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COMING EVENTS

July 7 Executive committee meeting- Bill Hallidays 8 PM
July 21 Regular meeting Bill Hallidays 8 PM
July 28 NW Cave Rescue meeting Dave Mischkes 8 PM
August 4 Executive committee meeting Bill Hallidays 8 PM
August 18 Regular meeting Bill Hallidays 8 PM

Field Trips

July 19-20 Dynamited Cave
July 26-27 Cave Ridge
August 2-3 Lava Caves; locations not set
August 9-10 Monument 48 scouting trip
August 16-17 Washington Monument- Dock Butte area
August 23 Cave Rescue
August 30-31-Sept 1 - Papoose Cave

Lovell, Wyoming

Site of the 1969 NSS Convention

The hospitality of the West, embodied in the townspeople of Lovell was showered upon at least 23 Cascade Grotto members and families and friends at the '69 convention. Fortunately, no one arrived in time to be showered upon by the snow that fell June 12. But it was apparent from the bumper stickers, signs, buttons and shouts of "Hi Spelunker" that Lovell was turned on for the convention.

So were the 454 spelunkers who saw LARGE, DRY limestone caves with FORMATIONS! Gypsum flowers, whiskers, helictites, ice crystals, the caves were beautiful in spots. They had soda straw forests, bacon rine, S and S and even Bats. Of course they weren't so nice as "you know where" in Idaho-but they were warm and dry and close to town. Only 40 miles away on roads fit for 4 wheel drives or trucks. Truck time 1½ hr. car time 3. Hole in the gas tank, R.Pflum.

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Lovell Continued...

Tent city, complete with hippyville, a swimming pool and showers hosted many of the Seattleites. Groups gathered nightly for singing and tall tale telling. The scheduled Hootenanny entertained the troops with E. Knutson (Oregon) playing lead Banjo and R. Stitt on the jug. The beard judging contest, same nite, was also a success.

Convention sessions were plentiful. The prussik contest revealed the wonderfullness of the Gibbs ascenders. Would you believe 137 ft/min for 100 feet? and the PK knot (sometimes called the PH knot) set a record in the two knot class. K. Mischke won the Women's Division with a 2 min 42 sec (100 ft) climb in the mechanical class using Gibbs ascenders.

More sessions, luncheons, salons, The treasure hunt, contests. The publication sales operated successfully in the BLACK. Oregon and Cascade grotto members worked together (Hooray). And the weather; a fantastic parade of warm, SUNNY days. Not a single drizzle day to dampen our duck feet

And that's the way it was; Lovell, Wyoming, 1969.

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