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Trout Lake misery trip - December 28, 1965 - by Maurice Magee

My brother Warren, Jim Nieland, my brother-in-law John Hays and his two boys Jim and Ron and I decided we would go caving from Portland despite snow in the Columbia River Gorge. We started from Hillsboro about 9 AM in John's pickup. Snow was waistdeep at Trout Lake. The road was clear of snow but the road toward Peterson Prairie was plowed out only a short distance past the sawmill.

Jim Nieland and Steve Knutson had been to a cave south and east of Trout Lake about a mile, earlier in the fall. It was only 300 yards or so east of the road. There was a dirt road leading down toward the cave from which one could almost see the sinks, just to the south.

I cannot put into words the misery of plowing through 3 feet or more of wet snow til we were soaked almost from the waist down and nearly exhausted.

The first sink we floundered to had a cave filled with wire, broken bottles, tin cans, boards filled with rusty nails, etc. We didn't explore it much.

The next sink a short distance east, around 200 feet, had a cave on the east end which penetrated eastward around 1,000 feet. The main point of interest was some breakdown on which had dropped molten lava. The cave ended in a lava plug or pool.

Idaho trip goes to Oregon

At the January meeting, Bob Brown reported that the planned southern Idaho trip got bogged down in blizzards just out of Bend, Oregon. They got to Lava River Cave, Arnold Ice Cave and Wind Cave, however, while near Bend. With snow on the ground in Seattle, it's surprising that anyone's been anywhere.

FOLLOWUPS

The date of the Butter-Stairwell trip on page 1 of the January Caver was September 26, 1965.

Anyone going to Wenatchee? Ralph Wood of the Wenatchee Daily World is said to have written of a cave near Quincy, on the Columbia River, "where Cariboo gold was supposed to be hidden". Supposedly also the site of an Indian attack.

Boeing people can start planning now to have an assignment in Huntsville June 10-18, 1967. The 1967 NSS Convention will be there - and in Birmingham. Wonderful caves and wonderful people.

Vulcanospeleological abstracts
by Bill Halliday

Peterson, Norman V. & Groh, Edward A. 1963 (March). Recent volcanic landforms in central Oregon. Ore-bin, 25(3):198 ff.

Data presented on Derrick Cave; less on Lavacicle (Plot Butte) Cave. Lava River and Skeleton Caves also mentioned. The sequential flow in Derrick Cave receives two sentences and the assertion is made that "In some places the height to the roof is more than 50 feet, indicating that the formation of all lava tubes is not as simple as presently explained!" Maybe we should invite them to Dynamited Cave.

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igid, 1964, 26(2):21. Diamond Centers, Oregon. Aerial photo of multiple sinks in a pahoehoe lava field without cave entrances, asserted to be "characteristic of pahoehoe lava fields". Judging by those pahoehoe fields of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and California which I happen to have seen, this instead appears more likely a special case of slumping without mainway development.

Seattle Times (Dec. 21, 1963, p. 22, c. 5) mentioned locations of Lone Star Cement Corp. property in the Canadian and Alaska islands: Texada Island, B.C., and Dall Island, Alaska. (This firm also owns the Concrete quarry). Names listed: John C. Mundt, regional vice-president for marketing and sales; Willis R. Greer, division sales manager. Address of the Seattle plant: 3801 E. Marginal Way. Anyone going near Dall Island? We're short of Alaska reports.