and I headed for the cave. We hiked to the end of the ridge, found the entrance, and rigged for the drop. The entrance was a vertical maze which took some time to (need a big word here) decide which way down.

We worked on black marks for a couple of hours. You know, the kind of black marks that come from black-soled boots like Ken wears. After cleaning, most of the group climbed out and headed for the vehicles. Ken, Ricky Ray and myself explored for another hour or two, and then headed out. We met Walter on the way back, and he helped us haul gear. Thanks, Walter.

We went back to the camp and practiced being bums, and then went home the next morning.

SINGLE WOMEN

Frustrated with the absence of Cheryl, D. J., and Kim from recent trips, Rick has located several single women from Andrews who are desirous of going caving, and is planning a trip to Montgomery Cave. If you're male and not married, this may be your chance to find a spouse. Contact Rick for more details.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Guad Slut has suggested we have a Skippy Roast sometime this fall. But where are we going to get a kangaroo? How about a goat instead?

DUES

As noted in the last newsletter, dues are due for the following.

David Eddy
Stephen Franks
Jim Nance
Ernie Showalter

Please send \$5.00 to Don Carlton (see return address of newsletter for his address). Please make checks payable to Don. If Don doesn't receive your check by early October, we'll assume you don't want to continue to receive the newsletter, and drop you from the mailing list.



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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