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# PERMIAN BASIN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*October, 1992*

## MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, October 13                      Location: The backroom at Kenny's Memory Lane, 4400 N. Big Spring (south of the loop in the Mission Square Plaza, east side of Big Spring), Midland.

Time: Food consumption and socialization are optional and begin at 6:30 PM. Meeting begins at 7:00.

## OCTOBER TRIP

Walter has reserved Torgac cave for Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11, and Crockett's Cave for Saturday, October 10. By now, you should have signed up and gotten directions if you're going. If not, call Walter.

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER TRIPS

Due to popular demand, Madonna has been reserved for two dates: Saturday, November 7 and Saturday, December 5. Please call Ken to reserve a place for the November trip or Steve for a place on the December trip. Also, please call if you appear on the list below and don't plan to make the trip on the designated date. Each trip is limited to 8. The following have already reserved:

November 7: Guad Slut, Bill, Chuck, Walter, Doug, Ken

December 5: Steve, James, Belushi, Rick, Charles, Noel

Madonna is physically and technically demanding. Please check with Bill or the Guad Slut if you have any doubts about the trip, as they've both seen the cave. There will be no further announcements in the newsletter prior to the November 7 trip.

A work trip has been scheduled for Carlsbad Caverns for Saturday, November 21. Be at the meeting, or call Walter for more details.

## NEW MEMBER

Kim Gray, relative of Larry Gray, has joined PBSS. Kim is a policeman in Andrews. Rick, seeing as your a resident of Andrews, you should probably get to know Kim, so you'll have a good reference the next time someone wants to throw you in jail.

## NOMINATIONS

Please call J. D. if you would like to nominate someone for a PBSS office and don't plan to make the next meeting. Nominations will be collected, and then ballots will be distributed. J. D. has appointed Bill to collect and talley ballots.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Rick, Walter and Chuck visited Hell Below cave. They did a good job of rigging, and had very little trouble getting in and out of the cave. They enjoyed the cave, and are planning on going back.

J. D., who is going to miss the first part of the next meeting, would like us to consider having an elected safety officer on each trip. This would appear to me to be a good idea; sometimes we get in a hurry, or forget to check a new member's gear before he/she gets on rope. Having someone responsible could prevent an accident.

Gralin and Kari have agreed to co-publish the newsletter, at least for a while. You probably wouldn't be getting one this month if not for them, as I'm snowed under at work. Thanks very much!

## DUES

If you are a member and your name is not David Eddy, please send \$5.00 to Don Carlton, at the return address on the newsletter, for dues. Make checks payable to Don. Steve, this includes you. Jim and Ernie - we're assuming you want us to go ahead and drop you from the rolls. If this is not the case, please send money to Don.

## CHANGE IN FORMAT

After this month, the list of members' phone numbers will not appear in every newsletter -- it will only appear when a new member joins. So keep the list.

### A DRY CAVE! by Kari Coffin

Our trip was expected to be three caves, namely McKittrick, Endless and Sand, but with a minor change of plans it was decided to be trimmed down to two. Saturday morning after everyone had finished the coffee, we decided to go on and head down to McKittrick Cave. Walter, Gralin, Bill and his son Donnie, Katie, Gralin's nephew Christopher, Doug and I headed down about 11:00 am. We got to the cave and it was surprisingly hot. After we shed our jackets we moved on in from the upper entrance. A little while later after passing several places that seemed a lot wetter than usual for this cave we were at a drop of about 15 feet or so. A few people had no intention of going down, so we turned around and headed for the lower entrance. We had intended to go up the drop off and it turned out to be quite an interesting experience.

I missed Endless Cave this time, but from the report of the others it wasn't at all dry as compared to past times either. Katie, who was the youngest caver that went to endless got a real big whiff of caving as she reported that this was an adventure for her although there were a few difficulties in the hike to the back. Gralin said that there was so much water in the Green Lake Room (3 plus feet) that they couldn't get back to the War Club Room from the usual way. At one point Katie got carried on Dad's back over a "monstrous" crevice which with short legs would have been almost impossible to accomplish any other way.

Saturday afternoon, late Tony and boys showed up and did their own personal tour of Endless. Sunday found the Grieco's off on a diamond hunting expedition. Bill and Donnie headed for home following the Coffin Clans move to do so from late Saturday night. Walter and Doug went back to explore the upper parts of Endless Cave.

A Great Big CONGRAT goes out to Donnie, Christopher and Katie for their weekend expedition. This was Donnie's first cave and probably first camp out and he's got to be the youngest PBSS caver. Christopher is a little older but it was his first time to camp or cave and he says he enjoyed it although he was a little sore from the crawling. Katie might be considered an old pro caver for her age after all her romping through Fort Stanton Cave this summer and now the caves at McKittrick Hill. Katie really gets a kick out of caving and really has her teacher at school wondering about some of her wild stories, all of which amazingly enough are true. I'm sure that all these guys including myself will be back for more in the future.

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