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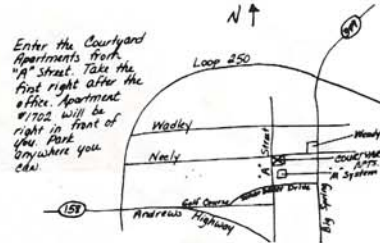


# The P.B.S.S. Monthly Spylunk



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**MEETING:** January's PBSS meeting will invade the residence of Debbie Wolfe, in Midland, on Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 PM. The address is Courtyard Apts., 2300 N."A", #1702. Call 686-8364 for more info. Or, refer to the following map.



**COMING ATTRACTIONS:** Contact Tony at 697-0323 and GET DOWN!

- JAN 19 & 20 Langtry Lead (Vertical)
- FEB 16 & 17 Three Fingers , Madonna (Very Vertical)
- MAR 16 & 17 Lake , Spider (Horizontal)...The vertical part of "Lake" is in hiking to the blasted thing
- APR 20 & 21 The Pinks (Horizontal)
- MAY Powell (aka Silver Mine Creek)
- JUN 15 & 16 Hell Below, Black (Horizontal and vertical)



**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Be one of the best - Join the NSS!!

### TRIP REPORTS:

September 2, 1984- Sidewinder Cave, Culberson County, Texas  
Participants- Terry Bolger, Pixie Clark, Pat Copeland, Bill Greenlee,  
Tom Hefner, Pat Hill, Terry Hill. (Report by Pat Copeland)

We got our gear ready and headed for the cave. We took pictures of Bill Bentley and his new rope before entering (The cameras survived -ed.). We had to crawl the first thirty feet, and that was not easy, carrying your backpack with one hand and crawling on 'three legs'. Some of the turns were really difficult. It wasn't long before I knew why this cave is called Sidewinder; you can only move sideways. A hint to all the females that might decide to go into this cave: Wear a padded bra!



We had come quite a way when we came to a drop of about ten feet or more straight down. Bill Bentley and Bill Greenlee had brought their climbing gear. They went on down and passed their gear back up to the rest of us. Some of them went down with Jumars of hand-over-hand. I used Bill's gear to go down. After I got off rope, I walked about ten feet to an overhang, and looked down into a big, beautiful lake about seventy-five feet below. Some people say the lake is 150 to 200 feet deep.

Pixie wanted to see the lake, so Bill Greenlee went back up to show her how to rappel. He explained everything to her. She listened and did just as he had told her, and she went down like a pro. She was amazed at seeing a lake of this size in a cave. We took pictures of the lake, then started back up the cliff. Bill showed Pixie how to rig up and how to climb up. He explained, and up she went with the greatest of ease. Bill is a very good and patient teacher. The others had gone ahead. We all made it back out of the cave and to our vehicles for a nice cold drink. A Big Thank-You to Bill Greenlee for teaching Pixie to rappel. (My pleasure!- ed.)

December 15 & 16, 1984- Cottonwood Cave, Eddy County, New Mexico  
Participants- Bill Bentley, George Love, Mike Wharton, Fred \_\_\_\_, John \_\_\_\_,  
Frank \_\_\_\_ ...hey that rhymes! (Report by Bill \_\_\_\_ley)

Our main goal was to visit Sentinel Cave, but the weather had other plans. Sleet, rain, and snow allowed us only to visit Cottonwood Cave. I arrived Friday night and the five San Marcos cavers arrived at 5:30 am Saturday. We drove up Three Mile Hill to Cottonwood in George's four wheel drive and entered the cave at 10:30 am. Continued-

We explored the main entrance passage all the way back to the bottom of the steep dirt hill near the lower section gate. We all noticed some authentic 1930's signatures on the rock in one small room. Later, we went into the upper side section and spent about an hour looking for the Wonderland section. We finally found it- very pretty! We all departed Sunday after a cold night and had lunch at Furr's in Carlsbad. Even though we didn't get any vertical work done, some San Marcos cavers enjoyed Snowtime in the Guads.



**December 29 & 30- Amazing Maze Cave, Pecos County, Texas**  
 Participants-Bill Bentley and Coyote Coston (Report by Bill).

We left on Friday night, loaded down with gating materials for the entrance. We arrived about 10:00 pm and started chipping and hammering at the constrictions of rock in the existing man-made entrance. Bloody knuckles and busted fingers were the price for six inches more clearance. Blasting would help make it even larger. We left at 3:30 am Saturday morning and drove to Ft. Stockton and camped in Dennis Haynes' front yard. Next morning we woke and discussed the weekend activities with the Haynes brothers; Glenn, Haley, and Dennis. We then filled our water barrel and purchased cement, as well as clay for blasting.

After arriving back at the cave at noon, we chiseled and chipped for another hour, then set the explosives with a three minute fuse. After the blast, a close inspection revealed that the explosives only moved one rock, but loosened the surrounding rock for easy hammering. Altogether, we moved about a hundred pounds of rock and enlarged the entrance about a foot.

Coy and I installed the gate and cemented it in place. Even considering Murphy's Law it looks reasonably nice. It was about 11:30 pm when we went to sleep on Saturday night. Exhausted, we awoke and cleaned up the construction sight and departed at 9:00 am Sunday morning.

Editor's note: Speaking of Murphy, we miss caving with you, Patrick!  
 Good luck in Wisconsin...

This month's cover depicts Walt Zuliani negotiating a breakdown passage in Border Cave.

The U.S. Forest Service requests that you respond to the attached questionnaire. Please take the time to fill it in, detach it and return to the indicated address.



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Please make your check payable to Bill Greenlee.

This questionnaire concerns the present cave management and permit system for the caves on the Guadalupe Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest. Since the Forest Service is continuously improving the Cave Management Program we would greatly appreciate any suggestions you have concerning the present system. Please complete this questionnaire and feel free to make any comments you so desire.

Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN TO: Lincoln National Forest  
Guadalupe Ranger District  
Federal Building, Room 159  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

TOM W. DAVIS  
District Ranger

1. Have you been caving on the Guadalupe Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest?  
How many times: \_\_\_\_\_ List some of the caves most frequently visited past 2 years. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The last year: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The last 2 years: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The last 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was your experience in obtaining permits for the above caves:  
Satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_ COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mostly Satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_  
Partially Satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you familiar with the Forest Service's cave management policy on the Guadalupe Ranger District? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are there certain areas of this policy that are unclear to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what: \_\_\_\_\_
5. What changes do you think would improve the current cave policy? BE SPECIFIC: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Would you like to see these policies published again in caving publications? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
7. We would like your comments on how to better manage the Guadalupe caves for the public's enjoyment and use while preventing cave vandalism and deterioration due to overuse and misuse. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What type of light source do you use? ELECTRIC \_\_\_\_\_ CARBIDE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever volunteered for cave projects on the Guadalupe Ranger District? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Would you like to do volunteer cave work for the Forest Service: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what times would you be available? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Have you ever belonged to any organized cave group? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently a member? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which one (s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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OPTIONAL:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_