



Permian Basin Speleological Society

JANUARY MEETING

The January 1988 meeting of the P.B.S.S. will be held at Shakey's Pizza Parlor located at 3305 Andrews Highway in Midland at 7:30 pm on Thursday the 21st. Good food and great company has made this a popular meeting place for our grotto. Although Winter has slowed some of us down, plans will be made for upcoming field trips to area caves.

P.B.S.S. "SPYLUNK" NEWSLETTER

Members planning on attending the January grotto meeting are urged to bring their trip reports with them. Our quarterly publication, the SPYLUNK, is due out this month but may be delayed due to a lack of input. At present, the only trip reports that I have for publication are the few caves that I have visited. It is desirable that one person be appointed as field reporter on cave exploration trips and that information be sent to the Editor as soon afterwards as possible. Few major discoveries are ever made but, your trips to area caves do make for interesting reading for those of us who didn't make the trip. Without our members support, the SPYLUNK cannot survive so please help out.

TRIP REPORT DEADLINES

For me, deadlines have always been a touchy subject concerning the SPYLUNK newsletter. Usually it means; (a) persons feeling that they can't meet a specific deadline won't send in their reports, and (b) reports will be sent in at the last minute which creates an additional rush to include them all in that particular newsletter. Although I'll always print what is sent in to me, a last minute report may not be printed till the next newsletter which is not always acceptable to that individual considering that we are a quarterly publication. It is preferable that reports be sent in shortly after a particular trip regardless of the month or day of the month since the articles are typed up for publication as they are received. For those that prefer a deadline, the SPYLUNK is published in January, April, July, and October. Trip reports should be sent prior to the 10th for each of these four months. Any input or suggestions on how to improve the SPYLUNK is welcome. This is "our" publication and its contents depends upon what you send in.

WHAT SHOULD I SEND IN?

Anything that involves caves or caving. A few suggestions are, but not limited to; caves you have visited and what occurred, cartoons, accidents and/or incidents that happened while inside a cave that may benefit someone else from having the same thing happen to them, restoration of a cave or caves, etc.

Never assume that your trip reports are of no interest to anyone but yourself. There are more "arm-chair" cavers than you think. The only thing I ask is that your reports be legible so that I can accurately report what you sent in. Bring your report(s) to the monthly grotto meetings or mail them to: Jim Nance, Box 30824, Midland, TX 79712.

All the best for 1988 and good caving!

Jim Nance, Editor
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