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DYNAMITED CAVE GATED

As of November 1, 1968, Dynamited CAve in the Mt. Adams area has been gated. The gate was placed well within the cave, just before the narrow section of the passage beyond the entrance room. It is of iron mesh-rebar construction, similar to the gate on Little Red River Cave in the Mt. St. Hellens area. The Forest Service, who installed the gate, also plans on the installation of two warning signs, one of them listing phone numbers which may be called to gain permission for entering the cave. Two locks have been placed on the gate in series; one supplied by the Forest Service and one by the Portland Grotto. The Cascade Grotto has a key to the latter lock.

Permission to enter the cave, and the key, may be obtained from:  
Bill Halliday, Seattle EA4-7474  
Charles Larson, Vancouver, Wn. 695-4143  
Ben Buisman, Beaverton, Ore.

It should be pointed out that anyone in the cave without permission from either the Cascade Grotto or the Oregon Grotto is in violation of federal law. Thus we have a responsibility to assure that the cave is properly locked at all times and that the key is not duplicated.

Permission to enter the cave cannot--I repeat--CAN NOT be obtained from the Forest Service in Trout Lake. Therefore if you are planning a trip to Dynamited, be sure that you have arranged to get the key ahead of time and have it with you when you get there.

SEATTLE CHAPTER OF COG, BY Ken Jones; from COG SQUEAKS, Vol. 11 No. 9

When I left that porous karst commonwealth of Kentucky, I was sure that my knee pads would deteriorate before another opportunity to use them arose. This quickly turned out to be false as I outfitted a small group for a frontal attack on the caves of the Snoqualamie Pass area. Jerry Kilner, Leon Cerniway and I studied the CAVES OF WASHINGTON and decided on Newton CAve as a good objective. The caves are excellently described in the book with small maps and dimensions called out. However, the exact location of the caves was rather nebulous to a stranger to the region.

Newton CAve and the other caves of Snoqualamie Pass are in "Cave Ridge", wherever that is. Cave Ridge turned out to be about 2000 ft. above the pass. This makes Cow CAve seem like it is in downtown Carter City.

The Sunday we had chosen was a rainy one in Seattle (surprise). What rain we avoided from the sky was conventionally dumped on us from the North Cascades brush. But the day was considered a major success because we found Cave Ridge. The three caves we located were rather unproductive, but there are more there waiting when we are again ready for the climb.

Of the three caves, the first one went only about 15 feet. The second, Prospectors CAve, had a nine inch entrance which we were about to negotiate when a small marmot chased us clear off Cave Ridge. I've never seen so little mass move so much. The third cave was at the bottom of the ridge and had a beautiful ceiling that is typical of the caves in the area. Here time and three rather large piles of feces turned us back after only about fifteen-foot penetration.

Did I say a major success? Well, at least my knee pads aren't deteriorating.

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COMING EVENTS

Monday, November 18--Regular Grotto meeting, 8:00 PM at Halliday's, 1117 36th Ave. E., Seattle. Program: "Come to Montana in '69, and Explore Yur Own", being a short pictorial report of the '69 convention to be held in Lovell, Wyoming. Tech. Pres.: Vern Frese, "Electric CAVE LIghts, or Why I like to cave in the DARK."

Monday, N.v. 25--CASCade Unit of the NCRA Board meeting, 7:30 PM at Mischke's.

Wednesday, N.v. 27 thru Sunday, Dec. 1--Oregon caves and Scorpion CAve trip. Contact D. Mischke EM5-2614 or R. Stitt EA5-3357 for further information.

Monday, Dec. 2--Executive Board meeting at Mischke's.

Saturday, Dec. 14--Annual CASCADE Grotto Dinner, Social Event and Spe-lunkers Bash. Time and place to be announced at Nov. General meeting & in December CAVER. If you are planning on this, and you should be sure to contact D. Mischke, EM5-2614 to reserve a place. Program will be: Dr. William R. Halliday, author of "Adventure is Underground" and DEPTHS OF THE EARTH, speaking on the subject "Twenty Years of Caving in the Northwest".

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This will also be the site and time of the annual meeting of the Interplanetary Vulcanospeleological Society. Their main speaker will be Dr. W.R. Halliday, subject: "Twenty years of caving on the MOON". The program committee is presently negotiating with the two speakers, hoping for a combination of the two talks into one, to be called "Twenty years of Looney Northwest CAVING". And since that didn't fill all this space,

JOIN THE NSS BEFORE THE DUES GO UP JAN. 1!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

--Nominations for Grotto offices will be made at the Nov. Meeting, with elections to be held by mail before the 1st of the year.

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