
PERMIAN BASIN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

October, 1993

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, October 12

Location: Murray's Delicatessen, 3211 W. Wadley. Murray's is on the south side of Wadley, in the strip shopping center east of Midkiff and Texas Burger.

Time: Food consumption and socialization are optional and begin at 6:30 PM; the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

OCTOBER TRIP

A work trip for Powell's Cave is scheduled for October 23 and 24. Be at the meeting, or call Walter at 367-8253 for more details.

NOVEMBER TRIP

A work trip for Carlsbad Caverns is scheduled for November 13. We will be moving rock, and in return should receive a reward trip, to one of the more scenic parts of the cavern tourists never get to visit. We will probably be staying in the CRF Huts. Call Chuck at 685-3119 for more details. He is asking that you pay the \$3.00 for use of the CRF Hut/Kitchen when you sign up.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chuck has received a letter from the Department of Agriculture asking for comments with regard to a proposed dig in Natural Arch cave in the Dark Canyon area. Apparently, a pit with a depth in excess of 100 feet has been covered, and one of the goals of the dig is to uncover the pit. Chuck is thinking about wording a comment letter, and also thinking about asking to participate in the dig. He will have a copy of the letter at this month's meeting. If you have any thoughts or would like to see about participating in the dig, please call Chuck at 685-3119.

With respect to the newsletter this month, Rose did most of the typing, while Gralin and Kari did most of the work getting it out. Thanks.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by Bill Bentley

As the Permian Basin Speleological Society enters its 10th year, we should now be thinking of who we want to be officers for 1994, and hopefully we can get a ballot together at the October meeting. I have been president of this club which was founded by myself and Tony Grieco in October of 1983 for a total of 3 terms and Vice-President 2 terms and am really not interested in holding any office though I do appreciate those who think I am qualified (Walter). I would be interested in possibly editing the newsletter for 1 year.

Another flyer announcing the Winter paper regional has been prepared and will be mailed for publication in the Sep.-Oct. issue of the Southwestern Caver. And a select committee of club officers and interested parties are fast working on a region wide map/mailout/flyer combination that will be mailed in early November. If some of our grotto members who have lots of floor space, an extra room or even yards for a tent would let me know I will see that your name and phone number is listed as a contact for such. I hope to see you all at the October meeting. (In addition, volunteers are needed to move tables and chairs, provide day care, etc. If you're interested in helping or if you are willing to have out of town SWR members stay at your house, please call Bill ASAP at 697-3079. Magic numbers are 357.)

CHIMNEY CAVES, EDDY CO., NM

It was about 9p.m. Texas time as we were watching a meteor streak across the sky and fizzle out, when we passed the 10 mile marker on 285s. I thought I saw some flagging. We turned off and went down a long dirt road. Finally we came to some chain link fence. Then we saw a familiar vehicle--SKYWARN.

Bill met us with two words I didn't want to hear--BAD NEWS. Ogle had been cancelled. Seems that a friend of J.D.'s passed away (sorry to hear about your loss). We visited for awhile for sacking out.

Bill had forgotten to get the combination for the locks, so he had to go get it first thing in the a.m.. We decided to meet at New Cave parking lot at 10:30a.m.. After everyone arrived and got their gear together, we decided to go to Wen's cave first. At that time, Rick decided to pass on Helen's to try to salvage the Ogle trip for Sunday. We started our hike about 10:30. Upon reaching Wen's, we found the gate to be vandalized. Rick rigged the drop and Noel dropped first. After signing the register we all looked around. The most interesting thing seemed to be the abundance of life. There were moths, crickets, beetles, and spiders. We tried to feed some of the spiders, but to no avail. Upon growing tired of chasing bugs, we decided to go out. We hiked back to the parking lot for a quick lunch. Rick took off for the caverns while Bill, Larry, Noel, and I started out for Helen's. After hiking an awfully long uphill climb (after hiking an awfully long way down the riverbed we were happy to finally get there. Since Rick had gone to try to get Ogle, Larry rigged the drop. Bill dropped first, then Larry, then me, and Noel last. We all signed the register and found some pretty funny remarks, we even made some of our own. After going through the gate, I took off to explore. My carbide ran out while I was alone, so I got to discover how much fun it is to change out in almost total darkness. Of

course I had two other sources of light--a mini-mag around my neck and a candle in my pack. Too bad my pack was back at the entrance of the cave. But I managed.

After getting lit back up, I went about exploring some more. I thought I was almost lost when I heard Bill holler. They were heading out.

We raced back to the parking lot. Only took 25 minutes to get back--less than half the time it took to get up there.

We headed back to Park Ranch Cave to camp overnight. Rick showed up a little while later with somewhat good news--they didn't say no. He had to meet the ranger at 10:00 in the morning to see if they could find an available ranger. Cathy was extremely nice and trying her best to help us. Thanks.....

Tony Greco and family showed up a little after dark. We built a fire, ate, and sat around shooting the breeze until we couldn't stay awake any longer.

We awoke to find it was getting hot already. Bill broke camp and headed for home. Rick took off to see what the verdict was. He came back about an hour later--sorry but no go on Ogle. How about doing Chimney? Well, it wasn't Ogle, but it was verticle.

After wishing Rose a happy 2nd anniversary, we set out. We got to the spot, got our gear together, and set out. Rose volunteered to carry the rope--no objections from us. After climbing around the wrong ridge for about an hour, we split up. Rick headed north, Noel headed south, and I went out on the nob of the ridge we started on. Finally Rick shouted that he had found it. Quite a trail to get to it. We got there and started in. Rick first, then Noel, Larry and Rose, then me. We went down the rubble pole and up the other side. Rick and Noel rigged the drop --couldn't ask for a more convenient tie-off spot. After some discussion on whether or not the rope was long enough, Noel put on his ascending gear just in case. Noel dropped first and found there was plenty of rope. After we were all down, Noel, Larry and I went to see the old radio antenna. Rick wanted to practice ascending and rappelling, so I belayed him. Then I went to catch up with Noel and Larry. After checking out the antenna, Noel and Larry went one way and I went another. We all went up and came back down just for practice,, getting over that darn lip. Rose said she was getting cold, since she had stayed at the rigging point, so out we went. All in all it was a pretty good trip. Pretty impressive, but not quite Ogle. Maybe we can plan another trip for Ogle soon if we can get enough people that really want to go. Forgot to add that the first night we checked out a little bit of Parks Ranch Cave--pretty neat.

Think we should all thank Walter for letting us use his ropes, even though we didn't use the 300ft. Many thanks Walter....

Cave softly.....

Allen Laman

p.s. Happy anniversary, Rose. Thanks for going caving with me.

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