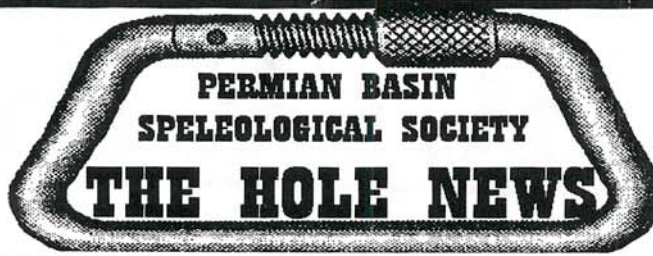


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### Next Meeting: PBSS

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be held on **Tuesday, September 14**, around 7:00 PM in the back meeting room of Murray's Delicatessen. Murray's is located at 3211 West Wadley, Midland, Texas.

#### Our Agenda:

Meeting

Future cave trips and events

Cave Videos?

If you need more directions or information call our official contact person, Walter Feaster @ (915)694-1824 or (915)559-3297, or E-Mail: <waltfeast@marshill.com> or <wfeaster@caver.net>.

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### "PBSS Home Page"

<http://www.caver.net/pbss/pbss.htm>

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### Future Cave Trips and Events:

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**On the Cover:** This is a video clip taken in a cave, sent to me by Ruel Metcalf. At the time he sent the picture it was too dark to use in the newsletter. I played around with it in a photo editor program and made it a little better, but not much. Then I applied some special effects and now you see the results in black and white. Some people call it art!

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**News and Notes:**

The members of the PBSS would like to express our sympathy to the family of **Christy Quintana** of Austin, Texas, who died in a caving accident in Mexico August 23, 1999. It is always sad to hear the loss of a caver and someone so close to home.

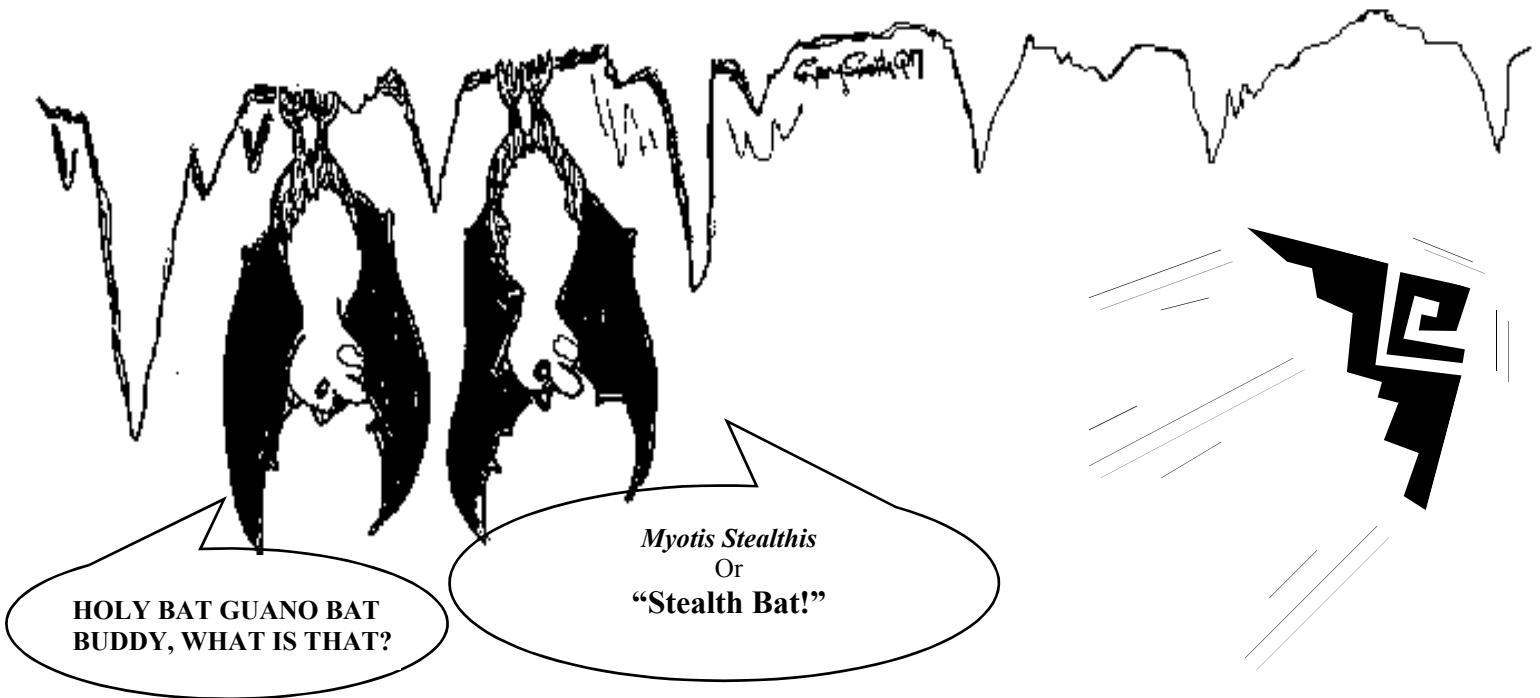
At this time I would like to remind our members we will be taking **nominations** for grotto officers at our October meeting. Between now and then you can snail mail, e-mail, or call your nominations in, or wait until the meeting. Elections are in November at our regular meeting time.

As some of you know the PBSS is making this year's **Sonora Restoration** a grotto trip. If you would like to help contact Walter Feaster and your name will be submitted when the restoration date is announced. This is always a fun weekend. Fun, but allot of hard work. For those of you already signed up, if you have to **cancel** between now and then, please let me know so I can contact the project director.

For the turn of the century we will be doing a **special millennium issue of “The Hole News”**. If you have any caving stories whether they be humorous, good, bad, or ugly, write them up and send them to editor of “The Hole News”. Any pictures or cartoons you think that would look good in the newsletter send them in. If everything works out the January issue should be a little longer and in color.

Between now and the end of the year we are accepting PBSS **membership dues**. As you know they are \$10.00. Make checks payable to Walter Feaster, the grotto does not have a bank account. Start saving your pocket change so you don't miss any issues of this fine publication.

Walter Feaster  
Secretary/Treasurer



# PHOTO GALLERY



**Some photos of the PBSS recent restoration at Carlsbad Caverns:**

Felder Hogan in the foreground and Lori Hales in the background, working at the dig site.  
*Photo by Walter Feaster*

Rule Metcalf surveying in an artifact.  
Mr. Bill supervising.

*Photo by Lori Hales*



Mike Gray moving that dirt!

*Photo by Lori Hales*

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